

Dudgeon Park Community Centre
Scottish Charity Number SC031703

**Interim Inquiry Report under section 33 of the Charities and Trustee Investment
(Scotland) Act 2005**

1. Introduction

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) is making inquiries into Dudgeon Park Community Centre (the charity) under section 28 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act). OSCR has taken precautionary action by directing the charity trustees in terms of section 28(3) of the 2005 Act not to transfer any further assets of the charity to Brora Rangers Football Club (the football club) pending further inquiries by OSCR.

2. Background

Dudgeon Park Community Centre was awarded charitable status on 18 May 2001. OSCR opened an inquiry into the charity on [date] March 2022 on receipt of information that the charity had transferred charitable assets in the form of cash donations to the football club.

3. Action

As a result of inquiries to date, and a review of the charity's annual report and accounts submitted to OSCR it appears that charitable assets are being transferred to the football club. OSCR needs to make further inquiries into the circumstances of the cash donations by the charity to the football club.

It is also of concern to OSCR that the charity does not appear to be carrying out activities in furtherance of their charitable purposes as such the charity may not be providing public benefit which is a legal requirement for all Scottish charities. We are aware that new charity trustees have been appointed and, at this time, it is unclear to OSCR what their intentions are regarding the activities of the charity.

Our inquiries are ongoing and this direction does not pre-empt the outcome of those inquiries. .

However, given the seriousness of the situation, and the risk of ongoing harm to the charity, we consider it appropriate to direct the charity trustees not to transfer any further charitable assets to the football club while our inquiries are ongoing.

The direction is valid for six months and expires on **5 November 2022**. The direction can be revoked or varied by OSCR during that period if we determine it appropriate to do so.

OSCR
5 May 2022