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THOMAS MACKENZIE STIRLING TRUST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

The Trustees present the annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016.

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Charity Name	Thomas Mackenzie Stirling Trust
Charity Number	SC001658
Contact Address	East Dunbartonshire Council Finance Broomhill Industrial Estate Kirkintilloch G66 1TF
Current Trustees	Councillor Rhondda Geekie Councillor John Jamieson Councillor Billy Hendry Councillor Ashay Ghai
Auditor	David McConnell MA CPFA Audit Scotland 4 th Floor, South Suite The Athenaeum Building 8 Nelson Mandela Place Glasgow G2 1BT

Structure and Governance

Thomas Mackenzie Stirling Trust is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

The governing document is the Trust Disposition and Settlement of Mr Thomas M Stirling, dated 19 August 1938.

The governance arrangements are now under the control of East Dunbartonshire Council (the Council), who appoint Trustees as required. All Trustees are elected members of East Dunbartonshire Council. The Council agreed to the appointment of four Trustees on 15 November 2012 and these Trustees remained in post throughout the 2015/16 financial year. This audited 2015/16 Annual Report has been authorised by the designated signatory.

The charity Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that there are appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

- The charities are operating efficiently and effectively
- The charitable assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use and disposition
- Proper records are maintained and financial information used by the charities is reliable
- The charities comply with relevant laws and regulations.

The systems of internal controls are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. The systems of internal control follow that of the Council itself and, as such, much of this is delegated to the Group Director of Finance and Corporate Assets. The Council continually seeks to improve the effectiveness of its systems of internal control so that any irregularities are either prevented or quickly detected. The systems of internal control are based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, financial

and administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability.

The Accounts and Trustees Report are prepared by the Finance service of the Council.

The appointed auditors are Audit Scotland. The Council has agreed to meet the cost of this audit and not pass this on to the Trust. This is to provide additional financial support to the Trust, ensuring that core funds are not eroded prior to re-organisation.

The Trustees meet annually and will ensure that the required accounting arrangements are adhered to. Due to the limited ability to spend funds under this structure, the Trustees approved the transfer of the assets of the Trust to East Dunbartonshire Food Bank and The Park Centre as these charities would use the funds of the Trust for the original purpose for which they were donated, to provide for the poor of Kirkintilloch. The funds were disbursed during 2015/16.

Management of Funds and Investment Policy

Decisions regarding the management of Thomas Mackenzie Stirling Trust are made by the Trustees. They rely on the expertise of the Council to manage the investments to ensure the maximum return at the least risk to the charity. In this way, the income stream for the future benefit of the charity is protected.

Funds available are invested each year with interest earned.

Objectives and Activities

The Thomas Mackenzie Stirling Trust was a bequest to be used for the benefit of the poor of the burgh of Kirkintilloch.

Performance

As the funds of the Trusts were fully disbursed to other charities, no interest was received.

Financial Review

The funds of the Trust were disbursed to other charities in 2015/16. Therefore the Statement of Receipts and Payments overleaf shows a deficit.

Declaration

This report was signed on behalf of the Trustees on 27 September 2016 by:



Councillor Rhondda Geekie

Leader

East Dunbartonshire Council

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Thomas Mackenzie Stirling Trust

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Thomas Mackenzie Stirling Trust (SC001658) and the Accounts Commission for Scotland

I certify that I have audited the financial statements of Thomas Mackenzie Stirling Trust for the year ended 31 March 2016 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the statement of receipts and payments, the statement of balances, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and a receipts and payments basis.

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 125 of the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditor

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which properly present the receipts and payments of the charity. My responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. Those standards require me to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts or disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, I read all the financial and non-financial information in the trustees' annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on financial statements

In my opinion the financial statements:

- properly present the receipts and payments of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2016 and its statement of balances at that date; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulations 9(1), (2) and (3) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Opinion on other prescribed matter

In my opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in my opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.



David McConnell MA CPFA

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28 September 2016

David McConnell is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

	Note	2015/16		2014/15
		Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Investment Income		0	0	94
Total Receipts		0	0	94
PAYMENTS				
Payments		7,751	7,751	0
Total Payments	c	7,751	7,751	0
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		-7,751	-7,751	94

Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2016

Note	2015/16		2014/15
	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£
Cash at Bank - 31/03/2015	7,751	7,751	7,657
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	-7,751	-7,751	94
Cash at Bank - 31/03/2016	0	0	7,751
Investment			
Market Value as at 31 March 2016	0	0	0
Total Investments	0	0	0
Other Assets	0	0	0
Liabilities	0	0	0
Contingent Liabilities	0	0	0
Closing Balance	0	0	7,751

The audited financial statements were issued on 27 September 2016

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 27 September 2016 by:



Councillor Rhondda Geekie

Leader

East Dunbartonshire Council

Notes to the Accounts

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

b) Trustee Remuneration, Expenses and Related Party Transactions

- No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees or any connected persons during the year 2015/16;
- All transactions incoming and outgoing are made via the Council's bank accounts;
- The Council has not charged the charity any fees for legal, financial or administrative services provided during the year.

c) Payments

The funds of the Trust were disbursed to other charities in 2015/16.

d) Cash and Bank Balances

The disbursement of the funds left no balances.

