



Clonoe Rural Development Agency Ltd

Annual Trustees' Report

Report for year ended 30/09/23

Reference and Administrative Details

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Structure, Governance and Management

Clonoe Rural Development Agency is a registered charity NIC100600 which is limited by guarantee. CRDA is an independent, autonomous, standalone organisation with no affiliation to any other body.

The trustees who comprise the management board represent a broad cross section of local residents who bring a diverse and invaluable range of skillsets to the organisation. Some trustees are Directors of the Company.

Trustees for 2023

Adrian Hughes (Director)

Colin O'Neill (Director)

Darren Devlin

Colm McGrath

Sean McAliskey

Meetings are held on a monthly basis, an AGM and ad hoc interim meetings if required with regular reports regarding finances, centre usage, activities and programmes as well as premises management and organisational direction evaluated and discussed.

Objectives and Activities

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given careful consideration to the CCNI guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped the charity purposes and provide a public benefit to the beneficiaries. The trustees feel that the variety of activities transacted through the centre and the numbers of people accessing them bodes well for the future of the organisation and Clonoe Community Centre that organisational aims and programmes/activities are meeting the needs of the community who are supportive through their participation and attendance.

C.R.D.A works in consultation with local people and with stakeholders in the community (other community organisations and bodies, individuals, groups, statutory and voluntary agencies) in developing and delivering programmes which are user lead and in response to new initiatives.

To promote the benefits of the inhabitants of the Clonoe area and its environs without distinction of gender, age, **disability, marital/dependent status, employment** status, ethnicity, race or political, religious or other opinion by

- **promoting rural community regeneration through physical, social, artistic/cultural, environmental and sporting activity,**
- managing a community centre, promoting volunteering and the community sector, advancing education,
- relieving the disabled and providing facilities in the interest of social welfare for **recreation and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.**

Clonoe Rural Development Agency (C.R.D.A.) was founded in 1995 with the principal aim to improve the quality of life for local people. Under the auspices of C.R.D.A a fundraising drive was undertaken and with the assistance of statutory, local government and local financial backing, initially set towards achieving this by establishing Clonoe Community Centre in 1998 as a facility from where community programmes could be delivered from. The centre is a hub where services of a high standard which provide a range of health and wellbeing, sporting, educational, recreational, cultural and social opportunities are offered. There is no other facility offering similar provision in the area.

- Our venue is a shared space for all the community and is open to all sections of section 75 in that it is governed by CRDA which is an independent, standalone, autonomous organisation with no affiliation to any other body and aim to provide a community asset for all in the community.

- Activities were promoted to encourage all demographic groups in the community, regardless of race, gender, religion, age and aim to provide intergenerational opportunities where applicable. The nature of the activities/events within our premises contributed to the development of good relations and social integration by affording multiple opportunities leading to a more inclusive community spirit complementing the strong existing voluntary ethos. The Community Centre provided a positive focal point for locals and its existence as a community premises allowing local provision and delivery enables improved community relations supporting a culture of tolerance and acting as a means of counteracting the development of antisocial behaviour or racial tension.
- Advertising of facilities was carried out in local cross-community newspapers, website, local bulletins and social media. Facilities were accessible to individuals with a disability including mobility difficulties. Equal opportunities were offered to members of both sexes where booking and usage is concerned. Facilities were available to all age ranges and to *all* individuals with/without dependants.



Clonoe Community Centre Facilities:

- * Upstairs - Three medium / one medium and one large room with auxiliary equipment, a meeting room for conferences and classes. There is a fully equipped kitchen and we are able to provide catering for events held on the premises.
- * Downstairs/Outside - A large indoor hall suitable for a variety of shows: recreational uses, and a multi-purpose room as well as an MUGA. There is a carpark.
- ° the complex is home to Clonoe O’Rahilly’s GFC who have a full-size GAA pitch adjacent and Lifestyle Fitness who have a fully fitted gym suite contained in the centre.
- ° Clonoe Social Club forms part of the complex and provides bar and lounge facilities and has regular entertainment.
- ° The facility is accessible with a serviced lift.

Clonoe Community Centre Location

Clonoe Community Centre is situated on the outskirts of a small town, Coalisland which is in the Mid Ulster Council area, the Mid Ulster Parliamentary constituency and within the Torrent Electoral Ward. Within the Torrent ward it principally services the Coalisland South, Coalisland North and Washingbay areas.

Achievement and Performance

- Clonoe Community Centre continued to provide hub premises for groups and organisations and to deliver programmes (Farm Safety, Health and wellbeing initiatives, information and checks, Positive Parenting, Drug & Alcohol Awareness, computers, literacy and numeracy, art and craft classes etc) and to deliver activities organised inhouse which address issues affecting local people and provides opportunities to increase community skills and knowledge base and further the fulfilment of their aims and objectives to benefit local people
- Workshops/activities were delivered which encouraged new approaches to health and lifestyle and which enhanced the lives of participants, their families/colleagues and enable more community interaction which will foster a greater sense of belonging, community cohesion and counteract isolation and loneliness in a rural area.
- As well as personal development of skills and experience, locals were encouraged to participate in their community and enhance community development. By providing premises and increased opportunities for interaction with others in their community and facilitating opportunities for community dialogue and improving/strengthening community relations.
- As an experienced community organisation, we feel that we are well placed to gauge community needs and how to address them. Our continuous consultation with the community and the support shown in terms of verbal, attendance and uptake, demonstrates not only the demand for the centre but the requirement for a long-term strategy to address the needs of the area and we feel that the provision of initiatives must be user led and needed in order to achieve impact on the desired outcome, thus the community must be kept aware of and involved in the strategy management and development. Through community dialogue and expressions of interest we feel that we need to address this deficit. We monitored and assessed projects which were delivered within our centre to measure how we met our objectives and outcomes and through evaluation during and post project, the success and future development and delivery of initiatives.
- Although we have considerable knowledge and experience in providing community opportunities, we believe that working in partnership with council officials, other groups and statutory bodies is of intrinsic benefit to the success and the development of other projects. We believe that there is strength in community organisational unity and the joint deploy of resources to maximise community provision and have strengthened our partnership working engaging new contacts.

REGULAR USERS

USER	PURPOSE	HRS	
Clonoe O’Rahilly’s Indoor/Outdoor	Meeting Sport/Health & wellbeing	3 hrs monthly 5-10 hrs daily	15-20 per time. 300 playing members
Body Burlesque	Dance fitness and confidence building	1 in hrs weekly	16 adult female participants registered.
Taekwon-do	Exercise class	3 hrs weekly	Class expanded and they have added an extra hour and needed larger room. 30 participants adults/junior
Lifestyle Fitness	Exercise class	Open daily 6am-10pm	480 members
Lights, Camera Confidence	Musical drama and confidence building	12 x 2hrs 2 x 4-day workshops	Up to 60 male/female participants aged 3-17
Lights, Camera Confidence	Parent/guardian and baby/toddler multisensory sessions	10 x 1hr workshops	Up to 25 participants
Weightwatchers	Health & wellness groups	2 hrs weekly	Up to 60 participants
Serenity Yoga/stress programmes	Health & wellbeing	2 hrs weekly	26 adult female participants registered aged 18-73
Yogastatics/stress programmes	Health & wellbeing	1 hr weekly	12 participants aged 4-14
Crochet and Chat	Art&Craft/Health & wellbeing	2 hrs weekly	18 adult female participants registered aged 30-80
MMA	Sport/Health & wellbeing	2 hrs weekly	15 participants aged 4-40
Casual Club	Health & wellbeing	2 hrs weekly	16 participants aged 58-83
Walking Group	Health & wellbeing	1 1/2 hrs bi- weekly	15 participants aged 25-70
Clonoe Camera Club	Arts/Health & wellbeing	1 1/2 hrs bi- weekly	15 participants aged 25-70
Indoor/outdoor soccer/Bowls	Sport/Health & wellbeing	3-4 hrs daily	300 participants aged 4-80

- There was in excess of 1500 aggregate weekly footfall on a normal week. This increases significantly on a seasonal /event basis with large community-based events and gatherings held on the premises (public meetings (DARD, Health —SHSS, etc.) Halloween and Christmas Community Festivals/Events, charity concerts & functions, funeral meals, sporting occasions.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

USER	PURPOSE	HRS	
Halloween Fancy Dress Disco/Fireworks	Community Event	3 hrs	200 Family/children
Christmas Light Switch on /Santa/Disco	Community Event	3 hrs	180 Family/children
various	Entertainment — charity nights	10 x 3-8hrs duration	1170 attendees
	Communion/ Confirmation	3 x 6hrs	330 attendees
	Parties/celebrations	5 x 6 hrs	775 attendees
	Christening	4 x 3hrs	180 attendees
	Funeral/Anniversary/Month	8 x 4hrs	1170 attendees
	All Ireland Match screening	Shrs	170 attendees
Action Mental Health	Understanding self-harm workshops	4 hrs	20 participants
Footbeat	Extra rehearsals/workshops/concert	6x 2hrs 1 x 3hrs	30 participants 120 attendees
Women's Resource & Development Agency	Bowel Screening awareness	2 hrs	8 adult attendees
Clonoe Camera Club	AGM	1 1/2hrs	25 adult attendees
Clonoe O'Rahilly's	Bingo	2 2hrs	2 x 300 participants
Photography workshop	Lightroom/photoshop Workshops	2 x 3hrs	8/10 participants
Clonoe O'Rahilly's	Youth dinner & events	1 x 4hrs 2 x 3hrs	520 attendees
Ashdale Care	Recruitment drive	3hrs	20 adult attendees
Ulster GAA	Active Coach Training	4 days x 8hrs	28 adult attendees
Clonoe O'Rahilly's	Senior Team Video Analysis	2 x 2hrs	2 x 30 participants
Clonoe O'Rahilly's	AGM	3 fiz hrs	60 participants
Clonoe Céilf Club	Céili	4hrs	120 attendees
Clonoe Rural Development Agency	20 th anniversary reminiscence event	6hrs	200 attendees
Clonoe Rural Development Agency	Various art/health and wellbeing (counselling etc) workshops/activities	numerous	In excess of 100 attendees

This list contains some of the main events held during the year.

- As our centre is based within an area of rural deprivation bordering and having participants from Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures Wards Super Output Areas, we are all too aware that there is minimal disposable income available locally which participants could not justify as essential expenditure. Workshops/classes which are proven to be beneficial and life enhancing/changing and would be particularly beneficial to those in deprived areas, can be expensive, not available locally incurring travel and logistical issues and cost would be a major barrier to access. We aim to provide opportunities for local people without presenting strains on their financial resources and contributing to additional stress/pressures.
- Grant funding enabled us to cover some overheads and relieve some financial pressures on the organisation. We are not in receipt of any other core funding to cover overheads and whilst we are keen to aim for sustainability it would be impractical and unfeasible to levy high charges/costs on users as we are conscious that we are in a rurally deprived area on the hinterland of a neighbour renewal area which has been identified as experiencing the most severe multiple deprivation.
- The main function room was refurbished with funding under the DAERA RDP enabling the subdivision into two rooms enabling simultaneous usage and thus relieving the pressure on timetabling and enabling more community usage and benefits. With integrated audio/visual equipment, the room is ideally suited for conferencing or recreational purposes, new heating/air con system and there is also bar provision if required.
- The purchase of land adjacent to the premises was acquired after prolonged discussions and which would be the site of a major community development complex subject to fundraising/grant aid.

Development

- To continue the current community provision and to rotate some educational/health & wellbeing/art-based activities allowing a wider number of people to engage in and participate/attend thus increasing community and individual capacity.

To increase revenue and sustainability of the centre.

- To develop the complex including the undeveloped adjacent land.