

## **Strathnairn Community Access Transport Association– SC045251**

### Independent Examination report

I report on the accounts for the period to 30 September 2025

#### **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 charity's 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 the independent examiner's report**

My examination was 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 seeking explanations from you as 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.

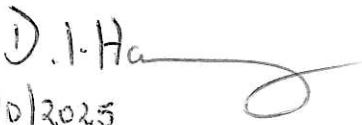
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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 to comply with Regulation 8 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.

Signature:  D.I. Harvey

Date: 31/10/2025

Name: DONALD IAN HARVEY C.A.

# Strathnairn Community Access & Transport Association - SCATA

## Statement Of Accounts

1 April 2024 to 30 September 2025  
(18 months)

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|-----------------|----------|
| OPENING BALANCE | 2,206.65 |
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### 2024 / 2025

|                   |                       |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| OPERATIONS INCOME | Private fares         | 0.00             |
|                   | Community group fares | 72.60            |
|                   | HC Grant              | 9,050.00         |
|                   | SCBF                  | 41,269.40        |
|                   | Donations             | 370.64           |
|                   | Other                 | 14.87            |
|                   | <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>50,777.51</b> |

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| EXPENSES | Fuel         | 2,784.29         |
|          | Maintenance  | 4,949.47         |
|          | Insurance    | 3,103.20         |
|          | Salary       | 7,980.00         |
|          | Phone        | 368.23           |
|          | Other        | 25,945.74        |
|          | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>45,130.93</b> |

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| SURPLUS / DEFICIT | 5,646.58 |
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| CLOSING BALANCE | 7,853.23 |
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Signed:



Print:

David Smith

Date:

25th 7/10/2026.

## **Chair's Report**

On behalf of SCATA I wish to thank our volunteers, trustees and co-ordinator for their commitment and dedication. I especially wish to thank our volunteer drivers for their unbelievable flexibility enabling SCATA to accept almost every request, even those within the same day. The service provided by SCATA is not just transport but a lifeline to some of our community. To quote one of our service users, "I am so grateful for what SCATA provides. Without SCATA I would not be able to live in the Strath".

### **Funding**

SCATA receives 2 main sources of funding from Highland Council (Rural Community Transport Grant) and SCBF. On behalf of SCATA I would like to thank both of these organisations.

### **Purchased WAV**

In late January 2025 SCATA, supported by SCBF, purchased a Peugeot Horizon with wheelchair access. The vehicle was under 2 years old and have covered just over 3,000 miles.

### **Vehicle Usage (Minibus / WAV)**

The figures represent October 2024 to September 2025

- Miles covered 11,831
- Community trips 564 carrying 1,596 passenger
- We have 16 regular volunteer drivers
- Volunteer driver hours totalled 724

Year to date 2025/26 vs same period 2024/25

- Mileage increased by 2%
- Volunteer hours increased by 36%
- No of passengers increased by 16%
- No of trips increased by 32%
- In February this year SCATA managed to resource 51 trips carrying 112 passengers and covering nearly 800 miles

### **Typical usage**

- Weekly shopping trip
- Hospital / medical / dental appointments
- Community Café
- OTAGO
- Senior's lunch
- Parties (children and adult)
- Social outings
- Friendship group
- Sports groups

## Current Status

- The diesel minibus failed in late January. The required engine repairs were not economic given the value of the bus. The bus was sold as a non-runner.
- In September 2025 we came across an opportunity to apply for a grant for an electric vehicle and charging point. With a significant amount of work SCATA was awarded a grant for an electric minibus and dual charging point in November 2025, conditional to the vehicle being delivered by 31 March 2026.
- Obtaining an electric minibus has been a roller coaster ride but the successful outcome is that we have a new EV minibus parked in the SCATA garage.
- The installation of the dual charging point is near completion.
- The dual charging point will be available for chargeable community / public use. Payment solutions are currently being evaluated and we will take our time to find the right solution. There will also be a 7kw charging point in the garage. This comes free with the bus.
- SCATA now has a WAV less than 3 years old and only just covered 10,000 miles, and a new Electric minibus.
- SCATA continues to see increasing demand from the community and will seek to maintain and grow our resources to support this.



D. D. Smith  
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25th March 2026.