

Treasurer's Report for Annual General Meeting

01 December 2021

- 1. AACT has a somewhat reduced bank balance compared with a year ago. This is mainly because donations accumulated for the feasibility study in the last reporting year were spent in the current year. Further donations received from supporters throughout the year have largely restored the position since then.
- AACT received this year the expected grants of £25000 from the Scottish Land Fund and £7500 from the Architectural Heritage Fund towards the cost of the Astley Ainslie feasibility study. In addition, we received £5000 from a well-known charitable foundation which also supported us last year.
- 3. AACT was able to pay Nathan Bower-Bir as our Development Officer until the end of April, thanks to many individual donations received from supporters. Since then, members of the Executive Committee have taken up on a voluntary basis some of Nathan's previous tasks.
- 4. All payments due to Oliver Chapman Architects in respect of the feasibility study have now been made. All parts of the report are now available through our website.
- 5. AACT has needed and received limited new funding since spring, because of the continuing effect of the pandemic which has limited our opportunities to organize public events. In addition, lack of clarity on the plans of the NHS has not helped. The University of Edinburgh has contributed £837.67 towards identified costs for the AACT Trees campaign.
- 6. Some costs related to publicity and events have been covered by members, including executive committee members, although these are limited in comparison with spending in previous years. AACT is grateful to those concerned. At the moment, all money received is being held in reserve for the future.
- 7. The AACT account with Royal Bank of Scotland has not yet been closed, but no new money has passed through it this year. As mentioned last year, it does not allow the shared control and monitoring processes necessary for a community organization.
- 8. Throughout the past year, AACT has collaborated with the Scottish Society for the History of Photography to distribute the first edition of the magazine Leaves, which has been published to raise awareness of our cause. Money collected has been transferred to them, as project underwriters.
- 9. When AACT converts, as anticipated in early 2022, to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization (SCIO), a new bank account will have to be opened and all monies transferred into it from the existing accounts.

I am happy to respond to any questions on this report and the associated financial statements.



Summary of Receipts and Payments (01 November 2020 - 31 October 2021)

Receipts		Payments		
<u>Grants</u> Scottish Land Fund	£25,000.00	<u>Services</u> Feasibility Study	£42,000.00	
Architectural Heritage Fund Other Charitable Foundation University of Edinburgh	£7,500.00 £5,000.00 £837.67	Development Officer	£9,360.00	
Subtotal	£38,337.67	Subt	otal £51,360.00	
Donations and Membership General Donations Trees Campaign Donations	£10,452.65 £726.00	General Costs Charges Administration	£298.20 £106.02	
Membership	£271.00	Publicity and Fundraising Trees Campaign Events Other Costs	£367.52 £434.62 £71.95 £100.00	
Subtotal	£11,449.65	Subt	otal £1,378.31	
<u>'Leaves' Journal</u> Contributions	£433.00	<u>'Leaves' Journal</u> Payments to Underwriters	£425.00	
Subtotal	£433.00	Subt	otal £425.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£50,220.32	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£53,163.31	
TOTAL RECEIPTS - TOTAL PAYME	NTS =		-£2,942.99	

Balances

	31st October 2020	31st October 2021	Change
Unity Trust Bank Royal Bank of Scotland Stripe * Cash	£14,836.00 £500.00 £262.07 £0.00	£11,893.01 £500.00 £20.11 £0.00	-£2,942.99 £0.00 -£241.96 £0.00
TOTAL	£15,598.07	£12,413.12	-£3,184.95

^{*} Temporary Collection Balance



Interim Update to Treasurer's Report (part year to 25 April 2022)

- 1. This report supplements the information provided to cover the year to 31st October 2021, to indicate the financial position of AACT approximately half way through the current year, as it approaches the point of converting to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization.
- 2. Most of the expenditure in this reporting period has been on the designing and printing of the second issue of the magazine Leaves. Part of this has already been recouped through sales, and copies have been used in campaigning. The first issue of Leaves has also continued to sell, with proceeds being transferred to the underwriters, the Scottish Society for the History of Photography.
- 3. Money has also been spent on the production of an Astley Ainslie heritage trail booklet.
- 4. A workshop on tree drawing was run successfully.
- 5. Donations and membership subscriptions have continued to come in although currently at a slower rate than last year.
- 6. A small grant of £130 from the City of Edinburgh Council's Community Grant Fund is the only grant received by AACT so far this year.
- 7. The Astley Ainslie Community Trust SCIO has been approved by OSCR, with the reference number SC051602. AACT is preparing for all its activity to take place within this framework in the very near future.



Interim Summary of Receipts and Payments

[1st November 2021 to 25th April 2022]

Receipts		Payment	s	Change	9
	<u>Actual</u>		Actual		
<u>Grants</u>					
CEC Community grant	£130.00				
Donations and Membership		General Costs			
Membership subscriptions	£44.00	Charges	£59.86		
General Donations	£804.62	Administration	£87.59		
Trees Campaign	£366.00	Events	£106.95		
		Trees Campaign	£246.00		
<u>'Leaves' Journal</u>		<u>'Leaves' Journal</u>			
'Leaves 1' receipts	£120.00	'Leaves 1' costs	£140.00		
'Leaves 2' receipts	£691.00	'Leaves 2' printing	£2,024.00		
		'Leaves' postage	£22.74		
Other receipts		Other costs			
Workshops	£320.00	Workshops	£275.00		
		Heritage Trail booklets	£399.52		
Total	£2,475.62	Total	£3,361.66	Change over year	-£886.04

Balances

	1st November 2021	25th April 2022	Change
Unity Trust Bank	£11,893.01	£11,006.97	-£886.04
Royal Bank of Scotland	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00
Stripe *	£20.11	£9.66	-£10.45
Cash	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£12,413.12	£11,516.63	-£896.49