

Friends of Cammo

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2016.

Scottish Charity No. SC033394

Trustees

Angela Geddes– chairperson.

Simon Gillam

Nick Bengé

Harry Taylor

Lynn Whitehead

Shay Dean (appointed 7 July 2016)

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.

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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 2016

The principal activities of the Friends of Cammo in 2016 comprised :

- Trees and shrubs planted to date now 2,103.
- Mulched many 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..
- A bee hive was installed in the bee enclosure at Beech Roundel.
- Various works (including re-painting the interior and improving the electrical and security systems) were carried out at the Lodge which is used by the Friends for various activities.
- The annual barbeque was held in August on the Green. Despite the cloudy weather around 300 attended and the event was a great success
- A grant of £9,006 was obtained from the Postcode Lottery Fund for work related to clearing the canal, trees and wildflower. This work started before the year end with the draining of the canal ready for silt and debris clearing operations.

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 2016

Friends of Cammo maintained its underlying financial base with general funds of £2,816 at the year end. The £8,966 surplus for the year primarily reflecting the £8,298 unspent portion of the Postcode Lottery Fund grant for clearing the canal and related work.

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 £11,907 comprising a grant of £9,006 from the Postcode Lottery fund for clearing the canal and related works, subscriptions of £746, donations of £485 (including two large donations), gift aid of £87, booklet sales of £204 and barbeque income of £1,379.

Payments for the year amounted to £2,941 of which the major non-routine components were trees £708, expenditure (painting, electrical and security) of £486 on the Lodge and barbeque expenses of £1,386. The barbeque made a net deficit of £7 where attendance was similar to previous years at about 300 – the prior year 2015 being the exception when outstanding weather resulted in attendance figures being just over 400.

Receipts exceeded payments by £8,966 and the Friends of Cammo ended the period with a credit bank balance of £11,215.

The charity had unrestricted general funds of £2,816 at 31 December 2016, sufficient to cover running costs for the following twelve months. Restricted funds of £8,399 at 31 December 2016 comprised unspent grants relating to canal work, trees and wildflower £8,298 and bee enclosure work £101.

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Year ending 31 December 2016 £	Year ending 31 December 2015 £
Receipts		
Grants Received		
- Almond Neighbourhood Partnership	0	360
- Edinburgh Airport Community Board	0	1068
- Postcode Lottery Trust	9006	0
Subscriptions	746	783
Donations	485	161
Gift aid received	87	0
Receipts from fundraising activities		
- barbeque	1379	1704
- booklet sales	204	176
Total Receipts	11907	4252
Payments		
Payments for fundraising activities:		
- barbeque	1386	1219
Payments for charitable activities :		
- Hedging and trees	708	1622
- Bee enclosures	0	3703
- Interpretation Boards	0	595
- expenditure on the Lodge	486	0
Governance costs :		
- Insurance	175	170
- Secretarial	186	136
Total Payments	2941	7445
Surplus/(Deficit)	8966	-3193
Statement of Balances		
Bank Balance b/f	2249	5442
Bank Balance c/f	11215	2249
General Funds	2816	2148
Restricted Funds	8399	101
Total funds	11215	2249
There are no other balances.		

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Lynn Whitehead

Date: 14th February 2017

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 2016 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: 14th February 2017

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