Scottish Charity No.SC039328 Scottish Company No.SC336337

# Strathblane Community Development Trust (Limited by Guarantee)

**Financial Statements** Year to 31 January 2023

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## Trust information

### **Directors**

Mark Elder Hannah Freireich Julie Hutchison Alan Hutton Patries MacIntyre James Millar Edward Pickard Iain Stewart Andrew Thompson Margaret Vass (Chair)

## **Trust Secretary**

Fiona Munn

## **Principal Address**

Strathblane Village Club 20-22 Glasgow Road Blanefield G63 9BP

## Bankers

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## Independent Examiner

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Report of the Directors for year to 31 January 2023

The Directors are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year to 31 January 2023.

Status of Trust and Governing Document

Strathblane Community Development Trust ("the Trust") was incorporated on 17 January 2008 as a company limited by guarantee. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a recognised Scottish charity, number SC039328.

Charitable Objectives

The Trust was formed to benefit the communities of Strathblane, Blanefield and Mugdock by promoting community development, education and citizenship. A full description of the objects of the Trust is given in the Articles of Association.

#### Directors

The Directors who served during the year or to the date of signing this report were:

Mark Elder (appointed 12 December 2022)
Hannah Freireich
Julie Hutchison
Alan Hutton
Patries MacIntyre
James Millar
Edward Pickard
Iain Stewart
Andrew Thompson
Margaret Vass (Chair)

Appointment of Directors

The Directors are all volunteers and residents of Strathblane, Blanefield or Mugdock. Strathblane Community Council has the power to appoint two directors. Other directors are appointed by the members of the Trust in General Meeting following recommendations by existing directors and taking into account their particular expertise and skills. Directors may be co-opted by the Board during the year, such appointments falling to be ratified by members at the next General Meeting.

## **Administrative Structure**

The Directors are responsible for direction and administration of the Trust. The Trust has no employees and the Directors receive no remuneration.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The Directors encourage the formation of working and project groups with a view to widening the opportunities for residents to become involved in projects for the benefit of the community. These groups are provided with guidelines setting out the parameters within which they may operate under the aegis of the Trust and perhaps benefit from its charitable status which gives access to funding and other opportunities not otherwise available. The Board hopes that the Trust will continue to be used in this manner with new groups starting up where appropriate.

The Thomas Graham Community Library was opened on 18 April 2023 by Angus Graham, the major donor. The opening event was attended by around 80 people including representatives from Stirling Council, donors and library users. Very favourable press reports were received with notable television and newspaper coverage.

In the financial year to 31 January 2023, a further £130,000 was received in grants and donations and £847,000 was spent on the construction. The library was designed by Thomas Robinson Architects and constructed by Fleming Buildings. It is owned by a subsidiary company, Thomas Graham Library limited. There are site lease and operating agreements in place with Stirling Council and it is expected that ownership of the site will transfer to Thomas Graham Library Limited in the future.

The library is now providing the community with a purpose built, modern facility that has been warmly welcomed by the community.

## Report of the Directors for year to 31 January 2023

Other groups connected with the Trust have also been active:

- The Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary is developing well. The project group is enthusiastic and well organised. Significant grants and donations have been received and volunteers have worked hard on fundraising through grant applications and events. The pond area has been excavated, but more funding is required to line the pond. Fencing has been erected, a path constructed, benches constructed, trees and hedges planted and there are plans for a willow hide. An outdoor area for teaching is also envisaged.
- The Paths Group has concentrated on maintenance and repair of existing paths, raising nearly £2,000 through a
  crowdfunding exercise to support this, alongside a grant from Paths for All. They continue to seek to identify
  desirable routes for future path creation.
- The Trust is liaising with Building Control to receive a completion certificate for the Bothy. This will allow it to be used as an information point for the community and visitors.
- The Community Property Asset Group continued to examine potential renewable energy projects. A feasibility study, funded through a grant from CARES (Scottish Government Community and Renewable Energy Scheme), was carried out for a potential solar panel farm in conjunction with Glengoyne Distillery. Unfortunately, the conclusion was unfavourable.
- Much effort has been spent on increasing communication with the community through regular Instagram posts, Facebook posts, Blane Valley Bulletin articles and a quarterly newsletter to members. There is ongoing work to improve the website, www.strathblane.online.
- The Trust conducted a survey to obtain the views of the community on sporting facilities to steer the potential development of the King George V playing field.
- Sustainability has been widely discussed and the Trust has become involved with the Scottish Communities
  Climate Action Network. Much of the work of the Trust already furthers sustainability and this focus is expected
  to continue.

It is important for all our working groups to follow good and standard practice. The Trust has a guidance document for working groups along with working policies for use by the Trust and the project groups. These are available on request and on the website.

The Board expresses its thanks and appreciation to the several organisations and many volunteering individuals without whose support none of these benefits to the community would have been achieved.

#### **Grant Making Policy**

Grants will not be made by the Trust unless in exceptional circumstances.

#### **Grants and Donations Received**

During the year ended 31 January 2023 grants were received by the Trust from Hugh Fraser Foundation, Bottomley Trust, Paul Charitable Trust, Paths for All, SUEZ Communities Trust, Clackmannan & Stirling Environment Trust, Glengoyne Distillery and CARES Energy Saving Trust. Many donations were received from members of the community in support of the new library, the Bothy and the Wildlife Sanctuary. Details are given in Notes 2 and 4 to the financial statements.

### Investments

In the year to 31 January 2023, some funds were held in a deposit account providing interest. The interest has been allocated to the General Fund for use in running of the Trust.

## Results for the Period

The financial statements for the year are set out in pages 6 to 13. The Statement of Financial Activities on Page 6 reflects a net expenditure of £709,323 for the year (2022: income of £145,219).

## Report of the Directors for year to 31 January 2023

#### Reserves

At 31 January 2023 unrestricted reserves amounted to £8,147 (2022: £7,183), restricted funds were £123,845 (2022: £834,132), giving total reserves of £131,992 (2022: £841,315).

The Directors are satisfied that unrestricted funds are sufficient to enable the Trust to continue its activities.

#### Independent Examiner

Catherine Baxter of Baxter Accounting and Tax Services Ltd is proposed for re-appointment as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year.

### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- · Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue its activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the Board

Margaret Vass

Director

Dated 25th September 2023

Report of the Independent Examiner for year to 31 January 2023

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year to 31 January 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of directors and independent examiner

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The directors consider that an audit is not required for this period under Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether any 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 Trust and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the directors 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 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

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to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

In my opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the accounts.

Catherine Baxter

Chartered Tax Adviser

Date

25 September 2023.

## Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023

			stricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	Notes	General	_			
Income		£	£	£	£	£
Donations	2	619	-	71,752	72,371	211,151
Investment income		1,553	-	-	1,553	7,073
Gains on investments		-				40,090
Release of deferred income			•	-	-	10,635
Other trading activities	3	1,013	-		1,013	987
Income from charitable activities	4	3,390		91,245	94,635	13,920
Total income		6,575	-	162,997	169,572	283,856
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	5	5,611	-	873,284	878,895	128,637
Loan repayment						10,000
Total expenditure		5,611	-	873,284	878,895	138,637
Net income/(expenditure)		964	-	(710,287)	(709,323)	145,219
Transfers			-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		7,183		834,132	841,315	696,096
Total funds carried forward		8,147	-	123,845	131,992	841,315
Comprising Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund Designated		8,147	:		8,147	7,183
		8,147			8,147	7,183
Restricted Funds		- 0,2.17			0,2.17	7,100
Greenheart		_	_	1,237	1,237	1,237
Paths development		_	2	3,520	3,520	3,251
Library				97,411	97,411	815,154
Bothy				13,444	13,444	13,729
Wildlife Sactuary		- 3		3,578	3,578	761
Blane Valley Bulletin		-	-	4,655	4,655	-
				123,845	123,845	834,132
		8,147	-	123,845	131,992	841,315

Balance	Sheet	at	31	January	2023

			2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Investments	10		-	-
Investment in subsidiary company	11		100	100
Tangible fixed assets	12		13,043	13,043
Current Assets				
Debtors	13		476	387
Cash at bank and in hand		_	118,986	828,416
			119,462	828,803
Creditors: Amounts falling				
due within one year	14	-	(613)	(631)
Net Current Assets			118,849	828,172
Total Net Assets		=	131,992	841,315
The Funds of the Trust				
Unrestricted funds - General	17		8,147	7,183
Unrestricted funds - Designated	17		-	-
Restricted funds	17		123,845	834,132
		-	131,992	841,315

The directors consider that the Trust is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. Members have not required the company under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 to obtain an audit for the year ended 31 January 2023. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for: ensuring that the Trust keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 31 January 2023 and of its surplus for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts, so far as applicable to the Trust.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 25th Soplands 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Margaret Vass

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Director

Notes to the Financial Statements - for year to 31 January 2023

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements of the Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

Donations are included in income when received. Income tax receivable in respect of Gift Aid is accounted for on an accruals basis at the time that donations are received. Grants and donations in respect of capital expenditure are credited to a restricted income account. Grants of a revenue nature are credited to income when the Trust has acquired unconditional entitlement and so as to match them with the expenditure to which they relate.

#### Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Heritable property - 10% straight line

Equipment - 25% straight line

Expenditure on fixed assets is only depreciated once the assets have been brought into use by the Trust.

### Investments

The investments in managed funds were realised in the year to 31 January 2022. In the year to 31 January 2023, the Trust has received interest income from funds held in a deposit account.

## Reserves

The reserves of the Trust are held in specific funds as follows:

General funds comprise donations and other income to may be applied in accordance with the objects of the Trust as the Directors decide.

Designated funds have been allocated by the Directors for specific purposes in furtherance of the Trust's objectives.

Restricted funds are grants and donations held for purposes specified by donors.

2.	Donations	Unrestricte	d	Restricted	2023	2022
		General Desi	gnated			
		£	£	£	£	£
	General purposes	619	-		619	
	Library		-	69,299	69,299	195,288
	Bothy	-	-	312	312	2,750
	Wildlife Sanctuary	-	-	218	218	613
	Allotments		-	•	-	12,500
	Paths	-	-	1,923	1,923	-
		619	-	71,752	72,371	211,151
3	Other trading activities					
	out uning	Unrestricte General Des	ed ignated	Restricted	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
	Membership subscriptions	965	-	-	965	899
	A Village Remembers sales		-	-	-	88
	Fundraising companies	48	-	-	48	-
		1,013	-	-	1,013	987
4	Income from charitable activities		ignated	Restricted	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
	Paths			3,000	3,000	
	Paths for All	-	-	170	170	1,409
	C & S Environmental Trust Stirling Council	-	-	-	-	7,837
	Allotments			200	200	013
	Allotment plotholders' contributions	-	-	200	200	913
	Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary					1,000
	Stirling Council	-	-	1,000	1,000	1,500
	Glengoyne Distillery	-	-	19,208	19,208	1,500
	SUEZ	-	-	1,767	1,767	-
	C & S Environmental Trust	•	-	900	900	1,261
	Fundraising events	•		900	700	1,201
	Library			30,000	30,000	
	Hugh Fraser Foundation	-	-	20,000	20,000	
	Bottomley Trust Paul Charitable Trust		-	10,000	10,000	-
	Bottomley Trust Paul Charitable Trust	:				-
	Bottomley Trust Paul Charitable Trust  Other	3.390			10,000	
	Bottomley Trust Paul Charitable Trust	3,390	-			

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year to 31 January 2023

5	Charitable expenditure	Unre	Unrestricted		2023	2022
		General	Designated			
		£	£	£	£	£
	Insurance	1,075		_	1,075	1,529
	Renewable energy feasibilty study	3,390	-	1 2	3,390	0
	Publicity	265		-	265	798
	Website costs	263	-	-	263	216
	Miscellaneous expenses	140			140	92
	Bank/Just Giving/Paypal charges	7	-	120	127	19
	Allotments					
	Allotments rent	-		200	200	200
	Purchases	-	-	-	-	18,703
	Installation work	-	-	-	-	4,174
	Return of unused grant		-	-	-	270
	Library					
	Design	-	-		-	94,801
	Construction	-	-	847,000	847,000	-
	Fundraisng charges	-	-	-	-	348
	Banners, posters, advertising	-			-	39
	First World War					
	Donation to Erskine	-	-			88
	Paths Development Group					
	Path improvements	2	-	4,752	4,752	-
	Station Rd Link Path					
	Path construction			-	-	3,623
	Blane Valley Bulletin					
	Print costs		-	345	345	-
	Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary					
	Grant contribution for trees	_			-	3,311
	Groundworks	-	-	20,271	20,271	-
	Bothy					
	Materials	_		596	596	-
	Governance costs (Note 6)	471			471	426
		5,612	-	873,284	878,896	128,637

No remuneration was paid to directors during the period. There were no staff employed by the Trust.

6	Governance costs	2023	2022
		£	£
	Companies House fees	13	13
	Meeting costs	158	173
	Independent examination	300	300
	Adjustment to 2021 Independent examination		(60)
		471	426
7	Operating surplus	2023	2022
	This is stated after charging	£	£
	Independent Examiner's fee	300	300

## 8 Transactions with directors

There were no transactions with directors during the period.

## 9 Taxation

The Trust has charitable status and no liability to UK corporation tax arises.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year to 31 January 2023

10	Investments	Unre	stricted	Restricted		
		General	Designated		2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
	McInroy & Wood Balanced Fund					
	Brought forward	-		-	-	411,143
	Capital gain, realised	-			-	33,729
	Transfer out			•	-	(444,872)
	Value at year end	-			-	-
	McInroy & Wood Income Fund	-				
	Brought forward	-			-	116,057
	Capital gain, realised				-	6,361
	Transfer out	-		·	-	(122,418)
	Value at year end					-

## 11 Investment in subsidiary company

The Trust owns 100% of the issued share capital of Thomas Graham Library Limited.

## 12 Tangible fixed assets

12	Tangible fixed assets		Heritable Property The Bothy		Total	
	Cost		£		£	
	1 February 2022		13,043		13,043	
	Additions				-	
	Disposals		-		-	
	31 January 2023		13,043		13,043	
	Depreciation					
	1 February 2022				-	
	Additions		_		-	
	Disposals		-		_	
	31 January 2023	_	-		-	
	Net Book Value					
	1 February 2022	_	13,043		13,043	
	31 January 2023	_	13,043		13,043	
13	Debtors	Unres	tricted	Restricted	2023	2022
		General	Designated			
		£	£	£	£	£
	Gift Aid	150		126	276	159
	Donations	-	-	-	-	10
	Refund of charges		-	-	-	18
	Blane Valley Allotments Association		-	200	200	200
		150		326	476	387
14	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	Unres General	tricted Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
	Accrued expenses	313	-	200	513	531
	Thomas Graham Library Limited	-	-	100	100	100
		313		300	613	631

## 15 Liability of members

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of winding up the liability of each member is limited to  $\pounds 1$ .

## Strathblane Community Development Trust Notes to the Financial Statements for the year to 31 January 2023

## Analysis of Net Assets by Funds

	Unre	stricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-		13,043	13,043	13,043
Investments	-	-	100	100	100
Current Assets					
Debtors	150		326	476	387
Cash at bank and in hand	8,310		110,676	118,986	828,416
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	(313)	-	(300)	(613)	(631)
Net Assets	8,147	-	123,845	131,992	841,315

#### 17 **Movement of Funds**

	1 Feb 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	31 Jan 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Greenheart	1,237	-		-	1,237
Paths development	3,251	5,093	4,824		3,520
Allotments	-	200	200	-	-
Library	815,154	129,299	847,042	-	97,411
Bothy	13,729	313	598	-	13,444
Wildlife Sanctuary	761	23,092	20,275	-	3,578
Blane Valley Bulletin	-	5,000	345		4,655
	834,132	162,997	873,285	-	123,845
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	7,183	6,575	5,611		8,147
	7,183	6,575	5,611		8,147
	841,315	169,572	878,896		131,992

## Strathblane Community Development Trust Notes to the Financial Statements for the year to 31 January 2023

18	Comparative Financial Statement for 2022				
		Unrestri		Restricted	Tota
		General De	signated		
		£	£	£	£
	Income				
	Charitable activities				
	Grants and donations	899	-	225,159	226,058
	Investments				
	Bank interest and Dividends	6,935	-	138	7,073
	Gain on Investment	-	-	40,090	40,090
	Release of deferred income	<u> </u>		10,635	10,635
	Total	7,834		276,022	283,856
	Expenditure				
	Charitable activities	2,333	-	126,304	128,637
	Loan repayment	-	-	10,000	10,000
		2,333		136,304	138,637
	Net income/(expenditure)	5,501	-	139,718	145,219
	Transfers	(10,759)	(344)	11,103	-
	Balance brought forward at 1 February 2021	12,441	344	683,311	696,096
	Closing balance at 31 January 2022	7,183	-	834,132	841,315
	Comprising:				
	Unrestricted funds				
	General	7,183	-		7,183
	Designated	-	-	_	-
	Restricted funds				
	Greenheart	-	-	1,237	1,237
	Paths development	-	-	3,251	3,251
	Library	-	-	815,154	815,154
	Allotments		-		
	Bothy	-	-	13,729	13,729
	Wildlife Sanctuary	-		761	761
		7,183		834,132	841,315