

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	1	1	2025	To	31	12	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Dunkeld, Birnam and District Community Development Trust
SC052156
Lagmhor
Dunkeld
Postcode PH8 0AD

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	James Jarvis	Chair		
2	Stuart Paton	Treasurer		
3	Alex Kettles	Secretary		
4	John Gilruth			
5	Scott Robertson		From 1/11/25	
6	Kerr McKinnon		From 1/11/25	
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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
Jan Silburn	To 26/11/25
Jane Bremner	To 26/11/25
Kirsty Binnie	To 1/3/25

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All our Trustees must be Ordinary members of the Trust and hence live in the local area and be over 16 years old. We aim to recruit Trustees from a wide range of ages, social background and family and work experience. We have been particularly successful in the last year in recruiting two younger Trustees. Trustees can either be elected at the AGM or appointed ad hoc by the board and subsequently elected at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Organisation's purpose is to advance citizenship and community development in the Dunkeld and Birnam Area focussed on, but not limited to, activities defined in the PH8 Community Action Plan 2022.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- a. Encouraging safe and active travel,
- b. Addressing issues around the lack of affordable housing,
- c. delivering improvements to physical and electronic connectivity,
- d. coordinating community volunteer activity,
- e. Protecting the natural, built and cultural environment, including our archaeological heritage,
- f. Promoting activities, including care, and the provision of facilities that underpin a strong community spirit and cultural development across all ages,
- g. Supporting projects that contribute to a thriving local economy but only to a minimal extent required to achieve the charitable purpose.

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

Local Place Plan: The major undertaking of the year was the completion and publication of the Local Place Plan, produced without external consultancy support or additional funding. The core working group dedicated extensive voluntary time and effort to the project. The Plan is now guiding community led endeavours including housing, energy, and traffic management. PKC have now formally adopted the plan and are sharing it on their own website.

Home Care Project: The project originated from a local volunteer care group. Funding was then secured for two years from the Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Tayside with the plan to move into home care funding and securing funding through local authority awards. A new independent charity, Heartland Cares, has been established and a manager, with extensive experience in the field, appointed. The project is progressing from personal assistants into full home-care provision and expanding partnership work with neighbouring communities.

The local care group will continue to build on the success of the new Heartland Cares trust. Ongoing projects such as outings and the community bench project will continue but the group would welcome new members with fresh ideas.

Affordable Housing: Affordable housing remains a longstanding community priority. With improved flood-risk mapping, viable small sites have been identified. A working group, supported by the Community Housing Trust and local authority officers, is developing proposals for small-scale, community- led housing.

Artisan Village: The Artisan Village proposal, for craft and maker workspace at the site behind the North Car Park, continues to move through early planning and site investigations. Led by a local volunteer, the group is currently developing technical studies, exploring funding opportunities, preparing a draft business plan and preparing for both a planning submission and stage 2 community asset transfer application.

Energy Group: The revived Energy Group are meeting regularly again and are currently working towards the preparation of a funding application for early next year to appoint a temporary development officer. The aim would then be to scope out community based renewable energy options and bring this forward for community consultation.

Parking: This remains the most contentious community issue. Community meetings and surveys been promoted and organised collaboratively with the Community Council. A resident's parking survey launched in late 2025 had already achieved over 160 responses. The Trust is working closely with the Community Council and PKC on these issues.

Supported Community Groups: Trust holds funds for the following groups:

- **Paths and Nature Group:** undertaking path restoration across the area and now working with multiple agencies on improved access around the Cathedral.
- **Repair Café:** operating monthly, repairing a wide range of items and reducing waste. Over 300 items have been repaired to date.
- **Food Share:** continues to redistribute surplus food from various community outlets despite occasional challenges.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to have 3 months in reserve funding. However, this is challenging given the lack of funders supporting revenue funding for Trusts (although we have been fortunate to receive funding from Gannochy Trust).
We manage our finances extremely tightly, with a strict financial approval process to ensure we do not commit to unfunded activities.

Details of any deficit

We ran a slight deficit in 2025 due to advance funding (and working on a cash basis of accounting).

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A

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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>		
Full name(s)	Stuart Paton	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	
Date	8/9/2026	