

Guth Airson Iarrtasan Nis (GAIN)

Scotland · Charity number SC047399

Details

Known as	GAIN
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2017-05-10
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Torran Eoropie Port of Newss Isle of Lewis HS2 0XH
Website	www.eoropiedunespark.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', '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: To provide recreational facilities in the Ness area of the Isle of Lewis through the improvement, management and development of the Eoropie Dunes Park, thereby enabling the public at large to interact with the natural habitat of the area in a unique and engaging way. To advance education by creating a greater environmental awareness and appreciation in the community, with the general public and, particularly, in young people, through the use of the said facilities.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisations purposes are: To provide recreational facilities in the Ness area of the Isle of Lewis through the improvement, management and development of the Eoropie Dunes Park, thereby enabling the public at large to interact with the natural habitat of the area in a unique and engaging way. To advance education by creating a greater environmental awareness and appreciation in the community, with the general public and, particularly, in young people, through the use of the said facilities.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Western Isles
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£6,542	£11,778	-	1
2023-09-30	£18,963	£22,002	-	3
2022-09-30	£62,028	£34,971	-	4
2021-09-30	£43,731	£0	-	5
2020-09-30	£0	£0	-	5

Accounts

Report of the Trustees - The GAIN trustees are please to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

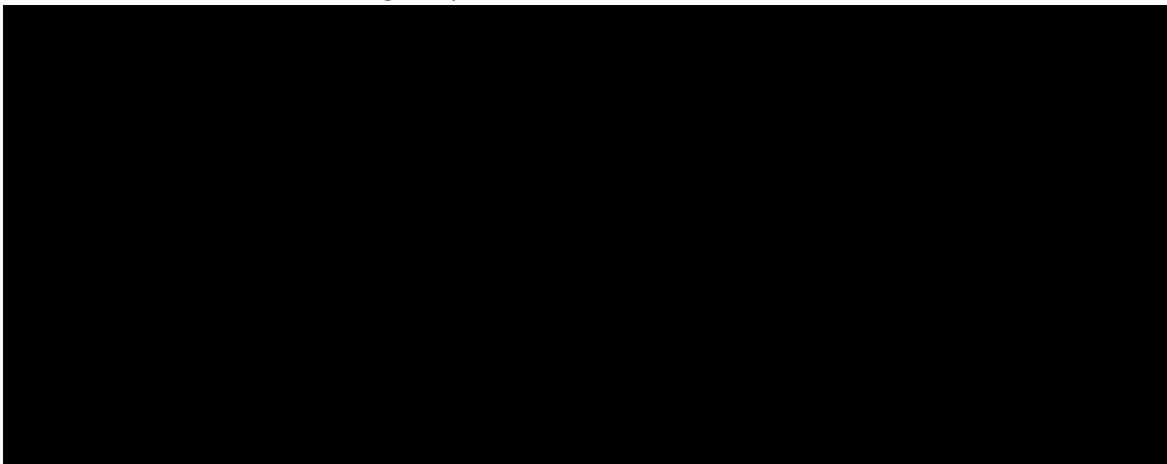
Status - Guth Airson Iarrtasan Nis was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) 10th May 2017.

Aims - GAIN aims to benefit the inhabitants of Ness and surrounding area by association with the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to provide facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for said inhabitants and to advance the education of the public, in particular the younger members, through the use of said facilities.

To meet these aims a group of mothers who had no local playground for their children established GAIN in 1998 to work towards creating a modern play and leisure space on ground adjacent to the beach at Eoropie, which was kindly donated by the crofting families who traditionally worked the sandy 'machair' land along the west coast of Lewis.

Trustees, office bearers, employee and maintenance personnel

The trustees who served during the year were:



Appointment of Trustees - Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting of the association.

Achievements and performance/Financial Review - In this financial year we have received funding from UOG Ltd. These funds were given to us to help us carry out activities.

In 2023/2024 we were able to carry out all the activities that we were unable to do in previous years.

- The Easter Egg Hunt is one of the best activities we have in April 2024, this has become a very successful activity, well attended by Islanders and Holiday makers.
- BBQs have been well attended and we have also had some schools and church groups use our facilities to hold their outings which is helps them enjoy the day even more.
- Another successful year all 500 ducks swam down the river with support from Taigh Dhonnchaich,
- Green Gym events are well attended, although some events were postponed due to the back weather that we had Our volunteers keep support the park, and the children especially feel proud of their park.
- This year we were approached by a community group looking to help others. We were very happy when they carried out major painting works for us, which allowed us to work on other things.
- Other groups use the park to hold fund days, we have had Sporsnis have used the park to have their kids club summer party, we have had Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn carry out some of their holiday

activities. We try to encourage all groups to use the park as best they can. We try to accommodate everyone.

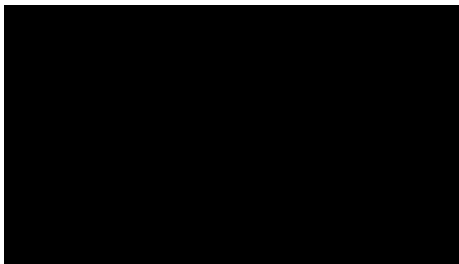
The maintenance workers we have are outstanding, they ensure that all new play equipment is installed to a high standard and also to allow it to work better in our environment. They also ensure that all the equipment is safe to use, with weekly checked carried out and replacing any defects as soon as possible. The main work this year was the installation of a new bridge at the main entrance to the park.

The kiosk workers work all the school holidays and every Saturday from March to the end of October. This allows us to keep the toilets open for the park users. Teas and snacks are sold at the park, we have made a conscious effort to make sure items for sale are reasonably priced in order for families to have a good day out.

We continue to try and make the park a safe a happy place to be in for everyone and anyone who wants to come along. We feel that everyone feels better after being at the park or coming to an activity. We all try our best to help the park succeed and to carry out the good work. We encourage feedback and we send out questionnaires to the school to see what the children are looking for and what they need. We feel that the park is now coming to the stage that some of the equipment that was installed 20 years ago is slowing needed replaced. We will carry on working hard to keep the park open to all.

Our Facebook page is a great page to have a look at what has been happening there.

https://www.facebook.com/EoropiePlayPark/?locale=en_GB



Guth Airson Iarrtasan Nis (Scottish Charity No. SCO47399)

**Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total 2023
Receipts				
Voluntary Receipts				
Grants	-	2,507	2,507	14,407
Donations	1,154	-	1,154	1,465
Kiosk Sales	1,514	-	1,514	2,129
Fund Raising	1,367	-	1,367	962
	4,035	2,507	6,542	18,963
Payments				
Cost of Charitable Activities				
Salaries	-	3,957	3,957	4,304
Purchase of Equipment	-	-	-	799
Playpark Development	-	662	662	11,077
Maintenance	369	2,154	2,523	1,912
Electricity	-	246	246	232
Workshops and Activities	-	1,012	1,012	772
Transport and Training	-	190	190	48
Kiosk Stock and Expenses	798	278	1,076	934
Insurance	646	-	646	562
Advertising and Website	-	574	574	240
Administration and Miscellaneous	65	827	892	1,122
	1,878	9,900	11,778	22,002
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2,157	(7,393)	(5,236)	(3,039)

Statement of Balances as at 30 September 2024

Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
Cash in Bank as at 30/09/2023	55,258	12,491	67,749	70,788
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2,157	(7,393)	(5,236)	(3,039)
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-
Cash in Bank as at 30/09/2024	57,415	5,098	62,513	67,749

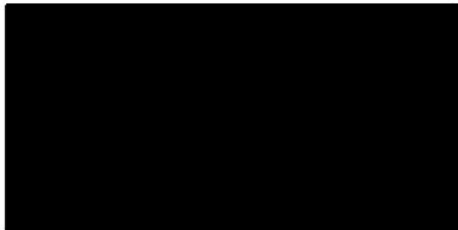
Bank and Cash Balances

Current Account	62,513	67,749
	62,513	67,749

Other Assets

Play Equipment (cost £75,000), now being replaced.
 New Equipment, Picnic Tables etc (cost £35,000)
 Portacabin- Toilet Block (cost £16,805)

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Independent Examiner's Report to Guth Airson Iarrtasan Nis (GAIN) Trustees.

This report is in respect of GAIN's accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024 as attached.

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 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 was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. The procedures followed do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

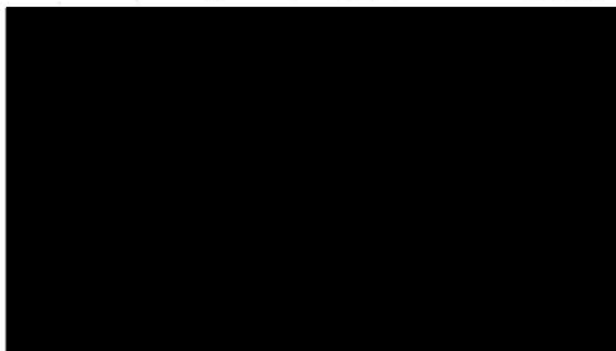
Independent Examiner's Statement

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.



3 March 2025