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Newtownbutler Playgroup Ltd Annual Report **2022/2023**

Report from Chairperson

I would like to welcome you all here this evening to our Annual General Meeting.

We had another busy year last year. We would like to thank Michelle McGrory Manager for her dedication and also to the other member's of staff both in Playgroup. The playgroup is going from strength to strength.

Admissions

We have 40 PEAG children and 24 part-time children attending the playgroup this year. We have to operate 2 sessions daily to accommodate the numbers which means we need 1 member of staff per 8 children. As we have 7 member's of staff this puts a pressure on our financial situation.

We intend to seek funding to build a Polly Tunnel, secure funding for the Pathway Fund, apply for special needs funding and resources.

Parent involvement is an essential element contributing to the success of a community playgroup.

We have 24 children attending our Eager and Able to Learn Programme (2-3 year olds). Social Services have increased our intake from 10 per session to 12 per session on the Eager and Able to Learn programme.

Grant Applications

As we are a voluntary group we rely on funding from various grant sources

Inspection

We are inspected by the Department of Education for Northern Ireland and we are required to follow and implement the Curriculum Guidance for Pre-School Education.

We are also registered with Western Health and Social Care Trust.

Conclusion

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff on behalf of the committee for their dedication to the children and the playgroup and for all the hard work they have put in over the year. I would also like to thank the other members of the committee for their hard work and willingness throughout the year. Finally I would like to thank parents, committee, and staff for supporting the playgroup in our fundraising events over the year.

Annette Leonard

Chairperson

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