Chairman’s Report 2023

I take great pleasure in welcoming all of you to our 17th AGM here in sunny Perth.

A great big thanks to Mark Davidson for coming and giving us a super presentation on all that is happening to the cardiac service at the Children’s hospital. I am sure you all found this interesting (add comment if there were questions

Since our last AGM we have continued to get back on track with various events taking place over the year, we have had our family weekend, teen weekend a couple of teen events of which I am sure Lesley will give further info on later. This year we took 120 people to the Isle of Cumbrae, had our cycle around the Island and some families joined together for a picnic on the front outside the Garrison. We had a very successful Christmas Party in Govan Community Centre which was well attended, the children danced and jumped about and were delighted when a red suited gent made his appearance. We also had a few stalls in the hospital two at Christmas and one at Easter, the stalls were very successful raising a total of £1369. We have also started to have our Easter and Halloween craft events. I would like to thank all members who helped to organise these events and man the stall for their sterling effort.

The caravan in Faskally has been in full swing over the past two seasons with hardly any empty spaces in the bookings sheet, Pauline keeps the bookings organised and ensures people are informed of the process to make their bookings, thanks to Pauline for her hard word. Thanks to Frank DelPippo for his hard work in maintaining the caravan and for being on call should there be any issues needing fixed.

We continue to supply CoaguChek monitors to adult cardiac patients for self monitoring of their INR under the watchful eye of their anticoagulation clinic. We have purchased for many years INR Monitors for children in the care of the Childrens Hospital. Mark has been pushing the NSD to fund the monitors, it is good to hear of his success.

Fundraising, although down on previous years is very important to the well being of the charity and allows us to have all the support activities previously mentioned and a big part is played by the sale of Christmas cards every year. The cards are on the website and on sale in some areas. I would like to thank Sandra Parkins for all her work in dealing with the cards to get them out to our branches.

I would like to thank Willie Gunn our treasurer for all his efforts over the year, getting the accounts ready for the auditors and for giving a finance report at all of our meetings. And to Caroleanne for her sterling work as secretary. Thanks to all the committee for attending meetings and ensuring the charity is in good shape.

Thanks to Alex and Kerry for providing our creche and entertaining the children.

I would also like to thank all of you for attending today it is good to see everyone. Before I hand over to Willie for a run through of the financial position of the charity I must inform you that this will be my last AGM in the chair, it has been a pleasure to represent you all over the years but it is time to step back. Lesley Kinnear will take over the chair and I am sure she will be a great chair and continue the good work of the charity.

Thanks and over to Willie

John Fegan 2023