

CLOUGHMILLS CULTURAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Registered Charity NO. 103 128

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 25-07-2024

Venue Cloughmills District Memorial Orange Hall

AGENDA

Welcome minutes of previous AGM 4-10-2023

Treasurers report Annual report of Trustees , Election of Trustees, appointment of Independent Financial Examiner.

Present at the meeting

Stephen Anderson George Douds Edgar Aitcheson Sam Forsythe Edwin McLaughlin Robert Johnston David McAuley Darwin McAllister. Apologies Gareth McLaughlin Nigel MKey.

The Chairman Stephen Anderson welcomed all present. Mr. Bertie Johnston from Cloughmills District LOL NO14 was invited to conduct the meeting.

The minutes of the AGM on 4-10-23 were read and adopted there were no matters arising.

Treasurers Report

The Financial report independently examined was presented showing income £16,223-00 Expenditure of £13,502-00 It was proposed by George Douds seconded by Sam Forsythe report be accepted unanimously agreed.

The Annual Report of the Trustees was presented and adopted Proposed by David McAuley seconded by Stephen Anderson and agreed.

Election of Trustees

A proposal by David McAuley that all present trustees be re elected seconded by Darwin McAllister agreed and adopted.

Trustees Re Elected

Stephen Anderson Chairman George Douds Vice Chairman Edgar Aitcheson Secretary Edwin McLaughlin Treasurer Trustees Gareth McLaughlin Sam Forsythe Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner It was proposed by Edgar Aitcheson seconded by George Douds that John McMullan be reappointed , Agreed

Edgar Aitcheson

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Report of the Trustees for year ended 31-03-2024

Aims & Objectives

The main objective of the group is to provide and maintain safe and comfortable condition at our place of meeting in Cloughmills Memorial Orange Hall leased from the trustees of Cloughmills District LOL No. 14

To provide a welcoming environment to the inhabitants of Cloughmills village and the surrounding rural area To engage with other like minded community groups to foster good relations and encourage social harmony

To organise and provide instruction in teaching new skills at weekly craft classes and indoor bowling practice support younger persons involved in music practice in Ulster Scots and other indigenous cultures

To engage with inhabitants of the surrounding rural area to address the issues of rural Social Isolation and loneliness

To provide instruction from Police Crime Prevention Officers in the areas of online fraud and home safety issues

Main Activities during the year

Craft instruction classes continued during the year with an average of fifty women attending. Indoor bowling practice ran from October to April an average of twenty people male and female were involved. Special attention during the year was given to indoor bowling instruction to fill a gap left by the cessation of a number of bowling clubs due to Covid 19 pandemic . Generous financial assistance for this project was given by The Allen Lane Foundation.

Support during the year was given to three amateur music groups for training young musicians. Support during the year was given to Motor Neuron Disease This was provided by ladies organising Bric a Brac sales for the special purpose. Three successful outings were organised during the year to places of historical interest these were designed also to encourage physical fitness

Financial Income and Funding	Grants Awarded	
Halifax Foundation	£1400-00	
Community Foundation	£2000-00	For events 2024
Coast Support	£ 300-00	
Allen Lane Foundation	£1000-00	
Community Foundation	£3000-00	Grant Repair
Awards For All	£5323-00	For events 2024
Apprentice Boys	£ 500-00	Crown Defenders
Craft Sale	£1000-00	
Cloughmills District	£1100-00	
Sale of excess equipment	£ 100-00	

Volunteering

The day to day running of the group is carried out by six trustees and ten volunteers all unpaid, Special mention has to be made of ten volunteers who work tirelessly during the year to providing catering sourcing instructors and willingly taking part in any training and instruction required to safely manage events.

Training Six trustees were involved in training by the Fire and Rescue Service regarding fire safety matters Assistance was also given by the local Council Environmental Health and Safety Officer Upgrading regarding Child and Vulnerable Adults was provided by County Antrim Grand Orange Lodge.

Future Plans

To continue with craft classes and indoor bowling practice to provide a number of lectures from Police Crime Prevention Officer regarding Home Safety and online and telephone fraud Special attention to be given to older people considered vulnerable

Three trips have been planned to places of interest again encouraging physical exercise. To update and encourage a car scheme to address rising fuel costs and environmental issues. Continue to support younger people engaged in music practice

Public benefit The activities during the year have involved people from diverse cultures and backgrounds which in line with the groups good relations policy Particular attention has been given to people living in rural isolation or from difficult family backgrounds with limited access to public transport or Health Care Facilities' Learning new skills has increased confidence and any items produced have been donated to local charities which gives a sense of purpose Most activities organised by our group are not available anywhere else in the area and a large number of people taking part are doing so for the first time in organised group activities

Edgar Aitcheson