

The Society of Friends of Brechin Cathedral

(Founded in 1947)

Registered Scottish Charity no. SCO15770

Hon. Secretary



Chairman of Council



Hon. Treasurer



Annual Report 2023/24

The Society has continued the managing and caretaking duties set out in the agreement with the Trustees of the Church of Scotland signed in August 2022 due to the closure of the Cathedral. It remains closed other than with the agreement of the Church of Scotland.

Treasurer [REDACTED] has overseen four concerts, one funeral. and 5 tours of the Cathedral with help from members of the Society.

Council met on 22nd January 2024 when it was decided to ask members of the Society to agree to two proposals. These were carried at an E.G.M on 4th March 2024. The proposals were:-

Proposal (1) In accordance with the intention expressed at the AGM of the Society on Friday 2 June 2023, and the unanimous recommendation of the Council of the Society at its meeting on 22 January 2024, the entire business and operations of the Society, together with all rights, obligations, assets and liabilities of the Society and of the Members and Council relating thereto, shall be transferred to the Brechin Cathedral Trust SCIO (Scottish Charity number SC052872) and the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, (acting together or individually) shall be, and hereby are, authorised to undertake all such acts and to enter into all such agreements on behalf of the Society as may in their opinion be necessary or desirable to effect such transfers.

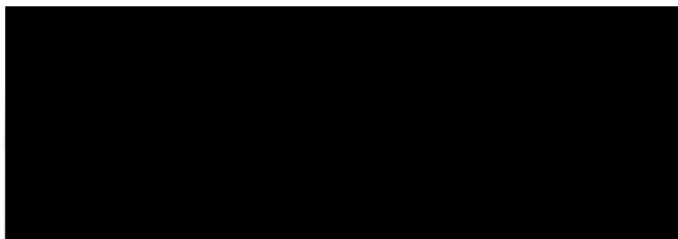
Proposal (2) Upon completion of such transfers, the Society shall be dissolved and the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (acting together or individually) shall be, and hereby are, authorised to seek the removal of the Society from the Register of Scottish Charities.

The agreement to these proposals were necessary due to the setting up of a new charity, a S.C.I.O. The Brechin Cathedral Trust, which is able to to conserve and maintain the fabric etc of the Cathedral and Hall. The Society's charitable status is unincorporated. The new charity is incorporated and will be able to carry out far more than the Society can e.g. financial, employing persons.

The financial report submitted gives details of all arrangements and reports relating to the preservation of the Cathedral and for the transfer of management etc. to the SCIO before the the Society is wound up later in 2024.

The proposal for winding up has been intimated to OSCR.

Signed:



The Society of Friends of Brechin Cathedral
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Registered Scottish Charity No: SCO15770
Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.00p.m.
in the Cathedral Hall

Treasurer Report Grant Report:-

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Item 1) Valuation for the Cathedral and Hall by Shepherd Surveyors at the cost of £1,800. This was carried out on the 6th November. I am not sure if this was claimed in the submission of the AHF Grant Payment Claim.

Item 2) Business Plan by Community Enterprise at a cost of £7,488. A Research Report (copy here) was done rather than a Business Plan at the cost of £6,000 this was acceptable to the AHF as they paid £4,212 towards the £6,000 invoice the balance of £1,788 had to be paid by the Society

Grant 2) From **Angus Rural Partnership** was for £10,782 to cover two items:

Item 1) Development Officer for 20 weeks @ 20 hours per week @ £25 per hour at of cost £10,000.

The claim of 90% of the Development Officer's invoices has been submitted to cover the cost also submitted with all the relevant backup documents (details here).

Item 2 Valuation for the Cathedral and Hall by Shepherd Surveyors at the cost of £1,800. This was carried out on the 6th November.

90% of Shepherds Surveyors invoice is covered in the claim (copy of the report is here).

Breakdown of the claim:

Development Officer Invoices	£10,000
Shepherd Surveyors Invoice	1,800
	11,800
90% Claim	10,620
Society Cost	1,180

The total cost to The Society

Angus Rural Partnership	1,180
The Architectural Heritage Fund	1,788
Total Cost	2,968

The grant is in the Society's name as at that time the BC Trust were not in the position to submit grant applications for various reasons The grants were required to help BC Trustees in their preparation on them "Taking over" of the Cathedral from the General Trustees.

Cathedral Events

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Tayside Big Band--Elvis-ABBA-Carol Concert

One Wedding 2nd January

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Five tours

Visitors have continued to come to the Cathedral.

Future Events

Funeral 11th March

There is 9 Concerts booked

Two confirmed tours--One pending confirmation

One wedding - June 15th

Three Messy Church Meetings

Date: 04 March 2024

Larger print to be seen
in Treasurer's Report in minutes
below.

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Minutes of the E.G.M. held on Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.00p.m. in the Cathedral Hall

The Chairperson, [REDACTED] welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies: There were 26 apologies. 15 members attended.

Correspondence: The Secretary thanked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for composing the invitational letter to the meeting. She had added a sentence or two to it. 60 emails had been sent and 40 letters. One letter had been returned 'gone away' and one email not recognised. However a letter was sent and a new email received.

She had received numerous messages from members supporting the two motions to be proposed but with sadness on the future demise of the Society. However they were pleased that the objects of the Trust were similar to those of the Society.

The [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the last Council meeting suggested that it would be good to hold a service to celebrate the 77 years of the Society and the many donations given to the Cathedral. The Council had agreed it was a good idea.

The Secretary had emailed him to ask if he would consider conducting the Service along with the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as they were the two surviving Vice presidents of the Society.

Unfortunately the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was just home from hospital after suffering a heart attack. He is therefore not able to make any plans at the moment.

A newsletter from the Scottish Churches Trust had been forwarded to Council members. One sad statistic was that since 2020 55 churches had been sold or are on the market.

Treasurer Report

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Prepared by:

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Hon. Treasurer

04 March 2024



Brechin Cathedral Trust: The Chairperson ██████████ told the meeting that at last after 5 months a bank account had been setup.

The Development Officer had done 5 months work organising rules, regulations, compiling volunteer packs and setting up social media etc.

Taking over the Cathedral was very difficult requiring maintenance of it and the Hall.

3 members had a meeting in Edinburgh with members of Historic Environment Scotland.

They were unable to help practically or financially due to lack of funds. However they did appreciate that the Cathedral was of National significance.

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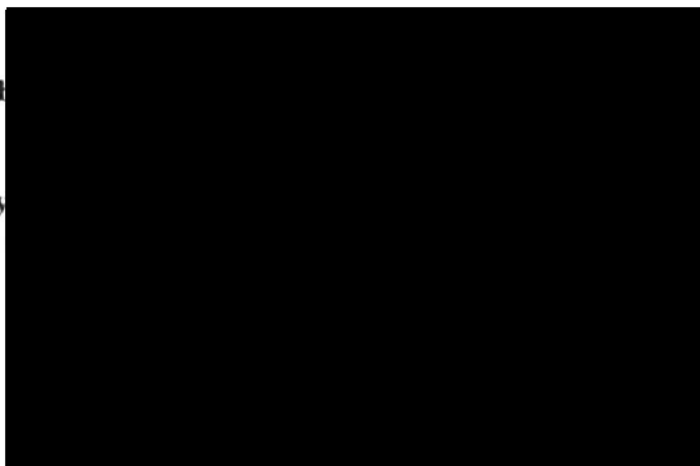
Balance Sheet as of 30th April 2024

	May-23	April 2024
Virgin Money	72713	Nil
Scottish Widow	50000	50000
RBS Current Account	19783	89355
Total Funds	142496	139355
Income	20456	101974
Expenditure	15038	32402
	5418	69572
Closing Balance	19783	89355
Opening Balance	14365	19783
	5418	69572

The pence figure has been round up.

Prepared by
Date:

Audited by
Date:



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Balance Sheet as of 30th April 2024

Income

<i>Tour Donations</i>	450.00
<i>Funeral</i>	585.00
<i>Flower Festival</i>	250.00
<i>Weddings</i>	775.00
<i>NH Concerts</i>	1400.00
<i>Concerts</i>	2228.00
<i>Donation Safe</i>	650.63
<i>Hall Income</i>	3715.00
<i>Allotments</i>	545.00
<i>Membership</i>	50.00
<i>Souvenirs</i>	120.52
<i>ARP Funding</i>	10620.00
<i>AHF Grant</i>	4212.00
<i>Scottish Widows</i>	2154.71
<i>Virgin Money</i>	74218.89

101974.75

Expenditure

[REDACTED]	230.82
<i>City Press</i>	138.00
[REDACTED]	846.89
[REDACTED]	60.00
<i>Big Band Concert</i>	500.00
<i>Grey Events Ltd</i>	265.68
<i>Platt Solutions ARP</i>	10000.00
<i>Platt Solutions BCT</i>	4000.00
<i>Shepherd Surveyors</i>	1800.00
[REDACTED]	88.00
<i>Community Enterprise</i>	7488.00
<i>Scottish Church Trust</i>	50.00
<i>Scottish Churches</i>	100.00
<i>General Trustees</i>	4773.00
<i>The Hardware Stores</i>	68.31
<i>Agricar (Ness) Ltd</i>	267.89
<i>Powerwasher Ser</i>	669.60
[REDACTED]	432.00
[REDACTED]	488.75
[REDACTED]	135.60

32402.54

Opening Balance

19783.07

Totals

Closing Balance

89355.28

Income

101974.75

101974.75

Expenditure

32402.54

-32402.54

Totals

19783.07

69572.21

89355.28