Company No 07992674

Birmingham & Solihull Social Economy Consortium C.I.C Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019



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Company Information for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

DIRECTORS: Alun Severn

Sarah Crawley

Mark Ellerby

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COMPANY SECRETARY: David Alcock

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS Year ended 31st March 2019

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st March 2019.

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B: OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

Having risen to nineteen members in the previous financial year, membership is now back to eighteen following the sudden death on the 7th March 2019 of our friend, colleague and co-Director Mark Ellerby and the eventual winding-up of his social enterprise Cloudberry Innovation & Development (see notes 'Directors'). All members are listed here: http://bssec.org.uk/our-members/.

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"I just wanted to let you know that I'm leaving (...) next week and to thank you for all your support over the years and for circulating such useful information about the third sector – I'd say your mailings been by far the best source of information about the sector."

"Great news, we've had our first enquiry regarding the art competition and bearing in

mind it's from a social enterprise that runs activities for children I'm sure they were responding to your blog!"

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Summary notes to accounts

The accounts show a surplus of £11,645 generated during the year, made up of £7,400 surplus in restricted funds (this is funding from Barrow Cadbury received in the previous year to deliver activities in 2019-2020) and a £4,245 surplus in unrestricted funds.

Impact on the reserves is as follows:

- Restricted reserves have moved from a surplus of £3,083 to a surplus of £7,400 at the end of March 2019, an increase of £4,317.
- Unrestricted reserves have moved from a surplus of £4,968 to a surplus of £4,245 at the end of 31st March 2019, a decrease of £722.
- Total reserves at the end of 31st March 2019 are £11,645, £7,400 in restricted and £4,245 in unrestricted.

Please see note 3 for further details.

Directors

It is with great sadness that we record here the sudden death of our friend, colleague and co-director Mark Ellerby on the 7th March 2019. We posted this piece in memory of Mark: http://bssec.org.uk/in-memory-of-mark-ellerby-social-entrepreneur-activist-friend/.

Companies House was advised and receipt of the relevant form ending Mark's service as a Director confirmed on the 11th March 2019.

There were no other changes in officers during the financial year. BSSEC would like to thank its members for their continuing support and involvement, and thanks its serving Directors (Sarah Crawley and Alun Severn), its Company Secretary (David Alcock of Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP), and its Treasurer (Jasbir Rai of BVSC).

Directors' remuneration

During the year in question no Directors have received remuneration for being a Director, although their employing organisations (in one case a sole trader) have received payment for undertaking specific pieces of work in connection with Birmingham & Solihull Social Economy Consortium C.I.C's Barrow Cadbury Trustfunded research and policy development project.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law, the

directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to disclosure of information to accountants

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's accountants are unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant financial information and to establish that the company's accountants are aware of that information.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Alun Severn - Director

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18th June 2019

Report of the Accountants to the Directors of BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL SOCIAL ECONOMY CONSORTIUM C.I.C.

As outlined in the statement of directors responsibilities on page seven you are responsible for preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2019 as set out on pages seven to thirteen and you consider that the company is exempt from audit.

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Birmingham and Solihull Social Economy Consortium CIC for the year ended 31 March 2019, which comprise of the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us. As a practising member firm of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements, which are detailed at http://www.cimaglobal.com.

Our work has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants as detailed at http://www.cimaglobal.com Chartered Management Accountants.

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Jasbir Rai ACMA BVSC Accountancy Services 138 Digbeth Birmingham B5 6DR

Profit and Loss account For the Year ended 31st March 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Grants Other	1	22,000 2,195	14,750 2,020
Cost of Sales		0	0
GROSS PROFIT	-	24,195	16,770
Administrative Expenses	2	20,601	24,041
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	-	3,594	-7,271
Interest Receivable and similar income		0	0
SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	_	3,594	-7,271
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities		0	0
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION	-	3,594	-7,271

Balance Sheet As at year ended 31st March 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed Assets		0	0
Current Assets			
Debtors		0	0
Cash at Bank		11,645	8,051
		11,645	8,051
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors		0	0
Net Current Assets		11,645	8,051_
T.10			
Total Current Assets less Current Liabilities		11 645	9.054
Liabilities		11,645	<u>8,051</u>
Capital and Reserves	3		
Restricted reserves surplus/deficit	J	4,245	4,968
Unrestricted reserves surplus/deficit		7, 4 00	3,083
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		11,645	8,051

For the year ended 31 March 2019, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. Responsibilities of directors:

- (a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (b) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the board on: 18th June 2019

Director

Name: Alun Severn - Director

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Notes to the accounts:

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1	Income breakdown		£	£
'	Grants	Barrow Cadbury 2	3,000	
	Stanto	Barrow Cadbury 3	19,000	4,750
		Awards for All	0	0
	Other to some		_	10,000
	Other income	Anthony Collins Solicitors	150	150
		Art share limited	250	250
		BITC	0	100
		BRAP LTD	100	100
		Big Issue	200	0
		Bridging to the future	0	175
		BVSC charity	200	0
		FSE (UNLTD)	100	100
		Int s/ent It	100	250
		Roots Human Resources	100	100
		R & R Organisation	0	100
		Spot on marketing	100	100
		The Birmingham DBF	100	100
		The Colebridge Trust	370	120
		The Jericho Foundation	175	175
		Unity Trust Bank	100	200
	Total	-	24,045	16,770

2	Administrative Expenses		2019	2018
			£	£
	Grant expenditure	Barrow Cadbury 2	3,000	16,357
	•	Awards for All	3,083	6,917
		Barrow Cadbury 3	11,600	0
	Other expenses	IT	167	106
		Secretariat function	2,650	500
		Sundry	100_	161
	Total		20,601	24,041

3 Capital and Reserves

	Opening Balance 1st April 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance 31st March 2019
Unrestricted Reserves	4,968	2,195_	2,917.25	0_	4,245
Restricted Reserves:					
Barrow Cadbury (2)	0	3,000	3,000	0	0
Barrow Cadbury (3)	0	19,000	11,600	0	7,400
Awards for All	3083	0_	3,083	0_	0_
Total Restricted Reserves	3,083	22,000	17,683	0	7,400
Total Reserves	8,051	24,195	20,601	0	11,645

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Community Interest Company Report

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Please complete in		Birmingham & Solihull Social Economy Consortium C.I.C.
typescript, or in bold black capitals.	Company Number	07992674
-	Year Ending	31st March 2019

Please ensure the company name is consistent with the company name entered on the accounts.

This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

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PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a description of how they have benefited the community.

Birmingham & Solihull Social Economy Consortium C.I.C (BSSEC) is a membership network of 18 agencies and enterprises that support social enterprise in Birmingham and Solihull, operating since 2000 but incorporated as a CIC only in March 2012. We work together to create more favourable conditions for social enterprise by:

- Working with the public sector to ensure that social enterprise is recognised, understood and clearly reflected in its priorities.
- Working with the private sector to increase the opportunities for social enterprises as subcontractors, suppliers and partners.
- Lobbying and advocating on behalf of the sector to raise its profile and increase its influence.
- Sharing information and news so that keeps the sector better connected and more informed.
- Raising resources and undertaking work that will benefit the sector.

See continuation sheet

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Submitted by

Alun Severn, Director BSSEC 0121 233 0278 alun@bssec.org.uk

18th June 2019

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS – Please indicate who the company's stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

The company's stakeholders are its 18 member organisations, the wider social enterprise community that chooses to use our services and those of our members, and key public and private sector partners, with which we work closely to raise the profile and understanding of social enterprise and to try and create new market opportunities for social enterprise.

In the year in question we have had no specific reason to consult our stakeholder community.

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, "There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director's loss of office, which require to be disclosed" (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received you must state that "no remuneration was received" below.

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No transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made during the year in question.

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 5 - SIGNATORY

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed

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Date

18th June 2019

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/Secretary

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

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When you have completed and signed the form, please attach it to the accounts and send both forms by post to the Registrar of Companies at:

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