



Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 28th February 2022.

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Trustees' Annual Report – Year ending 28th February 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting this report together with the Financial Statement and the independent examiner's report for the year ending 28th February 2022.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	STRATHCARE
Scottish Charity Number	SC011737
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Current Trustees

Ian Aikman		Appointed 31 st January 2022
Ian Buchan	Chair	Reappointed 25 th March 2019
Morag Butt		Reappointed 29 th March 2021
Ingrid Clayden	Vice Chair & Convener	Appointed 21 st January 2018
David Gilzean		Reappointed 27 th March 2017
Kim Mackinnon		Appointed 29 th March 2021
Sue Maclean		Appointed 29 th March 2021
Fred Mason	Treasurer	Reappointed 26 th March 2018
Margaret McPhater		Appointed 21 st January 2019
Margaret Morrison		Appointed 27 th March 2017
Anne Orchardson	Secretary	Reappointed 25 th March 2019
Louise Pengelley		Appointed 29 th March 2021
Alistair Petrie		Appointed 29 th March 2021

Other Trustees who served during the financial year

Jackie Moore	Resigned 15 th November 2021
Bob Roseweir	Resigned 13 th February 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Strathcare is an unincorporated Registered Scottish Charity and the purpose and administrative arrangements are set out in the constitution, which was adopted in 1975, and was last amended

on 21st March 2016. Strathcare was granted charitable status by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) in 1990. Strathcare has no relationship with any other body.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting which is held within six weeks of the end of the financial year. The Committee (of Trustees) may at any time appoint any person over the age of fifteen to be a charity Trustee.

Management

The Trustees which include the Bus Convenor meet regularly with Club Leaders, drivers and passenger assistants - all of whom are volunteers.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

Strathcare is an organisation which works to enhance the quality of life of those in Crieff and district who are elderly, isolated or disabled in any way, through the provision of suitable transport to a range of clubs and activities, thus providing friendship, a sense of community and purpose.

Activities

Through active fund raising, support from the local community, donations from Strathcare clubs and other users and grants Strathcare owns, maintains and operates a specially adapted minibus suitable for wheelchair use. Strathcare recruit and train volunteer drivers and passenger assistants, who are issued with updated guidelines and protocols. Strathcare holds full motor, public liability and Trustees Indemnity insurance. Strathcare also holds and operates within the constraints of a Section 19 Permit.

The weekly clubs are autonomous but Strathcare has an overview of the opportunities and variety on offer through regular contact with the weekly Wednesday Club, Thursday Lunch Club (run by the RVS) the Friday Club as well as the internally run twice monthly Comrie Club and monthly, Cinema Club, Library run and M&S Shopping Trip. Strathcare also offers transport to many other local organisations, including in Muthill, serving adults in a range of age groups with mobility or isolation challenges and a number of local Residential Homes. Publicity is by word of mouth, a website, local newspapers, a dedicated brochure and fund-raising activities.

Achievement and Performance

When the year started Strathcare was not carrying out any runs because of restrictions brought in to control the Covid 19 pandemic.

Nevertheless, many of the volunteers went out every week for 3- or 4-months taking afternoon tea (funded by the National Lottery and provided by Richmond House), to around 40 people in all, and having a chat with them when delivering it. In addition, the bus was used to take passengers to hospital and doctors' appointments.

Just as important, many of the volunteers have been phoning the passengers on a regular basis throughout the year to have a chat and keep them updated on Strathcare's activities.

Meanwhile the trustees worked on plans to bring the bus back into use taking out passengers for social runs. That all came to fruition in late May/early June after a massive effort to educate all the drivers and passenger assistants in the new protocols that Strathcare had to adopt.

Since then, Strathcare has restarted trips for Muthill shopping, Library runs, Tuesday shopping trips, the Wednesday and Friday groups, the Cinema club and Richmond House. From October we have also had twice monthly runs for residents of Comrie, a first for Strathcare.

Unfortunately, Strathcare has not been able to restart the Thursday lunch club runs due to factors out with our control.

Strathcare helped transport passengers to an afternoon inaugural Tea Dance held at, and run by, Strathearn Arts. We intend to continue these trips on a regular basis in 2022.

Strathcare also organised a coffee morning and chat for over 30 passengers in September at the Steading in Crieff.

About 12 volunteers received a day of First Aid Training in October, and Midas training for drivers has restarted.

Our website strathcare.org.uk has been refreshed and improved.

For many of the people we serve in and around Crieff safe door to door transport, friendly volunteers and a change of scenery provide a welcome highlight to their week. Those in nursing or care homes also enjoy outings. Library users unable to use public transport also appreciate the service provided.

Over recent years a steady increase in both the frailty and continuance in individual home settings of our passengers has been observed with later transfers to residential or highly supported care.

A continuing effort is made to identify potential passengers who may be described as the isolated for whom both socialisation and health might benefit from company and stimulation. We continue to investigate different ways of expanding our services to the community.

Strathcare provides leaflets aimed primarily at possible users, public displays of photographs and contact material and a website but, more crucially perhaps, Strathcare positively offers information meetings with front line health and care professionals and arranges the provision of leaflet supplies to their offices. The office bearers continue to receive calls from family members and concerned professionals and offer support where possible. Our relationship with the Local Social Prescriber has increased the number of potential passengers significantly.

Our groups and transport already support a considerable number of passengers with memory or functional limitations and much credit is due to the passenger assistants and drivers who ensure their safety and enjoyment.

Strathcare currently has sixteen volunteer drivers and twenty-three volunteer passenger assistants who give freely of their time and services, all volunteers are offered training as appropriate.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic there have been no fund-raising events in the current year. The primary function of fund-raising events is to raise the profile of Strathcare in the local community as well as generating funds.

Financial Review

General

Strathcare's income is derived from donations, both from clubs and bus users as a contribution towards running costs, also from outside organisations / individuals as a gesture of goodwill, legacies, fundraising, grants and interest. This year Strathcare received donations from, Crieff Round Table, Crieff Stroke Support Group, Lodge St Michael, P&KC, Agnus Allan's funeral collection and ten individuals. During the year grants have been secured from The National Lottery via Richmond House, Transport Scotland Bus Services Operators Grant (BSOG), P&KC Volunteer Upskilling Fund and one funded by PHP Community Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland.

The grant from the National Lottery was for a meal delivery and chat service for people who are housebound and/or isolated and was considered a restrictive fund and accounted for accordingly. All other grants and donations are considered as unrestricted and are treated in accordance with the regulatory guidelines issued by The Scottish Charity Regulator.

Total receipts for the year were **£22,313** (£3,353 last year) and payments totalled **£13,034** (£4,940 last year) thus giving a surplus of **£9,279** (Deficit of **£1,587** last year).

Depreciation on the Mercedes bus LX67 BWY (Bertie 5) which was purchased in Feb 2018 at a cost of **£70,187** is assumed to be 25% per annum and is therefore now valued at **£22,208** (last year **£29,610**)

Strathcare is extremely grateful for the provision of premises and parking by Richmond House, the provision of Public Liability Insurance cover provided by Perth and Kinross Community Transport Group and all the volunteer drivers, passenger assistants and Trustees for their time and commitment to the charity's aim.

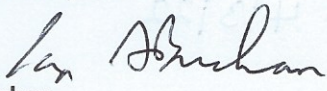
Reserve Policy

Strathcare has a policy of ensuring that there are always sufficient unrestricted funds retained in easy access or short-term accounts to cover running costs and the virtually immediate replacement of the bus should this prove necessary. In addition to this **£49,204** has been placed in a two-year bond (November 2022) to maximize interest.

Future Plans

The Trustees intend to continue to develop services to the people in the area, recognizing the benefit to those in the community who might otherwise feel lonely and isolated and to draw them back into society. The Trustees also intend to ensure that all drivers and passenger assistants continue to be offered relevant training, and that contact is initiated and maintained with those who can help further our objectives.

Approved by the Trustees on 2nd March 2022 and signed on their behalf by


Ian Buchan
Chair

Independent Examiner's Report for the Year ended 28th February 2022

Independent Examiner's Report for the Trustees of Strathcare.

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees 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 ("The 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("The 2006 Regulations"). The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (b) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 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 2006 Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning 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 accounts.

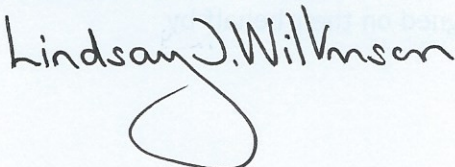
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with 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 Regulations, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been 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.

Lindsay Wilkinson

11 Turretbank Drive, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 4LW.

Signed 

Date 4/3/22

Statement of Receipts and Payments

for the period 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2022

Receipts	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total this Year	Total last Year
Voluntary Receipts					
Donations		5,143	0	5,143	300
Legacies		0	0	0	0
Grants	4	4,996	10,000	14,996	1,586
Fund-Raising		62	0	62	0
Gross Trading		0	0	0	0
Bank & Building Society Interest		1,102	0	1,102	1,252
Receipts for Charitable Activities					
Bus Users Contributions		1,010	0	1,010	216
Total Receipts		12,313	10,000	22,313	3,353
Payments					
Cost of Fund-Raising		0	0	0	0
Cost of Charitable Activities	5	7,595	4,396	11,991	4,865
Governance Costs	6	79	0	79	75
Purchase of Assets		964	0	964	0
Total Payment		8,637	4,396	13,034	4,940
Surplus/Deficit for the year		3,675	5,604	9,279	-1,587

The notes on page 8 and 9 form an integral part of these accounts.

Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Current Year	Previous Year
Cash at Bank and in Hand - 29/02/2021	129,107	0	129,107	130,553
Surplus/ Deficit for the year	3,675	5,604	9,279	-1,446
Cash at Bank and in Hand - 28/02/2022	132,783	5,604	138,386	129,107

Statement of Balances - As at 28th February 2022

Cash	21	0	21	3
TSB Current Account	11,934	5,604	17,537	9,379
Scottish Building Society (Inst access)	71,624	0	71,624	71,534
Skipton Building Society	0	0	0	0
United Trust Bank Fixed Term (Nov 2022)	49,204	0	49,204	48,192
Total	132,783	5,604	138,386	129,107

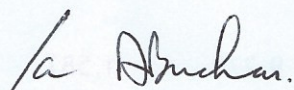
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)

Mercedes Sprinter Bus (Bertie 5, Purchased Feb 2018 - £70,187)	22,208	29,610
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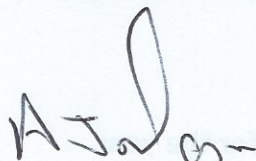
Of the unrestricted fund £80,000 is designated as Strathcare's Bus Replacement Fund.

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees of Strathcare at a meeting on 2nd March 2022 and signed on their behalf



Ian Buchan
Chair



Fred Mason
Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts - for the Year Ended 28th February 2021

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payment basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations (as amended).

2 Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted Funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The restricted fund reflects the grant received from the National Lottery. There was no restricted fund in the previous year.

3 Related Party Transactions

Strathcare purchases Trustee indemnity insurance for all its trustees and reimburses any documented expenses. No other remuneration was paid to any trustee or to any connected persons during the year.

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Current Year	Previous Year
4 Grants Received				
PK&C Upskilling Fund (MiDAS)	712	0	712	0
PK&C Upskilling Fund (First Aid)	480	0	480	0
Scottish Government BSOG	2,072	0	2,072	1,586
National Lottery	0	10,000	10,000	0
CFC / Foundation Scotland	1,732	0	1,732	0
	4,996	10,000	14,996	1,586

5 Cost of Charitable Activities

Fuel	1,648	0	1,648	502
Bus Repairs, Maintenance & MOT	2,278	0	2,278	1,170
Donations	0	0	0	400
Vehicle & Trustee Insurance	2,604	0	2,604	2,422
Chat & Treat Meals	0	3,923	3,923	0
Cinema Tickets	70	0	70	0
Presentations & Social	135	144	278	100
Training	718	0	718	173
Consumables	99	2	101	63
Publicity & Stationary	44	0	44	36
Travel Expenses	0	328	328	0
	7,595	4,396	11,991	4,865

Notes to the Accounts - for the Year Ended 28th February 2021

6 Governance Cost

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Current Year	Previous Year
Trustees Meeting	60	0	60	43
Annual General Meeting	0	0	0	0
Independent Examiner	19	0	19	32
	79	0	79	75