

Dromore Education & Community Partnership

Company Registration Number - NI67452

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- Dromore Education & Community Partnership.

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in Northern Ireland with the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland (CCNI) with charity number 103190.

The charity does not operate in any overseas jurisdictions.

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Acts . The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

The governing document is dated 07 December 2007

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law all, trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

The trustees are all individuals.

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The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

37 Omagh Road
Dromore, Omagh
County Tyrone, BT78 3AL
Telephone 028 8289 8618

Email Address Web address

The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is the same as the operating address shown above.

The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

Dermot Montague
Melissa McKenna
Christine Doherty
David Hardy
Noelle McAloon
Brian McCarron

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 31 December 2022 :-

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period were as shown above, and there were no changes during the year, or in the period between the year end and the approval of the accounts.

All the trustees are also members of the charity.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

The object of the Company is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Dromore, County Tyrone and its environs (the "area of benefit") by: (a) providing facilities for schools, voluntary and community organisations and members of the public for sporting and physical activity; (b) encouraging participation in sports and recreation by members of all communities. (c) promoting the development of physical activities, sporting events and competitions; (d) encouraging greater structured and informal participation in physical activity and sports by children, young people and adults.

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The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

The activities undertaken during the year included 1) numerous classes within the facility including spinning, gentle exercise, yoga, basketball, fitness, Staying Active and a fundamentals class for young children; 2) Youth club and mini soccer for the younger people in the area; 3) providing facilities for local schools during term time for P.E. in the weeks before services were shut; 4) offering a modern fully-kitted out gym.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

During the year to 31 December 2022 the charity continued with its central activities such as the Easter and Summer Camps which cater for all social backgrounds and sections of the community. During the year the charity was also permitted to offer more classes, and could welcome more clients to these classes. The charity also organised the annual lantern walk at Christmas.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.

The charity continues to rely on the revenue grant from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, which was remained at £37,500 for 2022/23, in order to remain operational. During the year, the charity continued to offer a wide range of physical activities for all age-groups within the community increasing footfall through the sports complex which is seen in higher takings for classes and gym users.

The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity and wider society.

The difference the charity's performance makes to the beneficiaries is significant. The charity, through the sports facility, provides a centre where individuals, of all ages, from all sections of the community, can come and engage in physical activity, for its own health benefits, but also for the social aspect. The social side cannot be overstated as rural communities benefit most from such projects, and especially the older members of the community. Being able to offer the facilities it normally does, and the classes it normally does, on a regular and consistent basis normally provides a routine which children and older people alike, can benefit from. Local sports clubs have a central facility to engage in training and practice which they may not otherwise have at their grounds.

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

The charity does not undertake any active recruitment for new trustees. Word of mouth among local community/sports groups, businesses and schools is the main method of bringing new trustees in when there is a position vacant. Each proposed new candidate is considered for professionalism and trustworthiness by the existing trustees.

Bankers First Trust Bank, 8 High Street, Omagh, County Tyrone BT78 1BH

Accountants Rory P Gormley & Co Ltd, 37A Main Street, Dromore, County Tyrone BT78 3AE

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 December 2022

The financial position of the charity at 31 December 2022 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income	(6,691)	10,511
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	56,668	60,260
Restricted Revenue Funds	196	3,295
Total Funds	56,864	63,555

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 December 2022 .

Overall the charity is reporting a net deficit of £6,691 for the year to 31 December 2022 (2021: surplus £10,511). This year the charity increased takings from users of the facility which helped offset the reduction in grants received during the year. The trustees consider the financial performance of the charity in the year to be adequate with sales increased. At the reporting date the balance sheet remains solvent with a positive reserves position.

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Policies on reserves.

Annual surpluses are retained each year within reserves. These reserves provide resilience to the charity to meet the demands of a drop in income levels, or the demands of a new opportunity or project. The policy is for reserves to be built up on an annual basis from the net surplus. As at that the end of the financial period 31 December 2022 the reserves held by the charity amount to £56,864.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed and reviews and systems to mitigate them.

The major risks the charity faces is the financial impact of the war in Ukraine and rising energy costs.

With almost record levels of inflation the cost of the charity heating has doubled which had a significant impact in 2022. There is also a risk that potential gym-users may decide to curb their spending in the coming months and years as they also experience a drop in living-standards which will potentially impact on the charity's future income. To mitigate, the charity is constantly monitoring for new sources of funding, as well as looking at cost control measures as a means to limit the impact of a drop in income.

Factors likely to affect future financial performance .

Future financial performance will be significantly impacted by the level of public money available from the government together with the spending habits of potential users of the facility. The financial impact of the pandemic is now joined by the financial impact of the war in Ukraine which has sent energy and food prices soaring.

Employment of disabled persons

The Charity does not currently employ any disabled persons, but welcomes applications from individuals of all abilities.

Details of The Independent Examiner

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Statement of the Directors Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended and The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. 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.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 10 to 33.

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 24 May 2023.



Brian McCarron
Director and Trustee