

Friends of Cammo

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017.

Scottish Charity No. SC033394

Trustees

Angela Geddes – chairperson (retired 31 January 2018).

Simon Gillam

Nick Bengé

Harry Taylor (retired 13 January 2017)

Lynn Whitehead

Shay Dean

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 2017

The principal activities of the Friends of Cammo in 2017 comprised :

- Planted 200 trees and shrubs – bringing the total planted to date to about 2,300.
- Regular litter picks were carried out.
- A new bee colony was installed in the bee enclosure at Beech Roundel.
- The annual barbeque was held in August on the Green. In the sunshine around 400 attended and the event was a great success.
- Silt and debris were removed from Cammo Canal by digger.
- The canal bottom drain was sealed and sluice boards put in place.
- The requisite archaeological watching brief and survey for the canal was carried out.
- Comfrey was planted in the silt removed from the canal and gorse was also planted.
- Yellow rattle seed was spread in the fields.
- A visitor survey was carried out to help plan improvements to Cammo Estate's environment and visitor facilities. There were 234 interviews.
- Guided walks were hosted for an Edinburgh Archaeological Field Society event and for Love Parks Week.
- The third edition of Short History of Cammo Estate was completed and printed.
- Regular open meetings were held and the Lodge was manned on Sunday afternoons.
- Commemorative trees were planted in respect of Harry Taylor (long serving Trustee) and "Gordon" (faithful assistance dog).

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 2017

Friends of Cammo maintained its underlying financial base with general funds of £3,155 at the year end. The £7,466 deficit for the year primarily reflected the spending of the £8,295 balance of the Postcode Lottery Fund grant received in 2016 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 £4,133 comprising a grant of £1,000 from the Baillie Gifford charitable account for yellow rattle seed and bird boxes, subscriptions of £625, donations of £444, gift aid of 11, booklet sales of £236 and barbeque income of £1,817.

Payments for the year amounted to £11,599 of which the major non-routine components were £8,295 on clearing the canal (including planting related trees and wildflowers), £1,250 paid from general funds for the archaeological work related to the canal, yellow rattle £507, electrical work of £123 on the Lodge and barbeque expenses of £1,165. The barbeque made a net surplus of £652 when outstanding weather contributed to attendance figures of about 400.

Payments exceeded receipts by £7,466 and the Friends of Cammo ended the period with a credit bank balance of £3,749.

The charity had unrestricted general funds of £3,155 at 31 December 2017, sufficient to cover running costs for the following twelve months. Restricted funds of £594 at 31 December 2017 comprised unspent grants relating to bird boxes £493 and bee enclosure work £101.

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Year ending 31 December 2017 £	Year ending 31 December 2016 £
Receipts		
Grants received :		
- Baillie Gifford charitable account	1000	0
- Postcode Lottery Trust	0	9006
Subscriptions	625	746
Donations	444	485
Gift aid received	11	87
Receipts from fundraising activities :		
- barbeque	1817	1379
- booklet sales	236	204
Total Receipts	4133	11907
Payments		
Payments for fundraising activities :		
- barbeque	1165	1386
Payments for charitable activities :		
- yellow rattle seed	507	0
- canal, related trees and wildflowers	8295	708
- archaeological work on the canal	1250	0
- expenditure on the Lodge	123	486
Governance costs :		
- Insurance	179	175
- Secretarial	80	186
Total Payments	11599	2941
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7466)	8966
Statement of Balances		
Bank Balance b/f	11215	2249
Bank Balance c/f	3749	11215
General Funds	3155	2816
Restricted Funds	594	8399
Total funds	3749	11215
There are no other balances.		

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Lynn Whitehead

Date: 18th February 2018

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 2017 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 2018

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