



Westmuir Community Development Trust

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report with the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2013.

Principal Activity and Review of Activities

The Company was incorporated as a private company limited by guarantee on 5th October 2004.

The Company's objects, as stated in its memorandum of association, are:-

- to provide, in the interests of social welfare, facilities for recreation and other leisure time activity available to the public at large in Westmuir and surrounding area
- to preserve, restore and improve the environment in the area
- to advance education and to promote opportunities for learning and raise awareness and interest in the local environment, culture and heritage

The desire for such an organisation was strongly expressed by the community through the surveys undertaken by the Westmuir Community Futures Steering Group. The Company was viewed as a suitable mechanism to enable the community to achieve the action priorities identified in the Community Action Plan.

The Company will provide an over-arching framework for a number of initiatives within the community. These initiatives will be taken forward by members of the Company with the involvement of one or more of the directors.

The main activities during the review period were the management and further development of the Community Woodland Park.

Westmuir Community Woodland Park.

Under the guidance of Jim Miller, our loyal band of volunteers carried out a range of tasks in the Park, including grass cutting, path and ditch maintenance, shrub and tree trimming, and bird box cleaning. The Trust is grateful to these volunteers and would welcome the assistance of any other members of the community.

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Website (www.westmuir.org.uk)

The website is a very valuable resource for the community and for visitors. It provides information about the general life of the village and the events and activities that take place here. There is an expanding range of information about the local area with the many beautiful walks and scenery that can be experienced within a short distance of the village.

The site is in the very capable hands of Brian Forsyth with major input of stunning photographs and local knowledge from George Milne. The Trust also thanks those villagers who have contributed material for the web-site as well as the local businesses which advertise on the site..

Financial Performance

The Trust's General fund benefited from a one-off way-leave payment from Scottish and Southern Energy and is in a healthy condition in relation to our routine expenditure.

Joint fund-raising events with the Westmuir Hall Association raised sufficient funds to cover the routine costs of the Community Woodland Park. Volunteers spent a day "bag-packing" at the Kirriemuir Co-op, courtesy of the store manager to whom the Trust expresses its thanks. Once again Team Urquhart (Gillian and David) organised and delivered a very enjoyable family quiz night for which the Trust sends its grateful thanks.

Whilst sufficient funds are in hand to cover the expected routine costs of the Park in 2013-14, we will seek to raise more funds during the year.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were as follows:

Ian Cobb
Lord Colyton
Brian Forsyth
Andrew McParland
Jim Miller
Gary Sinclair
Ann Warren

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Ian Cobb, Andrew McParland and Jim Miller were re-elected at the AGM of 21st February 2012. Brian Forsyth and Gary Sinclair were re-elected at the AGM of 19th February 2013. Lord Colyton was appointed as a director by the Board of Directors on 19th February 2013.

Under the provisions of Article 45(b), Ian Cobb, Jim Miller and Ann Warren retire at this Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment. Under the provisions of Articles 48 and 50, the Directors intend to re-appoint Lord Colyton as a director.

Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the results of the Company for the year then ended. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them on a consistent basis;
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

External Scrutiny

Guidance from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) indicates that the Trust is required to have an independent examination by a member of a professional accounting body. The independent examiner's report is attached to this report.

Small Company Legislation

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

Jim Miller, Director
18th February 2014