

Charity Number: SC045852
Company number: SC402621

Connect Assynt Ltd

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Period ended 30 June 2022

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Report of the Directors for the period ended 30 June 2022

The Directors are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2022.

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity name	Connect Assynt Ltd
Charity number	SC045852
Company number	SC402621
Registered Office	The Mission Culag Square Lochinver By Lairg Sutherland IV27 4LE
Directors	R Kerr M MacIennan (retired 2 December 2021) G Richards J Young
Company Secretary	None
Accountants	T P Wright Chartered Accountant 396 Elphin By Lairg Sutherland IV27 4HH
Solicitors	None
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland Plc West Argyle Street Ullapool Ross-Shire IV26 2TY

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Report of the Directors for the period ended 30 June 2022

Structure, governance and management

Connect Assynt Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, incorporated on 29 June 2011, and is registered as a charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1.

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees (also referred to in this report and the financial statements as the directors) who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. New directors are elected annually at the AGM by vote in person or by proxy.

The company is a membership organisation and the members are responsible for electing the Board of Directors which meets on a regular basis to consider the strategic decisions. The implementation is then delegated to employees.

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of directors

The trustees have the power to appoint and assume such other trustee as they feel necessary for the purposes of the administration of the Trust.

New trustees are expected to spend time with the existing trustees to familiarise themselves with:

- The duties of Board Members
- The main documents that set out the operational framework for the charity, including the Trust Deed and Memorandum and Articles of Association
- The work of the Trust and its finances, referring to the last annual accounts and the recent Board Minutes
- The strategy that has been adopted
- The plans and objectives that flow from that strategy
- The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The overall management and policy decisions are the responsibility of the trustees who are appointed under the terms of the Trust Deed and Articles of Association.

Aims, Objectives and Activities

The object of the Company is to provide a community transport service for such of the inhabitants of Assynt and its neighbourhood who are in need of such a service because of age, sickness or disability (mental or physical), or poverty, or because of a lack of availability of adequate and safe public passenger services.

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Report of the Directors for the period ended 30 June 2022

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the following achievements were recorded:

- We have continued to deliver weekly trips throughout the year to the residents of Assynt, enabling them to leave their homes in safety.
- A grant from the highland mental Health and Wellbeing fund was secured, enabling us to provide free trips. This resulted in more passengers being able to do their food shop in supermarkets, reducing their weekly food bills.
- The Lochinver Mental health team introduced weekly health walks, which we are providing free transport for. These walks are designed to get people out of their houses and walking and talking, thus improving their mental health.
- The connect Assynt bus is now available to hire again and we provided the local high school with transport to various locations throughout the summer holidays, enabling kids, who might not have left the area normally, to have supervised, fun days out.
- A grant has been submitted for an electric minibus and should we be fortunate enough to be accepted we are very much looking forward to a greener future within Connect Assynt.
- A lot of new faces have enjoyed our trips this year and we have endeavoured to find new places to visit.
- 2 new volunteer drivers came on board this year, meaning we now have 4 volunteers and 1 employed member of staff.

Financial review

The results for the period are set out in the attached financial statements.

Reserves policy

Substantial unrestricted reserves are necessary for management of cash flow and the charity wishes to attain a level of reserves that would meet the charity's commitments for a period of twelve months should other income not be available.

Plans for future periods

The Board endeavours to regularly seek and secure funding to support its operations.

It will continue to provide its regular weekly service, maintaining its income from fares and on occasion, small donations received from passengers and the membership.

The Board are aware of their duty to stakeholders. The small number of suppliers which the charity uses will continue to be paid promptly and in the event of cessation of activities, the Board understand that the charity's minibus would be returned to the Scottish Government. It is not considered that there are any adjustments which would be required to the charity's financial accounts to reflect the scaling down of operations and no risk of detriment to creditors if the plans do not prosper.

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Report of the Directors for the period ended 30 June 2022

Directors' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

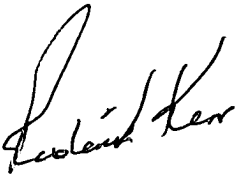
Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial period and its surplus or deficit for the financial period. In doing so the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make sound 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 charity will continue in business

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by



R Kerr
Director

Date: 16 November 2022

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Report of the Independent Examiners to the Trustees for the period ended 30 June 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

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. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a-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 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 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.



Name T P Wright

Qualification Chartered accountant

Address 396 Elphin, By Lairg, IV27 4HH

Date 16 November 2022

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Statement of financial activities

Year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	116	-	116	83
Charitable activities	3	8,754	11,833	20,587	8,677
Total incoming resources		8,870	11,833	20,703	8,760
Resources expended:					
Charitable activities	4	8,910	5,348	14,258	14,631
Total resources expended		8,910	5,348	14,258	14,631
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(40)	6,485	6,445	(5,871)
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds after transfers		(40)	6,485	6,445	(5,871)
Total funds brought forward	10	9,351	9,227	18,578	24,449
Total funds carried forward	10	9,311	15,712	25,023	18,578

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets	7		7,226	9,033
Current Assets				
Debtors	8	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand		18,047	9,795	
		18,047	9,795	
Creditors: falling due within one year	9	250	250	
Net Current Assets			17,797	9,545
Total Net Assets			25,023	18,578
Represented by:				
Restricted income funds	10		15,712	9,227
Unrestricted income funds	10		9,311	9,351
Total Funds			25,023	18,578

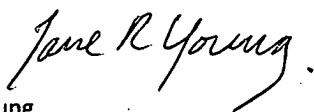
The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its income and expenditure 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 accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf on 16 November 2022



J Young
Director

Company registration number SC402621

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2022

1 Accounting policies

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS102)', the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Donations, gifts in kind and volunteer time

Donations received are recorded at the time the charity becomes entitled to the resource. Gifts in kind income represent donated assets received by the charity and are recorded at the estimated current value the charity would expect to pay for the asset on the open market. The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into the financial statements.

Grants

Grants received are included in incoming resources when they are receivable, except when conditions attached to such grants have not yet been fulfilled, when the income is deferred. Grants of a capital nature are treated as a restricted fund and released to the unrestricted funds over the life of the asset.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on the accruals basis and recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds: funds held which are restricted for use for specific purposes.

Unrestricted funds: funds which the trustees are free to use, in accordance with the charitable objects.

Designated funds: funds which the trustees set aside for a specific purpose.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Minibus	-	20% reducing balance
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Taxation

The Association is a charity for tax purposes and relief given under S.505 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2022

2 Donations and legacies income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations	116	-	116	80
Memberships	-	-	-	3
	<u>116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>83</u>
3 Charitable activities income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Hire, trips and fares	1,716	-	1,716	324
Highland Council SLA	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund grant	-	11,833	11,833	-
Bus Service Operator's Grant	2,038	-	2,038	2,939
Reimbursement for fuel for food bank	-	-	-	414
	<u>8,754</u>	<u>11,833</u>	<u>20,587</u>	<u>8,677</u>
Total income	<u>8,870</u>	<u>11,833</u>	<u>20,703</u>	<u>8,760</u>
4 Resources expended on charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fuel	273	959	1,232	461
Vehicle maintenance	1,542	-	1,542	2,292
Vehicle insurance and road tax	988	-	988	1,035
Vehicle depreciation	-	1,807	1,807	2,258
Wages and salaries	3,763	2,372	6,135	6,094
Rent	648	-	648	648
Insurance	354	-	354	339
Telecomms	779	-	779	651
Office supplies	83	-	83	214
IT	244	-	244	239
Sundry expenses	(14)	210	196	150
Accountancy fees	250	-	250	250
	<u>8,910</u>	<u>5,348</u>	<u>14,258</u>	<u>14,631</u>
Total expenditure	<u>8,910</u>	<u>5,348</u>	<u>14,258</u>	<u>14,631</u>

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5 Staff costs and emoluments	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	6,135	6,094
	<u>6,135</u>	<u>6,094</u>

Particulars of employees

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2022	2021
Staff	<u>0.25</u>	<u>0.75</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the year (2021 - Nil).

6 Directors remuneration and expenses

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year (2020 - nil). No directors' expenses were claimed (2020 - £nil).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £	Minibus £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 July 2021	1,247	42,194	43,441
At 30 June 2022	<u>1,247</u>	<u>42,194</u>	<u>43,441</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 July 2021	1,247	33,161	34,408
Charge for year	-	1,807	1,807
At 30 June 2022	<u>1,247</u>	<u>34,968</u>	<u>36,215</u>
Net Book Value			
At 30 June 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>7,226</u>	<u>7,226</u>
At 30 June 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>9,033</u>	<u>9,033</u>

8 Debtors: falling due within one year	2022 £	2021 £
Sundry debtors and prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Year ended 30 June 2022

9 Creditors: falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Sundry creditors and accruals</i>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>

10 Reserves

	At 01/07/21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30/06/22 £
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Donation from Friends of Assynt	194	-	-	-	194
Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund grant	-	11,833	(3,541)	-	8,292
Fixed assets, being depreciated	9,033	-	(1,807)	-	7,226
	<u>9,227</u>	<u>11,833</u>	<u>(5,348)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,712</u>
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
Accumulated unrestricted fund	9,351	8,870	(8,910)	-	9,311
<i>Total reserves</i>	<u>18,578</u>	<u>20,703</u>	<u>(14,258)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,023</u>

Represented by:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fixed assets	-	7,226	7,226	9,033
Current assets	9,561	8,486	18,047	9,795
Creditors: falling due within one year	(250)	-	(250)	(250)
Total funds	<u>9,311</u>	<u>15,712</u>	<u>25,023</u>	<u>18,578</u>

11 Ultimate controlling party

Connect Assynt Limited is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of members is limited and is not to exceed £1. The ultimate controlling party is therefore considered to be the members.