**SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC044499**

**AFRICA ON THE BALL**

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 2024**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION Year ended 31 December 2024**

**Trustees**

Andrew Jenkin (Secretary)

Craig Smith

Jérôme Read (Chairperson)

Jules McGeever

Niall Clayton (Treasurer; appointed 26/04/2024)

Daniel Leftwich (resigned 22/03/2024)

Ndu Okoh (removed 09/12/2024)

Sophie Oeyen (resigned 04/11/2024)

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**TRUSTEES’ ANNUAL REPORT**

**Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts and the independent examiner’s report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Structure Governance and Management**

Constitution

The charity is a SCIO and is governed by its constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

The charity has a single tier model – Trustee Board members are the only members of the charity. All Trustees are appointed then re-elected annually by the Trustee Board at the AGM.

Any active Trustees are as shown under the Reference and Administrative Information.

Throughout 2024 two Trustees resigned and one Trustee was removed by Board agreement, following due process, as identified clearly within the previous section.

Management

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity as well as having the responsibility of running and developing the charity’s work.

The charity does have contractors in Africa that undertake work on behalf of the organisation. **Objectives and Activities**

Charitable Purposes

The organisation’s charitable purposes are as follows:

1. The prevention and relief of poverty through the provision and delivery of services and opportunities including but not limited to food programmes, employment, access to education or vocational training;
2. The advancement of education through subsidy of school fees and delivery of educational workshops;
3. The advancement of public participation in sport through the delivery of sporting and recreational activities;
4. The advancement of health, by delivering services and activities to empower individuals and communities to live healthy lives, with particular attention but not limited to the prevention of HIV & AIDS and support for those already affected;
5. The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life of communities;
6. The advancement of citizenship and community development by encouraging and supporting personal development and fulfilment of potential, promoting the advancement of personal skills such as motivation, leadership and teamwork.

Activities throughout 2024 included:

● Sourced and on-boarded a Head of Operations (fundraising & marketing)

On sourcing an experienced, talented and incredibly proactive individual the charity saw a stronger development in capacity building of volunteers and also a marked increase in focussed event fundraising efforts.

● Inaugural focussed fundraising event

Focussed fundraising efforts at the Edinburgh Kiltwalk brought together over 16 walkers from across Europe and raised £10,800 to support our outreach projects.

* Primary school outreach programmes

Our primary school outreach programme in and around Kalingalinga facilitated by our Young Leaders and overseen by our team on the ground were able to continue our very popular physical activity delivery. In addition the team also found time to engage with and support a further 3 primary schools in Lundazi, Eastern province. The total number of individuals that the team had contact with was over 1,000 primary school aged children.

● Kalingalinga Community School 100% pass rate

For the first time the Kalingalinga Community School recorded a 100% academic pass rate and the school management directly attributed this huge success to the collaboration with Africa on the Ball’s engagement through the football programmes, the educational material support, and our outreach within the school.

● New part time administration assistant

Following very positive successes during the year of focussed fundraising the charity was able to support capacity building of the team on the ground in Lusaka. The new administration assistant not only can deliver more efficient administrative elements they are also able to support in the communications and social media updates on a more frequent and regular basis.

● Kalingalinga football teams

Africa on the Ball is supporting 11 teams in Kalingalinga and one team that trains and plays out of our rural outreach programme in Chongwe.

● First Aid Training for our team in Kalingalinga

For the first time since 2013 our whole on the ground team had the opportunity to get trained in First Aid in collaboration with the Red Cross.

● New professional footballing Patron

Katriina Talaslahti, a Finnish goalkeeper who plays her club football professionally in France, joined the charity in November as only our second only Patron. She has since contributed many messages of encouragement, support and brought social media attention to the charity.

● Increase in bid writing

The capacity build of the Fundraising Operations team has brought in our first grant bid success for a number of years. The Stafford Trust donated to the charity to help us continue to develop our supporters base and fundraising efforts.

Financial Review

In 2024, Africa on the Ball posted a surplus of £11,336 for the year, comprising income of £28,465 and expenditure of £17,129.

Income generated by donations (and gift aid) decreased c.8% from £11,105 (2023) to £10,232 (2024), though regular donor numbers and average donation sums were broadly level despite challenging economic headwinds.

Fundraising activity increased from zero in 2023 to £14,680 in 2024 on account of a number of successful fundraising events throughout the summer. Meanwhile, a grant of £3,500 was received from Stafford Trust in December, which will enable the charity to increase its marketing activities in 2025.

As a result of this improved fundraising, the charity was able to increase its on-the-ground activities during the year, which resulted in a c. 64% increase in expenditure to £14,760 in 2024 (from £9,000 in 2023).

Reserves increased 116% to £21,132, however it should be noted that c.13% of total income resulted from a one-off donation and c.52% due to one-off fundraising events, whilst c.12% of reserves are restricted for use under the terms of the grant funder. The Trustees are cognisant that the sustainability of the charity depends on becoming less reliant on such acts of generosity, very welcome though they are.

Reserves Policy

Reserves that are not classified as restricted funds will be utilised in further pursuit of the charity’s aims and objectives in line with its charitable purposes outlined in its constitution.

Once regular donations consistently meet or exceed the cost of monthly charitable activity, it is the Trustees’ intention to establish reserves to cover the charity's day-to-day running costs for a rolling period of 3 months.

Plans for Future Periods

Following intensive meetings and discussions with a sub-committee of the Board Trustees, the team on the Ground, our new Head of Operations, it is the Board’s aim to publish a new strategic plan for 2025-2028 within the first 4 months of 2025. The strategic plan will document the ambition, aims, and a detailed short term roadmap for the immediate and aspirations for the medium term. Included within this plan will be details and commitment that will include separate MarComs and Fundraising strategies aligned to the goals of the overall plan.

In order to continue to achieve our desired impacts and also to progress in the capacity building of a volunteer (and potentially paid) operational platform, the ambition to broaden and further the reach are key milestones for 2025.

Consolidating and repeating the focus on one fundraiser from 2024 and Initiating another annual fundraiser, in the way of a golf day, is key to our fundraising plan for the charity for 2025.

Approved by the Trustees on 29 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



**Jérôme Read**

**Chair**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFRICA ON THE BALL**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

**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 (“the 2005 Act”) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) (“the 2006 Regulations”). The charity’s trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 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 Regulations, and
* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations

have not been met, or

1. 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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| **Nicholas Igoe BA ACA**  29 May 2025 | 2 The Meadow  Chislehurst  Kent  BR7 6AA |

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

**For the year ending 31 December 2024**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Notes** |  | **2024** |  |  | **2023** |
|  |  | **Restricted funds** | **Unrestricted funds** | **Total** |  | **Unrestricted funds** |
|  |  | **£** | **£** | **£** |  | **£** |
| **Receipts** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grant Income | **2** | 3,500 |  | **3,500** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Donations and Gift Aid |  |  | 10,232 | **10,232** |  | 11,105 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Fundraising |  |  | 14,680 | **14,680** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Interest Received |  |  | 53 | **53** |  | 31 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Receipts** |  | **3,500** | **24,965** | **28,465** |  | **11,136** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Payments** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of Charitable Activities |  |  | (14,760) | **(14,760)** |  | (9,000) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of Fundraising | **3** |  | (1,506) | **(1,506)** |  | (132) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Governance Costs |  |  | (50) | **(50)** |  | (935) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marketing and Communications |  | (813) |  | **(813)** |  | (16) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Payments** |  | **(813)** | **(16,316)** | **(17,129)** |  | **(10,083)** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Surplus for the Year** |  | **2,687** | **8,649** | **11,336** |  | **1,053** |

The notes on page 11 form an integral part of these accounts

**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**

**31 December 2024**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **2024** |  |  | **2023** |
|  | **Restricted funds** | **Unrestricted funds** | **Total** |  | **Unrestricted funds** |
|  | **£** | **£** | **£** |  | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cash Funds** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and bank balances at start of year |  | 9,796 | **9,796** |  | 8,743 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surplus on receipts and payments account | 2,687 | 8,649 | **11,336** |  | 1,053 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cash and bank balances at end of year** | **2,687** | **18,445** | **21,132** |  | **9,796** |

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Approved by the trustees on 29 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

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**Jérôme Read Niall Clayton**

**Chair Treasurer**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**Year Ended 31 December 2024**

1. **Accounting Policies**

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation, is set out below.

***Basis of Preparation***

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

***Going Concern***

In the opinion of the trustees, the charity has sufficient cash reserves to meet its working capital requirements for the foreseeable future. There are no material uncertainties that cast significant doubt upon the charity’s ability to continue as a going concern.

***Fund Accounting***

All receipts and payments were in respect of unrestricted funds during the year.

***Irrecoverable VAT***

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1. **Grant Income**

Grant income comprises £3,500 received from The Stafford Trust.

1. **Cost of Fundraising**

The cost of fundraising includes the costs of promoting the organisation’s activities to potential donors and of collecting donations.

1. **Related Party Transactions**

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or to any connected person during the year. No expenses were paid to the trustees during the year.