

Friends of Oban Community Playpark

Scotland · Charity number SC043720

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2013-01-22
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	21 Pulpit Drive Oban Argyll PA34 4LE
Website	www.facebook.com/obancommunityplaypark

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'

What the charity does: Work with the community and the council in order to keep the play park and garden areas clean and functioning.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','Older People','People with disabilities or health problems','No specific group, or for the benefit of the community','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The association's primary objective is to provide 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. To this the association will: a) To develop a specific area of land adjacent to Atlantis Leisure Centre in Oban and roughly within the boundaries of the existing play-park extending towards the grass playing field, into a safe and inclusive play-space, picnic area and garden space for the enhancement and well being of the whole community. b) To work in partnership with all relevant Agencies to fund-raise, design, procure, deliver and maintain a safe and inclusive play-space, picnic area and garden space. c) The association shall seek: - to provide a supportive role for any person(s) wishing to promote these objects. - to provide a forum for Community ideas, projects and wishes within these objects. - to provide a focus for the Community members' aspirations within these objects.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Argyll And Bute
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£0	£170	-	0
2024-09-30	£50	£352	-	0
2023-09-30	£3,036	£875	-	0
2022-09-30	£0	£875	-	0
2021-09-30	£559	£728	-	0

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	10	2024		30	09	25

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Friends of Oban Community Playpark
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC043720
Charity's principal address	
	Postcode

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		Chair		
2		Vice Chair		
3		Secretary		
4		Treasurer		
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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

Friends of Oban Community Playpark was formed by a group of local parents in October 2011 and was recognised as a Scottish charity on the 22nd January 2013.
Friends of Oban Community Playpark is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) with a written constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Any person who wishes to become a member must sign, and lodge with the association, a written application for membership.

The management committee shall consider each application for membership at the first management committee meeting which is held after receipt of the application; the management committee shall, within a reasonable time after the meeting, notify the applicant of its decision on the application.

The minimum number of trustees is 4 and maximum is 6.

Objectives and activities

Charitable 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.
To develop a specific area of land adjacent to Atlantis Leisure in Oban and roughly within the boundaries of the existing Playpark, extending towards the grass playing field, into a safe and inclusive play space, picnic area and garden space for the enhancement and wellbeing of the whole community.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The primary activity of Friends of Oban Playpark is to fund raise, design, procure, deliver and maintain a safe playpark.
We provide a supportive role for any person wishing to promote Oban Community Playpark.
To provide a forum for community ideas and aspirations.

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Achievements and performance

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

2024-2025 has seen the park functioning with most of the equipment in use. After nearly two years without the main climbing tower, in October 2024 we finally had the tower fixed by the Council who promised better communication and to work more closely with us going forward. However, since this time we have continued to email them requesting maintenance and safety reports as well as arranging our agreed meetings throughout the year. After sending an email asking for these reports, we received a message from Tom Murphy's admin stating, "Apologies for the delay in getting this information to you, we will get this to you as soon as possible. [REDACTED] is in Oban on business on 22nd July and available at 15:15 if you would like to meet with him". This date and time was not possible for any of the committee and so never took place. We are still waiting for the information we requested but we have still not heard or received anything from them.

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Due to the following reasons, we have not fundraised this year as we consider the future of FoOCP.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Friends of Oban Community Playpark would like to keep £500 in their reserves to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. The trustees have met this target at the year and will use the surplus funds towards their charitable purposes. Current reserves are £14151.86.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

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)



Date

16-12-25.

17/12/25

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts V2									
Report to the trustees/members of		Friends of Oban Community Playpark							
Registered charity number		SC043720							
On the accounts of the charity for the period		Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		
	01	10	2024	to	30	09	2025		
Set out on pages		7-12							
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner		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.							
Basis of independent examiner's 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 accounts.							
Independent examiner's statement		In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention. - 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 - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.							
Signed:						Date: 19/12/25			
Name:									
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):		CA							
Address:									



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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		01	10		2024		30

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations					-	50
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Bank interest					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	50
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	50
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	20				20	172
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	150				150	180
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	170	-	-	-	170	352
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	170	-	-	-	170	352
Net receipts / (payments)	(170)	-	-	-	(170)	(302)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(170)	-	-	-	(170)	(302)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	14,322				14,322	14,624
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(170)				(170)	(302)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	14,152	-	-	-	14,152	14,322
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments			
	Total	-	

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets				
	Total	-	-	

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities			
	Total	-	

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities			
	Total	-	

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval



16/12/25
17/12/25



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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
Donations					-	50
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	50

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2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-			-	-

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3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
High Viz jackets					-	
Repairs and upkeep					-	
Consumables (Easter clean, etc)					-	58
Licence	20				20	90
Stationery					-	20
					-	4
					-	
					-	
Total	20	-	-	-	20	172

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	General	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	50
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Interest					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	50
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	50
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
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Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	150				150	180
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
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Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(170)	-	-	-	(170)	(302)

Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted - Are those that maybe used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity
The Trustee maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day to day running of the Charity to meet all the charities expenses incurred in carrying out its activities.

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Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

					Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
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Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nature and purpose of funds						

Chairs Report: 2024-2025.

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Treasurers Report: for 2024-2025

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The Friends of Oban Community Playpark has ended the period 1/10/2024 - 30/9/2025 with a healthy balance of £14,151.86. Income for this period totalled £0. Expenses for this period totalled £170 which was used to pay for Small Lotteries Licence (£20) and accountant fess (£150). Friends of Oban Community Playpark would like to keep £500 in their reserves to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. The trustees have met this target at the year end and will use surplus funds towards their charitable purposes.