

# Ballyvea Football Club Limited

## Company Limited by Guarantee

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

#### Year ended 30 June 2024

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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 2024.

#### 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.

In addition to the directors, the following individuals had served on the Committee during the financial year:

Mark Haugh  
Geoff Beck (Resigned 5th November 2024)  
Harold McKibbin (Deceased 1st February 2025)  
Wesley Haugh  
Mark Ballance  
Kenny McConnell  
Graeme McKibbin  
Mark McConnell

Committee meetings were held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. The average attendance is ten. The Annual General meeting was held 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### **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**

This has been a very positive year for the Club both in terms of the running of our Community Hub and in our core football activities. The range of activities happening in the building week by week has increased, 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 continued to consolidate their position in Mid Ulster League Division 1. Our Second team continued to settle in the Mid Ulster League, finishing fourth and earning promotion to Reserve Division 2 for the 2024-25 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. They also reached the final of the League Cup where they narrowly lost to Kilmore in the final.

The Club continued to engage with the local community, hosting Brackenagh West Primary School Sports Day, a Christmas Football Fun Match 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 2023-24 season saw our First team play at the highest Junior level in Mid Ulster League, Division One. The team, with new manager David Heaney, 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 finished fourth in Reserve Division Three and thus gaining promotion to Division 2 for the 24-25 Season. The Thirds had a good league season and reached the final of the Kitroom Plate.

##### **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.

##### **Ladies football**

We were delighted to see Ladies football commence at the Club, with a group of around 20 ladies meeting each Wednesday evening for training, and playing a few friendly games.

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##### **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.

##### **Facilities development.**

Our Community Health & Wellbeing Hub continues to be 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 continues to be very well used, both for Club training and also bookings by groups for 5-a-side football. Brackenagh West PS also use the MUGA for football and hockey after-school clubs. This is 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 70 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 2023 at Kilkeel Golf Club.

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

A game between Ballyvea Over 35s and Ballyvea Coaches provided great entertainment. £1,000 was raised to help local girl Bethany Pryce get necessary disablement equipment.

###### **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 surplus of £11,979 (2023 Deficit - £3,205).

This surplus is reported after depreciation for the year of £23,684 (2023 - £23,693), hence the surplus before depreciation was £35,663 (2023- £20,488).

During the year the club was able to make good progress on loan repayments. Capital of £4,612 was repaid to Community Finance Ireland. £4,010 was repaid on a supplier loan and £15,000 was repaid on the Club's supporter loans. As the monthly loan repayments to the supplier ended in June 2024, this allowed BFCL to increase the monthly payments to Community Finance Ireland to £1200 per month.

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#### Financial review *(continued)*

The Club ended the period with a balance of £3,123 (2023 - £3,674) in our Community Account and £4,150 (2023 - £630) in our Deposit Account. The petty cash balance was £100.

#### Fundraising

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

Fundraising events such as our Fun Day, and golf classic totalled around £8,000. We had around 30 sponsorship boards at our ground generating over £3,000.

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:

Southern Health & Social Care	£ 550	Development of Ladies football
Newry Mournie & Down District Council	£5,000	Purchases of SISIS Variseeder

#### 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.

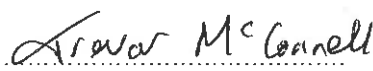
#### Reserves policy

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 <sup>21-3-25</sup>..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

  
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David Crutchley  
Director

  
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Trevor McConnell  
Director