

**Leafair Community Association Ltd**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Report to the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The directors of Leafair Community Association Ltd for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are as follows:

Yvonne Graham  
Liam Griffin  
Louis McClenaghan

Julie McDonald  
Gerry McMonagle

### **Our Aims and Objectives**

#### Purposes and Aims

Leafair Community Association Ltd (LCA Ltd), previously known as Leafair Community Association is a voluntary and charitable organisation based within the Ballyarnett DEA. It was set up with the core aim of enabling local people who have been excluded from life chances to live fuller lives and participate in their community. LCA Ltd operates from their community owned/managed community centre commonly referred to as 'Skeoge House', which encompasses a reception area, office space, a communal/training room, an arts and cultural hub and a communal kitchen. Core activities/services at Skeoge House include a Senior Citizens Luncheon Club, training/education programmes for adults, trainee employment opportunities, a men's health programme, the Personal Youth Development Programme, youth projects in partnership with the Education Authority and general community development activities which involve environmental improvement projects, community allotments, summer festival, Christmas Winter Wonderland and a range of social/recreational activities throughout the year. LCA Ltd also facilitates public meetings to address community issues as they arise, actively liaise, work with or support a range of agencies on a weekly basis and these include Skeoge House Women's Group, Alcohol Anonymous aftercare project, On the Streets Youth Initiative who utilise the premises to provide youth diversionary activities for teenagers in the area and the North West Regional College who utilise "Skeoge House" as an outreach centre for local and accessible further education programmes. LCA Ltd also manages several social economy projects such as the Leafair 3G Pitches, Leafair Green Gym, Skeoge Community Transport and Leafair Men's Workshop.

### **The Focus of our Work**

The main purpose of LCA Ltd is to have a more educated and qualified population, a reduction in poverty on people lives and to prevent poverty on people living in the Outer North Area resulting in improved health and well-being.

### **Financial Review**

#### Principal Funding Sources

The key funders of LCA Ltd include Derry City and Strabane District Council, Department for Communities, Garfield Weston, The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, The National Lottery Community Fund, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Education Authority, Tudor Trust and St Stephens Green Trust.

#### Future Funding

It is expected that Department for Communities and the Big Lottery Community Fund will provide core funding for the foreseeable future.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### Governing Document

Leafair Community Association was established in 1994 as a community led organisation. The association was incorporated to a limited company by guarantee on 20 August 2019. The company was granted charitable status on 12 October 2020. The charitable company was established under Memorandum & Articles of Association which outlined the area of benefit and the objects of the charitable organisation.

### Recruitment and Appointment of the Board of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Board. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the members of the Board must stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

All members of Board give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

### Members Induction and Training.

The Board members are already familiar with the work of LCA Ltd and Board members are encouraged to participate in relevant activities.

All Board members have been required to attend governance training.

### Obligations of the Board

The main obligation of the Board are to develop and oversee the implementation of policy and to ensure that structures and management complies with legal requirements and good governance practice.

### Organisational Structure

The organisation structure consists of 5 directors and 15 employees, which include a general manager and administration staff.

### Risk Management

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

### **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors**

In addition to the responsibilities outlined above the Board will prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a fair and true view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102).
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

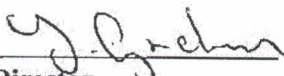
- the Board, who are directors for the purpose of company law and members for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

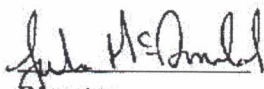
The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Small company provisions**

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 12 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by;

  
Director

  
Director