# REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: SC138353 (Scotland) REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC020258

# Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

for

Scottish Universities Law Institute Ltd

The Kelvin Partnership Ltd Chartered Accountants The Cooper Building 505 Great Western Road Glasgow G12 8HN



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# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### Objectives and aims

The principal activity of the charity is to promote publications in the field of Scots Law.

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

#### Charitable activities

The Scottish Universities Law Institute series is a definitive collection of texts on modern Scots Law, of the highest quality and written by experts in their respective fields, contributing towards the advancement of law in Scotland. In the current financial year, a number of activities and meetings were undertaken with a view to enhancing the SULI portfolio and expediting the future publication of new and revised SULI titles

Published in the financial year- Roddy Paisley, Rights Ancillary to Servitudes (Vol 1).

During the year ended 31 May 2021,, SULI established a SULI PHD scholarship scheme. This year, SULI disbursed a total of £5,000 to two PHD student recipients who are undertaking Scots law-related PHDs at Law Schools in two different institutions in Scotland.

SULI supported an ECR Fellowship to the extent of £1,179.50 for an academic research project.

SULI provided book prizes at various law schools of a total of £119.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial position

During the year the charity received net royalties on publications amounting to £12,656 (2022 - £11,555). The directors consider this to be a satisfactory amount.

The charity's surplus for the year was £3,767 (2022 2,468) resulting in year-end reserves of £55,954 (2022 - £52,187).

## Investment policy and objectives

It is the directors' policy to maintain surplus funds in an interest bearing account with the Bank of Scotland. During the year, £30,000 was transferred to a 365 day term deposit account which is due to mature on 24 January 2024. An appropriate proportion of the interest receivable on that date has been included in these accounts.

#### Reserves policy

The charity's reserves policy is to hold a sum that is sufficient to meet twelve months' expenditure assuming no further income. At present this would not exceed £6,000 and so the reserves substantially exceed the required amount.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The company is limited by guarantee and incorporated in Scotland and also a Scottish charity recognised by OSCR. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which set out the method of approving directors. Directors are appointed for their expertise in the field of Scots Law.

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The board has set up a subcommittee to review the main risks facing the charity and prepare a plan to address the identified risks.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC138353 (Scotland)

### Registered Charity number

SC020258

### Registered office

1 Rutland Square Edinburgh EH1 2AS

#### **Trustees**

Professor P R Ferguson

M A Sinclair

Professor B J Rodger

A W Eccles

Professor E P Metzger

Dr M Weldon-Johns

D McFadzean

Dr H W Ross

Dr H Stavert

A J S Merrill

Dr M Egan-Judge

J Connolly

Dr A Wilson (resigned 30.6.23)

Professor L Macgregor

Dr K J Hood

J Brown (resigned 1.9.23)

Professor S P L Wolffe (appointed 15.9.23)

Professor G W Gordon (appointed 11.9.23)

### **Company Secretary**

**CCW Secretaries Limited** 

# **Independent Examiner**

The Kelvin Partnership Ltd Chartered Accountants The Cooper Building 505 Great Western Road Glasgow G12 8HN

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Bankers** 

Bank of Scotland Edinburgh Royal Mile 300 Lawnmarket Edinburgh EH1 2PH

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Professor J Rodger - Trustee

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Scottish Universities Law Institute Ltd

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 May 2023 set out on pages five to twelve.

## 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's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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 connection with 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 to comply with Regulation 8 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.

R Henry BSc FCA

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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20 January 2024

# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

INCOME AND ENDOWMEN	Notes I <b>TS FROM</b>	31.5.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.5.22 Total funds £
Other trading activities Investment income	2 3	12,656 280	11,555
Total		12,936	11,555
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities General		9,169	9,087
NET INCOME		3,767	2,468
RECONCILIATION OF FUN Total funds brought forward	DS	52,187	49,719
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FO	ORWARD	55,954	52,187

# Balance Sheet 31 May 2023

	•		31.5.23 Unrestricted	31.5.22 Total
			fund	funds
	Notes		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank			56,314	52,511
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	7		(360)	(324)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			55,954	52,187
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			55,954	52,187
NET ASSETS			55,954	52,187
FUNDS	8	-		
Unrestricted funds	•		55,954	52,187
TOTAL FUNDS			55,954	52,187

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 May 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

# Balance Sheet - continued 31 May 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

B J Rodger - Trustee

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, if it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Royalties	12,656	11,555
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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

<b>J</b> .	INVESTMENT INCOME			
		•	31.5.23	31.5.22
			£	£
	Deposit account interest	,	280	-

# 4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.5.23	31.5.22
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	396	324

## 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 May 2023 nor for the year ended 31 May 2022.

### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 May 2023 nor for the year ended 31 May 2022.

## 6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Other trading activities	11,555
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities General	9,087
NET INCOME	2,468
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward	49,719
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	52,187

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

7.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN O	NE YEAR		
	,	÷	31.5.23	31.5.22
	Accruals and deferred income		£ 360	£ 324
				====
8.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
			Net	
		At 1.6.22	movement in funds	At 31.5.23
		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds General fund	52,187	3,767	55,954
	General fund	32,107	3,707	33,934
	TOTAL FUNDS	52,187	3,767	55,954
	TOTAL FUNDS	====	====	=====
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows	:		
		Incoming	Resources	Movement
		resources	expended	in funds
	Unrestricted funds	£	£	£
	General fund	12,936	(9,169)	3,767
	TOTAL FUNDS	12,936	(9,169)	3,767
	TOTAL PONDS		===	=======================================
	Comparatives for movement in funds			
			Net	
		A . 1 . C . O . 1	movement	At
		At 1.6.21 £	in funds £	31.5.22 £
	Unrestricted funds			
	General fund	49,719	2,468	52,187
	TOTAL FUNDS	49,719	2,468	52,187

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

## 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	11,555	(9,087)	2,468
TOTAL FUNDS	11,555	(9,087)	2,468

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

·	At 1.6.21	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.23 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	49,719	6,235	55,954
TOTAL FUNDS	49,719	6,235	55,954

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

·	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	24,491	(18,256)	6,235
TOTAL FUNDS	24,491	(18,256) ====	6,235

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

## 9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At the year end, there was an approved ECR Fellowship grant for which the work had not been completed. Although the maximum liability is £1,725, the expected eventual payments are unknown. They will be recorded in the accounts as an expense when paid.

# 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 May 2023.

# Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

,	31.5.23 £	31.5.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		•
Other trading activities Royalties	12,656	11,555
Investment income Deposit account interest	280	. <u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	12,936	11,555
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		1.226
Conference expenses	1 727	1,326
Travel and subsistence	1,737 5,000	5,000
SULI PHD scholarships SULI Early Career Fellowship awards	1,180	1,684
SULI Book prizes	119	496
	8,036	8,506
Support costs		
Governance costs	204	20.4
Independent examiner's fee	396 313	324 217
Secretarial fee AGM expenses	384	217
Information commissioner	40	40
	1,133	581
Total resources expended	9,169	9,087
Net income	3,767	2,468