

ANNUAL REPORT



Presented by
The Board of Trustees

Old Torry
Community Centre

THE OLD TORRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

WELCOME TO ANNUAL REPORT 2024



**The OTCC purpose
is to provide a
warm safe space
for local residents
to connect, learn,
and engage in
activities that
benefit the entire
community**

**INDEPENDENTLY
POWERED
BY
VOLUNTEERS**



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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
1st	Jan	2024		31st	Dec	2024	

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Old Torry Community Centre Association SCIO
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC 047981
Charity's principal address	Old Torry Community Centre 2 Abbey Place Torry Aberdeen
	Postcode AB11 9QH

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
		Retired 2 nd Nov 2024	
		Rejoined 2 nd May 2025	
		Retired 2 nd Nov 2024	
		Retired 2 nd Nov 2024	
		Retired 2 nd Nov 2024	
		Retired 4 th Jan 2024	
		Joined 2 nd Nov 2024	
		Joined 8 th Nov 2024	
		Joined 8 th Nov 2024	
		Joined 2 nd Nov 2024	

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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	A Model Constitution for a registered charity in Scotland was approved by OSCR in December 2017 with a maximum of ten trustees to comprise the Board of Trustees. At the meeting of Trustees on 6 th June 2025, the Trustees resolved that this Constitution remains fit for the purpose of maintaining a local charity
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Outwith the AGM, any Member of the Association who has expressed an interest in supporting the Centre as a Trustee have been requested to submit a written statement in support of their request, and where that interest is demonstrated at a meeting of Trustees, then a formal request to join the Board is proposed.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The advancement of citizen or community development. The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primary intended.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The advancement of citizenship and community development, the provision of recreational facilities and the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants of Torry and its surroundings in the City of Aberdeen and in furtherance of this by; carrying out the undertakings associated with the provision of a Community Centre in the Torry area of Aberdeen.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

2024: A year for users in numbers

2024 was the third full year since the pandemic ended, however, we appreciated that COVID-19 was still a reality of life and have maintained a range of measures that includes maintaining good ventilation standards, hand hygiene and the supply of PPE for optional use. We also recognised that one impact of COVID was to create a sense of uncertainty in the presence of numbers and always welcome folk to the Centre whether for the first time or as someone returning, accepting that a build-up of both activities and attendance would take time and also fluctuate

Promoting a strategy to rebuild the Centre after the dramatic impact of COVID, we recognised the need to generate external income through hire hires and new groups, however, the Centre, being in an area of low disposable incomes could not escape the adverse impact of the cost of living. Reviewing income and expenditure since 2022, hall hire grew but declined in 2024 whilst our arguments to the City Council that the main development grant had been eroded by years of inflation was accepted, and all Centres gained a modest uplift to cover operational costs. Income from local groups declined as folk made hard choices on their own spend. We reviewed our spend to maintain building and security standards with higher costs for some repair liabilities as tenant liabilities to make up from previous years. 2025 now sees a rebalancing of income over expenditure over a four-year period of profit and loss.

Across a seven-day week we now welcome some 200 folk to participate in activities, some lead by qualified tutors and others by a lead volunteer. Our Centre programme is presented on our website, and we use social media to broaden the reach and support for the Centre. We have fully appreciated the hardships faced by so many in uncertain times from the cost of living and energy prices in a period of high inflation and have maintained our cost of entry low so as to minimise any barriers to participation in activities.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our current policy is to ring fence a sum within unrestricted funding that is sufficient to cover operating costs for a period of six months.

Details of any deficit

There are no deficits on any funds as of 31st December 2024

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The Trustees agreed to gift the use of the Centre at no cost to RGU Physio outreach to enable a vitally needed local exercise clinic to begin under the supervision of their qualified tutors. We have also agreed to gift the use of the Centre to Ten Feet Tall Theatre Company for the development of artistic and acting skills in a hard-to-reach community with little disposal income to pay for tuition. Wherever possible, donations have been sought

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Other optional information

Partnership Collaboration.

We have continued and extended our collaboration with other third sectors organisations that includes Pathways, Robert Gordon University, TLC, Aberdeen Cyrenians and Aberdeen University. However, an absence of funding support to Lead Scotland led to their withdrawal from outreach at the Centre, whilst Aberdeen Foyer lost their field worker and have not been able to fund a replacement.

We record our appreciation to Aberdeen City Council for their package of financial support that includes a development grant and assists us in undertaking innovative activities and developing new initiatives that can be presented by the Centre thereby preventing the cost of access being a barrier to inclusion.

Reaching Out

Across a seven-day week we now welcome some 200 folk to participate in activities, some lead by qualified tutors and others by a lead volunteer. Our Centre programme is presented on our website, and we use social media to broaden the reach and support for the Centre. We have fully appreciated the hardships faced by so many in uncertain times from the cost of living and energy prices in a period of high inflation and have maintained our cost of entry low so as to minimise any barriers to participation in activities. We cater for all ages in our activities and look to broaden activities within the times available each day and evening.

Volunteers

Since the pandemic, we have sought to rebuild a pool of volunteers to support the Centre, however, like all third sector and community organisations the ability to volunteer limits time by those who need to maintain contract hours and often have carer calls on their time. We greatly appreciate their gift of time to the Centre and are working with ACVO to create a package of support and mentoring opportunities.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)

X

Full name(s)

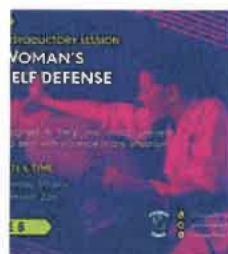
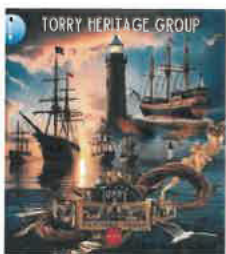
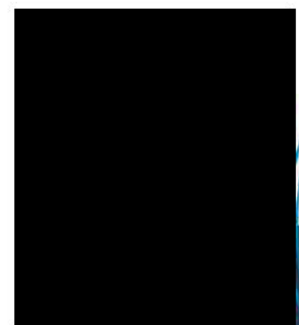
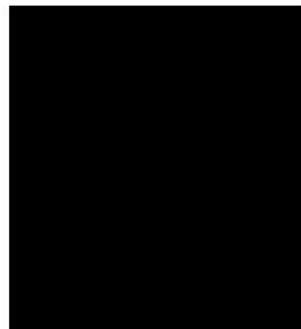
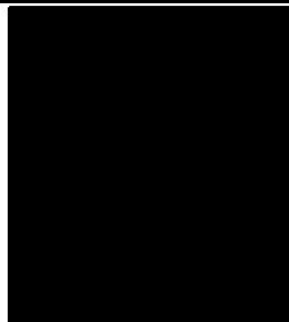
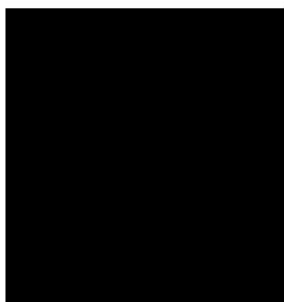
Position
(e.g. Chair)

Date

5th June 2025

9th June 2025

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OLD TORRY COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION SCIO
Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	January	2024		31	December	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	131				131	433
Legacies					-	-
Grants	1,029	17,329			18,358	17,409
Receipts from fundraising activities	114				114	428
Gross trading receipts	77				77	294
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	11,986				11,986	17,177
Bank interest	1,199				1,199	831
A1 Sub total	14,536	17,329	-	-	31,865	36,572
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,536	17,329	-	-	31,865	36,572
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments	16,589	1			16,590	22,991
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	13,074				13,074	17,927
Grants and donations	50				50	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	2,016				2,016	2,178
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
A3 Sub total	31,729	1	-	-	31,730	43,096
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31,729	1	-	-	31,730	43,096
Net receipts / (payments)	(17,193)	17,328	-	-	135	(6,524)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(17,193)	17,328	-	-	135	(6,524)

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Section B Statement of balances

B2 investments

B3 Other assets

B4 Liabilities

B5 Contingent liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature _____

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Date of receipt:

9th June 2020

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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Type of activity or project supported	Individual / in s t i t u t i o n	Number of grants made	£
Development grants		4	17,329
Towards insurance and telephone/broadband costs		1	1,029
		Total	18,358

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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Authority under which paid	£

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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	Number of trustees	£

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations during year	131				131	433
Total	131	-	-	-	131	433

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Development grants		17,329	17,329	16,319
Other grants	1,029	-	1,029	1,090
Total	1,029	17,329	18,358	17,409

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Hall hire	4,410				4,410	7,868
Centre takings	7,576				7,576	9,109
The Melting Pot Collective	-				-	2 00
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	11,986	-	-	-	11,986	17,177

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Events	7,700				7,700	8,310
Go Green Expenses	1,758				1,758	1,256
Food for centre	439				439	164
Toddler Group Expenses	473				473	210
The Melting Pot Collective					-	200
Hall deposit refunds	200				200	100
Direct expenses	2,504				2,504	2,507
Torry Busy Bees Project					-	4,516
Community based adult learning recovery fund					-	24
Coastal communities fund					-	640
Total	13,074	-	-	-	13,074	17,927

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted funds - general fund	Unrestricted funds - asset & investment fund	Unrestricted funds - endowment fund	Unrestricted funds - land & buildings fund	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
	General					
Receipts						
Donations Legacies Grants Receipts from fundraising activities - Heritage Book Gross trading receipts	131				131	433
Income from investments other than land and buildings	1,029				1,029	1,090
Rents from land & buildings	114				114	428
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	77				77	294
Bank interest					-	-
					-	-
	11,986				11,986	17,177
	1,199				1,199	831
Sub total	14,536	-	-	-	14,536	20,253
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,536	-	-	-	14,536	20,253
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities - Heritage Book					-	-
Gross trading payments	16,589				16,589	8,897
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	13,074				13,074	12,747
Grants and donations	50				50	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	2,016				2,016	2,178
Legal costs					-	-
					-	-
Sub total	31,729	-	-	-	31,729	23,822
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31,729	-	-	-	31,729	23,822
Net receipts / (payments)	(17,193)	-	-	-	(17,193)	(3,569)
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(17,193)	-	-	-	(17,193)	(3,569)

Nature and purpose of funds

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OLD TORRY COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION SCIO

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Adult Learning	Boogie in the Bar Support Project	Torry Busy Bees Project	Torry Ecomuseum Project	Adapt & Thrive Recovery Fund	Aberdeen Council Development Fund	Coastal Communities Fund	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts									
Donations / Legacies / Grants								-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities								17,329	-
Gross trading receipts						17,329		-	16,319
								-	-
								-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings								-	-
Rents from land & buildings								-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities								-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	17,329	-	17,329	16,319
Receipts from asset & investment sales									
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets								-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments								-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	17,329	-	17,329	16,319
P ayments									
Expenses for fundraising activities								-	-
Gross trading payments						1		1	14,094
Investment management costs								-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities								-	5,180
Grants and donations								-	-
Governance costs:								-	-
								-	-
Audit / independent examination								-	-
Preparation of annual accounts								-	-
Legal costs								-	-
								-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	18,274
Payments relating to asset and investment movements									
Purchases of fixed assets								-	-
Purchase of investments								-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	19,274
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	17,328	-	17,328	(2,955)
Transfers to / (from) funds								-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	17,328	-	17,328	(2,955)

Nature and purpose of funds

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Examiners Report

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Report to the trustees/members of
Registered charity number
On the accounts of the charity for the period
Set out on pages

Independent examiner's report on the accounts							v2
Old Torry Community Centre Association SCIO							
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Period start date				Period end date			
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
01	January	2024	TO	31	December	2024	
						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 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 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

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.

Signed:

Date:

14 August 2025

Name

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

Address

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