

Doire Calgach Singers
Trustees' Annual Report
for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

Report of the trustees for the year ended 30 June 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (NI) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (NI) 2015, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019.)

The charity is governed by a constitution. It's office is at 32 Maybrook Park, Derry, BT48 7TP. The company is a registered Northern Ireland charity. The charity number is NIC 100833.

Trustees

The trustees during the year and at 30 June 2021 were as follows:

Mr Gerard Bradley
Mr Michael Barr
Mrs Margaret Brown
Miss Paddy Quinn
Mr Paddy Canning
Miss Nicky Fallon
Mr Eamon Boast

Chair's report

As a result of Covid 19 pandemic the choir ceased to function between March 2020 and June 2021. Government restrictions prohibited all such activity and as the majority of choir members are elderly and in vulnerable groups, Trustees took all possible precautions to protect the members by putting on hold all group activity. However during the pandemic, the choir did maintain close with one another, enjoyed singing online with other community groups using zoom and social media, which helped to reduce social isolation and protect members' mental health.

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Our purposes and activities

In normal circumstances, Doire Calgach Singers is a cross-community choir, with approximately 27 members who continue to meet regularly to learn the art of choral singing and organise and assist in the organising of performances for the benefit of public. We work in partnership with other musical, church and charity groups to provide opportunities for the general public to learn and appreciate music.

The open membership provides equal opportunities for individuals from different cultures, religions, ages and disabilities to come together. In this Covid restricted year, we represented our City by continuing performing with other choirs in "About Us" hence continuing to work in partnership with other musical organisations to promote choral singing in the City, UK and Ireland.

In normal circumstances we would have taken part in the International Choral festival and Jazz festivals., however these were cancelled or were delivered online due to the pandemic.

Outside the pandemic we would normally introduce the general public to choirs, choral singing and music of different genres by singing in public venues such as shopping centres, church halls, hotels and in the local the railway station. We would normally support local churches and charities by providing music for various services and functions.

The intention is to return to full operation as soon as possible in the coming year.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit requirement (PBR1). We endeavour to encourage a range of people and organisations to take advantage of our expertise and promote within our community use of our services and to respond positively to requests for us to perform.

We normally would have put these strategies into action through various programmes however this year our focus was in supporting one another and other choral groups through the use of Social media and Zoom.

Volunteers

Trustees and members voluntarily continued to support choir members through development of social media groups and use of IT to ensure regular contact and updates for members.

Achievements and performance

As described above the choir had to cease activity from March 2020 through to June 2021 however main achievements were to support our members by reducing the potential for social isolation as described above.

Financial review

Due to Covid, income for the year was only £52. Costs for the year were £1,110 which resulted in a deficit of £1,058. Costs included depreciation of £122 this year. Ignoring depreciation the cash deficit was £936 which was funded from available reserves. The reserves at the end of the year were £6,127 which were all unrestricted.

The Trustees were pleased with the results for the year. All reserves at the year end are free reserves.

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Reserves policy and going concern

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency costs. Due to the nature of the Charity, no activities are started or costs incurred until funds are secured from members. The Management committee consider that only nominal reserves are necessary to meet future costs.

The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Charity and consider that there is secured funding in place that is adequate to fund activities for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the Charity is a going concern.

Plans for future periods

To restart the choir as soon as possible so that we can continue our choir practices and endeavour to perform at as many events as we can manage including charity performances and anywhere we can encourage people with our music.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The Charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustee's annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practise).

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year.

In preparing these the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved on 17 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Miss Paddy Quinn
Treasurer