

Pobal Mhuileann an tSiáin
Company limited by guarantee

Directors' report
for the year ended 31 March 2019

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Directors

The directors who served the company during the year are as follows:

Risteard MacDaibheid
Oilibhear Mactaidgh
Michael O Haoain

Antaine O'Fearghail
Maire Ui Pheatain

Our Objective and Aims

To promote educational achievements through the medium of the Irish language and to run an extensive programme of Irish classes catering for all levels of proficiency, to organise cultural events including local festivals, music events and dramas in Irish and to encourage participation from both sides of the Community and from a wide range of ethnic and class backgrounds.

Public Benefit

The direct benefits flowing from the objective and aims include people attaining educational achievements through the medium of the Irish language. The charity also carries out interviews to assess suitability for bursary grants on behalf of Omagh District Council; provide GCSE, AS and A2 level Irish language courses for students; provide classes for parents of those children attending Irish medium schools; organising trips for adults to the Irish Gaeltacht region; free podcasts providing introductory lessons in the Irish language on the website easyirish.com; organising cultural events such as local festivals including participating in the local annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, musical events and dramas in Irish.

Financial Review

The financial review is summarised in the enclosed accounts.

Plans for Future Periods

Our future plans are to continue to promote educational achievement through the medium of Irish and to continue to organise cultural events.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5th September 2014 and registered as a charity on 16th July 2015. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board of Directors

Directors are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next AGM following their appointment.

Obligations of the Board

The main obligation of the Board is to develop and oversee the implementation of policy and to ensure that structures and management comply with legal requirements and good governance practice.

Risk Management

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

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to re-appoint McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd as independent examiners will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

This report is approved and authorised for issue by the board on 18 December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Director

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