

Cloughey & District Community Association Annual Report

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 5th March 2024
Cloughey Pavilion, Main Road, Cloughey

Committee Business

The elected committee at the 2023 AGM.

Chair	Alistair Dunn
Vice-Chair	Clifford Donnell
Secretary	Abigail Dunn
Treasurer	Carol Hatfield
Minute Secretary	Lynn Bates

Other Committee Members

Andrew Gillespie, Suzanne Truesdale
Howard Gregory, Robin Holiday,
Stephen Bryans was formally co-opted to committee in August 2023.

Independent Auditor

Sandra Henderson CDRCN

Since the last AGM there have been nine committee meetings which were well attended. These meetings were held in Cloughey Pavilion, with Zoom link for those wishing to attend remotely.

Twenty-One Years of Cloughey & District Community Association

Cloughey & District Community Association was set up in 2002 and the main aim of our organisation is "To relieve poverty and sickness and help the aged and promote the benefits for the inhabitants of Cloughey & District without distinction of age, sex, race, politics, religious or other opinions" – as outlined in our constitution. Over this time the Association has promoted many advancements to the area including the defibrillator, tree planting, beach cleaning, road safety, and organised many social and informative events for residents of all ages. A commemorative booklet was produced outlining all these achievements which was launched during the summer, and delivered to every house in the Cloughey area, and a commemorative plaque was placed by the oak tree at the playing field.

Beach Care Group

The regular beach walkers pick up litter all year round, and at the end of the summer a 'big litter pick' was organised which cleared most of the accumulated litter from the beach and warren. It also doubled as a social event, giving volunteers a chance to catch up and enjoy a cup of tea and cake.

Events

Sand Sculpture Day.

This was held on Saturday twelfth of August at the beach beside the children's play park. Families were invited to come along with a picnic and spend the afternoon building sand castles etc. Crafting

tables were set up for younger children, and also face painting was enjoyed. Pony rides were provide on the grassy area beside the play park and were very popular.

Christmas Light Switch On

Because of the atrocious weather the actual switch-on by the mayor was cancelled and the event was held indoors in the Pavilion. The Mayor, Councillor Jennifer Gilmore, attended the event and helped Santa give selection boxes to all the children. The evening was well attended and we were entertained by the choir from Kirkistown Primary School with festive songs and carols.

Tree Planting

The trees which had been planted in previous years beside Watson's shop and at the playing fields mostly continue to mature. A few had not survived the drought in early summer, but were replaced in the autumn and these have taken well. The oak tree which had been planted for the twenty one year anniversary of CDCA had also suffered in the drought and was replaced. The community garden is also maturing well, and the shrubs are growing to a good size.

Planting Legacy.

At the beginning of the summer a local resident Mr Plummer, sadly passed away. He had had a love of Cloughey and gardening, and his family kindly asked for donations for CDCA to plant more trees instead of funeral flowers, and we received £2000 from this legacy.

Already, we have been able to purchase additional palm trees for Main Road, and mixed trees for other sites in the village. A commemorative plaque to John Plummer has been placed beside the palm trees in Main Road.

Miscellaneous

The committee continues to liaise with Council officials and other organisations in the village to the improvement of facilities in the area. We will continue working with environmental groups and council departments to continue the proper maintenance of the warren and improve the village and environment for our residents.

CDCA is represented on the Co Down community Network and the Ards Peninsula Village Partnership,



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