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**EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL CHARITABLE TRUSTS**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**



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## Annual Trustees' 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** East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts

**Charity Number** SC025074

**Contact Address** East Dunbartonshire Council  
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Broomhill Industrial Estate  
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**Current Trustees** Councillor Rhondda Geekie  
Councillor John Jamieson  
Councillor Billy Hendry  
Councillor Ashay Ghai

**Auditor** David McConnell MA CPFA  
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### Structure and Governance

East Dunbartonshire Charitable Trusts is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

The governing documents are:

- the extract of Will of Dr Adams, dated 21 August 1917,
- extract from Minute of Meeting of Western No.3 Campsie and Baldernock District Council, dated 14 November 1949 re Lennoxton Memorial Cairn, and
- extract of Will of Miss Hutchison, extract dated 27 & 28 October 1941.

There are no other documents in respect of other bequests.

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 the current structure, approval was sought from OSCR to reorganise the Trusts, to spend the "capital" element of the Lennoxton War Memorial Cairn and Miss Hutchison's Legacy and to transfer the funds of Dr Adam's Bequest to another charity. Some limited work should be completed on the Lennoxton War Memorial Cairn during 2015/16 and Miss Hutchison's Legacy can be used to support the work of the Kirkintilloch Masterplan in the Regent Gardens area when this is to take place. The funds from Dr Adam's bequest were disbursed to the East Dunbartonshire Food Bank and The Park Centre to allow the funds to be used for the purpose for which they were donated, to help the poor of Kirkintilloch.

### Management of Funds and Investment Policy

Decisions regarding the management of East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts 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

This is an "umbrella" trust comprising three small bequests for such purposes as the upkeep of Lennoxton Memorial Cairn, Regent Gardens, and relief of the poor of Kirkintilloch.

The funds from Doctor Adam's Bequest were disbursed to other charities in 2015/16.

### Performance

Income to East Dunbartonshire Charitable Trusts comes from investment returns. The average interest rate for any internal investments with the Council's loans fund was 0.3% in 2015/16.

The funds from Doctor Adam's Bequest have been disbursed as shown in the Statement of Receipts and Payments overleaf, resulting in a deficit for the year, and the plan is to use the assets from the other bequests for the purposes for which they were donated when appropriate.

### Financial Review

The total sum now available to this Trust is £0.005m. Income earned during the year comprised £15 of interest on investments.

The Trust held cash and bank balances at 31 March 2016 of £0.005m.

Reserves are held by the Council on behalf of the Trust and revenue income, generated from capital that has not been disbursed at 31 March every year, is invested in line with the investment policy outlined above.

### 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 Trustees of East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts**

### **Independent auditor's report to the trustees of East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts (SC025074) and the Accounts Commission for Scotland**

I certify that I have audited the financial statements of East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts 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 charities. 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 charities' 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 audited financial statements and to identify 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 charities for the year ended 31 March 2016 and their 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.



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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
		£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Investment Income		15	15	213
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>213</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Payments		10,299	10,299	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	c	<b>10,299</b>	<b>10,299</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>-10,284</b>	<b>-10,284</b>	<b>213</b>

## Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2016

	Note	2015/16		2014/15
		Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£
Cash at Bank - 31/03/2015		15,328	15,328	15,115
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		-10,284	-10,284	213
<b>Cash at Bank - 31/03/2016</b>	d	<b>5,044</b>	<b>5,044</b>	<b>15,328</b>
<b>Investment</b>				
Market Value as at 31 March 2016			0	0
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Contingent Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>5,044</b>	<b>5,044</b>	<b>15,328</b>

The audited annual financial statements were issued on 27 September 2016.

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

*R. Geekie*

**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;
- The Trust received interest of £15 from the Council at 31 March 2016, and 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 Dr Adam's Bequest were disbursed to other charities in 2015/16.

### ***d) Cash and Bank Balances***

During the year the Trust's balances were held by the Council, which manages the administration of the funds on behalf of the Trustees. No costs were incurred by the Trust for this administration. The Council also acts as the banker for the charity and, as detailed above, all transactions incoming and outgoing are made via the Council's accounts. The balances are repayable on demand. Interest is paid on balances.

