

## **Bann Valley Community Group**

### **Trustees' Report – Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### Objectives and Activities

To promote the inhabitants of Clady and Innisrush (the area of benefit) without the distinction of age, sex, race, political or other opinion, by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to provide opportunities in the interest of social welfare and health with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants.

#### Achievement and Performance

The group has achieved a number of objectives since last year's report. Our hall has continued to evolve in its use for the local community. The most recent development has come in the form of a community gym utilising a room at the back of the hall that was underused. This has been leased by a local sporting organisation and has helped improve health and wellbeing in the community.

The new river pathway scheme continued to be well used by community members and by those who travel from neighbouring areas to use the safe, picturesque waterside walkway. The greenway trail helps to link the two villages of Clady and Innisrush, increase accessibility and user numbers and enhance the health and wellbeing opportunities for all of the local community.

We continued with the planning process for the proposed new multi-sports hall in conjunction with the Education Authority NI. Significant funding received throughout the year has been spent on professional fees to continue this planning phase. A final decision on the project is still pending based on the current financial situation and a moratorium on new capital projects.

Activities at the hall continued to recover as the local community emerged from the Covid-19 pandemic. Bookings from local groups are now back to the levels of regularity seen prior to Covid 19. We welcome Irish Dancing, Gaelic football and Camogie, basketball, St Vincent de Paul charitable group, and continued to host funeral gatherings and occasional wedding celebrations.

The youth group continued to operate the increasingly popular weekly youth club and the successful annual summer scheme.

#### Financial Review

The group has received funding from Mid Ulster Council, Education Authority, Northern Ireland Housing Executive and DAERA among others, totalling **£11,111**.

Approved by the Trustees on their behalf by



Donard McCann

*Chairperson*