

**LISBEG PIPE BAND
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Lisbeg Pipe Band for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charities governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in January 2015.

The following Trustees held office during the year and remain in office:

- Mr David Allen
- Mr Adrian Somerville
- Mr Adrian Smiton
- Mrs Denise Cairns
- Mr Colin Hanna
- Mrs Tanya McKee

The registered office of the band is:
55 Drumlee Road
Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, BT71 7QD

Structure, governance and management

- The Band is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (from 19/04/16) under number NIC 105102
- The management of the Band is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co opted under the terms of the constitution.

Objectives and Activities

- Purpose 1: To bring Pipe Band music into Ballygawley, and it's surrounding area for the people to enjoy. The direct benefits which flow from purpose 1 include the enrichment of the cultural lives of the general public of Ballygawley and the surrounding area with pipe band music and musical performances. These benefits will be demonstrated through feedback from the general public that have listened to and attended to public performances and feedback from band members on playing pipe band music and performing in the band. This purpose will not lead to any harm. The charity's beneficiaries are the general public in the Ballygawley and surrounding area. There is no private benefit from this purpose.

- Purpose 2: To encourage people to have the opportunity to learn to play the pipes and drums and to be a part of the Band. New members are welcome in order to keep up the pipe band tradition that has been established in Ballygawley and is well respected and cherished. The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2 include a good standard to musicianship attained by members of the public and band. These benefits will be demonstrated through participating of tuition and practice organised by the band as well as feedback on the enjoyment and approval of the general public on listening to public performances. This purpose will not lead to any harm. The charity's beneficiaries are the general public in Ballygawley and the surrounding area. The only private benefits flowing from this purpose are the personal development of musical skills by individuals that can be used in higher educational attainment at school in the subject of music and also private hire of individuals for musical performances. These are incidental and necessary as each individual band members will need to acquire these musical skills to be able to play with other band members as a band.

- Purpose 3: To promote all Ulster Scots traditions and culture, in particular pipe band music. The direct benefits which flow from purpose 3 include the enrichment of the cultural lives of the general public of Ballygawley and the surrounding area with Ulster Scots traditions, music and culture. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from members of the band and the general public on any public performances and other activities organised by the band. This purpose will not lead to any harm. The charity's beneficiaries are the general public in Ballygawley and the surrounding areas. There is no private benefit from this purpose.

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Financial review

Lisbeg Pipe Band is a registered charity that promotes traditional pipe band music in the Ballygawley area. Receipts are obtained from performances, fundraising and donations which totalled £6,990.37 during the year. Expenditure related to the normal running costs of a band and totalled £6,869.32 resulting in an excess of receipts over expenditure of £121.05 for the year.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charities legislation requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under Charities legislation the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the receipts and payments, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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 the Charities legislation.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 17th January 2024..

And signed on their behalf by Mr David Allen:


