

MID ULSTER COMMUNITY SERVICES LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Mid Ulster Community Services T/A Out & About Community Transport "Out and About" was first established in 1999 as a Company Limited by Guarantee No. NI 36635 governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association under Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 on 26th July 1999.

The organisation is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The company is a registered charity with the NI Charities Commission from the 15 December 2015 (charity number: NIC 105666).

The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Mid Ulster Community Services Ltd has a cross-community focus and is managed by the trustees (directors for company law purposes) who are elected annually.

The appointment of trustees is in accordance with the charity's Articles of Association, whereby each member will be entitled to nominate one person only in writing not less than seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

F Wood
C Brennan
E Johnson
M McErlean
K McGlone
B Oliphant
H Suiter
S Davey
J Martin CBE

(Deceased 25 May 2023)
(Appointed 28 November 2023)

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Objectives and activities

In ensuring that the activities of Out and About provide a public benefit, all our activities are related to one or more of the following charitable objects:

1. To provide relief to the inhabitants of Northern Ireland so that people who are disadvantaged because of age, mental or physical disability, sickness, poverty, financial hardship or rural isolation have access to affordable transport provided by the local community where there is a lack of conventional public or private transport or where such transport is unsuited to the particular needs of the above beneficiaries by:

a) providing and maintaining non-profit community transport services; and

b) assisting other community organisations engaged in looking after the needs of beneficiaries such as those listed above can also benefit by accessing the services and vehicles controlled by Mid Ulster Community Services.

Achievements and performance

During the reporting period the organisation carried out its operations under the following categories:

1. Dial a Lift (DAL)
2. Out of Area Transport
3. Group Hire
4. Training

Financial Review

The results for the year are set out on page 8. These and the financial position at the year end were considered satisfactory by the directors. Funding was received during the year to start the Wheels to Health project. This is a 5 year project funded by the Lottery. Funding was also received in the year for the Motability project. This is another 3 year project which started in July 2023. Funding is received up front for the annual delivery of the project. The project period runs from July 2023 to June 2024 and the balance of funds received in this financial year will be spent in April, May and June 2024.

The directors will conduct annual reviews of the appropriate level of unrestricted reserves. The purpose of this reserve is to provide stability for the charity to ensure that it is able to honour existing contractual obligations, to upgrade existing capital equipment, to cover unforeseen events beyond the company's control and to enable it to continue its operations in the unlikely event of a significant fluctuation in expenditure or income. The board has an ongoing programme of capital replacement due to high maintenance and running costs.

The committee aim to build reserves to at least 3 months of annual expenditure, to meet financial commitments. This may be achieved by increasing earned income or reducing expenditure. The present level of reserves available to the charity is £271,932 and this is considered satisfactory. The committee have also decided to designate funds for capital expenditure, as its fleet ages and needs to be replaced.

Auditor

David Lyttle + Co Ltd were appointed as auditor to the company and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

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On behalf of the board



E Johnson
Director

17 May 2024