

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Coolissan Community Association



Purposes and Objectives of Coolissan Community Association

The purpose of Coolissan 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. Coolissan 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 Coolissan Estates and Ward surrounding area (hereinafter referred to as 'the area of benefit').

Trustee Report

Objectives, activities, and Performances

The last year has been challenging yet rewarding for the group. COVID has had a devastating impact on the community, and the added cruelty of cost of living crisis has impacted many of our residents. Despite many setbacks we at Colessan Community Association have had the privilege to support the local residents by delivering a few warm packs for more vulnerable adults gifted by C&G Council, promoting social inclusion, by installing 5 seating areas along the Roemill Road which equates to a mile long journey and the impact of having no resting areas for the elderly or less able bodied was evident during the pandemic as these residents were held hostage to their own gardens as they couldn't walk the distance. CCA approached the local councillor's for support in submitting a request for seating along the 1 mile stretch of road to Causeway Coast and Glens Council and also to NIHE requesting permission to have the seats installed on their land. It took a while and a few communication malfunctions however in the end the partnership working from across all political parties and Statutory Agencies we have the very much sought after resting spots "Buddy Benches" which I am delighted to say are used day and daily.

Colessan Community Association groups where run to promote social connections on a Tuesday and Thursday evening at BSBW men-shed. Which was a lovely informal social gathering to give our residents some sort of safe warm place to share a cup of tea and have human interaction that otherwise they may not have left their homes.

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 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 residents worry in these unrepresented times. C&G, NIHE, Triangle Housing 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 groups
Glens CA for providing DRIVE Project for local children ,
Roe Valley Residents Association who gave CCA a wealth of help with youth Provision .By working in Partnership the children from Cooleasan 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 .

Financial Review

During the year we secured funding from :

NIHE

CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS

Donations

Triangle Housing

TOTAL

Assets

Charity has a bank account and office

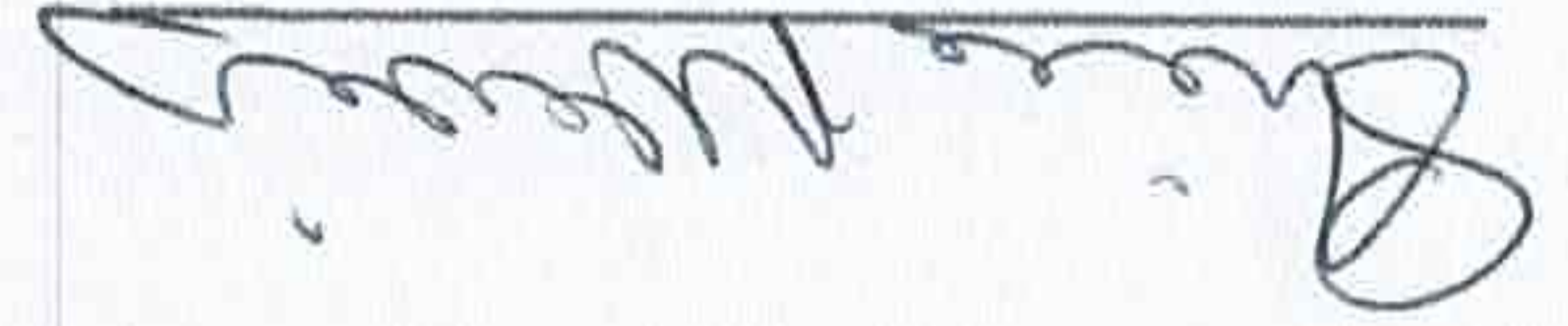
furniture

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

We made payments in total to the value of £ 1551

leaving us with a bank balance at the 31 March 2024. £380.37

The report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting on Date 08-07-24 and signed on its behalf:



Trustee

Sheila McWilliams

2023-2024	2022-2023	-	2000.00	1085	2138	20	250	500		£1605	£4388
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Coolessian Community Association

Treasurer

Signed Shirley Wilson Date 8-7-24
Independent Person

Signed Russ Johnson Date 8-7-24

examined by Independent Person

according to the books and information

The above accounts have been prepared

Bank Balance carried forward

Bank Balance Brought Forward

Net Incoming for year

£	1605	4539
£	326	6.61
	380	326

Independent Examiners Statement
I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts of Coolissan Community Association for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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.

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed to the above and in connection with the following the directions of the Charity Commission NI have no matters that require drawing your attention too.

Name: Brian Harrigan Date 8-7-24

Brian Harrigan

Independent Examiner

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