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ØRSKOV FOUNDATION SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Financial statements

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The report is prepared in accordance with The Ørskov Foundation Constitution and "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)".

Establishment and objectives

Ørskov Foundation ("the Foundation") was established in November 2004 as an unincorporated charity and on 24th February 2014 it was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The Ørskov Foundation SCIO is established and operates in accordance with The Constitution.

The objectives of the Foundation are to prevent or relieve poverty, to advance education, to advance citizenship or community development and to advance environmental protection or improvement. The Ørskov Foundation SCIO operates in developing countries and the beneficiaries are members of the general public.

Charitable status

On 24th February 2014 Ørskov Foundation changed its legal status from that of a charitable trust to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The transfer of assets from the Charitable Trust to the SCIO took effect on 20th March 2014. The Ørskov Foundation SCIO is recognised by HM Revenue and Customs as a SCIO and is registered as a charity with OSCR. Its Scottish Charity Number is SC036117.

Trustees and principal address

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are as undernoted:

Name	Date of appointment	Until
Professor Deborah Roberts	30 November 2017	Ongoing
Chairperson		
Professor Colin Campbell	4 November 2015	Ongoing
Professor Iain Gordon	24 February 2015	Ongoing
Dr. Kerry Waylen	4 November 2015	Ongoing
Mrs. Vivienne King	30 November 2017	Ongoing
Mrs Joan Ørskov	8 November 2018	Ongoing

Any person nominated individual or body who/which wishes to become a Charity Trustee must sign a written application for Charity Trusteeship; and for a corporate body, that application must be signed by an appropriately authorised officer of that body who will remain as the representative of that corporate body until such time as the corporate body informs the Board otherwise. The application will then be considered by the Board at its next Board meeting. The Board may, at its discretion, refuse to admit any person, nominated individual or corporate body, or veto the proposed authorised officer acting as a representative of a corporate body, to Charity Trusteeship.

The Board must notify each applicant promptly (in writing, which includes by e-mail) of its decision on whether or not to admit him/her/it to Charity Trusteeship.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

The principal address of the Foundation is:

Ørskov Foundation SCIO The James Hutton Institute Craigiebuckler Aberdeen AB15 8QH

Management of the Foundation

The management of the Foundation is carried out by the Trustees on a voluntary basis, supported by the staff of the James Hutton Institute. No payment is made for these services. The Foundation does not employ any staff.

Bankers

Clydesdale Bank t/a Virgin Money 1 Queens Cross Aberdeen AB15 4XU

Grants awarded in 2022/23

The Trustees continued to offer funding for post-graduate students to undertake training with the option of either international travel for in-person training or online training (and provision of computing equipment, internet access, etc).

The Trustees reviewed 14 applications from students based in 9 different nations across Africa, for funds to support training linked to their postgraduate degrees. The following four were awarded funding for courses taking place between May and November 2023.

Scol Melosheb from Zambia was awarded £2,207 for her studies in," Conservation Farming". The training is to take place in-person at the Zambia Agriculture Research Institute and will enhance her studies towards a PhD in Agricultural Economics.

Rex Asongwe Tarke from Equatorial Guinea was awarded the sum of £2,491 to enhance her knowledge of "Renewable Energy (RE) Studies" as part of her MSC in Renewable Studies management. This training will be undertaken at Technische Universität in Dresden, Germany. The training will be face to face and funds cover international travel as well as accommodation, the course fees and any associated course materials.

Nanyika Emmanuel Kingazi from Tanzania was awarded the sum of £2,480 to receive training in "Statistical models for sustainable agricultural land use systems to protect insect pollinators in agricultural areas", augmenting her studies towards a PhD in Forest Sciences. The training will be undertaken at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) in Uppsala, Sweden. This training will, again, be delivered in-person.

Tabu Paul Ziliyo from Tanzania was awarded the sum of £2,310 to undertake studies in "Ethnoveterinary Medicinal Plants for Livestock Healthcare in Rural Areas" to further develop her studies towards her MSc in Botany. This training will also take place in-person and will be delivered at The Institute of Traditional Medicine in Kenya.

The Foundation has not supported any community projects in this period, however the Trustees are in the process of exploring best practice around the re-introduction of this type of grant and how best to monitor activity and use of the funds.

Review of activities and future developments

The income of the Foundation was donations from multiple individuals of £2,460 and bank interest of £498. The expenditure of the Foundation was £9,729. Administrative costs were £140 and bank charges were £101. The Foundation had net expenditure of £6,771 (2022 – net expenditure £4,155) for the year. Total funds at year end were £15,025 (2022-£21,796) all of which were unrestricted.

Mrs Vivienne King

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Trustee

Date: 1st August 2023

REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ØRSKOV FOUNDATION SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

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) (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 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 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:

- 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 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.

REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ØRSKOV FOUNDATION SCIO (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made to the charity's board of trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of the engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to undertake an independent examination of the charity's accounts on behalf of the charity's board of trustees and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's board of trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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Trevor Paul Dixon CPFA For and on behalf of ACVO Regent House 36 Regent Quay ABERDEEN AB11 5BE

15th August 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Restricted Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from		£	at.	±	s.
Donations and legacies Investments	2 2	-	2,460 498	2,460 498	2,840 14
Total income and endowments		-	2,958	2,958	2,854
Expenditure on Charitable activities	3	-	9,729	9,729	7,009
Total resources expended			9,729	9,729	7,009
Net expenditure		-	(6,771)	(6,771)	(4,155)
Total funds brought forward		-	21,796	21,796	25,951
Total funds carried forward			15,025	15,025	21,796

All of the above figures relate to the Foundation's continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	At 31 March 2023 £	At 31 March 2022 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		17,716	26,485
		17,716	26,485
Creditors falling due within one year	5	(2,691)	(4,689)
Net Current Assets		15,025	21,796
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		15,025	21,796
Funds of the charity:	_		
Restricted funds Unrestricted funds	7 7	15,025	21,796
Total funds		15,025	21,796

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 09/08/23 and were signed on its behalf by:

Professor Deborah Roberts

Trustee

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

General information and basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The disclosure requirements of FRS 102 Section 1A have been applied where applicable.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure

Expenditure, including any irrecoverable VAT, is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Support costs, including governance costs, are all allocated to charitable activities.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and accruals are initially recognised at transaction price.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustees consider that there are no estimates and underlying assumptions which have significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

Funds

Restricted funds can only be spent in accordance with terms and conditions specified by the donor. Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Foundation.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

2	Income and endowments	2023	2022
		£	£
	Donations and legacies		
	Other charitable donations	2,460	2,840
	Tax refunds on gift aided donations	-	-
		2,460	2,840
	Investments		
	Bank Interest	498	14
		2,958	2,854

Income from donations and legacies includes £nil (2022 - £nil) in relation to restricted funds and £2,460 (2022 - £2,840) in relation to unrestricted funds. All investment and other income is unrestricted.

3	Expenditure on charitable activities	2023 £	2022 £
	Grants payable to individuals Grants to community projects	9,488	6,643
	Project expenditure	- -	-
		9,488	6,643
	Support costs (note 4)	241	366
		9,729	7,009

Expenditure on charitable activities includes £nil (2022 - £nil) in relation to restricted funds and £9,729 (2022 - £7,009) in relation to unrestricted funds.

4	Support costs	2023 £	2022 £
	Administration costs	90	90
	Bank charges	101	76
	Fees paid to Independent Examiner	50	200
		241	366

The trustees do not receive remuneration from the Trust. No expenses were paid to the Trustees during the year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

5	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		2023 £	2022 £
	Accruals		2,691	4,689
			2,691	4,689
6	Financial instruments		2023	2022
	The carrying value of financial assets and financial liabilities was as follows:	I	£	£
	Financial assets measured at amortised cost		17,716	26,485
	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		2,691	4,689
7	Movement in funds	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	At 1 April 2022	£ -	£ 21,796	£ 21,796
	Net expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023	-	(6,771)	(6,771)
	At 31 March 2023	-	15,025	15,025

8 Related party transactions
There were no related party transactions.