

Shantallow Community Residents Association

Trustee's Report

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Principal activity

The Association is established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area without distinction of age, sex, race, or of political, religious or other opinion, by associating the said inhabitants and statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to relieve poverty, sickness, and distress, to relieve the disabled, to advance education, to preserve and to protect health and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Achievements & Outputs

The organisations management of the Shantallow Community Centre has delivered nearly 7000 unique centre users to its range of programmes.

*Community Safety initiatives; the organisation involved 2394 people in a range of community safety initiatives, providing reassurance, improving personal safety and improving awareness in community safety, crime and anti-social behaviour and improvinis Volunteering; the organisation provided opportunities for 201 people to become involved in volunteering in their community.

* Community Relations; the organisation directly involved 2169 people of all ages in programmes aimed at improving cultural awareness and Good Relations (2000 children & young people).

* Youth Provision; 1000 children and young people took part in a range of developmental programmes relating to safety, self-esteem, behaviour, employability.

* Health Initiatives; SCRA now employ a Health coordinator for Outer North NRA/Ballyarnett DEA, as part of the Neighbourhood Health Improvement Programme, NHIP.

* Community Bonding; SCRA delivered activities which encouraged over 1700 people to engage in Community Bonding initiatives, e.g. parties, fundraisers as well as seasonal festivities.

Trustees and their interests

The trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Patrick White	(Chairperson)	
Alex Hillen	(Vice Chairperson)	Gerard Hillen
Patricia Patton	(Secretary)	Celine Mc Court
Paul Wilson	(Treasurer)	Rosemary Hillen
Charlie Mc Monagle		Maria Wilson
Conchur Mc Cauley		

Governing Document

The organisation is an unincorporated Association with charitable status. The Association was established under a Constitution which outlined the area of benefit and the objects of the charitable organisation and is governed under its Constitution.

Shantallow Community Residents Association

Recruitment and appointment of the management committee

The management committee of the Association consists of ten members and shall meet at least nine times a year. The members of the management committee shall have the power to appoint any member of the Association to be a member of the management committee, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing members. Any member may withdraw from the Association at any time giving at least fourteen day's notice to the Association.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the association is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the association, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks.

Financial review

The Management Committee is empowered to receive money in the form of subscriptions, grants and donations and to raise money by other lawful means. All money raised for the Association shall be used to further the objectives of the Association and for no other purpose.

Plans for Future Periods

The association plans to continue to develop on the activities as outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

However, there is a very significant and exciting development in the growth and success of the association. It is anticipated that from the end of 2019 to early 2021 the association will see the rebuilding of the Shantallow Community Centre, a key aim of the association for many years. This will entail a temporary change of premises which can ensure the continuation of existing services, whilst the construction is under way.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

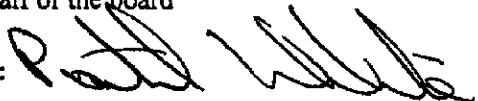
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
 - state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that McGroarty McCafferty & Co Ltd be re-appointed as Independent Examiners to the charity for the ensuing year.

Shantallow Community Residents Association

On behalf of the board

Signed: 

Date: 23-10-19

Signed: P. Patton

Date: 23-10-19