

Donibristle Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The company's purposes are set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum of Association. The Trust was established for the advancement of the Evangelical Christian Faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty and the relief of sickness. The doctrinal basis of the Trust is also set out in the company's Memorandum of Association. The members of the Committee confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in making decisions and in planning future activities.

The Trust carries out these objectives by providing financial assistance and practical support to various charitable projects throughout the year, as well as giving strategic, legal and business advices and training where required.

Applications for grants may be made to the Trust, and will be considered by the Committee at their next scheduled meeting. The availability of grants will depend on whether the application meets the objectives and aims of the Trust, and the availability of appropriate funds.

The activities of the Trust are reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that they reflect the company's objectives and aims and that they advance public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Trust continued to provide financial assistance and strategic advices to a number of charitable projects throughout the year on a global scale. Financial support and advices have been provided to charitable projects working to advance the Christian faith and alleviate poverty and sickness in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, South Africa, Uganda, Burkina Faso and Europe.

A small number of grants have also been made available to local charitable projects in Northern Ireland and the UK. In total, grants of £181,545 were made during the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Trust's work is entirely reliant on personal donations, returns on investments and other surplus income. Donations which have been given towards a specific project are treated as Restricted Funds and should only be utilised as designated.

The company suffered a deficit of £23,672 during the period. There was a balance in reserves at the end of the year of £190,766, of which £61,265 are restricted funds.

FUTURE PLANS

The members of the Committee wish to continue to fulfil the objectives and aims of the company, subject to funding restraints, in providing financial assistance and practical support to various charitable projects both locally here in Northern Ireland, in Europe and worldwide.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18th April 2000, registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC101313, and recognised as a charity by HM Revenue & Customs, reference number XR36105. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The Trust was established by a small number of members wishing to provide financial and strategic assistance to various charitable projects, primarily for the advancement of evangelical Christian faith, the relief of poverty and the advancement of education. The Trust does not actively fundraise, and seeks to continue the charitable work desired by donors through personal donations and the careful stewardship of its existing resources.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. The Management Committee are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. New members are appointed to the Committee by the existing members at the Annual General Meeting. At each Annual General Meeting, one-third of the members of the Committee (or the number nearest to one third) shall retire from office. The Members of the Committee to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election or appointment. A retiring member of the Management Committee is eligible for re-election.

The Trust may from time to time in General Meeting increase or reduce the number of members of the Management Committee and determine in what rotation such increased or reduced number shall go out of office, and may make the appointments necessary for effecting any such increase.

The Members of the Management Committee meet together from time to time, and at least once a year, to agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, investments, and use of reserves. The day to day administration of donations and grants will be delegated to one of more members of the Committee.

All members of the Management Committee give of their time and expertise on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration or benefits from the charity. Members of the Committee are also required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Committee, and may be required to withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

The Management Committee have conducted a review of the major risks to which the company is exposed and review those risks on an annual basis. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks faced by the charity. The Management Committee consider that the major operational risk is that funds are allocated appropriately and in line with the wishes of donors. Strong internal financial and operational controls are in place to manage this risk.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI038400 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

101313

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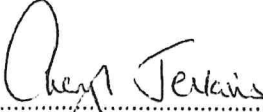
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Mrs CV Jenkins

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16th January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs CV Jenkins - Secretary