

ARBROATH FC COMMUNITY TRUST

AGM

29 October 2025

Gayfield Park

**Present ;** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Apologies;** [REDACTED]

**Welcome** Chairman Barry Valentine extended a warm welcome to all present.

**Chairman's Report**

It is with great pride that I present this year's Chairman's Statement for the Arbroath Community Trust. The 2024/25 period has been one of meaningful progress, strengthened partnerships, and deepened community impact.

A key highlight of the year has been our growing collaboration with Arbroath Football Club and the Scottish Football Association (SFA), whose support and shared vision have been instrumental in expanding our reach and impact. These partnerships have not only elevated our visibility but have also created new pathways for youth engagement, sporting development, and community cohesion.

We are also proud to have worked closely with Arbroath Youth FC and Angus Council, further embedding the Trust within the fabric of our local community. This has been instrumental in developing a strong education and football pathway, ensuring that young people in Arbroath have access to both academic support and structured sporting opportunities. Through these collaborations, we continue to champion the principle of football for all — creating inclusive programmes that welcome participants of all backgrounds and abilities, and fostering a sense of belonging, aspiration, and pride across our town.

We've continued to focus on our core mission: empowering the people of Arbroath through opportunity, inclusion, and local pride. Whether through sport, education, or wellbeing initiatives, the Trust remains committed to being a catalyst for positive change.

Of course, this progress would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, staff, and supporters. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has

contributed their time, energy, and belief in our shared vision. Your efforts are the heartbeat of this Trust.

Looking ahead, we aim to build on this momentum. We will continue to strengthen our partnerships, seek new funding opportunities, and ensure that our programmes reflect the evolving needs of our community. With your continued support, I am confident that the year ahead will be even more impactful.

Thank you for your trust, your commitment, and your passion for Arbroath.

For more details, please see appendix 1

**Treasurer's Report** [REDACTED] offered her apologies for the lateness of the revised version of the statements & notes for 2024/25 (attached as appendix 1). She said we should note how she had allocated some of the income between donations and fundraising, mainly to stay consistent with 2023/24 statements.

As you can see from the statements a surplus of £7,946 was returned, leaving the trust with a bank balance of £42,513.

I would also like to bring the boards attention to a few variances between the 2024/25 and 2023/24 accounts:

- Grant funding has reduced by £57,978, although concerning we were due £20,000 in from Angus Council which has been received during 2025/26;
- Fundraising has increased by £18,860, which is a fabulous increase, this was mainly due to 'The Big Cheese', Chairlift (which is not the Trust 's to use); Easter Raffle and our presence at several local events;
- Reduced expenditure, reduction in salaries and coaches, reduction in rent payment to AFC, more efficient use of venues for classes etc.

Once board members are happy with the statement, I will get an independent assessment carried out and then passed onto the secretary for submission, along with the impact report to OSCR.

Happy to answer questions, or happy to take questions later once everyone has had more time to look at the revised statements.

### **2025/26 Accounts**

I can give a quick update on 2025/26. Continuing to have a healthy bank balance, started the year with £42,513 and as of today we have £61,836, although we do have salaries, wages and venue payments to make at the end of the week and £12,000 being earmarked for specifics, I am still projecting a closing bank balance of £40,000 at the end of the year, although will depend on funding payment dates from SFA and Angus Council.

Although we have increased our salaries monthly costs, we know that these increases will be covered from additional grant that has been secured by the team. The use of Ogilvy Park for summer and October camps will also make a difference in 2025/26.

Various people and organisations will be fundraising for the trust this year.

## **Election of Trustees**

The Chairman asked if all Trustees were willing to continue to hold their positions in the Trust. On their agreement he, [REDACTED], proposed that all were re-elected. This was seconded by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] said he had received notice from OSCR that afternoon that more information was needed on Charity Trustees. He asked them to submit their individual email and telephone contact numbers and dates of birth so he could update the information and forward to OSCR.

## **2025 Reflections**

[REDACTED] felt there was closer relationship between the AFC and the Trust.

[REDACTED] thought links with the club and the pathway members were strengthening.

[REDACTED] said the public were seeing the partnership of AFC and the Trust. There will be great opportunities for the Trust in partnership with the Town Board developments.

[REDACTED] would like to see the establishment of a fund-raising subgroup.

[REDACTED] would like to access more money.

[REDACTED] felt we needed to promote and publicise our efforts more.

[REDACTED] thought we should look at the subgroup set up with a need to focus on property and facilities.

[REDACTED] thanked the Chairman for the leadership he had shown throughout the year. He said the Town Board developments presented great opportunities for the Trust.

[REDACTED] remarked that the Trust has moved considerably forward from a wish list of ideas to be involved with so many people in the town. We should not be afraid to promote and publicise our involvement.

[REDACTED] thought the work in schools was very successful.

[REDACTED] thanked the Trustees and his staff colleagues for their support. Planning was already taking place regarding subgroups.

[REDACTED] was remarked on the range of support the Trust provides to the community of Arbroath.

[REDACTED], who had just joined the team, commented that he was unaware of just how much of an impact the work of the Trust was having on the town.

[REDACTED] reported that the demand for football classes had grown considerably.

██████████, who helped in the Cafe project, stated that it was good to see representatives of the Club and Trust visit and mix with the clientele.

██████████ said his eyes had been opened to how many ways the Trust were involved in community work.

**AOCB** A Christmas night out had been proposed for December 14.

**Operations Update** ██████████ said an agreement had been reached with Angus Council regarding the lease at Seaton Park. Planning permission had been obtained for improvements to the building at Seaton Park. Arbroath Youth are keen to participate in the improvements and B&Q had pledged £1K in materials. ██████████ hoped to form subgroups to oversee the developments at Seaton and how to implement the back to work scheme under an SFA/education project.

Date of next meeting January 14,2026 at 6pm

Appendix 1

[IMPACT REPORT 2425 \(1\).pdf](#)

Appendix 2

[AFCCT Annual Accounts 2024\\_25 \(1\).pdf](#)

# Arbroath FC Community Trust



*'Improving the life chances of the people of  
Arbroath'*

**Arbroath FC Community Trust – SCIO SC050531**

**1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025**

**Statement of Receipts & Payments**

	Note	2024-25			2023-24
		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Grants	3	(40,048)	(38,890)	(78,938)	(135,916)
Donations	4	(70,132)		(70,132)	(65,143)
Fundraising		(24,327)		(24,327)	(5,549)
Others	5	(48)		(48)	(4,420)
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>(134,555)</b>	<b>(38,890)</b>	<b>(173,445)</b>	<b>(211,028)</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>					
Charitable Activities	6	68,688	71,608	140,296	177,911
Fundraising	6	4,934		4,934	0
Governance		517		517	95
Donations		19,752		19,752	3,375
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>93,891</b>	<b>71,608</b>	<b>165,499</b>	<b>181,381</b>
<b>(SURPLUS) / DEFICIT FOR PERIOD</b>		<b>(41,664)</b>	<b>33,718</b>	<b>(7,946)</b>	<b>(29,647)</b>

**Statement of Balances**

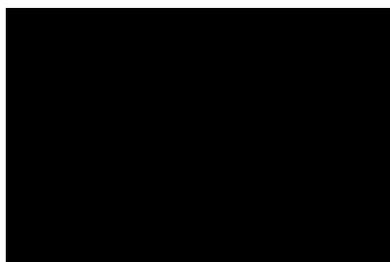
		2024-25			2023-24
		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
Opening Balance		(849)	(33,718)	(34,567)	(4,920)
(Surplus) / Deficit for Period		(41,664)	33,718	(7,946)	(29,647)
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>(42,513)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(42,513)</b>	<b>(34,567)</b>

Bank Balance £42,513 (2023-24 £34,567)

Further to the above:

Assets – Equipment £14,450 (2023-24 £14,450)

(Goals, Goal Posts, De-fibulator, Floodlights)



**Arbroath FC Community Trust – SCIO SC050531**

**1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

**Notes to the Accounts**

**1. Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustees 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 objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day to day running of the club.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

**3. Grants Received**

	2024/25		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL £
Angus Council	26,486	2,442	28,928
Scottish Football Association	0	23,450	23,450
Scottish Premier Football League	0	10,500	10,500
Cash for Kids	2,442	1,258	3,700
Robertson Trust	8,000	0	8,000
Sported Foundation	0	1,240	1,240
Tayside Health Board	1,120	0	1,120
Rotary Club of Arbroath	1,000	0	1,000
WC Anderson Trust	500	0	500
Co-op	500	0	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,048</b>	<b>38,890</b>	<b>78,938</b>

**4. Donations Received**

	2024/25		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL £
Classes etc	27,302	0	27,302
Community Season Tickets	10,485	0	10,485
Murray Taylor	5,000	0	5,000
Leisure Connect Ltd	3,000	0	3,000
BP Foundation	3,440	0	3,440
Community Cafe	4,080	0	4,080
Arbroath WFC – Various Sponsorships	8,015	0	8,015

Game Day Mascots	4,057	0	4,057
Other Donations	4,753	0	4,753
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70,132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70,132</b>

**5. Fundraising – Other Income**

	2024/25		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL £
Easter Raffle - various	3,503	0	3,503
Lichtie Lads	2,309	0	2,309
Kiltwalk	3,058	0	3,058
Various Events	15,457	0	15,457
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,327</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,327</b>

**6. Charitable Activities & Fundraising (Expenditure)**

	2024/25		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL £
Salaries & Wages	29,838	59,676	89,514
Football Classes	10,278	11,932	22,210
Merchandise	6,090	0	6,090
Mascot Kits	2,867	0	2,867
Events / Groups	7,672	0	7,672
Admin	16,877	0	16,877
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,622</b>	<b>71,608</b>	<b>145,230</b>

**7. Employee Costs**

	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
Salaries (employed)	<b>80,364</b>	85,142
Coaches Wages (self-employed)	<b>9,150</b>	15,422
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>	<b>89,514</b>	100,564

**8. Movement in Funds**

Movement in Funds	2024-25			2023-24
	In £	Out £	Balance £	Balance £
Restricted				
Angus Council	2,442	0	2,442	(2,442)
SFA	23,450	23,450	0	0
SPFL	10,500	10,500	0	0
Cash for Kids	1,258	1,258	0	0
Sported Foundation	1,240	1,240	0	0

Voluntary Action Angus	0	36,160	(36,160)	36,826
Unrestricted				
Angus Council	26,486	26,486	0	0
Cash for Kids	2,442	2,442	0	
Robertson Trust	8,000	8,000	0	0
Tayside Health Board	1,120	1,120	0	0
Rotary Club Arbroath	1,000	1,000	0	0
WC Anderson Trust	500	500	0	0
Co-op	500	500	0	0
Donations	70,132	32,518	37,614	(4,737)
Fund Raising	24,327	20,277	4,050	0
Others	48	48	0	0
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>173,445</b>	<b>165,499</b>	<b>7,946</b>	<b>29,647</b>

**APPENDIX 3**



Scottish Charity Regulator

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

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**Report to the trustees/members of**

Charity name  
Arbroath FC Community Trust

**Registered charity number** SC050531

**On the accounts of the charity for the period**

Period start date			to	Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
1	April	24		31	March	25

**Set out on pages** 1-4

(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**

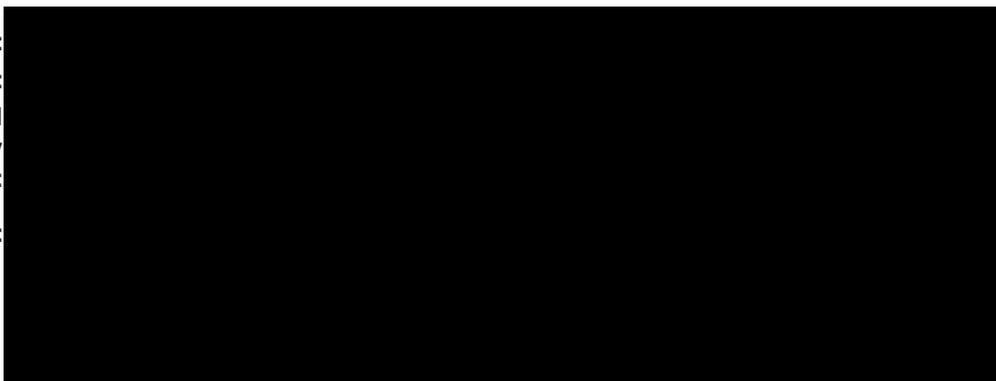
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page\*]

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

**Signed:**  
**Name:**  
**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**  
**Address:**



\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **Disclosure section**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose**