

Ayrshire Deaf Club SCIO

Scottish Charity Number – SC050238

**Annual Report and Financial Statements for the
year ended 30 June 2025**

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 30 June 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information:

Charity name:

Ayrshire Deaf Club SCIO (Charity no SC050238)

Address:

1 Kilmarnock Road, Crosshouse, KA2 0EZ

Current Trustees

Jamie Stephenson	-	Chairperson
Sandra Keen	-	Secretary
Cheryl Allan	-	Treasurer
Tracii Stephenson	-	Child Protection Officer
Callum Holmes		
Christopher Keen		
Lana Ali		
Casey Stephenson		

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 23 June 2020. The charity was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO on 23 June 2020. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of trustees

The management of the Charity rests with the Board of Trustees, which meets a minimum of four times per calendar year. Membership of the Board of Trustees is, at the discretion of the Trustees, open to all Deaf people, parents or close relatives of Deaf people or those who, in the opinion of the management committee, have a specific skill which will be beneficial to and supportive of the aims of the Charity. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen trustees. One-third of the trustees must stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. If vacancies exist, new Trustees can be elected at any time during the year.

During the year, Danielle Stephenson resigned as a Trustee. William Withers agreed to take up a role as a Trustee and as at 30 June 2025 the process of confirming William's appointment was underway.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

To provide support and services to the Deaf community of Ayrshire and surrounding areas as well as their families.

Activities

The Charity provides a Youth Club for 0-18 year olds on Friday evenings. Attendance continues to grow steadily. The children can choose from a wide range of art activities, games and equipment. Our in-house volunteer chef prepares light meals for the children and their families. The Youth Club also provides an opportunity for parents and carers to meet, relax, have a refreshment and support each other, along with our network of trustees and volunteers. We have a football club (Ayrshire Deaf Football Club) which provides training sessions and matches for young people up until the age of 18, boys and girls, and is

affiliated to the Scottish Deaf Football Association. We arrange outings such as holiday fun day events and signed theatre performances. On one Saturday night of each month we hold Deaf Adults Social nights which have become increasingly popular since the launch in 2022. We host a Deaf adults Pool and Darts Championship as part of these nights. Our Family Officer provides tangible support to families with a variety of issues such as benefit applications, family trauma and mental health concerns.

Achievements and Performance

The Friday evening Youth Club remains our “flagship” group. This year has seen more of our original youth club members reach the age of 18 and sign up as volunteers so they can continue to play a part in the future of the youth club. The Deaf Adults Social evening continues to grow with new members attending at almost each event. Our Family Officer project has grown in demand, with support during the year under review for bereaved families a particular feature, in addition to providing counselling and support to families suffering from familial breakdowns, mental health concerns and serious illness. The Family Officer and Club Secretary have also supported families in meetings to arrange support for their children in schools. As a result, ADC has become a vital support service for many families in our area.

Financial review

Our main sources of funding are:

- **Voluntary donations from club members / parents.** We operate a “Pay It Forward” system whereby those attending ADC events and activities pay a voluntary donation rather than a set fee. This helps to ensure that anyone suffering from financial hardship is not prevented from attending.
- **Fundraising.** Successful fundraising activities have been held over the past year including a supermarket bucket collection and the Kiltwalk.
- **Grants.** We actively apply for grants to cover specific, named costs, such as premises rental or equipment for the football team. Over the year we have been successful with a number of applications which has greatly assisted our efforts and made it possible to become less reliant on fees and made the Pay It Forward system feasible.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to place all funds earned through grants and or specified fundraising into a savings account where they are drawn down only to cover an appropriate expense. This ensures that our "earmarked" funds are kept separate from our day-to-day funds. All payments to 3rd parties are made from the current account, with a transfer from the savings account made in order to replenish the current account if appropriate. The Treasurer and the Chairperson continue to exercise strict control over this aspect to ensure the charity is always fully aware of its financial state with regard to restricted and unrestricted funds.

Plans for future period

The trustees intend to continue offering the services described above, and are hopeful of increasing attendances through further consultations with local authorities who are assisting us with raising awareness amongst families of Deaf children. The Chairperson has initiated a mentoring scheme whereby Deaf trustees are introduced to the management roles within the charity with a view to them eventually stepping into these roles. This scheme will be re-visited in the current period. The charity will also be starting a scheme aimed at helping Deaf young adults into employment.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 30/06/2025	Period ended 30/06/2024
Receipts				
Donations & Fundraising		4344	4344	3399
Grants		27000	27000	15700
Total receipt		31344	31344	19099
Payments				
Equipment & Furnishings			1030	349
Consumable Items			3528	2352
Prizes / Gifts				56
Visits / Bookings			707	1424
Insurance & Banking			342	297
Staff costs			14703	7321
IT & Email			103	113
Utilities			2599	2191
Rent			5200	5200
Football pitch hire			315	506
Total payments			28527	19809
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			2817	(710)
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Transfers between funds				
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			2817	(710)

Statement of Balances - as at 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Opening cash at bank and in hand			9807	10517
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			2817	(710)
Closing cash at bank and in hand	-----	-----	12624	9807
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Bank and Cash Balances				
Current account		-	755	2261
Savings account	-		11869	7546
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			12624	9807
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Other assets -unrestricted fund				
Equipment (estimated value)			3500	3500
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			3500	3500
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Liabilities (unrestricted fund)			-----	-----
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Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 30 June 2025

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the club.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 Related party transactions

The Club's insurance policy includes Trustee Indemnity Insurance for all its trustees. £14703 was paid to the Family Officer for specifically agreed work. The Family Officer also carries out Trustee duties on a voluntary (unpaid) basis. This was approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees and is paid from a restricted fund (grants which were obtained for this specific purpose or have this specific item listed in their costing). No other remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2024: £7321). This increase reflects the proportionate increase in the hours worked by the Family Officer. The agreed rate of pay remained static at £15 per hour.

4 Donations/Fundraising

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
As described under Sources of Funding	4344		4344	3399
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	4344		4344	3399
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5 Grants received

EAC Youth Network Holiday			200
EAC Equipment			500
True Colours			5000
East Ayrshire Council Rent			5000
CVO			5000
National Lottery Community Fund	20000		20000
Deaf Scots Trust	1000		1000
Corra Foundation	3000		3000
Turcan Connell	3000		3000
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	27000		27000
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J Stephenson
Chairperson

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S Keen
Secretary



