

## Trustees' Report

The board present their report and audited accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

### Objects and Activities

- Promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Kilmacrew area and its environs in Corbet, Killaney, Knockgorm and Scolvan (hereafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, race, disability, political, religious or other opinion. It will do so by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of the social welfare, education, recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- Establish a Community Development Initiative and to co-operate with other relevant organisations in the promotion of activities by the Group and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects;
- Advance knowledge and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language and culture to encourage understanding and acceptance of all indigenous cultures to the area of benefit.

### Charitable Purposes

#### Purpose One

The direct benefit flowing from this is a safe and neutral facility for residents of the said area of benefit to use the meetings or training courses with various educational or government bodies. The benefit is evidenced by word of mouth from the attendees, and feedback, after using the centre, from the organisational bodies. This purpose does not lead to any harm. The benefit is for all inhabitants within the environs of Corbet, Killaney, Knockgorm and Scolvan. A private benefit flowing from this is purely incidental and necessary, so that the benefit is available to all.

Another direct benefit is a united community, which has come together as one, to achieve its targets. Further benefit is a more vibrant and inclusive society via the educational programmes and recreational activities. These benefits are evidenced through the diverse set up within the organisation, also through feedback generated from the activities laid on by the organisation. These benefits are for all residents within Corbet, Killaney, Knockgorm and Scolvan area. Private benefits from these are purely incidental and necessary to any group member, as family members of all can avail of any opportunities arising.

#### Purpose Two

The direct benefit flowing from this is a more informed society and healthier community lifestyle, giving them a better standard of living conditions and environment. This is evidenced by feedback, both qualitative and quantitative. This benefit is for all within Corbet, Killaney, Knockgorm and Scolvan community. The private benefit for Group members is in line with the rest of the community, which is gaining a healthier lifestyle, and being better informed. This is purely incidental and necessary so that the benefit is available to all.

### **Achievements**

- We have provided clean and modern facilities circa 1200ft<sup>2</sup> for community use throughout the year in the Kilmacrew area of south Down with a catchment area of a 9 mile radius of our facility with estimated potential beneficiaries in excess of 500 people.
- We have facilitated a number of private functions.
- We facilitate a local men's group on a monthly basis.
- We facilitated a Tractor Run to raise funds for a local young person who sustained serious life-changing injuries.
- We are endeavouring to raise community morale after the Covid pandemic.

### **Public Benefits**

- We have provided a facility for groups, individuals and professional organisations for over 250 beneficiaries,

### **Corporate Governance**

Kilmacrew & District Rural Community Group is a constituted community organisation. The organisation is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and its number is NIC103702. The organisation was formed on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005 and its governing instrument is the constitution.

The governing body is the board of whose members are listed as

1. Kenny McCahon Chair
2. Bertie McRoberts Vice Chair
3. Sally McCahon Secretary

## Responsibilities of the Board

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year, which give a truer and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for the period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP,
- Make judgements and accounting 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.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, and disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

This report was approved by the board on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Signed on behalf of the trustees

*Kenny McCahon*

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Chair