

**SOCIETY REGISTRATION NUMBER IP031313**

**BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 APRIL 2015**

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**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

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# **BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

## **SOCIETY INFORMATION**

Directors  
Peter Thompson (Chair)  
Andy O'Brien (Secretary)  
Chris Speller  
Andrew Lee  
Eric Booth  
Gareth Hoskins

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# **BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

## **THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the society for the year ended 30 April 2015.

### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The society's principal activities are;

- to enable meaningful cuts in carbon emissions, and reduce dependence on sustainable sources of energy.
- to fund and implement renewable energy and energy efficient measures, in collaboration with people, communities and businesses.
- to work co-operatively with people and communities to make carbon reduction technologies available to all regardless of financial resources, and support mutual action to respond to the challenges of climate change.

### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Peter Thompson  
Andy O'Brien  
Chris Speller  
Stephen Knowles (resigned on 23 October 2014)  
Andrew Lee  
Eric Booth  
Gareth Hoskins (appointed on 23 October 2014)

### **FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REVIEW**

The society was again able to meet its projected target of a 4% return to investors in its first share offer and, with the installation of further generating capacity during the year funded by share offer 2 at a cost of £97,227, the society would anticipate being able to make a return to these investors also during the coming year.

Much effort was expended during the year in preparatory work for the proposed share offer 3, and the costs of this have been carried forward in prepayments and will be treated as an expense when the share offer is launched.

The profit for the year after interest payments to investors and taxation amounted to £2,288 giving total profit and loss account reserves carried forward of £7,334.

The society has continued to expand in the last year, and has developed a good pipeline of further projects.

However the government that came to power in May 2015 has already introduced a number of measures which adversely impact the renewables sector, and it is currently consulting on additional negative measures. Some of the projects in the pipeline are protected from these changes, but others will be directly affected.

# **BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

## **THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

### **STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Industrial and Provident Society 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 Industrial and Provident Society law the officers 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 society and of the profit or loss for that year.

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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the society will continue in operation.

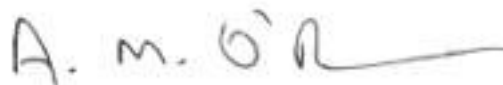
The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the society's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the society and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. It is 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.

### **STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

So far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the society's auditors are unaware, and each Director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the society's auditors are aware of that information.

Registered office:  
77 Stokes Croft  
Bristol  
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Signed by order of the officers



ANDY O'BRIEN  
Secretary

Approved by the Directors on 8 October 2015



# **BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

We have audited the financial statements of Bristol Community Energy Limited for the year ended 30 April 2015 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with section 87 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the society's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors, including "APB Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Small Entities (Revised)".

### **SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the society's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **OTHER MATTER**

The financial statements of the prior period were not audited. Therefore, in order to satisfy ourselves as to the accuracy of the opening balances we have conducted audit procedures on those balances sufficient to enable us to conclude that they were fairly stated. Hence we do not need to qualify our opinion on the current year's transactions due to uncertainty as to the opening position.

**BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRISTOL  
COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED (*continued*)**

**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

**OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the society's affairs as at 30 April 2015 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

**OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE CO-OPERATIVE AND  
COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT 2014**

In our opinion the Report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and the regulations made under it, and the information given there is consistent with the financial statements.

**MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations and access to documents that we require for our audit.

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8 October 2015

STONE & PARTNERS  
Chartered Accountants  
& Registered Auditor



**BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

	<b>Note</b>	2015 £	2014 £
<b>REVENUE</b>		<b>22,458</b>	22,152
Cost of sales		<u>521</u>	<u>–</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		<b>21,937</b>	22,152
Administrative expenses		<u>13,794</u>	<u>16,587</u>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8,143</b>	5,565
Attributable to:			
Operating profit before exceptional items		<b>8,143</b>	8,565
Exceptional items	<b>2</b>	<u>–</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
		<b>8,143</b>	5,565
Interest receivable		<b>207</b>	34
Interest payable and similar charges		<b>(4,518)</b>	(4,778)
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>3,832</b>	821
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<b>4</b>	<b>1,544</b>	–
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		<b>2,288</b>	821
Balance brought forward		<u>5,046</u>	<u>4,225</u>
Balance carried forward		<u><b>7,334</b></u>	<u>5,046</u>

There were no acquisitions or discontinued operations during the current or preceding year.

**BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**30 APRIL 2015**

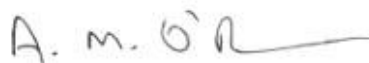
	<b>Note</b>	2015 £	2014 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	<b>5</b>	<b>190,860</b>	98,098
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	<b>6</b>	<b>31,463</b>	3,608
Cash at bank		<b>34,864</b>	134,367
		<b>66,327</b>	137,975
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,293</b>	1,004
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>63,034</b>	136,971
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>253,894</b>	235,069
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>			
Deferred taxation	<b>8</b>	<b>1,537</b>	–
		<b>252,357</b>	235,069
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called-up equity share capital	<b>10</b>	<b>245,023</b>	230,023
Profit and loss account		<b>7,334</b>	5,046
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<b>252,357</b>	235,069

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These financial statements were approved by the Directors and authorised for issue on the 8 October 2015 and are signed on their behalf by:



Peter Thompson  
Chairman



Andy O'Brien  
Secretary



Andrew Lee  
Director

Society Registration Number: IP031313

# **BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of financial instruments, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

#### **Cash flow statement**

The Directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) from including a Cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the society is small.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents feed-in-tariff income, community engagement fees and other related income net of Value Added Tax.

#### **Fixed assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant & Machinery        -    4% per annum

Depreciation is not charged until the solar PV systems are fully operational.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax, with the following exception:

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the officers consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

**BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

**2. OPERATING PROFIT**

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2015	2014
	£	£
Officers' remuneration	–	–
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<b>4,465</b>	4,232
Auditor's fees	<b>2,300</b>	400
Part repayment of grant	–	3,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**3. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES**

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the officers, during the year.

**4. TAXATION ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

	2015	2014
	£	£
UK Corporation tax @ 20%	7	–
Deferred tax	<b>1,537</b>	–
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>1,544</b>	–
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Plant &amp; Machinery</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 May 2014	<b>105,504</b>
Additions	<b>97,227</b>
<b>At 30 April 2015</b>	<b><u>202,731</u></b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 May 2014	<b>7,406</b>
Charge for the year	<b>4,465</b>
<b>At 30 April 2015</b>	<b><u>11,871</u></b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
<b>At 30 April 2015</b>	<b><u>190,860</u></b>
At 30 April 2014	<b><u>98,098</u></b>

**6. DEBTORS**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade debtors	<b>23</b>	351
Other debtors	<b>75</b>	101
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>31,365</b>	3,156
	<b><u>31,463</u></b>	<b><u>3,608</u></b>

**7. CREDITORS:** Amounts falling due within one year

	2015	2014
	£	£
Corporation tax	<b>7</b>	–
Other creditors	<b>524</b>	524
Accruals and deferred income	<b>2,762</b>	480
	<b><u>3,293</u></b>	<b><u>1,004</u></b>

**BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

**8. DEFERRED TAXATION**

The provision for deferred taxation consists of the tax effect of timing differences in respect of:

	2015 £	2014 £
Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on fixed assets	<b>21,694</b>	-
Tax losses available	<b>(20,157)</b>	-
	<u><b>1,537</b></u>	<u>-</u>

**9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Consultancy payments totalling £12,000 were made to Andy O'Brien in respect of share offer development work.

Interest payments totalling £284 were paid to the directors during the year in respect of their shares in the society.

**10. SHARE CAPITAL**

	2015 £	2014 £
At 1 May 2014	<b>230,023</b>	127,173
Shares issued (net of repayments)	<b>15,000</b>	102,850
At 30 April 2015	<u><b>245,023</b></u>	<u>230,023</u>
Amounts presented in equity	<u><b>245,023</b></u>	<u>230,023</u>

**BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**  
**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

**The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements  
which are the subject of the independent auditor's report on pages 4 to 5.**

**BRISTOL COMMUNITY ENERGY LIMITED**  
**DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015**

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Feed-In-Tariff income		16,263	13,817
Community engagement fees		5,050	7,500
Referrals and other income		1,145	835
		<u>22,458</u>	<u>22,152</u>
 <b>COST OF SALES</b>			
Metering		521	–
		<u>21,937</u>	<u>22,152</u>
 <b>GROSS PROFIT</b>			
 <b>OVERHEADS</b>			
Rent		1,431	1,539
Insurance		2,451	1,031
Travel and subsistence		816	542
Telephone		86	20
Website and IT costs		292	102
Subscriptions		540	485
Printing, stationery and postage		229	121
AGM costs		86	249
Training and conference fees		1,098	315
Preliminary fees re installations		–	1,375
Legal and professional fees		–	100
Share offer expenses		–	180
Publicity and advertising		–	2,881
Auditors/accountants remuneration		2,300	400
Part repayment of grant		–	3,000
Depn of plant and machinery		4,465	4,232
Bank charges		–	15
		<u>13,794</u>	<u>16,587</u>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>		<b>8,143</b>	<b>5,565</b>
Bank interest receivable		207	34
		<u>8,350</u>	<u>5,599</u>
Interest paid to shareholders		(4,518)	(4,778)
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>		<b><u>3,832</u></b>	<b><u>821</u></b>