

City of Brechin Pipe Band - Scottish Charity
No SC037508

Annual report & Financial Statement

For the year ended 30th September
2024

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2024

Charity Name

City of Brechin Pipe Band

Charity No.

SC037508

Current trustees



Other trustees during the year



Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting, which is usually held in October each year.

Governing document

Our governing document is the constitution of the City of Brechin Pipe Band

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution are to advance the education of the public in the art of Bagpipe Playing and Drumming by presentation of public performances and other related activities, and in furtherance thereof the band shall seek:

- a) To promote, advance and encourage bagpipe playing and drumming, and ...
- b) To promote the traditions of and playing of pipe band music generally.

Activities and achievements

We continued with our popular monthly bingo afternoons, providing a regular source of income. The Band held a successful Solos competition which was very well attended. This provided an additional source of income from entry fees, tuck, raffle and spectators fees after expenses were paid. Throughout the year regular practices were held where new and existing learners received free tuition. The Band performed at the Remembrance Day Parade in Brechin, Brechin Pageant, Edzell Gala Day, Fettercairn Show and Stonehaven Highland Games.

This year the Band were out competing for the first time in many years and entered the piping competition at Dollar Academy, the British Championships at Forres, the Scottish Championships at Dumbarton, the European Championships at Perth, the World Championships at Glasgow Green, and the Pitlochry Highland Games. The Band improved with every competition and won 3rd place in the Grade 4B group at the Pitlochry Highland Games. For many of the Band it was their first time playing in competitions.

The Band renewed the subscription to Ensemble (pipe band score editor) by Time Sig Studios which continued to greatly assist band members, both novice and experienced, to practice from home.

Financial Review

The band hall was unfortunately badly flooded during Storm Babet at the end of 2023 and as a result we have had to terminate the lease of the hall. Since then, we have held weekly practices and bingo fundraisers at the Parkview Bowling Club. As a result of the flood, we received an insurance payout for flood damaged items and also received donations from Band supporters.

We received a grant from Angus Council after storm Babet to allow us to buy new tables and chairs. These have not as yet been purchased as we don't currently have our own band hall.

We received membership subscriptions and the proceeds of the annual Solos Competition as well as from stall's we have held at the various events we have attended.

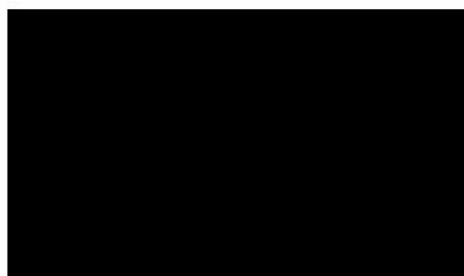
We again have benefitted from a charity exemption from water rates this year for the time we were using the pipe band hall. No trustee expenses were paid during the year.

The Band hired coaches to transport members and equipment to the various competitions and some of this was re-couped by offering the spare seats to Band supporters.

At the end of the year the Band held unrestricted funds of £19,711.60 with £3,000 being held as restricted funds being the Angus Council Storm Babet Grant.

Looking forward, the emphasis will be on increasing membership numbers, continuing performances, entering competitions, local fundraising activities and finding a new hall.

Approved by the Trustees and Signed on their behalf



Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the City of Brechin Pipe Band

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's Board are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's Board 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.

Basis of independent examiners statement

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 view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

In the course of 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 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.

City of Brechin Pipe Band

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

Receipts	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	2023	2024
Competitions-Prize Money			0.00	350.00
Donations received			507.29	12169.13
Angus Council Grant	3000		0.00	3000.00
Engagement fees			1000.00	1100.00
Fundraising			3970.05	5892.29
Interest			286.68	593.06
Membership Subscriptions			1456.00	1626.00
Insurance Claim-Flood			0.00	6213.00
Refund re. Electricity			0.00	663.17
Transport to Competitions			0.00	1180.00
Sale of Equipment			0.00	215.00
Other Sales			46.00	60.00
Misc			0.00	340.00
Total Receipts	3000		7266.02	33401.65

Payments	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	2023	2024
Competitions			0.00	555.00
Equipment			546.89	3203.67
Kit			0.00	4506.70
Fundraising costs			2197.26	2541.49
Hall			2842.20	1884.08
Transport - Buses/Parking			0.00	6083.98
Insurance(Inc. in Hall prior)			0.00	500.72
Event Tickets			0.00	200.00
Other Misc costs			401.98	583.39
Postage / Stationary			0.00	0.00
Trustee expenses			0.00	0.00
Website			206.40	184.32
Total Payments	0		6194.73	20,243.35

Surplus / Deficit for the year	1071.29	13158.3
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	2023	2024
Opening Cash and Bank Balances	8482.01	9553.30
Balance adjusted by surplus / deficit	9553.30	22711.60

Cash and Bank Balances as at 30th September 2024

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	2023	2024
Clydesdale Bank			9513.30	22671.60
Cash in Hand (Treasurer)			40.00	40.00
Float in hall			0.00	0.00
Unpresented Cheques			0.00	0.00
	0		9553.3	22,711.60