

Tiny Tots Community Playgroup

Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

TRUSTEES

- Anita Ferguson
- Noel Gerard O'Donnell
- Lisa Quinn
- Martina Jenkins
- Brian Mc Laughlin
- Linda Sharkey
- Rachel Ferguson

COMPANY SECRETARY

- Donna Gillen

REGISTERED OFFICE

Tiny Tots Community Play Group
Clonmeen Drive
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Co Derry
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**REGISTERED COMPANY
NUMBER**

NI044957 (Northern Ireland)

**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

NIC102577

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Shaun McAteer & Co. Ltd
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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

INCORPORATION

The charitable company was incorporated on 10 December 2002 and commenced trading on the same date.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The company's charitable objectives are to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age in areas of social and economic deprivation and in particular the Strathfoyle, Maydown, and Eglinton areas of Derry and their environs by encouraging parents/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children by: (a) Offering appropriate play facilities, with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group, ensuring that the group offers opportunities for all children, regardless of religion, culture, race or means; (b) Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs of such children and their families in the local areas. (c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims of Early Years The Organisation for Young Children.

Activities

The group provided a safe and satisfying programme of play to advance the educational, personal and social development of the young children attending the group, including those with special needs, and continued to support the parents and carers of those children. The health, safety and welfare of the children is paramount within the setting and all activities were fully supervised by trained vetted staff with minimal risk. Parents and carers were encouraged to participate in the playgroup's programme and a variety of training programmes were run covering parenting and communication skills to equip parents and carers with the skills and confidence to make a fuller and more positive contribution to their children's development. The company operates from its own premises and provides all necessary equipment for its day to day activities. The group received grant assistance from the various contributors as listed on "Incoming Resources" and also received fees and raised funds for the benefit of the children.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

For this financial year, through the playgroup sessions, the charity fulfilled its objectives providing a safe and satisfying programme advancing the early education, personal and social development of many young children.

The charity has also been able to replace/renew its outdoor area and outdoor equipment this year thanks to funding secured from Daera, HSC - Childcare Partnerships (CCP) and Cooperation Ireland Small Capital Grants programme.

Through the continued support from The Pathway Fund and Small Pockets of Deprivation Fund, the charity has been able to sustain salaries for four staff members and to run Programmes for the children such as Joe Jingles, Kidz Playtime, Arts & Crafts and supply new indoor equipment/resources.

GOING CONCERN

Due to the level of reserves and funding secured from The Pathways Fund for 16 children, funding from the Small Pockets of Deprivation Fund and funding from The Community Fund - RTE Toy Show Appeal, together with smaller amounts from various funders, the Trustees are satisfied that the financial statements should be prepared on the going concern basis.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the financial year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities. During the year ended 31 August 2022 the charity generated a surplus in restricted reserves of £8,038. Please note that the surplus in restricted reserves has arisen due to grants being recognised in year of receipt with no Income being deferred in order to keep the accounts in line with the Charities SORP (FRS102) - please refer to Accounting Policies - note 1 - Income.

On top of The Pathways/SPOD funding secured for the operation of the playgroup, the charity was also able to secure funding from Cooperation Ireland, Daera (RAPID) and HSC - Childcare Partnerships, which was used to renew the outdoor area and outdoor equipment.

The Charity also secured funding from The Community Fund - RTE Toy Show Appeal to be used for salaries, volunteers and activities and funding from John Moore Foundation to go towards running costs..

No significant events have occurred since the date of the Balance Sheet which affect the organisation or which materially affect these financial statements.

Risk Management

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

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Tiny Tots Community Playgroup is currently governed by a Board of seven trustees and a Company Secretary.

The board can co-opt new trustees as and when required. The charity's chair is elected from the members on an annual basis and is ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

There are currently 7 members on the Management Committee together with the Company Secretary and there have been no new appointments over year.

Organisational structure

Day to day running of the company is managed by the Project Manager and operational management of the project is managed by the management committee.

Induction and training of new trustees

New directors are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making process, and recent financial performance of the charity.

Related parties

None of the members receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a member or senior manager of the charity with a contracted supplier must be disclosed to the full Management Committee in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Tiny Tots Community Playgroup for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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. They 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.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the Management Committee have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6th March 23 and signed on its behalf by:

Brian Mc Laughlin

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Brian Mc Laughlin - Trustee