

Donaghmore District Community Association  
The Torrent Complex, 9 Hillview Avenue, Donaghmore, Co. Tyrone, BT70 3DL  
NI Charity Commission Number: NIC103429

## **Annual Report**

DDCA Annual report and accounts for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

### **Charity Activities and Review of Year**

Donaghmore District Community Association (DDCA) manages The Torrent Complex, a physical community hub that redresses the imbalance of rural isolation and to empower the members of our community.

We ensure the activities and projects we offer continue to address the needs of our users, working with a range of older people, young people, families, disabled & able bodied, all genders, all backgrounds and traditions through a range of projects, programmes and facilities within the building and through outreach projects.

In this period DDCA continued to develop the facilities and community programmes and liaised closely with local community groups to improve the quality of services available in the local area.

The Torrent Complex continued to provide a wide range of health & fitness activities for the local community, including over 30 fitness classes each week, and provides a number of afterschool school activities that cater for over 400 children of all abilities. Activities include Gymnastics, Judo and Football. The complex's facilities are used weekly for recreational activities and we provide regular sporting facilities for 6 local schools. Recreational sports such as basketball, 5-a-side and Gaelic Football were all well attended to throughout the year. The complex organised and facilitated cross-community programmes and events throughout the year, including walking groups, Festive Sunday, Multi-Sport camps, coffee mornings, parent toddler group, torrent buddies (children with additional needs) and 50+ club.

A new over 50s project called 'The Social Network' was launched in direct response to calls from the community to deal with isolation, loneliness and social inclusion within this specific demographic across our rural hinterlands. From registration events held in March 2023, over 150 people have signed up. The overall benefit of this project is that it will act as a catalyst in creating physical social networks in a range of subject areas attracting people together where they can reap the benefits of real connection with real humans.

All activities at the complex are fully inclusive to everyone in the community regardless of their background, ability, age or religious beliefs. Additional Multi-Sport camps were well received during this period.

**Charity Commissions Public Benefit Requirement:** The trustees in setting the objectives and planning the activities for the year 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 benefit to the beneficiaries.

**Financial Performance:** In the year to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 shows a surplus of £18,670. Main income sources were similar to previous years through classes, and hire of facilities which include sports hall and fitness suite as well as grant income for various projects. Salaries and instructor wages were the main expenses, and as predicted maintenance costs and general running costs continue to rise.

**Reference & Administrative Details:**

**Charity Name**

Donaghmore District Community Association

**Charity Number**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland: NIC103429

**Principal Address**

The Torrent Complex  
 9 Hillview Avenue  
 Donaghmore  
 Co Tyrone  
 BT70 3DL

**Trustees**

Sean Faloon, John O'Neill & Martin Nugent

**Committee**

<b>Chair Person</b>	Mr Darren Torres
<b>Secretary</b>	Mrs Angela Hayes
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr Malachy McCullagh
<b>Committee Members</b>	Mr Sean Faloon
	Mr Martin O'Neill
	Mr Pauric Gallagher
	Mr Brian Faloon
	Mrs Ethel McIvor
	Mr Packie McKenna
	Mrs Dera Cahalane
	Mr Oliver McVeigh
	Miss Grace Girvan

DDCA is governed by a constitution. The committee meets every two months, dealing with various elements of management of The Torrent Complex.

**Charitable Objectives:**

The objects of the Association shall be to:

- (a) Promote the efficiency and effectiveness of community and voluntary organisations and projects in the area by providing advice, education and training, and practical support to such organisations and projects for the benefit of the public;

- (b) Promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of age, gender, ethnicity or political, religious or other opinions by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to:
- (i) Advance education;
  - (ii) Preserve and protect health;
  - (iii) Provide public amenities and facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
  - (iv) Establish or secure the establishment of a Centre, and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in cooperation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects; and
  - (v) Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.
- (c) To co-ordinate the efforts of the community and voluntary organisations in Torrent Valley in order to bring about efficient and effective community development through regular co-ordination meetings with representatives of the Associations partner organisations.
- (d) To co-ordinate fund-raising activities on behalf of community and voluntary sector organisations in Donaghmore.
- (e) To support efforts to provide appropriate community buildings to support youth services, childcare, sport and the arts.
- (f) To provide a co-ordinated voice for the Torrent Valley area in order to influence strategies, policies and resource allocation decisions.

Signed:



Sean Faloon

Trustee