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Dromore Childcare Centre

Report and Accounts

31 August 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2023

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023, 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 Childcare Centre.

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 103437.

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.

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:-

14 Omagh Road
Dromore, County Tyrone
, BT78 3AH
Telephone : 02882897878

Email Address : dromorecom.playgroup@gmail.com 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:-

- Eimear Colton
- Elaine Godfrey
- Martin McCarney
- Nicola McDermott
- Niamh McKenna
- Brenda McKenna
- Donna McLaughlin
- Bernadette McNabb
- Matthew McNulty

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 31 August 2023 :-

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period, and, if applicable, their dates of appointment or resignation during the year were:-

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Appointed</i> | <i>Resigned/Retired</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Elaine Godfrey | | |
| Coleen Keys | | 22/06/2023 |
| Nicola McDermott | | |
| Amy McGirr | | 22/06/2023 |
| Donna McLaughlin | | |
| Bernadette McNabb | | |
| Matthew McNulty | | |
| Martin McCarney | 22/06/2023 | |
| Brenda McKenna | 22/06/2023 | |
| Niamh McKenna | 22/06/2023 | |
| Eimear Colton | | |

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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.

To enhance the development and education of young children by encouraging parents/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children by: (a) offering appropriate play and educational facilities, with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the Charity, ensuring that the Charity offers opportunities for all children, regardless of ability, religion, culture, race or means; (b) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of the needs of such children and their families in the local community; (c) providing the necessary facilities for the daily care, recreation and education of children during out of school hours and school holidays; (d) supporting the values and principles of Early Years.

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

We provide a safe and stimulating supervised environment where they can feel safe and happy. We provide opportunities to investigate, satisfy their curiosity, explore the environment inside and outside the playroom. The children are given time for learning through play and they are taught how to interact with adults and children alike. Each child is treated as an individual and will be supported sensitively to participate in their play. We provide activities which are enjoyable and motivating. The children will be challenged and stimulated by us building on their natural curiosity and desire to experiment. We provide a broad and balanced curriculum and build on their previous learning and allow them to make choices and decisions.

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

Children receive a high standard of preschool education. Children benefit by increasing their ability to look after themselves and others, progressing their mathematical and language skills, and improving their social and emotional skills in areas such as conversation, compassion, understanding and sharing. Gross motor and Fine motor skills are enhanced through play in and out of doors. Children in their preschool year benefit enormously from their Playgroup experience with increased ability to concentrate and problem solve. These benefits are evidenced through - Staff keeping weekly records of their key children's progress and this is communicated to parents regularly. Parents also complete an evaluation form at the end of the summer term to help the Playgroup evaluate the effectiveness the service. The purposes of our charity may lead to the following harm - Children may fall and trip, but the potential harm of cuts and grazes is outweighed by the benefits of free play in improved gross motor skills. The charity's beneficiaries are the children who are in their pre-school year and their parents. This includes children with special needs and those who are socially disadvantaged. The private benefit flowing from this purpose is Parents may volunteer in Playgroup by becoming members of the Playgroup committee which helps with activities, fun days and fundraising.

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They benefit from seeing their child expand their social group and improve their self-confidence. This is an incidental benefit. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are - The developmental needs of each child are continually assessed by their keyworker in line with learning potentials and outcomes so that any given activity holds a lesson which in turn advances the child's educational growth. The local Community helps the work of Playgroup by supporting our Fun days and fundraising activities. They also offer their services at reduced costs or sometimes for free. Benefits to the local community is the continued provision of an educational hub for children of preschool age. These benefits are evidenced through- The child's development is recorded every week. This is shared with the parent/guardian at regular meetings so that the parent is also kept appraised of the child's progress. Parents can feed back to the Playgroup at this meeting outlining the changes/progress they have noticed in their child. There is no harm flowing from this purpose. The charity's beneficiaries are the children who are in their pre-school year and their parents. This includes children with special needs and those who are socially disadvantaged. There is no private benefit flowing from this purpose. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are - Children have a safe and stimulating environment with opportunities to investigate and explore their curiosity through play indoors and outdoors, during the school term and also during the summer scheme which runs for two weeks in July.

These benefits are evidenced through - Gross motor and Fine motor skills are enhanced through play in and out of doors. The purposes of our charity may lead to the following harm - Children may fall and trip, but we can show that the potential harm of cuts and grazes is outweighed by the benefits of free play in improved gross motor skills. The charity's beneficiaries are the children who are in their pre-school year. The beneficiaries for the Summer scheme includes those who have completed their preschool year and those who have completed Primary one. This includes children with special needs and those who are socially disadvantaged. The private benefit flowing from this purpose is Parents who volunteer feel that they are helping to advance their child's development in a hands on way. This is an incidental benefit.

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 main achievements of the charity during the year were continuing to offer a high level of services and facilities to local parents and their children. These services included the annual Summer Scheme, Christmas raffles and fundraising activities, in addition to the normal daily services.

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

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Each of the children within the Centre have benefitted from the wide ranging facilities and services to help grow their motor skills, confidence and social skills. In securing additional grant funding the Centre is able to adapt and grow the services on offer, and adapt the facilities within which the services are offered, providing a safe and secure environment for children and their parents. For wider society the benefits lie in the cross-community nature of the Centre. The Centre encourages children and their parents from all sections of the local community regardless of race, religion or social means to get fully involved. Parents get an opportunity to study and recognise the needs of their children. Wider society naturally benefits from the more inclusive nature of the Centre, and how it teaches children to be socially aware and responsible.

The degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefited wider society.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

The charity does not undertake any proactive recruitment process as it relies on the goodwill of volunteers from the local community to fill the trustee positions. All prospective new trustees are vetted by the committee for their suitability.

Bankers Ulster Bank Ltd, High Street, Omagh, County Tyrone BT78 1BJ

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 August 2023

The financial position of the charity at 31 August 2023 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Net income | 11,340 | 3,273 |
| Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity | 86,821 | 80,981 |
| Restricted Revenue Funds | 11,506 | 6,006 |
| Total Funds | 98,327 | 86,987 |

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Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 August 2023 .

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory. A surplus is being reported of £11,340 for the year to 31 August 2023, (2022; £3,273). The balance sheet total is considered healthy at £98,327, (2022; £86,987).

Specific changes in fixed assets are detailed in the notes to the accounts.

Policies on reserves.

In general the Charity operates with the aim to grow reserves each year. No minimum reserves amount is stipulated in the governing document but each year the surplus is retained in reserves in full.

The Trustees aim that the reserves should maintain services in the event of funding decreasing further, in order to permit time for the Centre to identify alternative sources of funding. At the balance sheet date, the reserves held are £98,327, and are considered comfortable by the Trustees.

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 risk the charity faces is the financial impact of the cost of living crisis on overheads, together with the rising costs of energy.

With the unprecedented amounts of government spending on the numerous schemes to protect the economy, there is a significant risk that more austerity measures will be brought in in the coming months and years limiting the amount of public spending available for grant purposes 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 government spending on education grants.

Factors likely to affect future financial performance .

Future financial performance will potentially be significantly impacted by the level of funding available from the government given the spending undertaken by the UK government to protect the economy from the effects of the energy cost crisis.

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Employment of disabled persons

Currently the charity does not have any employees who are classified as disabled. However, we always welcome applications from any disabled individuals and their applications are equally treated and assessed for suitability for any vacancies which arise.

Details of The Independent Examiner

Rory Gormley



Member of Member of the Institute of Financial Accountants

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Dromore

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BT78 3AE

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;

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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.

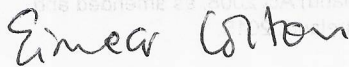
Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 11 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 30 April 2024.



Eimear Colton
Director and Trustee