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DUMFRIES PARTNERSHIP ACTION GROUP

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST MAY 2023

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER:- SC051000

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Dumfries Partnership Action Group
Scottish Charity Number SC051000
Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2023.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Dumfries Partnership Action Group (DPAG)

Charity Number

SC051000

Contact Address

DPAG, 100 High Street, Dumfries, DG1 2BJ

Current Trustees

Rod Cowan – Chair & Secretary	Appointed 17 th August 2022
Mark Andrew Smith – Treasurer	Appointed 26 th May 2021
Leah Halliday	Appointed 26 th May 2021 and resigned 17 th August 2022
Mark Arthur James Jardine	Appointed 26 th May 2021 and resigned 17 th August 2022
Eric Craig	Appointed 17 th August 2022
Kenny Bowie	Appointed 17 th August 2022
Leslie Anthony Fitzpatrick	Appointed 17 th August 2022
Matt Baker	Appointed 17 th August 2022
Robin Wishart	Appointed 17 th August 2022
Simon Allen Hugh Jones	Appointed 17 th August 2022
Karl Drinkwater	Appointed 17 th August 2022 and resigned 8 th November 2022
Marie Martin McKinnon	Appointed 17 th August 2022 and resigned 28 th March 2023

Co-opted Trustee

Morgan Love Appointed 15th June 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Dumfries Partnership Action Group (DPAG) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), which was incorporated on 26th May 2021. It has a two-tier structure consisting of the members, being the trustees of the charity and the Board, made up of the charity trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Persons are not eligible for appointment to the Board unless they are members of the organisation. However, there is provision in the constitution for eligible non-members of the organisation to be nominated trustees by "a body with which the organisation has close contact in the course of its activities or on the basis that he/she has specialist experience and/or skills which could be of assistance to the board". The maximum number of trustees is 15 (of whom no more than 10 shall have been elected by the members or appointed by the Board, and no more than 5 should have been appointed by an outside body), the minimum is 3. Unless debarred from membership, any member may be elected to the Board by the membership at an AGM. At each AGM, all the charity, whether elected or appointed by an outside body, must retire from office but shall then be eligible for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The charity's purpose is the advancement of citizenship and community development (including urban regeneration) through partnership working and the development/delivery of initiatives to achieve the betterment of Dumfries.

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Activities and Achievements

This report for the Dumfries Partnership Action Group (DPAG), a registered Scottish charity, reflects on its inaugural year in its efforts to progress the Dynamically Different Dumfries (DDD) as a living document. The DDD, endorsed by Dumfries & Galloway Council, envisions a transformative 10-year plan for the town centre. Despite significant challenges, this report recognises DPAG's highlights, achievements, challenges, and future opportunities.

DPAG, formed in August 2022, emphasizes its commitment to the 10-year vision of DDD and focuses on town centre development. Changes in the Board, including Morgan Love who was co-opted to the board to add a younger person's perspective, set the stage for the year's initiatives.

A review of 55 DDD factors reveals progress in 19 areas with current action plans, while 36 areas remain static or lack action plans. Key priority areas include Active Travel, Town Centre Digital, The Town's Entertainment and Cultural Offer, and Town Centre Management.

Highlights include benchmarking DDD through workshops, building partnerships, hosting the "Market of Possibilities" for community input, securing funding for the Love Dumfries website, and contributing to the development of a Burns Quarter. DPAG strengthens ties with the Council's Active Travel team and positions Dumfries as a leader in community-based redevelopment.

DPAG faced challenges, notably the loss of earmarked funding for a town centre coordinator role. The Board relies on volunteer efforts, emphasising the need for external support from councils and enterprises.

Plans for future period

Positive opportunities include leveraging DDD as a constant framework, accessing the £20 million town development fund, contributing to the Place Plan, and aligning with key initiatives like the 5g hub and Burns Quarter.

DPAG identifies four main areas for action based: Active Travel, Town Centre Digital, The Town's Entertainment and Cultural Offer, and Town Centre Management. These priorities aim to enhance infrastructure, digital presence, cultural vibrancy, and overall town management.

In conclusion, DPAG's first year lays the foundation for collaborative town development. Despite challenges, the focus on key priorities and strategic partnerships works toward positioning Dumfries for positive transformation in line with the Dynamically Different Dumfries vision.

Financial Review

The charity had a surplus this year of £8,162.

Reserves Policy

At the year end, the charity had unrestricted funds of £362 and restricted funds of £7,800. The trustees consider that the current funds are adequate to meet current costs.

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report.

This report was approved by the trustees on 1st November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


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Mark Andrew Smith
Treasurer

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st May 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Grants Received	500	19,092	19,592	-
Total Receipts	500	19,092	19,592	-
<u>Payments</u>				
Charitable Expenses				
Consultancy fees	-	11,292	11,292	-
	-	11,292	11,292	-
Governance Costs:				
Computer expenses	9	-	9	-
Bank charges	63	-	63	-
Room hire	46	-	46	-
	118	-	118	-
Total Payments	118	11,292	11,410	-
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	382	7,800	8,182	-

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Statement of Balances as at 31st May 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Bank and Cash in Hand</u>		
Opening Balances	-	-
Surplus for the year	8,182	-
Closing Balances	<u>8,182</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Reserves</u>		
General Unrestricted Funds	<u>382</u>	<u>-</u>
Restricted Funds – Market of Possibilities	<u>7,800</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7,800</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Reserves	<u>8,182</u>	<u>-</u>

The charity has no other investments, assets or material liabilities.

Approved by the trustees on 1st November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Andrew Smith
Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2023

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & 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. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the year, the charity received grant funding of £11,292 to cover consultancy fees for the preparation of the Action Plan document for Dynamically Different Dumfries (DDD) and £7,800 for project "Market of Possibilities" to set up workshops and a place to allow people to drop in and discuss their ideas for Dumfries. At the year end, the charity still holds restricted funds of £7,800 relating to the funds received for "Market of Possibilities".

3. Related party transactions

None of the trustees received remuneration for their services nor expenses. A grant of £500 was received from Loreburn Community Council, members of which are also trustees of DPAG.

4. Grants received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Loreburn Community Council	500	-	500	-
Dumfries & Galloway Council	-	11,292	11,292	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	7,800	7,800	-
	<u>500</u>	<u>19,092</u>	<u>19,592</u>	<u>-</u>

Dumfries Partnership Action Group
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st May 2023 set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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 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 Report

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 do not express an audit opinion on the view given by 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;
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - (b) 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.



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3rd November 2023