

BALLYMENA CHURCH MEMBERS FORUM

TRUSTEES REPORTS

July 22 to June 23

Jennifer McLernon was re-elected as Chairperson.

Sean O'Boyle was re-elected as Vice Chairperson

Sally Ann Johnston was re-elected as Secretary

Angela Fairbairn was re-elected as Treasurer

The steering Committee members consisting of: Noreen Dornan, Canon Stuart Lloyd and Reverend Dr Norman Hamilton, were all re-elected.

Carol Sloan was formally elected to the Committee after her Co-Option in December 2022

Angela McClintock was voted as our Independent Examiner for 2022/23

There was an amendment made to the original Constitution, changing **6(1)** to **..."at least 6 Committee members elected by the Forum members at the Annual General Meeting."**

The work of the Forum was productive over the past year and we aim to continue working with the contacts we have made.

ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 2022 Advent Services at various churches in the town between 8th -22nd December
Quiz Sheets

JANUARY 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:
Interdenominational Service at All Saints Chapel
Irish Council of Churches Anniversary Service at St. Anne's Cathedral

These events were attended by BCMF Committee Members

Jan – March 2023 Phase 3 of Year 3 of the Irish School of Ecumenics Programme on "The Common Good" Presented by Dr Johnston McMaster and Dr Cathy Higgins.

18th March 2023 Tobar Mhuire Day Retreat. Led by Roz Stirling of Cleopas Ministries. Theme: 'The Gift of Prayerful Listening'

22nd March 2023 MEABC Irish Language Week and breakfast afterwards. Held in the Braid and attended by some of the BCMF Committee

29th March 2023 Mons.Paddy Delargy's 50th Anniversary Mass and celebrations at St. Malachy's Chapel, Coleraine

After a full year of activities and planning, the Trustees remain convinced that the Forum is continuing to perform to their constitutional aims by:

- Providing opportunities which facilitate co-operation between congregations, other organisations involved in bringing people from different organisations together, supporting existing activities and pushing boundaries through taking new initiatives;
- Providing a safe environment for interactive encounters, including small group activity, where all can share their life experiences as they relate to culture, identity, tradition, beliefs and citizenship;
- To seek to address current issues prevailing in Ballymena and surrounding area through a creative programme of events and activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

CASH BROUGHT FORWARD	£ 116.27
GRANTS	£3214.49
DONATIONS	<u>£ 217.00</u>
	£3547.76
DEBITS	
*GRANTS (RESTRICTED Funds)	£3214.49
SPENDING (UNRESTRICTED)	<u>£ 108.43</u>
	£3322.92
BALANCE AS AT 30/6/23	£224.84

***All Grants were administered in line with Grant instructions re Restricted funds**

SIGNED on behalf of Trustees by 

JENNIFER McLERNON

DATE 3 October 2023