

# Trustees Annual Report & Report on Public Benefit

## Aghaloo & Blackwater Community Association Ltd

### REPORTING PERIOD

1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022

### TRUSTEES

John Ward	<i>Chairperson</i>
Frances Corley	<i>Vice Chairperson</i>
Thomas Quinn	
Kevin Corley	<i>Secretary</i>
Kathleen McCaughey	<i>Treasurer</i>
Kate Corley	
Geraldine Gildernew	
Patrick McGinn	
Josie Sherry	Assistant Treasurer
Sinead McAleer	

**COMPANY SECRETARY** John Ward

### REGISTERED OFFICE

70 Moore Street  
Aughnacloy  
Co Tyrone  
BT69 6AY

### BANKERS

First Trust Bank  
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Dungannon  
Co. Tyrone  
BT70 1AZ

### ACCOUNTANTS

Kelly & O'Neill Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
15E Molesworth Street  
Cookstown  
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BT80 8NX

### TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, submit their Annual Report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended **31 December 2022**. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Aghaloo & Blackwater Community Association Ltd was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee No. NI615066 governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association under the Companies Act 2006 on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Aghaloo & Blackwater Community Association Ltd is registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland No: NIC103936.

The registered office address is 70 Moore Street, Aughnacloy, Co. Tyrone, Co Tyrone, BT69 6AY.

The trustees of the company are its directors for the purposes of charity law and are collectively referred to as trustees. The company is managed by a board of voluntary trustees elected every year from across the area of benefit. After each election, an induction session is held for new members of the board to explain the major areas of activity, including current programmes of work, guidance on the governance aspects of a trustee's role, an introduction to the strategic aims over the year ahead and an examination of the main threat and opportunities facing the charity.

Written policies and procedures detail the decision-making powers of the trustees.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have taken a detailed review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk exists about future core funding for the organisation. The Board believes the organisation has considered this risk and made provision under the Reserves Policy will be vigilant of the organisation's risks in the coming months. This situation is true of a large swathe of the sector now; however, the charity trustees are confident that they will be able to sustain the organisation with current income levels, current reserves and new opportunities.

## **PURPOSES**

In ensuring that the activities of the charity provide a public benefit, all our activities are related to one of more of the following charitable objects:

The Company's objects are specifically restricted to the advancement of community development, the advancement of rural regeneration, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, unemployment, sickness and the aged and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants (hereinafter called "the beneficiaries") of the Aghaloo area and its environs within County Tyrone and County Monaghan (hereinafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organizations and the inhabitants in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of fostering a community spirit and improving the conditions of life for the benefit of the inhabitants and in particular:

(a) the provision, maintenance and management of a community educational resource center and facilities for the use of the inhabitants for activities promoted or facilitated by the Company including use for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreational and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

(b) to support community development, social inclusion and wellbeing activities and to work with partners to support and improve the conditions of the said inhabitants.

(c) to provide high quality and affordable daily care facilities and facilities for the recreation and education of children out-of-school hours and during school holidays and, in addition, to provide care and educational development to those children under statutory school age and support to their parents, guardians or carers.

(d) to promote or assist in the promotion, facilitation and organization of community capacity building programs and projects for the benefit of the inhabitants within the area of benefit who have need of such assistance because of their youth, age, disability or infirmity, or social and economic circumstances, in an effort to increase the abilities, skills and self-confidence of such inhabitants.

(e) to advance promote and further the conservation maintenance and protection of features of the landscape in the area of benefit with geographical, physiographical or amenity value and to enhance their contribution to existing environmental amenities in the area of benefit; and,

(f) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the directors, may from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

## **Objectives and Activities / Public Benefit**

In shaping our activities and objectives, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Aghaloo & Blackwater Community Association provides a local Community Centre facility in Aughnacloy village. The three main age groups in the area use the Centre to access, advice, training, events, and social gatherings to assist with community development and wellbeing.

The Association runs a range of regular events and activities: Information Sessions, Public Meetings, Coffee Mornings, Keep Fit, Pilates, Karate, Funeral Functions, GAA Team Training Sessions and GAA Youth skills and Fitness Training.

The Centre also facilitates other local groups in the area to meet: Senior's Group, School Children's Traditional Dance Group, Traditional Music Group, Sure Start, Mother & Baby Group, and Amateur Drama Group.

Through our involvement with the cross border "Stepping Stones Group" and active cooperation with Truagh Development at Ballyosin, Co Monaghan, we participate in cross border and cross community events with other local community and development organizations in the surrounding area.

During the reporting period the organisation carried out its operations under the following key activities::

1. Community development
2. Community enterprise
3. Cross-border / cross-community
4. Cultural
5. Education / Training
6. General charitable purposes
7. Rural Development
8. Sport / Recreation
9. Youth development.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Key Activities for the year: **1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022:**

Core programme of community activities retained in Hall: Karate, Circuits, Drama Club, Bowls, Pilates, Irish Dancing, Line Dancing, Indoor Soccer, GFC bookings, Sure Start, Parish events, School Events and private parties.

During the period under review the Centre's activities started to show signs of recovery after the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Centre recommenced operations on 06/09/2021, restricting activities to those organisations which have a Covid policy and training. SureStart, GAA, Karate, Gymnastics and local schools.

In the Period under review 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022, we facilitated 386 individual events (2021: 79 Events) which involved 11,149 Individual users (2021: 1191 individual users).

New Developments / enhancements / one-off events:

- The Association adapted a new Centre Logo and Signage during the year, which is Neutral in terms of Community or religious identity. It also allows for the centre to be identified as: The Community Centre, Aughnacloy Community Centre or Aghaloo Community Centre.

Aghaloo Community Notes – we have not recommenced this publication after Covid restrictions were lifted by the government.

- The Centre Booking Schedule was made available via our Web Page [www.Aghaloocommunity.com](http://www.Aghaloocommunity.com)
- 91 members Available on website and Facebook only
- Facebook Page Aghaloo Community Centre continues to attract new likes
- Facebook AghalooandBlackwaterCommunity Page discontinued, and members encouraged to transfer to Aghaloo Community Centre.

In 2022 the association continued with Website Development of [www.aghaloocommunity.com](http://www.aghaloocommunity.com):

- Ave. hits per month fell since 2021's low activity.
- Weekly update events calendar & community notes
- links to local organisations
- Changed Facebook page to Aghaloo Community Centre (742 Likes up from 585)
- Extends to ex-pats in USA, Canada, Australia, England and across Ireland.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The direct benefits which flow from these purposes include improved education, increased confidence, recreation, social inclusion, health and well-being outcomes, reduced levels of poverty, social isolation, stress and anxiety, increased socializing, cooperation, good/community relations, networking, capacity building, increased skills, and confidence, which will improve circumstances, opportunities and development in the area through regular events and activities.

These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from beneficiaries and attendees at our events and activities using Attendance Records, evaluation forms, surveys, verbal feedback, and evaluation of our activities.

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily local people, especially Children, Young people, and Older people living in and around the Aghnacloy area and its environs of the former Dungannon & South Tyrone area of Mid Ulster District Council and the surrounding border area.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **FINANCIAL POSITION AT END OF YEAR**

For the year income is £18,209.55 (2021: £4,132). This reflects the improvement in the both the number of events and attendance and an improving revenue stream during 2022. Expenses during the year under review increased in line with activity at £10,506.60 (2021: £8,146.38) In the year under review cash reserves improved from £21,10153 on 31/12/2021 to £28,804.38 at 31/12/2022. The Management team are satisfied that the organisation remains in a very strong financial position.

### **OUTSTANDING DEBTS OR LIABILITIES**

There were no debts or outstanding debts or liabilities.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

The Charity has a Reserves Policy which details why reserves are held and the level of reserves appropriate for the charity. The trustees review the level of free reserves required (that is those funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated and restricted funds) on an annual basis to ensure continuity of charitable operations.

### **FUNDS IN MATERIAL DEFICIT AND STEPS TAKEN TO MITIGATE**

There were no funds in material deficit.

### **FINANCIAL MITIGATION**

The Charity is looking at ways of increasing funding to meet current needs and this is reviewed annually.

Designated reserves for various purposes are detailed and a cash flow fund is held to bridge any potential gaps or shortfalls in funding streams and to underpin viable programmes that are

experiencing cash flow problems. The Association values and appreciates the ongoing financial support of Mid Ulster District Council.

### **FUNDS HELD BY THE CHARITY AS A CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE**

The Charity holds no funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

### **FUTURE STRATEGY**

The Company plans to continue in developing its services in line with its strategic priorities outlined above and it will seek to develop collaborative partnerships with a range of external agencies and organisations. Funding arrangements will be kept under review in relation to demand for service improvements and constraints on public expenditure.

### **BENEFICIARIES**

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily local people, especially Children, Young people, and older people living in and around the Aughnacloy area and its environs of the Dungannon & South Tyrone area of Mid Ulster District and the surrounding border area.

### **RESTRICTIONS ON WHO CAN BENEFIT**

There are no restrictions on who can benefit.

There are no restrictions based on personal characteristics.

### **PRIVATE BENEFIT**

There is no private benefit to any individual.

A private benefit to Trustees may arise from our ongoing services and programmes of leisure and activities: information, recreation, training, capacity building, events, and networking activities.

Trustees gain services, leisure activities, information, skills, capacity building, and experience which are transferable to other settings, and which may benefit their own community group or area.

Our own Trustees receive information, services, and activities in the same way as other beneficiaries, and are assigned support, information, and services in the same ways as other beneficiaries.

These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

### **HARM**

No harm has flowed from any of our Purposes.

### **SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTING**

There are no serious incidents to report.

### **VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES**

Appropriate Policies, Procedures and Training are in place such as POCVA Policy & Procedures.

### **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission NI's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

By order of the Board:



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**Chairman 31 December 2022**