

# Arran Eco Savvy

# Community

 SC045785

Eco Savvy Community Shop  
Shore Rd  
Whiting Bay  
Isle of Arran  
KA27 8PR

Trustees Report and  
Financial Statements  
for the year ending 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## Trustees on date of approval of the Trustees Annual Report :

██████████ – Chairperson

██████████ – Treasurer From 25/8/17

██████████ – Secretary

██████████ – Trustee

██████████ retired 11/8/17

## Charitable Purpose :

The advancement of environmental improvement on the Isle of Arran by identifying and accomplishing environmental projects, which benefit the local community, increase environmental sustainability and support sustainable living, whilst working towards zero waste for Arran. The advancement of education by providing learning opportunities for vocational skills and training which are of benefit to all ages and abilities, increase employment opportunity and allow individual enhanced contribution towards improving lifestyles, the local environment and environmental sustainability.

## Structure, governance and management :

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and was previously an unincorporated association. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015. It has a two tier structure of Trustees and Members.

## Trustee recruitment and appointment :

Trustees are appointed at the annual general meeting held in June each year. There are a minimum of three and a maximum of seven trustees allowed.

## Main activities in relation to these objects :

Eco Savvy began as a not for profit group in March 2013, opened a community shop run by volunteers in April 2014.

Was granted charitable status in July 2015, managed by trustees.

Supported by a volunteer open working group, Eco Savvy has over 400 members.

Eco Savvy has been 100% financially sustainable through funds raised from the community shop.

The Charity organises community projects and workshops with the aim of achieving Zero Waste for Arran and promotion of sustainable living. Through this the Charity provides learning opportunities for skills in sustainable living which are of benefit to all ages and abilities.

The Charity volunteers run a shop where donated goods are sold to raise funds, reduce waste and promote sustainable living and greater environmental impact awareness on the Isle of Arran. Eco Savvy is working towards projects involving green waste and food waste management on the island, reducing the volume of waste leaving the island and contributing to landfill.

## Trustees Report :



2016 was another successful year for Eco Savvy. Our shop in Whiting Bay continues to be a success both in terms of sales and donations. It remains popular with both residents and visitors. We have also continued to run a number of events across the island throughout the year promoting waste reduction, upcycling and environmentalism in general.

In March of this year we ran a very successful Table Top and Jumble Sale as part of the national 'Pass It On' week.

In May we ran an upcycling workshop "Trash to Treasure" in Whiting Bay. This is a new style skill sharing event, we had many unwanted items in Eco Savvy shop which we think would be very saleable after an up-cycle. We had members with an amazing variety of skills who were happy to share them.

We had members who would love to try out some new skills but don't know how to begin. We had a huge variety of items to up-cycle and everything we could ever need to up-cycle them..

### Skills

Painting, repairing and re designing unwanted items, Jewellery making, Decoupage, Spinning, Card making, Felting, get creative with fabrics & wool and general up-cycling ideas to have fun with.

In July we collaborated with COAST to promote cleaner beaches in Lamlash with a public beach tidy. Eco Savvy and Arran Community Of Arran Seabed Trust [COAST](#) are joining

forces to raise awareness about plastic pollution in our seas and beaches through an Eco-marine Competition and Craft day.

We now have a designated bin for visitors and residents to pick up any beach plastic on the shore and put it in the bin outside Eco Savvy or use the Kildonan beach bin.

Eco Savvy will make this bin available at all times for beach plastic litter disposal. The contents will be checked and all the litter which is possible to recycle will be put in the blue recycle bins.

In September we once again organised a full week of events for 'Zero Waste Week' including a Craft Evening, a Swap Shop and the Big Green Footprint – a day of events for School children focussed around an examination of waste through the ages and how our generation are producing so much more waste than previous generations – particularly plastics. Volunteers from Eco Savvy dressed up in period costume and told the story of waste in 'their' time. We also got support from ACLI, COAST and other Arran organisations, and organisations from the mainland to create a full day of activities filling Whiting Bay Hall. Feedback from all the Schools who attended was very positive.

In the run up to this years event we ran a competition for the local school pupils to design a window sticker promoting visitors and locals to reuse water bottles and businesses to advertise that they would refill them. *"Wouldn't it be great if everyone on Arran could find clean drinking water at any time without ever having to buy water in single use plastic bottles? That would reduce a lot of plastic on Arran, it would mean less plastic litter which often finds its way into the sea or landfill. Lots of Arran businesses would be very happy to refill a water bottle but how would a cyclist or a visitor know that?*

*But if they had a poster on the door or in the window everyone would know.*

*Eco Savvy is on a mission to help make that happen"* Supported by the Arran Trust and all the Primary schools on Arran this has been an island wide campaign and is still on going.

In October we ran events to support the 'Love Food Hate Waste' initiative.

Autumn also saw Eco Savvy apply for external funding support for the first time. We applied to the Climate Challenge Fund (part of Keep Scotland Beautiful) for just over £60,000 to support our vision to extend the reach of Eco Savvy around the island with a number of micro-hubs to promote upcycling, reuse and other environmental policies. We were notified early in this year of the success of our application and the project is now up and running and will continue until end March 2018. ACLI (Arran Community Land

Initiative) were also successful with an application to CCF and we have been tasked to collaborate with ACLI to ensure the successful delivery of both our projects.

Our project will create 8 micro-hubs in villages around the island promoting reuse, upcycling, recycling, crafting and other environmental activities. In addition we will run 50 workshops and events over the next 10 months to further promote our aims and objectives.

We have also continued to talk with North Ayrshire Council and the Forestry Commission about our project to develop an eco-park on Arran incorporating the processing of green waste (and ultimately food waste via a Rocket Composter). These meetings are ongoing and we hope to progress the project further this coming year with the acquisition of the land from the Forestry Commission and also obtain an undertaking from the Council to enter into a contract to deliver green waste processing.

Whilst the micro-hubs project promise to involve a huge amount of work it offers the opportunity for Eco-Savvy to grow significantly over the next 12 months. The next 12 months should prove both exciting and challenging, but we are all looking forward to the coming challenges.

All Eco Savvy volunteers are thanked for helping to keep our Charity and Community Shop financially sustainable.

### Charity's policy on reserves :

The Trustees policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to meet the expenses of running the community shop for six months. Reserves at the end of the year were £12,238 which is within the target range and will allow the trustees to implement the plans for the future.

### Additional Updates :

We are talking with North Ayrshire Council (NAC) with an intention to investigate the viability of Green Waste Composting and a Public Service Partnership (PSP). We are preparing a Business Plan and are currently in being supported by other local business representatives. Food and Beverage Waste Audits are being researched and a pilot scheme for food waste composting is being considered.

Proposals for acquiring land suitable for composting are being prepared.

April 2017 –

Arran Eco Savvy was awarded £63,436 by the with [The Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund](#) (includes maximum funding of £31,718 from the [European Regional Development Fund](#)).

Eco-Savvy's CCF & ERDF project is 'Arran Eco Savvy Reuse Micro-hubs'

We have a full time project manager and hub managers in eight locations around the whole island from April 2017 and are currently developing future projects.

Declaration :

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Position (e.g.  
Chair)

CHAIR

TREASURER

Date

11/12/17

11/12/17

## Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts For the Year Ended 5 April 2017

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Arran Eco Savvy, Community SCIO number SC 045785.

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2017, which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

### 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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

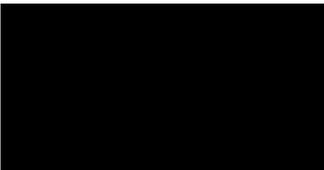
### Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 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 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 Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulationshave 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.



21 November 2017

Chartered Accountant - retired



**Arran Eco Savvy Community SCIO No. SC045785**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the the year ended 5 April 2017**

|                                       | Year ended<br>05 April 2017 | Period ended<br>05 April 2016 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                       |                             |                               |
| Donation                              |                             | 8,074                         |
| Donations                             | 324                         | 244                           |
| Grants                                | -                           | -                             |
| Bank interest                         | 5                           | 3                             |
| Receipts from Charitable activities   | 15,107                      | 9,833                         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                 | <u>15,436</u>               | <u>18,154</u>                 |
| <b>Payments</b>                       |                             |                               |
| Fundraising costs                     | -                           | -                             |
| Cost of charitable activities         | 11,093                      | 10,231                        |
| Bank charges                          | 4                           | 4                             |
| Governance costs                      | -                           | -                             |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                 | <u>11,097</u>               | <u>10,235</u>                 |
| <b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b> | <u>4,339</u>                | <u>7,919</u>                  |

**Statement of Balances - As at 5th April 2017**

|                                  | Total<br>2017 | Total<br>2016 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Opening cash at bank and in hand | 7,919         | -             |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year   | 4,339         | 7,919         |
| Closing cash at bank and in hand | <u>12,258</u> | <u>7,919</u>  |
| <b>Bank and cash balances</b>    |               |               |
| Royal Bank of Scotland plc       | 11,947        | 7,100         |
| Cash in hand (floats)            | 311           | 819           |
|                                  | <u>12,258</u> | <u>7,919</u>  |

Approved by the Trustees on 7th June 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



Chair  
Date signed 11/12/17

Treasurer  
Date signed 11/12/17