

Charity number: SC045852
Company number: SC402621

Connect Assynt Ltd

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 30 June 2024

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Connect Assynt Ltd

Report of the Trustees

Year ended 30 June 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Reference 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
Operational address	As above
Directors/trustees	R Kerr G Richards J Young
Secretary	None
Independent examiner	T P Wright Chartered Accountant 396 Elphin By Lairg IV27 4HH
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland Plc West Argyle Street Ullapool Ross-Shire IV26 2TY

Connect Assynt Ltd

Report of the Trustees

Year ended 30 June 2024

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 and objectives

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 Trustees

Year ended 30 June 2024

Achievements and performance

- We have continued to deliver weekly trips throughout the year to the residents of Assynt, enabling them to leave their homes in safety.
- 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.
- We have been working closely with another charity within our location and this has resulted in a lot of new faces on our trips.
- We have started running theatre trips, with the other charity, which are proving to be very popular and are offering a day out to clients who aren't able to get there under their own steam.

Financial review

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

Policy on reserves:

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.

Future plans

- Our aim for the coming year is to utilise our paid driver, being able to pick people up from outlying areas and take them shopping, something we were unable to do when reliant on volunteers.
- We would like to encourage more families on our trips and are going to be running child friendly trips in the summer holiday.
- We would like to get funding for a new mini bus.

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Report of the Trustees

Year ended 30 June 2024

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In doing so 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 accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

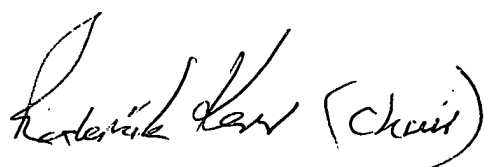
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company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

Small company disclosure

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 on 12 MARCH 2025

Director



RODERICK KERR

Connect Assynt Ltd

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	311	9,953	10,264	1,294	121,917	123,211
Charitable activities	3	8,732	-	8,732	8,990	-	8,990
Total incoming resources		9,043	9,953	18,996	10,284	121,917	132,201
Resources expended:							
Charitable activities	4	10,754	29,224	39,978	13,985	24,008	37,993
Total resources expended		10,754	29,224	39,978	13,985	24,008	37,993
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(1,711)	(19,271)	(20,982)	(3,701)	97,909	94,208
Transfers	9	(1,597)	1,597	-	10,964	(10,964)	-
Net movement in funds after transfers		(3,308)	(17,674)	(20,982)	7,263	86,945	94,208
Total funds brought forward	9	16,574	102,657	119,231	9,311	15,712	25,023
Total funds carried forward	9	13,266	84,983	98,249	16,574	102,657	119,231

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.

Connect Assynt Ltd

Summary income and expenditure account

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	18,996	132,201
Administrative and other expenses	(39,978)	(37,993)
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	<u>(20,982)</u>	<u>94,208</u>

The Income and Expenditure account includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

Connect Assynt Ltd

Balance Sheet

as at 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	84,789	96,033
Current assets			
Debtors	7	-	5,000
Cash at bank and in hand		13,912	18,523
		<u>13,912</u>	<u>23,523</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(452)	(325)
Net current assets		13,460	23,198
Net assets		<u>98,249</u>	<u>119,231</u>
Represented by:			
Restricted funds	9	84,983	102,657
Unrestricted funds	9	13,266	16,574
		<u>98,249</u>	<u>119,231</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption 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 12 MARCH 2025

Director

Jane R Young
JANE R YOUNG

Company registration number SC402621

Connect Assynt Ltd

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 30 June 2024

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	311	-	311	1,294
Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund grant	-	-	-	10,000
Energy Saving Trust - new minibuss grant	-	-	-	111,917
Energy Saving Trust - charger grant	-	9,953	9,953	-
	<u>311</u>	<u>9,953</u>	<u>10,264</u>	<u>123,211</u>

3 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Hire, trips and fares	3,179	-	3,179	2,301
Highland Council SLA	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Bus Service Operator's Grant	553	-	553	952
Fundraising	-	-	-	737
	<u>8,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,732</u>	<u>8,990</u>

Total income	<u>9,043</u>	<u>9,953</u>	<u>18,996</u>	<u>132,201</u>
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4 Resources expended on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fuel	-	1,493	1,493	1,590
Vehicle maintenance	-	2,425	2,425	2,255
Vehicle insurance and road tax	-	3,359	3,359	1,183
Vehicle/charge point depreciation	-	21,197	21,197	24,008
Wages and salaries	8,184	570	8,754	6,771
Rent	648	-	648	324
Insurance	355	-	355	355
Telecomms	877	-	877	751
Office supplies	178	-	178	118
IT and website	65	180	245	244
Sundry expenses	122	-	122	69
Accountancy fees	325	-	325	325
	<u>10,754</u>	<u>29,224</u>	<u>39,978</u>	<u>37,993</u>

5 Directors' remuneration and expenses

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2023 - nil).

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for the year ended 30 June 2024

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment	Minibus	EV minibus	Electric charge point	Total £
Cost					
At 1 July 2023	1,247	42,194	112,815	-	156,256
Additions	-	-	-	9,953	9,953
At 30 June 2024	<u>1,247</u>	<u>42,194</u>	<u>112,815</u>	<u>9,953</u>	<u>166,209</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 July 2023	1,247	36,413	22,563	-	60,223
Charge for the year	-	1,156	18,050	1,991	21,197
At 30 June 2024	<u>1,247</u>	<u>37,569</u>	<u>40,613</u>	<u>1,991</u>	<u>81,420</u>
Net book value					
At 30 June 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>4,625</u>	<u>72,202</u>	<u>7,962</u>	<u>84,789</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>5,781</u>	<u>90,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,033</u>

7 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors and prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Creditors and accruals	<u>452</u>	<u>325</u>

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for the year ended 30 June 2024

9 Reserves	At 01/07/23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30/06/24 £
<i>Restricted funds:</i>					
Donation from Friends of Assynt Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund	194	-	-	-	194
grant	6,430	-	(8,027)	1,597	-
Energy Saving Trust - charger grant	-	9,953	-	(9,953)	-
Fixed assets, being depreciated	96,033	-	(21,197)	9,953	84,789
	<u>102,657</u>	<u>9,953</u>	<u>(29,224)</u>	<u>1,597</u>	<u>84,983</u>
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General fund	16,574	9,043	(10,754)	(1,597)	13,266
	<u>16,574</u>	<u>9,043</u>	<u>(10,754)</u>	<u>(1,597)</u>	<u>13,266</u>
<i>Total funds</i>	<u>119,231</u>	<u>18,996</u>	<u>(39,978)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,249</u>

Represented by:

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed assets	-	84,789	84,789	96,033
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	5,000
Cash at bank and in hand	13,718	194	13,912	18,523
Creditors	(452)	-	(452)	(325)
	<u>13,266</u>	<u>84,983</u>	<u>98,249</u>	<u>119,231</u>

10 Company limited by guarantee

Connect Assynt Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member promises, if the company is dissolved when he she or it is a member or within twelve months of ceasing to be a member, to pay up to £1 each towards the costs of dissolution including liabilities incurred while the contributor was a member.

Connect Assynt Ltd

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Connect Assynt Ltd

On the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act 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 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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.



T P Wright
Chartered accountant

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Date 12 MARCH 2025