



# **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment**

**Trustee's Report**

**For The Year Ended:**

**31 March 2016**

**Charity no: SC019093**

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## **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment Trustee's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

The Trustee representatives present their report and financial statements of the Mcdonald Public Park Endowment for the year ended 31 March 2016. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 of the financial statements and comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended by The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014.

### **Going Concern**

After making enquiries, the Trustee representatives have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the report and financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis are included in note 1 of the financial statements.

### **Reference and administrative information**

Aberdeenshire Council acts as sole Trustee for the Mcdonald Public Park Endowment and local Councillors, as detailed below act on behalf of the Council as Trustee representatives. The charity listed below has charitable status and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR):

**Charity Name:** Mcdonald Public Park Endowment  
**Charity No:** SC019093

**Principal Office:** Aberdeenshire Council  
Woodhill House  
Westburn Road  
Aberdeen  
AB16 5GB

**Trustee  
Representatives:** Isobel Davidson (Councillor)  
Gillian Owen (Councillor)  
Rob Merson (Councillor)  
Richard Thomson (Councillor)

**Bankers:** Clydesdale Bank  
Principal Branch  
1 Queens Cross  
Aberdeen  
AB15 4XU

## **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment Trustee's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2016 (continued)**

### **Reference and administrative information (continued)**

**Independent Auditor:** Deloitte LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
Saltire Court  
20 Castle Terrace  
Edinburgh  
EH1 2DB  
United Kingdom

**Solicitors:** Aberdeenshire Council  
Legal and Governance  
Business Services  
Woodhill House  
Westburn Road  
Aberdeen  
AB16 5GB

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity has been set up as a charitable Trust.

No Trust deed is available for this Trust, however terms of the will and minutes from previous County Council and District meetings are held.

The local Councillors for the Ellon & District ward in which the charity was set up to benefit are responsible for making decisions on the application of funds. If there is a disagreement then a report will go before the relevant Area Committee of Aberdeenshire Council and the chairperson will have the casting vote.

Councillors are elected to office every 4 years. Extensive training is given to new elected members following appointment which enables them to carry out their duties as Trustee representatives.

The Head of Finance of the Council manages the affairs of the charity to secure the economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets and those of any charitable Trust it controls. Given that Mcdonald Public Park Endowment is controlled by elected members of Aberdeenshire Council, these specific provisions are supplemented by general provisions relating to the administration of local authority monies e.g. the duty to obtain best value.

The Head of Finance of the Council has responsibility for ensuring an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated. This system of internal financial control can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are recorded and properly authorised, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period. The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular

## **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment Trustee's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2016 (continued)**

### **Structure, Governance and Management (continued)**

management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures and a system of delegation and accountability.

The Head of Finance of the Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are up to date and which ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended by the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2014.

Decisions regarding the operation, assets, processes or policies of the Mcdonald Public Park Endowment are delegated by the Trustee representatives to the Head of Finance of the Council.

### **Risk**

The Trustee representatives have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems to manage those risks.

The Trustee representatives consider market risk, the possibility that financial loss might arise for the charity as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates and stock market movements, to be the main risk facing the Mcdonald Public Park Endowment.

The charity funds are invested partly in Aberdeenshire Council's Loans Fund and partly in external stocks and shares. Both types of investment are governed by Aberdeenshire Council's Treasury Management Strategy which was approved by Aberdeenshire Council's Policy and Resources Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015. A copy of the report can be found on the Council's website:

<http://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=11&meetid=10925>

Aberdeenshire Council provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as interest rate risk, credit risk and the investment of surplus cash.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Mcdonald Public Park Endowment was established for the upkeep of Mcdonald Public Park, Ellon and the provision of recreational facilities or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

## **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment Trustee's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2016 (continued)**

### **Achievements and Performance**

There is little activity in these funds by way of income and reserves. Income received is either voluntary income for donated services or investment income.

For a number of years, no funds have been required for upkeep of the park.

### **Reserves**

The charity has minimal reserves, therefore minimal investment income is generated annually. The Trustee representatives aim to maintain a consistent level of reserves. The level of reserves held at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 was £12,022 a slight increase from £11,901 held at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

### **Public Benefit**

The Mcdonald Public Park Endowment benefits the users of the Mcdonald Public Park in Ellon, Aberdeenshire.

Due regard has been paid to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

### **Financial Review**

Mcdonald Public Park Endowment funds are split between funds invested in Aberdeenshire Council's Loans Fund and external stocks and shares. The external stocks and shares were redeemed during the financial year and the funds invested in Aberdeenshire Council's Loans Fund.

The funds are available to be spent on the upkeep of Mcdonald Public Park. No funds were required during the financial year.

### **Plans for Future Years**

The Trustees are holding annual meetings to review the action plan and to explore the opportunities for future work to be done to the park. The next meeting is scheduled for late 2016.

### **Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees**

The Trustee representatives are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law, regulations and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

## **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment Trustee's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2016 (continued)**

### **Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees (continued)**

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustee representatives to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee representatives are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustee representatives are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended by the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2014 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustee representatives are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- The Trustee representatives have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

Approved by the Trustee representatives on 26 September 2016 and signed on their behalf by:

**Isobel Davidson  
Councillor  
Mcdonald Public Park Endowment**

## **Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Mcdonald Public Park Endowment and the Accounts Commission for Scotland**

We certify that we have audited the financial statements of Mcdonald Public Park Endowment for the year ended 31 March 2016 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of the Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standard (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 125 of the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland, we do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts or disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustee's Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2016 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and

# **Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Mcdonald Public Park Endowment and the Accounts Commission for Scotland (continued)**

## **Opinion on financial statements (continued)**

- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

## **Opinion on other prescribed matter**

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We are required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

[Signature]

Sarah Anderson, FCCA (for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP)  
1 City Square  
Leeds  
LS1 2AL  
United Kingdom

[Full date]

Deloitte LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act

**Mcdonald Public Park Endowment  
Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

	Note	2015/16 £	2014/15 £
<b>Income From:</b>			
Donations and legacies	5	2,120	2,083
Investments	6	123	224
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2,243</b>	<b>2,307</b>
<b>Expenditure On:</b>			
Charitable activities	7	(2,120)	(2,083)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(2,120)</b>	<b>(2,083)</b>
<b>Net income before investment gains/(losses)</b>			
		<b>123</b>	<b>224</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	<b>(2)</b>	3,370
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>121</b>	<b>3,594</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	9	11,901	8,307
Net movement in funds for the year		121	3,594
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>12,022</b>	<b>11,901</b>

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

All funds are unrestricted.

## Mcdonald Public Park Endowment Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

	Note	2015/16 £	2014/15 £
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Tangible		0	0
Investments	8	12,022	11,901
		<b>12,022</b>	<b>11,901</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>12,022</b>	<b>11,901</b>
<b>Funds:</b>			
Unrestricted income funds	9	12,022	11,901
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>12,022</b>	<b>11,901</b>

These financial statements of Mcdonald Public Park Endowment (Registered charity no: SC019093) were approved by the Trustee representatives and authorised for issue on 26 September 2016 and signed on their behalf by:

Isobel Davidson  
Councillor

**Mcdonald Public Park Endowment  
Cashflow Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

	2015/16	2014/15
Note	£	£
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing Activities</b>		
Interest from investments	123	224
Additional investment in Council's Loans Fund	(123)	(224)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **1.1 Charitable Status**

The Mcdonald Public Park Endowment has charitable status and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), Charity no: SC019093. The principal address of the Charity is given on page 3.

#### **1.2 Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception that equity investments are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) 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 2015.

This is the first set of financial statements that have been prepared under FRS102. The transition date was 1 April 2014. Please refer to note 12 for disclosure requirements.

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in both the current and prior year, are set out below.

#### **1.3 Going Concern**

The Trustee representatives have assessed the balance sheet and likely future cash flows of the fund at the date of approving the financial statements. The Trustee representatives believe that the fund is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook. The Trustee representatives have a reasonable expectation that the fund has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.4 Income**

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

Income received from investments are classified as unrestricted reserves in accordance with the donors' wishes.

Donated professional services 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 economic benefit can be measured reliably. They are stated at estimated market value. Audit fees are an estimated allocation of the aggregate Council fee and the administration charge is based on 1% of fund balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

#### **1. Accounting Policies (continued)**

##### **1.4 Income (continued)**

On receipt, donated professional services 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.

##### **1.5 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 under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred in undertaking activities that further the charitable aims for benefit of beneficiaries, grants paid to third parties to undertake work contributing to the charity's aims, support costs and governance costs.
- Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include governance costs which support the charity's activities. The basis on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 7.

##### **1.6 Fund Accounting**

The charity holds unrestricted funds which the charity Trustee representatives are able to use for any of the charity's purposes.

There are no restricted or endowment funds for the charity.

##### **1.7 Tangible Fixed Assets**

McDonald Park was gifted to the Council in 1928 to hold in trust as a pleasure park. The park is a community asset and is valued at historic cost which is nil.

##### **1.8 Investments**

Investments held are measured at fair value as at the Balance Sheet date. Both realised and unrealised gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. Cash held within the investment portfolio is stated at its cash value.

##### **1.9 Financial Instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs).

The charity only have financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

## **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

#### **2. Critical Accounting Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, described in note 1, the Trustee representatives are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts 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 if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustee representatives do not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty requiring disclosure beyond application of the accounting policies above.

#### **3. Trustee & Employee Remuneration and Expenses**

Neither the Trustee representatives nor any associated person connected with them have received any remuneration for their services.

There are no direct employees of the charity as all administration is carried out by officers of Aberdeenshire Council, therefore there are no remuneration costs incurred.

#### **4. Investment Management Costs**

There are no direct investment management costs as Aberdeenshire Council deal with all investments on behalf of the Trustee representatives.

#### **5. Income from donations and legacies**

This income relates to donated services from Aberdeenshire Council as detailed in note 7 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities.

#### **6. Analysis of income from investments**

	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Dividends - equities	100	200
Interest on investments	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>123</u></b>	<b><u>224</u></b>

**Mcdonald Public Park Endowment**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Support Costs (see below) 2015/16 £</b>	<b>Support Costs (see below) 2014/15 £</b>
Recreational activities	<u>2,120</u>	<u>2,083</u>

<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>2015/16 £</b>	<b>2014/15 £</b>
Administration costs	120	83
Governance costs	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,120</u>	<u>2,083</u>

In 2014/15 and 2015/16 the administration charge was a donated service from Aberdeenshire Council.

Due to the interaction of section 106 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 with the Charities Regulations a full audit is required of all registered charities where the local authority is the sole Trustee.

The audit fee has been allocated based on individual financial statements, then allocated to the charities within those financial statements where appropriate. Some charities have received a higher audit fee compared to others due to the higher number of transactions and therefore more audit input required.

**8. Fixed asset investments**

	<b>2015/16 £</b>	<b>2014/15 £</b>
Investments listed or traded on a recognised stock exchange	0	8,002
Other investments (See Note 10)	<u>12,022</u>	<u>3,899</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,022</u>	<u>11,901</u>

	<b>2015/16 £</b>	<b>2014/15 £</b>
<b>Investments listed or traded on a recognised stock exchange</b>		
Market value at 1 April	8,002	4,632
Disposal Proceeds reinvested in the Council's Loans Fund, classified as other investments above	(8,000)	0
Net unrealised investment losses	<u>(2)</u>	<u>3,370</u>
Market value at 31 March	<u>0</u>	<u>8,002</u>

**Mcdonald Public Park Endowment**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**9. Movements on funds**

<b>Analysis of Fund movements</b>	<b>Balance b/fwd</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Losses</b>	<b>Funds c/fwd</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Unrestricted Funds	11,901	123	0	(2)	12,022
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,901</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>12,022</b>

**10. Related Party Transactions**

The charity is required to disclose material transactions with related parties – bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the charity or to be controlled or influenced by the charity. Disclosure of these transactions allows readers to assess the extent to which the charity might have been constrained in its ability to operate independently or might have secured the ability to limit another party’s ability to bargain freely with the charity.

**Aberdeenshire Council**

Aberdeenshire Council has effective control over the general operations of the charity. All of the Trustee representatives are Aberdeenshire Council Councillors. As at 31 March 2016, balances totalling £12,022 (2014/15: £3,899) were invested in the Council’s Loans Fund.

The related party transactions during the year were £2,143 income (2014/15: £2,107), which was loans fund interest and voluntary income for donated services. Expenditure transactions were £2,120 (2014/15: £2,083) which was donated services of an administration charge and audit fee.

**11. Cashflow Statement**

Reconciliation of net income to cash generated by operating activities:

	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net income for the year	123	224
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Interest receivable	(123)	(224)
<b>Net Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## **Mcdonald Public Park Endowment**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

#### **12. Explanation of the transition to FRS 102**

This is the first year the Charity has presented its financial statements under Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. The following disclosures are required in the year of transition. The last financial statements under previous UK GAAP were for the year ended 31 March 2015 and the date of transition to FRS 102 was therefore 1 April 2014. No adjustments were required therefore the transition to FRS102 has had no impact on the reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows other than the presentation of certain primary statements and reclassification of items therein.

Governance costs – these have been reclassified within support costs (see note 7). This change was presentational and had no financial impact on the statements.

#### **13. Parent Entity**

Aberdeenshire Council is the parent entity of the charity as it acts as the sole Trustee for the charity via local Councillors who act on behalf of the Council as Trustee representatives. Control can be exercised by the Council by making decisions on how funds can be spent. Aberdeenshire Council's principal purpose is that it is a Local Authority. The principal office address is listed on page 1.