

**CARRYDUFF REGENERATION FORUM**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**Structure**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Reference and Administrative Information**

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

**Purpose of the charity**

Carryduff Regeneration Forum (CRF) is committed to its vision, set out at the inception of the Group in 2014, of helping to bring the heart back into Carryduff through the creation of an inclusive and regenerated area with a greater sense of community.

**Annual General Meeting**

Due to Covid 19, the CRF committee did not meet regularly from March 2020 through to February 2022 and our AGM had to be deferred. As restrictions were relaxed the group began to meet again in person. In view of the lapse of time, it was agreed that we would hold one public AGM to cover the entire period from last AGM up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The date shall be fixed as soon as possible after the annual accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 have been independently audited.

Therefore, the previous committee members were retained as follows:

Graham Murphy	Iris Warnock
Elana Patterson	Jane Fox -Resigned December 2022
Roisin Donnelly	Sarah Rogers
Una Kilpatrick	Aaron Thompson
Sarah Hassard - Resigned September 2022	Jean Edgar
Mark Hanvey	Connie Rodgers
Raymond Douglas	Brian Hanvey
Brian Sumner	Kathleen McKenna
David McPhillips	

Office-bearers were also retained as before:

Chair – Graham Murphy
Vice-Chair – Elana Patterson
Treasurer – Una Kilpatrick
Assistant Treasurer – Sarah Hassard
Secretary – Roisin Donnelly
Assistant Secretary – Jane Fox
PR and Social Media – Mark Hanvey

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**Purpose of the Charity**

The Purpose of the Carryduff Regeneration Forum is to promote the benefit of the residents of Carryduff and its environs without distinction of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnic identity, political or religious or other opinion, by co-operating with residents, voluntary and community organisations, churches, business and statutory agencies in a common effort to:

1. Promote community development and urban regeneration in the area of benefit by all or any of the following means:
  - a. Design, promote, implement and evaluate strategies and develop and carry through programmes or action plans concerned with improving the economic, social, health, well-being and environmental life of the inhabitants of the area of benefit
  - b. Promote study and research, set priorities and develop and influence policy and practice in the field of urban regeneration, community development, health and well-being, environmental improvement and social and economic development
  - c. The provision of recreational facilities for the public at large
  - d. The maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities
  - e. The promotion of public safety and prevention of crime.
2. Provide and maintain a Forum where member organisations can join together to find mutual support, exchange views, share common issues and information, create a collective voice for the community and voluntary sector.

**Trustees and Office Bearers**

The Charity Trustees for the year 2022/2023 were as noted in page 1.

The total number of committee members was therefore 15

Office-bearers were also retained as before:

Chair – Graham Murphy

Vice-Chair – Elana Patterson

Treasurer – Una Kilpatrick

Assistant Treasurer – Sarah Hassard

Secretary – Roisin Donnelly

Assistant Secretary – Jane Fox

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**Public Benefit Reporting 2022-2023: Summary Of Committee Activities**

Committee members held regular monthly meetings and participated in various meetings throughout year liaising with stakeholders including the local council, elected representatives, local developers, businesses, PCSP, other community groups etc regarding developments, environmental works, road safety and traffic, infrastructure, social and community matters etc. In April, CRF organised an environmental workshop at the Biodiversity area, Lough Moss with The Conservation Volunteers. CRF also held a number of tidy up/planting events, publicised via social media, in association with LCCC who again supplied left over bedding plants and soil. The group also utilised grant monies secured from Keep NI Beautiful/Live Here Love Here to hold an aquatic planting day in December at the marshy area at Lough Moss and to purchase seasonal planting, equipment and wildflower seeds.

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### **Public Benefit Reporting 2022-2023: Summary Of Committee Activities continued...**

The book swap at Lough Moss continued to receive regular use.

In April, three members received a warm welcome from members of Drumbo Community group at a visit to discuss and share ideas and learn more about their local activities and works.

Members also carried out site visits to Bells Lane allotments, Annahilt community garden and Comber community garden and picked up valuable advice and guidance from garden users which was relayed back to rest of group.

The group continued to liaise with LCCC regarding Christmas lighting in the town and welcomed the return of the Arctic fox, street lighting and underlighting of trees at the centre. We continue to seek additional lighting along the main town thoroughfare.

While it was not possible to hold a large Christmas switch on event safely, we were awarded funding from LCCC to hold a small event at Lough Moss to mark the festive occasion. We also organised an online festive competition for children and families and delivered festive treats to local schools. It remains our wish that the Christmas tree switch on event shall be held in a town centre location with the redevelopment of the shopping centre site.

Following continuing engagement with the council and market organisers, and with support from our elected representatives, we were delighted to see the return of the Carryduff Twilight Christmas market which despite the inclement weather was well attended. We look forward to this market being a regular Christmas calendar fixture in the years ahead.

CRF members have continued to liaise with council reps at Lough Moss to discuss further plans for the old play park site area. Following the results of the public consultation we were advised by the council that funding was in place to develop the community garden and games area elements of our proposals and members have been instrumental in progressing this facility. Works commenced on site in January 2023 and we are very hopeful that the community garden and adjacent multi purpose games area will be completed and ready for use shortly.

CRF have continued to place Roads and Pedestrian Infrastructure at the forefront of all discourse with LCCC and local elected representatives with particular attention being directed at known problem areas.

CRF also continued to seek progression of the Carryduff Greenway proposals, highlighting the benefits of the project in terms of strategic connectivity and sustainable transport goals. We have discussed the potential for the project to be delivered in phases which could include small scale linkages within the town. Discussions have been ongoing but we still await firm commitment to further development of this project to date.

Funding throughout the year was accessed via LCCC - Community Support Grant, Christmas Grant and Live Here Love Here Grant.

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**Statement relating to the Commissions Public Benefit Requirement**

The Trustees confirm that the charity has operated in a manner which has regard to the Commissions Public Benefit Requirement.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The results for the year are set out on page 8 & 9. The charity returned net receipts/payments for the year of (£1,100) (2022:£1,597). At 31 March 2023 the total funds of the charity amounted to £1,483 (2022:£2,583) of which restricted funds were (£819) (2022:£921) and £2,302 (2022:£1,662) were unrestricted.

**Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £1,483 is made up of cash at the bank. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

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**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

**Structure, governance and management**

Carryduff Regeneration Forum is a registered charity, number NIC104802 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is also our responsibility to:

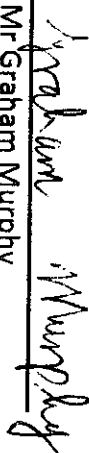
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.


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 CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other

**Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees

  
Mr Graham Murphy  
Chair

  
Date