Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

for

BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY COMMUNITY CONNXIONS (BSCX)

> Goldwells 15-17 High Street Kingussie Inverness-Shire PH21 1HS

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Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The company has been formed to benefit the inhabitants of the communities of Badenoch and Strathspey which lies within the area boundary of Highland Council Ward 20 and also the community of Tomatin which lies within the Strathdearn Community Council boundary, (the "Community") with the following objectives:

- 1. To provide, promote and manage transport services in the Community, for those who have a need by reason of age, mental/physical disabilities or poverty.
- 2. To work in partnership with volunteers, public, private and third sector organisations, to improve the mental and physical health and wellbeing of people living in the Community, in particular those experiencing loneliness and isolation.
- 3. To promote independent living and provide support to enable people in the Community to live well at home for longer.
- 4. To provide (or advance the accessibility of) recreational facilities and/or organise recreational activities which will be available to members of the Community, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the Community.
- 5. To secure stable funding agreements with the public sector agencies, which would enable the company to provide its services on a long-term sustainable basis.

The company shall do so following principles of sustainable development.

BSCX believe Community Transport services must meet the needs of its groups and their members and should adapt its service offerings in response to changing needs.

To achieve the charity's objectives, we will:-

- Deliver affordable, safe, accessible transport solutions through a voluntary car scheme and community minibuses, addressing the needs of our local communities;
- Recruit additional volunteers to be part of an organisation that makes a difference in our communities;
- Support community planning to identify issues relating to local transport needs;
- Provide flexible community transport solutions which link people to social activities and events;
- Work with our stakeholders in the planning, design and operation of our services;
- Collaborate with our voluntary networks in the area to support our developments;
- Support and maintain the training of new and existing volunteers, enabling them to carry out their duties in a professional manner.

Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

BSCX has had a successful year working with our local community and meeting the needs of the community. This has included providing a range of transport services, a befriending service, social activities, and green health projects. We continue to work in partnership with many local organisations, helping address local transport needs to strengthen the community.

It is a testament to the whole BSCX team that we continue to adapt and find new ways to meet the needs of our clients who continue to live through such tough times.

Awards 2022-23

BSCX continue to be held in high regard by local and national third sector organisations. They have been recognised by Age Scotland for their sterling work supporting older people within our communities. BSCX were a finalist in the Highland Heros awards for the Charitable Organisation of the year awards.

Vehicle Fleet

BSCX maintained their fleet of accessible vehicles which continue to be used for essential journeys during difficult times for people. These vehicles continue to allow flexibility in cover, including providing registered routes 5 days per week. Towards the end of our business year, we are delighted to report that with the generous support of Motability, we were able to replace two of our older diesel vehicles.

Staffing

BSCX consists of 8 part-time staff, equating to 6 FTE.

Volunteers

Our team of circa 76 volunteers continue to maintain our transport and other charitable activities throughout Badenoch & Strathspey. We continue to be an integral part of maintaining food supplies and prescriptions for people. We would like to thank all our volunteers who give up their time freely to support our charity.

Community Car Scheme

After the interruption due to the COVID pandemic we experienced a dip in our pool of volunteer drivers. This reduction in the number of volunteer car drivers has had a huge effect on the service and is taking some time for this service to be restored to pre-pandemic levels. However, over 1500 car journeys were made during the year.

Accessible Vehicle(s) - under a Section 19 licence (individual members)

This service has continued to operate through 2022/23.

Over 800 journeys were made by individuals during this period, covering medical appointments, transport links and social events. This has reduced compared to previous years due to more clients preferring to travel free using their national entitlement card.

Section 22 - Registered Routes

BSCX has maintained their registered routes over 2022-23. The majority of routes were used for shopping trips, social activities, delivery of food shopping, food bags or medical prescriptions. For the period 1st April 2022 to end March 2023, the drivers delivered food bags to 300 homes of people in food poverty. Collections from our food share project in collaboration with B & S food hub has supported 765 people. Passenger journeys made were 3500, a 63% increase on the previous year.

Group Hire

This service continues to operate and small groups such as the local Sunshine Club, the Visually Impaired Support Group and the Allotment Groups have been using the service. Group hire is a potential area for growth and has become more popular with local sporting groups.

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Aviemore Supported Shopping Service:

Post pandemic, this service has continued to build back up to pre-pandemic levels with over 78% of these people returning to the assisted shopping service, supported by a team of volunteers on a Thursday morning. 22% feel confident enough to managing their own shopping on other days, supported by our Where2Today service.

Grantown-on-Spey area:

This service continues to operate through our community car scheme, but client numbers remain disappointing. We have increased our promotion and hopefully the uptake will improve in the future.

Befriending Service:

This service continues to develop and many now go out and about with their clients and meet up once a month for our popular group events. This project is supported by a part-time co-ordinator, who recruits, trains and supports volunteers and service users. The project receives referrals from public agencies, including Social Work, Occupational Therapists, Community Mental Health Team or sometimes family members who may be concerned that their relative is becoming more socially isolated. Currently there are 23 service users who are supported by 20 Befrienders.

Green Health - Allotment Work:

Our allotment project at Skye of Curr in Dulnain Bridge continues to develop. Once a week 8 volunteers have been attending and learning new skills, growing their own vegetables, and contributing to a community food share project. This project has been hugely successful and has now encouraged the volunteers to participate in 2 other allotments in the area.

Volunteer Training Services:

Free training offered to all our volunteers within the scheme: -

Limited training delivered during the year, but the following courses did go ahead for volunteers:

- MiDAS Training for Minibus drivers
- Use of wheelchairs and restraints
- Induction training for Befrienders
- Moving & Handling (Thanks to Highland Hospice)
- Walk Leader Training
- Emergency First Aid Training
- Allotment/Gardening skills & growing vegetables

External Training (generating an income for the Charity): - MiDAS Training

Funding for the Charity:

BSCX have now completed their 3-year funding package from National Lottery which has been matched by other core funding from Scottish Government, The Highland Council and NHS Highland. Other project funding came from small grants, generated income, fund-raising, and donations.

Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

Financial review

BSCX received the final years award under the Scottish Governments Investing in Communities Fund. Historically, BSCX has been very dependent on Lottery finance and the recent round of awards has now ended. We continue to operate contracts from The Highland Council (HC) and NHS Highland. A successful funding application to Motability will enable us to replace two of our fleet vehicles in May 2023.

Transport Scotland support community transport organisations with NSG (Network Support Grant), previously known as BSOG (fuel duty rebate) and concessionary fare rebates at 55.9% of concessionary fare rates, the same level as previous years. This is to ensure that transport is available for those who need it.

Without adequate funding BSCX cannot function, far less expand, to meet the demographic demands of Badenoch and Strathspey. A recent study forecast that those in the 60-74 age group in B & S will increase by 85% 2001-2025 and those in the 75+ age group by 103%.

The benefits of Community transport have been in the spotlight recently, it is very much hoped that one day it will be taken into the core planning and delivery process for transportation services and funding for community transport is secured, expanded and available long-term.

Investment Powers and Policy

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to invest in any way the trustees wish.

Reserves policy

1. Introduction

Badenoch and Strathspey Community ConnXions recognise the need to reserve a level of unrestricted funds in order to protect the charity from unexpected changes in income or in preparation for anticipated costs and projects that do not form part of our day to day activities.

This policy allocates money from unrestricted fund balances, which are not invested in fixed assets, to several designated funds. These funds are:

2. Continuity Fund

This fund is to be used to bridge any possible delays in receiving promised grants or managing payment in arrears contracts. This has been defined as a minimum of a three-month budgeted trading activity.

3. Vehicles fund

This fund is to be used to bridge any possible shortfall in funding to replace vehicles in a 7 to 8 year cycle. Badenoch and Strathspey Community ConnXions will always in the first instance seek to obtain funding for the replacement of vehicles and will seek to realise the maximum amount through sale of old vehicles. This fund exists to cover any shortfall when vehicle purchase is necessary at a time where vehicle funding is unavailable.

4. Land and Buildings Fund

This fund is to be used to purchase office premises at such time that they become available. Badenoch and Strathspey Community ConnXions are actively seeking a premises to purchase or to take ownership through Community Asset Transfer. Aviemore has always had a competitive commercial property market and we as an organisation must be ready to act when premises become available.

5. Dissolution Fund

This fund provides for the costs of dissolution should the charity be unable to continue. It is only to be used in the event of the Trustees' deciding the charity should cease to exist. It will be used to pay notice periods, redundancies and the expenses of running Badenoch and Strathspey Community ConnXions until closure of the organisation.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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Structure, governance and management

Organisational structure

Badenoch and Strathspey Community ConnXions is a company limited by guarantee and is registered as a charity in Scotland. The management of the company is the responsibility of the directors who are elected or appointed under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and who also act as charity trustees. All directors serve under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles.

Organisation & Management

The Board of trustees, which includes up to 12 elected members, meets 5/6 times per year. There is also a Finance sub-committee of 5, including, 3 Directors, a financial adviser and the Community Transport Development Manager, all nominated by the Board and meet quarterly. One Director reports back to other members of the Board. The Chair line manages the Community Transport Development Manager. A Policy sub-group meets regularly throughout the year to review and update company policies.

Reference and administrative details Registered Company number

SC201351 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number

SC029556

Registered office

2 Inverewe Grampian Road Aviemore Inverness-Shire PH22 1RH

Trustees

G Greenlees (resigned 28.11.22)

L E Macklin (resigned 9.2.23)

N D McIntosh (resigned 28.11.22)

J A Roberts (resigned 28.11.22)

J B Steele (resigned 28.11.22)

G G Stewart

S I Veitch (resigned 28.11.22)

C A Andrews (appointed 28.11.22)

A S Burley

D Hall (appointed 28.11.22)

G A Keith (appointed 28.11.22)

S W Wood (appointed 28.11.22)

C Whitton (appointed 28.11.22)

Company Secretary

D M McIntosh

Independent Examiner

Goldwells 15-17 High Street Kingussie Inverness-Shire PH21 1HS

Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 31st March 2023
D M McIntosh - Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Badenoch and Strathspey Community ConnXions (BSCX)

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages eight to fifteen.

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 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) 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; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lorna Drummond FCCA
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

For the Tear Ended 31st March 2023	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income and endowments from Donations and legacies	2	14,669	-	14,669	22,864
Charitable activities					
Grants - Highland Council		-	32,000	32,000	32,000
Grants - NHS Highland		-	31,442	31,442	21,601
Grants - National Lottery		-	25,000	25,000	37,500
Grants - SG Investing in Communities		-	50,150	50,150	45,000
Citroen - S19 & S22 community transport		-	9,112	9,112	16,549
Car scheme		-	1,902	1,902	1,044
Peugeot - S19 & S22 community transport		-	8,539	8,539	8,889
Berlingo - S19 community transport		-	2,274	2,274	1,166
Other project income		283	3,705	3,988	1,974
Scottish Gov COVID-19 support grant		-	-	-	15,000
VABS COVID-19 support grant		-	1.500	1.500	5,106
Green health project		16,000	1,500	1,500	4,095
E-trike project		16,000	-	16,000	-
Other trading activities	3	4,717	-	4,717	3,838
Investment income	4	411		411	883
Total		36,081	165,623	201,704	217,509
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities					
Citroen - S19 & S22 community transport		-	43,168	43,168	38,622
Car scheme		-	44,912	44,912	44,871
Peugeot - S19 & S22 community transport		-	25,072	25,072	22,810
Berlingo - S19 community transport		-	11,138	11,138	12,140
Other project costs		6,348	3,239	9,587	5,232
Green Health Project		-	5,513	5,513	5,998
Shopping Aviemore		-	9,879	9,879	9,537
Shopping Grantown		-	5,222	5,222	5,679
Volunteer's training and expenses		-	9,772	9,772	9,201
Social inclusion		-	36,502	36,502	33,803
Befriending project		-	19,262	19,262	19,467
Intergenerational project		1 006	1,902	1,902	1,739
Commercial training		1,906	2 777	1,906	2,492
Depreciation		5,714	2,777	8,491	7,185
Total		13,967	218,359	232,326	218,776
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		22,114	(52,736)	(30,622)	(1,267)
Reconciliation of funds		05 172	261 276	246 520	247.006
Total funds brought forward		85,163	261,376	346,539	347,806
Total funds carried forward		107,277	208,640	315,917	346,539

Balance Sheet 31st March 2023

Fixed assets	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Tangible assets	7	17,060	7,967	25,027	20,920
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	91,959	200,671	292,630	13,631 313,538
		91,959	200,671	292,630	327,169
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,740)		(1,740)	(1,550)
Net current assets		90,219	200,671	290,890	325,619
Total assets less current liabilities		107,279	208,638	315,917	346,539
NET ASSETS		107,279	208,638	315,917	346,539
Funds Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	11			107,279 208,638	85,163 261,376
Total funds				315,917	346,539

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet - continued 31st March 2023

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Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on reducing balance Motor vehicles - 25% on reducing balance

Equipment - 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

2.	Donations	and	legacies
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2.	Donations Gift aid	2023 £ 10,464 4,205 14,669	2022 £ 22,864
3.	Other trading activities	2023 £	2022 £
	Fundraising events MIDAS income	2,213 2,504 4,717	2,488 1,350 3,838
4.	Investment income	2023 £	2022 £
	Deposit account interest	411	883
5.	Net income/(expenditure)		
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
		2023	2022

6. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

Depreciation - owned assets

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

7. Tangible fixed assets

Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Totals £
9,272 12,598	105,943	16,711	131,926 12,598
21,870	105,943	16,711	144,524
8,796 3,273	86,830 4,778	15,380 440	111,006 8,491
12,069	91,608	15,820	119,497
9,801	14,335	891	25,027
<u>476</u>	19,113	1,331	20,920
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

11. Movement in funds

Movement in funds			
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		movement	At
	At 1.4.22	in funds	31.3.23
	£	£	£
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Unrestricted funds	70.100	11.502	00.770
General fund	78,188	11,582	89,770
Loan e-trike	486	11,983	12,469
Loan wheelchair	3,766	(1,818)	1,948
Commercial training	2,723	369	3,092
	85,163	22,116	107,279
Restricted funds	05,105	22,110	107,277
Restricted	261,376	(52,738)	208,638
TOTAL FUNDS	346,539	(30,622)	315,917
	210,237	(30,022)	313,517
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
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	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,296	(5,714)	11,582
Loan e-trike	16,071	(4,088)	11,983
Loan wheelchair	71	(1,889)	(1,818)
Commercial training	2,644	(2,275)	369
Commercial training	2,011	(2,213)	
	36,082	(13,966)	22,116
Restricted funds			
Restricted	165,622	(218,360)	(52,738)
TOTAL FUNDS	201,704	(232,326)	(30,622)

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

12. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31st March 2023	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	10,464	22,864
Gift aid	4,205	
	14,669	22,864
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	2,213	2,488
MIDAS income	2,504	1,350
	4,717	3,838
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	411	883
Charitable activities		
Citroen 12 seater - S19 & S22 community	0.212	11 200
transport Car scheme	8,213	11,390 297
Peugeot - S19 & S22 community transport	1,139 9,441	7,647
Berlingo - S19 community transport	1,979	999
Grants	156,092	159,207
Other project income	1,428	7,002
Green Health Project	784	1,095
CAB Income	2,831	2,287
	404.00	100.004
	181,907	189,924
Total incoming resources	201,704	217,509
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	158,518	142,041
Pensions	3,709	4,941
Rent	10,578	10,613
Insurance (non motor)	1,971	1,923
Light and heat Telephone	4,534 2,484	3,591 2,929
Printing, postage and advertising	5,340	2,929
Motor vehicle expenses	15,328	11,486
Legal and professional fees	6,172	17,163
Other office costs	867	939
Subscriptions	1,131	728
Other	700	456
Carried forward	211,332	198,852

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	211,332	198,852
Training and conferences	293	1,848
Staff, committee and voluntary expenses	7,029	5,047
IT Systems and repairs	2,443	2,229
Venue hire and catering	520	959
Equipment	1,990	2,228
Social inclusion expenses	228	428
Fixtures and fittings	3,273	159
Motor vehicles	4,778	6,371
Depn of equipment	440	655
	232,326	218,776
Total resources expended	232,326	218,776
Net expenditure	(30,622)	(1,267)