

Annual Report & Report on Public Benefit

Bush Community Cultural Group

Public Address

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11 Beechill Park, Bush, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, BT71 6QY

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC103084

Constituted as an Unincorporated Association in 2002
Bush Community Cultural Group is funded by :
Mid Ulster District Council
Northern Ireland Housing Executive Cohesion Unit

REPORTING PERIOD

1 NOVEMBER 2021 – 31 OCTOBER 2022

TRUSTEES

David McFarlane	Chairperson
Angela Stinson	Acting secretary
Carson Crooks	Treasurer
Anne Eldon	
Phyllis Crooks	
Elizabeth Burns	
Lorraine McFarlane	
Nigel Sinnamon	

PURPOSES

The Association is established :

- (a) To promote a local educational resource;
- (b) To promote and preserve the culture and heritage of local people, including Ulster-Scots;
- (c) To promote cultural confidence and civic pride, bolster morale of the community, and harness the abilities of local people in particular those who reside in the Bush Community area, regardless of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion.

BENEFICIARIES

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily the people living in and around the Bush area of Dungannon South Tyrone within Mid Ulster District.

ACTIVITIES

The activities have again been very limited this year because of Covid 19
Hopefully members of the community are gradually gaining confidence to mingle and meet.
The Jubilee was celebrated with a joint tea party with a local ladies group.
A few committee meetings to sort accounts and prepare for the annual Tree switch on .
The numbers attending the switch on was double the previous year.
Again our terrific Santa proved very popular .
Committee members continue to check on the elderly in the area.

ACHIEVEMENTS

HOW MAIN ACTIVITIES HAVE BENEFITED BENEFICIARIES

This year has been totally different because of lockdowns
The group were able to hold a few short meetings during the latter part of the year to plan the Christmas events.
The festive events continue to increase in numbers attending.
A big increase in the number of young people supporting this event.

Advertisement of this event in local paper and social media was an important talking point for the residents.

Our senior residents have mentioned that they appreciate the communications between them and the group members.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AT THE END OF THE YEAR

FINANCIAL POSITION AT THE END OF THE YEAR: The organisation remains in a strong financial position with a healthy balance and cash flow.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS OR LIABILITIES: There were no outstanding debts or liabilities.

RESERVES POLICY: The group ensures adequate funds are in place to continue operating on an ongoing basis.

FUNDS IN MATERIAL DEFICIT & STEPS TAKEN TO MITIGATE: There were no funds in material deficit.

FINANCIAL MITIGATION: The Trustees ensure the organisation's finances were managed prudently and on an ongoing basis.

FUNDS HELD BY THE CHARITY AS A CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE: None – Not applicable.

RESTRICTIONS ON WHO CAN BENEFIT

There are no restrictions on who can benefit.

We do not charge any fees.

There are no charges to access any services.

There are small charges to access fundraising events.

There are no restrictions based on personal characteristics.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include : education,training,health and well being outcomes, improved community relations and reduced levels of stress,anxiety and social isolation,through the promotion of culture,arts, heritage and Ulster Scots language,music and dance,recreation,education and training.

These benefits are made known through the feedback from attendees at our events via evaluation forms, surveys, verbal feedback and evaluation of activities.

There is no harm anticipated from this purpose.

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily the inhabitants of the Bush village and its surrounding environs within our Council area.

Our own trustees receive information , services and activities in the same way as other beneficiaries, and are assigned support, information and services in the same way.

PRIVATE BENEFIT

There is no private benefit to any individual.

HARM

No harm has flowed from any of our Purposes.

SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTING

There are no serious incidents to report.

VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES

Appropriate Policies, Procedures and Training are in place such as POCVA Policy and Procedures.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission NI' Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Signed  David McFarlane Chairperson Date 1/08/2023