

Drumcree Community Trust

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 December 2017

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Drumcree Community Trust
Charity registration number	XR34864
Company registration number	NI 038841
Principal office and registered office	3 Ashgrove Road Portadown Co. Armagh BT62 1PA
Trustees	Michael Bingham (Chairperson) Colette Mercer (Secretary) Breandan Mac Cionnaith Brian G McKeown (Treasurer) Ciaran Tennyson
Independent examiner	Cathal O'Neill (FCA) Kelly & O'Neill Ltd Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors 15E Molesworth Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8NX
Bank	Bank of Ireland 43 High Street Portadown BT62 1HY

Structure, governance and management

The Board of Trustees can only appoint new Trustees. A motion must be put forward by one Trustee and a show of hands determines if the majority agrees.

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 26 February 1991. It is governed by a memorandum of association. The charitable company's registration number is NI038841 and its registered office is 3 Ashgrove Road, Portadown, Co Armagh, BT62 1PA.

The company is approved as a charity under the terms of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and the Charity Number is XR34864.

On 2 September 2015 the charitable company registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and its NIC number is 103171.

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Partnership Working

Drumcree Community Trust is a member organisation, with two representatives, of the Verve Network which is a partnership of community organisations and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust operating across Brownlow, Lurgan and Portadown. Along with Drumcree Community Trust, the other member organisations are Craigavon Intercultural Programme, Drumellan Community Organisation, Edgarstown Residents Association, Shankhill (Lurgan) Community Projects, Taghnevan Community Development Association and Fitzzone Foundation.

Each of the organisations have established and developed themselves as Healthy Living Centres and are part of the Healthy Living Centres Alliance which extends across several areas of the North.

Drumcree Community Trust has two representatives on the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. They work alongside other community groups on the Partnership including Churchill Park/Gardens Tenants' Association, Woodside Residents Association, Obins Drive/Avenue Association and Edgarstown Community Association.

The Department for Communities, the Education Authority, Southern Health and Social Care Trust, Housing Executive, Southern Regional College and Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council are also represented on the Partnership.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership aims to bring together the work of government departments in partnership with local people to tackle disadvantage and deprivation in all aspects of everyday life. Each year, it has an annual budget to bring forward proposals and projects which match that aim.

The Youth Support Worker and Health Worker represent Drumcree Community Trust on the North West Portadown Network body, which manages two external community facilities, the Darby & Joan Club and the multi-use games area (MUGA). As well as attending regular meetings, they are also responsible for helping to organise the MUGA programme for children and adults.

Drumcree Community Trust is represented on the management committee of Blossom Sure Start, an initiative to support all pregnant women and families who have a preschool child or children (0-4 years) and who live in the Portadown area. Sure Start is a government led initiative offering a range of services to families with preschool children to help them reach their full potential and is aimed at giving every child the best possible start in life. Sure Start works in partnership with statutory, voluntary and community sectors and parents to promote the physical, intellectual and social development of babies and young children.

Objectives and activities

The main charitable objectives of Drumcree Community Trust are the advancement of citizenship or community development; the advancement of education; the advancement of health or the saving of lives; the prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

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Activities

During 2017, Drumcree Community Trust's staff and volunteers have delivered a wide range of programmes, activities and events to our local community aimed at addressing a variety of needs within the area.

Once again, a large number children, young people and adults directly benefitted from participation in the various activities, programmes, events and classes organised through Drumcree Community Centre and Drumcree House of Health. The work undertaken by our staff team was assisted and strengthened by our volunteer base and we appreciate the contribution which our volunteers continue to make towards our work within the community.

The three Centre-based groups for children aged from 2yrs and 10 months up to the age of seven years continued to operate and during 2017, a number of joint parents' & children's events were organised including: cookery sessions, stay and play sessions, and family day trips. Late afternoons and evenings were set aside for young people aged from the primary 3 age groups right through to secondary school-age and older. Again attendance at these sessions has continued to remain constant with regular activities including arts and crafts; multi-games; cookery workshops; competitive games; movie nights; anti-bullying programmes; project and small group work.

External coaches were also engaged by the Trust to deliver fitness and stamina tests to make young more aware to the need to engage in regular physical activities. In addition, thanks to the Youth Engagement Programmes funded through NR/SELB/EA, a number of intensive personal development courses for 45 young people aged 11-19 years old were organised. Elements of those programmes included a residential to the Share Centre, volunteering and mentoring opportunities; leadership and personal development training; health workshops; life skills courses; mental health issues; drugs & alcohol awareness sessions; 10 week stress management programme, mindfulness workshops, young people's pamper sessions, young people's health event, and trips to a number of leisure facilities.

Full programmes of activities were organised for July/August 2017 with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. On average, over 300 children/young people of all age groups benefitted from these activities and the programme was supported by 20 adult volunteers, 14 young volunteers and 8 junior leaders.

Youth Intervention funding allowed Drumcree Community Trust to deliver additional programmes for 100+ families as well as a separate programme focused on 75 young people aged between 10 and 19 years; activities included cinema trip, family day trips to Bundoran, Newcastle/Tullymore forest and Kilbroney, 'Keeping safe' workshops, drug and alcohol awareness workshops and teenage trips to the Mill and Jungle NI.

Active Kids week provided a week of activities for 20 young people (aged 8-14yrs) including beach walk at Murlough beach, fundamental skills training, and sports taster sessions.

Inclusion project - 40 children and young people (aged 4-19yrs old) took part in the project over an eight month period. Activities included club sessions, drama and movement sessions, singing sessions, nursery rhyme and storytelling sessions and trips included Todds Leap overnight stay, 2 trips to the theatre, funhouse in Newry and Craigavon ski slopes. This project promoted friendship, inclusion, acceptance and understanding with a focus on able-bodied participants and the children/young people with special needs working together and building relationships.

Training - included first aid training for children and young people (8-17yrs old), Autism awareness

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training, Disability awareness training, Safeguarding training. Intergenerational Project - this 6 week project with Bubbles and Rosemount care home involved our pre-school group going to the home for play sessions, nursery rhymes, dance and singing sessions with the residents, most of whom suffer from dementia. The residents also came to the centre for a celebratory event. Much of our work with adults involved activities aimed at promoting better and healthier lifestyles. Our main funder for this was SH&SCT which also funded our health related work with young people.

During 2017, we organised regular fitness classes, personal development programmes, stress reduction classes, mental health workshops, complementary therapy sessions, yoga classes, etc. All these activities were delivered throughout the year and meant that many local residents could take advantage of health promotion/health advisory services held in an environment where they feel protected and in which they can feel a genuine part of.

Chair yoga - average attendance 20+ (age range 41-93 years old). This ongoing activity included a social element after each session where a light lunch was provided. People of all ages and abilities attend and benefit from these sessions including those with severe mobility restrictions, cancer survivors, people with breathing difficulties, persons suffering from depression and social anxiety, and those with long term illnesses and dementia.

SPUDS programme (Specific practical ultimate de-stress) - this was delivered over a three month period and included group-based workshops ranging from relaxation, laughter yoga, singing, dancing, meditation, and crafts. Attendance varied between 18-32 women per session.

Our women's group, parents & toddlers group and our young parents' group also continued to meet weekly. A second parents & toddlers group was also meeting each Friday. The weekly crochet class on Wednesday evenings continues to prove popular with a very good attendance. This is as much of a social evening as well as a craft class for women of all ages and run by volunteers.

There were also three separate and very well-attended adult exercise classes in the community centre each week; two on Tuesday evenings and the third on Friday evenings.

Through this comprehensive provision, Drumcree Community Trust contributes to the well-being and personal development of many people of all ages within our community.

Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

The charity succeeded in promoting the interests of the inhabitants of Portadown.

We have described the performance of the charity in further detail in the Activities Section.

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Economic Development

Drumcree Community Trust is involved in local economic development and employment creation in the community through representation on the Board of Mayfair Business Centre, a social economy enterprise, which houses a total of twenty five businesses, providing between them over 120 full and part-time jobs to local people. Through the various businesses located at Mayfair, it is estimated that well in excess of two million pounds is contributed annually into the economy of the local community through wages, rates, etc.

The impact of this achievement by the local community to create, develop and sustain this economic development project is often underestimated and overlooked. By providing business development, job creation and employment opportunities, Mayfair is making a positive contribution to the lives of the families and households of those employed by the various businesses on site.

Public Benefit Statement

Drumcree Community Trust's activities are designed to ensure contribution to the achievement of its charitable objectives.

The Trustees believe that the charitable company provides a public benefit and meets the charitable purpose as laid down in The Charities Act (NI) 2008/13.

Drumcree Community Trust aims to help: Addiction (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse); Adult training; Carers; Children (5-13 year olds); General public; Interface communities; Men; Mental health; Older people; Parents; Preschool (0-5 year olds); Specific areas of deprivation; Unemployed/low income; Voluntary and community sector; Volunteers; Women: Youth (14-25 year olds).

We have reviewed The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidance on public benefit and can confirm that we believe that we have satisfied the public benefit requirement.

Financial review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves and consider the current level to exceed the requirements to continue operation throughout the 2018 financial year. The current level of reserves available to the charity is £381,575. This provides sufficient funds to cover charitable expenditure, support costs and governance costs.

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Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also directors 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).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

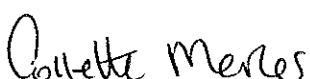
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


Disclosure of information to the Independent Examiner

We, the directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant information of which the company's Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as directors in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 25 September 2018 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


Colette Mercer (Secretary)
Trustee


Breandan Mac Cionnaith
Trustee