

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For

Laich of Moray Active Travel Routes



Year Ending 30 November 2023

The Laich of Moray Active Travel Routes is a Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation (SCIO) Scottish Charity No: SC050571

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	12	2022	To	30	11	2023

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

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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, Treasurer, Secretary		Initial Trustee 6 Oct 2020
2				Initial Trustee 6 Oct 2020
3				Initial Trustee 6 Oct 2020
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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

The Laich of Moray Active Travel Routes (LoMATR) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) incorporated on 16 November 2020 and governed by a Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All Trustees standdown at the Annual Members Meeting (AMM) but can stand for reselection.
Appointment to trusteeship is open to members of the LoMATR who wish to become a Trustee. (Subject to scrutiny)
Trustees are appointed at the AMM by those members present at the meeting or subsequently by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Constitution.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are to provide outdoor recreation facilities and activities for the local community and its visitors by:

- Establishing a recognised walking and cycling route between Lossiemouth and Hopeman initially to be known as the "Lossiemouth to Hopeman ATR";
- Promoting those sections of the Lossiemouth to Hopeman ATR suitable for equestrians or accessible by mobility scooter;
- Establishing and promoting other ATR routes in and around Lossiemouth and North Moray.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these purposes

- Further develop initial Business Case and engage with local communities
- Confirm route of Lossiemouth to Hopeman ATR and negotiate necessary access and permissions with landowners
- Raise funds required
- Deliver ATR by managing design, construction and maintenance of ATR
- ID other potential ATRs in North Moray and repeat as above for each

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Achievements and performance

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

The Charity remained in a "dormant" state during this financial period. No formal AMM or other meetings were held. The only financial transactions were bank charges of £7/month which were covered by a donation from the Chair.

Pell Friesmann had completed design work as far as funds permitted in 2022 and were effectively stood down.

Contact was maintained with the Sustrans project manager who could offer advice but made it clear that the project team would need to be strengthened and Sustrans would not release further funding until landowner issues were resolved. The Trustees and LCDT agreed that Compulsory Purchase or a Path Delineation Order would be required to resolve the landowner issues: both options required Moray Council to initiate the legal process.

Councillor J Cowe presented the case for Moray Council Support at a Meeting of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on 2 May 23. The Committee rejected the proposal on the grounds that it could be viewed as "financially reckless" for the Council to proceed with a CPO until 7 conditions were met. Post this meeting, Sustrans advised that the project would need to reapply for funding and while some pre-application support might be provided, the project would need to demonstrate that it had a stronger team in place, firm direction and more engagement with the Council.

Various informal meetings were held towards the end of the period. Plans were made to "reactivate" the LoMATR Charity and relaunch the project in early 2024 with public meetings and a social media and press campaign. An AMM has been planned for March 24

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity paid bank charges of £7/month during the financial period. The charges were covered by a donation of £50 made by the Chairman.

Once there is financial activity related to expenditure and income, the charity will hold reserves to cover known annual liabilities and will set aside money to cover unforeseen events

Details of any deficit

Nothing to report

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Nothing to report

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Other optional information

The optional information provided in the 2021 – 2022 report remains relevant, namely:

“The Charity was established in 2020 when it looked as if progress would be made and that activities would be ramped up from 2020 onwards. However, COVID and landowner issues frustrated that plan and the Charity has in effect been dormant since being established.

The Trustees recognised that while no AMM had been called during the calendar year, there was little to be gained by holding one.

The Trustees acknowledge the substantial support of the Lossiemouth Development Trust which has provided meeting facilities, advice and time donated by one of its employees.”

However, on a more positive note, at time of drafting this report in early March 24, public meetings have been held, a social media campaign has been launched and the AMM is planned for 20 March. Several individuals have indicated they wish to join the team driving the campaign so the Trustees are confident that there will be progress to report in the next financial period.

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)	CHAIR	
Date	10 March 2024	

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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
	1	12	2022		30	11	2023

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	50				50	50
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					-	
A1 Sub total	50	-	-	-	50	50
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50	-	-	-	50	50
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations	84				84	14
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	84	-	-	-	84	14
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	84	-	-	-	84	14
Net receipts / (payments)	(34)	-	-	-	(34)	36
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(34)	-	-	-	(34)	36

10/3/24
20/03/2023