MORTON THISTLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 JANUARY 2026

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER – SC053925

MORTON THISTLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCIO

TRUSTEES' REPORT

PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

The Trustees' present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 January 2026.

Charity Number: SC053925

Contact Address

The following contact details should be used: Suzanne Hewson, 8 Queensberry Brae, Thornhill, DG3 5AQ.

Current Trustees

James Nicholson

Iain D. Renicks

Shona Haddow

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The trustees are appointed under the terms of the constitution.

Structure and governance

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), it is governed by its constitution.

Charitable purposes

The purpose of the charity, as recorded in our constitution is:

1.1 to advance public participation in sport; and

1.2 to provide recreational facilities, and organise recreational activities, with such facilities/ activities being made available to members of the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life;

primarily for those individuals residing within Dumfries and Galloway and predominantly through (i) the development, management and operation of sports facilities, (ii) coordinating and supporting local sports organisations which will make use of the sports facilities, and (iii) promoting sports and associated events.

Activities and achievements

As previously stated in the Charity purpose, the SCIO has been formed to improve facilities in the local area. The Charity has been formed and is run by volunteers also involved with the football team; Morton Thistle Juniors AFC, however the Trustees and Members did not want this entity to be limited to football or to youths but to advance and encourage all sports in the local area and for the wider community.

Throughout 2025 the Trustees identified a long list of potential sites within Thornhill with a view to constructing a new 3G synthetic pitch, and associated features. After extensive communications with landowners and other local stakeholders, the site being taken forward is at the existing pitches at Wallace Hall. Negotiations are ongoing to agree lease terms for the Charity to take control of two of the three pitches at Wallace Hall in early 2026.

The Trustees are in regular communications with contacts at the SFA. The Football Club has achieved Quality Mark accreditation and hope to secure SFA funding towards construction.

In early 2026 a feasibility study was carried out on the site by Sports Labs, the Trustees continue to work to secure funding to have all the required studies and reports completed ahead of submission of the planning application to Dumfries and Galloway Council.

We held a successful fundraising event in September 2025 for the Ayr Gold Cup, tickets being sold in advance for an afternoon of live horse-racing, in-house betting, afternoon tea and cash bar. This was well attended and contributed towards a large part of our fundraising income during the year. Other fundraising activities included a Christmas bonus ball, selling numbers for the chance to win vouchers donated by local businesses and a tote, which wasn't successful and abandoned.

Morton Thistle Juniors AFC works to a year end of 31 December, ahead of this with surplus funds available, a transfer was made from the football club to the charity. The intention being in future years that provisions will have to be made to upkeep and replace a 4G surface. The Club is keen to have facilities as soon as possible and the Committee agreed that funds should be transferred to the Charity to ensure match funding was available when required.

Trustees / Members remuneration and expenses

The Trustees, Member and Committee did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the period.

Reserves

With the period ended 31 January 2026 being the first year of incorporation of the charity, reserves total £8,966.59. The trustees are keen to grow reserves significantly in the future period with evidence of the availability of funding required before construction can commence.

Financial review

The financial statement shows a surplus of £8,966.59 for the period.

This report was approved and signed by the Trustees on 16/09/26.

James Nicholson

Iain D. Renicks

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Period Ended 31st January 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Period Ended 31/01/26 £
Receipts			
Donations (Note 4)	275	0	275
Grants (Note 5)	0	0	0
Management Fee	0	5,400	5,400
Fundraising	5,945	0	5,945
Total Receipts	6,220	5,400	11,620
Payments			
Fundraising Costs	2,649	0	2,649
Cost of Charitable Activities (Note 6)	4	0	4
Governance Costs (Note 7)	0	0	0
Total Payments	2,653	0	2,653
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	3,567	5,400	8,967
Transfer between Funds	0	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	3,567	5,400	8,967

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Statement of Balances for the Period Ended 31st January 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Period Ended 31/01/2026 £
Opening Cash at Bank and in Hand	0	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	3,567	5,400	8,967
Closing Cash at Bank and in Hand	3,567	5,400	8,967
Bank and Cash Balances			
Bank Deposit Account	3,567	5,400	8,967
	3,567	5,400	8,967
Reserves			
General Fund	3,567	0	3,567
Maintenance Fund	0	5,400	5,400
	3,567	5,400	8,967

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by : James. R. Nicholson

Approved by the Trustees on: 16/9/26.

Morton Thistle Community Development
Period to 31st January 2026

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT 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. 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.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

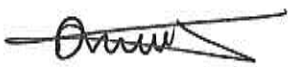
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect of the requirement:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounting 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 understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed	 .....
Name	D R Mitchell
Relevant professional qualifications	B.A., C.A.
Address	Dumfries Enterprise Park Heathhall Dumfries DG1 3SJ
Date	

Morton Thistle Community Development
Notes to Accounts for the Period Ended 31st January 2026

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2 Movement in Funds

	At 22 Jan 2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Jan 2026 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	0	6,220	2,653	0	3,567
	0	6,220	2,653	0	3,567
Restricted funds					
Maintenance Fund	0	5,400	0	0	5,400
	0	5,400	0	0	5,400
Total funds	0	11,620	2,653	0	8,967

Restricted Funds:

Maintenance Fund: This fund is for the maintenance of the 4G pitch.

3 Related Party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year.

4 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Period Ended 31 Jan 26 £
Hughes	50	0	50
Hudson	25	0	25
McKie	100	0	100
Geddes	100	0	100
	275	0	275

5 Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Period Ended 31 Jan 26 £
	0	0	0
	0	0	0

6 Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Period Ended 31 Jan 26 £
Bank Charges	4	0	4
	4	0	4

7 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Period Ended 31 Jan 26 £
Independent examiner's Fee	0	0	0
	0	0	0