

## Paisley Park Sportsplex List of Directors and Annual Report ye 31 March 2023

### PPS Directors

The Paisley Park Sportsplex Board allows for two representatives from each of the five constituent member sports clubs and a small number of Independent Directors.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Nominee of:</b>	
Stephen Andrews	19 Aug 2018	Independent	
Drennan McBride	11 Jul 2013	Independent	
John Larmour	11 Jul 2013	Albert Foundry Football Club	
Robert Young	1 April 2022	Albert Foundry Football Club	
David Allen	19 Aug 2018	Albertville Harriers	
Victoria Jane Davis	19 Aug 2018	Albertville Harriers	
Nigel Carr	1 Nov 2020	Albert Foundry Bowling Club	<b>Resigned 1 Mar 2023</b>
Thomas Pritchard	1 Nov 2020	Albert Foundry Bowling Club	
John Haveron	1 Nov 2020	Albert Foundry Junior Football Academy	
Iris McIlroy	11 Nov 2020	Albert Foundry Junior football Academy	
Emma Hussey	1 April 2022	Cairn Lodge Boxing Club	
Thomas Waite	1 April 2022	Cairn Lodge Boxing Club	

### Trustees Annual Report

The directors met monthly throughout the year, reporting back on the progress made by the individual clubs in their respective sports. Maintenance and financial upkeep of the site continued to be managed by Department for Communities NI.

A major grant investment had already seen the recent total refurbishment of the **Boxing Club premises**. A significant change occurred with the ‘folding’ of Albert Foundry Boxing Club. **Cairn Lodge Boxing Club** facing issues around the closure of their own facility by its owner, were welcomed into the Paisley Park sportsplex family, and its new home is now the Boxing Hall premises at Paisley Park. They retained their own name for historical reasons, and have two representatives on the Paisley Park sportsplex Board.

Following representation to Belfast City Council, they along with Department for Communities committed £50,000 each for a complete refurbishment, and track lighting upgrade to the historic gravel  $\frac{1}{4}$  **mile Running Track**. This work was managed and financially overseen by Belfast City Council, and was completed in time for a late summer opening.

The **Bowling Club** ‘temporary portacabin’ premises was suffering greatly from age related weathering and wear, and minor repairs and upgrades were carried out throughout the year by Department for Communities. Plans were made to have a new permanent Community Hub building on site, which would also accommodate the Bowlers.

Plans were made for a fully grant funded £1.1 million upgrade and refurbishment, to the existing derelict **3G Football Pitch** on site. The **Paisley Park Sportsplex Board** were pleased with the progress of work and plans for the site, and their continuing aim was to eventually take over fully ‘licenced’ management both daily and financial of the whole site, once a funding stream had been secured via the opening of the new 3G Floodlight Artificial Football Pitch.

*The refurbishment, fully funded by Dept for Communities and Belfast City Council, of the **3G pitch** was completed in July 2023, and Paisley Park sportsplex commenced to trade on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023.*