

# **GLENRAVEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

The Board of Trustees present their Report and Financial Statements of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Association.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the Association's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Charity's principal activities are concerned with the advancement of education of the public and the advancement of amateur sport, leading to a more informed local community.

The objects of the Glenravel Community Development Association.

- (i) to advance the education of the public.
- (ii) to advance amateur sport.

GCDA was formally established in June 2006, to promote community development in the Glenravel area & to improve the quality of life for local residents. Our first key target was the development of a new Sport & Community Complex. In October 2009, that goal was achieved with the opening of a £1.7 million state-of-the-art facility which encompassed sports & leisure facilities, a multi-purpose social area & a community playgroup. The committee for the GCDA is made up of 5, (2022,6), people who are representative of the local community & the various user groups involved in the use of the facilities. It is testament to the efficient operation of the complex, and to the officers involved, that these are the same individuals who were involved in the initial concept design for the proposed complex back in 2002. The main function of the GCDA is the day-to-day operation of the Sports & Community Complex. The organisation is run by volunteers who serve their community. Whilst generous financial assistance was obtained towards the capital cost of construction of the new complex, no funding support is received towards the operational or programme costs. There is a very strong level of community support towards the committee & "community ownership" for the successful operation of the complex. In early 2010, the GCDA joined the Ballymena East Rural Cluster Group (BERCC). We have joined this group to learn from the experiences of other communities & community groups, to extend our boundaries & to further improve the health & well-being of the local community in Glenravel. Examples of the activities undertaken include:

- Operating a 100m<sup>2</sup> fitness studio with membership open to all, attracting 250 registered members.
- Engaging 1 full time Fitness Development Officer & a panel of volunteer staff to operate the fitness suite & complex.
- Liaising with 'partner' organisations in developing their activities.

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### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The directors of Glenravel Community Development Association confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance on Public Benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and are pleased to report that during the period the Association continued to provide the Public Benefits through programmes and services we offer. In particular, the directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

#### **Public Benefits**

The direct benefits which flow from these objectives include the provision of a multi-purpose sports and community complex, providing improved access to services and delivering improved awareness of the benefits of physical activity and social interaction. There is increased numbers of children and young people involved in sport and recreational activities. and greater awareness amongst parents/carers of the importance of sport and leisure in their children's lives, as well as increased levels of parent participation in the provision of such facilities.

We are proud to say we help to improve the health and well-being of over 500 people in the community on a regular basis, through gym and fitness class participation, running and assisting events such as Boot Camp and the Biggest Loser. The Association caters for GAA training from fundamentals right through to senior level. We offer a wide variety of fitness classes for all ages and abilities some free of charge and the others at an extremely competitive rate. Over the course of the past 9 years, we have hosted a charity cycling event titled FROG (Fun Run of The Glens). This event has developed into a major sporting and fund-raising event in the area - attracting over 800 cyclists and participants from the local area and from cycling clubs across County Antrim and beyond. The funds raised are for the benefit of Cancer Focus and their representatives attend the event each year which usually takes place in June. There is no harm flowing from the purposes; anyone in the local community can benefit from the organisation and there is no private benefit flowing from the purposes.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE**

The Company is a non-profit making organisation. The results are set out in detail on pages 7 to 15. The Charity has successfully provided a wide range of activities to target groups in the year.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Statement of Financial Activities, on page 7 indicates that The Glenravel Community Development Association had incoming resources of £112,960 in the year, (2022, £106,542). The expenditure for the year was £124,236, (2022,£104,642). This amounted to an overall deficit for the year of (£11,276), (2022,£1,900).

No significant events have occurred since the date of the Balance Sheet which affect the Association, or which materially affect these financial statements.

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#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks.

#### **STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing Document**

Glenravel Community Development Association is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital and avails of the use of 'Limited' exemption. The Company was incorporated on 02 June 2006. The Association is registered with the NI Charity Commission as of 10 February 2017 - Charity No: 106068.

##### **Appointment of Trustees**

There are currently 5 Trustees and there have been no new appointments. There was 1 resignation in the year ended 30 June 2023.

##### **Trustee Induction and Training**

New members undergo an orientation day to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the charity commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Charity's constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction day they meet key employees and other members. Members are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of the role.

##### **Organisation**

Day to day running of the company is managed by the Staff. The Complex Manager meets monthly with the Trustees to review and monitor project progress and operational issues.

##### **Related parties and co-operation with other organisations**

None of the Trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a Trustee of the charity with a contracted supplier must be disclosed to the full Board in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

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#### **ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

##### **Trustees / Management Committee**

Secretary	Mr Damien McKeown
Trustees	Mr Alec McQuillan Mr Kevin Higgins (resigned 30 June 2023) Mr Gerard Higgins Mr Damien McKeown Mr Paul Mulholland Mr Dessie Higgins
Registered Office	143 Glenravel Road Cargan Ballymena BT43 6RA
Company Number	NI059565
Charity Number	106068
Bankers	Bank of Ireland
Independent Examiners	

#### **TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which 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 income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

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### TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT (continued)

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimate that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- 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 disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

### SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

A resolution proposing that LC Accountancy Services, be re-appointed as Independent Examiners of the Company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Management Committee:

**TRUSTEE:** *Alec McQuillan*  
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Mr. Alec McQuillan

Date: 24 April 2024

**TRUSTEE:** *Damien McKeown*  
Damien McKeown (Apr 25, 2024 09:04 GMT+1)  
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Mr. Damien McKeown

Date: 24 April 2024