

Poundbridge & District Community Association

Trustees Report 2022

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: Poundbridge & District Community association

Charity Address: 149 Ballylesson Road, Belfast BT8 8JU

Registered Charity Number: 107682

Name of Trustees: Chairman: Mr. Leslie Conn
 Secretary: Mr. Ian Patterson
 Treasurer: Ms. Glenda Jess
 Committee:
 Mrs. Jill Conn
 Mrs. Maureen Boal
 Mr. Darwin Boal
 Mr. Nigel Sherrit

The trustees were voted in by members of Poundbridge & District Community Association at their Annual General Meeting on 27.01.2022. The trustees will hold their position until they stand down or until the next AGM.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission NI in 2020

The constitution was readopted in 2020 following agreed amendments.

Committee members of Poundbridge & District Community Association are residents of the local community are elected annually at an Annual General Meeting which takes place annually.

The committee consists of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The main goal of the Poundbridge & District Community Association is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Ballyaughlis, Ballylesson, Drumbo, Purdysburn and District area without the distinction of age, sex, race, ability, political, religious or other opinion.

Poundbridge & District Community Association work with statutory agencies, voluntary bodies, and residents to improve the social welfare for all within the local area.

Furthermore, Poundbridge & District Community Association also engages in activities in the following ways:

- The promotion of information regarding local issues and concerns to residents.
- Organisation of meeting, classes, projects, events, and talks to positively impact the lives of residents.
- Obtaining grants and funding to enable further deliverance and expansion of community activities.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have given consideration and will adhere to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the reporting period the Poundbridge & District Community Association has been successful in hosting numerous events for the residents of our stated catchment area and surrounding area. The progress of previous years was built upon and many developments to the area were made.

The events in 2022 far outstripped any that we have ever previously facilitated. The highlight of the year was the running of the Queens Jubilee celebrations in the Village with Hundreds attending the event, enjoying a fancy-dress parade, great entertainment, and afternoon teas. We ran events that included an Easter Treasure and continued with tuition classes in our own Hall. We looked further afield from our local community and a charity collection for Ukraine filled a very large lorry with clothes, toiletries, and baby items. Once again we were successful in gaining funding for a Yuletide festival that included a highly successful Christmas Market in the centre of Drumbo, a Christmas dinner for residents and the ever-popular Visit of

Santa around the district. The Country File Ramble we organised for Children in Need in October was an even bigger success and our Collections for the Children Cancer fund exceed £1,000.

We used grant funding to install picnic tables at the newly levelled and landscaped rear of the hall, supplied a new coffee machine, refurbished the minor hall with new curtains and trolley to move the pool table.

We were pleased to be awarded funding from the arts Council NI to run classes in 2023 flutes, drums, and fifes in our own hall and in Drumbo Orange Hall. This expands our reach, and it will run for 20 weeks until June 2023.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The trustees have comprehensive financial procedures in place for the income and expenditure of the Poundbridge & District Community Association

We have no other investments aside from the finance within the bank.

The accounts are prepared by the trustees and externally verified by an independent examiner. The independent examiner is nominated by all members at each annual general meeting.

During this reporting period we were successful in gaining grants from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, Big Lottery Fund, DERA, Co-operation Ireland, Arts Council NI, and Good Relations Fund .

The main items of expenditure were due to: Meeting Grant requirements and running of the hall.

The main sources of income were generated through: Grant applications

The accounts are independently examined by Roy Young

DECLARATION

The trustees declare they have approved the Trustee's Report as accurate.

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees of Poundbridge & District Community Association:

Completed by Ian Patterson Honorary Secretary

Signature



Date: 27/1/23