

APPENDIX 1

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Scottish Charity Regulator

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Communities in Motion CT
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC053274
Charity's principal address	16 Balnatua
	Culbokie
	Dingwall
	Postcode IV7 8JQ

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)
1	Richard Malcolm Carey	Chair	From 8 May 2025	
2	Kenneth Bruce Morrison	Secretary		
3	Iain Frederick Barker	Treasurer	From 23 October 2025	
4	Antony Guy Leggatt			
5	Alison Helen Lowe			
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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
Angus Roderick Watson	Ceased to act 30 June 2025
Richard Michael Day	Ceased to act 13 June 2025
Fiona Maclean	Ceased to act 15 August 2025
David Beaton	From 28 October 2025; Ceased to act 4 December 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	CiMCT has a One Tier Constitution that provides the governing principles and practices of this membership-based charitable incorporated organisation.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	- CiMCT entered the year with six Trustees with then departures from two key positions of Chair and Treasurer early in the financial year. The role of Chair was quickly filled whilst filling the role of Treasurer took several months. Although there was a further departure, the new team of five Trustees was well established moving into the year 2026/2027. - In the search for new Trustees, extra effort was made to find residents in the wider area beyond the original FCC area with future ambition in mind.

Charitable purposes

The Purposes of the charity are:

- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
- To seek to provide community transport solutions for both residents within the Ferintosh Community Council area and beyond where residents have difficulty with access to public transport, services and social connection.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The charity operates a small electric vehicle (Wee Ferintosh Bus) with a capacity for either 6 passengers, or 4 passengers plus a wheelchair-bound passenger.

The service was delivered by a team of volunteer drivers, 2 employed part time drivers, 2 employed part time administrators with the governance overseen by 5 volunteer trustees.

The Wee Bus is available seven days a week on a pre-booked, door to door basis. Bookings can be made by phone or email and confirmed by the administrators once a driver has committed to the journey.

There is a fare guidance of £2 per journey, single or return, or 'pay what you can' in order to ensure that the service has no financial barrier to use by all residents.

There are geographical limits to the destinations that are accessible in order to gain efficient use of the vehicle, increase the availability of the vehicle to residents and to complement the bus services by our partners (Stagecoach Highland and The Highland Council). The service also provides journeys that directly link with scheduled bus services.

Achievements and performance

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

2025/2026 was the first full trading year of Communities in Motion CT since agreeing a contract to deliver the Wee Ferintosh Bus service for The Highland Council in December 2024.

In the 12 months, the outstanding achievement was a near 50% increase in the number of single-equivalent passenger journeys (SEPJ), year on year. From 1724 SEPJ in 2024/2025, the number increased to 2539 in 2025/2026.

There were two key reasons for the increased service to the community. The first was the consolidation of CiMCT's existence after starting in December 2024 and providing solidity and certainty to the community. The second reason was a promotional campaign over the summer when an A5 flyer was delivered to every household in the community. It is estimated that the number of residents who have now journeyed with the Wee Bus has risen from about 60 to about 120 over the period of the year.

The extra demand has been met, not only by the loyalty and commitment of both the employee and volunteer team, but also with the help of extra volunteer drivers (from 13 to now 16) who have joined and remained with the team. The number of unsatisfied journeys therefore remains very low.

Community engagement continues to be the most satisfying outcome. Beyond the welcome feedback received from passengers, witnessing the effect our volunteers have had on specific individuals across our community is both humbling and inspirational.

Providing clear and increasing social value to the community is a vital outcome from the efforts of CiMCT. A snapshot of the types of journeys being undertaken by residents revealed the following breakdown: 23% for sport/leisure, 21% for work, 20% for family connections, 17% for shopping, 12% for social and 6% for medical appointments.

The successful outcomes being generated by the contract to deliver the Wee Ferintosh Bus service has provided The Highland Council with the confidence to agree a second contract with CiMCT. The contract has been signed to begin in April 2026 to transport special needs Black Isle-based pupils to and from St Clement's School in Dingwall using a new 9 seater vehicle.

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves have initially been set at a minimum of three months of operational costs. This ensures that there will be sufficient notice periods for employees and debtors for services that can be addressed if necessary.

At the end of 2025/2026, reserves now exceed the policy minimum.

Details of any deficit

There is no deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

CiMCT does not own or rent any facilities. Our administrators work from home and the Wee Bus is parked in a designated electric charging space owned by The Highland Council.

The provision of the Wee Bus, its maintenance and its fuel are all funded by The Highland Council.

A number of generous sponsorships for the delivery of branding, website and promotional materials have been gratefully received.

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	Richard Carey	
Full name(s)	Richard Malcolm Carey	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	
Date	17 September 2026	