

## Annual report on year 2016/17, minutes of AGM held on 16/11/17

### Covering the financial year 01/04/16 - 31/03/17

Our meetings were held on 06/04/16, 19/05/16, 16/06/16, 08/09/16, 20/10/16, 11/01/017, 16/02/17 and 16/0317.

On 12 April 2016 we held a public meeting in the Ballymoney Town Hall when Rev Dr Johnston McMaster gave a reflection on The Somme and the 1916 Easter Rising.

During the year we were fortunate to have the support of Angela Mulholland and Shauna Irons, from Building Communities Resource Centre, who helped us to look at our strengths and weaknesses, our opportunities and threats and to try to action plan for the future. Inevitably this lead to a lot of discussion about how to fund any possible activities - a previous application for a Social Inclusion grant from Causeway Coast and Glens Council funding having been turned down.

In October 2016, prior to his retirement, the Rev Ian McNie outlined some of the highlights of his recent year as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland - it was a fascinating insight into the work of the Church both throughout Ireland and abroad.

February 2017 saw us considering our identity. as individuals and within communities in a very interesting and informative session delivered by Lyn Moffett and Angela Mulholland from Building Communities Resource Centre. Our knowledge of flags was tested during this meeting and BCRC very kindly provided us with our lunch.

Ballymoney Churches Forum AGM held in the Building Communities Resource Centre at 11.00am on Thursday 16 November 2017

Present:

Rev John Anderson (Trustee)

Sally Casey

Jane-Marie Cook

Tim Cook

Pat Crossley (Trustee/Chair)

Isabel Dunlop

Isabel Fleming

Jenny Kerr (Trustee/Secretary)

Lyn Moffett

Mildred Poots (Trustee/Treasurer)

Pat thanked everyone for coming and encouraged us to continue our involvement with the group. She stressed the importance of trying to keep the local clergy involved by having some of our meetings in their premises.

Mildred gave everyone a copy of the financial statement.

Pat then invited Lyn Moffett, Co-ordinator of BCRC to chair the election of officers/trustees.

Sally proposed that the 4 Trustees continue in post, seconded by Tim Cook.

Sally proposed Pat Crossley as Chair, seconded by Rev John Anderson.

Pat Crossley proposed Mildred Poots as Treasurer, seconded by Jane-Marie Cook.

Pat Crossley proposed Jenny Kerr as Secretary, seconded by Rev John Anderson.

Rev John Anderson gave his apologies as he had a funeral to take, Sally Casey and the Cooks also needed to get away to other commitments and so the meeting ended without the annual report being given.

Jenny quickly handed out the minutes of our last meeting which detailed the date and venue of our next three meetings