

Doagh Cultural Society Limited

Trustees' Report

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

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| Trustees: | Craig Laughlin William Bissett (Death 2 April 2024) Andrew Marshall William Laughlin Thomas Elliott Michael Turkington |
| Chairman: | Michael Turkington |
| Secretary: | Craig Laughlin |

Doagh Cultural Society Trustees, also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, have pleasure in submitting their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in 2005 in preparing their annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

The Charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 19 August 2010. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

Structure, governance and management

The constitution was adopted by the members of the Charity at a Special General Meeting held on 24 May 2006 and stipulates the objectives and powers of the Charity for the furtherance of its stated objectives (outlined below).

Membership of the Charity is open to all and any person aged sixteen years or over living in the area of benefit who subscribes to the objectives of the charity and whose application for membership is accepted by the Committee shall be called an individual member and is entitled to vote at meetings of the charity.

Except as provided otherwise in the constitution the policy and general management of the affairs of the Charity shall be directed by a Committee elected at an Annual General Meeting. Should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies, election shall be by secret ballot of the members of the Charity present and entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting.

Results

The results for the financial year are set out in the statement of financial activities.

Principal activity and business review

The principal activity of the Charity is the advancement of education and the promotion of the benefit and well being of the community in the areas of Doagh, Cogry and Kilbride and their environs in County Antrim.

The directors are satisfied with the result and are in line with expectations.

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Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company (the Charity) and its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The members of the Board during the year were:

- Craig Laughlin
- William Bissett
- Andrew Marshall
- William Laughlin
- Thomas Elliott
- Michael Turkington

In accordance with the Articles of Association one third of the trustees retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Directors' Interests

No director had at any time during the year a material interest in any contract that was significant in relation to the Charity's business.

Public Benefit

The purpose of Doagh Cultural Society Limited is specifically restricted to the advancement of education and the promotion of the benefit and wellbeing of the community and residents in the areas of Doagh, Cogry and Kilbride and their environs in County Antrim.

- Support community development and wellbeing activities and to work with partners to support community cohesion and sustainable communities.
- Advance education by promoting public awareness of the history, folklore, architectural and cultural heritage of the area of benefit and its inhabitants.
- Promote and advance education and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language, history, folklore, literature, traditions, arts and culture.
- Promote the benefit of young people in the area of benefit and educate and assist such young people through their leisure time activities so as to develop their physical, mental and emotional capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of the Charity so that their conditions of life may be improved.
- Promote and foster racial and ethnic harmony and diversity through the promotion of activities to foster knowledge and mutual understanding between people from diverse backgrounds through the provision of recreational facilities and events involving the local community.
- Promote community safety through the support and development of appropriate programmes and projects, which aim to address crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Advance any other exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees/directors may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of the Charity.

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Achievements and performance

The Charity entered into an agreement with the Trustees of Doagh Orange Hall for the lease of the Hall as a Community Hall for a 25-year period commencing on 8 October 2010 at an annual rent of £0.05 per year.

GROW South Antrim, through the Rural Development Fund, provided a 75% grant towards building costs associated with the renovation and refurbishment of the Orange Hall for use as a Community Hall. Match funding was provided by Newtownabbey BC and through fundraising projects. The Letter of Offer from GROW included the terms and conditions of the grant, which included a legal charge over the building for a period not less than 10 years by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Building work in the community Hall was complete in June 2011 and it began use as a Community Hall from July 2011 onwards. The bank facilitated the process by providing overdraft facilities until the grant released. Fees were repaid through fundraising activities.

During the 2023 year, the community hall has been used by the local playgroup.

Maintenance grants were received to do work on the building.

The Hall was used by a volunteer who helps people from the local community with mental health issues.

Community events were held during the year for the Kings coronation and Black day.

A kids party was held during the year.

Financial Review

Details of the results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities and related notes.

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity and strive to ensure there are adequate reserves to cover any unforeseen expenditure in the future.

Future Plans

The Charity plans to continue management of the Hall in future years and to develop its activities in accordance with its current objectives.

Risk Management

The trustees have a risk management strategy in place which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the Charity faces;
- Systems and procedures to mitigate risks identified; and
- Implementation of procedures to ensure minimum impact of the charity should any of the risks materialise

Fixed Assets

The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in the financial statements.

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Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 15 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Marshall
Trustee

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Doagh Cultural Society 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 Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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 incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can 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 2006. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 15 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Marshall
Trustee