



Rock of Fire Centre

Trustees Annual Report

1st October 2022

to

30th October 2023

Registered with Company House Company No NI665044

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Introduction

The Trustees of Rock of Fire Centre present their first Annual Report from being deemed a charity from 1st October 2022 to the year ended 31 October 2023.

This Trustee Report have adopted the Accounting and Reporting by Charities, the format recommended by the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard of UK and Charity Commission NI standards, this report contains the following sections:

1. Structure, Governance and Management
2. Reference and Administrative details
3. Objectives and Activities
4. Achievements and Performance
5. Financial Review
6. Future Plans

1. Structure, Governance and Management

Summary Information

Rock of Fire Centre ('ROF') is a micro business, an incorporated Private Limited Company by Guarantee without Share Capital registered with Company House, which was founded in October 2019.

Its governing document is a Memorandum and Articles of Association and a Memorandum of Association which was formally adopted on 11th October 2019.

On 14th June 2021 the charity became an independent charity and is now subject to regulation by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The charity changed its name from Rock Family Chapel Ministries which is a faith-based name to Rock of Fire Centre due to community projects which the charity intends to do in the future.

The charity is based at 15c High Street, Antrim, BT41 4AX.

Principal Activity

Rock of Fire Centre is a faith-based charity. We have a community development program as well to help the needy in the community.

Classification

The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or another disadvantage

Membership

We do not have registered members of our charity. We have not offered membership services to the community yet. We will have membership in future.

Decision Making Structure

Decisions regarding administration, finance and strategy are taken at general meetings.

Emergency business is dealt with by the Officers between meetings and reported to the next meeting of the Committee. Decisions are taken collectively by the Trustees.

A general rule is that any decision of the Trustees must be a majority decision at a meeting.

Appointment of Trustees

The election of members to serve on the Committee normally takes place at the Annual General Meeting. Members elected to the Management Committee also become trustees of the charity.

Trustees Authority

The trustees are responsible for the management of the company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the company. Trustee positions are Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Protection, Coaching & Development. The Trustees may appoint vice positions to help with the administration or running of the company.

Administration

Changes were made to the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting in June 2021 to clarify the governing document. This got changed to a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity Trustees are collectively responsible for all the activities of their charity. As such, they must observe the requirements of the Charities Act, trustee, and other relevant legislation and they have a shared duty of care for the charity. If they do not act in this way a breach of trust or breach of duty of care may occur. In serious cases this may mean that they become personally liable for any debts or losses sustained by the charity because of their actions. It is important that all the Trustees act with integrity, avoid any misuse of charity funds or assets and avoid potential conflicts of interest and handle any that may arise in such a way as to promote accountability and transparency.

The charity has no assets liabilities.

There is now a legal requirement in Northern Ireland for charities to prepare an Annual Report and to submit Annual Audited Accounts. Charity trustees are now responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Connected Charities

Rock of Fire Centre retains close links with All Nations Christian Centre ANCC England and Shiloh Ministry for Restoration, Accra Ghana, West Africa.

Risk Management

Rock of Fire Centre has carried out a full risk assessment and this is reviewed annually.

Audit

For charity accounting purposes Rock of Fire Centre falls into the category of a "smaller charity" and therefore falls into the category "Receipts and Payments" which consists of a summary of all monies received and paid via the bank and in cash by the charity during its financial year.

However, because the charity is also a registered company, these accounts are submitted annually to our accountants to prepare the charity's yearly account. Therefore, the unaudited financial accounts have been provided to Charity Commission NI and Company House NI this shows the charity accounts up to the end of October 2023 reporting.

2. Reference and Administrative details

Trustees

The Trustees (for the purpose of charity law) during the year were

Ms Hilda Abban	Chair
Mr Pius Mensah	Treasurer
Ms Patricia Nti	Secretary
Ms Patricia Nti	Child Protection
Mr Hilda Abban	Coaching & Development

Management Committee general meetings.

None of the Trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Staff

Rock of Fire Centre currently has no paid staff of its own. It relies on volunteers to operate the charity.

Administration

Insurers: Aviva Insurance Ltd expires September 2024

Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc, Lisburn Branch, 61 Bow Street, BT28 1D

Registered Office: 15c High Street, Antrim, BT41 4AX

3. Objectives and Activities

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have regard to it in their administration of the charity. They believe that, by promoting the work of Rock of Fire Centre in the Antrim area and its immediate environs, Rock of Fire Centre provides a benefit to the public by:

The benefits flowing from our purposes are

- decrease isolation
- migrants support
- providing a place of refuge
- rehabilitation of offenders
- enhanced physical and mental health
- providing resources for those most in need
- promoting Christian values and services by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole

The benefits can be demonstrated through feedback from our beneficiaries, evaluation of our services and surveys to help us to improve our services. There is no harm arising from our purpose. The beneficiaries are people in the community who are in need including those who are homeless, prisoners in prisons and detention centres, ex-prisoners, widows, orphans, migrants
There is no private benefit from our purposes to trustees or members

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There is no private benefit from our purposes.

Aims

Rock of Fire Centre's overall aim is to improve the quality of life for the needy in the local community. We seek to do this by:

- providing those in need with essential items
- helping those who are isolated reintegrate into society
- helping migrants overcome barriers and navigate unfamiliar system
- raising the self-esteem and self-sufficiency of such individuals or families
- increasing their chances of successful integration into their new communities.

4. Achievements and Performance

Over the last twelve months Rock of Fire Centre has carried out the following activities:

Visits & Deliveries

The teams of volunteers use their personal car and their personal money to buy and deliver essentials to people in need in the community. They also visit the isolated in their homes. In 2022/23 they made 49 visits and 26 deliveries.

The Management Committee believes that there is still a considerable demand for the service that Rock of Fire Centre provides.

Administrative

Administration continues to be carried out remotely from the church premises. However, the administrator continues to redirect emails and phone calls received. Mostly emails are received directly by Rock of Fire Centre and visits schedule populated accordingly.

The Management Committee is grateful to the volunteers who give unstintingly of their time to make the activities that Rock of Fire Centre undertakes viable.

It is now a requirement of the Charity Commission that Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Policies are in place. This has been implemented. A Risk Assessment is also now in place reviewed annually.

5. Financial Review

Results

Rock of Fire Centre makes no charge for any of its services and is totally dependent on grants, sponsors, and donations to sustain its operation. The charity recorded as a dormant account for 2022/23.

During 2022/23 our income amounted to 20,794.00 The main sources of the income were a

generous donation from a few individuals and mandated standing orders and other generous donations.

A lot of the finances was used to purchase essentials for the needy in the community. Overall, Rock of Fire Centre recorded a loss of £331.00 in the year.

During 2022/23 due to relocation and being in an upstairs unit, the charity was unable to hold the usual fundraising activities, but this was offset by the generous donation from the public.

During 2022/23 due to relocating to new premises which had no ground floor usage, the charity was unable to hold the usual fundraising activities, but this was offset by the generous donation individuals.

There was no activity concerning a restricted Funds and this remains at £0.00.

The trustees take no professional fees for remuneration.

There was no activity concerning Restricted Funds and this remains at £0.00.

The Trustees wish to express their gratitude not only to its funders and our trustee but to all those individuals who have supported its work during the year. Their practical assistance is very much appreciated.

Reserves Policy

Rock of Fire Centre maintains a reserves policy but has nothing in the reserves currently balance is £0.00.

Donations

Rock of Fire Centre made no political grants or financial donations in the year to any charities.

We supported families in need with essentials to help them during covid lockdown.

Governance Costs

The latest reporting regulations place more emphasis on measuring the costs of Governance to Charities. Rock of Fire Centre is fortunate that the cost of its meetings and the production of its Annual Report is covered by the support provided by the trustees.

6. Future Plans

There will always be people in need in the community but, particularly in the current economic climate the demand for 'Rock of Fire Centre Centre's services is expected to increase.

There was a concerted effort from volunteers to "clean up" the charity building Rock of Fire Centre could not operate without the assistance of our volunteers.

Fundraising continues to be a key factor in the plan going forward. Whilst the capital position remains healthy and overheads remain at a manageable level, the mandated standing orders do not cover monthly expenditure. Donations are therefore the “life blood’ of the charity and the management committee would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to the organisations and individual donors whose generosity makes it possible for Rock of Fire Centre to continue to help those in need in the community. Our charity chair donates a lot to the charity whenever the charity cannot make ends meet. This boosts our finances and stops the charity from running into unauthorised debits.

In 2025, we intend to commence our community development project. Rock Refuge Centre a Migrants Day Centre which caters for disadvantaged and marginalised people, we shall provide support to migrants, refugees and homeless in Antrim.

Our day centre will contribute to increasing opportunities and tackling disadvantaged by providing employment support, language and education programs, social integration, legal assistance, access to essential services, and empowerment initiatives. Through these efforts, the centre aims to enhance the service users' prospects, reduce barriers, and promote equality and social inclusion among migrants.

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:



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Bishop Hilda Abban

Chair

Date 25 July 2024