

ISLANDMAGEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

MINUTES

MEETING DATE: 1900 on 15th June 2023

MEETING VENUE: Gobbins Community Centre

PRESENT:

Paul Logue (PL)	Secretary	Hilary Bailey (HB)	
Eric Bailey (EB)	Treasurer	Greg McKeen (GMcK)	DUP
Gary Caldwell (GC)		Roy Beggs (RB)	UUP
Luan Ingram (LI)		ICDA members	
Corinne Meekin (CM)	Chair	Local residents	
Jim Barr (JB)	Vice Chair		
Cathy McCrudden (CMcC)			

APOLOGIES:

Sammy Wilson	DUP
Danny Donnelly	Alliance
Paul Reid	DUP
Maureen Pimley (MP)	ICDA
Gordon Lyons	DUP
Maeve Donnelly	Alliance
Robert Logan	Alliance

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1.0 and 2.0	The meeting began at 1910 <u>Present and Apologies</u> As above	
3.0	Previous minutes not available due to the cancellation of the 2022 AGM on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. A report for the 2021-22 year was emailed to members.	
4.0	<u>Chairperson's Report</u> It has been a very successful year for ICDA. Our popular Community Fridge continues to receive six donations per week from Tesco, ASDA and Sainsbury, combatting waste and so providing a useful service for the	

	<p>planet and community. We have also started a book swap facility which is going well.</p> <p>Our Events were well attended, each by hundreds of locals. Easter was celebrated in the Community Garden with the Easter Bunny, an Easter Bonnet competition, an egg hunt, and colouring-in too. The Jubilee was very colourful, had great weather and saw hundreds of folks gather in the garden to celebrate and listen to the Ballyduff Silver band. Christmas saw Santa in the Summer House plus storytelling, and gets bigger each year we do it. Thrive followed up in January with free sessions of yoga, Reiki, head massage, sound baths and much more, all aimed at helping locals get through the dark winter.</p> <p>The Community Garden looks beautiful with great planting of flowers and veg. The various other planted areas around Ballystrudder also look great and help make the place look better, brightening up the days of Islandmagee folks and visitors. The cottage and associated planting at the end of Gobbins Road was last year's main planting project and is now successfully installed and in bloom as a cottage garden.</p> <p>We won an award for the best community garden planting from Mid and East Antrim in Bloom and have installed a yellow coloured Chatty Bench opposite the Spar in Ballystrudder where folks can sit and have a chat if wished.</p> <p>We continue to provide and maintain six defibrillators on the Island with a new one coming soon at Ballyearl.</p> <p>Our popular ICDA Community Newsletter continued its run of four editions per year supporting and supported by local businesses; we can be contacted through our Facebook/Meta page where we pass on many pieces of info about our newsletter, events, community and local issues throughout the year.</p> <p><u>This year past, ICDA have supported the following groups:</u></p> <p>Community Garden Group; the Community Fridge; Island Drumming; the 60s+ Group; Playaway Group; Islandmagee Primary School trip; Thrive.</p>	
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	<p>CM finished her Chairperson's report by thanking all the committee, volunteers and our funders.</p>	
5.0	<p><u>Treasurer's report</u></p> <p>The Treasurer reported our audited accounts with a yearly opening balance of £6018.09.</p> <p>Monies into our account comprised £105 from book sales; £3495.18 from grants; £61 from the Defib Fund; £690 from Newsletter advertising; £401 from events; and £150 from donations.</p> <p>Monies out of our account comprised: Community Garden £1435.87; Defib replacement/maintenance £2077; Mileage £472.28; playgroup Halloween event £100; Community Hall hire £12; Events £2312.16; Newsletter £34.74; and Community Fridge £23.58.</p> <p>Treasurer reported a yearly closing balance of £4552.64.</p> <p>Report Proposed by GC, Seconded by HB, agreed by meeting.</p>	
6.0	<p><u>All ICDA Committee posts declared vacant</u></p> <p>Cllr. Greg McKeen (GMcK) was invited to chair the meeting while the committee/trustees stood down and new committee/trustees voted in.</p> <p>GMcK thanked the outgoing committee and noted the really positive contribution from the events we put on that were always well attended by locals. He also noted that the finances were in good health and that MEABC look upon ICDA as a well-run group deserving of credit. It was good to see the AGM back after the Covid years and the passing of Queen Elizabeth last year. He then opened the floor for nominations to committee posts.</p>	
7.0	<p><u>New trustees voted in</u></p> <p>The following were then voted in by the floor:</p> <p>Corinne Meekin - ICDA Chair Jim Barr - ICDA Vice Chair Paul Logue - ICDA Secretary Eric Bailey - ICDA Treasurer</p> <p>And as a block vote for ICDA Committee members: Gary Caldwell; Maureen Pimley; Hilary Bailey; Luan Ingram; and Cathy McCrudden.</p> <p>GMcK then noted that the committee were voted back in to continue the good work and he passed over to CM as newly elected Chair of ICDA.</p>	

	<p>To Cllr. Greg McKeen for chairing tonight and helping install the new committee.</p> <p>Caldwell's SPAR and Rinkha for their support</p> <p>Tesco, Asda and Sainsbury for their donations</p> <p>All our funders, donors and advertisers</p> <p>ICDA Committee and all our great volunteers</p>	
<p>10.0</p>	<p><u>AGM Closed</u></p> <p>The meeting concluded at 2025</p>	

Proposed: __Cathy McCrudden_____

Seconded: _Hilary Bailey _____