a Registered Society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 Registered number: 30736R

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 September 2018



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Richard Collins	Chair
William Barnard	resigned 24/2/18
Christine Gilligan	
Karthik Suresh	
Keith Alford	
Julia Carrell	resigned 24/2/18
Abigail Hathway	
Luke Wilson	
Paul Cocker	

Registered number: 30736R

Registered office

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Bankers

Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

Independent Accountant

AMJ Ball 75 Banner Cross Road Sheffield S11 9HQ

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2018.

Principal Activity

The principal activity during the year was the generation of electric power by means of solar panels at four sites in South Yorkshire.

Audit

The members have passed the necessary resolution to disapply the audit requirements.

Business Review - Summary of Activities for the Year

A successful year financially, but frustrating on the project front.

We have spent this year trying to find a site for the installation of our fifth solar PV project. We have been working with a few doctors' surgeries, and other sites, but at the time of writing we have still not finalised a project, though we are hopefully on course to install by the end of the calendar year. To help to speed up this process the directors decided to appoint a part-time Project Manager to take projects forward more quickly.

Electricity sales and feed-in-tariff income rose this year as Lembas has been generating for a whole year. Generation was not good during the bad winter, but improved with the good summer so that generation has been comparable to last year.

At the AGM in February the decision was made to pay 3% interest to our investors and to repay £14,583 in capital. The AGM also agreed to pay out £3,134 to the Community Benefit Fund. This amount to be divided between South Yorkshire Energy Centre (£2,800) and Trine, a sustainable investment company installing solar power in Kenya. When we made this investment we discovered that it had to be a slightly bigger payment than the AGM had agreed and in euros, so you will see the amount in the accounts is slightly more than that agreed. At the end of September 2018 £14,980 capital has been repaid (one investor donated his investment). £2,694 has been paid out in interest payments but £2,452 in interest payments was waived to be used for operational costs. This covers a major proportion of our operational costs (office, telephone, etc). At the time of writing we still have not had replies from 16 investors.

Our outgoings this year have been moderate. We have asked our website developer to look at our website and have so far paid out half of the fees for the development. We hope this will be completed by the end of the year. We have been using some of the money remaining from the Urban Community Energy Fund grant to pay for development work for the next scheme, but there is still some of this development money left that we can use to fund the new Project Manager.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Our potential new treasurer moved to London early in the year, but Abigail Hathway, a long term director took over this role. Two long-standing directors, Steve Barnard and Julia Carrell, left us at the AGM to take on new work, and were thanked for their time and commitment to Sheffield Renewables.

Financial Review

Electricity sales have increased now that Lembas has been generating for a full year. We received very little income this year from grants and donations. For a second year we repaid some capital, paid 3% interest to our investors (A shares) and made a donation to the Community Benefit fund. This has resulted in a small overall surplus.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Law applicable to companies in England and Wales requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Society and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and the Rules of the Society. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the directors on 8 December 2018 and is signed on their behalf by

R Collins – Chair

J Tinsley – Secretary

Independent Accountant's Report under Section 85 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

I report to the members on the unaudited accounts for the year ended 30 September 2018 set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS AND REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS

The society's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the society is entitled to opt out of an audit. It is my responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable me to report my opinion.

This report is made to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with the terms of my engagement. My work has been undertaken so that I might compile the accounts that I have been engaged to compile, report to the society's members that I have done so, and state those matters that I have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members, as a body, for my work or for this report.

BASIS OF OPINION

My work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so my procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the society, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the society as I considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in my opinion.

OPINION

In my opinion:

- (a) The accounts, including the revenue account and balance sheet, are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the society under s75 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014;
- (b) Having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records the revenue account and balance sheet comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; and
- (c) For the preceding year of account, the financial criteria for the exercise of the power conferred by section 84 were met in relation to the year.

AMJ Ball Chartered Accountant 75 Banner Cross Road Sheffield S11 9HQ 8 December 2018

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended 30 September 2018

	Notes	2018	2017
		£	£
INCOME			
Electricity sales	_	31,702	28,030
Grants and donations	2	2,755	1,905
Fee income		500	881
Bank interest		81	69
		35,038	30,885
EXPENSES			
Rent and room hire		2,400	2,400
Printing stationery and office		174	306
Marketing and publicity		1,038	2,639
Share Issue		-	2,820
Insurance		1,393	1,417
Business development		-	600
Legal		234	250
Technology and projects		1,079	104
Travel and volunteers		94	258
Telephone		143	152
Fees and subscriptions		668	495
Interest on shares		2,799	3,539
Accountancy		450	550
Depreciation		15,844	15,844
Community Benefit Fund		3,260	3,252
		29,576	34,626
Profit (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		5,462	(3,741)
Taxation	6	-	-
Retained for the year		5,462	(3,741)
Total funds brought forward		(32,026)	(28,285)
Retained funds carried forward	•	(26,564)	(32,026)

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year.

BALANCE SHEET

At 30 September 2018

	Notes	2018	2017
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	3	137,426	153,270
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	4	5,269	6,721
Cash at bank and in hand		100,834	92 <i>,</i> 954
		106,103	99,675
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	5	(787)	(686)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		105,316	98,989
TOTAL NET ASSETS	:	242,742	252,259
RESERVES			
Called up share capital	7	269,306	284,285
General unrestricted income fund		(26,564)	(32,026)
CAPITAL EMPLOYED		242,742	252,259

For the year ending 30 September 2018 the society was entitled to exemption from an audit conferred by section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

The members have not required the officers to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with the Act.

The officers acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 8 December 2018 and signed on their behalf by

R Collins - Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and with applicable accounting standards. The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Income

Electricity income (from sales and feed-in-tariff) and fee income is accounted for on an accruals basis. Revenue grants are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the period during which the related expenditure is incurred or services are provided, subject to meeting any conditions of the grant. Capital grants and donations are accounted for on receipt.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis, in the period during which it is incurred.

Fund accounting

Income which is received for a specific purpose within the general objectives of the company is accounted for in a separate fund and related costs are allocated to that fund.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and any provision for diminution in value. Depreciation is provided on tangible assets to write them off over their expected useful lives, over the following periods:

Solar panels 12 years

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

At 30 September 2018

2. Grants and donations

	2018	2017
	£	£
Urban Community Energy Fund	2,474	-
Naturesave Trust	-	1,585
Donations	281	310
	2,755	1,895

3. Tangible fixed assets

	Solar panels £	
Cost or recoverable amount		
At 1 October 2017	198,058	
Additions	0	
At 30 September 2018	198,058	
Depreciation		
At 1 October 2017	44,788	
Charge for the year	15,844	
At 30 September 2018	60,632	
Net book value		
At 30 September 2018	137,426	
At 30 September 2017	153,270	
4. Debtors		
	2018	2017
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,936	4,172
Accrued income	1,500	1,500
Prepayments	833	1,049
	5,269	6,721

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

At 30 September 2018

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018	2017
	£	£
Taxes	337	236
Accruals	450	450
	787	686

6. Taxation

The Society does not have charitable status and is liable to corporation tax. Profits in year are deducted from losses brought forward from previous years.

7. Members shares

As a Community Benefit Company, the Society offers shares of £1 each for membership. All shares originally made as Pioneer or Early Bird offers have now been consolidated into one general issue which may be repaid according to the rules of the Society. The shares are not eligible for dividends but can receive interest at 3% pa and this interest has been paid from 2017 onwards.

During the year shares with a value of £14,980 were repaid at par.

8. Directors' remuneration and expenses

During the year no director received any remuneration or expenses from the company as directors. (2017: £nil)

9. Control

The company is owned by a large number of individual shareholders, none of whom is able to exercise control.