

Strathroy Community Association TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

In this report the trustees of Strathroy Community Association present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2023.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Strathroy Community Association (SCA) provides a wide range of social activities for the Strathroy and wider communities. On a daily basis, the association provides a playgroup facility, an after-schools club and a youth club facility. All staff and volunteers who work in SCA have been Access NI checked, have undergone Child Protection Training and have been taken through and fully understand the Association's Child Protection Policy. On Tuesdays, a local Down Syndrome's group meet in the centre and enjoy various activities essential for their development. On Wednesdays, the Senior citizens group and Women's group meet in the centre for games and activities and a light lunch. On Thursday, the Parent and Toddler group meet. On Saturday, an Autism group use the facilities. Activities which run for block weeks (for example 6 weeks) include Irish Dancing Classes, Zumba and a drop inn centre for young people. The Community Centre will always have a member of staff, a volunteer or a committee member at the reception desk. This ensures access to the building for everyone and an opportunity for people to drop in at any time and receive a high quality service. Throughout the year various meetings take place in the Community Centre - Inter Agencies are facilitated by Supporting Communities NI (SCNI) 4 times a year in which local residents meet with various agencies and discuss their issues. Agencies include NIHE, Omagh District Council, DSD Neighbourhood Renewal, Transport NI (formerly DRD), PCSP and PSNI. Neighbourhood Renewal Meetings also take place in the Community Centre in which community representatives from other NR areas also attend Seasonal activities which take place include Summer Schemes and Christmas Celebrations. The SCA management committee also meet once a month and hold our AGM annually.

Objectives

The Association is established to: 2.1 relieve poverty, sickness and the aged to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Strathroy estate and district area of Co Tyrone and its environs (hereinafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, 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; 2.2 to establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called "the Centre") and to maintain and manage or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Martin McColgan	Donna Smyth	Helen McMahan
Kevin McColgan	Marian McMahan	Barry McColgan
Caroline McPhilomey	Cathy McColgan	Kerry McColgan
Catherine Kelly	Patrick Hosey	Deborah Doherty
Lisa Fleming	Gareth McCrory	

Governance

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

The Association continues to organise and provide various activities for all ages in our community.

Throughout the various activities and events we continue to welcome new participants which continues to expand year on year.

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Financial Review

The Association is dependent on grants and voluntary income. The Association returned a surplus for the year of £1,782 as detailed on page 7.

Results

At the end of the year the Association has assets of £4,795 (2022 - £3,013) and liabilities of £ NIL (2022 - £NIL). The net assets of the charity have increased by £1,782.

Reference and Administrative details

Reference and administrative details are as stated on page 3 of the financial statements.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Strathroy Community Association subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Public Benefit Statement

Strathroy Community Association (SCA) operates in a manner which benefits the wider public in which all purposes are charitable. SCA's governing document clearly states that the charity's purposes are clear to the trustees, the beneficiaries and supporters and to the wider general public. We believe our purposes satisfy the elements of the public benefit requirement as follows:


Purpose 1: Relieve poverty, sickness and the aged The direct benefits which flow from purpose 1 include access to affordable services e.g. childcare, social inclusion which leads to improved mental health, education and raised awareness around health issues (mental and physical health) and the increased participation and involvement of the older people in our community. These benefits are demonstrated through both written and verbal feedback and through formal and informal evaluation gathering qualitative and quantitative information.


Purpose 2: To advance education The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2 include; access to low cost, high quality education which participants may not otherwise engage in, the provision of accredited and non-accredited training which is affordable and delivered locally in a safe and warm environment, and the skills development of the local community. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from participants and other organisations, completed evaluations and attendance records.

Purpose 3: To provide facilities in the interest of public welfare The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include; implementation of a programme of activities based on the identified needs of the area within our community centre, the provision of a base for a variety of activities, events, services and facilities for the local estate and the wider community, the local and wider community having the opportunity to participate in a range of activities which enhances their quality of life, raises self-esteem, reduces social isolation and encourages community participation. These benefits are demonstrated through records of the activities/ programmes etc which are run through the centre, attendance at these events/ courses etc and the value placed on these services/ facilities by statutory and other agencies.

The beneficiaries of our organisation are those living within the Strathroy area and the wider district area of Omagh. Users of the Community Centre directly benefit through participating in the various activities provided. The children who attend our community afterschool's club directly benefit by having access to a local, low cost facility. The wider community benefit indirectly through our centre being used as an outreach facility to tackle specific issues e.g. health, education and environment. The parents of children attending our playgroup indirectly benefit through the knowledge that their children are being cared for in a secure and caring environment. The provision of affordable childcare also allows the opportunity for parents to return to work and/ or avail of training opportunities either within the community centre or the wider area, which enhances their own lives and the lives of the families. Our community association are represented on a number of different committees, which ensures we have a voice and that our needs and issues are being listened to and met. This also allows us to have an impact on decisions being made which affect us. This indirectly benefits the public and the wider community as our association listens to and represents the whole area. The wider community benefits as the profile of the area is raised through the work of the community association which has a positive impact on the wider community and its environs. There is no harm related to any of these benefits.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


Martin McColgan
Trustee


Donna Smyth
Trustee