

Struan Community Development Group (SCIO)

Scottish Charity Number SC049381

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2022

Trustees' Annual Report
Struan Community Development Group (SCIO)
For the year ended 31st March 2022

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Struan Community Development Group (SCIO)

Address

The Old Manse, Struan, Isle of Skye, IV56 8FA

Bankers

Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh, EH12 9DR

Independent Examiner

Marie McMillan Cert Acct (Open), Senior Finance Officer, Voluntary Action Lochaber, An Drochaid, Claggan Road, Fort William, PH33 6PH

Current Trustees

Sarah Illingworth - Chair / Treasurer

Clare Stones - Joint Vice Chair

Claire Silvester - Secretary

Ian Silvester (*appointed 06/21*)

Niall Till - Treasurer (*appointed 06/21*)

Margaret Semler (*resigned 06/21*)

Chris Henwood (*resigned 06/21*)

Katrina McGough (*resigned 06/21*)

Structure, Governance and Management

Struan Community Development Group was registered in its current legal form 13th June 2019. The organisation was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO on 13th June 2019. The organisation consists of i) members who have the right to attend members' meetings, appoint board members and take decisions on constitution changes, and ii) board members (charity trustees) who generally control the activities of the organisation and monitor and control the financial position of the organisation.

Constitution

The Charity was set up on 13th June 2019 and is bound by its Constitution which was agreed and adopted in May 2019.

Appointment of trustees

At each AGM, the members may elect any member to be a charity trustee. The board may appoint any member to be a charity trustee. At each AGM, all the charity trustees shall retire from office but shall then be eligible for re-election. The maximum number of charity trustees is 7 and the minimum is 5.

Objectives and Activities

The organisation's main purpose is to advance citizenship and community development through the initiation and support of projects which result in the development of sustainable buildings, infrastructure and facilities within the Struan area for the benefit of all members of the local community.

In addition to this we aim to contribute to the advancement of the arts, culture and in particular the heritage of area by developing and maintaining facilities, including those which provide access to and interpretation of the archaeological heritage of the area, so that these can be enjoyed by all members of the public.

Activities

The Group, having decided to put the original Community and Visitor Centre project on hold for the time being owing to Covid-19, then looked at the possibility of purchasing and re-inventing Ullinish Lodge for this purpose. In the event we were unable to obtain funding to start on this before the closing date.

The 2020 Christmas Voucher scheme was well received by the community so we repeated it in 2021.

By the end of January 2022 we were also hoping to learn if our application to the Community Trust for Fuel Vouchers to help with the massive increase in heating and lighting costs had been accepted.

The Christmas shopping bus trip to Inverness had to be cancelled. We organised one to Fort William and this was achieved, with the required social distancing in place.

Zoom meetings were held by the Trustees throughout 2021 to discuss how to move forward with some of the other projects we have in mind for the Community benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Three Trustees stood down in 2021 and a further two new Trustees were appointed.

The remaining invoices relating to the Dun Beag project were paid in full.

Having applied for and received the necessary funding from the Community Trust, the main SCDG achievement for the year was the appointment of a Development Officer, Duncan Clark from Uig. His initial projects have been the setting up of a regular Community Newsletter, the organisation of the two bus trips for Christmas shopping – the one to Inverness was cancelled because of concerns about a spike in Covid cases in the town –and liaison with Trustees and members of the Community re the Christmas Food vouchers. These three projects have helped to increase our contact with the community although we still struggle to have everyone registered online rather than delivering Newsletters and vouchers by hand and/or by post.

In the New Year we hope to have several more projects “on the go”– liaison with Muirhall Energy and other communities bordering Struan Community regarding windfarm financial benefits to Struan Community (obtain and prepare a location at road end of the turbine track for community hall and visitor centre, cycle and walking tracks, plan to tidy up Struan Village); follow up on an offer of a small piece of land between Struan and Ose for community development and use (allotments, polytunnel, fruit tree planting, outdoor seating area and play area for children, availability of coffee/tea etc); possibility of a suitable depot for the distribution of bulk shopping.

Further details on the project can be found on the community website: struancommunity.co.uk.

Financial review

Total income for the period was £24,190. Expenditure for same period was £6,948 resulting in a deficit of £17,242. Reserves held at year end were £17,960 - unrestricted funds (£317) and restricted funds (£17,643).

Reserves Policy

There is no requirement in the constitution for reserves however the charity maintains a Reserves Policy which states that a minimum of £350 should be retained at all times, primarily to ensure that the Group can continue to operate (currently meeting online) and meet its statutory reporting requirements.

Plans for future period

The Group (partly as a result of information that emerged during archaeological survey work in 2019) still has on hold a Community Excavation on a new prehistoric roundhouse site, and in due course we will be drawing up funding applications to support this.

The Group also continues to support environmental activities within the community, in the form of beach cleaning and tree planting, and will continue to do so whenever this is feasible.

We are also liaising with the Skye Cycle Network project to investigate the possibility of improving access paths within the community, for the benefit of both residents and visitors.


Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

There are no funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

This report was approved by the trustees on 12th December 2022.



Name of Trustee : Sarah Illingworth - Chair

Date: 22nd December 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited accounts of Struan Community Development Group.

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Marie McMillan Cert Acct (Open)
Date: - 2022
Senior Finance Officer
Voluntary Action Lochaber
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Struan Community Development Group (SCIO)
 Receipts and Payments Accounts
 For the year ended 31st March 2022
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		Year to 2022 Unrestricted £	Year to 2022 Restricted £	Year to 2022 Total £	Period to 2021 Total £
Receipts					
Grants and Donations					
Grants	4	-	24,190	24,190	9,600
Donations	5	-	-	-	90
Bank interest received		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		-	24,190	24,190	9,690
Payments					
Charitable Activities					
Development Officer		-	1,704	1,704	-
Surveying Fees		-	-	-	2,000
Room Hire		-	-	-	82
Bus Trips		-	840	840	-
Newsletter Costs		-	80	80	-
Subscriptions		-	-	-	144
Engineering Services		-	-	-	1,800
Stationery		-	-	-	115
Postage		-	-	-	52
Energy Appraisal		-	-	-	2,580
Land Valuation		-	-	-	600
Catering Planning Fees		-	-	-	420
Christmas Vouchers		-	4,324	4,324	3,420
Grant Funds Returned		-	-	-	756
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination	7	-	-	-	100
Total Payments		-	6,948	6,948	12,069
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before transfers		-	17,242	17,242	(2,379)
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
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	Year to 2022 Unrestricted	Year to 2022 Restricted	Year to 2022 Total	Period to 2021 Total
Statement of Balances - as at 31st March 2022				
Opening cash at bank and in hand	317	401	718	3,097
Add Income	-	24,190	24,190	9,690
Less Expenditure	-	6,948	6,948	12,069
Transfers	6	-	-	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand	317	17,643	17,960	718
Bank and Cash Balances				
Treasurers Account	317	17,831	18,148	718
Outstanding lodgements	-	-	-	-
Outstanding cheques	-	(188)	(188)	-
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
9 & 10	317	17,643	17,960	718

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:

Sarah D. Illingworth

Name: Sarah Illingworth

Date: 22nd December 2022

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2022

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. Grants totalling £24,190 were received from Struan Community Trust - £14,700 for a Part Time Development Officer, £1,680 towards cost of Bus Trips, £200 for printing / distribution of the Newsletter and £7,610 to support the local community by providing Christmas Vouchers.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2021: £NIL).

4 Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Scottish Land Fund (Dun Beag Project)	-	-	-	4,800
Struan Community Trust (Development Officer)	-	14,700	14,700	-
Struan Community Trust (Bus Trips)	-	1,680	1,680	-
Struan Community Trust (Newsletter)	-	200	200	-
Struan Community Trust (General Expenses)	-	-	-	500
Struan Community Trust (Xmas Voucher Scheme)	-	7,610	7,610	4,300
	-	24,190	24,190	9,600

5 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Misc Donations	-	-	-	90
	-	-	-	90

6 Transfers between funds

There were no transfers between funds during the year (2021: £NIL).

7 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Independent Examination	-	-	-	50
Accounting Services	-	-	-	50
	-	-	-	100

8 Volunteers

The trustees would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers who dedicate a significant amount of time for no remuneration to the charity.

9 Unrestricted Funds

	At 1st April 2021	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31st March 2022
Unrestricted Funds	317	-	-	-	317
	<u>317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317</u>

10 Restricted Funds

	At 1st April 2021	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31st March 2022
Scottish Land Fund (Dun Beag)	1	-	-	-	1
Struan Community Trust (Development Officer)	-	14,700	(1,704)	-	12,996
Struan Community Trust (Dun Beag)	400	-	-	-	400
Struan Community Trust (Bus Trips)	-	1,680	(840)	-	840
Struan Community Trust (Newsletter)	-	200	(80)	-	120
Struan Community Trust (Xmas Vouchers)	-	7,610	(4,324)	-	3,286
	<u>401</u>	<u>24,190</u>	<u>(6,948)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,643</u>