

# ACSR Chair Annual Report for 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Good Evening

As Chair of ACSR, it my pleasure to Welcome and Thank You all for coming along tonight.

This month will be:

- 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the original Auchterarder Sports Hub.
- ACSR 5<sup>th</sup> AGM as a Charity.
- Also, the first AGM following the death of Queen Elizabeth II and beginning of the reign of King Charles III. A significant and historic change for our Country.

Change happens, and one of the 'joys' of preparing an Annual Report is that it gives us an opportunity to look back and appreciate all that has been accomplished.

This past fiscal year has been filled with wonderful opportunities, combined with a few challenges, all of which are contained within ACSR's 2021-22 Annual Report and Accounts. Therefore, I am only going to pick up and expand on a couple of the projects contained within the Report.

The ever-changing COVID regulations and restrictions were certainly one of this year's biggest challenges.

Whilst we were able to hold last year's AGM in the Aytoun Hall meeting face to face, social distancing, masks, vaccinations, hand gels, virtual Meetings, mini lockdowns, and limited holiday opportunities were still part of our lives. It is only in the last six months that things are slowly returning to normal, with people feeling more confident about participating in sport and recreation.

Despite all of this, one of ACSR's main opportunities was to play a significant role in the Steering Group for the Auchterarder & Aberuthven Community Action Plan.

In July 2021 ACSR, submitted an Expression of Interest to Rural Perth & Kinross LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) for funding to facilitate a CAP for Auchterarder. As the lead local organisation, ACSR were able to initiate the process, supported by Sharon Rice Jones, Rural P&K LEADER, and Lesley Campbell from Small Towns and Rural (STAR) Development

### **Slide 1 'Journey'**

ACSR took this opportunity to review and revise our 2021-24 Development Plan and getting to know Ang Laurie, as Community Connector, has a been a huge privilege.

One of the major outcomes for ACSR from the this 'Journey', has been greatly improved communication and contact with Senior Management within PKC, resulting in significant progress in the redevelopment of the Public Park. After nearly six years of delays and frustration, it is now finally happening with the Children's Play Park the first stage of construction.

This will be immediately followed by a fully funded Pump Track and Mountain Bike Skills Trail, with an Official Opening planned for early June 2023.

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. He has continued to build good relationships with Trustees, our Working Groups, **sportscotland**, funders, PKC, A&A CAP, volunteers and many Clubs and organisations from across our community.

Gemma Simpson and Tim make a great Team and I personally thank them for their patience and support as I navigate my way through appraisals, development plans and other areas of line management.

All this would not be possible without the hard work of our many volunteers who regularly donate their time and skills to support ACSR. Whether they are able to contribute a couple of hours, take responsibility as a Trustee or to lead a project, all is greatly valued, and certainly makes a difference to what is possible.

**'Be Active - Be Involved' ACSR Year in Pictures**  
**will celebrate some of the work of our volunteers over the past 12 months.**

However, I would like to take this opportunity to personally Thank Sheila Perera who has been part of this organisation for many years and has always been extremely reliable and diligent in her responsibilities as ACSR Trustee and Secretary.

Also, to Stuart Clark who having stepped down last year, has continued to provide ACSR with financial support over this transitional year, including preparing this year's Accounts ready for examination.

Last, but certainly not least, it was with great sadness that this year we have lost two very special volunteers.

- Jane Courtney, founder, and joint Chair of ACSR Core Paths, and
- Bill Campbell, Trustee, and someone who played a huge part in Golf and in the sporting life of our community.

As we know, some very special people have 'passed' in 2022.

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**Following this AGM, the Open Meeting, and Review, will give further updates on the work of ACSR and as such I now hand over to Tim, our Development Manager to take you through ACSR 2022/23 Financial Report.**