

**AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**28TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**Registered company number: SC372685  
Scottish charity number SC041614**

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**for the year ended 28th February 2020**

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## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 28th February 2020. The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**Structure, governance and management**

The overall management and policy decisions of the company are the responsibility of the board of directors (trustees) who are elected under the terms of the company's Articles of Association.

**Objectives and Activities**

The principle objects of the charitable company are: to manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the community and the public in general; to provide or assist in providing recreational facilities for the community and public at large; to advance community development; and to advance environmental protection or improvement. The company was formed to benefit the community of Lower Strathglass, Inverness-shire, defined by the postcode units IV47AD, IV47AE, IV47AF, IV47AG, IV47AQ, IV47EY, IV47JJ, IV47JL, IV47JN, IV47JR, IV47JT, IV47JU and Eilean Aigas, and those parts of the Kilmorack Community Council area not covered by the preceding list of postcodes.

**Achievements and performance, and plans for future periods**

During 2019/20, we concluded our second phase of felling and by the end of the year had started our third phase at Torr a'Bhealaidh, which became delayed due to weather issues and post year end, due to the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Preparation works for this phase were however successfully completed during the year, by our contractor (Scottish Woodlands) with the construction of a loading area by the road and extraction routes in the forest. The project to construct a fence round the entire perimeter of the forest was almost 60% complete at Balance Sheet date, although post year end, work has been put on hold due to delays in our felling strategy and the pandemic. The 'hoped for' completion date is now mid-2021 although the project is hopefully still on budget (see note 16). In 2019/20 we also were able to complete a new section of trail to complete a circular route through the southern part of the forest. This work was project managed by the Community Woodlands Association, who obtained funding from LEADER to carry out the work on our behalf (see note 10). Assistance was also provided by our own volunteers. In summer 2019, we completed a workshop, using our own timber, which we milled onsite, with the help of volunteer labour. During 2019/20, we also moved forward on our bog restoration programme. Wood fuel processing and sales continued during 2019/20 at a modest level.

Post year end, we acquired a John Deere Gator UTV, which will make it easier to transport tools and personnel to work sites, and further extended the workshop building to add a tractor shed, garage for the UTV and a covered work area for our Logosol saw-mill. During Summer and Autumn 2020, we were able to extend our path network by creating a second (rougher terrain) trail in the northern area of the forest. Further, we hired in a mill and provided cladding for a hut for Teanassie Primary school as part of their pandemic preparations. Despite problems created by the pandemic, our volunteer base continues to grow, supported by training and we have continued throughout to support walkers and other forest users, using social media to keep people informed.

Looking ahead, we will continue to improve the path network. In early 2021, we intend to complete a new bridge and start construction of a small visitor reception area with information and maps. As commented above, we are hoping that the deer fence will be completed by mid-2021. We are obliged under our 'Long Term Forest Plan' (agreed in 2016) to replant certain 'clear fell' areas by the end of 2021. The replanting will be a major undertaking and we had hoped to carry this out in Spring 2021. However, given ongoing uncertainties and restrictions created by the pandemic and our preference that the deer fence should be completed first, we may be forced to seek an extension from Forestry and Land Scotland to carry out at least some of this work beyond 2021.

**Financial review and Reserves**

During the period ended 28th February 2020, the company recorded net income on Unrestricted Funds of £21,834 (2019, £82,762) and net expenditure on Restricted Funds of £907 (2019 £2,991). Total funds per the Balance Sheet at 28th February 2020 totalled £980,883 comprising Unrestricted Funds £208,492 and Restricted Funds of £772,391 (see note 14 of the accounts).

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**Financial review and Reserves cont'd**

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity at 28th February 2020 and have considered the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic between Balance Sheet date and the date of signing these accounts. The charity has been relatively unaffected by 'lockdown' and the pandemic, other than experiencing a delay (rather than cessation) in the completion of a current ongoing felling contract with Scottish Woodlands. This has not caused any financial hardship for the charity and is unlikely to lead to any material reduction in contract income when it is completed. The trustees consider that the level of unrestricted funds held at balance sheet date are clearly healthy and adequate to support the continuation of its current activities for the foreseeable future. The board closely monitors its financial performance and regularly updates cash flow forecasts for future periods to ensure that proposed projects will be adequately funded and that restricted funds will be properly managed.

**Reference and Administrative details**

***Company and Charity details***

Registered company number	SC372685
Scottish Charity Number	SC041614
Registered Office	North View Crask of Aigas Beauly Inverness-shire IV4 7AD

***Directors***

The trustees (directors) of the company who served during the year and up to the date of signing the report were as follows:

Peter Smith	
Mark Hedderwick	
Russell Ross	
Phillip Masheter	
Greg Jackson	(resigned 12th August 2020)
Neil Valentine	
David Garvie	
Andrew Leaver	
John Graham	
Chloe Denerley	
Madeleine Robinson	(appointed 7th October 2019)
Graeme Scott	(appointed 7th October 2019)
Hermione Lister-Kaye	(appointed 12th August 2020)

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. The trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services as trustees.

***Advisors***

Bankers	The Bank of Scotland PO Box 17235, Edinburgh EH11 1YH
Independent Examiner	Rhona Wilson, FCCA MacKenzie Kerr Limited Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor Redwood 19 Culduthel Road Inverness IV2 4AA

**Risk Management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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**Statement of Trustees (Directors) responsibilities**

The charity trustees (who are also directors of Aigas Community Forest for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors (charity trustees) to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, 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 financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees (directors) are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Small company exemptions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



John Graham  
Director

Date: 23rd December 2020

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### Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Aigas Community Forest

I report on the accounts of Aigas Community Forest for the year ended 28th February 2020, which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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) (a) to (c) 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 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 (Scotland) 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 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.



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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
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23rd December 2020

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

for the year ended 28th February 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	40	-	40	136
Charitable activities	5	46,641	2,382	49,023	92,886
Other trading activities	6	2,714	-	2,714	1,203
Investment income	7	4,170	-	4,170	15,939
<b>Total income</b>		<u>53,565</u>	<u>2,382</u>	<u>55,947</u>	<u>110,164</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	8	31,731	3,289	35,020	30,393
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>31,731</u>	<u>3,289</u>	<u>35,020</u>	<u>30,393</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year</b>		21,834	(907)	20,927	79,771
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	14	186,658	773,298	959,956	880,185
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	14	<u>208,492</u>	<u>772,391</u>	<u>980,883</u>	<u>959,956</u>

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## BALANCE SHEET

at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	815,972	794,181
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	5,591	11,614
Cash at bank and in hand		162,097	167,673
		<u>167,688</u>	<u>179,287</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(2,777)	(13,512)
<b>Net current assets</b>		164,911	165,775
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>980,883</u>	<u>959,956</u>
<b>Funds and Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted	14	208,492	186,658
Restricted	14	772,391	773,298
<b>Total members' funds</b>		<u>980,883</u>	<u>959,956</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 28th February 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 23rd December 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Smith  
Director



Company registration number: SC372685

## NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**1 Status of the company**

Aigas Community Forest is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The company is also a public benefit entity and has obtained exemption from using the word limited in its name. The liability of the members is limited and will not exceed £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

**2 Accounting policies*****Basis of accounting*****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 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 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Income**

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions are met (or are fully within the control of the charity), there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Income is classified into the following categories:

***Donations and Legacies*** – This comprises all income received by the charity that is in substance a gift made to it on a voluntary basis. It includes donations and grants, other than those whose conditions make them similar in economic terms to trading income (see Charitable activities below)

***Charitable activities*** – This comprises all income received, earned both from the supply of goods or services under contractual arrangements and from performance-related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular goods or services to be provided by the charity. The activities specified under such contractual arrangements or grant conditions must fall within the charitable purposes of the charity.

***Other trading activities*** – This comprises income from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity.

***Investment Income*** – This comprises income earned from holding assets for investment purposes and includes interest receivable and rental income from a telecommunications mast.

Income from government and other grants, whether capital or revenue in nature, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants are met (or are fully within the control of the charity), it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Donated professional services and donated facilities 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 the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of members is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities 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.

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**2 Accounting policies continued****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 into the following headings:

**Raising funds** – This comprises all expenditure incurred to raise funds for the charity and includes the costs of all non charitable trading activities.

**Charitable Activities** – This comprises all expenditure incurred in undertaking activities that further the charitable aims for the benefit of the charity's beneficiaries, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity.

**Other expenditure** – This comprises the costs of non primary purpose trading

**Fund accounting**

**Unrestricted funds** – These are funds which the trustees are free to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

**Restricted funds** – These are funds, which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular purposes or areas of the charity's work.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	20% straight line
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Freehold land (comprising the Aigas Community Forest) is stated at cost and is not depreciated.

Capitalisation policy re Equipment – Capital items costing less than £500 are not capitalised.

Depreciation is not provided on assets which are under construction at the year end. This applies to Fencing additions during the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Debtors and Creditors receivable/payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the SOFA.

**Pension contributions**

The company's contributions to defined pension contribution plans are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which the contributions relate.

**3 Taxation**

The charitable company is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities. The charity is in the process of registering for VAT, backdated to 1 March 2017. Income and Expenditure are therefore stated net of VAT.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>4 Income from donations and legacies</b>				
General donations	40	-	40	136
	<u>40</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>136</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £40 (2019 £136), of which £40 was unrestricted (2019 £136) and £nil was restricted (2019 £nil).

**5 Income from charitable activities**

Timber sales	46,641	-	46,641	92,886
Community Woodlands Association grant				
Trails Development project	-	2,084	2,084	-
Community Woodlands Association grant – reimbursement of conference expenses	-	298	298	-
	<u>46,641</u>	<u>2,382</u>	<u>49,023</u>	<u>92,886</u>

Income from charitable activities was £49,023 (2019 £92,886), of which £46,641 was unrestricted (2019 £92,886) and £2,382 was restricted (2019 £nil).

**6 Income from other trading activities**

Firewood and other processed wood sales	2,714	-	2,714	1,203
	<u>2,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,714</u>	<u>1,203</u>

Income from other trading activities was £2,714 (2019 £1,203), all of which was unrestricted.

**7 Income from Investments**

Telecommunications mast income	4,170	-	4,170	15,939
	<u>4,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,170</u>	<u>15,939</u>

Income from Investments was £4,170 (2019 £15,939), all of which was unrestricted.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>8 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Forest Manager's salary	14,150	-	14,150	13,846
Pension contributions	413	-	413	274
Travel and subsistence and other expenses	251	298	549	212
Telephone	126	-	126	118
Hall hire	30	-	30	-
Replanting	492	-	492	530
Felling and other forestry work	1,450	-	1,450	-
Habitat management	1,123	-	1,123	-
FSC certification	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Safety inspection	330	-	330	-
Consultancy fees	330	-	330	-
Training	879	-	879	-
Repairs, maintenance and consumables	2,962	-	2,962	4,771
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	525
Employer's liability insurance	-	-	-	20
Insurance	1,983	-	1,983	1,061
Website	85	-	85	85
Subscriptions	541	-	541	202
General expenses	16	-	16	260
Depreciation	4,725	2,991	7,716	7,248
Independent Examiner's fee	845	-	845	750
Additional VAT recovered re prior years	-	-	-	(509)
	<u>31,731</u>	<u>3,289</u>	<u>35,020</u>	<u>30,393</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £35,020 (2019 £30,393) of which £31,731 was unrestricted (2019 £27,402) and £3,289 was restricted (2019 £2,991).

**9 Employees**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was one.  
No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

**Employment costs:**

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	14,150	13,846
Social Security costs	-	-
Pension contributions	413	274
	<u>14,563</u>	<u>14,120</u>

No trustee received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the year.  
During the year, one trustees was reimbursed for travel expenses totaling £323 while acting as an agent of the charity.

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<b>10. Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>Freehold Land &amp; Infrastructure</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Fencing</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1st February 2019	767,312	36,238	4,443	807,993
Additions	2,084	2,343	25,080	29,507
At 31st January 2020	<u>769,396</u>	<u>38,581</u>	<u>29,523</u>	<u>837,500</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1st February 2019	-	13,812	-	13,812
Charge for the year	-	7,716	-	7,716
At 31st January 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>21,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,528</u>
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 31st January 2020	<u>769,396</u>	<u>17,053</u>	<u>29,523</u>	<u>815,972</u>
At 31st January 2019	<u>767,312</u>	<u>22,426</u>	<u>4,443</u>	<u>794,181</u>

All fixed assets are used in direct furtherance of the charity objectives.

**Additions to Freehold Land and Infrastructure – Trail development project**

During the year, the Community Woodlands Association carried out a project to construct short lengths of trail at five community woodlands in Scotland. The project was funded by LEADER and also involved Swedish partners. In addition to the directly incurred additions shown above of £2,084, the CWA directly funded the costs of pipes and two contractors, costing £2,609 and a share of a part-time project manager's time (not quantified). Those costs directly incurred by the CWA have not been recorded in the ACF accounts.

**11 Debtors**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	5,591	11,614
	<u>5,591</u>	<u>11,614</u>

**12 Creditors**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	-	4,443
Accruals	800	750
VAT payable	1,977	8,319
	<u>2,777</u>	<u>13,512</u>

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## 13 Analysis of Net Assets/(Liabilities) between Funds

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
Fixed Assets	772,391	43,581	815,972
Current Assets	-	167,688	167,688
Current Liabilities	-	(2,777)	(2,777)
Net assets at 28th February 2020	772,391	208,492	980,883

## 14 Movements in Funds

	Balance b/f at 1st March 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance c/f at 28th February 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	186,658	53,565	(31,731)	-	208,492
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Forest purchase fund	765,000	-	-	-	765,000
Firewood Processor and assoc. training fund	7,398	-	(2,691)	-	4,707
Forest Signs fund	900	-	(300)	-	600
CWA Trail Development fund	-	2,084	-	-	2,084
CWA Conference fund	-	298	(298)	-	-
	773,298	2,382	(3,289)	-	772,391
<b>Total Funds</b>	959,956	55,947	(35,020)	-	980,883

**Purposes of Restricted Funds****Forest purchase fund**

During the years ended 28th February 2014 and 2015, the company received funding of £765,000 towards the purchase (including legal costs) of Aigas forest. This comprised; grants from: Scottish Land Fund, £690,000; the Aigas Trust, £50,000; Scottish and Southern Energy £20,000; and Highland Council Ward Discretionary grants £5,000. These funds were applied in full towards the forest acquisition, completed during 2015 at a cost of £767,312.

**Firewood Processor and associated training fund**

During the year ended 28th February 2017, Aigas Community Forest was awarded grants of £5,213 from SRDP and £9,972 from The Woodland Trust to fund the purchase of a firewood processor and to train volunteers in its use.

**Forest Signs fund**

During the year ended 28th February 2018, Aigas Community Forest was awarded a grant of £1,500 from Highland Council (Ward Discretionary Fund) to purchase 'finger signs' for the forest path network.

**CWA (Community Woodlands Association) Trail Development fund**

During the year ended 28th February 2020, the CWA provided grant funding to cover the costs incurred by ACF to construct a new section of trail to add to the existing network.

**CWA (Community Woodlands Association) Conference fund**

During the year ended 28th February 2020, the CWA reimbursed expenses of £298 to Aigas Community Forest relating to the attendance of an employee and a trustee at the annual conference.

## 15 Contingent Liability

As commented above, a grant was received during the year ended 28th February 2017 from SRDP of £5,213 towards the purchase of a firewood processor and to train volunteers in its use. This grant funding is dependent on reaching certain milestones. Should these not be met, there is a possibility that part of the grant may be repayable.

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**16 Commitments**

At Balance Sheet date, the charity had incurred c.£29.5k on a project to construct a fence round the entire perimeter of the forest. Although not governed by a formal contract, the trustees estimate that the total cost of the fence as currently planned will be c.£53k, with c.£23.5k remaining to be incurred. Subject to current uncertainties relating to the covid-19 pandemic, the hoped-for completion date is mid-2021.

**17 Transactions with Related Parties**

During the year, the charity completed a workshop in the forest with volunteer help from Russell Ross (trustee) and other members/trustees. Russell Ross trades as Russell Ross Joiner Contractor and additionally provided the services of his son, James Ross, as an employee of his business. RRJC invoiced ACF for his labour at cost of employment (i.e. at no profit). This amounted to £924, comprising 56 hours at a cost of £16.50 per hour (2019: £1,039, comprising 63 hours at a cost of £16.50 per hour). These transactions were approved by the Board in advance of payment and were in the interests the charity and for the benefit of its beneficiaries. In line with our accounting policy (note 2), the general volunteer time of members/trustees to this and other projects has not been recognised for the purposes of preparing the accounts.

**18 Post Balance Sheet Events**

The trustees have considered the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic between Balance Sheet date and the date of signing these accounts. The charity has been relatively unaffected by 'lockdown' and the pandemic, other than experiencing a delay (rather than cessation) in the completion of a current ongoing felling contract with Scottish Woodlands. This has not caused any financial hardship for the charity and is unlikely to lead to any material reduction in contract income when it is completed.