

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC049275

DIAMONDS IN THE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2023

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Governing Document

Diamond in the Community is an unincorporated Scottish charitable organisation (number SC049275), governed by constitution. <https://www.diamondsitc.com/constitution-records-policies>

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) 7/5/2019
- Julie McPhee (Trustee/Chair) appointed 15/2/2021
- Scott Rae (Trustee) appointed 15/2/2021
- Karen Watt (Trustee) appointed 27/9/2022
- Linzi Burr (Secretary) appointed 27/9/2022

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 fourth year we continued to establish working relationships with as many other local organisations as possible with the Monklands Baby & Family Clothing Aid, restarting the last of our projects previously placed on hold via the Covid-19 Lockdown period whilst also starting new services for local residents to make improvements to their lives.

MONKLANDS BABY & FAMILY CLOTHING AID / HOME COMFORTS AID

Building on our first 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.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

We participated in many events over the year to help encourage people in the Airdrie and surrounding areas to reach out for help or to join in with some of our groups and services. We attended many Cost-of-Living events, community breakfast events and Expo's and open days being held by other organisations to do this. Promoting our services and signposting to other organisations wherever possible.

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, whilst also looking to expand the walking sports into other days and/or sports such as Rugby etc

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 reopened after being closed by Covid restrictions in July 2022. Operating in the new venue of Airdrie Workmens Club we have continued to grow the attendance to 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.

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.

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. Following our first taste of the KiltWalk in the previous year we grew the number of participants in the events in Edinburgh and Glasgow during this period, proving to be one of the most successful fundraisers we have participated in. We also held our second annual sponsored Sleep Out in Graham Street attended by 18 volunteers, raising almost £1600 whilst raising awareness of homelessness figures and the causes often leading to it. We also introduced 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 200 individuals with Gifts as well as helping 100+ individuals receive a Christmas Day dinner provided by two local restaurants.

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 seeing approx. 1400 coats/jackets handed out along with gloves, scarves 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 added a new recycling project with our Football Swap Shop in June 2022, providing parents of local children the opportunity to donate older boots which no longer fitted their children whilst claiming a bigger pair.

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.

NAMIBIA CHARITY TREK

A team of twenty volunteers took part in our biggest ever project seeing the group travel to the Namib desert to help the JP Brand School with many projects including funding the renovation of some of the schools building and amenities, provided sports kit, period products and school supplies as well as holding a science project and connecting seven North Lanarkshire schools in a penpal project with the schools pupils.

NEW PROJECTS

ARTS WORKSHOP - In November 2022 we started the Arts Workshop in conjunction with North Lanarkshire Culture Collective, held at Airdrie Workmens Club on a weekly basis it was quickly shown to be a success regularly being attended by 20+ participants. In April we received further funding to keep the service running till September 2023

CHIT CHAT CAFÉ – December 2022 saw us start a drop in café service encouraging people living in social isolation to attend and interact and meet up with like minded folk living in their community, all while having a hot drink and snack in a warm environment.

COLLEGE TASTER COURSES

Working with New College Lanarkshire we held three taster courses for existing courses within their campus. These covered 'Coping Strategies' 'Mental Health' and Therapeutic Play' giving residents the opportunity to gain some valuable knowledge in these areas whilst potentially gaining access to the full courses.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Grants				
NLC	15,270.00	-	15,270.00	9,675.00
VANL	33,000.00	-	33,000.00	7,033.00
YPI Award	-	-	-	3,000.00
Action on Smoking Kitaid	-	-	-	500.00 200.00
Charities Trust	10,002.37	-	10,002.37	-
Partnerships				
Cardeen Couriers	-	-	-	4,600.00
Gin Blossoms	-	-	-	525.00
Jewel Homes	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	1,300.00
Colin Telford	-	-	-	170.00
Darren Cowie	530.00	-	530.00	1,820.00
Other				
Donations	26,903.87	-	26,903.87	14,546.42
Fundraising	37,591.79	-	37,591.79	11,614.00
Aquila Management	-	-	-	720.00
SpeedoMick Foundation	-	-	-	3,000.00
St James Place Foundation	-	-	-	2,500.00
Kiltwalk	15,524.56	-	15,524.56	10,712.27
Crowdfunder	-	-	-	6,592.84
Scotland Rocks	591.00	-	591.00	-
Total Receipts	140,613.59	-	140,613.59	78,508.53
PAYMENTS				
Premises Costs	5,136.92	-	5,136.92	-
Remuneration	52,872.05	-	52,872.05	38,360.00
Walking Football Expenses	-	-	-	3,701.64
Storage	3,024.00	-	3,024.00	1,694.98
Bank Charges	190.96	-	190.96	14.00
Insurance	540.22	-	540.22	473.68
Fundraising Expenses	40,900.82	-	40,900.82	257.90
Branding	-	-	-	351.00
Affiliation fees	2,671.50	-	2,671.50	-
Donations	400.00	-	400.00	50.00
Microsoft Subscription Expenses	64.99 2,559.29	-	64.99 2,559.29	- 96.30
	108,360.75	-	108,360.75	44,999.50

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	£	£	£	£
SURPLUS/(DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR	32,252.84	-	32,252.84	33,509.03
Balance of funds brought forward	- 15,334.76	52,952.38	37,617.62	
BALANCE OF FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16,918.08	52,952.38	69,870.46	

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 31ST MAY 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Opening cash at bank	- 15,334.76	52,952.38	37,617.62	11,401.82
Opening cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Surplus/Defecit for the year	- 15,334.76	52,952.38	37,617.62	11,401.82
Balance of funds carried forward	32,252.84	-	32,252.84	26,215.80
	16,918.08	52,952.38	69,870.46	37,617.62
Closing cash at Bank	16,918.08	52,952.38	69,870.46	37,617.62
Closing cash on hand	-	-	-	-
	16,918.08	52,952.38	69,870.46	37,617.62

Notes to the Accounts

- The Group received £15.2k from NLC and £33k from VANL. The majority of these funds remain in the restricted reserves balance at the year end.
- No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

Approved on behalf of the trustees by:

KAREN WATT *Karen Watt*
NAME: TRUSTEE.

DATE: 21/2/2024
POSITION:

STEPHEN EATON *S. Eaton*
NAME: TREASURER

DATE: 21/2/2024
POSITION:

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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 2023, 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 20/02/2024