

Glenkeen Fife and Drum Band – Charity Number 102282

Financial year 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023

Band practice commences in October each year, meeting on a Monday night and we currently have 35 members. The Band meets in Glenkeen Orange Hall for band practice. We have performed throughout the year for various churches, community groups, care homes and many other members of our community. The Lodge does not charge us for the usage of the Hall, but we are committed to providing financial assistance in the event of the Hall needing capital repair. Our Trustees are volunteers, who give their time freely, and without charge, to ensure that Glenkeen Fife & Drum Band continues into the next generation of young people.

Aims and Approach:

As a Charity, our purpose continues to advance culture, heritage and education. Our beneficiaries fall into two categories. The first, is our members, who have chosen to become involved in learning and furthering their musical knowledge and gaining an education with regards to local traditions and history, which improves their knowledge about our heritage. These beneficiaries get the opportunity to improve their own skills, which improves their confidence which helps them in their daily life. The second group of beneficiaries are those within our community, who attend and support events, concerts or lessons. These activities help build community support and we continue to witness increase levels of community spirit. By organising activities, we help tackle social exclusion and the benefits within our community are evident. Our activities continue to be well supported, and feedback tells us that we are providing a benefit to our community.

Financial Position:

In the financial year in question the main sources of income for the bank are:

- Membership dues
- Donations from members within our community who continue to support our development and our mission

As we are coming out the other side of Covid-19 we haven't had many outgoings as we continue to build on the solid foundations we had built up in previous years, The outgoings for the year totalled £149.30 which included £50 for a wreath, £50 donation to cancer research UK, £30 for flute repairs and £19.30 for bank fees.

Income for the year was made up of dues received from band members totalling £604 and other donations received from members of the community totalling £165. This left the band with a surplus of £619.70

The monies held by the Band, will be used to purchase new music and purchase new instruments within the next few years. Some of the instruments used by Band Members are at least 30 years old. The Trustees continue to be proactive in seeking out possible funding opportunities.

This report has been prepared to the best of our knowledge.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Ronnie McElroy

Date: 25/03/2024