



Lisbarnett & Lisbane Community Association Ltd

Charity Registration Number: NIC 103654

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Trustees report Annual Report 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022.

Lisbarnett & Lisbane Community Association Limited (LLCA) is a voluntary association committed to working together for the benefit of all local residents and businesses. It comprises a Community House and a Community After School Club.

Structure, Governance and Management

LLCA is constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland and Companies House. The elected Executive Committee (The Committee) consists of ten local people and meets regularly to deal with management issues and user group needs. LLCA currently employs four members of staff and works widely with community development groups and statutory agencies. It is a member of the Rural Community Network, County Down RCN, NICVA, Early Years and Playboard.

Trustees for the year 2021/2022 were Gillian Anderton, Margaret Finlay, Violet Spence and Company Secretary, Catherine Chambers.

Objectives and Activities

LLCA objectives are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the districts of Lisbane and Lisbarnett and their environs in Co Down without distinction of age, sex, nationality, ethnic origin, political or religious or other opinion, by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and residents in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty, and improve mental health.

The Committee strive to maintain the facility in a way that provides a neutral and fit for purpose venture that anyone in the community can access and utilise. Our vision statement is for Lisbane to be "a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming village where everyone comes together in safe and secure shared spaces to improve village life for residents and visitors alike". LLCA offers services to a wide range of people within the local area, from children of pre-school age, to retired members of our community.

During the period LLCA facilitated a variety of classes: Bridge, Art Club, Art Class, Pilates, Yoga, and Dramarama, along with an Afterschool and Holiday Club for children aged 4 -11. LLCA was also available for use by members of the public for birthday parties, meetings and other family or business events.

We are delighted to report that we have seen a stabilisation of normal conditions followed by steady growth in community activities during the year 2021/2022. Community House was open for classes/activities from September 2021, and as public confidence grew, these classes offered a welcome chance for our community to socialise. The Committee worked hard to organise a Jubilee Celebration in June 2022, supported by grant funding from Ards & North Down Borough Council. This proved to be a highly successful event which was well supported by local residents and turned out to be a fun day for all. The AfterSchool club have maintained an essential service for three days in the week and were able to introduce additional fundraising activities during the year, offering movie nights and tuck shops for local children.

Achievements and performance

The Committee is pleased to report that in the operational year ended 30th September 2022, the primary objectives of the Community Association have been met. The Committee have monitored activities and spending in year, and will continue to do so, on an ongoing basis, to ensure that LLCA continues to meet the objectives of the association.

The Committee noted that there were no major incident reports in the operational year.

Financial Review: - LLCA operates on a small budget with the aim of covering all costs of the Community Association through community usage and grants. Our aim is to make the Community House services and AfterSchool care, available to all at an affordable price.

In the year ended 30th September 2022, LLCA generated £23,622 from users of the AfterSchool/Holiday Club and received grant income of £15,501, of which £8,262 was restricted income. We are thankful for all grants received as these continue to provide a lifeline to the charity.

There were no significant Debtors (money owed to us) at the year end.

Creditors (money owed by LLCA) at this date amounted to £7,860, with £6,636 pertaining to the Capital Grant in relation to our leased premises.

After all expenditure we had a net income of £7,014, resulting in an increase in our total funds from £34,276 to £41,290.

The Committee work hard to keep income and expenditure under review and will continue to do so in these uncertain times.

Pay and Remuneration

No payment was made to any Director during the financial year ended 30th September 2022.

Compliance with Public Benefit

LLCA has carefully considered the guidance on public benefit issued by Charities Commission for Northern Ireland to ensure that the activities entered into during the year help, not only to achieve the Charity's objectives and activities, but also provide public benefit to the people of Lisbane and the surrounding area.

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet as of 30st September 2022 in accordance with the applicable law and regulations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are enough to record and explain the transactions with the Association, and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Association. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and liabilities of the Association, and for taking reasonable steps to detect and avoid fraud and other irregularities.

Gillian Anderton

Director /Trustee

Date 22 June 2023

Signed :



Violet Spence

Director / Trustee

Date 24 July 2023

Signed :

