

NEW DEER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Scottish Charity No. SC033578

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

The Chairman and Trustees have pleasure in presenting this report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended August 31, 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

New Deer Community Association

Charity No.

SC033578

Address

[Redacted Address]

Trustees

[Redacted Trustees]

Current Management Committee (Office Bearers and Community/Group Representatives)

[Redacted Management Committee]

Chairperson (Volunteer Film Promoter)
Secretary (also represents Badminton Club and Social Run Group)
Treasurer

[Redacted Community/Group Representatives]

Royal British Legion
Boys' Brigade
Agricultural Association
Heritage Group
St Kane's Church
Friendship Club
St Kane's Guild
Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows
Primary School
Indoor Bowlers
Gardening Group
Outdoor Bowlers
What's On
St Kane's Early Learning Childcare Centre
Disabled and Seniors' Club

Other Management Committee Members (Public Members) who served throughout the year

[Redacted Other Management Committee Members]

There are 26 regularly attending committee members. Affiliated community groups are invited to send representatives to management committee meetings, and members of the public may also be able to attend meetings.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is an unincorporated association. It is governed by its Constitution which was adopted on March 30, 1960, and last amended on October 27, 2010. The Association was granted charitable status by OSCR on January 1st, 1968.

Appointment of Management Committee

Membership of the management committee is open to any member of the community (Public Member) or affiliated community group (Community/Group Representative.) Committee members are elected or re-elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held in October/November. Management Committee meetings are scheduled to take place every two months.

Management

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Association, whilst day-to-day running is delegated to the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, with the support of appointed Conveners. The Trustees and Office Bearers are all volunteers.

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the Association shall be the advancement of community development, with the objectives to:-

- a) To promote the wellbeing of the people living in the village of New Deer and the surrounding area - by liaising with the local authorities, voluntary organisations, and residents, in a common effort to promote social activities, foster a community spirit, advance education, and to achieve other aims as may be determined by the Association.
- b) To maintain and manage New Deer Public Hall and the Dingwall Fordyce Community Park for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent members, in furtherance of the above objects, and to carry out any extension of the premises or facilities provided, which may at any time seem necessary or desirable.
- c) To reinvest any profits accruing for the activities of the Association into improvements to the facilities offered in the Public Hall and the Community Park, or to some other purpose deemed by the committee to be directly of benefit to the residents of New Deer and the surrounding area.

CHAIR'S REPORT TO OSCR FOR YEAR TO 31st AUGUST 2024

INTRODUCTION

After becoming Chair at the AGM in October 2023, the decision was made by the Management Committee to pursue the route of becoming a SCIO. We were assisted in this process by a business consultant appointed and funded by Aberdeenshire Council. OSCR also provided advice during this lengthy process.

A new trustee was appointed, Graeme Neish, and he has been a great help during the year.

New rules were brought out by the Scottish Government to register any land owned. This was completed with assistance from our business consultant.

Following the resignation of our previous Hall Convener/Bookings Administrator, and of the Village Orderly, new employees were recruited for these positions. A new editor took over the production of our village magazine, "What's On".

The need to create an NDCA logo was identified; one was created locally, and now appears on all our documents.

Funding was successfully applied for to upgrade the lighting in the Public Hall to LED. It is hoped that this will reduce our electricity costs which remain a source of concern.

We continue to investigate funding sources to upgrade our heating system in the hall.

A fund-raising campaign was launched to help maintain the village's only Public Access Defibrillator, and was so successful that a second defibrillator has now been installed locally.

Our eldest Trustee, Sandy Ritchie was awarded the BEM in the New Years Honours List and also received the Pride of Buchan Award. Both well deserved for his long service to NDCA and other groups in Buchan. His book, New Deer and Roon Aboot which we helped to publish has been a success.

We continue to have successful annual events, a Fireworks/Bonfire, Quiz and Xmas Fayre. These events bring the community together as well as providing some funds for the Association.

GOVERNANCE

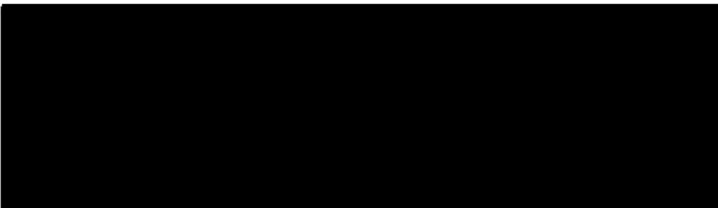
The financial report for the year ended 31st August 2024 was presented by the Treasurer at the AGM, and will be checked and signed by an Independent Examiner. There are regular meetings of the Management Committee, which are also attended by local Councillors and Police Scotland. The NDCA Office Bearers Trustees and Conveners liaise with each other on an on-going basis, and meet as required.

FINANCIAL CONTROL

The Treasurer reports diligently to the Management Committee and expenditure is sanctioned thereby. Routine expenditure is signed off by two Office Bearers. The Association remains solvent but as previously outlined, significant increases in costs are putting a strain on financial resources, causing concern for financial stability going forward.

LAND

All necessary consents remain in place for access, sewage, and surface runoff water at the four acres of building land so kindly given to us by the late Mr Willie Littlejohn. Unfortunately we are no further forward in attracting a developer.



New Deer Community Association**Income & Expenditure Account for 12 Months to 31 August 2024**

	2024	2024	2023	2023
Income				
Hall Hire	9,941.25		10,992.00	
Events Tickets	3,899.92		3,719.22	
Fireworks Donations	2,247.77		2,104.99	
Defb Donations	3,085.14			
Events Refreshments	379.60		368.10	
Events Raffle	647.00		3,066.20	
Quiz Receipts	460.00		520.00	
Whats On Adverts	1,225.00		1,105.00	
What's on Sales	704.77		527.40	
Bank Interest	407.14		119.42	
Book Sales	11,666.54		-	
Treasure Hunt	500.00		-	
ND500	1,057.04		850.00	
Rent	2.00		2.00	
Aberdeenshire Council	4,628.00		9,489.70	
Grants			8,987.91	
Misc	168.94			
Quiz	20.00			
Cloffrckford	6,500.00		6,000.00	
Donations	950.98		12,031.00	
Gala Day			754.77	
Total Income		<u>48,491.09</u>		<u>60,637.71</u>
Expenditure				
Wages	7,270.00		7,160.00	
Stat & Post	502.68			
Power	8,611.40		8,264.18	
Repairs	3,199.19		22,550.81	
Insurance	3,476.81		2,471.94	
Green Space	8,550.21			
Licences	934.66		457.00	
What's On	694.87		514.30	
Cleaning	699.27		248.09	
Planning Fees			1,890.00	
Fireworks	1,178.09		998.33	
Events	2,314.31		3,228.66	
Book	7,868.72		6,106.00	
Cloffrikf'd	5,000.00		2,500.00	
Quiz Expenses			90.61	
Gala Day			200.00	
Misc	231.00		314.70	
Total Expenditure		<u>50,531.21</u>		<u>56,994.62</u>
Surplus/Deficit		-2,040.12		3,643.09
Opening Balance		33,848.64		30,205.55
Closing Balance		<u>31,808.52</u>		33,848.64

Inspected and found to be correct



Date..... 6-3-25

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of
Registered charity number
On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Independent examiner's statement

Signed:**

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Charity name

NEW DEER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SC 033578

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

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9

2023

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

31

8

2024

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 (as amended). 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 2006 Accounts 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 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.

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.

Date: 6-3-2025

*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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