

Auchengray Church Centre Trust (SCIO)

Charity Registered in Scotland No SC043509

Informal Report

For the Period April 2014 - March 2015



Auchengray Church Centre Trust (SCIO)

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Official Staff

Trustees

Campbell Fisher (Chairman, acting Treasurer), Linda Fisher (Secretary), Betty Gowans, Alex Kelly (Safeguarding Co-ordinator), Timea Kelly, Willie Shearer

Governing document

Auchengray Church Centre Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and was registered by OSCR on 25 October 2012. It is a "Single Tier" SCIO, ie the Charity Trustees are the organisation's only members and comprise the organisation's Board.

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed by invitation of the existing Trustees. The name(s) of eligible and willing individual(s) may be passed to any Board member at any time. The Board will consider such recommendation(s) at its next Board meeting.

There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. Prior to their appointment, new Trustees would have expressed an interest in the Trust and would be familiar with the Trust's values, aims and objectives as well as its day to day operations. All Trustees are required to sign a Statement of Faith. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities

Charitable Purposes

The Trust's charitable purposes are:

- To advance the Christian religion - by establishing an independent, non-denominational Christian Church based in Auchengray Church Centre.
- To provide recreational facilities - by making the facilities of the Auchengray Church Centre available for use by members of the public, local organisations and individuals for recreational and educational purposes and for community events provided the proposed activities meet the requirements of current legislation eg Child Protection and are not incompatible with the ethos of the Trust.

Summary of Main Activities

- We have provided church services and opportunities to explore and practise the Christian faith.
- We have provided facilities for local organisations, community, school, charity and family events and meetings.

Summary of Achievements or

What we've been up to

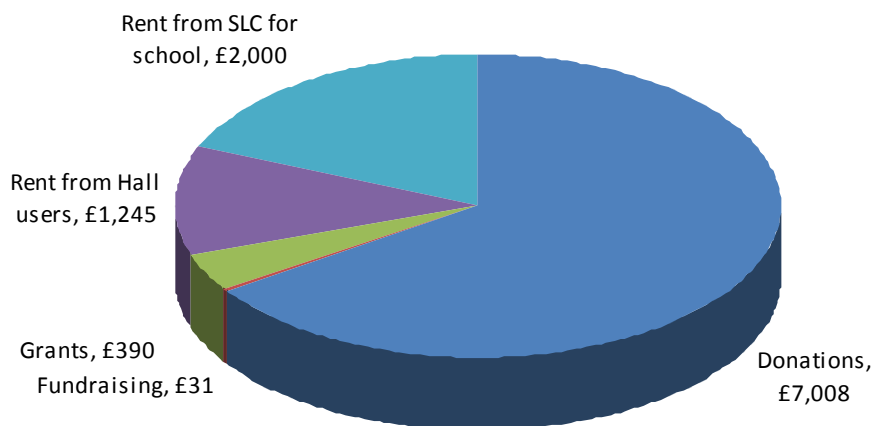
Business Administration Group (the BAG)

Participants – currently the Trustees

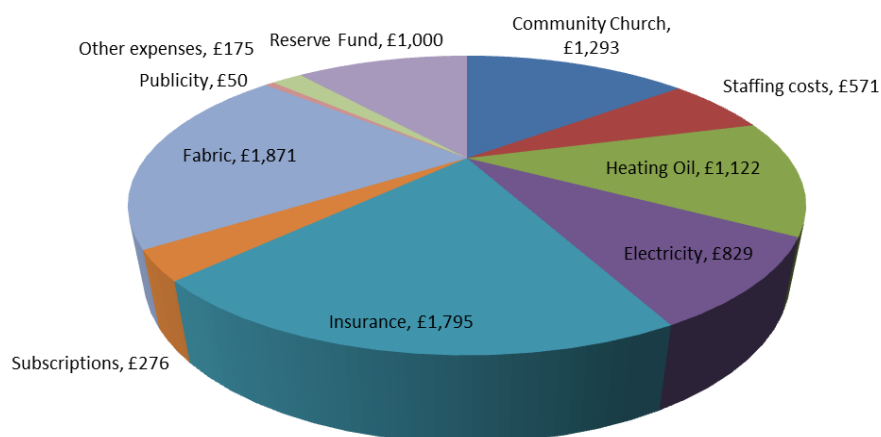
- The following **policies** have been drawn up and adopted by the Trust during the past year:
Child Protection, Procurement / Re-imburement, Hall Use and Small Item Loans.
- The Trustees have all been **PVG** registered and those working with children and ACC keyholders have been / are being PVG registered.
- The hallkeeper has retired and the **hall keeping** is now covered on a **voluntary basis**
- A Trust **web site** has recently been set up – www.auchengraychurchcentre.org
- Auchengray Church Centre Trust is now a member of **Evangelical Alliance UK** which represents over 3,500 churches across more than 80 denominations and 700 organisations throughout UK. EA UK encourages co-operation among Christians, while respecting diversity of culture, experience and doctrine.

Business Administration Group (the BAG) ~ Finance

Income to General and Fabric Funds £10,674



Payments from General and Fabric Funds £8,981



Unrestricted Funds	Balance at	31 March 2015
General Fund ~ is used for the normal operation of the Trust		£4248
Fabric Fund ~ is set aside to help with any significant non-routine maintenance and repairs to the property.		£2607
Reserve Fund ~ is set aside to be used in the event of any expenditure incurred should the Trust need to be wound up.		£1000

Grants

- The following **grants** were received by the Trust during the year from **WAT IF?**
- £250 towards the cost of the Harvest Meal evening (General Fund)
 - £140 to cover the cost of a replacement fridge in the server area. (Fabric Fund)
 - £410 towards the cost of upgrading the premises. (ACC Fund)
 - £230 towards the cost of running the annual Flower Show (Flower Show Fund)

WAT IF?

Restricted Funds	Balance at	31 March 2015
ACC Fund ~ is a fund into which grants and specified donations are lodged which may only be used for specific ACC Projects.		£2239
Flower Show Fund ~ is a fund into which income from the flower show is lodged for ACC projects as agreed by the Flower Show Committee.		£1513

The **Caring Knitters** also obtained a grant from **WAT IF?** for a **combination microwave oven** which is installed in the kitchen and is available for use by all hall users

Auchengray and District Community Church

Participants – everyone who turns up!

From February to the end of April 2014 the group “Sundays@7” met weekly (apart from the first Sunday of the month) and consumed lots of tea, coffee and cake around some lively Bible discussions. We held church services on the first Sunday of each month, except July and August. Some of these were seasonally themed, e.g.

September ~
Dedication Service
at the start up
of the new season

October ~ Harvest Thanksgiving with food gifts to the Clydesdale Food Bank. This was preceded on the previous evening by “Sing for Your Supper”, a community meal incorporating the singing of traditional harvest hymns. It was a good time of renewing old friendships and making new friends. Catering was provided by Apple Pie, Carnwath.

November ~
Remembrance Service,
incorporating
Communion. A booklet
of reflections entitled
“Silence”, which marked
the 100th anniversary of
the start of the First
World War, was
provided by the Trust
for every home in the
district. This was a joint
venture along with Forth
Parish Church and was
distributed by
TWA Newsletter.

December ~ the Hamilton Salvation Army Band led the annual Community Carol service. The church was packed out as usual and the festive refreshments were enjoyed by all. The retiring collection raised £200 which was divided equally between Tearfund and Clydesdale Food Bank.

A new venture this year was Carolling Around the Villages, taking the Christmas message to homes and communities in the area on the Sundays leading up to Christmas. This was appreciated by those visited

January ~ we learned that the chimes of Big Ben ring out the following prayer ~
“All through this hour
/ Lord be my guide
/ and by Thy power
/ no foot shall slide”

From mid-January 2015 we have been running “Sundays@7Alpha” each week (apart from the first Sunday of the month) and again, we have consumed lots of tea, coffee and cake around some very lively Bible discussions!

In conjunction with 2cytrust (Clydesdale Christian Youth Trust) we hosted a training session for volunteers taking part in “Bubblegum’n’fluff”, a Christmas event for Carnwath Primary School P6’s.

A specified donation enabled the purchase of a new keyboard and our services have been enhanced by guest musicians including Fiona Paul from Carnwath, Krys Korsak from Lanark and David Clark and family from Armadale, along with local participants.



Auchengray Church Centre Committee - Managing the Community Facilities

Participants – anyone with an interest in the restoration, use and development of the ACC premises ie the church, the hall and the grounds.

The ACC Committee met in November 2014 to discuss and plan initial property repairs, restoration and development.

The restoration of the leaded / stained glass church windows and associated stonework was recognised as being of first priority in order to preserve the integrity of the building. Estimates had been obtained and grant funding applications are currently in process.

Discussions are taking place with Clydesdale Community Initiative with regard to the installation of an Auchengray Church Centre & Community notice board and also future landscaping possibilities for Auchengray Church Centre grounds and car park.

An office has been set up within Auchengray Church Centre to provide storage for Trust records and appliance instructions, to provide equipment such as a printer/copier, laminator, guillotine etc for hall users and as a small meeting room.

During the past year the ACC has been used as follows:

Weekly by the Craft group and Caring Knitters who have welcomed new members this year

Monthly by Auchengray WRI which has also welcomed new members this year

Daily during term time by Auchengray Primary School until the end of June 2014. The school building is now being replaced and the pupils are temporarily accommodated at Carnwath.

We were sad to see them move away last summer but we are excited about the potential of the new school and look forward to them coming back to Auchengray!

Parent Council meetings

Group Business meetings

Councillor surgeries

Car parking and site office space has been made available in the grounds of Auchengray Church Centre for the contractors during the rebuilding of Auchengray Primary School.

This is a goodwill gesture with no charge but with some groundworks in kind agreed.

Polling station for the European Election (May 2014) and the Scottish Referendum (September 2014)

WAT IF? (Local Community Development Trust) public meetings and AGM

Auchengray Primary School Summer Party 2014

Craft Fairs

Auchengray Primary School Christmas concerts 2014

Auchengray Flower Show 2014

WAT Group AGM

Meetings / presentations regarding rebuilding of Auchengray Primary School

“150 years of Auchengray and District ~ a Pictorial Display”, continued in the church for a second year, by popular request.

Fund raising events for Macmillan Support

Weekly / monthly by Auchengray and District Community Church

Family celebrations

A collection point for Clydesdale Food Bank. This is well supported and is appreciated by the recipients.