

## **Friends of Cammo**

### **Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2015.**

*Scottish Charity No. SC033394*

#### **Trustees**

Angela Geddes (appointed 1 December 2015) – chairperson.

Kate McKenzie (retired 22 October 2015)

Simon Gillam

Nick Bengé

Harry Taylor

Jeff Chalmers (retired 6 September 2015)

Lynn Whitehead

Trustees are usually appointed or reappointed by members at the AGM. Trustees receive no remuneration and claimed no expenses during the period other than routine re-imburement of secretarial expenses.

#### **Contact Address**

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#### **Charitable Purposes**

Friends of Cammo's charitable purposes concern the advancement of environmental protection and improvement, education, health, community development, and heritage.

#### **Background**

Friends of Cammo is governed according to its Constitution which outlines the Friends objectives as follows -

- a) to preserve and enhance the amenity of Cammo Estate for the benefit of the public and;
- b) to advance the education of the public in the scenic, historical, architectural, landscape and ecological qualities of the said Estate.

In furtherance thereof, but not otherwise, the Friends shall :

1. liaise with the Land Manager, for the time being the City of Edinburgh Council and
2. seek to provide all relevant facilities.

## Review of Activities 2015

The principal activities of the Friends of Cammo in 2015 comprised :

- 174 trees and hedgerow plants were planted in South Field.
- A new memorial oak tree was planted in South Field.
- Planted 20 apple, 6 plum and 4 pear trees in Walled Garden.
- Cleared rhododendrons in East Avenue and replaced with 22 young yew trees.
- Planted 8 oak trees in North and Home Fields.
- Total trees and shrubs planted to date is now 2,103.
- Mulched over 200 young trees with wood chippings or grass.
- Vegetation growth in the wildflower areas was cut back at the end of the season.
- Regular litter picks were carried out.
- Old bee enclosure in walled garden removed.
- Erected two new five strand wire fences around new bee enclosure at Beech Roundel.
- The annual barbeque was held in August on the Green. Excellent weather helped swell the attendance to over 400 attended (100 increase over prior years) and the event was a great success
- A grant of £1,068 was obtained from Edinburgh Airport Community Board for fruit trees and a grant of £360 was received from Almond Neighbourhood Partnership for hedgerows . Both grants were spent during the year.

The Trustees would like to thank the many volunteers who helped with the above activities – without them the above achievements would not have been possible.

## Financial Review 2015

Friends of Cammo maintained its underlying financial base - the £3,193 deficit for the year primarily reflecting the spending (mainly on the bee enclosure) of grants received last year.

Charitable activities are achieved through the support and time of Trustees and individual members. Grant income will continue to be sought prior to commitment of future projects.

Receipts during the period amounted to £4,252 comprising a grant of £1,068 from Edinburgh Airport Community Board for fruit trees, a grant of £360 from Almond Neighbourhood Partnership for hedgerows, subscriptions of £783, donations of £161, booklet sales of £176 and barbeque income of £1704.

Payments for the year amounted to £7,445 of which the major non-routine components were the bee enclosure £3,703, hedging and trees £1,622, interpretation boards £595 and barbeque expenses of £1,219. The barbeque made a net surplus of £485 as a result of attendance figures being up about 100 on previous years at just over 400. The prior year deficit on the barbeque was mainly caused by the purchase of a marquee and other equipment.

Payments exceeded receipts by £3,193 and the Friends of Cammo ended the period with a credit bank balance of £2,249.

The charity had unrestricted general funds of £2,148 at 31 December 2015, sufficient to cover running costs for the following twelve months.

At 31 December 2015 there were restricted funds of £101 remaining from the bee enclosure grant from Edinburgh Airport Community Board. The grant from Almond Neighbourhood Partnership was fully spent during the year.

## Friends of Cammo

### Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Year ending 31 December 2015 £	Year ending 31 December 2014 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Grants Received		
- Almond Neighbourhood Partnership	360	630
- Edinburgh Airport Community Board	1068	630
- Edinburgh Airport Community Board	0	3804
Subscriptions	783	657
Donations	161	350
Receipts from fundraising activities		
- barbeque	1704	1195
- booklet sales	176	212
Interest	0	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>4252</b>	<b>7478</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Payments for fundraising activities:		
- barbeque	1219	1565
Payments for charitable activities :		
- Wildflowers	0	630
- Hedging and trees	1622	475
- Bee enclosures	3703	0
- Interpretation Boards	595	0
Governance costs :		
- Insurance	170	170
- Secretarial	136	200
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>7445</b>	<b>3040</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-3193</b>	<b>4438</b>
<b>Statement of Balances</b>		
Bank Balance b/f	5442	1004
<b>Bank Balance c/f</b>	<b>2249</b>	<b>5442</b>
General Funds	2148	1483
Restricted Funds	101	3959
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>2249</b>	<b>5442</b>

There are no other balances.

**Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf**

**Name:** Lynn Whitehead

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Cammo**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2015 which are set out on page 3.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or 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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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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