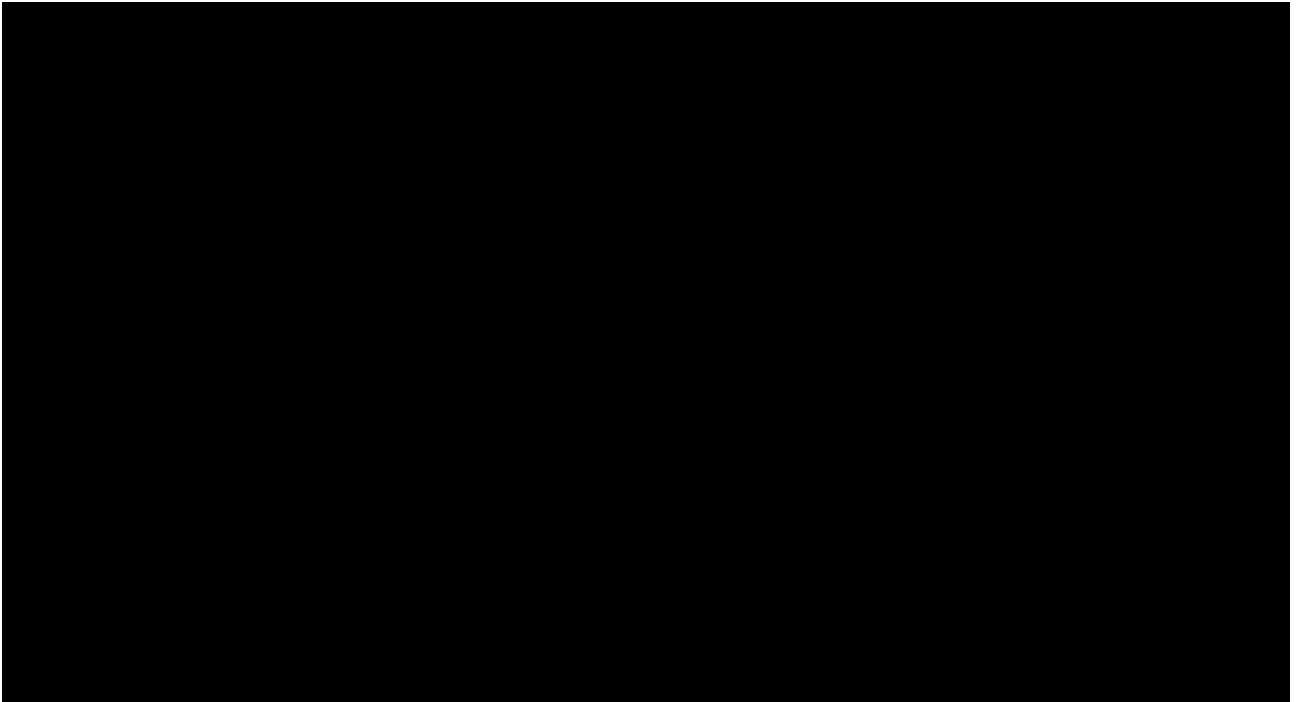


# **Powerful African Women of Ayrshire (PAWA)**



**Scottish Charity No – SC053028**

**Annual Report and Financial Statement**

**For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

# Trustee`s Annual Report

## for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Reference and Administrative information

<i>Charity name</i>	Powerful African Women of Ayrshire (PAWA)	
Registered charity number	SC053028	
Charity's principal address	15 Elmbank Drive	
	Kilmarnock	
	Ayrshire	
		Postcode KA1 3AE

	Trustee name	Designation	Dates acted if not for whole year	
1		Chair	Full Period	
2		Secretary	Full Period	
3		Treasurer	Full Period	

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023.

#### Appointment of Trustees

The management committee, which is comprised of all three Trustees, meets once a month on the last working day of the month. Membership of the management committee is open to all interested member of the African community.

All Trustee Board members are expected to abide by a code of conduct, a code of ethics, a Trustees role specification and are expected to act in line with the charitable objectives and the PAWA's principles & values.

## **Objectives and activities**

### **Charitable Purpose**

PAWA's purpose is the belief that by empowering African women, friends, and their families, we contribute to the overall prosperity of Scotland.

Our aim is to bridge cultures, nurture talents, and create opportunities for growth and collaboration. Through our initiatives, we aim to break down barriers, fostering a Scotland where diversity is celebrated, inequalities are addressed, and communities are resilient and thriving.

### **Activities of the Charity**

We provide advancement of the arts, heritage and culture, through the promotion of the arts and cultural heritage of the African community in Ayrshire by organizing classes for children that teaches African culture, language and traditions.

We also provide advancement of citizenship or community development, through consultation with the community we aim to create community activities including those that support community integration. Including the delivery of workshops, volunteer driven events, training programs, intercultural exchange events and support groups.

During 2024-2025, PAWA has undertaken following events and activities to support the African community.

- 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024-Women Wellness Circle- Mental wellbeing and mindful gathering.
- 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024-PAWA Summer Celebration-Joyful community event.
- 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024-Back to School Empowerment session
- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024-Black History Month -celebrating African heritage and contribution in Scotland.
- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024-Xmas Party Celebration.
- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025-Parenting in UK-African Perspective.
- 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025-Vision Board and Goal Setting Workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025- Social Gathering and Networking Event.
- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025-Social Enterprise Empowerment Workshop.
- 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025- Celebrating SRC`s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## **Financial Review**

Our future is to continue increasing our fundraising to achieve our vision.

PAWA main sources of income comprise following.

- Grants from external organisations
- Gifts in memory
- Trading activities
- Co-operate donations.
- Donations from the public

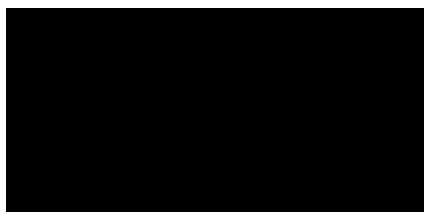
PAWA main source of funding mainly comes from Grants and donations. During 2024-25, PAWA has achieved success in receiving grants of £37,500 (out of which the largest-National Lottery Fund –£26,000) and donations of £10,490.

Furthermore during 2024-25 PAWA made payments of £35,996 -£24,995 restricted and £11,701 un-restricted funds regarding charitable activities.

## **Future**

PAWA is reliant on donations and grants to create a service that benefits the public. If income falls, then the charity would not be able to make longer-term commitments e.g. creating employment opportunities within PAWA. Trustees therefore need to increase more fundraising activities in future to make PAWA continue operating.

PAWA fundraising committee, a focus group dedicated in ensuring PAWA income is sustainable.



Chair of Trustees

# Independent examination report

## for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees**

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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

#### **1-Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is being carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 view given by the accounts.

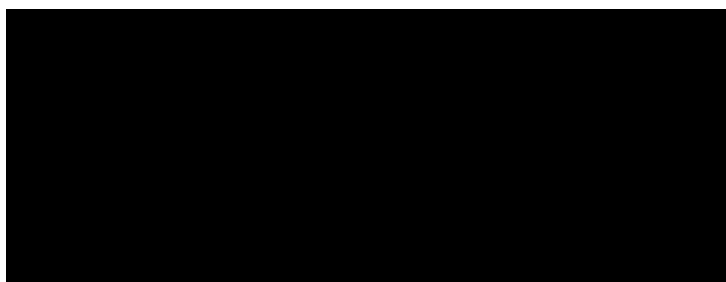
#### **2-Independent examiner's statement**

*During my examination, no matter has come to my attention.*

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (1) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - (2) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met.

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# Statement of receipts and payments

## for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Receipts and payments accounts				
Section A Statement of receipts and payments				
	Year ended 30th June 2025			30th June 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	10,490	-	10,490	12,873
Grants	-	37,500	37,500	38,600
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,490</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>47,990</b>	<b>51,473</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	10,665	24,295	34,960	32,942
<i>Governance costs:</i>				
Independent examination	500	-	500	500
Preparation of annual accounts	500	-	500	500
Consultancy fees	1,036	-	1,036	1,200
			-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,701</b>	<b>24,295</b>	<b>36,996</b>	<b>35,142</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>- 2,211</b>	<b>13,205</b>	<b>10,994</b>	<b>16,331</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>- 2,211</b>	<b>13,205</b>	<b>10,994</b>	<b>16,331</b>

# Statement of balances

## for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Section B Statement of balances		Year ended 30th June 2025			30th June 2024
Categories		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash and bank balances at start of year	1,308	15,023	16,331	-
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	- 1,211	13,205	11,994	17,331
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	97	28,228	28,325	17,331
<b>B4 Liabilities</b>	Independent examination fees			1,000	1,000
				1,000	1,000
	<b>Net cash balance at year end</b>			27,325	16,331

# Notes to the accounts

## for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### **1- Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on a Receipt and payment 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 the furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of PAWA charity.

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- Trustee Remuneration**

During the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025- No Trustees were either paid any remuneration or re-imbursed for expenses.

### **4- Donations**

Donor details	Year ended 30th June 2025		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total current period
	1,000		1,000
	750		750
	500		500
	500		500
	500		500
	440		440
LOVE VIEW LTD	350		350
	250		250
Various	6,200		6,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,490</b>



## 5- Grants

	Year ended 30th June 2025			30th June 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
National Lottery Fund	-	26,000	26,000	23,500
Cycling Scotland	-	-	-	5,100
Foundation Scotland	-	-	-	5,000
The Corra Foundation	-	-	-	3,000
Robertson Trust	-	10,000	10,000	2,000
East Ayrshire Council	-	1,500	1,500	-
<b>Total</b>	-	37,500	37,500	38,600

## 6- Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Year ended 30th June 2025			30th June 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
Food bank	2,865	7,954	10,819	8,596
Soup Kitchen	1,825	6,147	7,972	7,159
Household items	1,775	5,269	7,044	7,187
Integration events	4,200	4,925	9,125	10,000
<b>Total</b>	10,665	24,295	34,960	32,942

## 7- Governance cost

	Year ended 30th June 2025			30th June 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
Governance costs:				
Audit / independent examination	500		500	500
Preparation of annual accounts	500		500	500
Other professional fees	1,036		1,036	1,200
<b>Sub total</b>	2,036	-	2,036	2,200