

ROCK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TRUSTEES REPORT

Structure, Governance & Management in Northern Ireland

The current Trustees and members of the Committee are:-

- Mr John McNally (Chairperson)
- Mr Frank Mullan
- Mr Aeneas Quinn
- Mr Eugene Grimes
- Mr Peter McLernon
- Miss Ellen Doris
- Mrs Kathy Dougherty

The day to day running of the charity is managed by Mr John McNally.

Charitable Status

The Club has been accepted as a charity for tax purposes by the Inland Revenue.

The Club has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland from 7th July 2015 under the Charity number:-

NIC103180

Statement of Compliance

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Principal Activities

- The Rock & District Historical Society is established to advance public education through the promotion, development and dissemination of knowledge of the history, archaeology, folklore, traditional crafts and antiquities of the Rock and its environs. The society also carries out research by collecting, recording and publishing information on all aspects of local history of the Rock and local area.
- Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, most of the society's programmes for the year were carried out via Zoom online videoconferencing. In November 2021, Dr Michael Simms, from National Museums Northern Ireland, gave a presentation on Meteorites of Northern Ireland. This was followed in December by Johnny Dooher and his talk on 'Politics and the Partition Issue in Tyrone 1900-1940'. In January 2022 our online presenter was Donal McAnallen who presented 'Echoes of the Past in Tyrone'. Unfortunately, the Society's annual music night, typically held in February, had to be cancelled due to the Covid restrictions. In its place, Frank Mayes gave a talk titled

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'Asian Volcano Erupts: Ireland Suffers,' and in March, local historian Eoin Boyle gave a presentation on 'Lime Kilns in the Rock Area.'

The Society also organized a one-day outing to Belfast in October. The day included visits to the Crumlin Road Gaol and the Ulster Folk Museum and a shared meal. Approximately 30 people participated in this educational tour. When the new programme season began in October 2022, we were able to meet again at the Old School in the Rock. That month, local author Maura Johnston gave a presentation on the 'hearth language' Seamus Heaney used in his writings.

Financial Review

The Trustees have a procedure in place to review the accounts annually. The charity's accounts will be prepared each year to 31 October. These accounts cover the year to 31 October 2022 and reveal a deficit of £550

SIGNED: John M. Nally
Trustee

DATE: 22-8-23

SIGNED: Kathryn Dougherty
Trustee

DATE: 27-8-23