Douglas Community Spaces Group
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Association (SC043807)

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees of DOUGLAS COMMUNITY SPACES GROUP hereby submit their report and accounts for the legal year ended 31st March 2026

Legal and Administrative Information

Douglas Community Spaces Group is a registered charity (number SC043807) in Scotland. The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and is governed by its constitution.

Structure, Governance and Management

The structure of the organisation consists of the charity trustees who are also the organisations only members and comprise the organisation board.
A written application must be submitted to the board for any individual or body wishing to become a trustee and the application will be considered by the board. The minimum number of trustees is three with the maximum number of trustees being twelve. Trustees must retire from office at the AGM and are eligible to re-election. There is currently no formal induction and training programme for new trustees

Charitable Purposes

The objects of the charity's constitution are:

To advance environmental protection or improvement
To advance public participation in sport
To advance community development
Identify opportunities for improvement and development of green and open spaces
Acquiring and /or manage the development of green and open spaces
Promoting access to and responsible use / development of green and open spaces
Providing opportunities to learn about the environment and its conservation through the provision of wildlife-friendly spaces
Providing opportunities to gain skills in gardening and the production of healthy food by establishing community garden(s)
Promoting mental and physical well-being by providing space to allow residents to have contact with nature in green space near their homes
With the support of sports development workers and local sports clubs, encouraging participation in outdoor sport and activities by all ages by providing 'come and try' opportunities
Promoting participants and community spirit by providing and maintaining venues for open-air community events and celebrations, and by organising programmes of such events
Offering opportunities for local people to volunteer in working towards development of green and open spaces for the benefit of the community
Promoting the regeneration of the East End Ward by working with local agencies to improve the physical environment in the area

Activities and Achievements

Governance: -

- DCSG continues to hold monthly meetings where finance and business matters are discussed, and any issues addressed.
- DCSG has put in place policies and procedures to ensure inclusion and fairness for Trustees, Staff and Volunteers.

Physical projects / Activities: -

- Douglas Community Park is now an established space which local people and visitors use daily. Children, young people and adults use the space for recreation, play, sport and meeting up. This year saw the 'Splashdown at the Community Oasis' event, participation in school fun days and visits from groups across Douglas.
- DCSG has worked with partners across the neighbourhood and the city to deliver activities, events and opportunities to the benefit of Douglas and its green spaces.
- Through our partnership with Scottish Water, Douglas Community Park has been visited by over 150 students from the universities of Dundee, Abertay and St. Andrews as an exemplar project to the Scottish Government around water resilience strategies.
- New Partnerships include Dundee & Angus College, Water Resilient Dundee, SEPA

Challenges

- Board members recognise that they need to attract more volunteers, and some successes with social media and individual park projects have been encouraging.
- Due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and challenging public sector budgets, Trustee volunteers (who all belong to a number of other groups) find their capacity to undertake training and wider activity development is becoming more restricted as attention is focussed on delivering free and low cost activities.
- DCSG successfully applied for funding from The National Lottery Awards for All fund, though it is recognised that other sources of funded will be needed in the near future.

Trustee remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees are not remunerated nor were they reimbursed for any personal outlays

Financial Review

The results for the year are set out on the attached accounts. There is no formal reserves policy in place yet.

Approved by the Trustees on 30th September 2026

And signed on their behalf by: _____

Chair – Art Sangster Date: - 30 Sept 2026 2026