

## Dechomet Community Group Ltd

### Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 October 2023.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### ***Objects and aims***

Dechomet Community Group Ltd is based in a rural isolated Community in Co Down, In the period of this report we ran a successful set of activities in the heart of the community bringing the community together promoting social inclusion to all regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation, transgender identity or religion/belief.

Dechomet Community Group Ltd is established to:

- Promote the health and well-being of the inhabitants (beneficiaries) of Dechomet, helping to improve life expectancy and the avoidance of premature deaths
- The promotion of good community relations among the beneficiaries regardless of religious belief, political opinion, marital status or sexual orientation
- To promote social inclusion, reduce isolation and increase social networks for the inhabitants of Dechomet and surrounding rural area;
- To advance education, personal development and facilitate shared learning for all residents of the area of benefit;
- To promote community development and capacity building through establishing activity programmes that will engage the beneficiaries, young and old, and lead to improved confidence and self-esteem and a reduction of anti-social behaviour and crime in this isolated, rural area.

##### ***Objectives, strategies and activities***

We applied for and successful in attracting funding from several agencies including Awards for all and Newry and Mourne council .

This funding enabled us to provide programs in the heart of the community for all the community at a time when our community was still suffering the aftereffects of COVID and the lack of programs in the area.

We ran a successful Christmas event in December with a Christmas Tree switch on and a video of Santa visiting both Dechomet and Drumadonnell primary school and leaving a selection box for all the children. This was shared on our social channels aimed at both young and old.

In the spring we launched a successful Yoga program for the ladies in the community at the local school hall and continued into the Autumn months which was well attended and supported throughout the year.

As we moved into the summer we provided a very successful summer scheme facilitated by an CoreKidsNI for Circa 120 children in the community providing a free Summer scheme for one week at the height of the summer that was well attended and enjoyed by all.

We used social media, the local schools and word of mouth to promote these events and we were very grateful to the funding bodies for their support.

The majority of this funding was spent in 2023 and we were able to continue these activities into 2024 with a Surplus that was not spent in the accounting period.

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#### Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

- Liam Patrick Doyle
- Martin Kearney
- Margaret Mary Doyle
- Roisin O'Higgins
- Karen Malcomson

#### Structure, governance and management

##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

##### Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

##### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Dechomet Community Group Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 24 February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee