

Dumfries Partnership Action Group
Scottish Charity Number SC051000
Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2025.

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

Eric Craig – Chair

Sitki Nalci – Vice Chair

Mark Andrew Smith – Treasurer

Leslie Anthony Fitzpatrick – Secretary

Kenny Bowie

Anne Lindsay

Resigned 9th September 2024

Robin Wishart

Resigned 30th January 2025

Gilbert West

Resigned 30th January 2025

Co-opted Trustee

Davi Santos

Appointed 30th January 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Dumfries Partnership Action Group (DPAG) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), which was incorporated on 26th May 2021 and governed by its constitution. 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

During the year:

- successful recruitment of new board members and office bearers;
- established formal links with local community council;
- established formal links with key Dumfries and Galloway Council officials and members;
- set up month long community engagement as part of Local Place Plan production;
- produced and successfully registered Local Place Plan with Dumfries and Galloway Council;
- established formal links with new Town Board;
- sponsored, organised and delivered 2024 Christmas Lights Switch On;
- maintained contact with DPAG members via several update newsletters;
- developed higher profile online/social media presence;
- developed new Love Dumfries app due to launch in 2026;
- sponsored Safer Streets active travel project engagement and development; and
- worked with the Burns Tourism Partnership/Burns in Dumfries and developed links with the South Scotland Destination Alliance.

Future Plans

Our future plans are:

- deliver Local Place Plan projects in partnership with others;
- launch and promote Love Dumfries App;
- subject to bid to Town Board, establish Dumfries Business Action Group; and
- rerun Christmas Lights programme.

Financial Review

The charity had a deficit this year of £9,281.

Reserves Policy

At the year end, the charity had unrestricted funds of £1,127 and restricted funds of £7,190. 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 4th February 2026 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 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Grants Received	-	2,000	2,000	15,410
Donations Received	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Sponsorship	-	-	-	1,000
Total Receipts	-	22,000	22,000	36,410
<u>Payments</u>				
Charitable Expenses				
Advertising/Promotional	-	1,585	1,585	2,112
Entertainment	-	4,230	4,230	655
Installation of lights	-	14,301	14,301	7,449
Other professional services	-	317	317	7,953
Insurance	-	723	723	758
Volunteer meals/drinks	-	125	125	120
Media hire	-	7,747	7,747	7,211
Printing, postage & stationery	-	670	670	30
Website costs	-	282	282	282
Donations	200	-	200	-
	200	29,980	30,180	26,570
Governance Costs:				
Computer expenses	211	-	211	189
Bank charges	-	-	-	(71)
Room hire	175	-	175	66
Independent examiner's fee	252	-	252	240
	1,101	-	638	424
Purchase of equipment	463	-	463	-
Total Payments	1,301	29,980	31,281	26,994
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS	(1,301)	(7,980)	(9,281)	9,416
Transfers between funds	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR	199	(9,480)	(9,281)	9,416

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Statement of Balances as at 31st May 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Bank and Cash in Hand</u>		
Opening Balances	17,598	8,182
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>(9,281)</u>	<u>9,416</u>
Closing Balances	<u><u>8,317</u></u>	<u><u>17,598</u></u>
<u>Reserves</u>		
General Unrestricted Funds	<u>1,127</u>	<u>928</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>		
Christmas Lights	2,674	13,202
Love Dumfries	2,516	3,468
Local Place Plan	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7,190</u>	<u>16,670</u>
Total Reserves	<u><u>8,317</u></u>	<u><u>17,598</u></u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Equipment (estimated value)	<u>350</u>	<u>-</u>

All assets represent unrestricted fund of the charity. The charity has no other investments, assets or material liabilities.

Approved by the trustees on 4th February 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



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Mark Andrew Smith
Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2025

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 £2,000 from Dumfries & Galloway Council towards the Local Place Plan. At the year end, the charity still holds restricted funds of £7,190 as detailed in the Statement of Balances on Page 4.

3. Related party transactions

None of the trustees received remuneration for their services. Two trustees received reimbursement of expenses totalling £943 relating to advertising and the purchase of a camera (2004 – two trustees totalling £560 re advert and stationery costs).

4. Grants received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Dumfries & Galloway Council	-	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>15,410</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>15,410</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 2025 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.

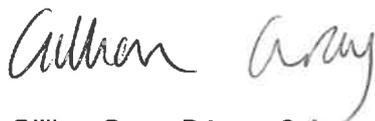
Independent Examiner's Statement

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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4th February 2026