

Lochinver Pre School Centre Association

Scotland · Charity number SC003705

Details

Known as Lochinver PreSchool

Status Not Submitted

Legal form Unincorporated association

Registered 1985-12-23

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address 33 Inver Park
Lochinver
Sutherland
IV27 4LN

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Lochinver Pre-School Centre Association is a registered charity which has previously been registered with the Highland Council and the Care Inspectorate to provide pre-school education for children in Assynt. From 2011, day to day operations were managed by Care & Learning Alliance, paying an annual rent to LPSCA. In 2023 Highland Council took over the running of the ELC, paying annual rent to LSCPA. The committee, which is made up of parents/carers of attending children, aims to meet up several times a year, and is responsible for organising fundraising and maintaining the Pre-School building. It also helps to pay for any extras that will benefit the children.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: The association's objects are: a) To advance the education of and the opportunities for pre school and primary school aged children in Assynt. b) To promote and fundraise for play facilities for public use in Assynt. c) To encourage and support other charitable activities through which services and facilities for children will be developed and/or established.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Highland
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£0	£0	-	0
2024-05-31	£31,244	£37,024	-	0
2023-05-31	£7,507	£4,233	-	0
2022-05-31	£3,063	£3,126	-	0
2021-05-31	£3,531	£7,470	-	0

Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	June	2023	To	31	May	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Lochinver Pre-School Centre Association
Other names charity is known by	Lochinver Pre-School Association
Registered charity number	SC003705
Charity's principal address	Lochinver Pre-School
	Lochinver Primary
	Lochinver
Sutherland	
Postcode IV27 4LF	

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1		Secretary		
2		Chairperson		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

See Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

See Constitution

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

See Constitution

Summary of the main activities
in relation to these objects

See Constitution

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

See Chairperson's Report

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves held to cover utility bills and maintenance costs of the building

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

During the course of this year, a significant fundraising effort took place for an upgrade of the building required for its continuing use.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)		Secretary
Date	31/12/24	

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	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Statement of balances as at 31 May	£	£	£
Bank Opening Balances	31/05/2023	31/05/2022	31/05/2021
Treasurer's Account	13,481.94	10,894.85	10,130.82
Bonus Ball Account No 1	34.35	16.87	50.79
Bonus Ball Account No 2	-	17.35	17.35
New Bonus Ball Account No 1	5,601.55	4,914.55	4,406.55
Total	<u>19,117.84</u>	<u>15,843.62</u>	<u>14,605.51</u>
Total Income	31,244.73	7,507.38	4,264.82
Total Expenditure	<u>(37,024.75)</u>	<u>(4,233.16)</u>	<u>(3,026.71)</u>
	<u>13,337.82</u>	<u>19,117.84</u>	<u>15,843.62</u>
Bank Closing Balances	31/05/2024	31/05/2023	31/05/2022
Treasurer's Account	8,318.42	13,481.94	10,894.85
Bonus Ball Account No 1	9.83	34.35	16.87
Bonus Ball Account No 2	-	-	17.35
New Bonus Ball Account No 1	5,009.57	5,601.55	4,914.55
Total	<u>13,337.82</u>	<u>19,117.84</u>	<u>15,843.62</u>
Difference	-	-	-
Income and Expenditure for the year to 31 May	31/05/2024	31/05/2023	31/05/2022
Income			
Fundraising	3,031.87 ¹	34.01	693.72 ⁸
Grants	-	500.00 ⁴	-
Donations	22,894.48 ²	-	46.97
Other	-	20.00	380.00 ⁹
Bank Interest	130.38	48.37	5.13
Rent	4,500.00	6,218.00 ⁵	2,394.00
Bonus Ball old A/C	-	-	37.00
Bonus Ball	688.00	687.00	708.00
	<u>31,244.73</u>	<u>7,507.38</u>	<u>4,264.82</u>
Expenditure			
Electricity	2,724.79	2,710.07 ⁶	807.80
Water	643.28	-	-
General	-	-	-
Other	-	-	600.00 ¹⁰
Parties and Outings	-	-	-
Play Equipment	-	-	-
Building upgrade project	31,028.78 ³		
Maintenance	780.49	70.92	70.92
Equipment	199.98	-	-
Insurance	217.57	856.67	766.78
Telephone & Internet	670.37	595.50	581.21
Fundraising costs	309.49	-	-
Bonus Ball Payments	450.00	- ⁷	200.00
	<u>37,024.75</u>	<u>4,233.16</u>	<u>3,026.71</u>
Net surplus/shortfall	<u>- 5,780.02</u>	<u>3,274.22</u>	<u>1,238.11</u>

Notes¹ Fundraising events for upgrades² Donations towards upgrades required for registration: £22,884.28³ Cost of upgrades summer 2023: £31,028.78

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name	Lochinver Pre-School Association					
	Registered charity number	SC003705					
	Period start date				Period end date		
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	01	June	2023	to	31	May	2024
						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner Basis of independent examiner's statement Independent examiner's statement	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations 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. 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 seeks explanations from the 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 accounts. In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] 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 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.						
Signed: Name: Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Address:							

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose

Lochinver Pre-School Centre Association

Chairperson's report 2023-24

Lochinver Pre-School Centre Association is a registered charity which has previously been registered with the Highland Council and the Care Inspectorate to provide pre-school education for children in Assynt. More recently, day to day operations have been managed by CALA – the centre is called “Lochinver ELC”. In 2023 Highland Council took over the running of the ELC.

Lochinver Pre-School Centre Association Committee, made up of parents/carers of attending children, aims to meet up several times a year, and is responsible for organising fundraising and maintaining the Pre-School building. It also helps to pay for any extras that will benefit the children. The current Chair is [REDACTED], while [REDACTED] continues as Secretary/Treasurer which provides continuity in the running of the Association with the relatively short period children spend at the ELC.

Following the retirement of long serving [REDACTED] (Senior Playworker) in March 2022, the remaining staff [REDACTED], joined by [REDACTED], continued to run the Lochinver Early Learning Centre, supported by the CALA Area Manager. [REDACTED] was appointed Senior Playworker. When [REDACTED] departed the post, and [REDACTED] was appointed as Senior Playworker.

During the latter part of this period, the Association approached Highland Council regarding issues with staff support and retention under CALA, and the arrangement with CALA subsequently ceased at the end of June 2023. Highland Council took over the service provision from August 2023, after upgrade works were undertaken by the Association in the summer break to satisfy Care Inspectorate new service registration requirements, with a lease agreement in place to use the existing building.

After it came to light that significant upgrades were required in order to meet Care Inspectorate requirements, largely due to the introduction of provision for younger children, before HC could register the service in the Pre School building. LSPCA launched a fundraising programme and arranged for the necessary work to be carried out during the summer break. Efforts consisted of raising awareness locally, hosting several successful community based fundraising events, submitting funding applications and setting up a Crowdfunder page. Local businesses, community groups and private individuals connected to the area also donated towards the project costs. Significant time and effort was put in by volunteers, working with the contractors to make all this happen in time for the new school year. Without the generosity of the community it could not have gone ahead.

[REDACTED] was seconded from Achilitbuie ELC as Senior Playworker from August 2023 when the ELC re-opened under Highland Council, [REDACTED] continued in her post and part-time / relief staff were recruited. The closer connection with the Primary School has proved beneficial.

Thanks as always to everyone who helped out during the year, and a very big thank you to the staff, who are very much appreciated for their hard work, enthusiasm and support to parents and carers - they continue to make Lochinver ELC a very special place for the children.

[REDACTED]
Secretary (pp Chairperson)