

# Community Assoc

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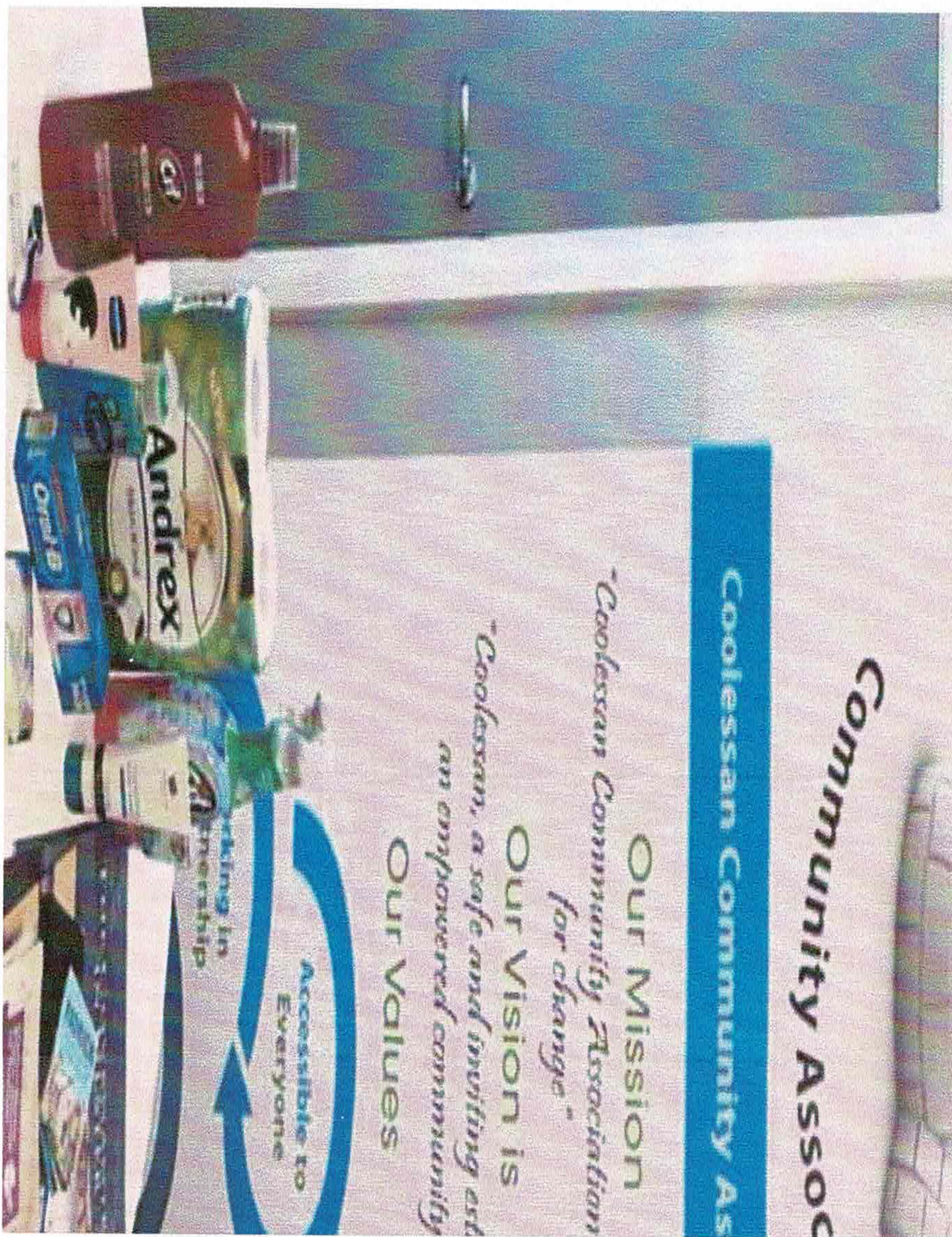
*"Coolnessan Community Association  
for change"*

*"Coolnessan, a safe and inviting and  
an empowered community"*

**OUR MISSION**  
**OUR VISION IS**  
**OUR VALUES**

Accessible to  
Everyone

Working in  
Partnership



Coolnessan Community Association



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2022-2023**

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**Honorable Chairperson**

**Honorable Treasurer**

**Honorable Secretary**

**Honorable Social Media Secretary**

**Banker**

Ulster Bank Limavady Branch  
30/32 Catherine Street Limavady BT49-9DB

**Insurance Broker**

FIND Insurance  
42-44 Spencer Road, Lisnahawley BT47 6AA

**Support Services**

Supporting Communities  
34 – 36 Henry Street  
Ballymena

Causeway Coast and Glens Community  
66 Portstewart Road Coleraine, BT52 1EY,

**Independent Examiner:**

Mr. B M Harrigan  
1 Distillery Close  
Waterside  
Londonderry  
BT47 2JX

## **Purposes and Objectives of Coolessan Community Association**

The purpose of Coolessan Community Association is to advance community development and encourage active citizenship by providing a range of services and programs which have been highlighted through community consultations. The benefits would include increased development skills, and a better quality of life for the beneficiaries, enhanced independence, reduction of urban isolation and provision of a safer and cleaner environment.

Coolessan CA is an Unincorporated Association governed by an adopted Constitution.

Registered with the Charity Commission. The objects of the Association as set out in the current Constitution are as follows: - The public benefit of the inhabitants of the Coolessan Estates and Ward surrounding area (hereinafter referred to as 'the area of benefit').

## Objectives, activities, and Performances

The last year has been challenging yet rewarding for the group. However, COVID has had a devastating impact on the community. Despite many setbacks we at Coollessan Community Association have had the privilege to support the local residents by delivering a few warm packs tour more vulnerable adults gifted by CC&G Council , promoting social inclusion highlighting savings due to the Cost of Living Crisis by offering Craft Projects and cooking on a low income , support to those most in need in the Area.

Coollessan Community Association groups ceased to meet in person as many of our participants are still weary to come out and mix with others, as they previously where isolating according to Government instructions .

Therefore, the volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure the residents had some sort of human contact albeit from the gate to the door to ensure people had some sort of human interaction.

To stay engaged with the statutory agencies we attended meetings virtually Zoom and WebEx calls are the new buzz words and very helpful , Inter-Agency . NIHE Meetings, NR Meetings and sub groups continued, etc. to provide and receive information relevant to our Community.

It has highlighted more than ever the Multiple Deprivation of NEED that is within our Community, be it financial, Digital lack of , poverty, food bank necessity , social isolation triggering loneliness and a pandemic in itself a pandemic of mental health issues.



We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all the funders that allotted us with much needed financial assistance so we could help in some way to alleviate the resident s worry in these unrepresented times .

Special thanks to Our Volunteers well done!! They all went over and beyond their remit to help others Thanks to Gillen and staff from SCNI and Catherine, Jenni and staff CC&G who helped with giving us guidance on funding applications . BSBW Menshed for the gift of their Kitchen to promote social connections . Last but not in no means least the other community group Roe Valley Residents Association who gave CCA a wealth of help with youth Provision .By working in Partnership the children from Coollessan estates have the opportunity to engage with other children from across the town on a Wednesday evening . Bus transport provided to ensure the children are transported safely to and from the Hub Centre .

During the year we secured funding from :

- NIHE
- CAUSEWAY COAST AND
- GLENS
- Donations
- Safe Fund

|  | 2022-2023 | 2021-2022 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2000.00   | -         |
|  | 2138      | 1000      |
|  | 250       | 400       |
|  | -         | 2063      |
|  |           |           |
|  |           |           |
|  | £4388     | £3463     |

**Thank you ever so much to all the funders your generosity was fantastic.**

We made payments in total to the value of £ 4068

leaving us with a bank balance at the 31 March 2023 £320.

The report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting on Date \_\_08-07-23\_\_ and signed on its behalf:



Trustee

Sheila McWilliams

## **Independent Examiners Statement**

I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts of Coollessan Community association for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity 's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

It is my responsibility to :

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act

To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act

State whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charity's Act and an examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission NI under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.

The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

As the independent Examiner my role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention cause to believe

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

and in connection with the following the directions of the Charity Commission I have no matters that require drawing your attention too.

Name: Brian Harrigan

Date 8 July 23

Brian Harrigan

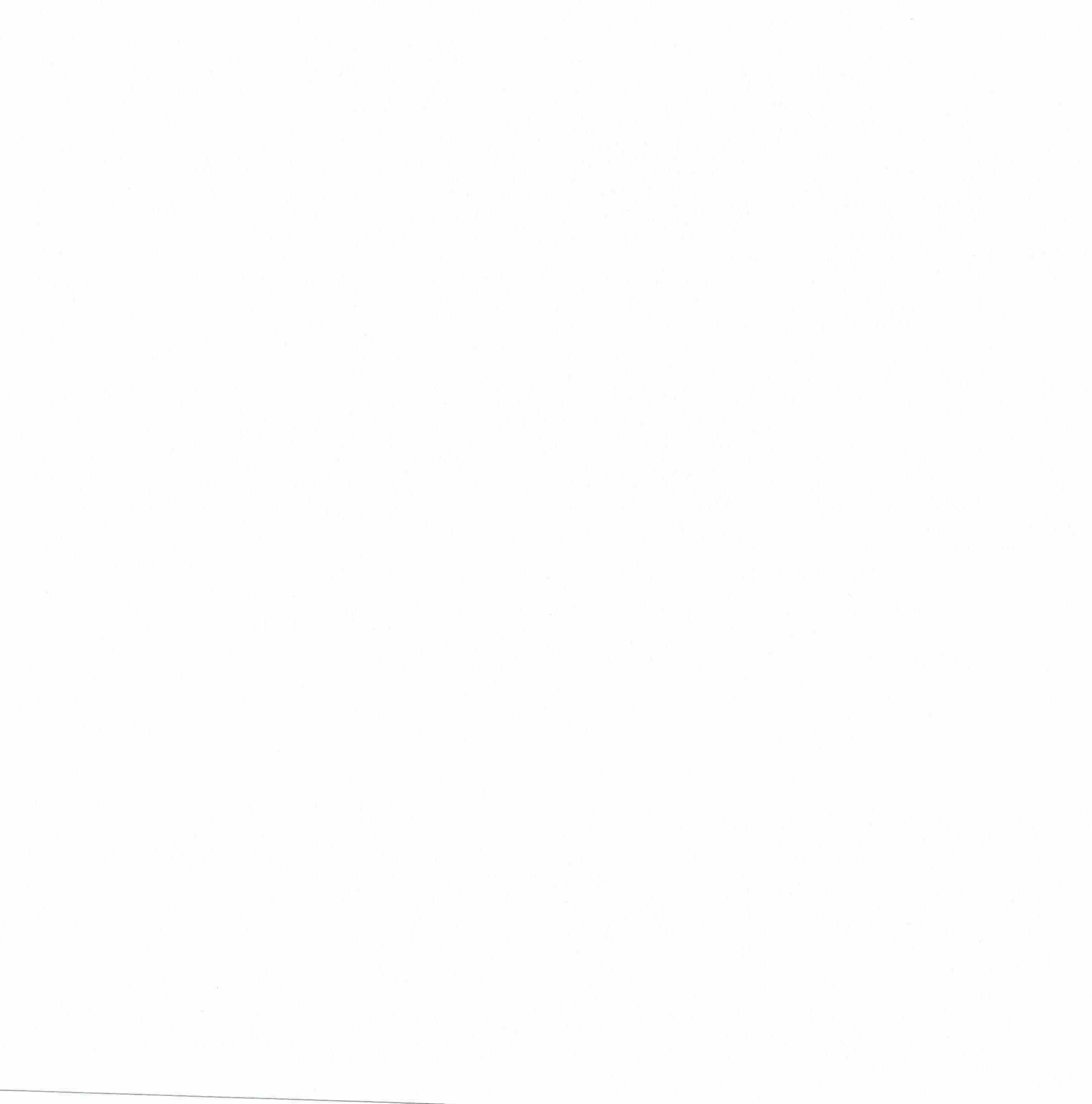
Independent Examiner

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Derry

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**Receipts**

|  | Total Funds | Total Funds |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | £           | £           |
|  | 2022-2023   | 2020-2021   |

Warm Well Connected

- 1400.00

RADIUS HOUSING

- 500.00

COAST

- 200.00

APEX

- 690.00

NEIGHBOURLY COMMUNITY FUND

- 400.00

VCSE COVID RECOVERY FUND

- 1928.32

CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS COUNCIL

2138.55 1000.00

NIHE

2000.00 1028.97

AIVC

0.00

0.00

Total

£4138.55

£7147.29

**Payments**

Venue Hire

260.00

-

Insurance

502.00

495.75

Equipment

1346.39

3845.00

Bank fees

19.14

24.00

Training/development project

1491.40

1279.00

Vol Expenses

250.00

300.00

PPE

|                                     |                |             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Net Incoming for year</b>        | <b>2718.93</b> | <b>7147</b> |
| <b>Bank Balance Brought Forward</b> | <b>6.61</b>    | <b>275</b>  |
| <b>Bank Balance carried forward</b> | <b>326.23</b>  | <b>715</b>  |

The above accounts have been prepared according to the books and information examined by Independent Person

Signed Rui Vieira Date 8/7/23  
Independent Person

Signed Susana Maria Date 8/7/23

Treasurer

Coollessan Community Association