

MORNINGTON COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED
(Private company limited by guarantee without share capital)
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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 23 September 1988 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 22 May 2015.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI021949

Registered Charity number

NIC102771

Registered office

117 Ormeau Road
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BT17 1SH

CHAIRPERSON

June Andrews

DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 01 October 2022 to 30 September 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 2019) 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

Mornington Community Project Limited is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC102771), was incorporated with companies house as a company limited by guarantee in Northern Ireland, registration number NI021949.

Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee in Northern Ireland with the registered number NI021949 and was set up by a Memorandum of Association dated on 23 September 1988.

The company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 23 September 1988 and the registered charity number NIC102771 with the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland and is recognised as a charity by HMRC, number X0445/91. The principal operating office for the charity is 117 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 1SH.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. New directors are appointed by the Board as required. There are no formal requirements regarding who can be appointed as a director. Mornington, however, tries to ensure that those with local representation and specific expertise in finance, business development, advocacy, and community empathy are appointed. There is no formal training policy for new directors.

Organisational structure and decision making

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the board. The Board is responsible for the review of all activities, approval of budgets and future strategy. During this year, we returned to quarterly face-to-face meetings.

Objectives and Activities

Policies and objectives

The charitable objectives of the company were that of:

- The development of The community within The lower Ormeau Road area.
- The promotion of cross community links.
- The promotion of employment training and economic activity within The lower Ormeau Road area thereby alleviating unemployment.

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Objectives and Activities continued...

- The promotion of opportunities for the exploration and development of Christian faith and values.
- To promote educational, leisure and recreational opportunities for young people in the area.
- To promote women's issues and organisations.

Nurturing Programme

The Programme has completed another year and continues to grow and develop, having successfully established itself within the community as an important resource for local families; working in partnership with other local agencies to provide a complementary service. This year the project provided support for families to improve their circumstances through the Parenting Puzzle Course, Nurturing Wellbeing, Drop-in provision and through one to one support from our trained Parent Group Leaders. Nurturing Programme has continued to offer intensive one to one support to families continuing to struggle with the lasting impact of lockdowns; including liaising with schools, providing emotional support, parenting support/advice. We also provide practical help in dealing with the continuing cost of living crisis including providing access to food and other necessities.; as well as signposting to Advice support services locally.

We continued to develop our Nurturing Wellbeing activities which now includes nutrition and cookery classes, as well as Mindfulness for Parents and Carers. We have also have added teen support courses to our Programme of activities. We have secured funding from the Housing Executive, Halifax Foundation, the PHA and Awards for All to enhance and expand our provision over the coming year to include other programmes and reach out to more families.

We ran a very successful Good Relations Project which culminating in a residential in the beautiful Corrymeela Peace Centre in Ballycastle which all agreed a highlight of our year!

Women's Project

This year saw the group continue to participate in the South Belfast Alternative's LINC project, who along with Nurturing staff provided much needed support to the group.

Tús Geal

In our eight year Tús Geal continues to consistently provide a high standard and quality of care. We recently had our annual social services inspection and received high praise and very positive feedback from our social worker with no recommendations.

In a recent survey given to parents the feedback we received stated:

- 100% parents said that they would be unable to work without our service
- 100% state that without school collection service they would be unable to send their child
- 95% commented on the affordability of our service
- 100% stated they are confident in the knowledge that their children are safe, happy, and comfortable within the setting

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Tús Geal - Continued

- 100% stated they are confident in the knowledge that their children are safe, happy, and comfortable within the setting
- 95% commented on quality of play and setting environment
- 100% commented positively on the opportunities to learn Irish
- 100% of our children have said that they are happy and enjoy their time in our setting.

During this year a high number of families have benefitted from our service. We have been able to offer services to parents who would not be able to continue or begin working otherwise.

Our collection service has also proved invaluable to parents in full time employment and study without which they would be unable to continue working.

Summer 2023 saw our busiest summer scheme to date. The summer scheme was held in partnership with An Droichead . We look forward to an even bigger and better year in 2024. The hard work and dedication of staff continues to be the driving force behind the continued success of Tús Geal.

Outdoor space:

We continue to make full use of the multi-purpose outdoor space as a play area, our Out of School provision, seating and relaxing area for families and outdoor pop-up events such as fun days.

Community Faith Forum

During this year we continued to develop our Faith Forum for faith groups within the inner south Belfast area. This provides opportunities for local faith leaders to explore potential partnerships and social enterprise ideas.

Social Enterprise

We continue to rent the café space as especially at the weekends and all our office space is currently rented out. We continued to use the kitchen to test new food products and support emerging business including a weekend pop-up café.

Networking

Mornington continues to be very active on the Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and has played a central role in the Economic Subgroup. We are also active on the Forward South Partnership Board. We continue to participate in the South Belfast Locality Planning group and Family Hub group, as well as the Inner South and Botanic Strategic Networking Forum. We continue to work closely with An Droichead, South Belfast Surestart, South Belfast Food Bank and Barnardos.

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Programme support

Heather Carey continues to work with Mornington supporting local relationships and networking extensively. This has ensured that Mornington has a place in community sector discussions and has enabled new working partnerships to be established in the local area. Heather continues to work on the development of social enterprise ideas in the local community and strengthen Mornington's relationship with Union College and Queens University, as well as with local faith leaders. Phil Rankin has also been invaluable in supporting the Board and the development of the Tús Geal Initiative.

Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to our funders: The Social Investment Fund, Brightstart, the Halifax Foundation, DFA, NIHE, Big Lottery Awards for All, community Relations Council, Belfast City Council Revenue, and Community Grants and the PHA.

Thanks particularly to Anne, Karen, Heather and Sorcha for their tireless work; to our partners and Project delivery agents; and to Phil and Stephen and all our volunteers for their hard work throughout the year. And as always thanks to our Board members for their continued commitment and dedication to Mornington.

Mornington is a unique organisation where staff, volunteers and board members give continuous levels of drive and positivity, mixed with copious good humour, to achieve our mission. It is my privilege to work with a group of people, bound by mutual respect, and committed to community development.

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Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

During the year the organisations unrestricted reserves have gone into a negative (23,686), the board have discussed this and are content that the Charity will have sufficient income in future years to bring the organisations unrestricted fund into a positive.

Financial Review

The results for the year ended 30 September 2023 are set out on pages 10 to 12 of the financial statements.

The total income for the year ended 30 September 2023 amounted to £198,957 (2022: £224,440). The total expenditure was £208,802 (2022: £225,689)

The Trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the charity is sufficient and adequate to fulfil their obligations. The charity held (£29,618) in reserves at the year end (2022: (£23,626).

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.

During the year the organisations unrestricted reserves have are in a negative (£25,508), the board have discussed this and are content that the Charity will have sufficient income in future years to bring the organisations unrestricted fund into a positive.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

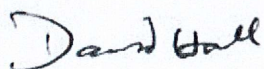
The Trustees (who are also directors of Mornington Community Project Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standard (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting 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 then 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 23/06/2024 and signed on behalf by:



David Hall
Trustee