

Trustees Report for Crossdernott Youth Club

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC 103174

Reporting Period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

Chairperson: - Gary Watt

Secretary: - Lorna McAllister

Treasurer: - Jayne McMinn

PURPOSE

Crossdernott Youth Club is established to promote the benefit of the young people of the rural areas of Pomeroy and Donaghmore villages and surrounding hinterland within the Mid Ulster Council areas of Cookstown and Dungannon, (hereinafter described as the 'area of benefit') 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

Under our Purposes: The club meets every Friday night to interact socially, play games and arrange outings and other events. During the year funding was obtained from the Education Authority to support a varied range of curriculum activities within the club and help with transport costs to take the young people to outside venues for sporting activities. A good variety of equipment is provided in the hall to enable the young people to take part in the activities on club nights. Volunteers help each night with supervision of the young people and they are all working under Safeguarding Trust guidelines as laid down by the Church of Ireland.

BENEFICIARIES

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily children and younger people 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.

ACTIVITIES

During the reporting year, Crossdernott Youth Club have undertaken a variety of activities to give the young people the opportunity to interact socially on a weekly basis with other young people who attend different schools from them and whom they would not meet up with otherwise.

cThis year's activities included trips to The Rink, Airtastic, The Jungle and the cinema. The children also had a mini-medics course on First Aid, football coaching, baking, craft, sports and games nights.

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 direct benefits which flow from our purposes include: a safe environment is provided for the young people from many different backgrounds. Social interaction and improved confidence.

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: - Gary Watt, *Chairperson*

Date: - 21st January 2025