

ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL REPORT

1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

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ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENT OF BALANCES 2018-19

Beautiful Perth Registered Scottish Charity SC032395

Accounts - Year to 31 March 2019

Receipts and Payments Account	2018/19	2017/18
Balances c/f previous yea		77,051.51
Receipts		
Sponsors		
Abellio Scotrail	800.00	0.00
Clark Thomson	0.00	0.00
Curves Gym	500.00	500.00
Earnside Energy	900.00	0.00
Even Keel Contracts (w/c		500.00
Holiday Inn Express	350.00	350.00
Kilmac Contruction Ltd	1,500.00	1,500.00
Live Active Leisure	1,000.00	1,000.00
Morris Leslie	1,000.00	1,000.00
St Johnstone FC St Leonards	1,000.00 400.00	1,000.00 400.00
Total Sponsors	6,950.00	6,250.00
Projects		
DAVE 2021 City Centre	3,000.00	5,000.00
Lamberkine Roundabout	0.00	10,000.00
Perth Station	0.00	637.50
Riverside / Gannochy	340.00	202.00
Zero Waste Perth	91,182.82	14,989.00
Fundraising	0.00	17.00
Total Projects	94,522.82	30,845.50
Miscellaneous	1,130.00	250.00
Brown Charitable Trust	1,000.00	0.00
Talk Donation	0.00	20.00
Bank Interest	411.44	600.40
Total Receipts	104,014.26	37,965.90
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Payments Audit Fee	100.00	70.00
Supplies & equipment	5,956.91	2,481.20
Miscellaneous	820.34	411.69
PKC Plants & services	65.00	1,279.04
Public Engagement	3,580.00	510.00
Total Governance Costs	·	4,751.93
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Project Expenditure		
Curves Flowerbed	0.00	715.46
DAVE 2021 City Centre	4,000.00	0.00
Lamberkine Roundabout	1,321.30	61.10
Leisure Pool	657.28	0.00
Local/national Awards	1,953.88	929.88
Perth Station	2,021.04	1,405.81

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Riverside / Gannochy	1,417.44	1,115.13
Schools	460.18	380.16
TPP&K Anniversary	787.94	0.00
Zero Waste Perth	91,289.62	28,917.15
Total Projects Expenditure	103,908.68	33,524.69
Total Payments	114,430.93	38,276.62
Surplus for Year	(10,416.67)	(310.72)
Total c/fwd	66,324.12	76,740.79

BALANCES

Beautiful Perth Registered Scottish Charity SCO32395

Accounts - Year to 31 March 2019

			2018/19	2017/18
Bank and Cash on Hand Opening Balances			76,740.79	77,051.51
Surplus for Year			(10,416.67)	(310.72)
Less, receipts not rec'd @ y/e Plus, payment not yet presented @ y/e			2,250.00 527.50	1,137.50 1,009.58
Closing Balances			64,601.62	76,612.87
Reserves	High Interest Account Allied Irish Deposit		22,000.00	32,000.00
	Account		0.00	0.00
	General Fund		42,601.62	44,612.87
	Cash in Hand		0.00	0.00
			64,601.62	76,612.87
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Monica Straughan Signed:	(Treasurer)	Date:		
Monica Straughan		8 April 2019		

I have examined the above statement of income and expenditure for the year to 31st March 2019 and the balance sheet as at that date. To the best of my knowledge I have found them correctly stated and sufficiently vouched.

Hunter

Hope CIPFA (Auditor)

Signed Date

Hunter Hope 15 May 2019

Treasurer's Notes to the Accounts 2018-19

1. Introduction

Beautiful Perth's constitution requires the Treasurer to submit to the Annual General Meeting accounts showing Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet at the end of the financial year. I am pleased to present the accounts and statement of balances for the year 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019. The accounts have been prepared with the assistance of Ben Condon FCA, and independently examined by Hunter Hope CIPFA. The accounts will be submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and published on our website after the AGM.

2. Summary of Balances

The total of funds held at 31 March was £64,601.62. This consisted of £22,000 invested in a Charities Aid Foundation 12 month fixed-term saver account with Shawbrook Bank, and £42,601.62 in our Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account.

3. Receipts

A total of £104,014.26 income was received during the year. This included:

- £411.44 bank interest from our saver account
- £6,950 in sponsorship (see para 7.1)
- £340 from Compassionate Friends for Riverside Park
- £3,000 for the DAVE City Centre Project (see para 7.2)
- £1,130 in miscellaneous income
- £1,000 from the Brown Charitable Trust as a donation towards our work
- £91,182.82 for our major project, Zero Waste Perth (see para 7.4)

4. Expenditure

Total expenditure was £114,430.93 of which £91,289.62 related to Zero Waste Perth (ZWP). This continues a trend of increased spending, in line with the aims of our Financial Strategy for 2017-20, in which the Trustees agreed to 'make best use of its available budgets in the interests of the local community and environment...with annual priorities being agreed by the committee.' The agreed priorities for significant volunteer activity during 2018-19 were:

- Zero Waste Perth (2018-19 expenditure £91,289.62) (see para 7.4)
- **Riverside Park**, including the heather collection, Rodney Gardens, spring bulbs and the Compassionate Friends garden (2018-19 expenditure £1,417.44)

Britain in Bloom Awards (2018-19 expenditure £1,953.88)

Expenditure on other projects included:

- £4,000 for the Dave City Centre Project
- £1,321.30 for the Lamberkin Roundabout (see para 7.3)
- £3,926.44 for various other projects Perth Station ((£2,021.04), Perth Leisure Pool display (£657.28), other activities with local schools (£460.18) and a contribution to the Take a Pride in P&K Association's anniversary celebration (£787.94)
- Supplies & equipment expenditure includes plants for all BP sites, gardening tools and equipment, general supplies, protective clothing, H&S equipment, horticultural services. This is higher than the previous year; major purchases this year included garden sculptures for public displays in 2019, and new protective clothing and equipment for our increasing number of volunteers
- Public Engagement expenditure covers activities designed to inform and engage the public about
 Beautiful Perth. It is higher than the previous year, mainly because the Beautiful Perth website was
 completely redesigned, rebuilt and relaunched. It is now more modern, attractive and easy to use, and
 includes a new section for Zero Waste Perth

Further information about our work is set out in the Trustees' Annual Report.

5. Surplus/deficit.

Overall, the accounts show a deficit of £10,416.67. This compares with a deficit of £310.72 for the year 2017-18. The deficit is due to timing of cash flows, as income and expenditure for projects such as Zero Waste Perth flow over more than one year. For example, expenditure totaling £13,455 was made in relation to the Zero Waste Perth project between 1 January and 31 March 2019; a claim for this amount has been submitted to Zero Waste Scotland but will not be repaid to us until the new financial year.

6. Reserves

In 2017, £32,000 was invested in a Charities Aid Foundation 12 month, fixed-term saver with Shawbrook Bank. This matured in November 2018, earning interest of £411.44. The committee agreed to re-invest £22,000 with the same bank for another 12 months, at an interest rate of 1.3%. The balance of £10,000 was transferred into the Treasurer's Account to ensure we have sufficient funds to manage cash flow during the year.

7. Key Issues 2018-19

7.1 Sponsorship agreements totaling £7,200 were in place, but only £6,950 was received. This is because Curves Gym was granted permission to pay in instalments, and only £250 of its £500 sponsorship had been received by year end. Also in relation to sponsorship, Even Keel withdrew as a sponsor in 2017-18 and its £500 sponsorship

was not received; this sum has therefore been written off in this year's accounts.

7.2 The DAVE City Centre project: £1,000 was received from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. An invoice for a further £2,000 was issued to the Community Safety Partnership on 29 March and payment is expected soon

7.3 The Lamberkin Roundabout project: fees were paid to the landscape architect for his designs for the roundabout. However, the overall project costs for this site came in much higher than expected; the Trustees will decide in 2019-20 if the project can be transferred to another site

7.4 As anticipated last year, Zero Waste Perth (ZWP) represented by far the largest proportion (over 80%) of all income and expenditure in 2018-19. Beautiful Perth is leading the consortium managing this 3-year project, alongside Perth & Kinross Council (PKC) Waste Services Team and EcoTechnic at Perth College UHI. All project finances are managed by Beautiful Perth; we pay all invoices then reclaim the costs back from Zero Waste Scotland. ZWP was launched in November 2017 and we again anticipate major income and expenditure relating to the project in its third year, 2019-20. For details of ZWP's achievements to date, see the Trustees' Annual Report.

8. Remunerations & other payments.

All Trustees act on a voluntary basis and no remunerations, honoraria or other payments were made in 2018-19.

9. Conclusion

At the end of March 2019 Beautiful Perth was once again in a strong financial position, with healthy reserves and clear plans for sustainable finances in future years. Zero Waste Perth is the single largest project we have ever undertaken, but with the help of our partners the project has blossomed this year, delivering many benefits to the City. I would like to thank the two ZWP Co-ordinators, Fiona McBain and Sam Martens, for helping me prepare all the supporting paperwork required to reclaim funds from to Zero Waste Scotland, allowing me to manage our cash flow smoothly.

Our volunteers have also once again demonstrated their amazing commitment to achieving our main objectives of excellence in horticulture, environment and community. I am looking forward to another productive and busy year ahead both in terms of financial transactions and volunteer activities.

Monica Straughan, Treasurer

14 May 2018

Annual Report 2018-19

1. Chairman's Introduction

As a registered Scottish Charity (SC 032395), Beautiful Perth is required to prepare an annual report of its endeavours and financial activity. This report summarises another year of considerable activity leading up to and including preparations for the Britain In Bloom Awards, the Zero Waste Perth campaign, support for the enhancement of Rodney Gardens, the Riverside Heather Garden project, launching new neighbourhood projects, continuing engagement with community groups and promoting our activities via traditional press, the website and social media.

The highlight of the year was Beautiful Perth being nominated by the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain In Bloom in to the Champion of Champions category for 2019 – a nomination bestowed on only 5 of 3000 communities in the UK

The Zero Waste Perth Campaign became established, having secured substantial funds of £300K over a 3 year period, with the aim of raising the levels of re-use, repair, recycling and resource efficiency in Perth. Zero Waste Perth consortium comprises of Beautiful Perth, Eco Technic from Perth College UHI and the Waste Services team at Perth and Kinross Council, with the funds being managed by Beautiful Perth. The campaign has seen tangible benefits this year with the two project officers Sam Martens and Fiona McBain, and with the development of facilities to be made available at the Bike Station for workshops, featuring re use and repair. 65 events were coordinated by Fiona and Sam, including litter picks, school assemblies, and the launch of the Zero Waste Pop Up Shop.

The ambitious plans for landscaping the Lamberkin area to create a more permanent and sustainable site were diverted, given traffic management cost implications for both the construction and ongoing maintenance revenue costs of this site. However, the enthusiasm for a legacy project remains and is being pursued with plans to develop the smaller Oakbank Place site, a continuation of this gateway into Perth.

My sincere thanks to both Monica Straughan and Elspeth Bruce for undertaking the roles of Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Both are important and key positions and we are also grateful to Monica for her duties on media promotion through press releases, the website and social media. Elspeth continues to approach her secretarial duties with enthusiasm and good humour and supporting volunteers has been a key part of her duties.

The work of the Vice Chair, Jenny Williams, has proved invaluable to the Chairman at a time of change at the Council and the outcomes continue to be impressive. The securing of an important City Centre Clean Up Team, through the Criminal Justice (Community Payback) team in the Council, has paid dividends in environmental quality in the City. Beautiful Perth's 'starter funding' contribution, including an award of £4000 from Tesco's Bags of Help scheme, was warmly received by the co-ordinators and has allowed the project to prove its value and continue operations to the benefit of the environment in Perth

The efforts by all committee members as volunteers as well as Trustees, are really impressive, including community and action day events, judging duties and promotional activities. I would like to thank all of our volunteers, partner organisations, sponsors and supporters for another fantastic year helping us make Perth a beautiful place to live, work and visit.

2. Beautiful Perth AGM and Election of Office Bearers

The Annual General Meeting was held in Pullar House, Perth on 21 May 2018. Office Bearers elected to serve for the year 2018-19 were:

Chairman: John Summers Vice Chairman: Jenny Williams

Secretary: Elspeth Bruce Treasurer: Monica Straughan Auditor: Hunter Hope CIPFA

The above office bearers were elected to serve for one year and are eligible to stand for re-election in 2019-20. The other committee members confirmed as Trustees were Fiona Hair, Graham Harbut, Jean Hay, Tracey Hutton, Tom Lowdon, Barbara McDonald, Alison Morrison, and Sylvia Stuart.

3. Perth and Kinross Council

The positive and longstanding partnership with Perth and Kinross Council's Community Greenspace Team continues to help us deliver beneficial outcomes in horticultural excellence, environmental responsibility and community participation. We also have support from wider Council teams, in particular Waste Services, Dog Control, Roads, Street Lighting, Parking Services, Regeneration, Community Payback and Grounds Maintenance Operations. Our collaborative working is beneficial and ensures positive outcomes in helping keep Perth beautiful. Jane Keith and Carolyn McKenzie of Perth and Kinross Council's Westbank Nursery continue to provide invaluable advice and assistance across a number of sites.

4. Schools

Beautiful Perth continues to support the Eco Schools programme with a total of 26 Nurseries, Primary and Secondary schools being part of the programme. A total of 16 hold the coveted Green Flags. Trustee Alison Morrison continues to liaise with local Schools and to establish the need for support and assistance from Beautiful Perth.

Our joint venture with Kinnoull Primary School where the new £25,000 grant-funded front garden project continues to flourish. Projects have also been developed with the City of Perth Early Childhood Centre and Perth High School. Inter-generational working sees committee members working side by side with young learners to plant up and tend new raised beds at Carpenter Court, sheltered housing as well as creating and tending the school's own raised beds within their grounds. Pupils from 10 schools across the Fair City joined our volunteers during the second week of June to create the floral display outside Perth Leisure Pool. This year's theme was Zero Waste and the large circular bed featured an 'igloo' outdoor classroom constructed from re-used cycle wheels. This also featured the four pillars of Zero Waste using stencilled cable reels. The structure was under planted with pollinating wildflowers.

We were very grateful to the Perth and District Beekeepers' Association for again bringing some of their bees to the site during the week to show the school pupils, staff and volunteers a working hive and to tell us the fascinating story of bee behaviour. As well as helping us plant the flowers, the school children brought along an item for the garden which they had made from recycled materials, providing a varied and colourful display of birdfeeders and garden ornaments.

5. Horticultural Projects and Activity

We are very proud of the impressive floral displays and hanging baskets that brighten up the City every summer. Particular thanks go to Westbank Enterprises and Perth and Kinross Council for the production of the baskets and plants, and to the Community Greenspace team for their co-ordination.

- Our adopted bed at Curfew Row continues to flourish and is entirely looked after by our volunteers
 in partnership with the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. It is in an area that has undergone major
 public realm enhancement in the Cultural Quarter of Perth and plans continue to enhance this area.
- Beautiful Perth volunteers continue to enhance local neighbourhood sites such as Craigie Crossroads
 and have installed, planted and maintained colourful planters with seasonal bedding and bulbs to
 the delight of visitors and residents alike.
- The **Cherrybank Corner** site has been enhanced with the planting up of slate planters, providing colour in Spring and Summer. We also look after the **Oakbank corner** where a stone cairn acts as a 'bug hotel' to support wildlife.
- Our volunteers continue to work in partnership with **St Leonard's in the Fields Church** to ensure a breath-taking show of non-stop begonias in their display beds in Summer and d a riot of mixed *Narcissi* in spring (we source the plants and put them in the ground; we keep them weed free and the church pays for the plants and undertakes the watering a great and equal partnership).
- The Urban Butterfly Conservation Project: Beautiful Perth is supporting this project in the suitable management of an area of the heather garden and by one of our volunteers registering as a Recorder for a Biodiversity transect in North Muirton. Species which are in decline have already been identified. Some of our volunteers attended a one-day workshop in butterfly identification, whilst our Trustee Tracey Hutton continues to run the Perth Station Gardening Club, with support from Abelio Scotrail. Tracey has also become in involved directly with the Urban Butterfly Conservation Project at Perth Station, and has hosted a number of Citizen Science days.
- Snowdrop Peace Walk Project: this continues, our volunteers further planting up snowdrops 'in the green' alongside the River Tay near the heather garden. The snowdrops were donated by a local developer prior to the site clearance which would have destroyed the bulbs. Ultimately this will link with the National Trust for Scotland's Branklyn Garden and will feature in the annual national Snowdrop Festival.
- Perth Nursery Garden History Project: Perth Nursery was established in 1766 and became nationally important as one of the Dickson dynasty nurseries. As a qualified genealogist, one of the Beautiful Perth volunteers, has researched the wills left by the partners whilst our Secretary has researched the origins of the Perth Nursery and its contribution to horticulture, arboriculture and Art. The research will be published in 2019.
- The Compassionate Friends UK: a commemorative stone was kindly donated by Athole McDonald of Kilmac Ltd and unveiled. Further plantings have also taken place along the stream, featuring pollinating plants and species.

- The Blue Tay Project: initiated by our Zero Waste Perth colleagues, emphasis has been placed on undertaking litter picks on and around the banks of the River Tay, a special area of conservation, with the aim of helping reduce plastics and other litter washing downstream. This has been undertaken in partnership with Willowgate Outdoor Activity Centre.
- Daffodil Conservation Project: all arterial routes into Perth are swathed with this uplifting flower which is still grown commercially in Perthshire. Last year, aware that we were about to lose a number of potential heritage varieties from a former Market Garden on the banks of the Tay, the developers were contacted, and 20 crates of daffodils were harvested to be planted up the Heather Garden site. This continued in 2019, stretching further downstream with a further 3,000 daffodils being transplanted.
- Riverside Park: The Riverside Heather Garden, our flagship project, continues to flourish thanks to
 our weekly weeding, pruning, tidying and sweeping sessions. Numerous tons of horticultural grit and
 ericaceous compost has been barrowed by our volunteers to help alleviate the challenges which the
 clay soil at the heather garden presents. The long-awaited shed at Rodney has now been kitted out
 with wherever possible with plastic free storage and a full asset inventory has been recorded.
- Bridgend Affiliate Group Activity: We continue to look after beds at Camilla Bell Park, Dundee Road and the Queen's Bridge. These beds are now well established and offer a wonderful display all year round with a mixture of evergreen shrubs, spring bulbs, herbaceous planting and summer bedding for that extra splash of colour. The shrubbery at Back Wynd car park is also looking fantastic. The Parking Services team at the Council has given us on-going support, which helps make deliveries of extra bark and compost at our regular maintenance sessions run smoothly.
- **Perth Railway Station:** We are proud of our partnership with the Perth Station Gardening Club. Our regular joint action days ensure that the entrance to the station, and the platforms, are a horticultural delight.

6. Community Engagement, Participation and Partnership Working

Partnerships are key to our success and we continue to have valuable working relationships with long-standing supporters and new partners. Together, we really can make a difference and listed below are some of the people and groups who have made valuable contributions to our success.

10th Perthshire Cub Scout Beavers Corporate Responsibility volunteers

Abelio Scotrail National Map Library of Scotland

All Perth Schools National Archives of Scotland

Bridgend Affiliate Group Oakbank Community Centre

Butterfly Conservation Project PK Culture

Christopher Dingwall, Guidelines Perth College Eco Technic

Community Payback Perthshire Beekeepers' Association

Compassionate Friends Perth Racecourse

Perth Station Gardening Club St Leonard's in the Fields Church

Royal Botanical Garden of Edinburgh The Black Watch Museum

RHS of Perthshire The Gannochy Trust

RHS Lindley Library The Heather Society

Royal Botanics, Kew The Perthshire Advertiser

Royal Scottish Geographical Society Tulloch's Blooming Lade

South Perth Greenspace Partnerships Turning Point Scotland – Perth

Scottish Beekeepers Association Viewlands Venture

Sponsors (see para 9) Westbank Nursery

And of course – all of our volunteers

7. Environmental Responsibility

One of the Royal Horticultural Society's pillars that guide our work is Environmental Responsibility. We are active supporters of the Clean Up Scotland Campaign and we work closely with Keep Scotland Beautiful. Our Zero Waste Perth campaign is a major step forward, as the aim is to make Perth Scotland's first Zero Waste City, bringing benefits to the environment and to the local economy.

The 10th Perthshire Scouts continue to manage Hilton Woods for biodiversity and access. They make and install nest boxes, remove non-native shrubs and trees and replace them with native species, as well as improving footpaths. The Beaver Scouts also undertake annual litterpicks with us, to help us keep Perth litter-free. Our volunteers also undertake regular litterpicks in various hotspots in the City and we always encourage everyone in our Fair City to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.

We have moved away from large scale floral displays using annual bedding plants, and are taking a more sustainable approach to planting, including native species, pollinator plants and habitat creation wherever possible, to promote biodiversity.

8. Local Awards

We also judged and attended the Gannochy Trust's 2018 Gannochy Garden Awards, whilst re-structuring our own local awards for a re-launch in 2019.

9. Finance

Full details of the Association's finances are presented in the Treasurer's report. The Association is in a satisfactory financial position and my thanks to those who support us for their continued contributions. Thank you to the Council for its continued financial support, and to our generous sponsors:

- JELF Clark Thomson Insurance
- Curves Fitness Gym
- Even Keel Ltd
- Holiday Inn Express

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- Kilmac Ltd
- Live Active Leisure
- Morris Leslie Ltd
- Perthshire Advertiser
- St Johnstone FC

10. Structure, governance and management

The Beautiful Perth Association's governing document is a Constitution, adopted in 2001 and most recently revised in 2007. The aims of Beautiful Perth are to improve the environment of Perth by:

- promoting and encouraging floral and horticultural exhibits
- advancing the education of the public about the natural environment through environmental campaigns and programmes
- promoting high standards of cleanliness in street and public areas, and fostering community spirit

The governing body is a Committee of Trustees, drawn from the private sector, public sector and voluntary organisations. The current membership is listed in paragraph two above. The committee meets monthly (10 times in 2018-19). All committee members are volunteers and no remunerations are paid.

As required by the Constitution, the Trustees monitor the Association's financial position via monthly reports to the committee by the Treasurer. Audited accounts of the Income and Expenditure and of the Balance Sheet at the end of the financial year are presented to the Annual General Meeting.

11. Conclusion

The work of the volunteers and supporters of Beautiful Perth is truly impressive and requests for assistance with our activities are met willingly. The motivation is to make Perth a beautiful place to live, work and visit, and it is really gratifying when positive comments are received about our work. Beautiful Perth enjoys a positive relationship with the two local newspapers, the Courier and the Perthshire Advertiser. We work in partnership with the local authority to tackle horticultural sites, where due to Council budgets pressures, resources are stretched and, with the financial support from a local trust fund, this work is seeing results. The efforts of existing and new volunteers are making a real difference to the area.

The backing from Local Councillors and staff from Perth and Kinross Council is essential to the success of Beautiful Perth and is much appreciated. Continuing sponsorship support from private sector companies has allowed prominent floral displays to be maintained and extended during 2018-19 and efforts to attract new sponsors are ongoing.

National recognition of the efforts of Beautiful Perth was manifested in the Britain In Bloom Awards 2018, where we won a Gold Medal and the Large Town Category. One of our Trustees, Tom Lowdon, also received an RHS 'People's Champion' Award for his outstanding service to horticulture with Beautiful Perth. As a result of our consistent successes in the 'bloom' National Awards, we are delighted to have been invited to take part in Britain In Bloom Champion of Champions Award in 2019. Beautiful Perth has continued to implement a strategy of increasing community engagement and more and more groups and individuals are taking part in our successful and worthwhile campaign. As Chairman I must thank all the Executive Committee Members, Office Bearers and volunteers as the successes of 2018-19 would not have been possible without them.

John P Summers, Chairman.

20 May 2019