

Ballyhegan and Kilmore Community Heritage Association

Trustee Report 2022 to 2023

(known as “BK Heritage”)

Charity Number: 103228

Address of Chair: 7A Annaboe Road, Kilmore, Armagh, BT61 8NP

Trustees: Donna Lappin, Marion Gilliland Hodges, Peter McNeill, Ivan Glass, Conor Sandford, Margaret Preston, Deirdre Morgan, Carson Troughton.

Governance of BK Heritage:

BK Heritage is governed and managed by its constitution.

Related Organizations:

BK Heritage is a member of the Ulster Federation of Local Studies.

Charitable Objectives:

- Identify sources and topics of local and general heritage interest.
- Promote an agreed number of heritage talks and/or events each year.
- Develop ways to promote wider exploration of the concept of heritage.
- Establish mutually supportive relationships with groups which have similar aims.

Structure and Management of BK Heritage:

The association is managed by a committee of twelve members elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The officer bearers are the chairperson, secretary, and treasurer. They, along with the other members of the committee, plan and implement talks, outings and other activities. Minutes of all meetings are kept by the secretary, with the treasurer being responsible for all accounts.

Purpose and benefit (Area of Benefit)

BK Heritage is organised to foster a sense of community by facilitating people from all backgrounds and interests to participate in rediscovering and preserving knowledge, celebrating a sense of place and encouraging appreciation of all aspects of local heritage.

Membership is open to all who are aged 16 and over, regardless of gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion.

Activities of BK Heritage

The main activities of the association are:

- Hosting a programme of talks of interest to the local community;
- Organising outings to places of interest both locally and further afield.

Talks are held turnabout in the local church halls at Stonebridge and Kilmore.

Achievements of BK Heritage

After the pause in activity due to the Covid pandemic BK Heritage was delighted to be able to return to providing a programme of events in 2023 focused on heritage in the local community. It was heartening to see that attendance remained strong and the feedback from participants was extremely supportive. The committee took the decision that as a temporary measure membership for this financial year would be waived and there would only be an admission charge at the door.

The impact and benefit to the public

The trustees of BK Heritage have complied with their responsibilities regarding the “Charities Commission Public Benefit Requirement” statutory requirement. There is no private or personal benefit arising from the purpose of BK Heritage. Those who benefit from BK Heritage include not only its members but members of the wider community.

Our events were well attended by the local community and participants valued the opportunity to meet, learn, discuss and appreciate our shared heritage once again. Refreshments were served and people had an opportunity to chat and to become reacquainted with each other.

The following events were completed in this financial year:

1. Oul Stones and Ancient Kings, 21st February 2023, Sean Barden
2. The Dungannon Gold Rush of 1931, 21st March 2023, Evelyn Cardwell

The Financial Report for the year was presented at the A.G.M. on the 25th January 2024 by the Hon. Treasurer, Marian Gilliland Hodges and approved by the meeting. It was ratified by the external auditor. At the beginning of the year the balance was £216. The gross income for the year was £168, and expenditure was £100, leaving a balance of £284. This report has been signed on behalf of the trustees who have approved it at their meeting on 25th January 2024.

Report Authorization

Name of Trustee: Declan McCann

Signature



Name of Trustee: Peter McNeill

Signature

