

CLOUGHFIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NIC 102972

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the financial year 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

The Charity is an unincorporated association established under a constitution.

In fulfilling the public benefit requirement, the charity trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory public benefit guidance.

The purpose of this charity continues to be:

The Association is established to relieve poverty, sickness and the aged and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Cloughfin area and its environs, hereinafter called the "area of benefit" without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, promote health and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular:

- a) to maintain and manage a centre or centres in the area of benefit for activities promoted by the association (hereinafter called "the Centre").

The information below sets out the activities we have carried out to further our purposes and fulfil the public benefit elements during the last 12 months.

Activities

In line with the purpose of the charity the following activities took place during the year-

- Members of our Bright Ideas Group learned the craft of textile art and were fortunate to have an excellent tutor.
- The local branch of the AA Association continued to meet weekly.
- A circuits class took place on three early mornings and one evening weekly.
- A line dancing class for seniors took place from October until December 2023.
- Fun activities were provided for local children including a celebration of being able to meet in public. This followed a programme for young parents which took place over zoom during lockdown and was funded by Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership through the Community and Development Health Network.
- Two birthday parties took place in the centre.
- Dog Training took place in the centre on two days.
- Defibrillator Training took place in March 2024.

Achievements

- Our annual footfall increased from 609 in 2022 - 23 to 3197 in 2023 – 24.
- Broadband was installed in the centre.
- A new sign in both English and Irish was erected at the centre.

Our activities do not lead to any harm. The only private benefit arising from our purposes is that a trustee or family member may participate in the same manner as all other beneficiaries. This is purely incidental and necessary so that the benefit is available to all inhabitants of the area.

Finances

A review of the charities' financial position confirms a successful year. The charity had receipts of £9,589.61 and payments of £2,795.94, giving a surplus for the year of £6,793.67. This is partly due to the receipt of the CFNI grant of £4,830.00 to replace the oil burner just before the financial year end. The work was carried out in April 2024. A truer reflection of the 2023/24 CCA surplus is £1,963.67.

We have received funding from FODC for premises costs which is crucial to the charity's survival. We also received funding from CFNI to upgrade our heating system. As this grant arrived late in the financial year the work wasn't carried out until the following year.

We received two grants from the South West Age Partnership (SWAP).

- £270 for a Line Dancing Class
- £250 for a Textile Art Class.
- Neither grant was paid into our account but paid directly to the tutors by SWAP. Contributions from participants paid for craft materials and refreshments.

The group requests fair contribution from users which provides some steady income. This income covers maintenance and other necessities required for the Association.

Accounts are prepared to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Trustees

The following trustees served during the financial period:

Declan Montague

Brian Tierney

Dan McKenna

Leona McKenna

Rosemary McMullen

Siobhan Gilmour

Julie Anderson

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:



Dan McKenna

Chairperson

Date: 30 January 2025