

Dromara Community Group
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Dromara Community Group present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2023.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Dromara Community Group is a company limited by guarantee. It is governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 20th March 2013. The company is also registered as a charity with HM revenue and Customs under ref XR39197 and has yet to be called for registration by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The company is under control of the directors who are, therefore, acting trustees for the charity.

Public Benefit

The benefits which flow from the purpose include reducing rural isolation among residents, enabling residents to develop supportive social networks, supporting residents to develop new knowledge and skills and providing opportunities to enjoy local facilities, improve social cohesion and maintain positive mental and physical health. These benefits will be evidence through word-of-mouth and other means of feedback such as online polls in social media, completing surveys, and comments/conversations with local residents including suggestions for future activities and events. In carrying out events and activities including providing facilities for sport, there is always a risk to participants however, we ensure appropriate policies and training for activity leaders and volunteers that maintain safe standards which ensure the benefits outweigh and mitigate risks. The organisations beneficiaries include local residents across three boroughs for all age groups from under fives to over 65 years old irrespective of age, gender, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, etc. A private benefit stemming from our activities includes stall holders gaining a wider customer base and activity leaders/groups broadening their audience profile. However, this is incidental but necessary to the success and growth of the organisation's purpose.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

The principal activity of the Charity is to provide facilities and create opportunities for coming together to meet the needs of the local community of Dromara Village and surrounding districts without distinction to age, sex, race, religious or other opinion.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £160,823 (2022 - £160,940) and liabilities of £601 (2022 - £601). The net assets of the company have decreased by £(117).

Reserves Position and Policy

The trustees continue to monitor and update their reserves policy in order to establish the level of reserves that are required to continue to provide support and investment into all the projects for the next twelve months.

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Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Vaughan Byrne
Christine May Gemmell
Terence Hanna
Jacqueline Baird
John Baird
William Grant
Cannon Keith Ineson
Richard Macmillan
Joan Browne
Robert Joseph Brian Hunter
Wensley Stafford (Appointed 27 February 2023)

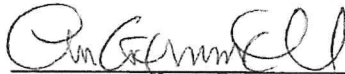
In accordance with the Articles of Association, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Dromara Community Group subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24/4/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Christine May Gemmell
Director