

Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC044101

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2013-06-25
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address
Woodhowe
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Website www.srascio.scot

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', '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', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: Our SCIO is the only community development trust covering the whole of our Community Council's 1,000 sq km area, with around 1,585 permanent residents. Membership is open to any resident, and our Board of Trustees meets six times a year, with an Autumn AGM. Our aims are promoting sustainable development, recreational facilities, education/training, environmental conservation, heritage, poverty relief and connectivity. We liaise with Highland Council, HIE, renewables operators and other funders to take advantage of asset acquisition opportunities which benefit the community. As at 2026, our major charitable projects are a 5-acre Community Garden and Riverside Woodland in Spean Bridge and the re-development of the former Roy Bridge School to provide 7 new affordable housing units for rent and 2 cross-subsidizing holiday apartments.

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: 5 The Organisation's main purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development. The Organisation's purposes are 5.1 support rural regeneration following the principles of sustainable development, where 'sustainable development' means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, within the communities of Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry. 5.2 Encourage the relief of poverty in such ways as may be thought fit. 5.3 Encourage the advancement of education, training, retraining, particularly amongst unemployed people. 5.4 Promote the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance. 5.5 Support the provision of recreational facilities. 5.6 Encourage the protection or conservation of the environment.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£58,145	£61,860	-	1
2024-06-30	£49,909	£34,814	-	0
2023-06-30	£32,134	£33,661	-	1
2022-06-30	£18,891	£12,066	-	1
2021-06-30	£8,678	£10,581	-	0

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Chair's Report 2024/25

The Charity has had a busy and productive year as detailed by Tony just now.

We have held 5 meetings since the last AGM with much progress being made on the wide variety of projects, large and small, that we have ongoing. All of which stem from the original Community Action Plan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trustees for their continued commitment, support, time and enthusiasm. Valerie Steele, in particular, has embraced the role of treasurer and has instigated and been closely involved in many of the community sponsorship projects as well as raising the profile of the charity. The opportunity is available to any SCIO member who feels they could contribute skills and qualities to become a Trustee.

Mr Rik Eppens has stepped down as a Trustee and we would like to thank him for his time and support over the years.

We are delighted that our membership has increased and hope that even more of the community will join us as they see projects moving forward.

The Trustees are delighted that Tony Perriam, Our Community Development Officer, has committed to a further 2 years with us and funding for the post is being sourced from a variety of sources. Tony's professionalism and diligence has kept all the projects progressing as they should. His expertise in the property sector has been invaluable in the negotiations with Highland Council for the former Roy Bridge School site. Tony ensured that my year as Chair has been much less daunting than it could have been and I would like to extend my personal thanks for his support.

The Trustees are very grateful to all those who have assisted us in the last year, both financially and with time, advice and support. Our funders who have enabled these community projects include SSE Renewables, Highland Council, HIE, Koehler Renewables, SSE Coire Glas, The Scottish Land Fund and Green Highland Renewables.

There are exciting times ahead, please take time to check out our Facebook page for updates on existing projects and any new items.

Our intention is to engage and work with other Charities and groups in the area and are confident that the wider community will benefit in the long term.

Sharon Donald
Chairperson