

TOBERMORE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Background

The purpose of Tobermore Community Projects is to promote the benefit of inhabitants of the Tobremore and district area in terms of advancing education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation or other leisure other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable association. The association was established under a Constitution which established the aims and objectives of the charitable association.

Tobermore Community Projects has a cross-community focus and is managed by a voluntary committee which is elected annually.

The appointment of committee is in accordance with the Charity's Constitution, whereby each member will be entitled to nominate one person only in writing not less than seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

The management of the committee is overseen by the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. the committee meets regularly throughout the year and hold an AGM once a year.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are:

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Tobermore and district area of Co Londonderry and its environs (hereinafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, race, political religious or other opinion by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called "the Centre") and maintain it and to manage to co-operate with local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Projects and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.

Provide or secure the provision of social services, educational and recreational facilities and practical assistance for elderly and disabled people within the area of benefit. Promote and carry out, or assist in promoting and carrying ot research, surveys and investigations and publish the useful results thereof.

Organise or assist in organising meetings, lectures, classes and exhibitions and publish or assist in publishing reports, periodicals, recordings, books or other documents or information. Obtain collect and receive money by way of grants, donations, bequests, legacies or other lawful method, provided that the Projects may not engage in any form of permanent trading. Purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights and privileges necessary for the promotion of the above objects and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections which the Projects may think necessary for the promotion of its objects. Recruit and train volunteers with relevant skills to carry out the objects of the Projects. Employ and pay any person or persons, not being a member of the management Committee referred to below ("the Committee") to supervise, organise and carry on the work of the Projects and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of remuneration to employee. Promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above objects and to that end to work in association with local authorities and voluntary originations engaged in the furtherance of the above objects in benefit.

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Achievements and performance

EVENTS

The annual festivities took place for all the community to enjoy. TCP were able to purchase new Christmas tree lights for the small trees along Main Street through an increase in funding from the Mid Ulster District Council and Tobermore Business Developments Ltd.

McKINNEY HALL

The McKinney Hall is a great facility within the village however due to COVID 19 and the restrictions it has not been used as much as we would like. The hall was put to great use at the start of the pandemic to deliver food parcels. The hall has an approx overhead of £3,200 per annum therefore fundraising and funding for the hall is essential. We have been fortunate this year by receiving funding from Mid Ulster District Council for the hall. We should remain to focus on utilising the hall as much as we can as it is a great hall within Tobermore.

The hall has been furnished with new chairs and we would like to thank DAERA for their funding to enable this to happen. New lights both internal and external where installed thanks to funding from Mid Ulster District Council.

WAR MEMORIAL

A committee has been set up to manage the villages War Memorial. The surplus money from the War memorial collection has been transferred into a separate bank account and will be used to upkeep the War memorial into the future.

Financial review

The committee will continue to conduct annual reviews of the appropriate level of unrestricted reserves. The purpose of this reserve is to provide stability for the charity to ensure that it is able to honour existing contractual obligations, to cover unforeseen events beyond the organisation's control and to enable it to continue its operations in the unlikely event of a significant fluctuation in expenditure or income.

The committee aim to build reserves to at least 3 months of annual expenditure. This may be achieved by increased fund raising, increasing earned income or reducing expenditure.

The present level of reserves available to the charity is £36,596 which is deemed satisfactory.

Trustees

The following trustees have held office since 1 April 2022:

Mr B Johnston
Mrs K P Burns
Mrs V Gregg
Mr S Colgan
Mrs M Brown
Mrs A Campbell
Mrs A Black
Mrs A Devenay

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Statement of directors' responsibilities

The Constitution requires the committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Tobermore Community Projects and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that Tobermore Community Projects will continue in business.

The committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of Tobermore Community Projects and to enable the committee to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Constitution. The committee are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of Tobermore Community Projects and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The committee are satisfied that all grants have been used solely for the purposes for which they were provided.

On behalf of the committee

Mr B Johnston
Trustee
29 January 2024