



The Garioch Partnership
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Trustees' Annual Report Period 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023



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Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

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 eleventh 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 are currently distributing existing monies to community groups in Garioch held on their behalf. We currently have six trustees as listed above.

A Foreword from Our Chairperson

After being rejected for a new futures grant from Aberdeenshire Council we were unable to appoint a new Development Worker, the group is non-productive currently, a charity on paper until we complete our winding up process.

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.

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.

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- (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.

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:

No activity direct to the community.

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).

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A decision after a face-to-face meeting is to be held with members on what role, if any, TGP should take.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees:

	
Print name	John Chapman
Designation	Chairperson, The Garioch Partnership
Date	March 2024

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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 2023.

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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25 February 2024

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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 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	2023	2022
	£	£	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-		-	120
Sale of Assets	-		-	250
Bank interest	132		132	22
Total receipts	132		132	392
Payments for charitable activities:				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	316		316	18,876
Grants and donations	-		-	20,073
Total payments for charitable activities	316		316	38,949
Governance costs	-		-	100
Total payments	316		316	39,049
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(184)		(184)	(38,657)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A STATEMENT OF BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023 £	2022 £
Bank and cash in hand				
Opening balances				
Cash & Bank Balances	33,071	-	33,071	71,728
Surplus for year	(184)	-	(184)	(38,657)
Closing balances	32,887	-	32,887	33,071
 Liabilities				
Cash held on behalf of others	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	50	-	50	100
Closing balances	50	-	50	100

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2022 £
Telephone	-		219
Consultancy	316		6,737
Office and administration costs	-		228
Staff Costs	-		11,692
	316	-	18,876

3 Trustees

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