

Inverclyde Community Food Network

Dormant Accounts

Year ended 30 September 2025

Charity No. SC053247

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COMPANY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES	William Wilson Ross Ahlfield Fraser McCowan Sharon Gemmell Sally Clough
CHAIRPERSON	William Wilson
COMPANY SECRETARY	Sally Clough
TREASURER	Sharon Gemmell
CHARITY NUMBER	SC053247
REGISTERED OFFICE	C/O Parklea Branching Out Parklea Playing Fields Greenock Road Port Glasgow PA16 6TR
ACCOUNTANTS	Welsh Walker Limited 179A Dalrymple Street Greenock PA15 1BX

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 30 September 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 September 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a trustees' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. During this period, the charity had dormant accounts as no income or expenditure was recorded.

The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of the charity are:

To advance Education through:

- Delivering and facilitating access to a range of teaching, mentoring and skill building relating to growing food, cooking food and sharing food to advance Community Development through:
- Enabling people to connect with others in their community
- Increasing local participation by encouraging volunteers, sponsors, businesses and other organisations/groups to get involved
- Coordinating the sharing and movement of excess food across Inverclyde to ensure it reaches people and communities who will benefit
- Amplifying the voice of community members who want to tackle food insecurity to advance Environmental Protection and Improvement through:
- Helping communities in Inverclyde to become more sustainable by addressing food waste and climate challenges
- Supporting zero-waste campaigns by highlighting emergency food provision
- Promoting, encouraging and supporting communities to connect with nature by getting involved in community gardening and improving the places where people live

TRUSTEES' REPORT (cont'd.)

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the past year, Inverclyde Community Food Network has continued to deliver a wide-ranging programme of community food, growing and skills-based activity across Inverclyde, responding directly to local health inequalities, food poverty and cost of living pressures.

Key achievements include:

- Expansion of early years food education, increasing delivery from 11 to 14 Early Learning Centres, engaging pre-school children and families in growing, cooking and healthy eating activities that promote lifelong positive food habits.
- Community growing and garden support delivered across two core community gardens, with additional support to four further sites, providing year-round engagement, skill development and social connection for volunteers and participants with additional support needs and mental health.
- Delivery of cooking skills and food education, including community chef sessions, cooking demonstrations and the distribution of 370 soup bags with recipes and online learning resources, supporting families to cook nutritious meals from scratch.
- Surplus food redistribution pilot, establishing a volunteer driver network that completed 44 deliveries, redistributing an estimated 1.3-2.6 tonnes of food from landfill to local Early Learning Centres and community groups.
- Community engagement and events, including Moveable Feast community meals, participation in local fairs, engagement sessions with community groups and preparation for large scale initiatives such as Potato Week.
- Strong alignment with national and local priorities, including the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022, public health priorities, climate and zero waste objectives and social inclusion goals.
- Development of digital engagement and communications, including a refreshed website, online cooking videos and accessible educational resources, expanding reach beyond face-to-face delivery.

These activities have contributed to improved food literacy, reducing isolation, supporting mental health through strengthened community connections, supported healthier diets and promoting sustainable food practices.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (cont'd.)

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FUTURE PLANS

Looking forward, the organisation will continue to focus on early intervention, community wellbeing and sustainable food systems, while responding to capacity and funding challenges.

Key priorities include:

- Maintaining delivery across Early Learning Centres, community gardens, cooking sessions, and surplus food redistribution, supported by the ICFN Development Officer and sessional workers and volunteers.
- Strengthening partnerships with health, education and third sector organisations to maximise impact and reduce duplication.
- Building on learning from the surplus food pilot to explore scaling up, partnership work and further learning of community led food redistribution models.
- Continuing to promote home growing, zero-waste practices, and affordable healthy eating, particularly for families affected by poverty and financial pressure.
- Securing additional funding to stabilise staffing capacity and enable future programme development, expansion and longer-term sustainability.
- Using digital platforms and communications to widen access, share learning and engage those unable to attend activities in person.

Through these plans, the organisation aims to remain responsive to local need while contributing to long term improvements in health, wellbeing, food security, and environmental sustainability across Inverclyde.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered as a charity in June 2024. The charity was established under a constitution in 2024.

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ORGANISATION

The Board maintains ultimate authority over the implementation of any strategic plans or financial proposals.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Vacancies for the Board of Trustees are advertised and application forms completed, for approval by the Board. Newly appointed Trustees are given an induction to the charitable company along with training of their duties as a Scottish charity Trustee.

Trustees are appointed indefinitely, with 1/3 of Trustees standing down each year on a rotational basis. Trustees can be reappointed each year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

No income generating activities took place in the year, with the year being a time to plan future activities.

Due to this no bank account was in place on 30 September 2025.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Number: SC053247

Registered Office: C/O Parklea Branching Out, Parklea Playing Fields, Greenock Road,
Port Glasgow, PA16 6TR

OUR ADVISORS

Accountants: Welsh Walker Limited, 179a Dalrymple Street, Greenock, PA15 1BX

TRUSTEES

The following trustees have held office since 11 June 2024:

William Wilson
Ross Ahlfeld (appointed 11 June 2025)
Fraser McCowan (appointed 11 June 2025)
Sharon Gemmell (appointed 11 June 2025)
Sally Clough (appointed 11 June 2025)

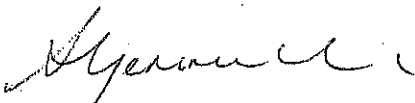
TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board on 21st May 2026.


Sharon Gemmell
Trustee