

**Scottish Charity Ref. No. SC044468**

**LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**  
**ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

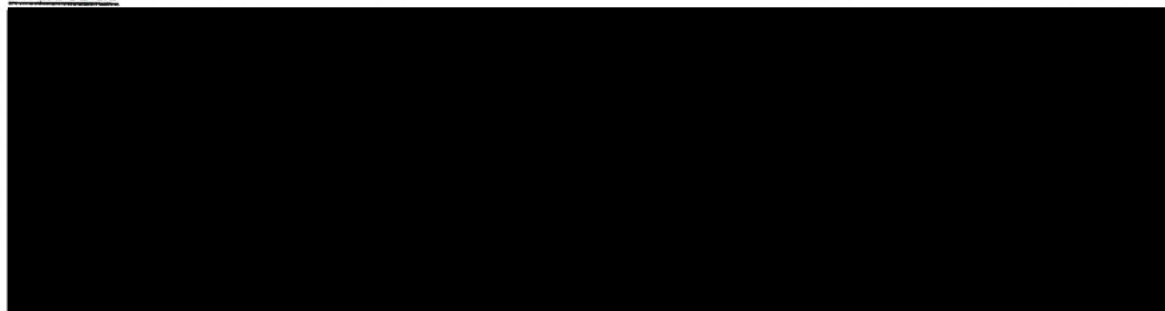
**For the year ending 31 December, 2024**

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for Lyle Gateway (SCIO) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

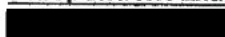
#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name -	Lyle Gateway (SCIO)
Charity Registration Number -	SC044468
Contact Address -	Lyle Kirk 31 Union Street Greenock PA16 8DD

#### **Trustees**



#### **Independent Examiner**



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## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**For the year ending 31 December, 2024**

#### **CHARITABLE TRUST STATUS**

Lyle Gateway was established in 2013 by the Kirk Session of Lyle Kirk as a Scottish Charity Incorporated Organisation and registered with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR). The accounts of Lyle Gateway are kept separate from those of Lyle Kirk.

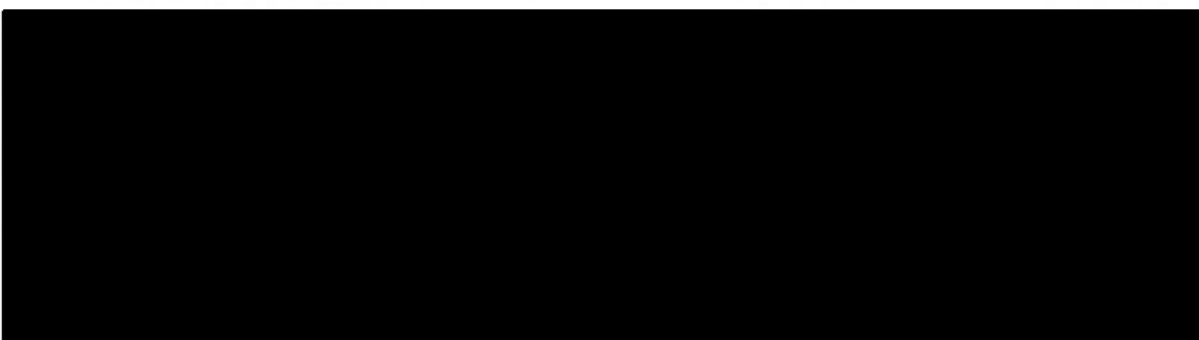
Lyle Gateway is a two-tier SCIO and is governed by its constitution.

Trustees are appointed by the members of the Charity and have no restrictions as to who can become a trustee.

Lyle Kirk is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (Charity No: SCO10818)

#### **TRUSTEES**

The Trustees of Lyle Gateway SCIO are



#### **TRUST PURPOSE**

The purposes of the organisation are:

1. The provision of a place of meeting and fellowship primarily but not restricted for those living in the West End of Greenock
2. To provide a range of recreational facilities for the local community and users of the facilities of the organisation
3. To make available suitable practical information on a variety of subjects to the users of the facilities together with support and assistance in accessing more specialised information and advice both by the source of such advice and the attendance of expert information and advice providers at the facilities of the organisation
4. Generally, through the regular and stable provision of the specialised facilities and services, to enhance the quality of life and the sense of community within the West End of Greenock.

## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)**

**For the year ending 31 December, 2024**

#### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Gateway is staffed by 24 volunteers and 5 paid employees, one of whom is full time and four part time, on a weekly rota who provide an attractive range of food and refreshments at reasonable prices. The volunteers work on a six-weekly rota with the employed staff working every week. All do a great deal to create a welcoming atmosphere and this helps stimulate growing in what takes place. The footfall is now averaging 250 on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year however with one Charity who were based at Lyle Gateway moving to their own premises this number has dropped slightly.

The facilities are open to all and there is no obligation to be a member or not, however we are pleased that 164 have decided to become members.

2024 was a very busy year for Lyle Gateway.

#### **Regular Events**

Photography Walks took place on Mondays from January to August to various venues and were attended by an average of 16 participants.

The Drop-in Café held on Tuesdays and Thursdays was well attended and the investment in a Merrychef high speed oven allowed the range of food on offer to be extended with healthier options, cleaner cooking environment and a quicker turn round of orders. Table tennis and Tai-chi sessions were popular with Tai Chi sessions held outside when weather allowed.

On Wednesdays a Toddlers Group met in conjunction with Inverclyde Bothy. Health workers attend and are available to offer advice to parents on nutrition etc. Average attendance throughout the year was 20.

On Fridays Singing for Wellbeing sessions were popular and were well supported throughout the year with a fundraising concert held with proceeds split between Gateway and other local charities.

On Fridays from July to December, Lyle Gateway was running a new community drop in café with an international flavour. A team of New Scots will be taking over the café with the support of the Gateway team. Each week we have flavours from around the world on offer. The structure of the café will give an opportunity for those who have found refuge in Inverclyde to give back to their new community. There will be space for long term residents of Inverclyde to come alongside our newest member to build relationships in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere whilst breaking bread together. The café prices will match those we have on the other days of the week helping to alleviate financial barriers that some people may have to contend with. New Scots will be encouraged by Your Voice and our local Scottish Refugee Council worker to come along.



## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)**

**For the year ending 31 December, 2024**

#### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS (cont'd)**

##### **One Off Events**

During the summer we arranged a visit to Finlaystone when 38 members had an enjoyable day with afternoon tea and fortunately the weather was kind. In November, 36 members had afternoon tea at Dobbies, and for Christmas shopping.

Scottish Refugee Week Event Scottish Refugee Week – On Friday 21st June we were excited to host Inverclyde's first Scottish Refugee Week event alongside Your Voice. We also worked closely with the Scottish Refugee Council to help us deliver the event. We had food, art and music from the various cultural backgrounds of those who have made Inverclyde home. The day was a great success with approximately 400+ in attendance. The sanctuary was bustling all day. It was heartwarming to see our community coming together to support people as they make Inverclyde their new home. The feedback from our New Scots and the Scottish Refugee Council has been very positive. People are already looking forward to having another event next year. Special thanks have to go to [REDACTED] our volunteer Lesley and also our school work placement pupil [REDACTED] for the incredibly busy shift they put in all the whilst smiling and going out of their way to make people feel welcome.

On Tuesday 19th December we held our Christmas party which was attended by approximately 120 people. We started with the usual carol singing. After the carols we had the usual sandwiches and cake which by all accounts went down well.

On Christmas Day we again hosted dinner for 38 people who would otherwise have been sitting alone for Christmas. The dinner consisted of soup, turkey with all the trimmings, trifle, dumpling and cream, mince pies and cream, tea, coffee and mints. donations from others. Our thanks go to the helpers who gave up part of their Christmas Day to serve the food.

A special thanks goes to our "Butcher" friend [REDACTED]. Thanks also to [REDACTED] who stayed after the Christmas Day service, welcomed our guests and wished all a Merry Christmas, followed by grace.

Working in partnership with others is an integral part of the ethos of Lyle Gateway. Singing for Wellbeing and the Gardening Club is run in partnership with The Kidron Project. Our close working relationship with The Kidron Project continues to grow with Lyle Gateway sharing an office space with them at Lyle Kirk.

## **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)**

**For the year ending 31 December, 2024**

#### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The charity applied for grant funding from The National Lottery Community Fund towards the end of 2024 and was successful in securing an award of £20,000 additional to the previously secured 3 Year National Lottery Grant Award. Total Grant Funding of £69,300 has been received in 2025 up to the date of this report enable the charity to continue to offer their services. In April Lyle Gateway successfully bid for the Inverclyde Healthwalk Programme which was formerly delivered by Inverclyde Bothy supported by Cycling UK to be based from Lyle Gateway.

#### **FINANCE**

The Accounts will be presented for approval and from these it will be seen that a deficit is reported for the second year in succession. The Committee recognises the reasons for these deficits and has put actions in place to address this. Thanks to our volunteers, Catering continues to contribute providing not just an excellent service to users, but also a source of the necessary funding to meet our expenses.

##### **Unrestricted Funds**

Lyle Gateway was initially funded by Lyle Kirk in 2012 with a donation of £500 and a further £1,500 from the Edward Kerr Trust, an Endowment Fund under the control of the Lyle Kirk Session. In 2012, a grant of £2,000 was received from the Church of Scotland 'Go for It' project to assist with set-up costs relating to the provision of a Servedy.

Closing unrestricted funds stand at -£589 which is not a satisfactory situation and steps have been taken to return the balance to a sum which would ideally cover 4 months of unrestricted expenditure.

##### **Restricted Funds**

An analysis of Restricted funds is shown as a note to the accounts. This sets out the source of each Grant received, how it has been spent and the balance, if any, which is available to be spent in 2025. The total of this is £9,365. Some substantial restricted grant awards were received in January and February 2025.

##### **Reserves Policy**

Lyle Gateway (SCIO) endeavours to maintain Reserves of at least one half of the annual running costs.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



**Date 26 May 2025**



## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

### **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) Act 2005 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 our attention.

### **Basis of Independent examiners' report**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 disclosure 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 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 accounts records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended), and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)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.



Chartered Accountant  
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Date: 26 May 2025

## LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024			2023		
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Grants	58,546	-	58,546	71,250	-	71,250
Income from Lets	-	450	450	-	1,050	1,050
Fundraising	-	233	233	-	-	-
Gifts and Donations	-	1,100	1,100	-	3,389	3,389
Surplus on Activities	- 1,035	19,716	18,681	-	17,503	17,503
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>57,511</b>	<b>21,499</b>	<b>79,010</b>	<b>71,250</b>	<b>21,942</b>	<b>93,192</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Payments for Charitable Activities</b>						
Wages, National Insurance & Pension	79,566	13,899	93,465	69,210	21,534	90,744
Community Garden Costs	-	255	255	5,160	-	5,160
Equipment	3,000	1,417	4,417	3,029	1,645	4,674
Licence - Lyle Kirk	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
Donations	-	-	-	-	474	474
Singing Class Tuition Fees	880	1,525	2,405	390	-	390
Repairs	-	1,151	1,151	304	-	304
Insurance	-	263	263	253	-	253
Room rental costs	1,200	-	1,200	403	-	403
Training	-	86	86	-	-	-
Chair exercises	-	517	517	1,920	-	1,920
Christmas Donations	-	638	638	1,200	41	1,241
Advertising	-	-	-	-	798	798
Cleaning	-	-	-	627	-	627
Bus Costs - Outing	-	870	870	690	-	690
Art Class Materials	-	-	-	-	122	122
Independent Examiners Fee	-	528	528	-	504	504
Legal Fees	-	2,790	2,790	-	-	-
Warm Space - Lyle Kirk	1,050	-	1,050	1,200	-	1,200
Sundries	-	982	982	13	1,865	1,878
<b>Total Payments for Charitable Activities</b>	<b>85,696</b>	<b>30,921</b>	<b>116,617</b>	<b>90,399</b>	<b>26,983</b>	<b>117,382</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>(28,185)</b>	<b>(9,422)</b>	<b>(37,607)</b>	<b>(19,149)</b>	<b>(5,041)</b>	<b>(24,190)</b>

### NOTES

1. The charity did not incur any fund raising costs or support costs during the year.
2. The Gateway Project was setup as a pilot Project under the auspices of Lyle Kirk : Greenock (Church of Scotland) a charity registered in Scotland, number 10818. Since 1 January 2014, The Gateway has operated as a SCIO, having been incorporated as such at the end of 2013.

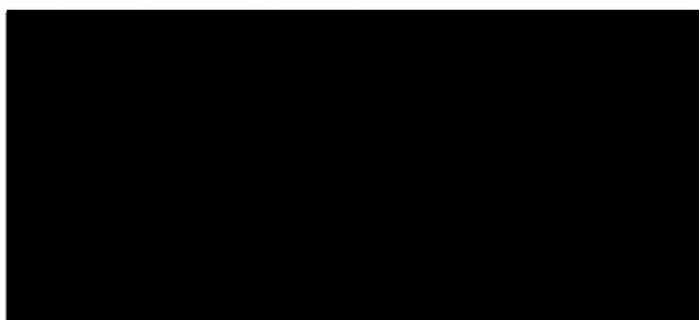


# **LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)**

## **STATEMENT OF BALANCES** **As at 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>			<b>2023</b>		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>BANK AND CASH IN HAND</b>						
Cash in Hand		200			200	
Bank Balance		<u>8,576</u>			<u>46,183</u>	
		<u>8,776</u>			<u>46,383</u>	
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>						
December PAYE/NIC Liability		829			898	
December Pension Contributions		394			426	
Professional fees		744			723	
Other		<u>230</u>			<u>-</u>	
		<u>2,197</u>			<u>2,047</u>	
<b>RESERVES</b>						
	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Surplus/</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Surplus/</u>	<u>Closing</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Unrestricted Funds	8,833	(9,422)	(589)	13,874	(5,041)	8,833
Restricted Funds	<u>37,550</u>	<u>(28,185)</u>	<u>9,365</u>	<u>56,699</u>	<u>(19,149)</u>	<u>37,550</u>
	<u>46,383</u>	<u>(37,607)</u>	<u>8,776</u>	<u>70,573</u>	<u>(24,190)</u>	<u>46,383</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



## LYLE GATEWAY (SCIO)

### Restricted Funds Analysis As at 31 December 2024

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Opening Fund</u>	<u>Received in year</u>	<u>Spent in year</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Closing fund</u>
National Lottery "Awards for All"	7,500	-	( 7,500)	-	-
Inverclyde Council (£3k)	3,000	-	( 3,000)	-	-
Windfarms Fund (£2k)	800	-	( 800)	-	-
Inverclyde Council - Warm Space	2,250	-	( 2,250)	-	-
BOS Foundation	24,000	-	( 24,000)	-	-
National Lottery Community Led Grant	-	37,000	( 33,917)	-	3,083
The Robertson Trust	-	8,000	( 8,000)	-	-
Inverclyde Communities MHW Fund	-	9,546	( 6,149)	-	3,397
Inverclyde Windfarm Fund	-	2,000	( 1,035)	-	965
Funds for Dementia Singing	-	2,000	( 80)	-	1,920
	<u>37,550</u>	<u>58,546</u>	<u>( 86,731)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,365</u>

National Lottery "Awards for All" - Towards the costs of an additional staff member.

Inverclyde Council (£3k) - Funds towards new kitchen equipment.

Windfarms Fund (£2k) - Funds towards Christmas Dinner and costs relating to singing group.

Inverclyde Council Warm Space - Contribution towards costs of providing a Warm space for local residents.

BOS Foundation - Contribution to wage costs.

National Lottery Community Led Grant - contribution towards Community Development Leader Salary Costs.

The Robertson Trust - contribution towards the Community Development Leader Salary Costs

Inverclyde Communities Mental Health and Awareness Fund - contribution to salary costs

Inverclyde Windfarm Fund - contribution towards costs of New Scots Café

Funds for Dementia Singing - contribution towards costs of Dementia friendly community awareness workshops.