

## Trustees' Annual Report (Year Ended 31st July 2025)

### Laurieston Community Hall at The Thrums

#### 1. Structure, Governance and Management

Laurieston Community Hall at The Thrums is a Scottish charity established to provide a community facility for the benefit of residents of Laurieston. The charity is governed in accordance with its constitution.

The current trustees are Michelle Jamieson (Helen Beurskens and Julie Astley. During the reporting period, trustee John Irvine was removed following a resolution passed at a members' meeting due to non-attendance.

Trustees are appointed in line with the provisions set out in the constitution and are selected based on relevant skills and experience.

#### 2. Objectives and Activities

The charity's objectives are to provide a safe and accessible community space and to support social inclusion, recreation, and wellbeing.

The hall facilitates a wide range of activities including educational workshops, training sessions, community events, and social gatherings.

#### 3. Activities and Achievements

During the year, the hall supported a variety of activities including weekly playgroup sessions, two child-minding groups, self-defence classes, community events, fundraising initiatives, seasonal celebrations, indoor boot sales, craft fayres, and regular meetings for local groups. Some of these activities are supported by volunteers.

#### 4. Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that the charity provides public benefit in line with its purposes. The hall promotes social cohesion and mental health & wellbeing and is accessible to all members of the community, particularly older individuals and young families. Hire charges are comparable to similar local facilities.

#### 5. Financial Review

Income is generated through hall hire, grants, donations, and fundraising activities. Expenditure includes utilities, insurance, maintenance, and cleaning.

For the year ended 31 July 2025, the charity recorded a surplus of £19,810.95 and maintains a modest cash reserve for contingencies.

#### 6. Risk Management

The trustees have identified key risks including building-related hazards, security concerns, and financial sustainability. Appropriate health and safety measures are in place and risks are monitored regularly.

#### 7. Future Plans

Following the community asset transfer from Falkirk Council on 13 February 2025, the trustees plan to undertake improvements subject to funding. These include accessibility upgrades, a sensory

room, kitchen refurbishment, energy efficiency measures, redecoration, installation of CCTV and Wi-Fi, and purchase of equipment and furniture.

#### 8. Plans for Expansion and Outreach

Future plans include establishing a community café, launching a women's health and wellbeing group, expanding fundraising efforts, and promoting services through social media.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Michelle Jamieson

Laurieston Community Hall at The Thrums  
Income and Expenditure  
Period to 31/07/2025

|  | £         | 2025<br>£ | £         | 2024<br>£ | £    |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Opening Bank & Cash Balance as at 01/04/2024 |           |           | 0.00      |           | 0.00 |
|  |           |           | 0.00      |           | 0.00 |
| <b><u>Income</u></b>                         |           |           |           |           |      |
| Childminders/Cradle to Crayons               | 1,510.00  |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Hall Hire                                    | 4,977.50  |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Ticket Sales                                 | 329.00    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Bingo  | 1,375.00  |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Car Boots                                    | 120.00    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Craft Tables                                 | 280.00    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Kitchen                                      | 176.00    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Grants                                       | 28,515.88 |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Other Income                                 | 100.03    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
|  |           | 37,383.41 |           | 0.00      |      |
| <b><u>Expenses</u></b>                       |           |           |           |           |      |
| Childminders/Cradle to Crayons               | 98.00     |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Bingo/Raffle Costs                           | 2,254.27  |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Car Boots Costs                              | 83.00     |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Purchases                                    | 2,709.19  |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Kitchen Costs                                | 1,941.70  |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Repairs                                      | 5,805.87  |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Cleaning                                     | 101.78    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Event Costs                                  | 994.72    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Heat & Light                                 | 1,578.07  |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Stationery                                   | 344.92    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Travel                                       | 375.00    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Insurance                                    | 1,085.94  |           | 0.00      |           |      |
| Independent Examination                      | 200.00    |           | 0.00      |           |      |
|  |           | 17,572.46 |           | 0.00      |      |
|  |           | 19,810.95 |           | 0.00      |      |
| <b><u>Net Gain/(Loss)</u></b>                |           |           |           |           |      |
|  |           |           | 19,810.95 |           | 0.00 |
|  |           |           | 19,810.95 |           | 0.00 |
| Bank & Cash Balance as at 31/07/2025         |           | 19,810.95 |           | 0.00      |      |
|  |           |           | 19,810.95 |           | 0.00 |

I hereby certify that the above Income and Expenditure Account has been prepared from the books and information given, that both the bank and cash account are correctly stated and that this is a true and fair view of the association's financial state of affairs by independent examination.



J. Smith  
Accountant (MAAT)  
Braes Accountancy Limited  
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