

Zero Carbon Daviot

Scotland · Charity number SC051060

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-06-17
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Dunachton Daviot Inverurie AB51 0HZ
Website	www.zerocarbondaviot.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: Purpose To engage the community in meaningful dialogue on climate change, enabling individuals to make informed decisions to reduce the risk of global warming. Aims • Build an energy-conscious community that understands carbon emissions and how to reduce them. • Engage inclusively with all members of the community, regardless of background, to support informed decision-making on climate action. • Promote the preservation, conservation, and improvement of the local environment. • Work with residents, businesses, community groups, and schools to share reliable information and encourage practical action. • Support and empower children to take action on climate issues that matter to them. • Provide a website platform for constructive discussion of environmental issues and solutions. • Deliver or support low and zero carbon projects, particularly those addressing fuel poverty. • Represent the community by engaging with government, NGOs, and other organisations to identify best practice

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

Objectives: The Organisation's main purpose is to enter into dialogue with as many members of our community as possible on climate change, in a meaningful way that will allow each person to make their own decisions on what must be done to reduce the risk of global warming. The Organisation's aims are to: 1. Create a highly energy-conscious community with an understanding of the consequences of carbon emissions and what we each must do to reduce the carbon footprint of our community. 2. Enter into dialogue with all members of our community of all backgrounds, (regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socio-economic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity) on climate change in a meaningful way, that will allow each person to make their own decisions on what must be

done to reduce the risk of global warming. 3. Encourage the development of a community that is determined to preserve, conserve, restore and improve our environment. 4. Engage with residents, business owners and community groups, including our schools, to provide reliable information about our understanding of the consequences of carbon emissions and the positive changes we can all make. 5. Encourage children in the community to believe that 'you are never too small to make a difference', and to support them in their activities to act upon issues of climate change that are important to them. 6. Establish a website platform to examine and discuss environmental issues including climate change in a constructive way, that will allow each person to make their own decisions about what must to be done to reduce the risk of global warming and how they might reduce or reconcile any negative impact. 7. Directly undertake or support zero and/or low carbon projects that will have a positive impact on our environment and particularly those with the potential to relieve those in fuel poverty within our community. and 8. Represent our community on environmental and climate-change issues by engaging with relevant government agencies, non-governmental organisations, and other interest groups, to identify the best available technology and practices and to source support and funding to achieve the purpose and aims of Zero Carbon Daviot.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£4,944	£4,944	-	0
2024-06-30	£58,130	£214	-	0
2023-06-30	£12,584	£11,341	-	0
2022-06-30	£6,800	£5,564	-	0

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Trustees' Annual Report

Zero Carbon Daviot (SC051060)

For the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Zero Carbon Daviot

Charity number: SC051060

Principal address:

Dunachton

Daviot

Inverurie

Aberdeenshire

AB51 0HZ

Trustees:

- Kenneth James Gordon
- Matthew Clubb
- Karen Scott Forbes
- Nicholas Michael Forbes
- Keith Greig Duncan

All trustees served throughout the period and were appointed by the members.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Zero Carbon Daviot is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by its constitution.

The charity is managed by its trustees, who are responsible for strategic direction, financial stewardship and ensuring that all activities align with its charitable purposes.

3. Objectives and Activities

The charity's purpose is to engage the community in meaningful dialogue on climate change and support practical actions to reduce carbon emissions.

This includes:

- community engagement on energy and climate issues
- development of community-owned energy systems
- supporting low-carbon transition across buildings, energy and transport

4. Achievements and Performance

Community Energy Campaign (Primary Activity)

During the reporting period, the charity undertook a significant community energy campaign focused on the development of a proposed ~1MW community-owned solar farm at Daviot.

This work was supported by a CARES grant awarded in August 2024 to fund community and stakeholder consultation on the project .

Activities undertaken included:

- Community engagement and awareness raising on local energy generation
- Early-stage consultation with stakeholders including the local school and council
- Development of project concept, including integration with wider community energy systems
- Initial work towards grid connection strategy and planning pathway

This represents a material step towards establishing locally owned renewable generation, aligned with both community objectives and national policy.

Strategic Energy System Development

The charity continued to develop a whole-system approach, linking:

- renewable generation (solar PV)
- future community heat solutions
- potential local energy supply models

This aligns with the ambition set out in the CARES application to integrate generation, heating and local energy use.

Transport Initiatives (Constraint)

The charity also explored community transport decarbonisation, including electric vehicle initiatives.

However, progress in this area was not possible during the period due to prevailing constraints in the UK vehicle insurance market, which made community ownership and operation of shared vehicles commercially unviable.

The trustees consider this to be an external structural barrier rather than a failure of delivery, and continue to monitor the situation.

5. Financial Review

The charity received funding during the period, including a CARES grant of up to £5,000 to support community energy engagement and development.

Expenditure during the period reflects:

- delivery of community engagement activities
- early-stage project development work

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The charity retains funds to support the next phase of project development.

The trustees' approach remains:

- to ensure funds are deployed effectively and in line with project milestones
- to align expenditure with deliverable outcomes
- to maintain financial prudence while progressing projects

No trustee remuneration was paid.

6. Plans for Future Periods

The charity is now positioned to move from engagement and concept development into project delivery, with priorities including:

- progressing the solar farm project through feasibility, planning and grid connection
- continuing community engagement to build local support and participation
- exploring viable models for local energy supply and benefit sharing
- revisiting transport initiatives as market conditions allow

The trustees remain committed to delivering practical, community-led decarbonisation projects.

7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

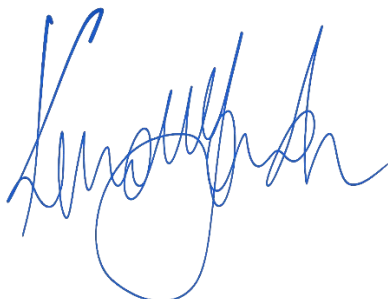
They are responsible for:

- ensuring proper accounting records are kept
- safeguarding the assets of the charity
- ensuring funds are used in accordance with its charitable purposes

8. Approval

Approved by the trustees on: 24th March 2026

Signed:



Kenneth James Gordon
Trustee

ZERO CARBON DAVIOT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT)
FOR PERIOD TO 30 JUNE 2025

SC051060

		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
RECEIPTS					
Grants	Notes 1	£ 4,944	£	£ 4,944	£ 58,550
Donations		-	-	-	50
Receipts from Fundraising Activities		-	-	-	-
Receipts from Charitable Activities		-	320	320	-
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		<u>4,944</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>5,264</u>	<u>58,600</u>
PAYMENTS					
Donations		-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to Fundraising Activities		-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to Charitable Activities		4,944	302	5,246	4,200
Governance Costs		-	-	-	264
Total Resources Expended		<u>4,944</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>5,246</u>	<u>684</u>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) resources for Year		-	18	18	57,916
Total Funds at 1 July 2024		<u>61,997</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>62,182</u>	<u>4,266</u>
Total Funds at 30 June 2025		<u>61,997</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>62,200</u>	<u>62,182</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
The above receipts and payments are split between restricted and unrestricted funds.

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

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<i>Notes</i>	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Balance at Bank at 1 July 2024	61,997	184	62,182	4,266
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-	18	18	57,916
Balance at Bank at 30 June 2025	61,997	202	62,200	62,182

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19th March 2026 and were signed on its behalf by: Kenneth Gordon

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 Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR PERIOD TO 30 JUNE 2025

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Nature & Purpose of Funds

Funds are mainly raised through grants and donations in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee in this period.

Notes

- 1 Grant received from the Energy Saving Trust to carry out community and church consultation/engagement to measure acceptability of proposed solar farm.

£4,994

Independent examiner's report

Report to the Trustees of **Zero Carbon Daviot** Registered charity number **SC051060** on the accounts of the charity for the period **1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025** set out on pages 4-6.

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 disclosures 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 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 8 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.

Signed: Jacquie Milne

Date: 24 March 2026

Name: Jacquie Milne

Designation: AVA Finance & Administration Manager

Address: Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action

PO Box 18706, Peterhead AB42 9BA

Zero Carbon Daviot

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APPENDIX 1



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	07	2023	To	30	06	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Zero Carbon Daviot						
Other names charity is known by							
Registered charity number	SC051060						
Charity's principal address	Dunachton						
	Daviot						
	Inverurie						
	Aberdeenshire				Postcode AB51 0HZ		

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	[REDACTED]		Whole Year	Members
2			Whole Year	Members
3			Whole Year	Members
4			Whole Year	Members
5			Whole Year	Members
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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

CONSTITUTION OF
Zero Carbon Daviot
A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Constitution Clauses - 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Organisation's main purpose is to enter into dialogue with as many members of our community as possible on climate change, in a meaningful way that will allow each person to make their own decisions on what must to be done to reduce the risk of global warming.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

5.1

Create a highly energy-conscious community with an understanding of the consequences of carbon emissions and what we each must do to reduce the carbon footprint of our community;

5.2

Enter into dialogue with all members of our community of all backgrounds, (regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socio-economic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity) on climate change in a meaningful way, that will allow each person to make their own decisions on what must to be done to reduce the risk of global warming;

5.3

Encourage the development of a community that is determined to preserve, conserve, restore and improve our environment;

5.4

Engage with residents, business owners and community groups, including our schools, to provide reliable information about our understanding of the consequences of carbon emissions and the positive changes we can all make.

5.5

Encourage children in the community to believe that "you are never too small to make a difference", and to support them in their activities to act upon issues of climate change that are important to them;

5.6

Establish a website platform to examine and discuss environmental issues including climate change in a constructive way, that will allow each person to make their own decisions about what must to be done to reduce the risk of global warming and how they might reduce or reconcile any negative impact;

5.7

Directly undertake or support zero and/or low carbon projects that will have a positive impact on our environment and particularly those with the potential to relieve those in fuel poverty within our community; and

5.8

Represent our community on environmental and climate-change issues by engaging with relevant government agencies, non-governmental organisations, and other interest groups, to identify the best available technology and practices and to source support and funding to achieve the purpose and aims of Zero Carbon Daviot.

APPENDIX 1

Achievements and performance

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

1. Series of community talks on climate change an home retrofit;;
2. Awarded grant for community electric vehicle; and
3. Progressed feasibilty study for community Solar PV project for the Church Glebe.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

To maintain a small contingency reserve

Details of any deficit

No Deficits

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

APPENDIX 1

Other optional information

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)	Trustee	
Date	17/03/2025	

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Donations		-	50	50	78
Receipts from Fundraising Activities		-	-	-	-
Receipts from Charitable Activities		-	-	-	680
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		58,550	50	58,600	12,584
PAYMENTS					
Donations		-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to Fundraising Activities		-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to Charitable Activities		420	-	420	11,341
Governance Costs		-	264	264	-
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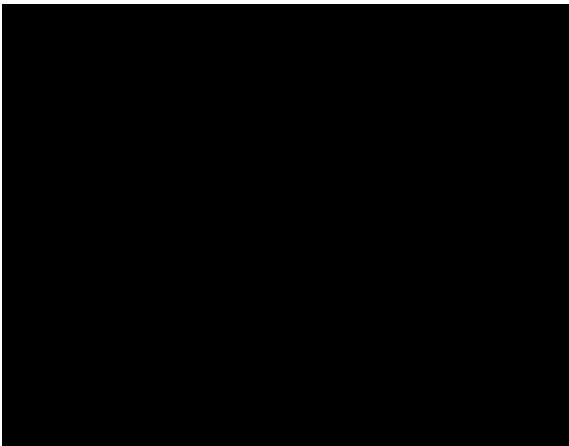
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Date: 31 March 2025

Designation: AVA Finance & Administration Manager

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