

ALLY Foyle Ltd

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Directors are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (NI) 2022, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019.)

The company is governed by a Memorandum and Articles Of Association dated 05/01/12. The company number is NI 610562 and the registered office is 18 Balliniska Road, Springtown Industrial Estate, Derry. The company is a registered Northern Ireland charity - reference NIC 102595.

Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the Charity) are the trustees for the purposes of Charity Law. The trustees during the year and at 31 March 2024 were as follows:

Paula Martin
Martin McCartney

Chairs report

It has been my privilege to serve as Chairperson this year, and I took on this role to support our coordinator and fellow committee members to continue our charitable work in the local community.

Our mission is to promote Active Living among older people and to improve their quality of life, health, and wellbeing. The flexibility, dedication and energy of our Coordinator Angelina has ensured Ally Foyle achieved great success this year both in securing funding from a range of sources, expanding services and offering direct support to individual members and network groups.

The Ally Foyle Facebook site has grown considerably this year and the continued active promotion of activities by our coordinator has been very much welcomed by members, and for groups not online the monthly information bulletin has been very popular and ensures all members are kept up to date with current and upcoming events and activities.

This current period saw Ally Foyle network involved in a wide range of activities and promotions: Free Books and magazines, Smart pass availability, Tickets for the Monthly Mayors Tea dances, engagement sessions with Macmillan Cancer Support, Carers monthly drop in group services, yoga virtual events, distribution of Ally Foyle packs (Cookery packs, Keep Warm at Home packs etc), Healthy Cooking videos and sessions, and benefit checker for older people to ensure all benefit entitlements are being claimed for.

Feedback from our network members, through Facebook, email and text messages has been very positive and I would like to acknowledge thanks to all participants in our activities, your continued support has helped the network to expand and reach more older people in the community.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for showing up on a regular basis to meetings and events, for providing advice and contributing to additional ways of meeting the needs of older people in the community, your individual contributions have very much supported Ally Foyle's achievements this year.

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Our purposes and activities

The purposes of the Charity is to provide active ageing programmes for older people in the Foyle area and to develop partnerships with appropriate networks and relevant agencies. This is done with the help of public funding and all activities are funded from grants received.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the directors have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit requirement (PBR1). We endeavour to encourage a wide range of people and organisations to take advantage of our expertise and promote all within our community to make use of our services.

We have put these strategies into action through various programmes and activities as outlined in the Chair's Report and in our programme for the coming 2024-25 season. This programme of activities focuses very much on supporting our members.

Volunteers

The Charity is very involved in the community and we rely on voluntary help. We are assisted by volunteers within each older people's group who help organise programmes within the individual clubs and groups

Related Parties

The organisation has close relationships with other groups in the Foyle area engaged in the provision of services to older people.

Achievements and performance

In addition to the mainstay of our annual programme we provide information to older people, offer training and consultation's and provide different resources such as feel safe leaflets, fire safety leaflets, falls prevention leaflets, gripper handles, medicine bottles, magnifiers, walking maps, information leaflets, & hot drink mugs. We network with different groups and clubs and offer advice and information through email, social media and newsletters directly posted out to older people.

Financial Review

As outlined above all activities are funded by grants received. During the year income of £51,039 was received and total costs were £42,671. This left a surplus for the year of £8,368 which when added to opening reserves of £25,506, left the Charity with reserves of £33,874 at the year end.

The Directors were pleased with the results for the year. The unrestricted reserves at the year-end were £2,815.

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Reserves policy and going concern

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency costs. Due to the nature of Charity, no activities are started or costs incurred until funding is in place. The Directors consider that it is not necessary to have unrestricted reserves as funding is in place to meet all costs.

The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Charity and consider that there is secured funding in place that is adequate to fund activities for the foreseeable future. The directors are of the view that the Charity is a going concern.

We will continue to source funding for the network. Our service level agreement has been extended until March 2024 to ensure our sustainability.

Plans for future periods

We plan to continue to offer a variety of programmes and activities directly to older people in their clubs, groups, community centres and sheltered / assisted living accommodations. We will continue to source extra funding for the delivery of positive ageing programmes that we plan directly with older people.

Networking and partnerships are a part of the success of Ally Foyle and the management committee assists in helping develop projects that take place. We continue to meet our aims and objectives by supporting and networking with voluntary & community member groups along with relevant statutory agencies. In order to challenge these issues, we continue to sit on various committees working with older people.

We have a yearly service level agreement with the WHSCT, who continue to provide funding towards Active Ageing Programmes for our member groups.

We are always sourcing funding to continue to provide programmes and activities for our older people to take part in. Successful grant applications have been secured from:

WHSCT service level agreement: £23,516
Clear (PHA) - £3,424
Older people's fund - £5,460
Wesyn Foundation - £5,460
Awards for All - £9,970
Arts Council - £2,140
Positive Ageing Month - £500
Donations - £569

The finances and budgets are monitored by our co-ordinator and reported to the committee, our annual accounts are available for inspection. We would like to thank members of the Management Committee who have supported our co-ordinator and also our member groups and funding bodies.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of the ALLY Foyle Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and 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 profit or loss of the company for that year.

In preparing these the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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 organisation 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 organisation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 14 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Mrs Paula Martin
Director