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Ruthrieston Community Centre Association

Scottish Charity No SC044026

Annual Report and Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 January 2026

Ruthrieston Community Centre Association
Trustees Annual report
For the Year Ended 31 January 2026

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 January 2026.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name
Ruthrieson Community Centre Association

Charity No
SC044026

Address
Ruthrieson Community Centre
532-536 Holburn Street
Aberdeen
AB10 7LL

Trustees

Gregor McAbery		Joint chair
Catriona Platten		Joint chair
Evelyn Currie		Treasurer
Catherine Main	Died 13/6/25	
Kirsty McAbery		
Audrey Mellard		
Keith Mellard		
Morag Platten		
David Currie		
Lorraine Taylor		
Emmanuel Agharanya		
Calab Faleye		
Eleen Vinke	(appointed 19th March 2024)	
Nkem Nwobi	(appointed 24th June 2025)	
Keir McKenzie	(appointed 24th June 2025)	

Constitution
Ruthrieson Community Centre Association is a Scottish charity. It is governed by a constitution approved by the trustees and registered with OSCR on 24 May 2013.

Trustees
The trustees are responsble for the management of the centre.
The trustees, who are all members themselves, are appointed by the members.

Objectives and Activities

The Association's purpose is to promote the well being of the inhabitants of the Ruthrieston and Holburn neighbourhood of Aberdeen City by advancing education and providing or assisting in providing for learning opportunities or other social and leisure time activities.
The Association co-operates with Aberdeen City Council in achieving these objectives and in particular leases Ruthrieston Community Centre from the Council.
The Association receives a grant from the Council to be used towards the maintenance and management of the Centre but the main source of income is receipts from room hire.
The Community Centre's facilities principally comprise a main hall with associated kitchen, an all purpose room and a meeting room. There is also a disabled access and toilet.
The facilities are used by all ages, cater for all sectors of the local and wider community and are in frequent use. Activities include Arts and Crafts, fitness and exercise classes, as well as social and community use e.g. Gamblers Anonymous and a venue for various charities.

Achievements and Performance

Our small community centre continues to be a lively place of activity.
Our playshed was demolished in Spring 2026 and so we have had to think carefully about what we do now within the future development of the centre as a whole.
Aberdeen City Council have confirmed that they cannot now contribute to the replacement of that building so alternative use has to be agreed.
Various options for temporary or semi-permanent structures have been considered but none so far have been considered a viable alternative. At the moment the space has become a picnic area for local people during the summer.
In the meantime there are a number of major repair and maintenance projects to the remaining Victorian building and car park which we will undertake in the near future to secure the future of our existing facilities.
Our part time manager/development worker has been successful in producing a number of new partnerships and initiatives which should increase usage and revenue in the centre. She has also secured a number of grants for activities as well as improvements to the energy efficiency of the building.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

Ruthrieston Community Centre is a 19th century building which requires continuous maintenance with major repairs and upgrades necessary from time to time and it is the Association's policy to maintain sufficient reserves to cover both planned and unforeseen major expenditure on such works.

Receipts amounted to £105,136 (2025 £50,943) and payments totalled £42,236 (2025 £36,692). The figure for receipts includes a grant of £44,984 towards the cost of installing solar panels and improving insulation in our building. No monies had been expended on the project by 31 January 2026 and the grant has been carried forward in a restricted fund.

Approval

Approved by the trustees on 25 August 2026

and signed on their behalf by

Ruthrieston Community Centre Association
Independent Examiner's Report
For the Year Ended 31 January 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ruthrieston Community Centre Association

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2026, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and 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 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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, the requirements:-
   - to keep accounting records 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 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.

Gerry McDowall

4 Hollybush Lane
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AB31 5JS

Date 25/8/26

Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the Year Ended 31 January 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2026**	Total 2025
Receipts		£	£	£	£
Donations		740	0	740	0
Grants	4	17,784	44,984	62,768	18,570
Bank Interest		1,224	0	1,224	1,473
Rents		39,964	0	39,964	30,400
Other receipts		440	0	440	500
Total Receipts		60,152	44,984	105,136	50,943
Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	5	41,961	0	41,961	35,984
Governance costs	6	275	0	275	708
Total Payments		42,236	0	42,236	36,692
Surplus for the year		17,916	44,984	62,900	14,251
Funds brought forward		144,427	0	144,427	130,176
Funds carried forward		162,343	44,984	207,327	144,427

Ruthrieston Community Centre Association
Balance Sheet
As at 31 January 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026** £	Total 2025 £
Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Community Account 19289916		46,930	44,984	91,914	30,239
Bank Business Reserve Account 19289924		114,454	0	114,454	113,229
Co-operative Bank		959	0	959	959
Cash		0	0	0	0
		162,343	44,984	207,327	144,427

		£	£
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	7	162,343	144,427
Restricted funds	7	44,984	0
		207,327	144,427

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on

25 August 2026

and signed on their behalf by:-

Ruthrieston Community Centre Association
Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 January 2026

1. Basis of Accounting

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

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

3. Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to any trustee in respect of their role as trustee or to anyone connected with a trustee during the year.

4. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026** £	Total 2025 £
Aberdeen City Council	17,184	0	17,184	18,570
Asda Better Together Fund	600	0	600	0
Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund	0	44,984	44,984	0
	17,784	44,984	62,768	18,570

No restricted grants were received in the year ended 31st January 2025.

5. Cost of Charitable Activities

Wages	7,676	0	7,676	4,505
Pension costs	547	0	547	137
Repairs & replacements	3,843	0	3,843	4,532
Cleaning & hygiene	18,837	0	18,837	17,336
RGU donation	1,755	0	1,755	255
Vodaphone	2,093	0	2,093	1,648
Gardening	1,579	0	1,579	1,195
Gritting & snow clearing	1,470	0	1,470	4,146
Refreshments/café	230	0	230	41
Other costs	3,931	0	3,931	2,189
	41,961	0	41,961	35,984

6. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Cost of independent examiner	75	0	75	75
Other costs	200	0	200	633
	275	0	275	708

7. Funds

	2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	**2026 £**
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	144,427	60,152	(42,236)	162,343
Restricted funds				
Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund	0	44,984	0	44,984
	144,427	105,136	(42,236)	207,327

During the financial year we received a grant from the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund towards the cost of installing solar panels and improving insulation in our building. No monies had been expended by 31 January 2026.

Ruthrieston Community Centre Association
Additional information
Year ended 31st January 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Repairs & replacements		
Wall panels	1,057.50	
Relocate TV	598.56	
Table	562.32	
Laptop	398.98	
Ron Stephen Joinery	794.67	
New fridge	229.04	
Keyboxes	149.99	
Minor items	51.86	
	3,842.92	
Cleaning & hygiene		
Goldstar contract	17,019.60	15,592.32
Goldstar extras	504.00	648.00
Cathedral	558.43	449.28
Other hygiene costs	754.67	646.99
	18,836.70	17,336.59
Gardening		
Goldstar	1,562.85	1,194.82
Other	15.67	0.00
	1,578.52	1,194.82
Gritting & snow clearing		
Goldstar	1,470.00	4,145.65

Other costs	**2026**	**2025**
Fire alarm costs	969.00	
Open day costs	*200.34*	
Public entertainment licence	176.00	
Hallmaster licence	265.00	
Insurance (NB £260 pay in from ACC included as grant income	624.79	512.14
Payroll processing costs	600.00	450.00
TV licence	174.50	169.00
IT costs	295.39	464.71
Other (see below)	626.40	593.00
	3,931.42	2,188.85
Other governance costs		
HMRC	200.00	260.60
Tax consultant	0.00	372.00
	200.00	632.60
Other receipts		
Sale of floor cleaner	400.00	
Sale of lawnmower	40.00	
Election payment	0.00	500.00
	440.00	500.00

Sundries	
Stationery	8.30
Batteries	18.90
Printer ink	27.98
Stationery	24.23
Stationery	21.00
Funeral flowers	80.00
Plate	2.11
Stationery	7.45
Batteries	3.95
Storage box	3.23
Key	20.00
Head torch	8.50
Reflective waistcoat	5.64
Postage	2.95
Printer ink	34.97
Costco Membership	30.00
Key lock box	23.99
Hi vis vest	6.79
Bulb planter	24.90
Provisions for Festive season	101.51
Xmas wreaths	120.00
Amazon voucher for media student	50.00
	626.40

Bank reconciliation **Account 19289916**	
Balance per bank statements	93,352.38
Less Goldstar bill not paid by 31st January	(1,438.09)
Balance shown in accounts	91,914.29