

Kilbroney Centre

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Kilbroney Centre present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Objectives

The direct benefits which flow from the purpose of the organisation are the education and promotion of the Christian faith to the users of the centre, the promotion and education of people regarding conservation of the natural environment and the promotion of reconciliation, religious harmony, equality and diversity. These benefits are evidenced through the direct feedback from users of the centre, user surveys, word of mouth recommendations and repeat users. The beneficiaries are the users of the centre who come from throughout Northern Ireland and include youth groups including BB, Brownies etc., church groups and school groups.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

2023-24 has been one of the busiest for the work of the Centre for many years. As well as ongoing residential weekend bookings the number of mid-week school residential groups increased significantly with the pre-summer period having almost no capacity left for additional bookings. The summer months were also busy with different organisations using the Centre for youth and children's camps.

Most groups attending the Centre continue to use it not just for accommodation but also to avail of outdoor activities directed by Centre staff and outside local activity providers that can be booked. Our grounds, wood and play park are also used extensively by groups.

The core team of 3 staff are supplemented by 'bank' staff and in September 2023 we also started a year-long intern programme for 3 young adults. These interns were invaluable in helping the year to be a success and their main duties involved hosting groups, kitchen, changeover and running activities. As part of their year, the interns gained valuable outdoor qualifications that have helped to build their skill base.

The September to March period was also busier than usual and in the quieter winter months the staff caught up on maintenance work.

The trustees met several times during the year and also communicated regularly via email to take decisions as necessary.

Although revenue has increased, we have worked hard to maintain appropriate reserves. The centre continues to need to obtain support from grant makers and other supporters – both individuals and churches. This is in line with the centre's charitable status.

The centre staff, along with support from volunteers, continued to develop the site considerably including the development of outdoor spaces at the campfire sites and near to the main dining hall.

The centre is in good health going forward, remaining financially viable and operating within its aims and objectives. We continue to be thankful for the support of individuals, churches and grant-makers.

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Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £326,472 (2023 - £371,550) and liabilities of £84,781 (2023 - £108,693). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(21,166).

Reserves Position and Policy

We are aiming for a bank balance which would cover us for 6 months.

We pay creditors soon after the invoice is approved, so keeping short to medium debt to a minimum. Likewise we encourage timeous settlement of our sales invoices.

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Rev Adrian Dorrian
Rt Rev Darren James McCartney
Edward Woolley
Kenneth John Hooks
Alanah Donaldson
Robert Andrew Brannigan
Dr Ken Roberts
Helga Harris
Matthew Peach
Catroina O'Hanlon
Emma Holley
Alan Richardson (Appointed 1 November 2023)
Elizabeth Ann Ferran (Appointed 1 November 2023)

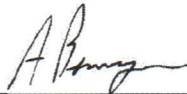
In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Kilbroney Centre subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Robert Andrew Brannigan
Trustee