

# Westmuir Community Development Trust Annual Report

Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st October 2022.

## Objectives and Review of Activities

The Company's objects, as stated in its memorandum of association, are:-

- to provide, in the interests of social welfare, facilities for recreation and other leisure time activity available to the public at large in Westmuir and surrounding area
- to preserve, restore and improve the environment in the area
- to advance education and to promote opportunities for learning and raise awareness and interest in the local environment, culture and heritage

### Westmuir Community Woodland Common.

- We had extra help from people with community service using their time by doing maintenance work in the Woodland.
- The Paths for All grant was used to improve the paths and drainage, keeping the area accessible by all wheeled users
- We continued the re-wilding half of the football pitch area, leaving 1 goal and half of the pitch intact and available for sports.
- Storm Arwen caused damage to our trees & **Gowanbank Tree Services** very kindly volunteered to do the required tree work for free to make the woodland safe for all to enjoy.

### westmuir.org.uk Website & "Westmuir Village Life" Facebook page

- Our thanks go to the 3 local businesses which advertise on the site and also to those villagers who have contributed material for the web-site.
- We remain indebted to Brian Forsyth for his very capable management of the website and facebook page - dedicated to communicating events in the Village & helping each other with queries.

### Village Garden

- Thank you to all who helped raise funds via the **Co-op** for the development of the Village Garden in the empty area next to the bus stop, we received our first instalment from the Co-op in this financial year.

### Defibrillator

- Continues to be maintained by the "Community Heartbeat Trust" to ensure it is always ready for an emergency
- We will need to begin fundraising to ensure we have the funds ongoing to pay for this support.

## Financial Review

- The Trust's General Fund is in a healthy position in relation to our expenditure.
- We held our annual Christmas Draw jointly with Westmuir Hall Association.
- We were delighted to have sold 600 tickets and had so many donations to the prize hampers that we were able to announce 5 winners.
- As a result of our successful application for a grant from "Paths for All" which was used on purchasing the materials needed make the improvements to the path infrastructure in the worst flooding areas.
- The Trust is holding the balance of the funds which were raised towards the purchase and installation of a defibrillator for the village and the ongoing maintenance, however we will need to look at fundraising to pay for the maintenance and support of the equipment for the future benefit of the community.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

As a private company limited by guarantee, the Trust is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Up to eight Member Directors are elected by the membership at an annual general meeting. In addition, the Directors may appoint up to four Appointed Directors.

New directors are sought through personal contact with villagers and by invitation prior to the AGM.

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

The charity, named Westmuir Community Development Trust, was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in Scotland on 5 October 2004.

**Charity Recognition Number:-** SC 036051  
**Company Registration Number:-** 274218  
**Registered Office:-** Windrush  
5 Rossiebank Crescent  
Westmuir DD8 5LB

## **The Directors**

The 8 directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were:

Mrs Nicola Jones - Secretary/Treasurer	Lord Colyton (appointed director)
Mr Phillip Ross	Mrs Lynda Grant
Mr Gary Sinclair	Mr Andrew McParland
Ms Ann Warren	Mr Jim Miller

### **2020-2021**

Lynda Grant, Phillip Ross & Ann Warren were re-elected at the AGM.

Lord Colyton was re-appointed as a director by the Board of Directors on 10th April 2020.

### **2021-2022**

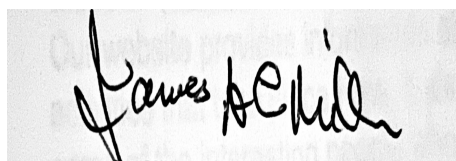
Under the provisions of Article 45(b), Jim Miller, Andrew McParland and Gary Sinclair retire at this AGM and, being eligible, Jim Miller, Andrew McParland and Gary Sinclair offer themselves for re-appointment. Under the provisions of Articles 48 and 50, the Directors intend to re-appoint Lord Colyton as a director.

### **External Scrutiny**

Guidance from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) tells us that the Trust is required to have an independent examination by a member of a professional accounting body. Donald Smith of Westmuir has kindly volunteered to give his oversight over our accounts and sign them as verified as per OSCR regulations.

### **Small Company Legislation**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.



Jim Miller,  
Chairman

9<sup>th</sup> March 2023