

Chair Report for 2023 AGM  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

As Chair of ACSR it is my pleasure to Welcome and Thank you all for coming along tonight to ACSR AGM and Open Meeting.

This past fiscal year has seen many opportunities, combined with a few challenges, all of which are contained within ACSR's 2022-23 Annual Report and Accounts. Therefore, I am only going to pick up and expand on a couple of the items contained within the Report.

One of the 'pleasures' of preparing an Annual Report is that it gives us an opportunity to look back and appreciate all that has been accomplished and as this will be my 6<sup>th</sup> and last year as Chair of ACSR, it is of special significance.

Therefore, I am delighted and very grateful to Ian Somerville who has agreed to take over this role, allowing me to step aside and be able to take a special interest in S&R which is where this all began. In addition, David Charles has agreed to take over the role of Treasurer and as we still have a few spaces to fill, we will be delighted to speak with anyone who may be interested in coming on 'board'.

**Background:**

10 years ago, Auchterarder Sports Hub was established as part of the legacy of the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games,

Auchterarder Community Sports Association was constituted in 2014, becoming Auchterarder Community Sports and Recreation and a SCIO in 2018.

Tim Hart became our Development Manager in January 2021 and this year ACSR reapplied to National Lotteries Community Fund to extend Tim's post for another three years.

Steven Watt & I are the only two Trustees remaining from our original nine and for me it has been a privilege and an amazing 'journey', as all our Trustees as volunteers have donated their time and expertise to bring us to where we are today.

**Auchterarder Public Park has been our focus this year, and continued activity will continue for the remainder of 2023 and into 2024.**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 we celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, with a Children's Treasure Hunt, a Display and video of the 1952 Coronation Celebrations in the Pavilion, ending with lightening the Beacon by the Lord Lieutenant. This was the first community event held in Auchterarder Public Park after COVID with over 200 coming along that evening.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, we held a 'Picnic in the Park' to celebrate the Opening of the new children's Play Park, when over 1000 people came along to enjoy a lovely afternoon. Lisa McGraw cut the ribbon, we an amazing cake - curtesy of Gleneagles, ice cream, lots of sunshine and loads of time to enjoy all the new equipment.
- In 2022 a Summer Programme of Activity was organised in the Park, in addition to 2 Community Cycling Events in October 2022 & again in July 2023

- Our Pump Track Funding is now secured and if everything goes to plan this will be delivered before the end of 2023 or possibly early 2024 and will be a legacy to the UGI 2023 World Cycling Championships in Glasgow.

Obviously, our Core Paths, Green Spaces and S&R Working Groups have all been very busy and 'Our Year in Pictures' will show many of their activities throughout 2022/23

### **Thank You & acknowledgements.**

Sheena M stepping down as Treasurer & Paul T from S&R.

**Tim, in his Role as DM**, has ensured that ACSR continues to be professional in all aspects of governance, management and the operation of our Charity.

Tim's commitment, his attention to detail and the strong working relationships he has built with the Trustees, ACSR Working Groups, volunteers, P&K, Funders, sponsors, A&A CAP, and the many Clubs and organisations within our community,

In addition, he took extra responsibility for ACSR Accounts and supported A&A CAP and other local groups with grant applications and financial support.

Tim, Gemma and Ang make a great Team (Trio) and I personally Thank them for their support and taking the lead in ACSR community events (Fun Bikes & Extravaganza) and projects during this year.

Finally.

And once again - all this would not have been possible without the hard work of our many volunteers who give generously of their time and energy. Whether it be a couple of hours with Path Maintenance, volunteer to lead a project, or offer management skills as a Trustee, all are valued and appreciated.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our local businesses who have continued to give 'in kind' and financial support throughout the year, and is also much appreciated and definitely makes a difference.

Returning to our Communications Network slide, it gives us a basis to move forward with our new Chair, who will bring his personality, skills and experience to ACSR.

I now hand over to David Charles (Treasurer elect) for lead us though our Accounts.

Denise Jackson MBE