

Corcrair Flute Band

Registered Charity NIC 103424

Hon. Secretary

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Trustees Report Corcrair Flute Band NIC 103424

1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM of Corcrair Flute Band which was held in the band hall on Monday 30 October 2023. Reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer was presented, discussed and adopted.

The purpose of the Charity is to enhance and encourage its members in the musical arts, in particular the art of playing all aspects of flute and drum music and Ulster Scots culture;

A, advance the playing of all members for those that require personal tuition via its current members or external tuition.

B, to educate the general public in the said art by promoting awareness of flute band music and Ulster Scots culture in Northern Ireland and abroad by the presentation of concerts and other activities. In the year under review these objectives have been followed.

The direct benefit is that the audience are introduced to high quality musical experience during our concerts and we receive very positive feedback from our audience, many of whom are returning supporters.

The Trustees at the time of this report are John McCann, Kenneth Shields, Emma Hoy, Meg Flannigan, David Blair and Albert Nicholl. There are therefore 6 Trustees of Corcrair Flute Band.

Corcrair Flute Band continues to entertain the public in Northern Ireland within the parameters of Public Benefit, no concerts or parades were performed outside Northern Ireland. Evidence as to the helpful nature of these performances is by way of positive response from audience and spectators.

The Trustees are conversant with the requirements of The Charity Commission public benefit rules and fully comply.

Due to difficulties in recruiting new members, returning members, and with a small membership, the Band was unable to fulfill two main parades in July and a concert in Belfast, resulting in a significant loss in revenue.

Despite this loss in revenue the Band continues to derive a satisfactory income mainly from membership contributions and also from the one parade in August and a Sunday concert in Richhill. This income provided adequate resources to address all band costs without resorting to drawing upon capital. The Trustees are content to work within the parameters of income. Banding activities continued as normal, with 3 parades and 5 concerts performed, 2 more concerts than in the previous year. The band held a dinner to celebrate His Majesty King Charles 111 Coronation, assisted with funding from Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in September.

No Charity funds are in deficit, nor would the Charity embark on any exercise which would place assets at risk.

Signed

Hon. Secretary 30 September 2023