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Directors Report



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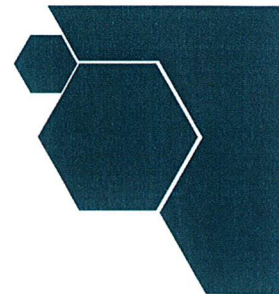


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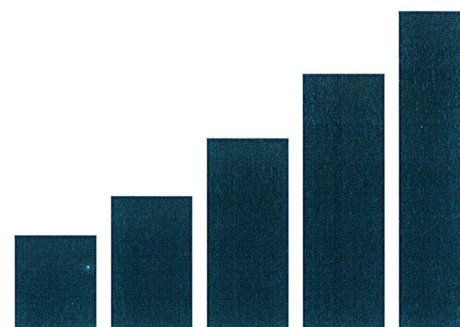
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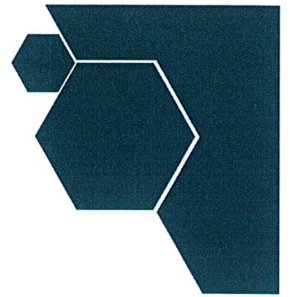
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Reference & Administration Details



Charity Name: **Sinclair's Bay Trust**

Registered Charity number: **SC051696**

Companies Registration Number: **SC684727**

Charities Principal address: 49 Robertson Crescent
Keiss
Caithness KW1 4XA

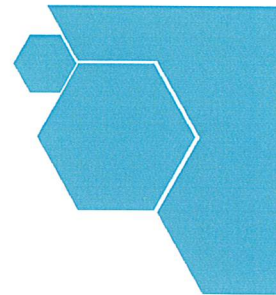
Names of the charity Directors on date of approval of Directors Annual Report.

DIRECTORS NAME	OFFICE (if any)
Maysie Calder	Chair
Maria Aitken	Secretary
Pauline Gibson	Treasurer
Ian Ross	
Pat Ramsay	
Emma Fraser	
Christina Calder	
William Munro	

Directors who have resigned: n/a



Structure, Governance & Management



TYPE OF GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30th December 2020 and registered as a Charity since 21st April 2022.



DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT & APPOINTMENT

Prospective directors are required to complete a note of interest and be interviewed before being co-opted if a meeting of the Board agrees. They then need to stand for election at the next AGM. Any other member of the organisation can stand for election to the Board at this time.



Objectives & Activities

Charitable Purpose

- The company has been formed to benefit principally the community of Sinclair's Bay which comprises the Sinclair's Bay Community Council area ("the Community") with the following objects:
- The advancement of community development (including the advancement of rural regeneration) principally within the Community;
- The progression of communities priorities for Sinclair's Bay area
- The protection and enrichment of our communities heritage and culture
- The development of safe connections and networks for all citizens of Sinclair's Bay
- To find ways to make Sinclair's Bay the best place to live

Summary

- The main activities we undertake are via community consultation to gather the needs and wants of the community in order to shape the direction of projects we deliver
- Prepare funding strategies to fulfil projects
- Project manage projects to completion
- Provide full reporting at the completion to funding bodies.

Achievements & Performance

Sinclair's Bay Trust has had another very active year, delivering a number of well-established projects for our community. In parallel, we have continued to explore long-term, sustainable initiatives. This year we assessed the feasibility of a community-owned pub with letting apartments. While initial consultations indicated interest, when we sought formal community backing to progress the project, support was not sufficient to proceed. We remain committed to identifying a sustainable project that the community can confidently get behind.

Working in collaboration with Sinclair's Bay Community Council, the Trust also agreed to host funds from SSEN to deliver community projects across the area. This partnership is off to a strong start, with several worthwhile projects completed in its first year.

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our volunteer Board of Directors. Your unwavering commitment, passion and drive make it possible for the Trust to deliver these much-needed projects for the benefit of the whole community.

Have a read through the projects we have delivered in the community this year.

Sinclair's Bay Social Spaces
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Sinclair's Bay Social Spaces

Sinclair's Bay Social Spaces returned for its third year, with increasing attendance and the highest overall attendance to date. The initial project that commenced in January 2023 was born out of growing concerns about the significant increases in the cost of living at the end of 2022. As a community organisation operating specifically to improve Sinclair's Bay as a place to live (alongside other core goals), we were keen to take action to do what little we could to support our community as well as address and respond to other community needs. The goal: to provide a warm space in the village halls of Sinclair's Bay (Keiss, Staxigoe & Reiss and Killimster) on three separate days per week and serve refreshments and a warm, light lunch. The project was a great success growing and sustaining high numbers of participants, across the course of the pilot and garnered positive feedback from our own community and beyond. In light of the project's success and the community's appetite to have the project return, we sought to secure funding to deliver the project once again in 2024. Using findings from our evaluation, our learnings from the pilot, we made some tweaks.

Sinclair's Bay Creatives

We secured funding to sustain and develop our Sinclair's Bay Trust subgroup in January 2025 from Stroupster Windfarm Community Benefit Fund. We secured £4000 towards the project covering the period 2025-2026.

In 2025 we continued to deliver monthly informal evening sessions in a local hall. These sessions provide an informal, social space to be creative. We held 9 informal sessions in 2025.

The funding enabled us to develop a formal arm to the project: artist/creative practitioner-led workshops. This provides access to workshop in our area by subsidising costs or making them free to attend. We held 7 workshops in 2025.

Sinclair's Bay Creatives provides opportunities to meet with others with similar interests, try new creative activities and build skills. The project aims to promote access to the arts, support wellbeing, community and inclusion. The project has enabled the Trust to build relationships with local artists, support them and local halls through the project.

Newsletter

The Trust has continued to deliver its well received newsletters withing the community and have engaged a small group of volunteers to help distribute the newsletters making sure they reach as many people as possible.

SSEN Community Benefit

SSEN also approached both Sinclair's Bay Trust and Sinclair's Bay Community Council with an offer of community benefit funding for the Sinclair's Bay area: £42,000 per year for four years. It was agreed that the Trust would hold the funds and make payments to the identified projects, with a joint sub-group formed to drive delivery. The projects had been on the community's radar for some time and address a range of needs, with safety prioritised first. Key items include secure fencing at the old Keiss Castle, life buoys at Sinclair Girnigoe Castle, and lighting at various war memorials across the area. Two high-priority initiatives that will take longer to deliver are an all-access path at Reiss Beach and a tourist information map showcasing local points of interest. The Trust continues to engage the community through consultation to shape future priorities and ensure funding aligns with local needs.

A Year in Sinclair's Bay & Sinclair's Bay Calendar

We've continued to receive a wealth of photographs taken across the Sinclair's Bay area throughout the year—326 images in total from community photographers for the 2025 project—and the variety of perspectives and moments captured never ceases to amaze us. Building on last year's success, we asked whether we should run the calendar again and were met with a resounding yes. We went bigger with an A3 format to better showcase the stunning local images, sold out again in record time (with many orders ahead of print), and raised £367.40 in much-needed funds.

Keiss Volunteers

Keiss Volunteers Tidy Days Bring Community Together

Recent tidy days in Keiss have once again highlighted the strength of local community spirit, with volunteers turning out in force to help clean and improve the village environment.

Wearing high-visibility vests marked "Keiss Volunteer Team Member," participants worked together to tackle litter and tidy key areas around the village. The bright conditions and strong turnout created a positive and energetic atmosphere, with volunteers of all ages contributing their time and effort.

The group focused on public spaces including streets, pathways, and surrounding areas, collecting a significant amount of waste and leaving Keiss looking cleaner and more welcoming.

Organisers extended their thanks to everyone who took part, noting that these events not only enhance the local environment but also strengthen community connections.



Financial Review

Brief summary of the Charity's policy on reserves

Reserves policy, The organisation made the decision and continues to work towards building and/or retaining a constant surplus, equating the total of three months of costs, to reduce the burden or need for potential redundancy and or financial crisis situations.

Details of Deficit

n/a

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The only donated service was volunteer time.

Income and Expenditure for year to 31st December 2025

Income

Grants Received	£75,419.00	
Fundraising	£1,026.05	
Other Income Received	£1.91	76,446.96

Expenditure

Charitable Activities/Projects	23,814.46	
Fundraising	781.49	
Audit/Ind Examination Costs	250.00	
Bank Charges	112.50	
Insurance	169.64	
Other	1,584.76	26,712.85
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		49,734.11

Sinclair Bay Trust

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

Assets

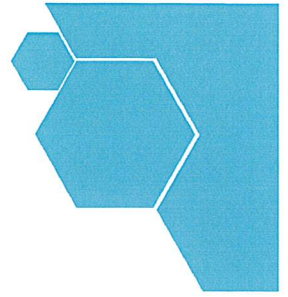
Current Asset	
Cash in Bank	71,300.78

Liabilities

Current Liabilities -	
Net Assets	71,300.78

Reserves

Unrestricted Reserves	45.21
Restricted Reserves	71,255.57
	71,300.78



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