

ANGUS COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE

11 MARCH 1999

**SUBJECT: ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

Abstract: This report advises the Committee of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts which have been received from Angus Environmental Trust.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the Angus Environmental Trust Annual Report and Audited Accounts.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 From October 1996 landfill site operators have a liability for payment of landfill tax based on the tonnage of material landfilled, but also have the option of offsetting part of that tax by making payments to environmental bodies. Angus Council has availed itself of this alternative course of action by making payments to Angus Environmental Trust.

2.2 Angus Environmental Trust was enrolled with Entrust, the regulator of environmental bodies under the Landfill Tax Regulations, in September 1997. In October 1998 a copy of the Action Plan 1998-2000 (report No. 1073/98) was submitted to the members for information together with a remit to submit the first annual report in due course.

3 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

3.1 The First Annual General Meeting of Angus Environmental Trust duly took place on 11 January 1999. A copy of the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts are appended to this report. During the period covered by the accounts, the Council, in their role as landfill site operator, paid £134,073 to the Trust to offset part of their landfill tax liability.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications on the Council as a result of this report.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration and the Director of Environmental & Consumer Protection have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The priorities adopted by the Angus Environmental Trust are consistent with the Council's key themes and corporate priorities.

NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

AA/GEP/IAL
3 March 1999

Alex Anderson
Director of Planning and Transport

**ANGUS
ENVIRONMENTAL
TRUST**

Annual Report

August 1997 - September 1998

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Objects of the Trust

The objects of the Trust are wide-ranging and are designed to accord with the objects of the Landfill Credit Scheme. Equally, the priorities of the founding members are varied but have in common the protection and enhancement of the environment and the improvement of awareness of it. Particular priorities include CAT projects, including the Urban Trust programme, Access projects (especially footpath networks), Environmental Education and Habitat Management.

Accordingly, the objects for which the Trust was established are:-

- to protect, improve and enhance the environment (both built and natural) and the cultural heritage of Angus and to improve their accessibility and public's awareness and understanding of them;
- to reclaim and restore land for economic, social or environmental purposes;
- to prevent or reduce any potential for pollution or to treat pollution on land polluted by a previous use;
- to encourage sustainable waste management, energy recovery and recycling through research, development and education.

Chairman's Report

Angus Environmental Trust has now been in existence for a little over a year having been successfully enrolled with Entrust in September 1997. Although progress has been initially slow to start, projects are now well in hand with some nearing completion. Details of these can be found in the Project Review.

The Trust has also received a variety of approaches for funding which should come to fruition within the next year. These are quite wide-ranging and further accord with the objects of the Trust.

The further financial contribution under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme due to be received from both Angus Council and D.J.Laing will also enable the Trust to broaden the range of projects to be supported.

Thanks are due to the founder members of the Trust, Angus Council, Scottish Enterprise Tayside and Scottish Natural Heritage for their continued support. In particular additional thanks must be expressed to Angus Council and the officials thereof, for their assistance with the running of the Trust on a day to day basis, together with the specialist services which they provide.

Roy Madden.

PROJECT REVIEW

Scottish Wildlife Trust

Enhancement of public access at Seaton Cliffs, Wildlife Reserve, Arbroath

Seaton Cliffs is a 11 hectare coastal wildlife reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest with open public access. The reserve which comprises red Sandstone Cliffs has a range of attractions including wildlife, sea birds, butterflies and wildflowers. The work will involve installing drains, culverts, and revetments together with resurfacing. It is hoped that there is improvements will encourage the large visitor numbers to keep to the path and therefore minimise damage.

Education and improvement works at Montrose Basin

Montrose Basin is a 750 hectare enclosed estuary of the South Esk River. The basin provides a rich feeding ground for thousands of resident and migrant birds. Funding was approved for sea wall repairs, hide upgrade, new fencing for car park, access improvements, education and interpretation materials.

R.S.P.B.

Hydrological work at Loch of Kinnordy Reserve

Kinnordy is a shallow loch with poor natural drainage. Being a highly eutrophic loch, mats of vegetation, especially bogbean have formed which impeded the drainage and caused further silting up.

The work is to break up the vegetation and relocate pools and channels as existed previously. The work will improve the health of the loch and improve conditions around the loch shore for wildlife. It is a very dynamic, changing ecosystem, which will not stay as it is without intervention. Work commenced under the watchful eye of Roy Madden on 16 November.

Angus Millennium Forest

The Angus Millennium Forest will comprise seven separate Burgh Millennium Forests in each of Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and Montrose. The objective is to restore woodland cover within and around the seven burghs as a nature conservation, recreation, aesthetic and educational resource. Each will include a mixture of existing and restored woodland.

Carnoustie War Memorial

Carnoustie & District Environmental Committee have requested assistance with environmental improvements to the War Memorial at Carnoustie. As Landfill Tax funding has been allocated specifically for projects within Carnoustie, the project was supported and is at present out to tender.

Tayside Building Preservation Trust

The Tayside Building Preservation Trust requested assistance with a project to be carried out at 68 - 74 High Street, Brechin. The property which dates back to 1719 is believed to be one of the oldest secular buildings within Brechin. It has several architectural features which could easily be lost if the building falls further into disrepair. Angus Environmental Trust is funding the architectural survey and plan preparation together with a feasibility study to determine an appropriate use for the building.

Angus Environmental Trust		£
Balance Sheet at September 30 1998		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts -	Investment	161,202
	Current	2,704
Accrual -	Bank Interest	-
		<u>163,906</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accrual -	Audit fee	470
		<u>163,436</u>
Capital and Reserves		
	Balance on Income and Expenditure Account	<u>163,436</u>

Angus Environmental Trust		£
Balance of Non-Committed Funds		
At September 30 1998		
Funds held at Bank		163,906
Less Accrual for Audit fee		470
Less Projects approved		
RSPB	Kinnordy Loch	6,000
Tayside Build. Pres. Trust	Property High St Brechin	5,000
SWT	Seaton cliffs	2,414
SWT	Montrose Basin	2,500
Carnoustie Env Committee	Carnoustie War Memorial	4,000
Angus Council	Angus Millenium Forest	<u>60,000</u>
		79,914
Uncommitted Funds		<u>83,522</u>

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
30 SEPTEMBER 1998

Company Registration Number 178124

JOHNSTONE LOGIE & MILLAR
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
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ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD FROM 14 AUGUST 1997 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

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ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST
OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Roy Madden
Denise Ann Reid
David Burnett Robertson

COMPANY SECRETARY Catherine Anne Coull

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Edinburgh
EH2 1JX

AUDITORS Johnstone Logie & Millar
Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors
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3 Little Causeway
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BANKERS Bank of Scotland
West High Street
Forfar

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

PERIOD FROM 14 AUGUST 1997 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the period from 14 August 1997 to 30 September 1998.

The company was formed in order to receive contributions from Landfill Operators in lieu of part of their liability for Landfill Tax, which the Trust will use to fund environmental projects. Such projects will be required to satisfy the requirements of Entrust, the Regulatory Body designated under the Landfill Tax Regulations. A number of projects have been conditionally approved by the Trust, but none of the projects were sufficiently advanced to qualify for funding by September 1998.

The Profit and Loss Account indicates a balance of £0 for the period to 30 September 1998.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the year was to raise monies to fund environmental projects.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served the company during the period were as follows:

Roy Madden
Denise Ann Reid
David Burnett Robertson

The company is limited by guarantee, and in the event of the company being wound up, each director has undertaken to contribute to the assets of the company to the extent of £1 each.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the period and of the profit or loss for the period then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 7, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable and also follow all accounting standards, which they consider to be applicable. The directors must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT *(continued)*

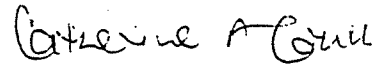
PERIOD FROM 14 AUGUST 1997 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered office:
37 Queen Street
Edinburgh
EH2 1JX

Signed by order of the directors



CATHERINE ANNE COULL
Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on ...13...1...19.99

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

PERIOD FROM 14 AUGUST 1997 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 7 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7 .

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

As described on page 2, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the company's state of affairs as at 30 September 1998 and of its profit for the period then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Eastbourne House
3 Little Causeway
Forfar
DD8 2AD

Johnstone, Logie & Millar C.A
JOHNSTONE LOGIE & MILLAR
Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors

15 JAN 1999

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

PERIOD FROM 14 AUGUST 1997 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

	Note	£	£
INCOME			
Amounts receivable from landfill operators			163,073
Donations received			500
			<u>163,573</u>
Committed funds		79,914	
Uncommitted funds		83,059	
Administrative expenses		<u>6,865</u>	
			<u>169,838</u>
OPERATING LOSS	2		(6,265)
Interest receivable			6,728
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION			<u>463</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3		463
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD			<u>-</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements.

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

30 SEPTEMBER 1998

	Note	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		163,906	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(163,906)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>-</u>
RESERVES			<u>-</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 13th of October 1998 and are signed on their behalf by:


.....
ROY MADDEN

The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements.

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD FROM 14 AUGUST 1997 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small.

Amounts received from landfill operators

This amount shown in the profit and loss account represents amount received during the period from landfill operators.

2. OPERATING LOSS

Operating loss is stated after charging:

	£
Auditors' fees	<u>470</u>

3. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	£
Corporation tax based on the results for the period at 21%	<u>463</u>

4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	£	£
Committed funds	79,914	
Uncommitted funds	83,059	
Corporation tax	<u>463</u>	
		163,436
Accruals and deferred income		<u>470</u>
		<u>163,906</u>

5. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 30 September 1998, the company had undertaken to fund specific environmental projects to the value of £79,914.

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

PERIOD FROM 14 AUGUST 1997 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements
which are the subject of the auditors' report on page 4.

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

PERIOD FROM 14 AUGUST 1997 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

	£	£
INCOME		
Amounts received from landfill operators		163,073
Donations received		<u>500</u>
		163,573
Committed funds	79,914	
Uncommitted funds	<u>83,059</u>	
		<u>162,973</u>
		600
OVERHEADS		
Administrative expenses		<u>6,865</u>
		(6,265)
OPERATING LOSS		
Bank interest receivable		<u>6,728</u>
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		<u><u>463</u></u>

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

NOTES TO THE DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

PERIOD FROM 14 AUGUST 1997 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

	£	£
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
General expenses:		
Sundry expenses	15	
Entrust registration fee	100	
Company incorporation expenses	120	
Entrust administrative fee	3,279	
Legal and professional fees	2,877	
Auditors remuneration	470	
	<u> </u>	6,861
Financial costs:		
Bank charges		4
		<u> </u>
		<u>6,865</u>

