# Wick Community Hub Trustees' Annual 2018-19 Report

### About Us

Wick Community Hub a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), charity number: SC047287.

The charity was incorporated on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

This SCIO has been set up to replace Wick Youth Club (SC015669). Following on from our previous annual report, nothing has changed in terms of the status we are at. We, the trustees, are still in the process of transferring the assets and liabilities from Wick Youth Club to Wick Community Hub. There has continued to be a considerable delay in this process as we have been recommended to go through a property solicitor. This is why the annual return is showing nil for income and expenditure and the substitution of this report rather than a set of annual accounts. We are continuing to pursue other avenues to rectify this delay and get the transfer process going.

All the below information is the same as it was in the 2017-18 annual report.

## Our Background

The Trustees set up Wick Community Hub in response to Highland Regional Council's recent budget cuts to the Care and Learning revenue budget, with cuts to Wick Youth Club, our original organisation. The organisation needed to seek additional revenue streams to continue the existing services, and develop to match Community demand. We discovered that setting up a SCIO will provide a financial and legal structure suitable to the organisation, with the benefit of providing a charitable service in providing a benefit to the Community/members of the public. This will expand upon the existing services of the current charity, Wick Youth Club, which is currently an unincorporated charity. We intend to dissolve the existing charity and transfer the assets over to the new organisation. This will allow us to continue operating and expand our services.

## In expanding our services and branching out from solely a 'youth club', we intend to:

• Provide affordable services for young people after-school, evenings and during school holidays. This will create a safe environment for young people to socialise, learn, and enhance their quality of life through social inclusion, so as to develop their physical, mental and social capabilities. This will also enable working parents and guardians to empower

themselves, rather than be concerned with matters surrounding childcare after school and during school holidays. It will allow them to continue to work and receive an income, maintaining the relief of poverty for some families.

- Providing recreational facilities, both indoors and outdoors, for the benefit of the Community and members of the public. This will include an outdoor recreational facility which will have sporting facilities to encourage public participation in sport.
- Connect with Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy in supporting the Scottish Government's commitment to social enterprise, which will allow us to help tackle issues affecting our local Community.
- By working collaboratively with our Community, and applying a co-creative approach to tackling these issues, we will make our service delivery more effective to the Community, allowing them to empower themselves in order to benefit community socio-economic regeneration.
- In operating as a facility which engages with volunteers (young people and adults), will allow our organisation to grow sustainability as well as providing a platform the volunteers to develop themselves by: increasing their self-confidence; gain valuable experience and employability skills; and make a difference to their own lives, as well as the Community.
- Work with a variety of partners: from the heart of the local Community, to private, public, and third sector. In doing this, we will develop a greater insight of our social enterprise organisation, and how we can collaborate more effectively with these partners. Working together collaboratively will allow us all to create a mutually-valued outcome, aiding community development and empowerment.

#### The Trustees

Wick Community Hub currently has three trustees.

has been involved with Wick Youth Club since January 2012. He brings a wealth of knowledge of charity governance, strategy, and volunteering. He is currently a Project Officer for the Community Volunteering project at Sustrans Scotland.

has been involved with Wick Youth Club since January 2012. He works as a Graduate Management Trainee at Lloyds Banking Group and brings expertise in business management and information technology.

is an elected councillor for the Ward: 03 Wick and East Caithness. He was elected at the recent council election in May 2017. He brings experience in partnership working and governance.

Signed,



Chairperson

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019