

## Birdston Regeneration Group SCIO

### Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025



#### **Introduction:**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the annual report together with the financial statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The Birdston Regeneration Group SCIO was registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) in 2023 (SC052301). This is the second report submitted in compliance with OSCR requirements.

#### **Name and Address:**

The Birdston Regeneration Group SCIO (BRG) may be contacted via the Secretary to the Trustee Board, [REDACTED]. The email address for BRG is [birdstonregenerationgroup@gmail.com](mailto:birdstonregenerationgroup@gmail.com).

The Board of BRG meets in the home of the Secretary. Public meetings of BRG, including the AGM, are held in the Village Hall, Milton of Campsie, Glasgow G66 8DD.

#### **Constitution and Purpose:**

The BRG constitution was prepared in compliance with the OSCR model constitution for Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIO). The constitution was approved by the



Interim Board of Trustees of BRG and accepted by OSCR. A copy of the constitution is available, on request, from the Secretary.

The purposes of BRG are:

- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement; promoting and encouraging biodiversity by supporting native plants and animals through the purchase and appropriate restoration of the former Birdston coup site to incorporate a varied, functional, and sustainable environment.
- The provision of recreational facilities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities are primarily intended; providing the local communities of Birdston, Milton of Campsie and Lennoxton with free and equal access to well-connected, publicly owned recreational green spaces which improve quality of life.
- The advancement of citizenship or community development; working in partnership with appropriate organisations, charitable bodies, and local community on an ongoing basis, in order that the legacy of the former Birdston coup site is upheld in keeping with the needs of local community and the natural environment.

#### **Trustees:**

The Trustees serving during the year were:



Secretary  
Chair  
Treasurer

The Trustees were appointed in accordance with the BRG constitution.

#### **Activities and Achievements:**

During its second year of operation the BRG Board met on eight occasions and:

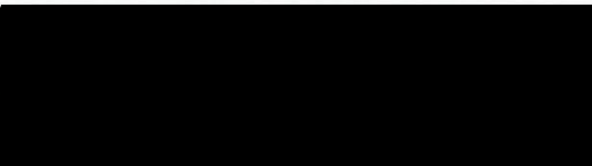
- Complied with the requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity Register,
- Expanded the number of BRG Members from the community to 89, and sent them regular email updates on the work of BRG,
- Adopted a Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy
- Devised a workplan for the year based on seven workstreams,
- Communicated with external organisations and individuals, including:
  - The current owners of the site and the administrator overseeing its purchase,
  - The Planning Department of East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC),
  - The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA),

- The Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland (ERCS)
- The Community Ownership Support Service
- Planning Aid Scotland and The Faculty of Advocates,
- Elected representatives, including the local MP, MSP and EDC Councillors,
- Community Land Scotland and other groups with similar purposes to BRG,
- Represented BRG at relevant events convened by EDC and by ERCS,
- Purchased a laptop computer, software, a digital projector, a screen, and banners,
- Prepared PowerPoint presentation and leaflets to highlight the work of BRG,
- Convened an open meeting to assess community interest in acquiring Birdston Woods. The meeting was supported by the Community Woodland Association.
- Established the Birdston Woods Community Group as a BRG subcommittee,
- Held two face-to-face meetings with SEPA to help agree a forward-looking policy for development of the former Birdston Coup,
- Established a petition to lobby EDC to re-open the core footpath across the site,
- Convened and held a second Annual General Meeting at which the Board of Trustees for the year 2025-26 was elected,

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#### **Approval of annual report and accounts:**

This annual report and the accompanying set of annual accounts have been approved by the Trustees of the Birdston Regeneration Group SCIO. The document is signed on their behalf by:

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Chair of Board of Trustees.

(Chair of Board of Trustees)

18 June 2025



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**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 4<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Scout Group**

I report on the financial statements of the Birdston regeneration Group SCIO (BRG) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The BRG Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations'). The BRG Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) 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 the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by BRG 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 view given by the accounts.

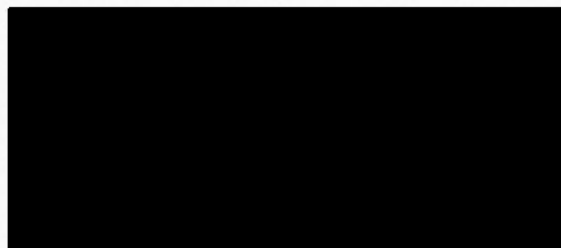
**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
  - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with the regulations, and
  - b. To prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the 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.

Examiner Name:

Signed:



Date: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

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**Receipts and Payments**

**Receipts:**

|   | <u>2024-25</u> | <u>2023-24</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Donations</u>                                  |                |                |
| Transfer from Milton of Campsie Community Council |                | 527.41         |
| Other donations                                   |                | 100.00         |
| <br><u>Fundraising</u>                            |                |                |
| East Dunbartonshire Community Grant               | 2000.00        |                |
| <br>Total   | 2000.00        | 627.41         |

**Payments:**

|                              |         |        |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|
| <u>Activities</u>            |         |        |
| Printing of leaflets         |         | 73.52  |
| Search of Land Registry      |         | 19.95  |
| AGM expenses                 |         | 38.99  |
| Purchase of equipment        | 1108.97 |        |
| Hall rental                  | 27.00   |        |
| Speaker expenses             | 34.00   |        |
| <u>Miscellaneous</u>         |         |        |
| Activation of online account |         | 1.00   |
| <br>Total                    | 1169.97 | 133.46 |
| <br><br>Surplus for the year | 830.03  | 493.95 |

**Balance Sheet**

Virgin Money Business Current Account 10511815

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Opening balance at 01/04/2024 | 493.95  |
| Closing balance at 31/03/2025 | 1323.98 |