

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was incorporated on 1 August 2012 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 21 July 2015.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI613833

Registered Charity number

NIC102703

Registered office

St Clare's Community Hall
55 Chapel Road, Glenavy
Crumlin
County Antrim
BT29 4LY

CHAIRPERSON

Paul O'Brien

DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES

Denis Wilson
Jennifer Cameron
Eithne McCorry
Kevin Murphy - Resigned on 28 March 2023
Paul O'Brien
Claire Kemp
Cecilia Mulholland
Kevin Mulholland
Emmet Norris
Christina Magennis - Appointed on 28 March 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Tony Clarke

53 Andersontown Road
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practices (SORP), 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 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2016 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Structure, Governance and Trustees

Glenclare community Group is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in Northern Ireland, registration number NI613833.

Chairs Annual Report

I am pleased to be able to report another successful year of growth and development in Glenclare Community Group.

Usage of our facilities here in St. Clare's continues to expand. We now have a problem of trying to accommodate more events and more interest groups. In addition to the 2022- 23 users, we have added, Drone Club, Home School group, Autistic group and Advice centre on a weekly basis.

Adults and Toddler's Group, Apostolic Work, Woman's Institute, Auto Jumble, Bingo, Indoor Bowls, Pickleball, Baby Music, Table tennis, Blood Transfusion, Judo, Jive Dancing, Irish Dancing, Charity Dances, Children's Art and Craft Classes, Christmas Bazaar, Boot Camp, Plays, Scor, Family Parties, Feisanna, Film Nights, Cookery Demonstrations, Funeral Hospitality, Coffee Mornings, Dog Shows, Gymnastics, Pilates, Friendship Group, Yoga, Prayer Service, Book Club, Craft Classes.

A role that is sometimes overlooked is that of providing other organisations with a venue to fundraise. This is particularly valuable for those without a venue to do so. Over the past year several have used the facilities to do so.

Recently several events in the hall raised substantial amounts for charity. Of note was the recent St. Patrick's weekend Ceili which raised almost £5000 for the Kevin Bell Repatriation fund. This event was organised by volunteers of Glenclare and once again we are indebted to them for giving of their time and expertise. It must also be noted here of the generosity of many local businesses and suppliers who donated to this event. Throughout the year, it is the volunteers that enable the many events to take place and without them Glenclare could not function. It was with this in mind that the Volunteers appreciation evening was organised in February. Almost 70 attended and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. It was a small gesture towards our Volunteers who do so much for Glenclare and one that I hope is repeated in the future.

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Contribution from the local community arrives in different ways – some give of their time, some give their skills to maintain the structure of the hall – electrical, plumbing, joinery etc. Local business have contributed generously over the year. As I have said before we frequently get “Mates Rates!” All these things make it possible for Glencclare to function. I thank all those business and individuals who have done so over the past year.

One of the biggest projects over the past year was the landscaping and tarring of the area at the rear of the hall. This area was at odds with the rest of St. Clare's. I am happy to report that it is now a safe area that will be of great use over the coming summer months. I would like to thank Lisburn and Castlereagh Council for the grant aid for this project.

During the year a CCTV system was installed, and this should add to the security of the premises and of the users. The gas range was replaced by a new state of the art electric model and this has been invaluable in funeral hospitality and numerous other occasions. A splash back along the kitchen was also installed and has allowed for a high standard of hygiene to be maintained. Other additions included new floodlights to the front of the hall and these have improved the lighting particularly during the winter months. We recently purchased and installed indoor LED cans lighting and they have greatly improved the ambiance of some events. I hope that further lighting will be bought to enhance the stage area.

Moisture levels in the hall once again caused concern with the timber in the floor swelling and buckling. The problem has been alleviated with the purchase of two dehumidifiers and two fans connected to timers under the stage. This has solved the current problem but I feel that the issue of what is essentially a basement built in the 1950's will need a more permanent and probably a more costly solution in the future.

More recently another problem has arisen with the flooring. The floor which was laid in the late 50's has literally started to break down. Initial professional advice is that it will have to be relaid or replaced. I feel that this will be the next most pressing issue for the Directors and users of St. Clare's.

The Directors undertook a “Good Governance Training” course during the year and it was very satisfying to find that Glencclare was very compliant in the vast majority of areas and that only minor adjustments to procedures was required.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their support during my six years as chairman and for their invaluable advice and experience in a wide range of areas. In particular our treasurer, Jenny Cameron, who also has come to the end of her term in office. Jenny has been meticulous in looking after the finances of the hall. Her role has been pivotal to the financial integrity and success of Glencclare.

During the year Emmet Norris stepped down from the Board of Directors due to family commitments. Emmet during his time has been very involved with the Parents and Toddlers group, Health and Safety and in the organisation of the Traditional Music sessions on a Sunday night. Emmet has assured us that he is not “lost” to Glencclare and will be helping out in a less formal role.

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Margaret Bradley continues to be a key person in the organisation of events and the administration of St. Clare's Hall and is very much the "face" of Glenclare. I would like to thank her for the efficient manner in which she deals with a multitude of tasks, jobs, people and organisations.

Our Caretaker, Harry Cameron continues to keep the hall in an absolute pristine condition and his skills and knowledge are used in such a wide range of matters and it is such a bonus to the upkeep of the Hall.

The activities in St. Clare's Hall require significant funding and although the majority of this is raised by ourselves, the grant aid from Lisburn and Castlereagh Council through Community Support Grant, The Hardship Fund and the DIY Fund is essential. Without such funding we would find it very difficult to operate successfully as a social hub for the area and combat rural isolation – which is of course one of the main aims of Glenclare. We are indeed grateful for this support and look forward to it continuing in the future.

Finally, although stepping down as Chairman, I look forward to still being involved as a Director and I wish my successor best wishes for the future. The role is not an onerous one due to willingness and generosity of the volunteers and directors that are associated with Glenclare. Thank you all.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Financial Review

The results for the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out on pages 8 and 9 of the financial statements.

The total income for the year ended 31 December 2023 amounted to £61,742 (2022: £42,679). The total expenditure was £51,627 (2022: £51,038)

The Trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the charity is sufficient and adequate to fulfil their obligations. The charity held £15,855 in reserves at the year end (2022: £9,953).

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Reserves Policy

The income of the Company is considered adequate and the risks associated with any significant reduction in income is regarded as unlikely. The Trustees are satisfied with the current level of reserves at the present time. The Trustees are reviewing the Reserves Policy in the current year.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

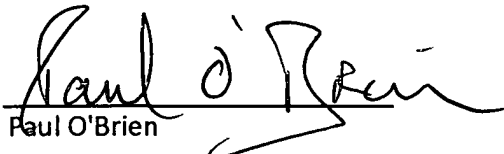
The Trustees (who are also directors of Glenclare Community Group for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standard (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transaction and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2016. 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.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 15/4/24 and signed on behalf by:


Paul O'Brien
Trustee

15/4/24
Date