Annual trustees review 1st June 2025- 31st May 2026

Section 1: Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Spotty Zebras SCIO

Charity Number: SC053921

Principal Address: 41 Peggishill Road, Ayr, KA73RD.

Current Trustees: Ciara McDonald, Lyndsay Alexander, Sheena Cristie, Lynzi Douglas, Jackie Knox

Past Trustees: Leona Gribbon

Section 2: Structure, Governance, and Management

Type of Governing Document: SCIO Constitution.

Trustee Recruitment: To appoint new trustees, we will ask parents/carers that we feel would add value to the charity and bring new ideas and skills. These would then be brought to the trustees to agree to elect a new trustee.

Section 3: Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes: The organisation's purpose is the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and in furtherance of this, it will: (a) help support the needs of children with additional support needs and their families (b) To encourage social interaction and activities for the whole family (c) Share information and advice (d) Reduce isolation of all members.

Main Activities: To help relieve those in need we ran lots of activities and events inclusive to all during the year such as youth clubs, soft play sessions, tubing, swimming and outdoor forest school. We included the whole family, parents/carers siblings in our events. We held parent/carers information sessions bringing along different groups or organizations to help give information and advice to families. These included the benefits team , young and adults' carers centre, heart start and social work to name a few. To help reduce financial hardship we part fund all events and activities and also had some that were free. We also ran some young carers residentials at a reduced cost to give them some well earned respite.

Section 4: Achievements and Performance

During this last year at Spotty Zebras SCIO we have supported over 160 families and carers of children with additional support needs across Ayrshire. No diagnosis needed

to access our services; this lowers barriers for families in need of immediate community support.

We hosted over 130 events and regular monthly drop ins over the last year. These sessions allowed parents and carers to connect, share advice and build a peer support network this in turn helps to reduce the geographic and emotional isolation typically experienced by our ASN families.

Our activities and events welcomed siblings, facilitating inclusive play environments for over 160 families with children aged 0-18years. We offered a judgment free space, safe and where the whole family unit could participate together. We provided a clear public benefit for children with ASN to experience lots of events and activities that they may not be able to in a mainstream setting. We ran events for parents and carers. We provided a safe place to chat and share experiences and brought guest speakers to outline external support and had training sessions to help educate our parents and carers.

Parent/carer A

''Being able to attend activities that suit the needs of the children no matter what age or stage or ability they have and not being Judged by other people is who don't have a clue about ASN needs . Being able to seek advice or help from other families.''

Parent/carer B ''Being able to attend the events of spotty zebras has honestly changed so much for us this might sound dramatic but it's really given us things to look forward to without feeling the fear of things going wrong, before this I struggled to get out myself to places as I had the fear of going to places where people might not be as accepting, worrying I would struggle myself,It's given me so much more confidence as a mum to an asn child to explore different places myself without being Ill with anxiety about all the things that could possibly go wrong. Also Seeing similar faces at each event makes me feel more relaxed and the girls who all support the events that I've attended have been so friendly and so approachable from the get go! My daughter loves coming to these events I really see a side of her that she struggles to show normally in her day to day life, its giving her confidence, new experiences and just the time to hang out with such lovely kids, it's also amazing that her sisters get to attend these as it gives her a bit of safe whilst exploring new opportunities! Thankyous all so very much we're forever grateful for the time and the effort you put in to making this all possible for us!
Thankyous for welcoming us xx ''

Parent/carer C ''The impact Spotty Zebras has had on our family can't be measured. It's given us a safe, inclusive space where we can enjoy experiences together without feeling different. We've made wonderful memories, met amazing people, and always leave with smiles on our faces. Thank you for everything you do''

Section 5: Financial Review

Financial Overview:

For the 12 months ended 31 May 2026, Spotty Zebras SCIO generated a total turnover of £23,671.32. Our main source of income was donations and grants, which brought in £16,774.64. This was made up of £10,000 from the national lottery community fund, £1,500 from barrett homes, our families did the Kiltwalk to raise funds, we had a local Zumba group raising funds throughout the year and had some fundraising by members of the public with a family taking on tough mudder and one of supporters talking on a 53miles trek and the rest supplemented by £6,896.68 from events.

Our total cost of sales(events and activties) amounted to £15,937.19. The vast majority of these funds went directly toward delivering our core community activities, with £13,991.94 spent on event costs and hire, alongside £1,945.25 for cost of goods sold. Cost of goods sold is just what our accounting software uses to separate expenses. Our cost of goods sales is snacks, juice and arts and crafts materials and cooking ingredients for events and activities. This resulted in a gross profit of £7,734.13.

Administrative expenses were kept minimal at £217.10 (covering £150.00 for audit and accountancy fees, £53.05 in bank fees, and £14.05 in general expenses), leaving the organization with a final surplus/profit after taxation of £7,517.03 for the financial year.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to keep a minimum buffer of £2,500 in the bank as a buffer for emergencies.

Section 6: Approval Sign-off;

Approved by the trustees on 29/09/2026 and signed on their behalf by Ciara McDonald/ Chairperson/ trustee