

Polmont Playgroup [SCIO]

Scotland · Charity number SC053631

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2024-09-09
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Redding Road Brightons FK2 0AA
Website	www.polmontplaygroup.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education'

What the charity does: Polmont Playgroup is set up to support young children and their families by providing a safe, nurturing and stimulating early learning environment. Our aim is to promote children's development through play, helping them build confidence, social skills and a love of learning. We deliver this by offering high-quality play sessions led by experienced staff, following early years guidance and focusing on child-led learning. We work closely with families to support individual needs and wellbeing, and we provide additional help where possible, such as funded places or access to support services. Our playgroup plays an important role in the local community, helping children prepare for school while supporting families in a welcoming and inclusive setting.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: 4 The organisation's purposes are: The aim of the group is to be the Playgroup of choice in our community and provide a much-loved Playgroup service to all children regardless of background or ability in the local community where we can learn and develop through play. While our vision is to advance the education and social development of pre-school children with the emphasis on the play experience, so that they take a constructive place in the community and to advance the education of their parents and other appropriate persons.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£82,539	£122,455	-	8

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Accounts



POLMONT PLAYGROUP SCIO
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025
SCOTTISH CHARITY NO: SC033693/SC053631



Trustees' Annual Report For the year ended 31 July 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Reference and administrative information

Charity name

Polmont Playgroup SCIO

Charity number

SC033693/SC053631

Address

Redding Road, Brightons, FK2 0AA

Current trustees

- Lia Jarvis
- Archie Stevenson
- Chris Morris
- Pauline Smith
- Emma McGuire

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 9 September 2024. The charity was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO.

Appointment of trustees

The management board, which normally meets a minimum of 4 times per year, are the charity's trustees. Membership is open to all parents and guardians of children in the playgroup and to interested members of the community. Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting which is held in September. There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve trustees.

Objectives and activities

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Financial review

During the financial year, we have completed a planned renovation project and have now moved into our own building. This has resulted in high levels of expenditure, however, the project was successfully completed within budget. We would like to extend special thanks to all who have provided financial support for this project including Tesco, Careys, Kompan, Taylor Wimpey, B&Q, KD Kitchens and all who volunteered their services particularly M&G, William Hill, Lloyds Banking Group and Certas Energy. Further grants are still to be received from Falkirk Council's enablement fund (£21.5k), Cala Homes (shed) and volunteering efforts from Balfour Beattie to finish the project.



Trustees' Annual Report For the year ended 31 July 2025 (continued)

We did end the financial year with a £40k loss, however this was expected due to the renovation project. Substantial fundraising and grant applications from previous years had been held in reserves to allow us to complete the renovation of the former Action Outdoors Building.

The year ahead brings a whole new landscape, owning our own building and the costs that come along with this, therefore, fundraising and grant applications are going to be vital to helping us stabilise through this first year.

Playgroup fees vs wages

Playgroup fees have exceeded wages by £721 in the current year which is fantastic news after being £5.6k in the red last year. Thank you to the staff for managing this and bringing this back to a manageable situation.

Having raised the fees from £8 to £10 within 6 months and increased the registration fee from £10 to £15 no further increases are recommended in the coming year.

Fundraising £9k

Internal: Ghost Hunt & Obstacle course - £3k

Huge thank you to the parents for supporting these fundraisers. We have been doing these for years and they prove to be an easy way to raise funds for little outlay.

External: Summer Fun Day - £4k (including match funding)
Bingo, Summer Camp and Rag Bag - £2k
Other events including Santa Shop, Easy Fundraising, playgroup clothing, birthday parties and bank cashback.

This year we have had very successful fundraising events, particularly supported through match funding. We will continue to pursue match funding opportunities for those involved in fundraising activities.

Grants £41k

Falkirk Council - £18k
spf Capital Grant - £12k
spf CAT Grant - £7k
CORRA - £3k
Tesco - £1k (summer camps)

Outgoings £122k

Wages £37k vs £31k in the prior year due to planned wage increases.
Renovations £75k (grant funded), overall these costs mounted to £163k when donated services are taken into consideration.
Sundries £7k – essentials for new building
Rent and insurance £2k
Miscellaneous other costs £1k

Thank you all for your efforts, big and small supporting our charity

Lia – Treasurer
Polmont Playgroup 🍷



Independent Examiner's Report For the year ended 31 July 2025

Report to the trustees of Polmont Playgroup SCIO, registered charity number SC053631 for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the 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 (as amended). 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 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.

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 9 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.

Donna Hoggan
Chartered Accountant
16 March 2026

**Statement of receipts and payments
For the year ended 31 July 2025**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 July 2025 £	Year ended 31 July 2024 £
Receipts				
Fees & registration	32,045	-	32,045	24,343
Donations & grants	-	41,525	41,525	25,150
Fundraising	8,928	-	8,928	6,340
Bank interest	41	-	41	-
Total receipts	41,014	41,525	82,539	55,833
Payments				
Cost of charitable activities	(47,837)	-	(47,837)	(33,692)
Renovations	-	(74,618)	(74,618)	-
Total payments	(47,837)	(74,618)	(122,455)	(33,692)
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(6,823)	(33,093)	(39,916)	22,141

**Statement of balances
As at 31 July 2025**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Opening cash at bank and in hand	22,838	18,338	41,176	19,035
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(6,823)	(33,093)	(39,916)	22,141
Transfer between funds	(14,755)	14,755	-	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand	1,260	-	1,260	41,176

**Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 July 2025**

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the playgroup.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the year the charity received £41,525 in donations and grants specifically in relation to the renovation project.

Donations and grants

	2025	2024
	£	£
Falkirk Council	17,757	-
spf Capital Grant	12,408	-
spf CAT Grant	7,360	-
CORRA	3,000	-
Tesco	1,000	-
National Lottery - Community	-	19,550
M&G	-	4,900
Asda	-	300
Warburtons	-	400
	41,525	25,150

Fundraising

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fun day	3,902	5,485
Ghost hunt	1,082	766
Obstacle course	1,580	-
Other fundraising events	2,364	89
	8,928	6,340

Cost of charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages	36,651	30,719
Staff training	765	-
Rent and insurance	1,987	256
Sundry costs for new building	7,353	-
Cleaning	675	-
Other costs	406	2,717
	47,837	33,692