

COMBER COAL FUND COMMITTEE  
1 DECEMBER 2023

Attendance

Barbara Bailie	Jonny Andrews
Crosby McVeigh	Laura McAleese
Cyril Johnston	Michael McClean

1. Cyril Johnston, Chairman, welcomed everyone to The Stables. The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2022 were read and agreed to be a true record of the meeting.
2. Apologies were received from Rev Ian Gilpin.
3. Cyril presented the financial statement for the year ended 30 November 2023. This showed that the Coal Fund remains in a healthy state and it was agreed that we could again provide 2 bags of coal to each beneficiary this year. The current balance of the Fund is £3,299.32 and the cost of providing 2 bags of coal to each of the beneficiaries will be around the same as last year which was £2352. This will leave a balance of £1000 in the bank. The current financial climate in NI is a cause for concern to many and as a result this gift will provide much assistance to our beneficiaries.
4. Barbara Bailie handed over a cheque from Comber Methodist Church (£50) and Jonny Andrews gave a donation of £300 from John Andrews & Co Ltd. The Fund is also to be supported by St Mary's, Killinchy Street and Andrews Memorial Primary School in coming weeks.
5. The Trustees were pleased to note that there had been four additional names had been approved and the list of beneficiaries is 34 households this year. The Committee will continue to try to identify potential additional beneficiaries however, it is recognised that fewer people now rely on coal fires. Each Trustee will remind their churches/organisations about the Coal Fund. For the future the position of the Comber Coal Fund will be reviewed on an annual basis.
6. Thanks were expressed to Corken Fuels for their assistance in the distribution of the coal to beneficiaries.
7. This being all the business the meeting was closed.

Laura McAleese,  
Secretary