

# Ballyvea Football Club Limited

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Directors' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 30 June 2023

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The directors, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Ballyvea Football Club Limited

**Charity registration number** NIC108193

**Company registration number** NI659180

**Principal office and registered office** 51 Carrigenagh Road  
Kilkeel  
Newry  
BT34 4PY

**The directors** David Crutchley  
Alan Blue  
Ivan McCavery  
Trevor McConnell

The Charitable Company is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, under registration number NIC 108193.

The Directors have obtained official charitable status for the company from HMRC. The HMRC Charity Registration number is NI00948.

**Bank** Danske Bank  
58 Hill Street  
Newry  
BT34 1AR

**Independent examiner** Una Cunningham FCA  
Purdy Quinn Chartered Accountants  
42 Greencastle Street  
KILKEEL  
Co Down  
BT34 4BH

#### Structure, governance and management

##### Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up under the Memorandum & Articles of Association on 20 February 2019.

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#### Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

##### Organisational structure and decision making

The company Directors continued to be:

Trevor McConnell  
Alan Blue  
Ivan McCavery  
David Crutchley.

The directors manage the Ballyvea Football Club Limited Committee in dealing with the day to day operations of the charity.

At the period end, in addition to the directors, the following individuals had served on the Committee:

Mark Haugh  
Geoff Beck  
Harold McKibbin  
Wesley Haugh  
David Heaney (Resigned 23rd March 2023)  
Mark Burden (Resigned 23rd March 2023)  
Gary Agnew (Resigned 23rd March 2023)  
Mark Ballance  
Kenny McConnell  
Graeme McKibbin (Appointed 23rd March 2023)  
Mark McConnell (Appointed 23rd March 2023)

Committee meetings were held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. The average attendance is ten. An Annual General meeting was held 23rd March 2023.

#### Risk management

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

#### Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are for the public benefit and without distinction of age, sex, race, disability, political, religious or other opinion are to;

- (i) advance amateur sport through provision of local football club in the Mourne District Electoral Area
  - (ii) promote the playing of association football by the provision of facilities, training and equipment in the Mourne District Electoral area
  - (iii) advance amateur sport which promotes healthy lifestyles and mental wellbeing in the Mourne District Electoral area
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#### **Strategic report**

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

#### **Achievements and performance**

After a very busy 2-3 years with the building and opening of our Community Hub, this year has been one of consolidation as we have overseen the running of the Community Hub in addition to our core football activities. We now have a range of activities happening in the building week by week, and our three senior teams along with around 130 youth players continue to represent the Club in local football leagues and cups.

On the field, our First Team had their first season in the highest Mid Ulster Junior Division 1 and consolidated their position in that Division. Our Second team also made the move to the Mid Ulster League, and finished third, gaining promotion to the Reserve 3 league for the 23-24 season. Our Third team continued to compete in the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League, providing a pathway to senior football for a number of young players graduating from our youth system.

The Club continued to engage with the local community, hosting Brackenagh West Primary School Sports Day, a Christmas Football Fun Day and a Fun Day & Youth Tournament, as well as making our Hub facilities available to a number of local groups such as Homestart, Southern Health & Social Care, KD Dance studios and various individuals for parties and dinners.

The Club continues to be represented on Newry, Mourne and Down Council Sports Development committee SANDSA at Deputy Chairman level. This provides access to various training opportunities such as Coaching, Child Protection and First Aid.

#### **Senior teams**

The 2022-23 season saw our First team play their first season at the highest Junior level in Mid Ulster League, Division 1. The team, managed by Gary Haugh, did well to secure their position in the Division for another season, in what is a very competitive and high-quality football environment. Our Second team, now known as the Reserves, was managed by Alan Graham and settled well into the Mid Ulster League, finishing third in Reserve Division Four and thus gaining promotion to Division 3 for the 23-24 Season. The Thirds had a difficult season as promotion to NADAFL Division 2 presented a difficult challenge, but they still managed to introduce a number of youth players into senior football.

#### **Youth teams**

We continue to run youth teams from Under 7 to Under 16, and remain indebted to our dedicated coaches who invest much time and energy in the development of our young players. Youth teams continue to compete in the Mid Ulster Youth League, the Down Area Youth League and the Grassroots Development centre at Newry. We continue to see a steady flow of very young players joining the Club in our Under 7 group.

#### **Ground Maintenance**

Work is required on an ongoing basis to maintain our grounds, especially the grass pitches. Both pitches were reseeded at the end of the season, resulting in first-class surfaces for the resumption of football. We remain indebted to a willing team of volunteers who carry out this work.

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#### **Achievements and performance *(continued)***

##### **Covid-19**

Thankfully most of the issues caused by Covid were left behind during this year, and it was good to be able to return to football and other activities in a more normal environment.

##### **Facilities development**

Our Community Health & Wellbeing Hub is now recognised a great community asset in the area. We have many bookings for birthday parties and family events, as well as hosting ballet classes, line dancing classes and Homestart meetings. All of these mean that the Hub is now a valuable source of income to the club.

Our Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) which was completed in May 2022 is also very well used, both for Club training and also bookings by groups for 5-a-side football. This is a tremendous asset to the Club, as it allows much of our youth training to be allocated to the MUGA, saving wear and tear on grass pitches.

##### **Community Activities**

###### **Fun Day and Youth Tournament.**

This was held in June and attracted around 75 teams from across Co Down, Co Armagh and Co Antrim. This was a big club effort involving members in car parking and food cooking duties, as well as the organisation of the tournament matches.

###### **Golf Classic.**

This annual golf tournament took place at the end of August 2022 at Kilkeel Golf Club.

###### **Christmas Football Fun Day.**

A game between Ballyvea Over 35s and Moneyslane over 35s provided great festive entertainment.

###### **Brackenagh West PS Sports Day.**

We were pleased to be able to offer our facilities free of charge to Brackenagh West PS for their 170 pupils to enjoy a sports day.

##### **Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 8 of the accompanying financial statements.

Ballyvea Football Club Limited's accounts for this year report a deficit of £3,205 (2022 – £55,115 surplus).

This deficit is reported after depreciation for the year of £23,693 (2022 - £23,526), hence the surplus before depreciation was £20,488 (2022- £78,641).

During the year the club was able to make good progress on loan repayments.

Capital of £20,059 was repaid to Community Finance Ireland. This included three unscheduled lump sum payments of £5,000 each. £4,020 was repaid on a supplier loan and £5,000 was repaid on the Club's supporter loans.

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#### Financial review *(continued)*

The Club ended the period with a balance of £3,674 (2022 - £3,116) in our Community Account and £630 (2022 - £5,896) in our Deposit Account.

Fundraising.

Monthly standing orders reached £2,300 by end of the period.

The Club continued to apply for grants from Council and other bodies.

During the period the Club obtained Letters of Offer for grant aid as follows:

|        |                    |                                |
|--------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| £4,584 | IFA/DCMS           | -Floodlights                   |
| £500   | Halifax Foundation | -Covid recovery (unrestricted) |
| £500   | Barclays Sported   | -Coach training                |

#### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.


#### Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy to designate funds for particular purposes, if decided necessary by the Board, and to restrict funds which are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Trustees have confirmed that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity and that the funds are not excessive given the nature of funding, the assets, the commitments and size of the charity.

The directors' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

  
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David Crutchley  
Director

  
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Trevor McConnell  
Director