

**AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**28TH FEBRUARY 2024**

**Registered company number: SC372685  
Scottish charity number SC041614**

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**for the year ended 28th February 2024**

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**AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST****TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT****28th February 2024**

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 charitable company for the year ended 28th February 2024. The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

**Structure, governance and management**

The overall management and policy decisions of the company are the responsibility of the board of directors (trustees) who are elected under the terms of the company's Articles of Association.

**Objectives and Activities**

The principle objects of the charitable company are: to manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the community and the public in general; to provide or assist in providing recreational facilities for the community and public at large; to advance community development; and to advance environmental protection or improvement. The company was formed to benefit the community of Lower Strathglass, Inverness-shire, defined by the postcode units IV47AD, IV47AE, IV47AF, IV47AG, IV47AQ, IV47EY, IV47JJ, IV47JL, IV47JN, IV47JR, IV47JT, IV47JU and Eilean Aigas, and those parts of the Kilmorack Community Council area not covered by the preceding list of postcodes.

**Achievements and performance, and plans for future periods**

During the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, clear-felling at the Torr a' Bhealaidh area of the forest was completed, subject to tidying up work.

During the year, a contractor was employed to significantly extend and improve the path network and carpark and to surface the forest roads. As part of the process, the contractor extracted a considerable volume of aggregate from ACF's own quarry. Following completion of this work, a new information bothy was built beside the forest carpark to provide information to visitors and the local community about the forest and its network of paths.

In August 2023, ACF entered into a contract with SHET PLC (Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission) for a 'biodiversity net gain restoration planting' of native woodland in a defined 3ha area in the north-west of the forest. ACF also received its first payment under the scheme of £19,200 from SHET, with a further payment of £4,800 due in six years' time subject to the successful establishment of the plantation. Further details of this contract are contained in note 15 to the accounts.

A successful Open Day was held in September 2023. Further work continued on the perimeter fence project, with completion now anticipated in early 2025.

Since the year end, a major replanting programme has been carried out by our staff and volunteers. Discussions have also continued with SHET regarding a further potential 'Biodiversity Net Gain' contract for establishment of a further native woodland in an area of land recently clear-felled at Torr a' Bhealaidh. The old Massey Ferguson tractor was restored and painted and our other modern tractor traded in for a larger model. Both tractors will be used for continuing forest operations and maintenance.

Looking ahead, the Vision group set up in 2023 will continue to revisit our original aims and to consider future development plans.

**Financial review and Reserves**

During the period ended 28th February 2024, the company recorded net income on Unrestricted Funds of £20,798 (2023, £156,239) and net expenditure on Restricted Funds of £Nil (2023 £Nil). Total funds per the Balance Sheet at 28th February 2024 totalled £1,382,289 comprising Unrestricted Funds £615,205 and Restricted Funds of £767,084 (see note 14 of the accounts).

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity at 28th February 2024 and at the current date. The trustees consider that the level of unrestricted funds held at balance sheet date are clearly healthy and adequate to support the continuation of its current activities for the foreseeable future. The board closely monitors the financial performance of the charity and regularly updates cash flow forecasts for future periods to ensure that proposed projects will be adequately funded and that restricted funds will be properly managed.

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**Reference and Administrative details**

*Company and Charity details*

Registered company number	SC372685
Scottish Charity Number	SC041614
Registered Office	North View Crask of Aigas Beauly Inverness-shire IV4 7AD

*Trustees (Directors)*

The trustees (directors) of the company who served during the year and up to the date of signing the report were as follows:

Mark Hedderwick	
Russell Ross	(appointed 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)
Phillip Masheter	
Neil Valentine	(resigned 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. reappointed 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024)
David Garvie	
Andrew Leaver	(resigned 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023)
John Graham	
Fin Denerley	
Madeleine Robinson	(resigned 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)
Graeme Scott	
Hermione Lister-Kaye	(resigned 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)
Robert Hemingway	(resigned 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024)
Julia Young	
Stephen Cotterill	
Robert Bull	(appointed 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)
Greg Jackson	(appointed 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. resigned 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024)

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. The trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services as trustees.

*Company Secretary*

Andrew Leaver

*Advisors*

Bankers	The Bank of Scotland PO Box 17235, Edinburgh EH11 1YH
Independent Examiner	Rhona Wilson, BA, FCCA MacKenzie Kerr Limited Chartered Accountants Redwood 19 Culduthel Road Inverness IV2 4AA

**Risk Management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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**Statement of Trustees (Directors) responsibilities**

The charity trustees (who are also directors of Aigas Community Forest for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors (charity trustees) to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees (directors) are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Small company exemptions**

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

On behalf of the board



John Graham  
Director

Date: 29th November 2024

**AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST****Independent Examiner's report to the trustees  
of Aigas Community Forest**

I report on the accounts of Aigas Community Forest for the year ended 28th February 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 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 independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts (Scotland) 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
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.



Rhona Wilson, BA, FCCA  
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Chartered Accountants  
Redwood  
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29th November 2024

**AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

for the year ended 28th February 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and legacies	4	60	-	60	75	-	75
Charitable activities	5	65,179	687	65,866	183,798	6,460	190,258
Other trading activities	6	3,955	-	3,955	5,484	-	5,484
Investment income	7	13,936	-	13,936	12,120	-	12,120
<b>Total income</b>		<u>83,130</u>	<u>687</u>	<u>83,817</u>	<u>201,477</u>	<u>6,460</u>	<u>207,937</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Charitable activities	8	62,332	687	63,019	45,238	6,460	51,698
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>62,332</u>	<u>687</u>	<u>63,019</u>	<u>45,238</u>	<u>6,460</u>	<u>51,698</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>20,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,798</u>	<u>156,239</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,239</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Total funds brought forward	14	594,407	767,084	1,361,491	438,168	767,084	1,205,252
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>615,205</u>	<u>767,084</u>	<u>1,382,289</u>	<u>594,407</u>	<u>767,084</u>	<u>1,361,491</u>

## AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST

## BALANCE SHEET

at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10		889,593		874,709
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	11	2,890		3,917	
Cash at bank and in hand		499,684		492,299	
		<u>502,574</u>		<u>496,216</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>(9,878)</u>		<u>(9,434)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			492,696		486,782
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>1,382,289</u>		<u>1,361,491</u>
<b>Funds and Reserves</b>					
Unrestricted	14		615,205		594,407
Restricted	14		767,084		767,084
<b>Total members' funds</b>			<u>1,382,289</u>		<u>1,361,491</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 28th February 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the 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 company.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 29th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Graeme Scott  
Director

Company registration number: SC372685



## AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST

## NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**1 Status of the company**

Aigas Community Forest is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The company is also a public benefit entity and has obtained exemption from using the word limited in its name. The liability of the members is limited and will not exceed £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

**2 Accounting policies***Basis of accounting***Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Income**

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions are met (or are fully within the control of the charity), there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Income is classified into the following categories:

*Donations and Legacies* – This comprises all income received by the charity that is in substance a gift made to it on a voluntary basis. It includes donations and grants, other than those whose conditions make them similar in economic terms to trading income (see Charitable activities below)

*Charitable activities* – This comprises all income received, earned both from the supply of goods or services under contractual arrangements and from performance-related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular goods or services to be provided by the charity. The activities specified under such contractual arrangements or grant conditions must fall within the charitable purposes of the charity.

*Other trading activities* – This comprises income from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity.

*Investment Income* – This comprises income earned from holding assets for investment purposes and includes interest receivable and rental income from a telecommunications mast.

Income from government and other grants, whether capital or revenue in nature, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants are met (or are fully within the control of the charity), it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of members is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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**2 Accounting policies continued**

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified into the following categories:

*Raising funds* – This comprises all expenditure incurred to raise funds for the charity and includes the costs of all non charitable trading activities.

*Charitable Activities* – This comprises all expenditure incurred in undertaking activities that further the charitable aims for the benefit of the charity's beneficiaries, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity.

*Other expenditure* – This comprises the costs of non primary purpose trading

**Fund accounting**

*Unrestricted funds* – These are funds which the trustees are free to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

*Restricted funds* -- These are funds, which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular purposes or areas of the charity's work.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	20% straight line
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Freehold land (comprising the Aigas Community Forest) is stated at cost and is not depreciated.

Capitalisation policy re Equipment – Capital items costing less than £500 are not capitalised.

Depreciation is not provided on assets which are under construction at the year end. This applies to Fencing additions incurred during the years ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2024 and carried forward at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Debtors and Creditors receivable/payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the SOFA.

**Pension contributions**

The company's contributions to defined pension contribution plans are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which the contributions relate.

**3 Taxation**

The charitable company is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>4 Donations and Legacies</b>						
General donations	60	-	60	75	-	75
	60	-	60	75	-	75
<b>5 Income from charitable activities</b>						
Timber sales	45,979	-	45,979	183,798	-	183,798
SSEN Biodiversity Net Zero payments	19,200	-	19,200	-	-	-
CLE (Community Learning Exchange) grant	-	687	687	-	-	-
National Restoration Fund grant	-	-	-	-	6,460	6,460
	65,179	687	65,866	183,798	6,460	190,258
<b>6 Income from other trading activities</b>						
Firewood and other processed wood sales	3,955	-	3,955	5,484	-	5,484
	3,955	-	3,955	5,484	-	5,484
<b>7 Investment Income</b>						
Telecommunications mast income	13,936	-	13,936	12,120	-	12,120
	13,936	-	13,936	12,120	-	12,120

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>8 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
Wages and salaries	15,374	-	15,374	13,848	-	13,848
Pension contributions	214	-	214	419	-	419
Travel and subsistence and other expenses	73	-	73	-	-	-
Telephone	47	-	47	118	-	118
Secretarial expenses	84	-	84	-	-	-
Habitat management – bog restoration	-	-	-	-	6,105	6,105
Purchase of wild flower seeds	-	-	-	439	355	794
FSC certification	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Training	1,158	-	1,158	934	-	934
Repairs, maintenance, fuel and other consumables	5,779	-	5,779	5,553	-	5,553
Road control	12,160	-	12,160	-	-	-
Repairs to roads and paths	4,015	-	4,015	1,650	-	1,650
Insurance	4,169	-	4,169	3,488	-	3,488
Website	154	-	154	105	-	105
Hall hire	18	-	18	83	-	83
Subscriptions	116	-	116	81	-	81
Clothing purchase	220	-	220	-	-	-
Knoydart Forest visit	-	687	687	-	-	-
Open day expenses	409	-	409	424	-	424
General expenses	492	-	492	168	-	168
Charitable donations	700	-	700	700	-	700
Depreciation	15,260	-	15,260	16,029	-	16,029
Gain on disposal of equipment	-	-	-	(686)	-	(686)
Independent Examiner's fee	890	-	890	885	-	885
	<u>62,332</u>	<u>687</u>	<u>63,019</u>	<u>45,238</u>	<u>6,460</u>	<u>51,698</u>

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**9 Employees**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 2 (2023 1).  
 No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

**Employment costs:**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	15,374	13,848
Social Security costs	-	-
Pension contributions	214	419
	<u>15,588</u>	<u>14,267</u>

No trustee received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the year.  
 During the year, no trustees were reimbursed for travel expenses while acting as an agent of the charity.

**10. Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold Land & Infrastructure	Equipment	Fencing	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1st February 2023	769,396	108,848	55,507	933,751
Additions	21,800	3,449	4,895	30,144
Cost of disposals	-	-	-	-
	<u>791,196</u>	<u>112,297</u>	<u>60,402</u>	<u>963,895</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1st February 2023	-	59,042	-	59,042
Charge for the year	-	15,260	-	15,260
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>74,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,302</u>
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 31st January 2024	<u>791,196</u>	<u>37,995</u>	<u>60,402</u>	<u>889,593</u>
At 31st January 2023	<u>769,396</u>	<u>49,806</u>	<u>55,507</u>	<u>874,709</u>

All fixed assets are used in direct furtherance of the charity objectives.

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<b>11 Debtors</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	3,206
Prepayments	1,923	711
VAT recoverable	967	-
	<u>2,890</u>	<u>3,917</u>
	<u><u>2,890</u></u>	<u><u>3,917</u></u>
<b>12 Creditors</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Other creditors	434	520
Accruals and prepaid income	9,444	1,725
VAT payable	-	7,189
	<u>9,878</u>	<u>9,434</u>
	<u><u>9,878</u></u>	<u><u>9,434</u></u>

**13 Analysis of Net Assets/(Liabilities) between Funds****Statement at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	122,509	767,084	889,593
Current Assets	502,574	-	502,574
Current Liabilities	(9,878)	-	(9,878)
	<u>615,205</u>	<u>767,084</u>	<u>1,382,289</u>
Net assets at 28th February 2024	<u><u>615,205</u></u>	<u><u>767,084</u></u>	<u><u>1,382,289</u></u>

**Comparative statement at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Fixed Assets	107,625	767,084	874,709
Current Assets	496,216	-	496,216
Current Liabilities	(9,434)	-	(9,434)
	<u>594,407</u>	<u>767,084</u>	<u>1,361,491</u>
Net assets at 28th February 2023	<u><u>594,407</u></u>	<u><u>767,084</u></u>	<u><u>1,361,491</u></u>

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14 Movements in Funds

Statement for year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

	Balance b/f at 1st March 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance c/f at 28th February 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	594,407	83,130	(62,332)	-	615,205
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Forest purchase fund	765,000	-	-	-	765,000
CWA Trail Development fund	2,084	-	-	-	2,084
CLE (Community Learning Exchange) fund	-	687	(687)	-	-
	767,084	687	(687)	-	767,084
<b>Total Funds</b>	1,361,491	83,817	(63,019)	-	1,382,289

Comparative statement for year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

	Balance b/f at 1st March 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance c/f at 28th February 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	438,168	201,477	(45,238)	-	594,407
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Forest purchase fund	765,000	-	-	-	765,000
Bog restoration project	-	6,460	(6,460)	-	-
CWA Trail Development fund	2,084	-	-	-	2,084
	767,084	6,460	(6,460)	-	767,084
<b>Total Funds</b>	1,205,252	207,937	(51,698)	-	1,361,491

**Purposes of Restricted Funds**

**Forest purchase fund**

During the years ended 28th February 2014 and 2015, the company received funding of £765,000 towards the purchase (including legal costs) of Aigas forest. This comprised: grants from: Scottish Land Fund, £690,000; the Aigas Trust, £50,000; Scottish and Southern Energy £20,000; and Highland Council Ward Discretionary grants £5,000. These funds were applied in full towards the forest acquisition, completed during 2015 at a cost of £767,312.

**Bog Restoration fund**

During the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Aigas Community Forest was awarded grants of £6,460 from the 'National Restoration Fund' (administered by Highland Council) to assist with the costs of bog habitat restoration within the forest.

**CWA (Community Woodlands Association) Trail Development fund**

During the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the CWA provided grant funding to cover the costs incurred by ACF to construct a new section of trail to add to the existing network.

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**14 Movements in Funds continued****Purposes of Restricted Funds continued****CLE (Community Learning Exchange) fund**

During the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, a grant was received of £687 from CLE to meet the costs of a visit by ACF trustees and staff to visit the Knoydart Forest Trust, a long-established community woodland on the west coast of Scotland.

**15 Commitments and Contingent Liabilities****Boundary Fence**

At Balance Sheet date, the charity had incurred c.£60.4k on a project to construct a fence round the entire perimeter of the forest. Although not governed by a formal contract, the trustees estimate that the total cost of the fence as currently planned will be c.£74k, with c.£13.6k remaining to be incurred at balance sheet date. The fence is expected to be completed in early 2025.

**Agreement with SHET PLC to establish an area of native woodland**

A Woodland Establishment Agreement (duration 20 years) was signed in August 2023 between Aigas Community Forest and SHET PLC (Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission). Under the agreement, ACF has an obligation to plant a defined 3ha area with native trees at its own expense under an 'approved planting scheme' (approved by Scottish Forestry) and in accordance with 'UK Forestry Standard Guidelines'. In return SHET PLC contracted to pay £19,200 on commencement (September 2023) and a further £4,800 on it's being satisfied that the planting is 'successfully established' on or after year 6 of the project. If ACF fails to carry out any of its obligations under the agreement, SHET ultimately has the right to appoint its own replacement contractors to carry out any unperformed services and to deduct the costs from any amounts remaining payable to ACF and to claim any remaining shortfall as a debt due from ACF. Regarding its obligations under the agreement, ACF has granted a standard security to SHET over the specified 3ha area.