



DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC DISABLED SUPPORTERS' CLUB

East End Park, Halbeath Road, Dunfermline KY12 7RB

Report & Accounts

18 July 2018 - 31 March 2019

**Dunfermline Athletic Disabled Supporters' Club
is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Registration Number SC048550**

Trustees' Report for 18 July 2018 - 31 March 2019

1 History and Background

Dunfermline Athletic Disabled Supporters' Club (DADSC) was originally set up in 2007 to organise travel to away games and to give disabled supporters a voice, and after a few years where activity was limited, the Club was revived in 2016 with a new Constitution and began raising funds to improve the experience of football supporters and other members of the West Fife community with disabilities.

On 18 July 2018 the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) registered DADSC as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), Registration No SC048550. The funds of the pre-existing DADSC were transferred to the SCIO, and this Report and Accounts, which covers the period from 18 July 2018 to 31 March 2019, is the first since DADSC was registered as a SCIO.

Although DADSC and Dunfermline Athletic FC Ltd share a common interest in the activities of Dunfermline Athletic FC, DADSC is completely independent of the football club, and has its own constitution and governance run by Trustees.

2 Governance

Period 18 July 2018 – 31 March 2019

On 18 July 2018 the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator registered DADSC as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), and DADSC's new Constitution came into effect. The five Initial Trustees (who had signed the documents seeking registration as an SCIO) were Timothy Curle, Roger Hyde, Tracey MacFarlane, Dave Nugent and John Simpson, who appointed from among themselves the following office-bearers:

Chair: Dave Nugent

Treasurer: Roger Hyde

Secretary: John Simpson

Membership Secretary: Timothy Curle

Trustee: Tracey MacFarlane

At 18 July 2018 there were 108 members of the pre-existing DADSC, although some members were in arrears with their annual payment. It is a requirement of DADSC's SCIO status that everyone positively states that he/she wishes to be a member, and the Membership Secretary is managing this project – 59 had done so by 31 March 2019, although this has since increased considerably and should continue to do so.

3 Activities of DADSC

3.1 Accessibility

DADSC's major priority during the year was to raise funds to finance a solution to accessibility issues in the Main Stand at East End Park – the whole of the first floor is inaccessible to anyone in a wheelchair, and there are accessibility problems on the other floors. DADSC held a number of fundraising events, targeting in the main the fanbase of Dunfermline Athletic, who have responded magnificently.

However, as there was some doubt about the willingness of Dunfermline Athletic FC Ltd or the stadium landlords (Pars United EEP Ltd) to approve the internal lift solution proposed by DADSC, the fundraising efforts were scaled back while the matter was being considered by the Boards of DAFC Ltd and PUEEP Ltd. At the request of DAFC Ltd, a detailed Business Plan in support of the DADSC proposal was written and submitted on 23 October 2018 by DADSC to PUEEP Ltd. As at the end of the financial year, no formal response had been received by DADSC.

3.2 Awareness

As well as fundraising, DADSC energetically pursued its aim to increase awareness of disability issues, not just among football supporters but in the community at large. The DADSC Facebook page continued to be well-received, with over 1000 followers, and every day a new meme was published by DADSC, aimed at increasing public awareness of issues around disability and accessibility. The reach of these memes varied between a few hundred and several thousand viewers.

DADSC also publicised and supported an initiative to increase awareness of Mental Health issues among football supporters and the wider community, with meetings being held at East End Park.

DADSC also publicized and supported the pioneering work carried out by volunteers on a Memory Box initiative aimed at those living with dementia, which resulted in the nationwide roll-out of the scheme by Co-op Funeralcare.

At DAFC's annual event, DADSC sponsored awards to the Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year, which keeps the activities and aims of DADSC in the public eye.

3.3 Co-operation

DADSC is a member of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (No 5197) and also plays an active role in the Scottish Disabled Supporters' Association.

Working alongside the Disability Access Officer for DAFC, DADSC has links with similar disabled supporters' associations affiliated to other clubs. It is gratifying to see that some of

the initiatives of DADSC (eg Match Buddies to assist disabled fans) are being adopted by other football clubs.

4 Finances and Independent Examiner

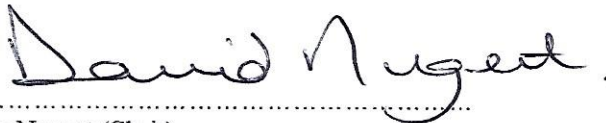
DADSC is pleased to report that Alan Hogarth MCIBS has again been willing to act as Honorary Independent Examiner for DADSC. The associated Financial Statement for 2018-19 forms part of this Trustees' Report and Accounts.

5 Conclusion

Achieving charitable status for DADSC was a significant step, as it provides an official recognition of the importance of DADSC's work, and an opportunity to seek funding from bodies who only grant donations to registered charities. However, it has been a difficult year due to the uncertainty about if or how accessibility to the function suites on the 1st Floor at East End Park can be achieved, as directed by the DAFC Supporters' Council in 2014. This should be resolved, one way or the other, in the new financial year.

In the meantime, DADSC will continue with its work of improving the matchday experiences of disabled supporters of DAFC and increasing awareness in the wider community of disability matters generally.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Nugent". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Dave Nugent (Chair)

Charity Registration No 048550 (Scotland)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE PERIOD 18 JULY 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE PERIOD 18 JULY 2019 to 31 MARCH 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations	1	32,340-15
Membership Subscriptions	2	276-00
Merchandise Sales	3	60-00
Total Income		32,676-15
<u>Payments</u>		
Charitable Activities	4	354-35
Surplus (profit) for the year		32,321-80

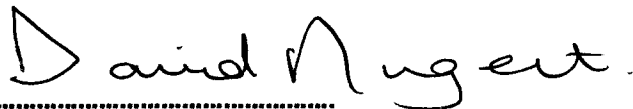
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Statement of Balances

AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

	Total 2019 £
Bank and deposit balances	
Opening Balance as at 18 th July 2018 (SCIO registration date)	Nil
Payments in period 18 July 2018 to 31 March 2019	32,676-15
Bank and deposit balances carried forward	32,321-80

The Accounts were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by: -



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Chairperson

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1. Donations	2019
	£
DADSC	
(Takeover of funds at 18 July 2018 to DADSC (SCIO))	30,370-65
William George	340-00
Nipper	310-00
A Dobbin	200-00
DAFC Centenary Club	100-00
Adam Shepherd	100-00
Mrs E Brebner	200-00
Brian Duncan Prediction League	200-00
John Simpson	355-00
Unknown Donor Whisky Auction	77-50
Unknown Donor	32-00
Unknown Donor	30-00
T & H Cook	20-00
N Simpson	5-00
2. Membership Subscriptions	2019
	£
Membership Subscriptions	276-00
3. Merchandise Sales	2019
	£
Merchandise Sales	60-00
4. Charitable Activities	2019
	£
Donation towards Alarm Cords in disabled toilets	340-00
Meeting Room Rental (Townhill Institute)	14-35

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5. Bank Balance

2019

£

Bank Treasurers Account

32,321-80

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Examiner's report to the Trustees of Dunfermline Athletic Disabled Supporters' Club.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2019 which are noted above.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees 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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) 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 any 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 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 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 9 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.



Name: Alan Hogarth

Relevant Professional Qualification/Professional Body: MCIBS

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Date: 15th November 2019
