



Registered Scottish Charity No. SC033394

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2018

Trustees

Nick Benge – chairperson.
Shay Dean
Simon Gillam
Michael Roe (appointed 7 March 2018)
Lynn Whitehead
Angela Geddes (retired 31 January 2018)

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-imbusement 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 2018

The principal activities of the Friends of Cammo in 2018 comprised :

- Planted 115 trees and shrubs – bringing the total planted to date to about 2,400.
- Replaced 130 tree shelters with mesh for extra protection.
- Prepared ground for new wildflower areas in South, Home and North fields.
- Put up jackdaw boxes and starling boxes.
- Stone Pine from Portugal planted in the Pinetum.
- Regular litter picks were carried out.
- Debris was removed from Cammo Canal.
- The annual barbeque was organised but had to be cancelled the day before owing to heavy rain.
- New self-guided walk leaflets were produced.
- Hosted the Botanical Society of Scotland Bioblitz at Cammo.
- Regeneration priorities for Cammo Estate were agreed with Council staff and the Community Council.
- There was a concerted membership drive resulting in higher membership and increased subscriptions and donations.
- Gift Aid and Data Protection consents were obtained from members.
- Regular open meetings were held with illustrated talks.
- The Lodge was manned on Sunday afternoons.

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 2018

Friends of Cammo maintained its underlying financial base with general funds of £3,192 at the year end – an increase of £37. Restricted funds fell by £594 to £0 primarily reflecting the spending of the £493 balance of the Baillie Gifford grant received in 2017 for bird boxes.

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 £1,966 comprising subscriptions of £785, donations of £794, gift aid of £272 and booklet sales of £115.

Payments for the year amounted to £2,253 of which the major non-routine components were £493 for bird boxes, £359 for mesh for trees and £517 barbeque expenses (hire of tables and chairs, purchase of equipment and printing costs). The barbeque made a deficit of £517 as a result of the late cancellation owing to heavy rain. Alternative formats are being reviewed in order to avoid similar deficits in future.

Insurance costs rose to £565 as cover was increased following a risk review of our activities. Secretarial costs increased to £329 reflecting increased printing costs associated with the membership drive.

Payments exceeded receipts by £557 and the Friends of Cammo ended the period with a credit bank balance of £3,192.

The charity had unrestricted general funds of £3,192 at 31 December 2018, sufficient to cover running costs for the following twelve months. Restricted funds were £0 at 31 December 2018.

Friends of Cammo

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Year ending 31 December 2018 £	Year ending 31 December 2017 £
Receipts		
Grants received :		
- Baillie Gifford charitable account	0	1000
Subscriptions	785	625
Donations	794	444
Gift aid received	272	11
Receipts from fundraising activities :		
- barbeque	0	1817
- booklet sales	115	236
Total Receipts	1966	4133
Payments		
Payments for fundraising activities :		
- barbeque	517	1165
Payments for charitable activities :		
- trees, wildflowers and bird boxes	962	507
- canal, related trees and wildflowers	0	8295
- archaeological work on the canal	0	1250
- Lodge expenditure & leaflet holders	150	123
Governance costs :		
- Insurance	565	179
- Secretarial	329	80
Total Payments	2523	11599
Surplus/(Deficit)	(557)	(7466)
Statement of Balances		
Bank Balance b/f	3749	11215
Bank Balance c/f	3192	3749
General Funds	3192	3155
Restricted Funds	0	594
Total funds	3192	3749

There are no other balances.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Lynn Whitehead

Date: 18th February 2019

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 2018 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: 18th February 2019

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