

BELLANALECK COMMUNITY GROUP
Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NI106758)
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
for the year ended 31st March, 2023

The Trustees present their Trustees Annual Report prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (effective January, 2015) and the independently examined statements for the year ended 31st March, 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

Bellanaleck Community Group is governed by its Constitution that was adopted on 3rd November, 2004. The Trustees at the date of this report and those who served during the Financial Year together with the dates of any changes are set out are listed below.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are as follows:-

George Thornton
Raymond Melanaphy
Owen Wilson
Derrick Graham
Sharon Elliott
Caroline Nicholson
Fiona Acheson
George Cathcart
Janet Dowson

The Bellanaleck Community Group has been Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 16th November, 2017, under reference number NI106758.

Public address

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Objectives

The Group is established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Bellanaleck and its surrounding area (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnic identity, disability, political or religious opinion, by association with the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to alleviate poverty and disadvantage, advance education, promote social inclusion and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life of the aid inhabitants.

Key activities of the Year

The Bellanaleck Community Group continued to deliver actions which are positively benefitting our local area and community; key activities over the Year have included the following:-

- 1) Bellanaleck Community Garden – managing the allotments and maintaining the wildflower meadow, native apple tree orchard, native tree copse and bird and bat boxes;
- 2) making representations to or considering the following matters coming within the purview of the statutory bodies stated:-
 - a) Fermanagh & Omagh District Council – dog fouling, Community Garden maintenance, floral displays (including replacement of flower box destroyed in road accident), Village Orderly's duties, townland signs maintenance and car parking on section of the Loughshore Path;
 - b) Department of Infrastructure – Waterhen Lane (road and footpath surface erosion, extension of footpath and speed humps), grit box policy, pedestrian crossing and cutting of A509 verge, and
 - c) Police Service of Northern Ireland – speed checks and sponsorship of permanent speed indicators;
- 3) provision of Christmas Tree in 2022;
- 4) opening of account with the Lakeland Credit Union Ltd. following the Nationwide Building Society's closure of their Treasurers Trust accounts;
- 5) land west of Costcutter Store car park – consideration of suggestion for public use;
- 6) the late H.M. Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, 2022 – consideration of activities to commemorate;
- 7) consideration of organizing a film evening;
- 8) consideration of the future of the South West Acute Hospital services;
- 9) Fermanagh Rural Community Network Award, 2022 – nomination of George Casthart, and
- 10) consideration of various planning applications.

The Bellanaleck Community Group Trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Group's objectives and plans for future activities to ensure these achieve the Group's purposes and provide a benefit to beneficiaries.

Financial Review

The Bellanaleck Community Group is non-profit making. The total receipts for the Year were £1,305 and the total payments £484, giving a net credit of £821. The Trustees continue to manage resources in an efficient and sustainable manner.

Reserves Policy

The Bellanaleck Community Group have a Reserves Policy which requires that reserves are built or maintained at a level which ensures that the organisation's core activities could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty, and that the organisation's known liabilities would be paid should the organisation cease to trade.

Future Plans

The Bellanaleck Community Group plan to focus on maintaining the high standards of service to our beneficiaries.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES **For the year ended 31st March, 2023**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 appropriate regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:-

- there is no relevant information (information needed by the Charity's Independent Examiner in connection with preparing the Independent Examiner's Report) of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware, and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant Independent Examiner information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information

On behalf of the Trustees



Derrick Graham – Trustee & Acting Chairman



Owen Wilson – Trustee & Secretary