

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC049275

DIAMONDS IN THE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2024

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Governing Document

Diamond In the Community is an unincorporated Scottish charitable organisation (number SC049275), governed by constitution.

Membership and Management

The business of the group is directed by a management committee comprising between 6 and 15 members, appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, all being eligible for re-election. The committee meets not less than 10 times a year.

A chairperson, secretary and treasurer are appointed by the management committee; no person may hold any office for more than 3 years. The management committee may co-opt up to 3 further members, where deemed necessary, to serve until the following AGM.

Current Trustees

Those currently serving as members of the management committee are:

- Stephen Eaton – Treasurer appointed 7/5/2019
- Julie McPhee (Trustee/Chair) appointed 15/2/2021
- Scott Rae (Trustee) appointed 15/2/2021
- Karen Watt (Trustee) Appointed 27/09/2022
- Linzi Burr (Secretary) appointed 27/09/2022

Registered Address

47D Dunbeth Avenue, Coatbridge ML5 3JD

Charitable Purposes

The Organisation's charitable purposes are:

- (i) To advance the public participation in sport in the community of Airdrie through the promotion of participation in football and other sports which involves physical skill and exertion;

(ii) The advancement of health in Airdrie by the promotion, alone or in conjunction with others, of the benefits of physical activity and provision of assistance in relation to sports-related and healthy life style matters;

(iii) The advancement of community development in Airdrie by promoting alone or in conjunction with others, participation in football clubs and other sports, literacy, numeracy, employment skills, life skills, social inclusion and social activities to all sections of the community;

(iv) The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

(v) The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Activities and Achievements

In our fifth year we continued to establish working relationships with as many other local organisations as possible with the Monklands Baby & Family Clothing Aid, we also continued to grow our ongoing services and projects aimed at improving the life opportunities for local residents.

MONKLANDS BABY & FAMILY CLOTHING AID / HOME COMFORTS AID

Our third year operating from our premises on Graham Street in Airdrie, we looked to expand our list of working partners to ensure our service was reaching as many areas as possible. We saw significant uptake in referrals coming from local Health and Social services and grew the number of organisations from the Voluntary and Charity sectors in North Lanarkshire.

ART FOR THE COMMUNITY CLASS

Established in 2022 with initial assistance from the Scottish Government's Covid Recovery Funding, the weekly Art Classes prospers with numbers growing on a weekly basis, now averaging around 20. The age range has grown from 6 up to 90, and attendees come from a variety of backgrounds and art ability. Some have learning difficulties, some have mental and physical illnesses, some have problems engaging with school, some are lonely, and some just love to paint. The class is completely inclusive and everyone mixes as one.

CHIT CHAT CAFÉ

Our Chit Chat Café has grown from 1 attendee in 2022 to a peak of 37 earlier in the year. People come from a variety of backgrounds to enjoy cakes and coffee, chat and games. People are encouraged to mix and chat, or just listen if they are more comfortable with that, and come from a variety of backgrounds. The main aim is to reduce loneliness and isolation and we are seeing many referrals as well as people just coming along on their own.

WALKING FOOTBALL

The Walking Football group continued to be regularly attended weekly by up to 18-20 participants. We will continue to promote this service to help aid local residents with both physical as well as mental health issues and encourage social inclusion.

WALK & TALK GROUP

The group continues to be attended by regular participants as well as new members often referred into us by other organisations, again the service has proved extremely beneficial to members physical and mental health as well as reducing social isolation.

MEMORIES GROUP

The Memories Group run in the Airdrie Workmens Club has continued to grow in popularity with an average 30-40 people each month. As well as the regular tools of football memorabilia we encouraged the participants engagement by introducing guest speakers for part of the meetings. We have also introduced an inter-generational element to the meetings by asking small groups of school children to attend.

KIT AID

Continuing our role as the Scottish Hub for the KitAid Charity (charity no. 1113968) we again delivered regular truckloads of sportswear donations to the KitAid HQ as well as working directly with individuals and organisations to get kit to countries such as Ghana and Uganda, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Gambia.

FUNDRAISERS

We continued to operate various fundraising events at various locations around the town of Airdrie, encouraging the use of many local establishments whilst working with many local companies via sponsorship and provision of raffle prizes.

Our participation in the KiltWalk grew seeing over 100 participants in Edinburgh and almost 80 in Glasgow. We were proudly selected to be one of the recipients of the 'Happiest Minutes' at the Glasgow KiltWalk receiving a £5000 donation from the Hunter Foundation.

We also held our third annual sponsored Sleep Out in Graham Street attended by 19 volunteers, raising just over £1100 whilst raising awareness of homelessness figures and the causes often leading to it.

For the second year we ran two Christmas Fayres held at Airdrie Workmens club giving many local independent traders and companies a sales outlet, whilst proving a fun day for families with free children's entertainment and an affordable café.

CHRISTMAS DAY ASSISTANCE

We again helped local residents struggling with the expectations arising from the festive period by working alongside our Social and Health organisations to provide over 300 individuals with Gifts as well as helping 80+ individuals receive a Christmas Day dinner provided by local restaurant Puro.

WRAP UP LANARKSHIRE

Continuing our partnership with the Rotary Club of Coatbridge, Airdrie & Monklands we again offered a completely free winter coat service to anyone in the near or far communities. Over the last three winters it is estimated to have seen over 4000 coats and jackets passed on into the community along with gloves, scarfs and hats.

RECYCLING PROJECTS

On top of the donations being received and rehomed by our Monklands Baby and Family Clothing Aid and our KitAid collections we continued our partnership with Restorative Justice with the Bike Recycling scheme and operating our Football Boot Swap. We have also added a Tech Recycle Scheme, taken unused Laptops and Tablets and having them refurbished to pass onto those in the community in need of them.

FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS AND MORE

Continuing to work in partnership with NLC as an Anchor Organisation we have seen a rise in the use of the free Sanitary products provided in our premises, we also continue to supply a range of toiletries and nappies which are also available for free all year round with a 'no questions asked' policy. We have now also added a Home Delivery service for those living in remote areas who are unable to collect themselves in person.

POSITIVE SMOKE FREE ROLE MODEL

Working in collaboration with NHS Lanarkshire, we continue to encourage our community to sign up to the PSFRM pledge. The programme has a particular focus on: Preventing children and young people from becoming the next generation of people who smoke.

LOCALITY HOST

After being appointed Interim Locality Hosts in October 2022, we were awarded the position full time in February 2023. Additional funding for 3 years comes with additional work, and we have now added two new members of staff to facilitate this – an Operations Manager and a Locality Host Manager.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2024

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Grants				
NLC	7,000.00	-	7,000.00	15,270.00
VANL	72,237.50	-	72,237.50	33,000.00
Charities Trust	-	-	-	10,002.37
Partnerships				
Jewel Homes	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	1,200.00
Darren Cowle	480.00	-	480.00	530.00
Angel Soave	135.00	-	135.00	-
Liz Noon	240.00	-	240.00	-
Other				
Donations	18,294.31	-	18,294.31	26,903.87
Fundraising	13,555.56	-	13,555.56	37,591.79
Kiltwalk	40,129.32	-	40,129.32	15,524.56
Crowdfunder	5,145.51	-	5,145.51	-
Scotland Rocks	-	-	-	591.00
Total Receipts	158,417.20	-	158,417.20	140,613.59
PAYMENTS				
Premises Costs	8,806.65	-	8,806.65	5,136.92
Remuneration	85,898.55	-	85,898.55	52,872.05
Walking Football Expenses	-	-	-	-
Storage	3,528.00	-	3,528.00	3,024.00
Bank Charges	178.92	-	178.92	190.96
Insurance	1,202.73	-	1,202.73	540.22
Fundraising Expenses	18,863.34	-	18,863.34	40,900.82
Affiliation fees	3,042.00	-	3,042.00	2,671.50
Donations	-	-	-	400.00
Microsoft Subscription & Website Expenses	717.03	-	717.03	64.99
	<u>6,380.72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,380.72</u>	<u>2,559.29</u>
	128,617.94	-	128,617.94	108,360.75
SURPLUS/(DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR	29,799.26	-	29,799.26	32,252.84
Balance of funds brought forward	<u>16,918.08</u>	<u>52,952.38</u>	<u>69,870.46</u>	
BALANCE OF FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>46,717.34</u>	<u>52,952.38</u>	<u>99,669.72</u>	

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 31ST MAY 2024

	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Opening cash at bank	16,918.08	52,952.38	69,870.46	37,617.62
Opening cash in hand	-	-	-	-
	16,918.08	52,952.38	69,870.46	37,617.62
Surplus/Defecit for the year	29,799.26	-	29,799.26	32,252.84
Balance of funds carried forward	<u>46,717.34</u>	<u>52,952.38</u>	<u>99,669.72</u>	<u>69,870.46</u>
Closing cash at Bank	46,717.34	52,952.38	99,669.72	69,870.46
Closing cash on hand	-	-	-	-
	<u>46,717.34</u>	<u>52,952.38</u>	<u>99,669.72</u>	<u>69,870.46</u>

Notes to the Accounts

- 1 The Group received £7k from NLC and £72.2k from VANL.
- 2 No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

Approved on behalf of the trustees by:


 NAME: SCOTT RAE.

DATE: 11/7/24
 POSITION: TRUSTEE.


 NAME: STEPHEN EATON

DATE: 11/7/24
 POSITION: TREASURER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DIAMONDS IN THE COMMUNITY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year to 31st May 2024, which are set out on the pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and 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) Regulation 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 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 the seeking of 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' 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 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.

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Date 10/07/2024