

## **Glencairn Community Trust Annual Report 2008**

The projects that the Trust is involved with have run successfully this year despite difficulties in relation to staffing and attracting new trustees.

### **Glencairn Playcare**

Playcare is so successful that it is almost covering its costs from income. This has been highly successful. It is well used and is fulfilling a clear need in the community. The Playcare Report is available giving details of organization and activities. As well as the service provided, Playcare has also offered employment to a number of people and worked in partnership with other organizations. Playcare is regularly inspected by the Care Commission.

However there are recurring problems with staffing. Our current manager is leaving and it will be necessary to advertise the post again. Val McNeil the trustee who has supported Playcare has now resigned. We thank her very much for the work that she has done. We now need another trustee to take on Val's role of liaison with Playcare.

### **The Folk Festival**

The Folk Festival was also very successful. It attracted large numbers of visitors to the village and was the largest single generator of income for local businesses in the year. It provided entertainment of a very high standard from world class musicians. Professional musicians led workshops in schools and during the weekend of the festival itself. The community choir has now moved on from the folk festival as a separate organization with associated funding transferred to it. The folk festival made a profit, which can be used as seed funding for next year. The success of the folk festival was mainly due to the extremely hard working folk festival committee and our thanks are due to them.

### **The Future Of The Trust**

Without a paid administrator and with the number of directors having dropped to three plus treasurer and company secretary, it has become increasingly difficult to manage the work involved. Without new members the Trust will cease to be viable. The Moniaive Under Fives have expressed an interest in working with the trust and the trust would benefit from having new trustees from this body.

The trust does not run the above projects nor should it. The trust is the vehicle by which groups in the community can access funding and the necessary legal status and accounting procedures to operate those funds. The projects' successes are entirely due to the individuals, who give their time and energies to make them work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank formally the volunteers, trust directors and officers, who have given generously of their time to enable the various projects to take place. I would like to place on record particular thanks to Mike Stevenson, who has had the onerous task of treasurer and probably has more work than any other single director. I would also like to thank Robert Hall, who has resigned after seven years as a trustee and a year as company secretary.

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