

COOLCREAGHY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Charity Commission NI – NIC105531

Trustee Report for year ended 30 September 2017

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Charitable Purpose

Coolcreaghy Community Association was set up for the benefit of the inhabitants in the area without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, particularly but not exclusively in the arts and the interest of social welfare.

The benefits are providing a facility in which the participants can use thus increasing the skills of the participants, increased activity and improving the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the participants. Participating in the various activities also reduces social isolation. With the numbers attending the various activities it encourages people to come forward as volunteers which gives them increased abilities and even helps prepare for various jobs in the Public/Private sector. (e.g. Child Protection Training/First Aid/ Basic Hygiene Training).

The monthly social dances are continuing to draw good crowds and the dancing classes are still continuing. There have been several classes, Flower Arranging, Craft Classes – which have been free to those on benefits or low income. There have also been Child Protection Classes, Basic Food Hygiene and First Aid classes facilitated by Dennett Interchange.

The premises are available to the local community for use for Birthday Parties and Charity Events. (As this encourages use of the facilities, currently there is no charge, however, it is envisaged that this will change in the near future).

The roof need repairs as the covering was starting to rust and there were signs of some leaks, fortunately, grant aid from DAERA covered most of the cost.

Derry & Strabane District Council provided a Community Support Grant which greatly helps with the running of the premises, particularly with the Hall insurance.

The Entertainment Licence is up to date and all necessary checks for Trustees and volunteers are up to date e.g. Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Training and Access NI checks.

Signed:


30 October 2017