



Riverside Community Trust

SCIO

Receipts & Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

**Registered number: SCO46273**

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# **RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

#### **REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Charity No:** SC046273

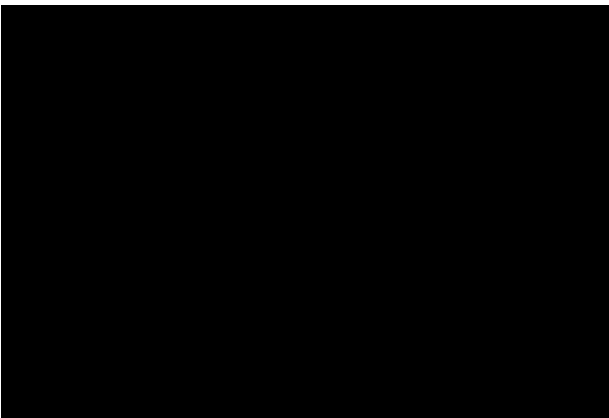
**Principal & Registered Office;**

C/O Riverside Evangelical Church

John Street

Ayr

**Current Trustees**



#### **STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

**Constitution**

The charity is a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and last amended on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The trust was granted charitable status by OSCR on 19 January 2016 and commenced operation on 1 April 2016.

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#### **Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting. New trustees are welcome to ensure the contribution of skills, knowledge and experience is expanded and grows.

#### **Management**

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the organisation, whilst day-to-day running is delegated to the Trust Co-ordinator & Community Development Worker (CDW), both of whom are paid employees of Riverside Community Trust. The coordinator prepares a progress & development report for board meetings, and the Co-ordinator and/or CDW often attend board meetings to answer questions and help inform trustee discussions.

The trustees are particularly aware of their responsibilities for Health & Safety and also Risk management. The trust has the appropriate policies in place as required by the insurers i.e. Staff & Service User Policy, Equality & Diversity Policy, Discipline & Grievance Policy, Child Protection Policy, Health & safety Policy, Protection of Vulnerable Adult Policy and Risk Management Policies for all RCT activities. In addition to a comprehensive public liability insurance policy, our staff and volunteers all have disclosures under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.

## **OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

#### **Charitable purposes**

As outlined in our constitution the main purposes of the organisation are

- the prevention and relief of poverty.
- the advancement of education.
- the advancement of religion.
- the promotion of health.
- the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage.
- the advancement of citizenship or community development.

The main project that currently comes under the umbrella of Riverside Community Trust is Care & Share.

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The **Mission Statement** of **Care & Share** is:

*To relieve the suffering and meet the long term needs of homeless & vulnerable people.*

The **Vision Statement** of **Care & Share** is:

*Through Christian love in action clients will be helped through and out of homelessness, enabled to engage with relevant services and empowered (as far as it is relevant to the individual's circumstances) to live independently within society .*

This can be summarised in our motto: Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly.

#### **Activities**

**Care & Share** (C & S) began in 2008 as a collaboration between Riverside Church and the Ayrshire & Arran NHS Trust. Its initial aim was to support people affected by homelessness through providing a drop-in facility (with a meal) where health support could be provided and clients could be sign-posted to other relevant services. It has evolved over the past 16 years into an organisation providing a range of services to people in recovery from alcohol & drug issues and people affected by homelessness. The core event each week is the drop-in facility where people can access a variety of different social care, health care and financial services on a one-stop-shop basis. C & S is a central component of South Ayrshire's alcohol and drug strategy and implements the Scottish Government Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC). C & S won the COSLA Gold Award in 2009 for its innovative practice.

#### **Achievements & Performance**

Our Main project Care & Share has always been the most important and effective aspect of the work of RCT as it provides a lifeline to vulnerable people in the community. We provide a safe space for people to meet and access vital services that they may not feel comfortable accessing on their own. An average of 35-40 people attend on a weekly basis. The service providers that have attended C & S during the period were mainly; Seascope, NHS Addiction Team, Ayr Housing Aid, Connect4Change, Oral Health, & the community optician.

The following figures relate to the number of referrals during this period for each service that was able to attend.

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During 2023/24

- Almost 1900 people attended the Wednesday **Drop-In** service where they were provided with a hot meal
- **Seascope** – 122 referrals, consisting of support for council tax enquiry, PIP applications, gas & electricity referrals, addiction support, financial help, form filling & arranging further appointments with relevant services.
- **Oral Health Team** – 37 referrals, toothbrushes & toothpaste provided to members.
- **NHS Addiction Services** – 96 referrals, including naloxone advice, BBV testing, a GP referral, hospital appointment arranged, and addiction & recovery advice.
- **Optician** – 27 eye tests completed, and glasses prescribed.
- **Home Energy Scotland** – 41 referrals and have provided people with support with heating & energy advice and provided fuel vouchers.
- 215 people have engaged in activities including creative writing, arts & crafts, and social trips. This is with a view to improve their sense of well-being.

#### Outreach Support

Our Peer Support Workers continue to provide outreach support to those they meet in Ayr, High Street and in the Wallacetown area of Ayr. This takes place on three mornings a week – on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. They offer a packed lunch to those they meet and have often been able to sort out some practical issues, e.g., Phone calls to services, items of clothing, toiletries and on occasion gas/electricity top ups. They have been able to take lots of other useful resources with them including, first aid, Naloxone kits, safe needle disposing boxes. Both Peer Workers also attended The Room @Wallacetown, at Newton Primary twice a week where they have provided support for complex physical health needs and helped people access emergency GP/Hospital appointments and arranged repeat prescriptions. They are also meeting people who have not previously engaged with services before, or people who have 'dropped out' of services.

In Summary, during the past year the peer workers made 685 contacts (477 male & 208 female). The number of engagements made at The Room@Wallactown was 162.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The main source of funding, on a year by year basis, continues to be from South Ayrshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP). We also receive funding from the Robertson Trust of £28K and from Garfield Weston Foundation to the extent of £5K. The Corra Foundation. In April 23 we received confirmation from The Corra Foundation of funding totalling £100K over a four year period, commencing with a payment of £25K in April 2023.

# **RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Financial Statements for the year are set out on pages 3 to 12.

The receipts & payments accounts show a surplus of £8,936. This is not a concern as there are ample funds in the savings account as outlined below.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees' policy is to maintain unrestricted funds at around 3-4 months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. Reserves at the end of the year were £80,797, which is considered acceptable. The Trustees are monitoring cashflow and have plans in place to source additional funding.

#### **PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**


The trustees intend to continue to proactively look for ways to develop & extend the ongoing work of RCT to improve the lives of those we serve in the local community.

The cohort that attend Care & Share are those who already are hard to reach and cut off from the community due to their addiction, or personal circumstances or situation re homelessness or a combination of all of those factors. In addition, a large percentage of them also do not have access to social media or a phone to keep in touch with the outside world. However, the outreach work has filled the gap to an extent in terms of checking up with those in our Care & Share community that we might not see at the weekly drop-in. This is also helped by the peer workers attending the Room@Wallacetown at Newton Primary twice a week.


RCT was also commissioned in 2023 by South Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit to appoint and manage two Community Navigators to provide advocacy support to residents and to promote violence reduction in the immediate community. The Navigators work as part of a multi-disciplinary team consisting of Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, South Ayrshire Council Housing/Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety and the local Primary School situated in the heart of Wallacetown. The aim of this work is to help improve the quality of people's lives, and by doing so, helping to improve the outcomes for the area in terms of health, crime and the effects of poverty.


We will continue to proactively seek new sources of funding for the 2023/24 period and provide security for the longer term.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Name: 

Name: 

Trustee: 

Trustee: 

# **RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **Respective responsibilities of 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Charities trustees consider that the audit requirements of regulations 10 (1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 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 if any particular issues 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 within the accounts, and 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.

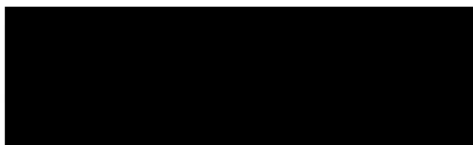
#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material request the requirements :

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Accounts Regulations.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

have not been met, or to which in my opinion, opinion should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed :



Date : 19-Nov-24

Professional qualification : ICAS



**Riverside Community Trust SCIO (SC046273)**  
**Receipts & Payments Account**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted Fund £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations	6,449		6,449	15,495
Grants	71,300	101,833	173,133	115,780
Fundraising	5,350		5,350	1,027
Other income	2,600		2,600	
Gift Aid Received	213		213	1,762
Bank interest	636		636	95
	<u>86,549</u>	<u>101,833</u>	<u>188,382</u>	<u>134,159</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
Cost of charitable activities	114,025	65,421	179,446	176,686
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>(27,477)</u>	<u>36,412</u>	<u>8,936</u>	<u>(42,527)</u>

**Riverside Community Trust SCIO (SC046273)**  
**Statement of Balances**  
**As at 31 March 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Funds Reconciliation</u></b>				
Cash at bank and in hand as at 1 April 2023	54,041	17,821	71,862	114,389
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(27,477)	36,412	8,936	(42,527)
Cash at bank and in hand as at 31 March 2024	<u>26,564</u>	<u>54,233</u>	<u>80,798</u>	<u>71,862</u>
<b><u>Bank and Cash Balances</u></b>				
Co-op Community Directplus	15,752		15,752	9,152
Co-op Bank Savings Account	45,932	18,253	64,185	62,549
Cash	861		861	161
	<u>62,545</u>	<u>18,253</u>	<u>80,797</u>	<u>71,862</u>

## **1 Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and 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 furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes which the donor specifies.

## **3 Trustee Transactions**

There were no transactions with any trustees during the year to 31 March 2024.

## **4 Grants Received**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership	47,340	61,487
Ayrshire Housing	500	500
Robertson Trust	30,800	32,200
South Ayrshire Charitable Trust	-	6,593
Garfield Weston	15,000	15,000
St Leonards	6,000	-
Corra Foundation	25,000	-
Chatty Spaces	4,996	-
You Decide	43,497	-

## **5 Bank Balances as at 31 March 2024**

Coop Bank Community Directplus	15,752	9,152
Coop Savings Account	64,185	62,549

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**Notes to the Accounts (contd)**  
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**6 Cost of Charitable Activities**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries (incl N.I., tax and pensions)	84,044	64,900	148,944	126,411
Staff Travel	194	20	214	102
Staff costs	635	301	936	-
Staff Training	2,445		2,445	3,392
Food	5,941		5,941	4,326
Activities	2,669		2,669	4,715
Volunteer costs	430		430	1,816
Building insurance	1,803		1,803	2,531
Heating & Lighting	720		720	1,200
Other property costs	7,650		7,650	10,150
Printing & Stationery	77		77	767
Advertising & marketing	-		-	100
Subscription	2,233		2,233	1,984
IT & telephone	3,872	26	3,898	6,041
Transport costs	1,241		1,241	10,247
Other expenses	70	174	244	2,676
	<u>114,025</u>	<u>65,421</u>	<u>179,446</u>	<u>176,458</u>