

### Q1. What was/is the aim of the project/ how long has it taken?

The purpose of becoming a SCIO had many reasons. Firstly as a club development focus it improves the structure of the club. Secondly was to gain charitable status so we could have greater access to a larger number of funders and to open up options for gift aid to maximise income. Thirdly have charity status means we have the appropriate legal structure to enter into a lease and contracts in the construction of our new storage facility in the near future. Finally becoming a charity will allow our storage facility, once built, to be exempt from water charges, thereby reducing the club outgoings of owning its own property. The process was very quick, less than a month in fact as our constitution was created so well by Lizzy that it needed no further clarification. We were fortunate to be named to 10,000<sup>th</sup> charity OCSR had registered.

### Q2. How was it delivered/achieved?

The process of becoming a SCIO was firstly supported by Roger Holmes sharing his experience of Breadalbane and Glasgow Kayak Club. A member, Alan Telford, took it upon himself to introduce us to the idea of becoming a SCIO or a CASC. It took until we realised we were struggling to meet our fundraising target that we needed to do something about it and the process of becoming a SCIO swung into action.



### Q3. Who was involved?

Alan Telford for planting the first seed. Roger Homes, Lizzy Shepherd – member and local ‘expert’ on SCIO constitution creation and modification, Chris Redmond, Dale and Jonathan Kitching and the rest of the Canoe Club Committee.

### Q4. How was it funded?

No funds were required to become a SCIO unless you count the significant amount of paper used for drafts and tea/biscuits consumed in the process.

### Q5. What are the lessons to help others?

Do it. Although a challenge to get through it, it will be worth it in the end. We are here to support any other club either on the end of an email, phone call or face to face.

### Q6. Where can others find out more information?

Check out our charitable status on OSCRS website, read the guidance documentation, pick up the phone to OSCR, speak to Roger Homes or get in touch with Aboyne Canoe Club SCIO – [aboynecanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:aboynecanoeclub@gmail.com). We are happy to share files we have created.

### Q7. What impact do you feel this will have on the club?

It’s early days as yet – Aboyne Canoe Club SCIO is only 6 month old so far. Time will tell.....