

Struan Community Development Group (SCIO)

Scottish Charity Number SC049381

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2023

Trustees' Annual Report
Struan Community Development Group (SCIO)
For the year ended 31st March 2023

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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
Margaret Semler - Vice Chair / Secretary (*appointed 09/22*)
Dave McGough (*appointed 09/22*)
Leslie Charteris (*appointed 09/22*)
Ken Imrie (*appointed 09/22*)
Kenna MacInnes (*appointed 09/22*)
Jenny Till (*appointed 09/22*)
Clare Stones (*resigned 09/22*)
Claire Silvester (*resigned 09/22*)
Ian Silvester (*resigned 09/22*)
Niall Till (*resigned 04/22*)

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

At the end of the AGM in September 2022 and following an appeal to members to put themselves forward for nomination, a total of 7 Trustees were appointed and we are very grateful to them for their input over the last year.

A total of 5 meetings of the Trustees took place over the year.

Membership currently stands at 84.

Fuel Voucher Scheme - Thanks to funding from Struan Community Trust, the Fuel Voucher Scheme initiated last year became a reality. Eligible community households will receive £100 each towards energy costs.

Achievements and Performance

Community Action Plan (CAP) Group - As touched on briefly at last year's AGM, this was set up in the summer of 2022 and comprises representatives from Struan Community Council, Struan Community Trust and the SCDG. Under the lead of the CAP Group, the group has been working with Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) towards producing a Community Action Plan (CAP) for the community. After initial discussions with PAS, there have been two sets of "visioning" sessions, organised by PAS and open to all members of the community. Both sessions, each over 2 days, were well attended, really useful and provided an opportunity for community members to meet up. Information and ideas were consolidated and will eventually form the basis of our Struan CAP. The first draft version produced by PAS is currently being worked on by the CAP Group but there is still much to be done before it can be made available to community members, hopefully by the new year. The CAP Group has also been meeting regularly to discuss windfarm applications and potential acquisition in 2024 of the currently mothballed primary school as a community hub.

West Central Skye Communities Group - Last year it was anticipated by the CAP Group that the interests of Skye's communities by the rush of windfarm applications by developers (most of whom are outside the UK) might be better served if, in the first instance, those communities most affected at that time worked together to deal with the applications and the potential Community Benefit arising from each. Representatives from five communities - Struan, Dunvegan, Portree & Braes, Minginish and Edinbane/Skeabost - are now known as the West Central Skye Communities Group (WCSCG). They have met on an "as and when basis" since Autumn 2022 which has been particularly useful when urgent matters require discussion. In order to better inform people outwith these five communities and bring awareness into the open about Community Benefit and the cumulative effect of these windfarm planning applications, WCSCG have also brought both Ian Blackford (MP) and Kate Forbes (MSP) into the picture, as well as a more recent approach to our Ward Councillors and HIE to request meetings with each on the subject. The Struan Community website (www.struancommunity.co.uk) contains updates on the current position in so far as Struan is concerned and SCDG has also been sending updates out to its members.

Beach cleaning - There have been a couple of really useful beach cleans in the area in this past year but, as ever, there is always more to be done.

Village tidying up - Planters at strategic places around and outside Struan have continued to bloom, thanks to funding from SCT and hard work by some of the SCDG Trustees. They have also been tending the native trees planted a few years ago below the new cemetery car park in Balgowan.

Financial review

Total income for the period was £14,686. Expenditure for same period was £17,663 resulting in a deficit of £2,977. Reserves held at year end were £14,983 - unrestricted funds (£358) and restricted funds (£14,625).

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 and meet its statutory reporting requirements.

Plans for future period

Moving forward, we hope that the community will continue to bond together in the coming year(s) so that the beginning of the CAP works can start to happen - this will, in time, need some more volunteers to put themselves forward to help with this.

There is now a new smart notice board outside the Post Office and a dedicated space online for all community members to keep up to date on progress but we will also continue to update SCDG members by E-Mail as previously.

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 2023.

6th November

Sarah D. Illingworth

Name of Trustee : Sarah Illingworth - Chair

Date: 2023

21st December

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 2023 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: - 2023
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 2023
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		Year to 2023	Year to 2023	Year to 2023	Period to 2022
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Receipts					
Grants and Donations					
Grants	4	500	14,105	14,605	24,190
Donations	5	70	-	70	-
Bank interest received					
		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities					
Miscellaneous Income		10	-	10	-
Total Receipts		580	14,105	14,686	24,190
Payments					
Charitable Activities					
Development Officer		-	-	-	1,704
Bus Trips		-	840	840	840
Newsletter Costs		-	-	-	80
Miscellaneous		10	-	10	-
Stationery		240	-	240	-
Postage		6	-	6	-
Christmas Vouchers		-	-	-	4,324
Grant Funds Returned		-	16,287	16,287	-
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination	7	280	-	280	-
Total Payments		536	17,127	17,663	6,948
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before transfers		44	(3,022)	(2,977)	17,242
Transfers between funds	6	(4)	4	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		41	(3,018)	(2,977)	17,242

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	Year to 2023 Unrestricted	Year to 2023 Restricted	Year to 2023 Total	Period to 2022 Total
Statement of Balances - as at 31st March 2023				
Opening cash at bank and in hand	317	17,643	17,960	718
Add Income	580	14,105	14,686	24,190
Less Expenditure	897	31,748	32,646	24,908
Transfers	6 (4)	4	-	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand	358	14,625	14,983	17,960
Bank and Cash Balances				
Treasurers Account	358	14,625	14,983	18,148
Outstanding lodgements	-	-	-	-
Outstanding cheques	-	-	-	(188)
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
9 & 10	358	14,625	14,983	17,960

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:

Sarah D. Illingworth

Name: SARAH D, ILLINGWORTH
 Date: 2023

21st December

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 2023

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. A Grant of £500 was received from Sunart Community Trust for general expenses.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. A Grant of £14,105 was received from Struan Community Trust for Fuel Vouchers for members of the Community.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2022: £NIL).

4 Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Struan Community Trust (Development Officer)	-	-	-	14,700
Struan Community Trust (Bus Trips)	-	-	-	1,680
Struan Community Trust (Newsletter)	-	-	-	200
Struan Community Trust (General Expenses)	500	-	500	-
Struan Community Trust (Xmas Voucher Scheme)	-	-	-	7,610
Struan Community Trust (Fuel Voucher Funding)	-	14,105	14,105	-
	<u>500</u>	<u>14,105</u>	<u>14,605</u>	<u>24,190</u>

5 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Misc Donations	70	-	70	-
	<u>70</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Transfers between funds

£4 was transferred between funds during the year (2022: £NIL).

7 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Independent Examination	140	-	140	-
Accounting Services	140	-	140	-
	<u>280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>-</u>

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 2022				At 31st March 2023
	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers		
Unrestricted Funds	317	580	(536)	(4)	358
	<u>317</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>(536)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>358</u>

10 Restricted Funds

	At 1st April 2022				At 31st March 2023
	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers		
Scottish Land Fund (Dun Beag)	1	-	-	(1)	-
Struan Community Trust (Development Officer)	12,996	-	(12,996)	-	-
Struan Community Trust (Dun Beag)	400	-	-	-	400
Struan Community Trust (Fuel Vouchers)	-	14,105	-	-	14,105
Struan Community Trust (Bus Trips)	840	-	(840)	-	-
Struan Community Trust (Newsletter)	120	-	-	-	120
Struan Community Trust (Xmas Vouchers)	3,286	-	(3,291)	5	-
	<u>17,643</u>	<u>14,105</u>	<u>(17,127)</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>14,625</u>