

CARRYDUFF REGENERATION FORUM
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Structure

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 delays arising from Covid 19 our AGM was previously deferred. It was agreed that we would hold one public AGM to cover the entire period from the last AGM up to 31st March 2023, with the date to be fixed as soon as possible after the annual accounts were independently audited. Our AGM was therefore held on 11th March 2024 and covered the period from 2020 – 2023. Audited accounts for 2022/23 were circulated to active committee members on 7th Jan 2024 prior to the meeting for approval.

Throughout the period up to the AGM the previous committee members (Trustees) had been retained as follows:

Graham Murphy	Iris Warrack
Elena Patterson	Sarah Rogers
Roisin Donnelly	Aaron Thompson (not active)
Una Kilpatrick	Jean Edgar (not active)
Mark Hanvey	Connie Rodgers (not active)
Raymond Douglas	Brian Hanvey
Brian Sumner	Kathleen McKenna
David McPhillips (not active)	

The total number of committee members at year end (31/03/23) was therefore 15 with 4 members classified as 'not active' members.

Trustees and Office Bearers

At the AGM on 11/03/24 the Chair declared all positions vacant.

Existing committee members in attendance were re-elected as follows:

Chair – Graham Murphy	Communications - Mark Hanvey
Vice-Chair – Elena Patterson	Brian Hanvey
Treasurer – Una Kilpatrick	Raymond Douglas
Sarah Rogers	Brian Sumner
Secretary – Roisin Donnelly	

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Trustees and Office Bearers continued...

Iris Warnock, previous member (not in attendance) was re-elected. Proposer: Roisin Donnelly; seconded: Sarah Rogers.

Michael Willis was elected as a new committee member. Proposer: Claire Hanna; seconded: Raymond Douglas.

The total number of committee members since the last AGM is therefore 11 members. Office bearers for the committee remained unchanged (noted above).

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.

Public Benefit Reporting 2023-2024: Summary Of Committee Activities

Lough Moss Community Hub, including community garden, multi-use games area and sensory garden was completed by LCCC and officially opened on 4th April 2023. CRF worked in partnership with LCCC to take responsibility for the garden and to commence cultivation. CRF set up a database of community garden volunteers and utilised funding to purchase essential equipment, seeds and plants. A dedicated group of volunteers opened the garden on 3 mornings and 1 evening every week throughout the growing season. A bumper crop of vegetables, herbs and other plants were produced and available for volunteers and community members to take home, as needed. CRF activities throughout the spring and summer months therefore focussed on building up the network of volunteers and manning the hub, with a series of more informal committee meetings being held throughout this time.

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Public Benefit Reporting 2023-2024: Summary Of Committee Activities continued...

CRF also organised a tree planting day and provided assistance with various activities arranged throughout the year by LCCC included pilates and mindfulness, bat walk, pumpkin carving and Christmas wreath-making workshops.

In October CRF members attended the Grand Choice awards event at St Joseph's Hall where numerous groups from across Castlereagh South were seeking PCSP funding, which was to be determined by a community vote. After a great day out with lots of networking we were delighted to learn that our project had received funding. As a constituted group, we were also happy to act as sponsor for the local Lough Moss Junior Parkrun group in their bid for grant funding, which was also successful. Our project, a children's bug hunt and bug hotel workshop was delivered by CRF supported by the Conservation Volunteers, using these funds from the PCSP Grand Choice Awards in January.

In December, funds from the LCCC Christmas Grant were used to run an extremely successful and well attended Elf Hunt & festive trail at the Lough Moss Hub.

Ongoing activity by the committee involves:

- Planning the spring/summer activities at LMCH and completion of works to include water supply, MUGA markings and nets; discussions on Phase 2 works;
- Liaising with Councillors and LCCC staff regarding our 24/25 Action Plan;
- Liaison with Cllrs and MLA's re: roads, transport and Glider extension.

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

Despite strong support for the Greenway throughout the local area, CRF still await firm commitment from LCCC regarding further development of this project and will continue to highlight the cross-cutting benefits which could be realised from this proposal.

CRF continue to seek additional Christmas lighting along the main town thoroughfare and hope that the Christmas Tree will be located back in our town centre, within the redeveloped shopping centre site, as discussed with the developers at the planning stage of the project. We also look forward to the Twilight Market being a regular Christmas calendar fixture in the years ahead.

Funding throughout the year was accessed via LCCC - Community Support Grant, Christmas Grant and PCSP Grand Choice Awards.

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Statement relating to the Comissions Public Benefit Requirement

The Trustees confirm that the charity has operated in a manner which has regard to the Comissions 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 £178 (2023: (£1,100)). At 31 March 2024 the total funds of the charity amounted to £1,661 (2023: £1,483) of which restricted funds were (£636) (2023: (£819)) and £2,298 (2023: £2,302) were unrestricted.

Reserves policy and going concern

Of the total funds reported above, £1,661 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:

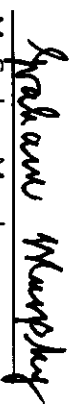
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

25/1/25

Date