

The Failte Centre

Scotland · Charity number SC030286

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2000-07-05
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	21 Upper Coll Back Isle of Lewis HS20LS
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended', 'any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes'

What the charity does: The Charity provides a safe, warm and clean environment for the 30 charities that use the facilities. It also provides a pensioners lunch once a week

Beneficiaries: 'Older People', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The object of the Centre is to promote the welfare of old people in a manner which is now or hereafter deemed by law to be charitable and that without prejudice

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£28,776	£31,116	-	0
2024-12-31	£28,147	£21,975	-	0
2023-12-31	£25,267	£22,494	-	0
2022-12-31	£26,986	£26,766	-	0
2021-12-31	£9,369	£22,277	-	0
2020-12-31	£23,089	£23,688	-	0

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Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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The Trustees are officials of the Stornoway Old Peoples Welfare Association, whose constitutionally appointed officers are the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

The present Committee consists of:-

Donald McKee	Chairman
Tracey Walker	Administrator
Dawn Lankester	Vice Chairman
Jane McPhee	
Jane Morrison	
Charlie Nicolson	Honorary Member
Gordon Murray	
Bob Ferguson	

All of the Association's Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting each year

The financial position of the Association is sound due to the continued generosity of the members and the full implementation of budgeting for and subsequent control of expenditure.

There are no material transactions with any other connected or associated body

No Trustee or Committee Member has been paid Expenses

Approved at the AGM and signed on their behalf

Donald A R McKee
Chairman

Mr Donald A R McKee
21 Upper Coll
Back
Isle of Lewis
HS2 0LS

Bank of Scotland
45-47 Cromwell St
Stornoway

Sort Code	800973
Account No.	954270

The Failte Centre
Receipts & Payments Account
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	£	£
INCOME	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Donations	411.00	615.35
Lets	16,690.04	18,059.36
Outing/Christmas Fund	1,367.00	1,142.00
Lunch Club	6,262.00	5,180.00
Bank Interest	-	-
Sundry Income	261.76	1,078.00
Sales	-	-
Catering Team	1,735.00	1,547.28
Insurance Claim	-	-
Christmas Day	300.00	175.00
Grants	<u>1,750.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>
	<u>28776.80</u>	<u>28146.99</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Insurance	2,357.78	2,273.04
Repairs & Maintenance	7,427.35	3,499.58
Heat/Light	8,043.68	4,740.48
Lunch Club	5,740.47	5,039.68
Raffle Prizes	690.80	587.54
Equipment	2,986.72	962.69
General Expenses	482.68	188.42
Christmas	941.00	1,066.89
Stationery Postage Advertising	-	-
Catering Team	373.90	767.43
Taxi Fund	1,350.00	2,374.00
Grants	-	-
Christmas Day	155.07	105.15
WiFi	<u>566.40</u>	<u>354.04</u>
	<u>31115.85</u>	<u>21956.94</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>(2,339.05)</u>	<u>6,190.05</u>

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Balance brought forward from previous year	25,555.36	19,383.29
Surplus(Deficit) for year	<u>(2,339.05)</u>	<u>6,190.05</u>
	<u>23216.31</u>	<u>25573.34</u>
REPRESENTED BY :		
Bank of Scotland	23,216.31	25,477.46
Less O/S Cheques	0.00	0
Plus O/S Payins	0.00	77.9
Plus Cash in hand	0.00	0
	<u>23,216.31</u>	<u>25,555.36</u>

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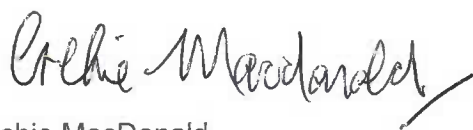
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I have independently examined the statement of balances and receipts and payments account to which this is attached.

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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's 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 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

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Archie MacDonald
Stornoway
Isle of Lewis

Dated

25/1/26

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We are pleased to report that the Luncheon Club is covering itself and we expect no increase in charges in the immediate future. Regular attendance has been high and there is currently a waiting list to join the club.

One expense that could not be foreseen was the need to fit security cameras around the Centre to discourage any further artistic efforts on the walls. The cameras give us a 24/7 view of the paths and the car park. The equipment was supplied and fitted by Tech Mobile who have also helped us with learning how to use it.

The Centre is very busy and the job of coordinating all the requests for bookings is relentless. Our Administrator, Tracey, does it all with an efficiency and grace for which we are eternally grateful.

Nobody ever sees the amount of work that is done behind the scenes but we are grateful for the number of things that just appear to have been done on the quiet and it keeps the place running smoothly so an especially grateful thanks to everyone that helps us out.

Some surprises just arrive out of the blue. Imagine walking in and finding the Kitchen, the Dining Room AND the Lounge freshly painted! They look wonderful and it has generated a lot of good comments from Centre Users. Luckily, our secret painter is just as adept at using the Dishwasher on a Thursday as she is at wielding a paintbrush!

Our only significant disaster came just before Christmas when a blocked drain on the roof caused an overflow into the hall. The problem has been fixed but we are anticipating being able to insulate the roof and replace the roof membrane. We hope this will reduce our heating bills too.

We held our Christmas Day Dinner, where we invited anyone that was going to be on their own on Christmas Day to come to the Centre and celebrate with us. We had a wonderful response from the offers of support and volunteers to help us on the day. There were 21 of us sat down to a very enjoyable meal. We were so pleased that people gave up their time to help. There is no doubt that we will do it again!

On the accounts front, we have spent a lot more on maintenance by replacing our lighting and checking our EICR compliance. While overall we made a loss over the year of £2339 we expect that changes in the lighting and in electricity supplier will help us going forward.

For and on behalf of the Failte Centre

Donald McKee, Chairman

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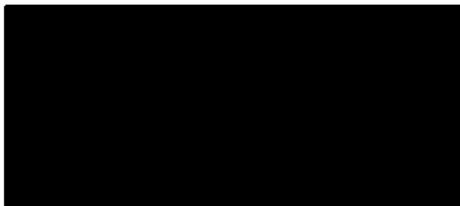
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INCOME	£ <u>2024</u>	£ <u>2023</u>
Donations	615.35	660.00
Lets	18,059.36	12,925.00
Outing/Christmas Fund	1,142.00	1,145.00
Lunch Club	5,180.00	4,590.00
Bank Interest	-	-
Sundry Income	1,078.00	278.88
Sales	-	-
Catering Team	1,547.28	3,450.00
Insurance Claim	-	-
Ceilidh Suppers	-	-
Christmas Day	175.00	-
 Grants	 <u>350.00</u>	 <u>2,350.00</u>
	<u>28146.99</u>	<u>25398.88</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Insurance	2,273.04	2,240.01
Repairs & Maintenance	3,499.58	1,596.03
Heat/Light	4,740.48	6,560.30
Lunch Club	5,039.68	5,852.32
Raffle Prizes	587.54	443.14
Equipment	962.69	438.42
General Expenses	188.42	275.99
Christmas	1,066.89	1,045.56
Prime Membership	17.98	-
Catering Team	767.43	1,093.81
Taxi Fund	2,372.00	1,907.00
Grants	-	-
Christmas Day	105.15	57.77
WiFi	<u>354.04</u>	<u>1,045.28</u>
	<u>21974.92</u>	<u>22555.63</u>
 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	 <u>6,172.07</u>	 <u>2,843.25</u>

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 31 December 2024

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Balance brought forward from previous year	19,383.29	2,843.25
Surplus(Deficit) for year	<u>6,172.07</u>	<u>219.62</u>
	<u>25555.36</u>	<u>16540.04</u>
REPRESENTED BY :		
Bank of Scotland	25,477.46	16,540.04
Less O/S Cheques	0.00	0
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Plus Cash in hand	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>
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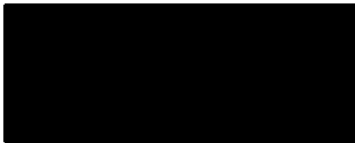
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Dated
22/01/25

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024

We are astonished at the continuing high booking rate for the Centre, it is telling us that we must be doing something right! Supplying a warm and inviting haven at an affordable price is obviously the key. Sadly, with the higher costs for our fuel and electricity this year, we finally gave in and had to put the hire prices up but we kept the increase to as little as we could manage.

Nobody ever sees the amount of work that is done behind the scenes but we are ever grateful for the number of things that just appear to have been done on the quiet and it keeps the place running smoothly so an especially grateful thanks to everyone that helps us out.

Our Auditor for the accounts this year told me that he wished all the accounts he saw were as simple to do as the Centre's so [REDACTED] can bask in the knowledge of a job well done! She also keeps our bookings in order which is no mean feat in itself and for which we are thankful.

We have had a couple of disasters this year. One caused by the young gentleman that spray painted our building for us. Sadly, he was no "Banksy" and it cost a lot of hard effort and paint to get rid of the damage done.

The second was caused when the cold water pipe sprang a leak right above the power supply in the Kitchen one Thursday morning. Luckily the Cooking Crew managed to rescue the lunch and we served out on a trolley in the dining room. Lewis Builders came to our rescue within minutes to isolate the electricity, find the burst and fix it so that we were up and running again in days.

As a part of the Intergenerational sessions, the children from Stornoway Primary School came to sing and play for our Christmas Dinner and was enjoyed by all. We will be seeing more of them as the year progresses.

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On the accounts front, there are no surprises. Last year we made a small gain of £2800 over the year but as we finish this year we can see a slightly better position overall with a gain of £6100

For and on behalf of the Failte Centre

[REDACTED] chairman