

FRIENDS OF COLERAINE FC BULLETIN

EDITION 1 - APRIL 2026

HELLO FROM FCFC

At our EGM/AGM back in December 2025 we promised to keep you all updated on progress following our decision to explore a charitable partnership with The Harry Gregg Foundation (HGF).

We acknowledged at the AGM that supporting both Club and Community would be our focus going forward, and that our ultimate direction of travel should be towards creating a vehicle capable of attaining charitable status in our own right.

This completed Phase 1 of the change process to create a future role for FCFC. It's been a busy few months involving the following outcomes:

Appointment of FCFC Officers

- Chair Peter Morrow
- Vice-Chair Chris Gray
- Treasurer John Marshall
- Secretary Jimmy McAleese

Re-appointment of Frances Pearson (Pearson Coaching and Consultancy) to independently facilitate Phase 2 of the FCFC change process

Frances facilitated and delivered Phase 1 of the change process under budget and has developed a deep understanding of our history and future aspirations as an organisation. We are delighted to welcome her back on board for Phase 2.

Establishment of a Change Sub-Committee*

- Chris Gray
- Simon Archibald
- John Marshall
- James Savage
- Mechelle Leeming
- Neil Leeming
- Daryl Archer
- Mervyn McIntyre
- John McIlreavy
- Jimmy McAleese
- SO74 Representative (TBA)



*The Change Sub-Committee excludes Peter Morrow and Maurice Bradley due to a conflict of interests arising from their Trustee status with HGF.

Phase 2 Update

The Change Sub-Committee have met twice in person and continue to work offline in sub-groups on specific topics. To date the following actions have been completed:

- Identification of Stakeholders and development of a Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- Development of Action Plans and assignment of Tasks
- Development of new Purpose/Mission Statement – see below
- Financial Snapshot – a review of current reserves as we approach our year-end on 31st May
- Establishment of a new domain and email system for member communications
- A “skills gap” exercise – identifying those areas where other FCFC members may be able to assist and areas where external expertise may be required.
- Initial Stakeholder meetings with HGF Trustees and CFC CEO Dale Pryde-McDonald.

Work on the following areas has also commenced and is continuing at pace:

- Development of a new Constitution
- Defining our Values, Charitable Objectives, and Goals
- Development of key Strategies & Action Plans associated with
- FCFC Communications and the FCFC Membership Structure
- Establishment of an “Ideas Bank” for the many suggestions that have emerged around future Fundraising, projects FCFC could potentially support, and external Funding options.

The Change Sub-Committee meets again on 13th April, following a Full Committee meeting on 1st April.

Purpose/Mission Statement

The following Purpose/Mission Statement for FCFC was unanimously agreed by the Full Committee:

“To support, and enhance, opportunities for the local community through sport”

Membership

Thanks to everyone our membership has remained strong and loyal throughout the last 2 years with new members joining in recent months. We have attached the current Membership Form and FAQs sheet should you be approached by anyone interested in becoming a new member.

What's Next

Recent meetings with HGF and CFC provided a useful starting point for future relationships with our two key stakeholders. As in any change project, some potential issues/barriers to progress were identified, alongside the clear synergies we all share. The situation is fluid with further conversations ongoing. We will provide a full update in the next Friends Bulletin.

Any ideas, new members, or offers of assistance please contact:

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