

Devenish Partnership Forum

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Governance

Devenish Partnership Forum (DPF) has a responsibility to conduct its business efficiently. The establishment of, and the strict adherence to sound financial management policies is an integral part of the organisation. The Board of directors and Management Committee of DPF are committed to establishing, maintaining and applying all necessary good practice to ensure that their duty of care to the management of finances of the organisation are fulfilled. The Board of directors are responsible for taking the strategic decisions of how the Charity will move forward and who also are responsible for appointments to the board.

It is essential that DPF control all operational risks as far as is possible. This includes the participation of all those involved directly or indirectly with the banking arrangements for the organisation. Along with the financial systems of the organisation, this policy aims to detail responsibilities, risk management, internal controls, and audit requirements associated with the use of online banking.

Objectives and activities

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Kilmacormick I and II, Cornagrade and Hillview estates in Enniskillen by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to:-

- a) advance community development
- b) provide and maintain a forum where member organisations can join together to find mutual support
- c) relieve those in need
- d) advance health and promote physical well-being
- e) advance education and training
- f) promote the enhancement and protection of the natural and built environment
- g) develop the capacity and skills of residents
- h) provide facilities in the interests of social welfare
- i) promote good community relations
- j) promote other such charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined

The Board of Trustees will aim to meet these objectives by securing funding to enable it to continue to offer a wide range of programmes for the benefit of those that it has been set up to help.

Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

The Charity has once again been successful in attracting funding during the year. Incoming resources of £232,000 were secured during the year. This enabled the Charity to deliver many programmes during the year to meet its objectives as stated above. The most notable of the programmes being, 'Early Days' and 'Homework Club' both supported by the Department for Communities and The HEROES Project funded by the Special EU Programmes Body. The Charity continues to be held in high regard by both its funders and the local community in which it operates.

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Financial review

Review of the Business

Against the backdrop of limited resources and insecurities over funding, the charity, with the aid of sound financial management and the support of both its staff and volunteers have continued to plan and develop our services.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently by way of grant income from Department for Communities and Children in Need. We also received grant income from the Education Authority and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Currently we are working with Supporting Communities NI to identify possible opportunities for a wider range of funding for the future.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of DPF have set a reserves policy which require that reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that the charity's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty and to assist in the future strategic development of the organisation. The trustees have agreed that the Charity should endeavour to hold reserves at an amount not less than £60,000 in an effort to minimise the risks identified by the charity.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. Plans are also being developed to work on a number of applications in the hope of obtaining additional funding.

Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Devenish Partnership Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statement in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to: " Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently" Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP

" Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent: and" Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume to that charity will continue in operation. The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 5 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Marian Haggins
Charity Secretary