

Trustees' Annual Report for the period ended 31st March 2023

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for Gilford Community Forum for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Objectives, Activities, Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Over the past 12 months Gilford Community Forum has been largely inactive due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the loss of interest in the group during this hiatus.

Our goal has historically been to act as a voice for the people of Gilford through collective partnership representation, breaking down barriers between the Gilford community and the decision makers and ensuring their views are taken into account by planners and decision makers in statutory agencies. The Public Benefit of the advancement of citizenship or community development has been ingrained in every action we have under taken, whilst promoting positive community relations.

Over the past year the group has been virtually inactive and our future is uncertain.

Financial Review

The charity had ended its financial year with a small loss but that amount is to be reimbursed by council in the next financial year except for bank fees, which are minimal. The charity has some money in reserve so that in the event of a drop in donations the charity could continue to keep operating in the short term.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the charity can continue and the financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The charity is governed by its constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Volunteers

The Trustees welcome new volunteers to help with the running of the charity, any new volunteers initially meet with the Trustees so they have a understanding of the work involved are given training and support.

Organisational Structure

The governing body of the charity is the board of trustees who are listed on the information page. The charity is run by the Trustees who work closely on a daily basis to make decisions regarding the running of the charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to Charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires the Trustees to prepare a statement of Receipts and Payments and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for each financial year.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the Assets and Liabilities of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the Assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to disclosure to our examiners

In so far as the trustees are aware at the timing of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

The examiner, David Henry Clark, has indicated his willingness to continue in office.

On behalf of the Trustees



Matt Crozier - Trustee