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Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2020

Charity number SC033740

SCOTTISH CHURCHES' CHINA GROUP

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Report of the Trustees for the period ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 December 2020.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Scottish Churches' China Group (SCCG) is an SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) governed by its Constitution. This SCIO was incorporated on 19 September 2012 as a result of a 'Change to SCIO' application by SC033740 Scottish Churches' China Group, which was an unincorporated association registered as a charity since 2 October 2002.

The SCCG is an ecumenical group incorporating representatives of Christian churches and fellowships in Scotland. We work closely with others including the Amity Foundation in China and the China Forum of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI).

The denominational members of the Scottish Churches' China Group are:

- Chinese Fellowship
- Church of Scotland
- Roman Catholic Church
- Scottish Episcopal Church
- Society of Friends (Quakers)
- United Free Church of Scotland
- United Reform Church

Trustees direct the work of the SCCG and are known as the Management Committee. Members of the SCCG have voting rights and meet in Plenary sessions twice a year. Plenary meetings are open to anyone who is interested in our work or would like to learn more about China.

Charitable Purposes

The purposes of the charity are the advancement of education, to promote good health and promote the benefit in the interest of social welfare of those living in China; to advance the education of the general public, membership of SCCG, churches and secular institutions about the cultural, social, political and religious aspects of China; and to promote, advance, encourage and support the Christian witness in China.

Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the period and to the date of this report were as follows:-

Rev Alan F Miller (Convener)

Lyn Mitchell (Vice Convener)

Rev Val Nellist (appointed as Treasurer 30 January 2020)

Kenneth A Roy (Treasurer) resigned 30 January 2020

Simon MacAulay

Tom Nisbet

Rev Paul Graham

Rev Dr John McNeil Scott (appointed 5 November 2020)

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated for appointment by the existing Trustees. There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities. Trustees met regularly throughout the year.

Activities and Achievements

Although news of a highly infectious virus, taking hold in China, started to come out of the country in early 2020 few people thought a pandemic was about to engulf the world. Throughout this time we remained in contact with our partners in Shenyang, Shanghai and Nanjing offering support from a distance. We were particularly concerned for colleagues from Shengjing Hospital who travelled to Wuhan to offer medical and nursing support to local teams. Later news that all had returned safely was welcomed.

Although we were receiving direct updates from our partners, indicating a difficult situation, there was still hope that the virus would be contained and the infection rate brought under control. On that basis plans were put in place for visits to China, in the autumn and winter of 2020, and ongoing work with our partners. However, as the months progressed and the pandemic took hold, worldwide, it became clear that everything would have to be revised.

The March 10th AGM/Plenary went ahead as planned, taking place shortly before the national lockdown was announced. All further meetings in 2020, Management Committee and Autumn Plenary, took place online via Zoom. While these are not ideal they proved effective and enabled the charity's work to continue.

As the lockdown in the UK came in to force the SCCG started to receive messages of encouragement from our partners. More than that, staff in the Palliative Care Ward of Shengjing Hospital sent a substantial box of medical face masks which were donated to University Hospital Hairmyres, NHS Lanarkshire. These were gratefully received.

Partner Visit – Thanks to funding from the Dr AHF Barbour Trust a Partner Visit, by Rev Patricia Johnston SCCG Advisor and Dr Gillian McKinnon SCCG Website and Publicity Officer was planned for November 2020. Although Gillian has met SCCG partners in Scotland this was to be her first visit to China. The aim of the visit was to give Gillian an insight into the context and environment within which SCCG Partners work. First hand experience of projects and the staff who administer them was felt to be vital for Gillian as she develops awareness raising materials and strategies. Not surprisingly, it soon became obvious that a November visit would not be possible. Spring 2021 was then provisionally pencilled in, however, at the time of writing, the earliest the visit can take place is November 2021 but that will be entirely dependent upon the COVID situation.



Dementia Friends Training – Funding was in place, and plans were being made for Mairi Houldsworth, to return to Nanjing and Shenyang to run further Dementia Friends Training for Amity and Caritas staff. Not surprisingly, this trip has also had to be postponed due to the pandemic. In its place, two online training sessions took place for Caritas staff and volunteers. These were held in September and October and were well attended on both occasions.

Materials had been sent to Caritas, in advance of the online training, to enable translation to take place. All additional materials used during the sessions, including the Kilbryde Hospice Volunteers Handbook, were then sent to Caritas for translation and wider distribution. The SCCG would like to thank Mairi for all the work involved in setting up and running these sessions and also to Kilbryde Hospice for generously sharing their training resources. An in-person visit, to run further training, will be arranged as soon as it is safe to do so.

Masters in Inclusion and Special Educational Needs – The SCCG has worked with the Amity Children’s Development

Centre (ACDC) for a number of years. This small unit was originally set up to provide pre-school education for 3-6 year olds with the aim of better equipping them to then move into mainstream education at the same time as their peers. For a number of complex reasons this has proved to be very difficult to achieve and, over the years, the Centre has increased the upper age limit of the students it will receive.

The Chinese education system is very competitive making it difficult to adapt to a child with special needs. There is also little understanding of some of the issues facing a child with additional needs as they try and integrate into a setting that can, unwittingly, increase the challenges they face. For example, understanding and mitigating the impact of auditory or sensory overload on a child on the autistic spectrum can help to reduce or de-escalate challenging behaviour. Without this understanding both the child, classmates and the teaching staff are put into a difficult situation that can lead to further stereotyping and isolation.

To be able to influence policy and decision makers within local government and the education authority, the Director of the Amity Children’s Development Centre needs to be speaking from a position of knowledge and expertise. To assist with this, the SCCG has offered the Director a Scholarship enabling her to study, at Birmingham University, for a Masters in Inclusion and Special Educational Needs. This will begin in September 2021. Funding has also been provided as she upgrades her English language skills in preparation for taking the necessary TOEFL test.

Joint Project with Leeds University/Jasmine Miller Coaching/SCCG – As this Project involved in country research and in person training in Nanjing it has had to be re-thought in light of the pandemic. Discussions are ongoing as to whether worthwhile research can be done from a distance.

With the expansion of the Amity Children’s Development Centre staff were asked to highlight their priorities in terms of further training and the following areas were identified:

- Language training skills for special education children;
- Activity design for ASD social communication;
- Assessment of VB-MAPP;
- 7-14 years old child development assessment;
- Sensory integration training;
- Intervention methods for children with ADHD;
- Training of board certified assistant applied behavioral analysts (this is the hope of teachers in the centre)

Consideration is currently being given to narrowing this down to two or three key areas of training that could be delivered online by Jasmine Miller

Virtual Kiltwalk Weekend – As all live Kiltwalk events had to be cancelled the organisers introduced the ‘Virtual Weekend’ which was held between 11th-13th September. As a result of SCCG member participation in and support of this event £1,860 was raised for the Little Sunflowers Project. Our thanks to all who supported this fundraising event in any way.

Website and Publicity Officer – The SCCG Website and Publicity Officer has now increased her hours to three per week. While still limited this has enabled her to expand the way the work of the SCCG and its partners is shared. The SCCG website had a number of technical upgrades in the last year and a redesigned News & Publications page was added. During the pandemic, we have not produced a printed newsletter – the last one was Spring/Summer 2020 which was produced in early March for our AGM and Plenary. We have since created a ‘Mail Chimp’ electronic newsletter, which started in June 2020, which is planned to go out about ten times in a year with news about ourselves and our projects, and also news from our partners in China and Scotland. We have been steadily increasing our presence on social media (Facebook and Twitter) during the year and now have more than 100 followers for each. We publicised our participation in the ‘Kiltwalk’, where we again raised funds for The Little Sunflowers Project run by our partner, the Caritas Social Service Centre in Shenyang, North East China.

Consideration is being given to a how to further raise the profile of the charity. This is not only on social media but also through the public meetings that are held. Within the Management Committee discussion has started as to whether the Plenary still serves the charity well or if a different format would engage new supporters and members.

Work is also underway on a Photo Archive gathering together a photographic record of the work of the SCCG and its partners.

Funding

The Trustees are grateful the individual supporters who have donated to the SCCG throughout 2020.

Successful funding applications were also made to the Dr AHF Barbour Trust and the Pollock Memorial Missionary Trust. The Trustees wish to record their thanks to the Trustees of these funders for their support.

Financial Review

The Trustees received grants, donations and gift aid amounting to £21,012 (2019: £27,045) during the year, including modest bank interest. Expenditure incurred costs of £17,053 (2019: £30,026) leaving a surplus for the year of £3,959 (2019: deficit £2,981).

Unrestricted Funds received during the year were £1,122 (2019: £10,002) and expenditure £3,532 (2019: £6,704). The unrestricted deficit for the year of £2,410 (2019: surplus £3,298) decreased unrestricted funds to £15,433 (2019: £17,843).

Restricted Funds received during the year amounted to £19,890 (2019: £17,043) and £13,521 (2019: £23,322) was spent, leaving a surplus for the year of £6,369 (2019: deficit £6,279) and restricted funds balance at the year-end of £19,456 (2019: £13,087).

Reserves

The Trustees have not set a policy on Reserves while the charity had no fixed expenditure commitments for unrestricted funds. During the year, the Trustees continued to employ a part time project worker to develop the work of the charity. Some of the employment costs are funded by a grant restricted for that purpose and the remainder is paid from unrestricted funds. The Trustees are making efforts to raise regular support to extend the unrestricted funds and aim to maintain a minimum £5,000 at any time.

Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2020 of £15,433 (2019: £17,843) are in excess of this. However, international travel restrictions and lockdowns caused by the COVID 19 pandemic have seriously limited the SCCG's charitable activities and will continue to do so during 2021. Once restrictions are lifted the SCCG has plans to fund further programmes which help develop the work of our partners in China. These will go some way to absorbing the current excess reserves.

Plans for future periods

We will continue to support existing projects for which we have funding, continue good communication with partners in China listening to their advice on needs that we might assist with and we will continue to seek funding for new projects.

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**


Alan Miller (Mar 24, 2021 11:53 GMT)

Rev Alan Miller
Trustee

Dated: Mar 24, 2021

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of Scottish Churches' China Group (SC033740) for the period ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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) (d) of the 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 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, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 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.

Gavin McEwan

Gavin McEwan (Mar 25, 2021 09:42 GMT)

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Date Mar 25, 2021

Statement of Receipts and PaymentsFor the year to 31st December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Grants	4	-	17,870	17,870	5,800	16,880	22,680
Donations & Gift Aid	5	1,111	160	1,271	4,199	163	4,362
Fundraising activities		-	1,860	1,860	-	-	-
Bank interest		11	-	11	3	-	3
Total receipts		1,122	19,890	21,012	10,002	17,043	27,045
Payments							
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	6	3,532	12,466	15,998	6,704	23,322	30,026
Grants and donations	7	-	1,055	1,055	-	-	-
Total payments		3,532	13,521	17,053	6,704	23,322	30,026
Net (payments) / receipts		(2,410)	6,369	3,959	3,298	(6,279)	(2,981)
Transfers to / (from) funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
(Deficit) / surplus for year		(2,410)	6,369	3,959	3,298	(6,279)	(2,981)

Statement of BalancesAs at 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Bank balances at start of year	17,843	13,087	30,930	33,911
(Deficit) / surplus for year	(2,410)	6,369	3,959	(2,981)
Bank balance at end of year	15,433	19,456	34,889	30,930

Other assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Prepayments	384	-	384	384
Other debtors	-	700	700	-
	384	700	1,084	384

Liabilities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	60	-	60	60
Accruals	900	360	1,260	240
	960	360	1,320	300

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Rev Alan Miller
Trustee

Mar 24, 2021

Date _____

Alan Miller

Alan Miller (Mar 24, 2021 11:53 GMT)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page , funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds – this comprises grants and other income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds – are received for specific purposes.

2. Tangible fixed assets The Charity does not hold any fixed assets

3. Transactions with Trustees

There were no transactions with Trustees other than reimbursement of out of pocket expenses.

4. Grants Received

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Grants from Christian and other organisations	-	-	-	5,800
Grant from Barbour Trust	-	17,870	17,870	16,880
	-	17,870	17,870	22,680

5. Donations Received

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations from individual supporters	1,093	160	1,253	1,580
Gift Aid	-	-	-	373
Donations from fundraising	18	-	18	2,409
	1,111	160	1,271	4,362

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2020 (con't)

6. Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Salary	1,806	6,982	8,788	9,133
Amity Foundation Dementia training	-	144	144	-
International travel	-	-	-	5,932
Spiritual Care Programme	-	-	-	7,000
Class in a Bag Kits	-	-	-	255
Domestic travel	10	-	10	2,258
Meeting and conference costs	140	-	140	832
Design and web costs	144	3,840	3,984	3,072
Insurance	512	-	512	512
Professional fees	840	1,500	2,340	237
Promotional Materials/ Events	-	-	-	684
Postage and stationery	-	-	-	51
Bank charges	80	-	80	60
	3,532	12,466	15,998	30,026

7. Grants paid

		Number of grants awarded	2020 £	2019 £
English language study leading to a language test for Special Education and Inclusion Course	The Amity Foundation	1	1,055	-
			1,055	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2020 (con't)

8. Restricted Funds

	Balance 1/1/20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31/12/20 £
Barbour Trust				
Children's Development Centre/ASD training& Nanjing Child Development Project at New Struan House (£1807+£1121)	970	-	970	-
Shenyang Spiritual Care Project Spiritual Care in the Community (Father Zhang, from China) £1,443, Palliative Care training £318, Spiritual Care Lead training £2,000	783	-	-	783
Sister Mary Pan: for people with learning difficulties	165	-	85	80
SCCG Advisor employment	2,982	4,000	6,982	-
Eric Liddell Centre visit to China/Spiritual Care lead training	2,000	-	-	2,000
GP Training Development plan	1,800	-	-	1,800
Raising public awareness of SCCG	960	4,320	3,840	1,440
Upgrading libraries at Seminaries and Bible Schools in China	500	-	-	500
Amity Foundation Dementia Friends training	427	-	144	283
Amity Foundation Social Services – Scottish visit	2,500	-	-	2,500
A Partner Visit to China for Gillian McKinnon - SCCG Website and Publicity Officer	-	2,250	-	2,250
Mairi Houldsworth visit to Amity Foundation, China - Dementia Friends Training	-	2,000	-	2,000
Air fares re joint project with Leeds University	-	1,800	-	1,800
Little Sunflower Project room rental	-	2,000	-	2,000
Accountancy costs for 6 months	-	1,500	1,500	-
Barbour Trust totals	13,087	17,870	13,521	17,436
Donations for Inclusion and Special Educational Needs	-	160	-	160
Little Sunflower Project - Fundraising (Virtual Kiltwalk Weekend)	-	1,860	-	1,860
Total Restricted Funds	13,087	19,890	13,521	19,456