



The Garioch Partnership
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Trustees' Annual Report Period 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022



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Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name	The Garioch Partnership		
Charity number	SC043548		
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Introduction:

This is The Garioch Partnership's tenth annual report since it formed in January 2012, to fill the gap in Garioch, at that time which was the only administrative area that did not have a Local Rural Partnership. The Garioch Partnership (TGP) is a community-led organisation that uses its members' networks to build stronger, more successful, more sustainable communities in the Garioch Area of Aberdeenshire. It gained charitable status in November 2012 and is recognised as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), Scottish Charity no: SC043548.

Objectives

From OSCR our objectives are...

"The Garioch Partnership is a community orientated organisation which advances community development by supporting and assisting voluntary groups in Garioch with community capacity building and skills development."

Type of Governing Document

We are a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, established in 2012.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

We appoint our trustees at the AGM each year and have the power to co-opt when required. We currently have six trustees as listed above.

A Foreword from Our Chairperson

A very difficult year at TGP. After last year's announcement of the withdrawal of funding from Aberdeenshire Council, this year saw TGP consolidation the online presence via our website and employing Vivien Rae of Evoke Marketing as a temporary contractor, to update the website and social media, utilising funds we had left over from paying severance to our Development Manager, Dawn Brown, who thankfully has found employment as the Development Manager, at Scottish Community Development Centre, was paid redundancy from TGP reserves. Contracts with BT for Broadband and Communications were cancelled. The board managed to engage an assistant to help manage the CIGs and SCF grants and who we will be looking to assist further as we step into 2022/23.

Role and Policy Context

Our Role:

The role of the partnership is wide-ranging and involves working with community groups, statutory agencies and Community Planning Partners on local and Aberdeenshire wide issues, helping to advance sustainable economic, social and environmental development projects and increasingly helping to identify opportunities within the social economy, leading to future sustainability. The partnership unable to continue direct support to our communities, but board members have assisted group with advice on an ad-hoc basis. There are still monies held by TGP on behalf of groups who were starting up and the board will attempt to disperse these funds back to the relevant groups.

The future role of TGP will be decided at a face-to-face meeting in 2023, where members will be given options as we go forward or listen to options from members.

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Policy Context: Improved Outcomes:

Winding down the Garioch Partnership will continue to:

- (i) Promote Community Economic Development by supporting groups throughout their area with information, implementation, and community engagement, to build inclusive and sustainable projects.
- (ii) Provide a local advice service to groups seeking to develop community assets and facilities. This includes options for organisational structures, governance, funding, along with other areas required to help realise opportunities in their communities.
- (iii) Provide enterprise and administrative advice to social/community enterprises seeking to develop economic opportunities.
- (iv) Develop and support Community Action Plans and other appropriate processes for engagement of communities.
- (v) Identify and implement ways to help communities understand issues around community planning and budget allocation. Together with partner staff, they will seek innovative funding and management solutions to overcome challenges.
- (vi) Ensure and facilitate a two-way flow of information relating to the needs and priorities of voluntary sector partners, wider community contacts, Aberdeenshire Council, Community Planning Partners, Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action, and the Local Community Planning Group.
- (vii) Identify and implement ways to help communities understand issues around community planning and budget allocation. Together with partner staff they will seek innovative funding and management solutions to overcome challenges facing the community.
- (viii) Positively promote equality of opportunity for the whole population of the area. Where the opportunity arises work within groups with protected characteristics to help them achieve positive impacts. Provide evidence of the work undertaken and the positive impacts achieved in the annual reporting and monitoring arrangement.

Funding:

To date, this Financial Year no direct funding was given to TGP, a decision was made to take the final funding in 2020/21. TGP which supported demands from groups for Independent Examination of members and non-members accounts, have been signposted to AVA who now supply this facility.

Activities and achievements:

Part Time contracted social media/web and admin worker was sourced to allow the continued dissemination of information via these sources to our member, the new webpages still proved popular.

Developing a strong partnership:

TGP after the loss of the development worker, continued to support communities with CIG and Resilience grants, via the support of Vivian Rae on a contractual basis, along with the web/social media presence.

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We effectively awarded several resilience grants from the Resilience money, TGP held.

Organisation	Project	Award (£)
Newmachar & Kingseat	Allotments	655.00
Fintray School Assoc.	Outdoor Classroom	400.37
Premnay Hall & Comm. Assoc.	Post Covid recovery	750.00
Garioch Heritage Society	Flood defences	1,148.86
Grampian Opportunities	Laptop & Trainer costs	2,970.00
Home Start Garioch	Staff Training	1,542.31
Ury Riverside Park SCIO	Notice Boards	2,000.00
Kintore Scout Group	Roof installation / upgrade	1,300.00
1st Kemnay Scout Group	Scout Hut Extension	3,000.00
LATNEM	Volunteer Training	2,721.60

Community action plans:

No further action plans were started.

The Future of TGP:


TGP will continue to distribute the existing funds help on behalf of new groups (£5,624.18) and also the residual of the Resilience Fund (£960).

A decision after the 2022/23 year and accounts and a face-to-face meeting is to be held with members on what role, if any, TGP should take.

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Declaration

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees:

	
Print name	John Chapman
Designation	Chairperson, The Garioch Partnership
Date	February 2023

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GARIOCH PARTNERSHIP

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING A STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	2022	2021
	£	£	Funds	Funds
			£	£
Receipts				
Donations			-	-
Grants			-	55,725
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	120		120	880
Sale of Assets	250		250	-
Bank interest	22		22	39
Total receipts	392		392	56,644
Payments for charitable activities:				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	18,876		18,876	35,972
Grants and donations	-	20,073	20,073	12,183
AGM & forum costs	-		-	-
Purchase of equipment	-		-	6,657
Total payments for charitable activities	18,876	20,073	38	54,812
Governance costs	100		100	125
Total payments	18,976	20,073	39,049	54,937
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(18,584)	(20,073)	(38,657)	1,708

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A STATEMENT OF BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022 £	2021 £
Bank and cash in hand				
Opening balances				
Cash & Bank Balances	50,695	21,033	71,728	70,020
Deficit for year	(18,584)	(20,073)	(38,657)	1,708
Closing balances	32,111	960	33,071	71,728
Liabilities				
Cash held on behalf of others	-	-	-	6,771
Governance Costs	100	-	100	125
Closing balances	100	-	100	7,221

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

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).

1.2 Nature & purpose of funds

There is an unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Charity. The unrestricted funds are those that are without specified purpose and may be used at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

The restricted funds are the funds that have been allocated to specific community action plans and these funds are to be used in accordance with the instructions from the donor.

2 Donations and gifts

2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2021 £
-	-	-
-	-	-

3 Grants

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2021 £
Aberdeenshire Council Service Level Agreement			30,900
Aberdeenshire Council Initiative Grant Funds			5,225
Aberdeenshire Council Community Action Plan Funds			1,500
The National Lottery Awards for All			7,000
Supporting Community Fund			11,100
	-	-	55,725

4 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2021 £
Community Events			880
	-	-	880

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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5 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2021 £
Venue Hire	-		198
Subscription	-		-
Telephone	219		734
Consultancy	6,737		-
Insurance	-		166
Office and administration costs	228		115
Staff Costs	11,692		34,759
	18,876	-	35,972

6 Trustees

No remuneration was paid to the trustees (or any persons connected with them) during the year. Trustees were reimbursed for expenses, paid for personally on behalf of the Charity.