

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

THE GARIOCH PARTNERSHIP

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Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019

The trustee's have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2019.

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Charity number SC043548

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Introduction:

This is The Garioch Partnership's seventh 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. It is governed by a Board of seven trustees. It employs one full-time development worker, and one administrator/researcher to support the partnership and its members, as well as the wider Garioch community. Membership again has grown during 2018/19 and there are currently 99 members (as of March 2019), from a wide range of voluntary and community groups.

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 is confident that it plays an important role in the development of the many diverse communities in Garioch and to the wider quality of life. TGP prides itself in the support and nurturing of its staff and volunteers, to this end, we continue to nurture our development worker, supporting her in further academic work, with a continuation of her studies as she continues to work towards a Master's Degree in Community Learning and Development.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Board are the Charity's trustees. The constitution states that that maximum number of trustees is eight and the minimum is three. Employees of the organisation are not eligible for membership and therefore not eligible to be elected onto the Board.

At the annual general meeting, all of the Charity's Trustees shall retire from office but and then eligible for re-election. Members may elect any member to be a Charity Trustee at the annual general meeting (unless he/she is debarred from membership under clause 55 of the constitution). The Board may also, at any time, appoint any member to be a Charity Trustee (unless he/she is debarred from membership under clause 55 of the constitution).

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Charity neither remunerates nor reimburses the Trustees for any incidental expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The trustees are however reimbursed for items that they have paid for personally on behalf of the Charity. The total of these expenses, which were reimbursed during the year was £208 (2017/18: £209).

Policy Context: Improved Outcomes:-

Working closely with Economic Development and the Area Manager The Garioch Partnership will:

- (i) Promote Community Economic Development by helping additional groups throughout their area with information, implementation, community engagement, to build inclusive/sustainable projects.
- (ii) Provide an initial local advice service to groups seeking to develop community assets and facilities. This should include 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.

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- (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 arrangements.

Funding:

To date TGP has mainly been funded by Aberdeenshire Council. The Council's investment this year (2018/19) was £35,616. Most of this came from the Economic Development Service (£32,616), with the balance (£3,000) from the Garioch Area Manager's budget. This budget is monitored through a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Economic Development Service and the Partnership, included with the SLA for 2018/19 is an action plan highlighting the outcomes. An annual review is undertaken by a visit and interview with a CED business development executive. In addition, as in the previous financial year 2017/18, the Garioch Area Committee transferred £5,000 to TGP from its Area Top-up Budget to fund the Community Initiative small grants scheme, which it continues to administer on behalf of the Garioch Area Committee.

Additional funding for specific pieces of work had been sourced from the Aberdeenshire Rural Partnership Federation for work on Community Action Plans. TGP has again seen an increase in its demand from groups for Independent Examination of members and non-members accounts.

They also sourced additional income to support the Local Democracy Conversations that was hosted across Garioch to ensure that the community voices were heard at a national level to influence policy and thinking.

Activities and achievements:

Developing a strong partnership:

TGP continue to build on the successful beginnings of the partnership by continuing to support a wide range of groups, building a strong network of members. As previously mentioned, they now have 99-member groups, an increase of 3% from the year before. These members are from a variety of community and interest groups, with formidable skills and experience to share through the networks supported by TGP. They also have excellent links with many external agencies, locally, Aberdeenshire-wide and nationally to ensure the advice and information they can offer is of a high quality and up to date, allowing them to maximise support to community groups and volunteers. With an increase in membership comes an increased expectation from these members to serve them all equally as and when their need arises, meeting with groups in venues that are community based and appropriate is an important part of the services that TGP offer.

They continue to utilise the Garioch Gazette and their presence online, to increase awareness of TGP.

The **Garioch Gazette** is published quarterly as an electronic newsletter and circulated to members, partners and interested community members, it is also available on their website. Feedback remains positive, with many readers keen to contribute to future editions. Recipients are encouraged to share the newsletter and other TGP communications within their own networks. TGP continue to get positive feedback about the gazette and the weekly round-up bulletin of important news that they share. They have 187 email contacts on their membership list, linking to many groups and organisations across the area, and this information is cascaded through to many more.

The newsletter has also been used to encourage the "refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle" message, sharing information on surplus equipment, either free or at low cost for use by community groups – in particular, printers and laptops which are often expensive pieces of kit that can be a barrier to new groups starting up.

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Our twice-yearly forum allows regular times for members to meet, share skills, good practice and learn together. The topics of these are chosen by the groups as important development/information for our groups.

Supporting community groups:

One task assigned to the partnership via the SLA is to promote community economic development by providing information, advice, and support to community groups and social enterprises. TGP do this for non-members as well as members.

For some groups this has been a single piece of advice or information, often on funding or queries on governance. For others the support has been more complex, and is ongoing. In 2018/19 the partnership assisted 10 Garioch organisations to either change their legal status to become SCIOs or to establish a new SCIO, with currently 5 more in progress. This change of legal status will enable them to access a wider range of external funding streams. TGP have offered access to affordable Independent Examinations to 17 groups across the Garioch area. This is the one service they currently place a small charge on, £40 to members, £60 to non-members. Accessing affordable independent examinations and the skills to assist groups to understand the legislation and requirements can be a major barrier for groups to progress and grow. Finding affordable options to meet the statutory requirements is something that many smaller organisations can struggle with and this was a gap that TGP was able to fill at a low cost.

Since January 2014, TGP have directly assisted with a number of successful funding applications, with the funding draw-down now topping £445k, from a range of sources – LEADER, the Big Lottery, Crerar Trust and Robertson Trust to name a few. They have developed relationships with funders which enables them to offer the best support to their communities to apply. TGP have supported approximately 50 applications, with a good geographical spread across the 4 wards.

Supporting Local Democracy Conversations:

TGP accessed funding through Voluntary Action Foundation to allow them to host a number of "Democracy Matters" conversations as part of the Scottish Government Local Governance Review. The funding allowed TGP to host 7, of which they were able to deliver 5 locally based conversations – in Kemnay, Kintore, Inverurie, Newmachar and Westhill, and one of the two communities of interest conversations, with the learning disabilities group in Inverurie. TGP were also the first group to ask the Scottish Government for a translated copy of the documents into Arabic to support the Syrian New Scots to access the information.

However, there were sensitivities around the Syrian New Scots conversation, and in discussions with the Aberdeenshire Council Community Learning and Development worker supporting the Amal Project – the refugee led organisation in Aberdeenshire, it became clear that airing personal critical views of a political system in public is a frightening concept for those who have had to flee Syria. The experience of members of the group of what happens to people who speak freely and criticise the state certainly puts life here into perspective.

Whilst the translated document was widely appreciated, it was felt that people were still conditioned by their previous experiences and it would be difficult to get people to participate in group discussions on this topic.

The democracy matters conversation was therefore not accessible to the group but has opened the door for education and upskilling on what democracy is, can be and could be used for in the future.

TGP have committed to support the Al Amal Project to work on raising awareness and understanding of the governance procedures and structures within the UK, but this is work which will take time to develop and share, and therefore the responses will not fit within the timescales for the democracy matters conversations.

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Testimonials:

The testimonies below give a flavour of the support we provide from the perspective of some of our member organisations and their clients:

"Working with The Garioch Partnership has been a key step for the Scottish Parliament's Outreach Team in opening the door to communities in rural NE Scotland to help them engage with their Parliament on issues that matter to them."

Mutually beneficial relationships such as those with The Garioch Partnership are critical to the success of the Scottish Parliament reaching out into rural communities. Without this crucial local knowledge and expertise, the Parliament's Community Outreach Team would struggle to make inroads within local communities in the area. The Partnership is a key player for us in this mission."

The Partnership is precisely the type of organisation the Parliament's Community Outreach Team seeks to engage with – driven from the grass-roots, and focused on the needs of local communities – as expressed by local communities. It's been a pleasure working with our colleagues at the Garioch Partnership, and we look forward to continuing and strengthening this relationship in future."

Paul Anderson, Community Outreach Manager, Scottish Parliament

"Working with TGP has allowed us to take our project out to a new audience that we would not have reached without the introduction. This means we are able to have a greater community based impact, enabling us to widen our area of work to another community in Garioch, giving home energy advice in an effort to drive down domestic energy demand, reduce domestic bills and reduce the carbon footprint of homes."

AUDRA BOOTH and ALAN STILL – GST CCF project.

"Dawn's knowledge of current government policies, and direction of travel, has been very useful to us when helping and advising community groups in our area. Working with Dawn has helped us de-mystifying the SCIO process has saved us a lot of time"

Duncan Leece, CEO, Boyndie and BPL

"A source of knowledge and information - able to make complex processes simple and easy to follow. A great help as we completed the paperwork needed to apply to become a SCIO."

Also welcome access to the community initiative grant scheme and benefited from funds this year to purchase room divider screens which have really helped us with the set up of our new office."

Linda Singer, Development Worker, Grampian Opportunities

"Fly Cup would like to thank The Garioch Partnership for their continued support. Fly Cup has had an extremely busy couple of years and found the need to apply for some grant funding. Between the information in the newsletter (which has interesting and informative articles too) informing the Third Sector on different funding streams and Dawn's extensive knowledge, we have been able to apply for and secure funding for a range of equipment."

We were also fortunate to be successful in getting funding from The Garioch Partnership to purchase polo shirts for the trainees and staff to wear in the café. It is great to see everyone looking part of the team! Thank you."

Fiona Allan, Chairperson, Fly Cup Catering

"During my time on the committee you made all my jobs much, much easier. I think the partnership is amazing and we were extremely lucky to have Dawn. I would highly recommend your incredible knowledge, advice, help and support to every group, new or well-established."

Lena Thompson, outgoing Chairperson, Premnay Hall and Village Association

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"The Garioch Partnership has been an ongoing support to SCDN for the last three years, particularly through the work of their Development Worker, Dawn Brown. She has facilitated workshops at our national conferences and is our SCDN Champion for the Aberdeenshire area. With her help and the support of The Garioch Partnership, we have established an Aberdeenshire Network for community development practitioners to share practice issues, network and keep up to date with current policy. This is an excellent example of partnership working."

Susan Campbell - CD Consultant - SCDN

"GDPR Regulations The training was excellent, very clear, concise and well presented. I personally took a lot from this. Providing this training after 'hours' in the evening was greatly appreciated. Have not attended further training but am aware a more is given - which is great to see."

Wendy Glasspool, Secretary, Bennachie Community Council

"I can only say thank you to the Garioch Partnership, for their financial support enabling us properly establish Kintore Angling Club with our own signage and equipment to maintain river banks for safe angling.

In our early years of establishment, it would have been a number of years before we would have been able to finance these items.

Dawn Brown was very helpful in her guidance during the application and we thank her for her assistance."

Brian Johnstone, Secretary/treasurer, Kintore Angling Club

"The Garioch partnership have helped us no end of times. We have been supported via phone, email and have had the pleasure of having Dawn at some of our Action Kintore meetings. For advice on funding applications, The Bothie Project and our Town House project, the Garioch Partnership have always been on hand to support us and help prompt us in the right direction and we are very grateful to have them on board, not only for us at Action Kintore, but for all other community organisations."

Rachel Lewis, Youth and Development Worker, Action Kintore

Community action plans:

Another key task allocated to TGP through the SLA is to lead on the production of community action plans in areas identified through the community planning process.

Over the past several years TGP have taken an initiative approach to this after analysing previous Action Plan Consultations and believe we can get to root of what local communities need, correctly identify these and document the outcomes. The two communities in the Garioch identified were Kelland's and a review of the Inside Inch Plan, initially completed in 2013.

The Kelland's action process plan was not a successful approach, but one we have learned from. The lack of wider community buy in became apparent through the engagements that meant there was no strong group to lead on any of the actions coming out of these events, although there were successes in working with partners to address local issues of speeding and anti-social driving near the hospital site, supporting the ongoing development of the Kelland's Parent Council, and working with the parent council to support wider engagement of parents who would normally not get involved in projects around the community.

The Inch plan is with the ICAN group (Inch Community Association) as we support the development of strong local groups to take actions forward.

TGP's CAP process is a two-pronged approach, identified with statutory partners and in partnership with the community. The only work in communities where there is a will and desire to work collaboratively to develop the plan, and then to support the actions moving forward.

All completed CAPs are distributed in printed format to community planning partner bodies and groups and also electronically available on the Aberdeenshire Planning and TGP websites.

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TGP have been working with the community in Sauchen, through the Cluny, Midmar and Monymusk Community Council to develop an action plan for their community, particularly focussed on community facilities. The image here is a route capture of the delivery of leaflets for stage one of the Sauchen Action Plan, thankfully it was a lovely day and a great way to get to know the community TGP are working in!

Community Initiative fund:

This small grants scheme was introduced in 2012/13, utilising the underspend in the partnership's budget caused by the delayed appointment of the development worker, and topped up in 2013/14 year from the Garioch Area Committee's Area Budget.

This year the Area Committee agree to provide £5K to the partnership to continue the scheme. This year they were able to provide £6416.30 of grant support locally. The extra money for this grant stream came from donations for equipment use, and from the income from independent examinations. TGP were also successful in drawing down unused funds from another Youth Charity in Garioch which shut down in 2018, this was channelled into the CIG funding. There are pressures of a relatively small budget not being able to cover everything, and they have deferred 2 applications into the 2019/20 budget.

TGP continues to use a participatory budgeting approach through its "grants panel" of local volunteers to assess applications and make recommendations to the Board, thus involving community members directly in decision-making. The scheme continues to attract applications from a wide range of groups. There is no doubt it is contributing to strong, resilient communities in Garioch, with local people leading, and taking responsibility for things that matter to them in their communities, whether geographic communities or communities of interest. Details are shown on the next page. For many groups, an application to the community initiative grants are the first time they have looked for external funding, and is a step to building confidence and capacity to apply elsewhere.

The panel are a group of 10 local people – they are currently recruiting for the 2 vacancies, across the 4 wards, all involved in their communities in a variety of groups. The panel meets virtually, so applications come in to the office either on email or paper, and get sent to the panel, with around a week to ask questions and give recommendations. These questions (if there are any) are then put back to the applicant, and the panel receive this information. Then the responses are collated, and shared with the board of TGP. TGP then prepare the funds to go to the groups. TGP aim to have this process completed within one calendar month.

TGP were also asked to host and administer the Garioch Flood Resilience fund, which are administered on the same lines as the CIG fund, with the same easy application and same panel to agree on the use of the funding. Included below is the breakdown of both funding streams.

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CIG AWARDS 2018/19

Organisation	Project	Amount awarded
Kemnay Breakfast & After	Rebranding / New Uniforms	£600
Steps into Wellness	The Clachan	£750
Kintore Angling Association	Equipment to support and develop the growth of KAA to allow them to sustainably manage the banks and fishery	£850
Kemnay Community Association	Update of computers for Newsletter Office	£325
Fly Cup	Creating a sense of team working	£750
Grampian Opportunities	Space 2 Be	£576
Spikin Autism and More (SAAM)	Inclusion for All – Training Workshops	£701
Newmachar Pre-school	Arts & Crafts for Term Time Topics	£250
Ury Riverside Park SCIO	PPE and work wear for Volunteer days for tree planting etc.	£544
Alcohol & Drugs Action	Young People's Resilience Project (YPRP)	£1,000
Philosophy Café	Inverurie Events	£70

GARIOCH FLOOD RESILIENCE AWARDS 2018/19

Organisation	Project	Amount awarded
Fintray Community Council	Water Diversion, flood resilience	£1,000

Community Planning:

TGP is a key partner in the community planning process in the Garioch area, working with communities to build their capacity and to link their identified needs with the relevant delivering agencies. The development worker takes an active role in the Garioch Local Community Planning Group... The partnership contributes at Local Authority Level too, being engaged in a number of groups, such as the Local Learning Community Partnerships, and on the LEADER South Aberdeenshire Local Action Group.

As stated in the SLA, TGP, as one of the voluntary sector partners, acts as an intermediary between Aberdeenshire Council, Community Planning Partners and the Local Community Planning Group to ensure that they represent the wider community and to ensure a two-way flow of information relating to needs and priorities.

On a wider stage, they are also involved in supporting the Scottish Community Development Network Aberdeenshire forum for sharing practice in community development across practitioners, volunteers and community groups

Community Engagement:

Following their previous decision to launch our Gad aboot and Gab aboot Garioch, (GAGAG) Events, TGP have continued to get out and about and meet with our communities at their local events instead of expecting them to come to them.

The information they gather is shared with partners and if appropriate fed in to the Garioch Community Plan, or into a Community Action Plan. In some cases they will use their knowledge and experience to provide advice and information and make community connections. TGP have attended events like the Lourin Fair, Insch Strawberry Fair and the Westhill Gala, and others. They continue to attend these events to build relationships and trust with communities, to increase their profile and to meet new groups.

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This year, TGP have been ensuring groups are up to date with the policy requirements, especially with the new regulations around GDPR, which has seen the development worker facilitate courses to a wide range of groups and organisations, including pan Aberdeenshire groups, working in collaboration with Active Communities section of Aberdeenshire Council, the Local Sports Hubs, and also contracted to deliver to SportAberdeen as a local expert.

They have also supported colleagues across the ARPF to deliver a workshop on "Participation Requests" and a Community Empowerment event in Kincardine. Similarly, colleagues are supporting the forthcoming Garioch and Formartine Community Empowerment Event to be held in May 2019.

Community Led Local Development (LEADER):

Again TGP has been heavily involved in the South Aberdeenshire Local Action Group (SALAG), on the main SALAG committee and on the Project Assessment Committee (PAC). They have also supported some local groups to examine whether LEADER is the right fund for them, and have supported one local social enterprise to apply, and successfully draw down the funds, navigating and using the LARCs system.

Learning Community Partnerships:

TGP continue to work closely with the local learning partnerships, supporting the resurgence of Inverurie, and attending Kemnay and Westhill as time and need permits. Their skills at being supportive of community development and all it encompasses has added something to the networks. Also through these partnerships, they have made contact with new groups and new social enterprises, widening their network, being able to offer their support to a wider range of groups. These are relationships they are looking to develop further in 2019, looking to support the development of a shared online document area, and to support the ongoing growth of these networks.

Aberdeenshire Rural Partnerships Federation:

TGP continue to play an active part if the Aberdeenshire Rural Partnerships Federation (ARPF) supporting the development of a strong and sustainable community sector in Aberdeenshire, working with colleagues to discuss and progress issues that affect pan Aberdeenshire. This allows TGP to offer a comprehensive service to their groups, calling on expertise of other development workers in the ARPF network.

Jacky Niven of Kincardine Development Partnership sums the value of ARPF up in the following quote... *"Over the past twelve months, KDP have enjoyed strong partnership working with our colleagues from the Aberdeenshire Rural Partnership Federation, whether at a strategic level working together to ensure we maintain a strong case for supporting our communities right across the Shire or on a local level sharing best practise and supporting each other at events and other joint initiatives. We are grateful to our colleagues from The Garioch, Banffshire, Buchan, Marr and Formartine Partnerships for helping to create this supportive, strong and cohesive network!"*

Other Links:

There is also a twice yearly meeting with Community Economic Development Partners to explore future sustainability issues for the partnerships. TGP also maintains regular contact, and has active working links, with people working for the economic and social prosperity of the area including, amongst others DTAS, Scottish Government, the Council's Community Learning and Development staff, AVA, NHS Grampian, and the Garioch Community Planning Officer, and also with SCDN (Scottish Community Development Network) SCDC (Scottish Community Development Centre) Scottish Rural Action (The Scottish Rural Parliament) and Scottish Parliament Outreach Team.

Conclusion:

TGP Board is confident that the funding Aberdeenshire has provided in 2018/19 through the SLA has been used efficiently and effectively to meet the Service Level Agreement and to deliver an effective and supportive service to communities in Garioch. TGP trusts that Aberdeenshire Council and its partners will recognise that the confidence they have placed in the partnership has been well founded and that the growth of the partnership has had a positive effect on Garioch's communities. TGP is eager to ensure that the high-level work continues.

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Final word:

TGP are looking forward to their future, and continuing to support the development and growth of community groups across the Garioch area, to see the area flourish in terms of community activity and being a great place to live, work and play. Garioch is expanding, despite the downturn in the Oil industry which it has seen in past few years, population in Aberdeenshire has decreased however the population in Garioch has grown, contrary to Aberdeenshire as a whole. TGP have invested in technology to allow the development worker, administrator and board to work smarter utilising Office 365 which TGP acquired free licences using our Charitable Status with TT-Exchange. We are in the process of rolling out a SharePoint Portal to provide current, up to date information to our partners and members, in a secure access site. TGP also look at the development of staff, in particular the development worker to provide the best knowledge for her duties. TGP are grateful to both members of staff in the diligence of their work and also for their own development pathways they are using in their own free time, to personally develop themselves for their roles in The Garioch Partnership. My thanks also go to the board who have ably and cheerfully assisted in the past year, whilst managing work, family and community commitments, being engaged in a wide range of community activities.

John Chapman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'C'.

Chairperson

13th May 2019

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GARIOCH PARTNERSHIP

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2019, which are set out on pages 14 to 17.

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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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING A STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations			-	28
Grants	36,116	26,783	62,899	55,211
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	634		634	280
Bank interest	37		37	33
Total receipts	<u>36,787</u>	<u>26,783</u>	<u>63,570</u>	<u>55,552</u>
Payments for charitable activities:				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	39,834		39,834	34,008
Grants and donations	-	12,091	12,091	9,581
AGM & forum costs	450		450	230
Purchase of equipment	-		-	812
Total payments for charitable activities	<u>40,284</u>	<u>12,091</u>	<u>52,375</u>	<u>44,631</u>
Governance costs	<u>150</u>		<u>150</u>	<u>340</u>
Total payments	<u>40,434</u>	<u>12,091</u>	<u>52,525</u>	<u>44,971</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	<u><u>(3,647)</u></u>	<u><u>14,692</u></u>	<u><u>11,045</u></u>	<u><u>10,581</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING A STATEMENT OF BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2019 £	2018 £
Bank and cash in hand				
Opening balances				
Cash & Bank Balances	39,391	20,709	60,100	49,519
Surplus for year	<u>(3,647)</u>	<u>14,692</u>	<u>11,045</u>	<u>10,581</u>
Closing balances	<u><u>35,744</u></u>	<u><u>35,401</u></u>	<u><u>71,145</u></u>	<u><u>60,100</u></u>
Liabilities				
Cash held on behalf of others	-	7,089	7,089	10,893
Governance Costs	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>200</u>
Closing balances	<u><u>150</u></u>	<u><u>7,089</u></u>	<u><u>7,239</u></u>	<u><u>11,093</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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

	2019 Unrestricted £	2019 Restricted £	2018 £
Anonymous	-		28
	-	-	28

3 Grants

	2019 Unrestricted £	2019 Restricted £	2018 £
Aberdeenshire Council Service Level Agreement	32,616		37,333
Aberdeenshire Council Initiative Grant Funds	500	26,783	15,000
Aberdeenshire Council Community Action Plan Funds	3,000		2,878
	36,116	26,783	55,211

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	2019 Unrestricted £	2019 Restricted £	2018 £
Community Events	634		280
	634	-	280

5 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	2019 Unrestricted £	2019 Restricted £	2018 £
Kingseat Community Action Plan			171
Scottish Community Develop Network			191
Venue Hire	1,230		368
Subscription	121		75
Telephone	534		307
Insurance	166		279
Office and administration costs	4,185		1,865
Staff Costs	33,312		30,189
IT & Software costs	286		563
	39,834	-	34,007

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.

	No. of Trustees	£
Reimbursement of expenses to Trustee - J Chapman	1	208
Reimbursement of expenses to Trustee - M Chapman	1	-
		208