

MOURNE HERITAGE TRUST



AGM 2018 and Summary
Accounts 2018 - 2019

Mission Statement

'To sustain and enhance the environment, rural regeneration, cultural heritage and visitor opportunities of the Mourne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and contribute to the well-being of Mournes communities'

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MINUTES OF TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2018, NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CINEMA

In Attendance: Mr Newell Bingham, Mr Harvey Bruncker, Mr Roberts Burgess, Mr Matthew Bushby, Mr Paul Campbell, Mr Andy Carden, Mr Martin Carey, Mr Bruce Carnegie, Ms Fionnuala Carragher, Mr Alastair Chestnutt, Mr Jonathan Clarke, Cllr William Clarke, Mr Paul Clerkin, Ms Shirleen Corbett, Mr Ricky Cowam, Mr Daniel Cunningham, Mrs Una Cunningham, Mr Spencer Cusack, Mr John Devlin, Cllr Laura Devlin, Mr Michael Donnelly, Mr John Fisher, Mrs Norma Fisher, Ms Camilla Fitzpatrick, Mr Dean Fitzpatrick, Mr Sean Fitzpatrick, Mr Kieran Grant, Cllr Glyn Hanna, Mr Ryan Harty, Ms Isabel Hood, Mr Jim Horgan, Mr Danny Johnston, Mr Niall Kelly, Ms Maureen Killen, Mr Mike King, Ms Jessica Koquert, Ms Helen Lawless, Mr Will Lewis, Mrs SheShe Lewis, Mr David Maginn, Mr Jim Martin, Mr William John Martin, Mr Colum McDaid, Ms Lianne McDonnell, Mr Niall McGovern, Mr Hilary McGrath, Station Commander Nigel McGuffin, Mr Thomas McKeefy, Mr Joe McKnight, Cllr Oksana McMahon, Mr Charles McRobert, Mrs Wilma Mitchell, Dr Arthur Mitchell, Mrs Sinéad Mulholland, Mr Sean Murphy, Dr Charles O'Brien, Mr Dennis O'Higgins, Mrs Josephine O'Higgins, Mr Desmond Patterson, Mr Peter Rafferty, Mr Andrew Rooney, Mr Brian Rooney, Ms Diane Ruddock, Mr Geoff Simmons, Mr William Skillen, Mr Gerard Sloan, Mr Mark Smyth, Mr Michael Starkey, Ms Jacqui Thompson, Mr David Thompson, Miss Siobhan Thompson, Mr John Toner, Mr Desmond Turley, Mrs Niamh Valentine, Mr Mark Vinas, Mr Ian Watts, Mrs Jo Whatmough, Mr Alan Whitcroft, Mrs Alice Whittington and Mr Mark Wright.

Apologies: Mr George Acheson, Ms Heather Allen, Ms Helen Anderson, Ms Catherine Bertrand, Mr Jim Bradley, Ms Rita Connell, Mr Maynard Coulsley, Mr Bernard Davy, Mr Jim Donaldson, Ms Marie Doran, Ms Maureen Griffith, Mr Mark Hammond, Mr Liam Hannaway, Mr David Hood, Mr Ricky Hore, Dr David Johnston, Mr Herbie Jones, Ms Helen Lawless, Mr John Martin, Mr Mike McClure, Ms Jean McKee, Ms Antionette McKeown, Ms Heather McLachlan, Mr Andrew McMurray, Ms Rosie Mitten, Mr Richard Murphy, Mr Eamonn O'Neill, Mr Mark Parker, Ms Kyla Phillips, Mrs Margaret Ritchie, Mr Jim Saunders, Ms Joy Scott, Mr Roy Taylor, Mr Vincent Trainor and Ms Heather Wilson.

Councillor Oksana McMahon, Vice Chair of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Councillor McMahon welcomed guests and highlighted that the landscape of the Mourne AONB features prominently in the Council's Corporate Plan, Community Plan and Tourism Strategy respectively. This, she said, indicated both the benefits to be gained from this special place and the importance of the council and MHT partnership in caring for it.

MHT Chairman's Address – Mr Desmond Patterson

Mr Patterson thanked landowners, partner agencies and funders for their support and had a special word for the Trust's many volunteers.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 11th October 2017

Minutes were approved on the proposal of Dr Arthur Mitchell, seconded by Ms Isabel Hood.

Auditor's Report – Mrs Una Cunningham, Purdy Quinn Chartered Accountants

Mrs Cunningham gave an overview of the summary accounts provided to attendees, highlighting that in the 2017/18 financial year the Trust had brought in more funds – approximately £1.25 million – than ever before for investment in the AONB. Accounts were proposed by Mr Sean Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr William John Martin.

Overview of Key Achievements in 2017/18

A photographic presentation illustrated how funding had been used with highlights including erosion control and heathland restoration, improvement of mountain biking, horse riding and walking infrastructure, development of the tourism experiences and a range of activities to engage local people.

Partner Project Showcase: Mourne Wall Restoration

Michael Donnelly of NI Water, Alice Whittington of RPS Consulting Engineers and Niall McGovern of Geda Construction gave a 'behind the scenes' insight into how this unprecedented project was designed and delivered.

Election of Board of Trustees

Martin Carey informed attendees that, in line with the Trust's Articles & Memorandum of Association, one third of Board members had tendered resignations. These were Mr Alistair Chestnutt, Ms Shirleen Cornelissen, Cllr Glynn Hanna, Mr Ryan Harty, Dr Arthur Mitchell, Mr Oisín Murnion and Mr Desmond Patterson. Mr Carey reported that all had submitted themselves for re-election. The re-submitting trustees were approved on the proposal of Ms Isabel Hood and seconded by Mr David Thompson.

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Restricted	Unrestricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations & legacies	-	242,308	242,308	227,125
Investments	-	38	38	26
Charitable activities	133,581	406,216	539,797	1,005,349
Other	1,057	600	1,657	2,098
Total incoming resources	134,638	649,162	783,800	1,234,598
Resources Expended				
Raising funds	-	1,917	1,917	2,478
Charitable activities	146,245	586,542	732,787	1,187,174
Other	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	146,245	588,459	734,704	1,189,652
Net income/expenditure	(11,607)	60,703	49,096	44,946
Transfers between funds	2,925	(2,925)	-	-
	(8,682)	57,778	49,096	44,946
Other recognised gains/(losses): Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	-	64,000	64,000	34,000
Net movement in funds	(8,682)	121,778	113,096	78,946
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds at 1 April 2017	54,408	272,626	327,034	248,088
Total funds at 31 March 2018	45,726	394,404	440,130	327,034

All activities relate to continuing activities.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2019

		TOTAL	TOTAL
		2019	2018
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	68,150		75,004
Current assets			
Stocks	1,457		1,763
Debtors	268,237		286,750
Cash at bank and in hand	394,172		254,436
	663,866		542,949
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(184,886)		(113,919)
Net current assets		487,980	429,030
Total assets less current liabilities		547,130	504,034
Defined benefit pension scheme liability		(107,000)	(177,000)
Net assets including pension scheme liabilities		440,130	54,408
Charity Funds			
Restricted funds		45,726	54,408
Unrestricted funds:			
Unrestricted funds excluding pension liability		501,404	449,626
Pension reserve		(107,000)	(177,000)
Total unrestricted funds		394,404	272,626
Total funds		440,130	327,034

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on 16th October 2019 and signed on their behalf, by:
Desmond Patterson, Chairman - Arthur Mitchell, Vice Chairman

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2019

	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2019	2018
	£	£
Cash flows from opening activities		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	146,502	(109,677)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	38	26
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(6,804)	(8,487)
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,766)	(8,461)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	139,736	(118,138)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	254,436	372,574
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	394,172	254,436