

SHEFFIELD RENEWABLES LIMITED

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 September 2019



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2019.

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

In September 2018 we interviewed for the post of part-time Project Manager to begin work in October 2018. However, the person appointed could not start until the new year 2019 due to having to have an operation. Meanwhile, one of our directors, Luke Wilson, agreed to cover some of the project work and invoiced us for hours worked on an ad hoc basis. The Project Manager then took over in January.

At this time we were still pursuing a local GP surgery who were keen to have solar PV on their roof. A structural assessment of the roof was carried out that showed no problems. However, this project has finally had to be shelved in early October 2019 due to problems with the mortgage company, who were going to charge the surgery a lot more money to alter their lease.

The Project Manager followed up leads in Hope Valley, including a structural assessment of the roof at Hope Valley College, which showed it was not suitable for the load of the panels. Other possible projects in Hope Valley were not pursued.

We made contact with Northern Power Grid at a consultation event at Sheffield Hallam University. They said they were interested in partnerships, but this has not led to anything. We also attended a meeting with Sheffield City Region and BEIS about the regional energy strategy. We submitted two possible projects to them – a Solar Meadow at Parkwood Springs and Solar Communities on social housing. Neither of these have been taken up. We attended the Community Energy England conference in June - lots of ideas, but no new schemes as a result.

At the end of 2018 we met with Sheffield City Council to discuss possible projects with them. At the end of September 2019, these are still being progressed.

Our Project Manager has worked tirelessly on possible schemes, sometimes in his own time, and alongside our own volunteers, but possible partnerships have either not come to fruition or are taking a long time to be finalised.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

We held our AGM in February and it was well attended. Community Benefit payments were agreed to go to South Yorkshire Energy Centre and TRINE. Interest payment to shareholders was agreed at 3%.

Interest and capital repayments were notified to members in March. Requests for capital repayment were much higher than the amount available to repay. As a result all those who requested repayment were given 40% of amount requested.

We have been working on a re-design of our website and this is nearly complete.

Solar PV generation for the year has fluctuated. Overall, generation for the year is slightly down on last year, though it remains well above the estimated level upon which our financial models were based.

Financial Review

All installations have been generating for a full year. There was one small donation and no grants. For a third year we repaid some capital, paid 3% interest to our investors (A shares) and made a donation to the Community Benefit fund. Increased project management costs have resulted in a small deficit.

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 11 January 2020 and is signed on their behalf by:

R Collins – Chair

J Tinsley – Secretary

SHEFFIELD RENEWABLES LIMITED

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 2019 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
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11 January 2020

SHEFFIELD RENEWABLES LIMITED**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****For the Year Ended 30 September 2019**

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
INCOME			
Electricity sales		33,967	31,702
Grants and donations	2	250	2,755
Fee income		-	500
Bank interest		257	81
		<u>34,474</u>	<u>35,038</u>
EXPENSES			
Rent and room hire		2,400	2,400
Printing stationery and office		156	174
Marketing and publicity		793	1,038
Share Issue		-	-
Insurance		1,187	1,393
Project management		6,931	-
Legal		40	234
Technology and projects		1,668	1,079
Travel and volunteers		141	94
Telephone		131	143
Fees and subscriptions		200	668
Interest on shares		3,040	2,799
Accountancy		450	450
Depreciation		15,844	15,844
Community Benefit Fund		2,761	3,260
		<u>35,742</u>	<u>29,576</u>
Profit (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		(1,268)	5,462
Taxation	6	-	-
Retained for the year		(1,268)	5,462
Total funds brought forward		(26,564)	(32,026)
Retained funds carried forward		<u>(27,832)</u>	<u>(26,564)</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET

At 30 September 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	3	<u>121,582</u>	<u>137,426</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	4	8,579	5,269
Cash at bank and in hand		100,849	100,834
		<u>109,428</u>	<u>106,103</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>(1,834)</u>	<u>(787)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>107,594</u>	<u>105,316</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>229,176</u>	<u>242,742</u>
RESERVES			
Called up share capital	7	257,008	269,306
General unrestricted income fund		<u>(27,832)</u>	<u>(26,564)</u>
CAPITAL EMPLOYED		<u>229,176</u>	<u>242,742</u>

For the year ending 30 September 2019 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 11 January 2020 and signed on their behalf by

R Collins - Director

SHEFFIELD RENEWABLES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

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
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

At 30 September 2019

2. Grants and donations

	2019	2018
	£	£
Urban Community Energy Fund	-	2,474
Donations	250	281
	<u>250</u>	<u>2,755</u>

3. Tangible fixed assets

	Solar panels
	£
Cost or recoverable amount	
At 1 October 2018	198,058
Additions	0
At 30 September 2019	<u>198,058</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 October 2018	60,632
Charge for the year	15,844
At 30 September 2019	<u>76,476</u>
Net book value	
At 30 September 2019	<u>121,582</u>
At 30 September 2018	<u>137,426</u>

4. Debtors

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,721	2,936
Accrued income	2,000	1,500
Prepayments	858	833
	<u>8,579</u>	<u>5,269</u>

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At 30 September 2019

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Taxes	317	337
Creditors	1,067	-
Accruals	450	450
	<u>1,834</u>	<u>787</u>

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 £12,048 were repaid at par and a further £250 due to be repaid were donated.

8. Directors' remuneration and expenses

During the year Luke Wilson was paid to undertake project management work for Sheffield Renewables, but he was not paid for his role as director. During the year no other director received any remuneration or expenses as directors. (2018: £nil)

9. Control

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