

Scottish Charity No SC050700

# Crown Connects SCIO

## TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022



## **Crown Connects SCIO**

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### **Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

#### **Trustees:**

Jane Ferguson – Chair

Marion McDonald – Treasurer

Becky Fretwell – Secretary

Bill Strachan

#### **Contact Address:**

c/o SHIMCA, 1 Ardconnel Terrace, Inverness IV2 3AE

#### **Governing Document**

Crown Connects is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated organisation (SCIO) and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

#### **Charitable purposes**

Our objectives, as recorded in our constitution are:

- (a) The development of environmental, social and economic sustainability initiatives in our community, in and around the Hill and Crown areas of Inverness
- (b) The relief of those in need by way of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; and
- (c) Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

#### **Activities and Achievements**

Crown Connects officially registered as a charity in January 2021, so this report represents our first year of operation as a charity. Crown Connects began as a local covid support group in March 2020, so the accounting information includes net funding brought forward from activity which occurred prior to opening a bank account in July 2021.

We have continued to reduce waste and address food poverty through our **Community Cupboard** and fridge by redistribute 'yellow' label food that would have otherwise gone to waste. The volunteer team

which includes Duke of Edinburgh volunteers from Millburn Academy do an amazing job, keeping the cupboard stocked and making this resource accessible to all, every day of the year. Our application to the National Lottery for funding for a part-time Community Cupboard coordinator was also successful and the position was filled in March, with an April start date for a 1 year fixed-term contract.

Our application for a grant from the Pebble Trust for a **Community Orchard** was successful and the first 60 Apple and Plum trees were distributed to local residents in February, with a final distribution of 40 trees planned in April. Local organisations are also involved with SHIMCA, Crown Primary and Inverness Creative Academy all now growing fruit!

The **Gritting Gang** continued to keep our local streets safe from ice and with the support of the Highland Council and Crown & City Centre Community Council they were able to arrange liability cover for the volunteers and get equipment including shovels, a wheel barrow and safety gear.

Our first **Community Newsletter** was delivered to 1,000 residents and our first **Community Survey** was completed. The feedback was used to inform our recently held **community engagement event**. It was well attended and was a great opportunity to partner up with Circus Artspace, Incredible Edibles, Libertie Project, Partnership for Wellbeing, Crown Primary School and the North Highlands & Islands Climate Action Hub who supported the event with staff time and a grant to cover the expenses. It gave local residents the chance to share their views on how they wanted their community to look in the future. All the data collected will be used to help shape our aims and objectives for 2022/23 and beyond.

#### **Trustee remuneration and expenses**

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year. All trustees had costs reimbursed in the initial period of the group's activities, for transactions made prior to having a bank account with debit card facility.

#### **Reserves**

As a very new organisation we have not built up unrestricted reserves of funding and we have not yet adopted a formal reserves policy. Funding to date has been almost entirely from grants for a specific (restricted) purpose. We will consider our reserves policy in the coming year as we become more established.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Marion McDonald Treasurer

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**Receipts and Payments Account**

**Year ended 31st March 2022**

**Receipts**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Donations                               | £39.91            |
| Grant - Pebble Trust                    | £2,500.00         |
| Grant – National Lottery Awards for All | £9,900.00         |
| Grant - Climate Action Hub              | £500.00           |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                   | <b>£12,939.91</b> |

**Payments**

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Charitable Activities | £3,312.36        |
| Website               | £64.78           |
| Volunteer Expenses    | £505.80          |
| <b>Total Payments</b> | <b>£3,882.94</b> |

**(Deficit)/Surplus for year** **£9,056.97**

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**Statement of Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Statement of Balances**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Net funding brought forward* | £1,740.00         |
| (Deficit)/Surplus for year   | £9,056.97         |
| <b>Closing balance</b>       | <b>£10,796.97</b> |

\* Net grant funding from previous group activities

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

M McDonald

Treasurer

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**Independent Examiner's Report**

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**To the Trustees of Crown Connects SCIO**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages above.

**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. 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.

**Basis of independent examiners 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 did not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiners 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 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.

Gregor McNicol ACMA

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