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Polmonthill Community Snowsports Centre
Trustees' report and Receipts and Payments account
for the period ended 31 August 2025

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Legal and administrative information

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Report of the trustees for the period ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2025. The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Status of charity and Governing Document

Polmonthill Community Snowsports Centre (PCSC) is established by Constitution. It is registered as a charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and is recognised as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

Trustees

The number of Trustees shall be not less than three and not more than ten. Up to ten individual persons, who must be Ordinary Members of the charity, may be elected by the Members, with up to three being co-opted to ensure a spread of skills and experience. Employees of the charity may not be nominated as or become Trustees.

At each AGM, one third of the Trustees shall retire. A Trustee shall be eligible for re-election after one term in office. A Trustee shall not be eligible for re-election after 2 consecutive terms of office until a period on one year in which they have not been a Trustee has passed.

Objectives and activities

PCSC was set up in spring 2024 by members of the community seeking to prevent the closure of the Polmonthill ski centre by bringing it into community hands. The objectives of PCSC are to sustainably operate the snowsports centre providing high-quality, affordable opportunities to participate in snowsports to people in Polmont and the wider Falkirk area. We aim to create a thriving snowsports community hub while ensuring a financially secure future for the Centre.

Achievements and performance

Following discussions with Falkirk Council throughout 2024 we took over community management of the ski centre from the Council on a short-term month by month lease on 1st October 2024. In so doing, we saved the ski centre from immediate closure. Our takeover made the news bulletin on Central FM and featured in the local press.

Falkirk Council voted to approve our Community Asset Transfer application on 28th November.

We are currently in further negotiations with Falkirk Council around the terms of Community Asset Transfer and expect the purchase to conclude later in 2025. As part of the transfer agreement Falkirk Council have awarded PCSC money from the Enablement Fund they set aside to support community groups taking on assets. Following completion of the Community Asset Transfer, this funding will enable us to refurbish and repair the buildings at the ski centre.

Thank you to CVS Falkirk and the Development Trusts Association Scotland Community Ownership Support Service for all the help and support that they have provided in helping us navigate the Community Asset Transfer. We are also grateful to Falkirk Council for the funding received through the Community Empowerment Grant.

We have successfully managed our first eight months operating the facility and importantly kept local people skiing and boarding. To help our operation we introduced a new website which as well as informing the community about our Community Asset Transfer journey, has enabled online booking of snowsports sessions. The website has made it easier for the public to see what snowsports sessions are available and to book. We have also made use of social media to promote activities at the centre. We now have more than 2800 users registered on the website for booking online and almost 500 followers on Facebook. More than 1800 bookings have been made so far.

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We had our first event on 7th October, hosting eight primary school teams and thirteen secondary school teams for the Scottish Schools Snowsports Association (SSSA) dual slalom regional qualifier event. All the skiers had a great day and we look forward to hosting the SSSA again later this year.

On 27th October we had an Open Day which was incredibly well attended with many familiar faces and plenty of new ones trying out skiing, snowboarding and tubing. All sessions on the day were oversubscribed and the event demonstrated the strong community demand for snowsports. We thank Snowsports Scotland and members of the Scottish ski community and other local businesses who supported the event and have helped us through our first year.

We have held weekly snowsports lessons since October which have been booked online. Ski and boarding lessons have been provided each week from beginner through to advanced levels and have been attended by people from age 4 and above.

Our adults classes have been incredibly popular with three fully booked beginners classes running each week during November and December. Across the year more than 60 adults have learned to ski with many continuing on to take intermediate and advanced classes.

We have also had more than 50 children from Bo'ness primary schools come to take ski lessons. As these lessons were organised through the schools many children who otherwise would not have considered trying skiing have had the opportunity. Many of these children have also continued with their lessons and are now in an advanced class. We look forward to working with Bo'ness and other local schools again next year.

The Linlithgow Schools Friday cluster has continued to be a well attended part of the weekly calendar with more than 60 children attending most Fridays.

Ski racing training sessions have continued on Monday and Thursday evenings with many new children joining race training for the first time and other more established skiers honing their skills. Polmont skiers have also represented the club at competitions across the country and have picked up an impressive array of medals.

Our snowboard lessons have run every Saturday with a few regulars also dropping in for weekly snowboard practice sessions. We would like to extend our thanks to Michael L who has taken all our snowboarding sessions this year and has been at Polmonthill for 6 years. Michael is graduating this summer and moving on to other opportunities. He will be a big loss to us and we hold out hope that he will return to Polmonthill after his adventures abroad.

A particular highlight of the year was our tubing with elves at Christmas. These sessions were fully booked and we will surely have the elves back for more tubing next festive period. Tubing has also run throughout the year and proven to be popular for birthday parties and with scout and youth groups.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our many volunteers and instructors. Our team of instructors, many of them young Polmonthill skiers who have recently qualified, have all worked hard to develop their own skills as instructors, and ensure we can provide great instruction and experiences to our class participants.

Our volunteers have all given many hours of their time to cleaning, tidying and maintaining the slope, the grounds and the buildings. And most importantly to setting skis! We have more than a dozen volunteers trained to set up skis and ensure that all skiers and boarders have the equipment they need to hit the slope. Our regular volunteers have gotten to know the regular customers throughout each block of lessons and have enjoyed seeing the happy faces after the lessons and the progress that the learners have made in their skiing and boarding. Progress and participation that they have enabled through their volunteering. We couldn't do it without our volunteer team, you are all fantastic! Thank you.

We have had a hugely successful first year through the combined efforts of instructors, volunteers and trustees. It has not all been plain sailing though, and over these months we have learned a lot about all the varied tasks involved in running the centre. Whether it be sorting out the bins, managing the customer enquiries, scheduling the sessions, updating the website, weeding the slope, or mopping up flooded toilets! There is always another job to be done in order to keep the slope the running.

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Financial review

Income totalling £146,150 was received during the year, with £6,677 being restricted funding.

Expenditure for the year was £64,465, with £5,677 being from the restricted funds.

At the year end the charity held unrestricted general fund reserves of £80,685 and restricted fund reserves of £1,000.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to major risks.

Reserves policy

It is the policy to maintain funds at a level that equates to three months unrestricted expenditure. This allows sufficient funds to enable the on-going running of the Centre.

Plans for future periods

There is much to look forward to next year as we complete the Community Asset Transfer, undertake building upgrades, and continue to welcome skiers and boarders and introduce more people to snowsports. To achieve this, we would very much like to hear from people that might have a few hours to spare each month to join our committee, or our volunteer group, and support us to develop a sustainable community run snowsports facility that can thrive for years to come.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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

Rhys Howell
Trustee

26 March 2026
Date

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Polmonthill Community Snowsports Centre.

I report on the accounts for the period ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 6 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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) Act 2005 (the Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of my examination as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act, 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 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 whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - proper accounting records are kept 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 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.

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Diane E Jack

Chartered Accountant

Independent examiner

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Date 8 April 2026

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Statement of financial activities

For the period ended 31 August 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period ended 31/08/25 Total £
	Notes			
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary income	2	3,450	6,677	10,127
Activities for generating funds	3	9,237	-	9,237
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	126,786	-	126,786
Total incoming resources		<u>139,473</u>	<u>6,677</u>	<u>146,150</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds:				
Fundraising trading:				
cost of goods sold and other costs	5	710	-	710
Charitable activities	6	54,964	1,567	56,531
Governance costs	7	1,589	4,110	5,699
Other resources expended	8	1,525	-	1,525
Total resources expended		<u>58,788</u>	<u>5,677</u>	<u>64,465</u>
Total funds brought forward				
		-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>80,685</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>81,685</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Balances as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	£	31/08/25	£
Bank and Cash in Hand				
Opening Balance			-	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period			81,685	
Closing Balance			<u>81,685</u>	
Funds				
Restricted funds			1,000	
Unrestricted general funds			<u>80,685</u>	
Total funds			<u>81,685</u>	
Fixed assets				
	Cost		Net Book Value	
Skis & kit		1,525	1,220	
		<u>1,525</u>	<u>1,220</u>	
Debtors				
Sundry debtors			-	
			<u>-</u>	
Creditors				
Sundry creditors			9,707	
			<u>9,707</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Joyce Shaw
Trustee

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Notes to financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2025

1. Accounting policies

The accounts are 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. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period ended 31/08/25 Total £
Donations	1,105	-	1,105
Grants receivable	2,345	6,677	9,022
	<u>3,450</u>	<u>6,677</u>	<u>10,127</u>

3. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Period ended 31/08/25 Total £
Fundraising	1,200	1,200
Vending machine	606	606
Tubing and parties	7,431	7,431
	<u>9,237</u>	<u>9,237</u>

4. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Period ended 31/08/25 Total £
Lessons	119,611	119,611
Slope hire	7,175	7,175
	<u>126,786</u>	<u>126,786</u>

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5. Fundraising trading

	Unrestricted funds £	Period ended 31/08/25 Total £
Fundraising expenses	710	710
	<u>710</u>	<u>710</u>

6. Costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period ended 31/08/25 Total £
Instructor costs	39,250	-	39,250
Technician costs	5,504	-	5,504
Staff training	1,833	570	2,403
Rent	10	-	10
Rates & water	698	-	698
Heat & light	3,713	-	3,713
Repairs & renewals	300	-	300
Insurance	794	360	1,154
Supplies and materials	1,188	-	1,188
Telephone	389	-	389
Post & stationery	857	-	857
Subscriptions	113	346	459
Advertising	315	291	606
	<u>54,964</u>	<u>1,567</u>	<u>56,531</u>

7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period ended 31/08/25 Total £
Professional - Legal fees	135	4,110	4,245
Bank charges	1,454	-	1,454
	<u>1,589</u>	<u>4,110</u>	<u>5,699</u>

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8. Other resources expended

	Unrestricted funds £	Period ended 31/08/25 Total £
Purchase of equipment	1,525	1,525
	<u>1,525</u>	<u>1,525</u>

10. Unrestricted funds

	At 05 March 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 August 2025 £
General fund	-	139,473	(58,788)	80,685
	<u>-</u>	<u>139,473</u>	<u>(58,788)</u>	<u>80,685</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The General Fund represents unrestricted funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

11. Restricted funds

	At 05 March 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 August 2025 £
Falkirk Council Community Empowerment Grant	-	5,677	(5,677)	-
Development Trusts Association Scotland	-	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,677</u>	<u>(5,677)</u>	<u>1,000</u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Falkirk Council Community Empowerment Grant

Funding from Falkirk Council for the purpose of initial running costs and building, ski-slope and electrical condition surveys relating to Community Asset Transfer.

Development Trusts Association Scotland

Funding towards legal fees regarding Community Asset Purchase agreement

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12. Transactions with trustees

During the year expenses totalling £114 were reimbursed to a trustee.