

RASHARKIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AGM REPORT

1/4/23- 31/3/24

During the year the committee met 10 times.

MEMBERSHIP Peter McAllister, Barbara Henry, Erin Boyle and Majorie Mooney were invited to become members. They were voted on as members at the AGM in November 2023.

During the year Christine Doherty resigned , She was leaving the area to take up new employment. We thank her for her stirring work as secretary to RCA and her general contribution to the group. We also thank her for many years of successful leadership in the Youth Club and wish her well in the future.

Following the last AGM on 7 November 2023, the following office bearers were elected.

CHAIR Peter McAllister proposed by Anne Ramsey and Seconded by Erin Boyle

SECRETARY Mary Gilmore proposed by Shea Black and seconded by Barbara Henry

TEASURER Anne Ramsey Proposed by Mary Gilmore and seconded by Shea Black

GRANTS Culture and Heritage Grant (Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council) £939.06 for St Olcan Publication.

Community Development Support Grant (CC&G Bor. Council) £2500- 75% grant

Halifax Foundation applied for.

Rural Micro Capital Grant 2023 paid out

PURCHASES

Six folding chairs for use with the History Group

3 replacement batteries for the defibrillators

New cabinet for defibrillator at the pharmacy

YOUTH CLUB

Last year the club was ran by two new leaders. Numbers were therefore restricted to 15. For security reasons, the whole centre was booked and this made supervision very difficult. It was not a successful year and also proved very expensive. With no leaders for the coming year and pressure of other commitments, it was decided in September not to run a Youth Club.

It was decided in March 2024 to clear out the Youth Club store in the centre.

PARENT AND TODDLERS

This group continued to meet throughout the year, meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11.30am. We had 20 children on our list. Parents were very enthusiastic and ran a fund raiser. The proceeds from this were used to provide special events and some new equipment. We had a Halloween and a Christmas party.

HISTORY GROUP

This group continues to meet once a month. We are indebted to Fred Kyle as Chair of the group for his enthusiasm , locating interesting speakers, and planning visits to other groups and places of Historic interest. This year we were able to begin researching St Olcan for the publication of a booklet. We began with a Storytelling evening to find out what local people knew about St. Olcan. We are grateful to Dr Wright and Joanne Honeyford from the Museum Service for providing research materials for the project. Booklets should be available in the coming year.

FLOWER BEDS

The planters were planted up as usual. However as usual, constant watering and weeding was hard to maintain.

DRUMBOLCAN WOOD

An Ecological Study was done by Francis Flannigan. Reamai Matters has been appointed to draw up a plan for the development of the wood and our first meeting with him was in March 2024.

RCA members visited Drumnaph Wood in May to see what has been done there.

TWENTY FIFTH CELEBRATION

RCA celebrated 25 years in November 2023. Past members, local people and councillors were invited to an afternoon event. Displays of photographs and information about past events were on display and refreshments were provided. This was well attended by past members and an enjoyable afternoon's chat was had. RCA provided a special gift of bare root saplings to those who attended.

DEFIBRILLATORS

The 3 defibrillators continue to be monitored and reported to THE CIRCUIT every month. Replacement pads and batteries are quite expensive and it was decided to put a 'charity' box in local shops to meet these costs.

During the year one of the cabinets was broken and had to be replaced at a cost of £600.

NEW CONSTITUTION

In April 2023, with new members on board, it was decided to review the constitution. As a result, we decided to renew the constitution based on The Charity Commission model. The new constitution was adopted at the AGM in November.

SIGNED 

DATE 7/11/24