

T.A.B.B.D.A. Company Ltd.

Chairperson's Progress Report

23rd November 2023

1. Introduction

The objects of TABBDA as set out in our Articles are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of TRAAD, BALLYRONAN and BALLINDERRY district area of County Derry without distinction of sex, race or political religious or other opinions by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in interest of social welfare and recreation and other leisure time with the objective of improving the conditions and life for the local people.

Over the past year various activities have taken place at the Centre such as: catering for funerals, various meetings held in the Main Hall and also the upstairs Board Room by organisations including Mid Ulster Vintage Club, LNP and MUVC. Other activities include the Pre School Play Group, Crochet Classes, Basketmaking classes, Keep Fit classes, First Aid Certificate classes, Hill Walking Club, Yoga classes, Tai Chi classes, Cross Community Carol Singing, Evangelical meetings, Bird ringing, Bird Box making, Bat Box making, Irish People, Places and Spaces and Level 2 Food Safety Certificate, Mushroom/ Foraging walks, Personal Development Classes, Baby Massage classes, Birthday Parties, Pottery Classes, Bodhran Classes, Mindfulness/Meditation Classes and there was a Drama Production held with proceeds going to a local Autism Charity.

2. Grants awarded and applied for:

- National Lottery's People and Community Fund have funded a Ballyronan Community Covid Recovery Programme to a total of £188,971 over four years starting in May 2022. Activities include walking/hiking Club, Pilates, Irish Language, Reflexology, Bread making, Mindfulness, Basket Making, Return to Exercise, Craft classes, Pottery, Technology, Stroke Club, Indian Head Massage, Stroke Club Art Class, Flower Arranging, Emergency First Aid at work, Level 2 Food Hygiene, Bodhran Classes and Chi Me.

Clare Henry was appointed as the Project Worker but resigned in January 2023 and Liam Glavin was then appointed on 7th February 2023.

- National Lottery's People and Community Fund also paid for Solar Panels to help with the Community Centre's electricity and heating bills. Report to follow.
- Mid Ulster District Council Festive Lights 2023/24 (Awarded): £2,000 for provision of Christmas lights and tree in Ballyronan. Ongoing.

- Mid Ulster District Council Community Venues Grant contributed £3,000 to facilities costs in 2023.

3. Ballyronan Community Covid Recovery Programme

- See Year 2 Mid Term Report
- Liam Glavin, Project Officer resignation
- Recruitment for Project Officer Post

4. Business Units

Two of the three business units are leased with no change to occupants. The middle unit has now been equipped as a gym and has been used for exercise classes funded the Community Fund. The office above the Chinese Takeaway is also now leased.

5. Youth Club

The Youth Club will be reopening in early 2024 due to limited funding.

6. Summer Scheme

The Annual Summer Scheme did not take place this year due to no funding from the Education Board. Hopefully there will be a Summer Scheme next year depending on funding.

7. Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop opened very successfully from the April 2023 to date.

8. Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club has not reopened since the Covid 19 Lock Down. We need to consider if we will restart this. The Committee will revisit restarting the Luncheon Club due to a shortage in numbers wishing to attend.

9. Saturday Night Social Dancing

The Dance has still not reopened since the Covid 19 Lock Down. We are now hiring out the Hall to different groups for running their own functions. We did not

intend to restart the Saturday Dance however there may be an opportunity to restart it if there is sufficient demand on a monthly basis.

10. Financial Arrangements

Please see accounts attached.

11. AOB