

Trustees Report for Crossdernott Bowling Club

Registered with the Charity Commission for northern Ireland NIC 103113

Reporting Period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

Chairperson:- Ryan Burnside

Secretary:- Ian Dobson

Treasurer:- Sylvia Watt

PURPOSES

Crossdernott Bowling Club aims to promote the benefit of the people of the rural areas of Pomeroy and Donaghmore villages and the surrounding hinterland within the Mid Ulster Council areas of Cookstown and Dungannon, without distinction of sex, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, community organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

PUBLIC BENEFITS

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily the adults and some young people who are all living in and around the Cookstown and Dungannon areas of Mid Ulster District and (especially the villages of Donaghmore and Pomeroy), who have been identified as being isolated and/or socially excluded. The club offers a welcoming environment for people of all age groups to meet and take part in a leisure activity which has both mental and social benefits to the rural community. Our own trustees who are our bowlers, receive information, services and activities in the same way as other beneficiaries, and are assigned support, information and services.

ACTIVITIES

During the year 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 Crossdernott Bowling Club members played home and away games in South Tyrone Indoor Bowling League Section A. These games were played from October to the end of February 2024. Some members also played in 8 player cup games. Preparations were made to continue the Annual Easter Tournament during Easter week 2024 which this year was for Brainwaves NI.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AT END OF YEAR

FINANCIAL POSITION AT END OF YEAR: The organisation continues to operate for the local community.

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

RESERVES POLICY: A small reserve of money is retained in the group's account to ensure the group can continue to operate.

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

FINANCIAL MITIGATION: None – Not applicable

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. There are no restrictions based on personal characteristics.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The main public benefit is improving health and well-being outcomes through our local provision of a bowling facility in the rural community and for that community and the wider rural hinterland. Reduced levels of social isolation, stress and anxiety are the real benefits for the public.

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 Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust Policy & Procedures.

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

Signed:- *Ryan Burnside* Chairperson

Date:- 14th January 2025