

**LISNASKEA WOMEN'S GROUP
CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR YEAR 2023 to 2024
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17th APRIL 2024**

Lisnaskea Women's Group meet 2 Wednesday nights a month in Drumhaw Fold Lisnaskea. Afternoon Tea is arranged for 3rd Wednesday of each month in our local eating establishments as requested by our members to enable the Group to meet and socialise.

My thanks to our Secretary for organising a Programme of Activities to include Speakers, Crafting, Teas, Trips out and sourcing Funding from South West Age Partnership to help cover cost of Speakers and Chair Exercises that we have each Monday in Oak Healthy Living Centre.

Thanks to Treasurer for maintaining good financial Accounts.

Also I want to Thank the Committee members for their support to me and the other members throughout the year.

Thanks to Mrs Mandy Graham, Fold Manager for setting up the room for our meetings. LWG donated a Book Case, table cloths and TV Licence for the comfort of the residents.

Big Thanks to Lisnaskea Fairs and Market Committee for their donation of £1000.

Since last April we have had Speakers on many subjects.

Joan told us about her experience as a Police Officer in Manchester Police Force for over 30 years.

Sharon from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Age Friendly Department gave an update on what the Council is doing to meet the needs of Older people in both Communities.

Noelle a Nurse with the Organ Donation Unit gave an update on the new Law on "Organ Donation 1st June 2023" We now need to "Opt Out" if we do not want to donate our organs.

Tracey a trained Councillor in Counselling talked about keeping good mental and Physical health as we get older.

Ian who works at Cavan Crematorium was very informative about being cremated.

Insp Joni with PSNI talked about her role in dealing with Abuse and Violence in the Community.

Jill from Cancer Connect gave an overview of Services they provide for people with Cancer.

Last June LWG went to Donegal on a day trip.

For St. Patrick's Day, Halloween and Christmas the Group goes out for a meal and entertainment.

Last year seven ex members passed away, also three current members died. These funerals were well attended by members of Lisnaskea Women's Group.

Our aims are to prevent loneliness and isolation which our programme of activities enable members to participate with friends in safe environments.

All members of Lisnaskea Women's Group are Volunteers and I sincerely thank each one for their support to me and others in the Group.

Lena Benson
Chairperson
17th April 2024

LISNASKEA WOMEN'S GROUP
AGM 17th APRIL 2024 7.30pm

Chairperson Mrs Lena Benson presided over AGM in Drumhew Fold, Lisnaskea with 38 members in attendance.

Apologies Mary Brady, Lizzie Clifford, Maureen Kennedy, Philomena Mc Cauley, Geraldine Martin, Ciss Neeley, Florence Johnston, Carmel Murphy, Olive Murray and Margaret Curren.

Chairperson Lena welcomed everyone and our Guest Speaker Mrs Betty Birney who was a Administration Manager in The English Sewing Cotton Factory, that provided employment for 46 years in Lisnaskea and closed in the early 1990s when the Far East produced cheaper cotton but poorer quality.

Chairperson gave a detail account of all the activities and events that Lisnaskea Women's Group had participated since April 2023. (Report attached)

Mrs Hilda Latimer Treasurer gave her Report and in Funds we have £3021. 06.

Since last April we have received funding from Fermanagh & Omagh Council and South West Age Partnership to have Chair Exercises in Oak Healthy Living Centre with Ruth. These classes are well attended by members and others in the Community.

Last year, 11 of our retired members passed away. We also loss 4 present members to Cancer and Lung diseases. Kathleen Cassidy was with LWG since 1995 and a great Committee member.

Lisnaskea Fairs and Market Committee donated £1000 to Lisnaskea Women's Group.

Mrs Birney was requested to carry out the Election of Officers. She started by congratulating LWG on being a great active group of Women and a good attendance at meeting.

Mrs Birney declared all Offices Closed.

Proposals for Chairperson. Mrs Lena Benson proposed by Kathleen Markey, seconded by Margaret Osbourne. Accepted by Lena.

Vice Chair. Mrs Celia Doogan proposed by Matilda Cosgrove, seconded by Betty Mc Kenna. Accepted by Celia.

Proposal for Secretary. Valerie Brown proposed by Hilda Mc Coy, seconded by Lena Benson. Accepted by Valerie.

Proposal for Asst/Secretary. Una Reihill proposed by Eilish Reihill, seconded by Mary Mc Kiernan. Accepted by Una.

Proposal for Treasurer. Valerie Brown proposed Hilda Mc Coy, seconded by Rose Cannon. Accepted by Hilda.

Proposal for Asst/Treasurer. Mary Mc Phillips proposed Rose Cannon, seconded by Valerie Brown. Accepted by Rose.

Mrs Lena Benson proposed to return Committee en bloc. This was agreed by the members.

Committee Members:

Anna Mc Caffrey.

Margaret Curran

Eilish Reihill

Kathleen Reihill

Teresa Fitzpatrick

Ciss Neeley
Violet Morrison.
Philomena Mc Auley.

Mrs Birney thanked everyone for accepting the proposals and declared all Offices open.

Mrs Lena Benson thanked everyone for voting her in and expressed how grateful she was to have the support of all members.

Mrs Birney was invited to give her Talk about her time working in The English Sewing Cotton Factory.

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm after Refreshments.

Next Meeting is Wednesday 24th April when we go to Creighton's Hotel in Clones for Afternoon Tea.

Signed



Valerie Brown
18th April 2024