Trustees' Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2024

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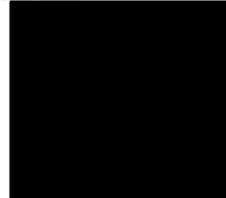
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Status of Charity and Governing Document

Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church of Scotland is unincorporated and governed by its Constitution. The church is a registered Scottish Charity (SC 038140).

Aims and Affiliation

The Free Church of Scotland currently has over 100 congregations in Scotland, as well as two in London and five in North America, and sister churches founded by Mission work in India, Peru and South Africa. The Church also has a seminary in Edinburgh for the training of ministers and other Christian workers and sustains an extensive missionary programme relative to the size of the church. The principal activity of the Church is the conduct of public worship and associated matters in the context of local congregations.

Dating from 1843, but with its roots in the Reformation, it owes its distinctive title to its historical struggle to remain "Free" from state interference in its spiritual and internal affairs. It has close and active relations with many other Reformed churches of Jesus Christ throughout the world and stands firmly in the tradition which accepts the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God and, consequently, derives its form of teaching, worship, ministry and government from it. The main emphasis in the service of worship is the preaching of the Gospel - the Good News of a sovereign Salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

The Free Church of Scotland is a Presbyterian Church adhering in its worship and doctrine to the position of the Free Church of Scotland at the Reformation. There is an explanatory document which explains the origins of the Church, and which gives historical background to the Church coming into being in 1843 and lists the documents in which is embodied its constitution. The document is available on request from the Free Church of Scotland, 15 North Bank St, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 2LS.

Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church of Scotland is a congregation of the national Free Church of Scotland working towards the common aims set out above. The congregation is within the Presbytery of Inverness, Lochaber and Ross. The congregation is authorised by the Church to have a minister paid from central funds of the Church.

The Church buildings, Minister's manse and the residential property "Forglen" are the property of the congregation.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The congregation is governed and administered by elected office bearers (volunteers without payment) and its minister. The Kirk Session, composed of the minister and elected elders, has responsibility for spiritual matters while the Deacons' Court, composed of the Kirk Session with any elected Deacons, is responsible for financial and material matters. Under charity law, the Deacons' Court are deemed to be trustees of the congregation as those with responsibility for day-to-day management and control. This is distinct from the Congregational trustees who are responsible for holding congregational property in trust.

Appointment of Charity Trustees

The Kirk Session exercises its discretion in determining the most appropriate method of electing trustees (Elders and Deacons). Any election process must involve the communicant membership of the congregation. There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. Prior to their appointment, new trustees would have served the church for some time in various roles and would be familiar with the church's values, its standards, aims and day to day operations. As part of the induction programme, new trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities as well as their responsibilities of the office within the congregation as Elder or Deacon.

Grant making policy

The church makes grants from tithed gift income to individuals and organisations that are generally known to the trustees of the church. The beneficiaries are involved in activities or ministries compatible with church objectives. During 2024, donations were made to Compassion to sponsor a child in Haiti, Asia Link, Oswestry Free Church camp, Tearfund and the Lingard family (our mission partners in Greece).

Statement on risk

The Trustees assess the major risks to which the congregation is exposed on an ongoing basis and have established procedures to mitigate those that are identified as a result of these reviews.

Reserves policy

The policy of the Trustees is to aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet the cost of any regular commitments, as well as a contingency to enable it to continue to develop further projects.

Objectives and activities

The congregation aims to maintain the public worship of God and to foster Christian fellowship; to evangelise the local area by proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the exercise of pastoral care and the provision of practical compassion for those in need; to uphold and further the interests of the Free Church of Scotland; and to participate in the worldwide promotion of Christian fellowship and the advancement of the Christian faith. All the business and proceedings of the Congregation shall be conducted in accordance with the constitution of the Free Church of Scotland, under the supervision of the Presbytery of the bounds, and in terms of the Acts, deliverances or directions of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

Achievements and performance

2024 was an active and varied year for the congregation in our pursuit of our charitable aims.

We held morning and evening services each week in our Kilmallie building. These are open to all in the community. A creche and Sunday school ran alongside the services, and a time of hospitality was shared after each morning service. We studied various books of the Bible including the Psalms and the Acts of the Apostles. An occasional youth fellowship was launched for those in High School. This consists of games, discussion and musical rehearsals after the Sunday evening service.

Our services are livestreamed over the internet and also to our church building in Acharacle. Inperson services and a Sunday school were also held in Acharacle. Our building there underwent a complete refurbishment. The property is now safer, more accessible, more energy efficient and more flexible. We had a special re-opening service in December, and the building has been well used since. The project was funded by a combination of our reserves and significant grants from individuals and charities. A significant audiovisual upgrade means the Acharacle building is now capable of receiving and broadcasting live services. During the renovations, the congregation met in the neighbouring community centre. The Sunday school still meets in the community centre while the services proceed in the church building.

We continued to hold a monthly service in Kilchoan outside of the summer when local supply is in place. We welcomed a number of preachers to conduct services at the most Westerly point of the British mainland. We are grateful to the Church of Scotland for the use of their modern church building.

The Kilmallie church hosted a variety of regular midweek ministries. On Monday evenings there was a fellowship group for those whose lives are affected by addiction. Tuesday evenings saw a combination of prayer meetings and study groups exploring a range of different resources. There was a fortnightly ladies' Bible study on Wednesdays. Two community groups were hosted by our congregation on Thursdays – a toddler's group in the morning and a craft group in the afternoon. The Saturday event – Families Altogether in the Hall (F.A.I.T.H.) – continued to be well attended by local families who engaged with the activities and lessons before sharing together a warm meal. Towards the end of the year a fund-raising quiz was hosted on behalf of Tearfund. A Christmas craft and bake sale proved popular as did the congregational Christmas lunch.

The Kilmallie church building was also hired out to external organisations including an early years group and a local musical initiative 'Lochaber Music for All'. The Forglen manse was rented to a local family. Both rentals bring in significant income to help with the costs of our properties.

Our congregation continue to support generously two ministry families.

are working in Athens among students, refugees and the urban poor. Our church is their sending church. The Minister was able to pay a brief visit to the Christian ministry being undertaken there.

Serves the church in a wide range of ways as our Minister in Training. The congregation contribute to his monthly support, and he also receives funds from external organisations to enable him to work full-time for the congregation.

The church made donations to Compassion: £384 (supporting a girl in Haiti), Asia Link: £200, Oswestry Free Church Camp: £300 towards camp leaders' fees and £1,058.96 towards activities on the camp, the Tearfund Big Quiz Night: £433.46 and the Lingard family (mission partners in Greece): £625.98.

Financial review

In relation to congregational funding:

Donations to the General, Building and Maintenance and Acharacle funds in 2024 = £98,025.25 (2023 = £69,797.15) (General, Building, Acharacle), with new generous donations from the congregation and other churches towards supporting our Minister in Training, with £14,749.62 given in 2024.

£18,825.50 was received as Gift Aid income from HMRC for donations (2023 = £18,174.49). The vast majority of tax-payers within the church who donate regularly are members of the Gift Aid scheme.

The church received £10,800 from renting out the Forglen manse in 2024.

Income from room hire was £7,992.70. Many thanks to the members of the congregation who make it possible to open the church for these events.

The congregation was able to remit £51,941.96 to central church funds (2023 = £45,287.36). This amount met the full Ministry and admin costs set by the Church, as well as a contribution towards our mission levy; we were unable to remit our full mission levy due to the increases in the everyday running of the church.

The congregation repaid £39,608.48 including interest towards the church building loan for Kilmallie. Following a generous one-off donation towards repaying the building loan (included in this figure), the loan will now be fully repaid 19 months earlier than planned.

The Minister's stipend is paid by the Free Church of Scotland in Edinburgh.

The church was able to make donations in 2024 to a number of organisations:

Compassion: £384 supporting a girl in Haiti.

Asia Link: £200.

Oswestry Free Church Camp: £300 towards camp leaders' fees, and £1,058.96 towards activities on the camp.

Tearfund Big Quiz Night: £433.46

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Funding has also been received towards supporting our Minister In Training, In his role. The congregation have generously given, as well as grants from the Free Church of Scotland (£5,500) and the Inverness, Lochaber and Ross Presbytery (£4,000).

2024 saw the refurbishment and re-opening of the Acharacle Church. Grants were received from several organisations including Congregational and General, the Benefact Trust, the Fyrish Foundation and Digital Connect Scotland. The grants received totalled £49,926.66. £47,560 was also transferred from the funds held centrally on behalf of Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church at the Free Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. Brought forward funds of £47,861.63 were also used towards the refurbishment.

The total cost of the refurbishment was £145,616.20, broken down as follows:

Building refurbishment work = £112,739.62

AV equipment = £15,876.66

Chairs = £12,537.36

Miscellaneous, including insurance, lectern, asbestos survey, building warrant and architect = £4.462.56

Under the Statement of Assets, Acharacle Church has been revalued following the refurbishment in 2024, now valued at £575,000 for the building and £75,000 for contents. The sale value of Kilchoan church is now shown on the same sheet but under Funds held by the Free Church of Scotland Central Office in Edinburgh.

In the 2023 accounts, the conference room rental to local businesses and charities at Kilmallie was recorded incorrectly as restricted income. This should have in fact been recorded as designated income. An amendment to reflect this has been made in the 2024 accounts.

The intention of the conference rental income has always been to assist with the repayment of the Kilmallie building loan, therefore this income has then been transferred to the Building and Maintenance fund towards repaying the Kilmallie building loan, as shown in the accounts.

Principal sources of funding

The congregation receives its funding by way of standing orders, weekly offerings and Gift Aid donations. The church building is also hired out to groups and businesses during the week from which the church receives a rental income. In 2024, the church also received a number of grants towards supporting our Minister In Training and towards the refurbishment of the Acharacle church.

KILMALLIE AND ARDNAMURCHAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Basis of Accounting

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

The Deacons' Court agreed to prepare Receipts and Payments accounts from 2020 and have tried to their best endeavours to calculate the figures to match this basis.

VAT

The congregation is not registered for VAT and expenditure includes VAT where applicable.

Tax Refunds

Tax refunds shown in the Income and Expenditure Account are the tax refunds received from HMRC in respect of Gift Aid donations.

2. Nature and purpose of funds

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for a specific essential or future purpose. The Ardnamurchan fund is a designated fund.

Restricted funds are those which have been received for the objects of the charity and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor. The funds include the Building and maintenance fund, Acharacle General restricted fund, Acharacle restricted building fund, Jelly Tots, Youth Work and the fund to support our Minister In Training.

Fixed Assets: The congregation owns the Kilmallie and Acharacle church buildings, as well as the Camaghael manse, Banavie and residential property Forglen, Old Banavie Road, Banavie.

The manse was informally valued by Court members at 31st December 2020, on the basis of sales of similar properties, at £290,000 and Forglen at £270,000. Both properties are shown at these amounts in the Balance Sheet.

The manse is insured for £1,000,000, Forglen for £1,000,000, Kilmallie church for £1,548,840 and Acharacle church for £466,764, and the church contents for £158,189 and £40,070 respectively.

3. Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees. The Minister receives his stipend paid from the Free Church of Scotland in Edinburgh and the Finance Assistant's and Minister In Training's salaries are paid centrally from the local church funds. £1,058.96 was given to following collections for the Oswestry Free Church camp. This was used towards funding activities at the camp and accounts therefrom were submitted to the Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh.

Charity Number \$C038140 Receipts and Payments Account For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Donations, Grants & Legacies		No. 2222		20.005	60 707
Offerings	55,246	42,780		98,025	69,797
Gift Aid	13,935	4,890	*	18,826	18,174
Donations - Corrour Foundation	•	2,500	=	2,500	2,500
Donations - FAITH (Youth Work)	-	250	5	250	94
Donations - Syria and Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-		-	(*)	249
Donations - Slavic Gospel Association		-			207
Donations - Youth Work	-	-	*	5.00 \$40,000	1,117
Donations - Asia Link		106	1	106	
Donations - Warm Space	90		*	(i#)	330
Donations - Mission Work		627	2	627	
Donations - Tearfund Big Quiz Night	-	436		436	-
Donations - Thursday Toddlers Subs	<u>-</u>	243	*	243	×
Donations - Oswestry Free Church Camp		816	5	816	-
Donations - Minister in Training	-	14,750	*	14,750	11,309
Fundraising					
Books & Magazines	246		*	246	665
Craft Group Subs		1,350	÷.	1,350	
Craft Group Sales	-	1,308	-	1,308	1,732
Fellowship Lunches	110	1	-	110	
Amazon Smile		· ·	15	-	27
Investments					
Interest on funds held by Edinburgh	*	(m)	125	*	7,872
Other Income					
Forglen Rental	8,640		2,160	10,800	10,800
Conference Room Hire	(4)	100	7,993	7,993	8,908
Miscellaneous	244	-		244	1,142
Funerals	1,410	594		1,410	-
Grants to Support Role of Minister In Training		9,500	-	9,500	
Grants for Acharacle refurbishment		34,050		34,050	
Grants for Acharacle AV replacement		15,877		15,877	
Payment received from the sale of the Kilchoan Church		10	<u> </u>		2,500
r ayment received from the sale of the kilehoan charef	-				
Total Receipts	79,831	129,483	10,153	219,466	137,423

PAYMENTS					
Fundraising Expenses					
PayPal Fees	22	2	-	24	15
Sum Up fees (General Fund)	2	15	-	16	-
General Activities					
Visiting speaker expenses	.≅	(*)	719	719	10,828
Salaries and visiting speaker expenses - General	7,981	-	122	7,981	
Salaries - Minister In Training	*	20,591	: -	20,591	
Minister's Expenses - Electricity and Gas for Manse	1,033	0.751	-	1,033	3,679
Minister's Expenses - Manse Phone and Broadband	265	12	3 2	265	
Minister's Expenses - Books	216	45	42	303	-
Minister's Expenses - Car Mileage	588	953	246	1,787	-
Minister's Expenses - Miscellaneous	1,057	244	19	1,302	-
Council Tax / Water	3,138	266	-	3,404	2,737
Manse Heating	1,392	2	-	1,392	1,392
Property, Maintenance and Cleaning	715	2,125	-	2,840	7,552
Property and Maintenance - Forglen Repairs	-	-	858	858	-
Acharacle refurbishment	2	28,024	86,117	114,141	-
Insurance	3,975	340	779	5,094	3,862
Church Heating & Lighting	4,655	1,400	-	6,055	8,951
Jelly Tots & Youth Work	42	673		715	1,169
Church General Funds	51,942	-	-	51,942	45,287
Licences and Other Fees	1,543	148		1,691	1,612
Phone & Communication	2,064	905	•	2,969	2,418
Books, Stationery and Magazines	1,400	-	8 <u>2</u> 1	1,400	1,440
Gift Aid Fees	223	108		331	195
Presbytery Dues	2,176	-	-	2,176	1,819
Sundries - Kitchen	791	357		1,148	3,878
Sundries - Miscellaneous	199	12,977	155	13,331	-
Sundries - Cleaning	90	80		170	-
Acharacle AV system	u	15,877	7.0	15,877	-
Loan Repayment	-	39,608	· -	39,608	19,360
Grant and Donations					
Compassion	384	3-1	3-6	384	352
Portree and Bracadale Free Church - New Build	-	-	-	-	1,000
Ardnamurchan Parish Church - New Build	2		1.00	-	2,500
Syria and Turkey Earthquake Appeal	*	17	-	-	249
Slavic Gospel Association	-	-	-	-	500
Misty Glen Baby Bank	-		-	-	1,000
Foodbank	-	-	-	-	203
Asia Link	94	106	-	200	
FCofS - Free Church Camp Leaders Fees	300	-	-	300	-
Oswestry Free Church Camp (Laura MacGillivray)	=	1,059	-	1,059	-
Tearfund - Big Quiz Night	2	433	-	433	-
Matt, Maria and Sofia Lingard	-	626	-	626	-
Nathan Kish for Hospitality for Amercian Visitors	40	-		40	170
Loan Charges & Statutory Fees					
Professional Fees	280	_	321	280	340
Other					
					2 500
Payment from Central Office Funds	-	100	-	-	2,500

Represented by:

	22,219	33,704	137,003	210,700	233,103
	33,918	39,764	137,083	210,765	293,785
Forgien Rental Funds			2,602	2,602	1,420
Interest on Funds held by Edinburgh	-	-	5,996	5,996	5,996
Ardnamurchan Funds		*	128,485	128,485	169,363
Designated funds:					460.050
Minister in Training	58	12,914		12,914	6,872
Warm Space		305	-	305	305
Corrour Foundation		340	-	1-0	418
Leaving Gift		40	-	40	40
Welcome Gift		40	0	40	40
	-	260	HI.		8
Tearfund			*	(42)	-
Oswestry Free Church Camp	74	(*)	(*)	(7)	-
Asia Link		-	-	190	2
Acharacle AV		100	×	-	
Acharacle General Fund	~	(815)		(815)	(815)
Craft Group	2	3,591	(2)	3,591	1,887
Acharacle Building Fund		(268)	100	(268)	6,243
Thursday Toddlers	+	179	(2)	179	-
Holiday Club, Youth Work & Jelly Tots	*	7,874		7,874	7,874
Building & Maintenance Fund	-	11,709		11,709	1,192
Road to Recovery	2	4,195	-	4,195	4, 195
Restricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	33,918			33,918	88,755
Current Assets					

Statement of Balances

As at 31st December 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Bank Accounts			
Opening Balances		76,096	61,012
Transfers		47,560	2,500
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(83,020)	12,584
Closing Balance		40,636	76,096
Funds Held at the Central Office			
Opening Balance		217,688	220,188
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(47,560)	(2,500)
Closing Balance		170,128	217,688
Total Monetary Assets		210,765	293,785
Reserves			
Unrestricted Funds		(4,669)	2,608
Unrestricted Funds- Central Office * / ***		38,587	86,147
Designated Funds- Central Office **		131,541	131,541
Restricted Funds		39,764	28,251
Designated Funds		5,542	45,237
		210,765	293,785

From sale of Kilchoan Manse - these funds are to benefit the work in Ardnamurchan * From sale of Kilchoan Free Church **

£47,560 was transferred from the funds held centrally by Edinburgh to the local Church account to fund the Acharacle refurbishment ***

Statement of Assets

Kilmallie Manse	290,000	290,000
Acharacle Building	575,000	190,519
Acharacle Contents	75,000	14
Kilmallie Free Church Building	655,111	655,111
Forglen Building	270,000	270,000
	1,865,111	1,405,630
Investments		
Share Pool Units - 1413	8,131	7,164
594 Sustentation Endowments - £3,418 584 Sustentation Endowments - Acharacle / Stro 235 Sustentation Endowments - Ardnamurchan -	Target Secretary N	
Liabilities		
Free Church of Scotland - Kilmallie New Build	124,325	156,956

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:

Notes

As at 31st December 2024

1 Tangible Fixed Assets

As listed in the statement of assets, the congregation owns the undernoted buildings:-Kilmallie Free Church Acharacle Free Church Kilmallie Free Church Manse Forglen Manse

2 Transactions with Trustees

There were no transactions with Trustees during the year.

3 Bank Accounts / Other		
	2024	2023
Opening Balances	£	£
Treasurers Account	73,803	59,074
Pay Pal	2,233	1,878
Petty Cash	60	60
	76,096	61,012
Closing Balances		
Treasurers Account	37,695	73,803
Pay Pal	2,881	2,233
Petty Cash	60	60
	40,636	76,096
4 Amounts held by the Central Church		
	470 420	247 600

Funds held as Cash	170,128	217,688

5 Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at				Balance at	
	1st January	Incoming	Resources	Transfers	31st December	
	2024	Resources	Expended		2024	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Unrestricted Funds	88.755	79,831	(86,608)	(48,060)	33.918	
Jillestricted i dilas	00,733	75,051	(00,000)	(40,000)	33,318	

The Unrestricted Fund encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted or designated.

6 Restricted Funds

o Restricted Farius	Balance at				Balance at
	1st January	Incoming	Resources	Transfers	31st December
	2024	Resources	Expended		2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Road to Recovery	4,195		8		4,195
Building & Maintenance Fund	1,192	44,388	(41,864)	7,993	11,709
Holiday Club, Youth Work, Jelly Tots	7,874	250	(250)	4	7,874
Thursday Toddlers	-	243	(64)	-	179
Acharacle Building Fund	6,243	34,050	(40,561)	-	(268)
Craft Group	1,887	2,658	(454)	(500)	3,591
Acharacle General Fund	(815)	1,957	(1,957)	8	(815)
Acharacle AV		15,877	(15,877)	*	
Asia Link	92	106	(106)	-	-
Oswestry Free Church Camp		816	(816)		-
Tearfund	*	436	(436)		-
	(-)	627	(627)	-	-
	40	-	-	-	40
	40				40
Corrour Foundation	418	2,500	(2,918)		-
Warm Space	305	-		72	305
	6,872	25,574	(21,032)	1,500	12,914
Total Restricted Funds	28,251	129,483	(126,962)	8,993	39,764

7 Designated Funds

	Balance at 1st January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31st December 2024 £
Ardnamurchan Fund	169,363		(87,938)	47,060	128,485
Interest on Funds held by Edinburgh	5,996	-	=		5,996
Forglen - Property Repairs Fund	1,420	2,160	(978)	125	2,602
Conference Room Hire	-	7,993		(7,993)	
Total Designated Funds	176,779	10,153	(88,916)	39,067	137,083

The Ardnamurchan Fund is made up of the Kilchoan Church sale and Ardnamurchan designated fund (held by Free Church of Scotland - Edinburgh).

8 Bank Reconciliations

Opening Ledger Balance	Treasurers Account £ 73,803	Pay Pal Account £ 2,233	Petty Cash £ 60	Total £ 76,096
Receipts	218,736	730		219,466
Payments Central Funds Transfer	(302,404) 47,560	(82)	-	(302,486) 47,560
Closing ledger Balance	37,695	2,881	60	40,636
Bank Statement 31st December 2024	37,695	2,881	60	40,636
Outstanding lodgements:				×
Outstanding cheques:			_	40,636

Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church of Scotland Charity Number SC038140

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited accounts of Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church of Scotland.

I report on the accounts of Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church of Scotland for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on the previous 6 pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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:
 - * 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.

Date:- **22 8** 2025
Finance Manager
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