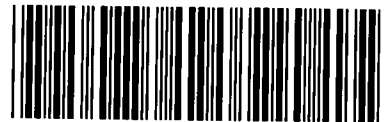


REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: SC338213 (Scotland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC039443

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2015
FOR
VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2015. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC338213 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number

SC039443

Registered office

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Trustees

Mr F Kelly	Trustee	- resigned 10/11/2014
Mr I MacFarlane	Trustee	
Mr D McAlpine	Trustee	
Miss M Porter	Trustee	
Miss B Wilson	Trustee	
Mrs M Gallagher	Trustee	- appointed 4/12/2014
Mr D Sparkes	Trustee	
Mr R Ferguson	Trustee	
Dr I Tabner	Trustee	- appointed 4/12/2014

Company Secretary

Miss B Wilson

Independent examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trust was recognised as a Scottish charity with effect from 20 March 2008. The trust is administered in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 February 2008.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There were eight trustees out of a maximum of nine at the year end. Mrs M Gallagher was reappointed a trustee after a year of absence for personal reasons, and Mr I Tabner was appointed a trustee for the first time. Mr F Kelly retired as treasurer and trustee in December 2014. The role of treasurer was taken up by Mr R Ferguson who has been a trustee for more than two years.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees are given, in the view of the board, sufficient training and have enough knowledge of their specific field to understand the nature of the charity and fully comply with the charities current view of its progression. They are fully aware of both their legal and professional responsibilities under charity and company law.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees, in accordance with the governance document, must have at least four trustees and no more than nine serving at any one time. From this number, the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are appointed each year at the AGM. For the 2014/15 financial year, the Chairperson has been Margaret Porter; the Secretary, Barbara Wilson and the Treasurer prior to December 2014 was Frank Kelly, from December 2014 the Treasurer has been Robert Ferguson.

The full board meets monthly, its deliberations are fully minuted and this record is retained by the Secretary. Subgroups are appointed as and when required to carry out external meetings and to undertake research work, reporting back to the main board. In the last year there have been sub-groups for liaison with wind farm developers and with neighbouring development trusts bidding for wind farm community benefits, to develop a Young Persons Grant Scheme, for improved broadband provision, for the development of a community hall, and for the Community Open Day. A strategy review for the 2015-2018 period was undertaken by the Board, facilitated by a specialist advisor, which was reviewed and approved for adoption at the AGM in November 2014. Copies were circulated to all households in the community. Similarly, regular newsletters are issued to every household in the community to keep residents fully advised of the work of the Board and the distribution of funds. The Board has expanded and improved its website making available to all its strategy, newsletters, details of the three small grant schemes, and other publications.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Professional advice

We have continued to appoint French Duncan LLP, Chartered Accountants, Stirling, to carry out the independent preparation and examination of our accounts. They are experienced in the Charity Sector and this has been of continuing benefit in our activities, most recently advising on VAT liability on potential development projects.

For legal advice we use Burness Paull Solicitors, Glasgow, who are recognised specialists in both the Charity Sector and in dealing with communities and windfarms. They also arrange seminars on subjects relevant to our charity to which we are invited.

VRG are full members of the Development Trusts Association Scotland, the community led regeneration network, and we receive useful information from them with the opportunity to attend their events and workshops. They are available to answer queries that we may have as a community development trust.

VRG is represented at meeting of members of the Stirlingshire Development Trust Association and this is of continuing benefit in the discussion of common local issues.

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aims of VRG are the advancement of community development, environmental protection, improvement and education; the provision of community or recreational facilities, or the organisation of community or recreational activities, or any other purpose that may be reasonably regarded as analogous to any of the preceding, all with the objective of improving the quality of life for the community we serve.

The charity specifically benefits the Carron Valley and District community. It negotiates community benefit with prospective wind farm operators, receives community benefit funds from the operators, it makes grants to individuals and organisations and carries out activities and services itself within its community. This year for the first time, VRG has acted as administrator for an annual funding allocation made to the Community Council by Foundation Scotland which distributes funds from Earlsburn 1 wind farm.

During the accounting year the charity received payments of £47,156 from Scotia Windfarms (Craigengelt Windfarm), and £4,094 from Foundation Scotland via the Community Council (Earlsburn 1 Windfarm). At the 30th June 2015 the charity had net funds of £196,407 from which a reserve fund of £125,043 has been established for larger development projects. Meantime these funds have been placed in an interest bearing 30 day deposit account. This sum will be shortly relocated into a 1 year Charities Term Deposit Savings Account bearing a significantly higher rate of interest

Other activities

VRG has agreed to administer funds received from Foundation Scotland on behalf of the Community Council. A separate Micro-grant Scheme has been established to meet the terms of the Foundation Scotland funding. The Community Council undertakes to report to Foundation Scotland on micro-grant distribution three times a year in June, October and February. VRG provides this reporting for the Community Council. The maximum grant is £250.

The VRG 2015-18 Strategy approved at the 2014 AGM provides the basis for our delivery activities and the distribution of funds. During this financial year the charity has continued its successful Small Grant Scheme for home energy efficiency improvement; it has promoted a new Young Persons Grant Scheme to assist those aged between 7 and 25 with training, equipment, travel, education and environmental projects. For both schemes the maximum grant is £250 and, within reason, an unrestricted number of applications per household. A full review of the scope of the Small Grant Schemes is planned to optimise accessibility to community benefit funding across our whole community and in compliance with our terms and conditions.

VRG organises and runs a Community Open Day each year at the end of August. This was held on Saturday 28th August at a new venue, Craigend Farm. There was a programme of talks, demonstrations, stalls staffed by environmental charities, local groups and energy efficiency installers. This year's event attracted over 150 people and was a big success. It has now become an established community event.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Charity is holding reserves of £50,000 - £60,000 in its bank current account and considers this appropriate to allow it to respond promptly to grant application and community activity payments and for funding its own administration. The charity has been seeking improved savings arrangements for its reserves and has agreed to a 1 year Charities Term Deposit of £125,000 with the Clydesdale Bank with effect from 21st September 2015. This account provides a reasonable rate of interest (1.30%) consistent with access to the funds, should one or more of our larger projects progress to the delivery stage.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 November 2015 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr R Ferguson - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2015 set out on pages five to nine.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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20 November 2015

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

		2015	2014
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
	Notes	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2	51,274	46,593
Investment income	3	78	765
Total incoming resources		51,352	47,358
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of generating funds			
Costs of generating voluntary income	4	1,645	316
Charitable activities			
VRG Grant Scheme		10,581	6,482
Independent Community Survey		685	916
Open day		4,478	1,941
Governance costs		1,710	700
Total resources expended		19,099	10,355
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		32,253	37,003
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		164,154	127,151
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		196,407	164,154

The notes form part of these financial statements

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

**BALANCE SHEET
AT 30 JUNE 2015**

	Notes	£	2015 Unrestricted fund £	2014 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	6		11,824	12,404
Cash at bank			185,387	152,380
			<u>197,211</u>	<u>164,784</u>
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	7		(804)	(630)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>196,407</u>	<u>164,154</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			196,407	164,154
NET ASSETS			<u>196,407</u>	<u>164,154</u>
FUNDS	8			
Unrestricted funds			196,407	164,154
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>196,407</u>	<u>164,154</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
AT 30 JUNE 2015**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2015.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 November 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Ferguson', written over a horizontal line.

Mr R Ferguson -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2015	2014
	£	£
Distribution	47,156	46,566
Grants	4,094	-
Subscriptions	24	27
	<u>51,274</u>	<u>46,593</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2015	2014
	£	£
Foundation Scotland	<u>4,094</u>	<u>-</u>

Windfarm payments are received in arrears half yearly at the end of March and September. It should be noted that residents in the Carron Valley Community now only pay a one off £3 when resident, and this enables them to receive VRG communications and to be able to vote at the AGM and become a director.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2015	2014
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>78</u>	<u>765</u>

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

4. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2015	2014
	£	£
Support costs	<u>1,645</u>	<u>316</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2015 nor for the year ended 30 June 2014.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2015 nor for the year ended 30 June 2014.

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2015	2014
	£	£
Distribution receivable	11,754	11,639
Prepayments and accrued income	70	765
	<u>11,824</u>	<u>12,404</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2015	2014
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>804</u>	<u>630</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/7/14	Net movement in funds	At 30/6/15
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	164,154	32,253	196,407
	<u>164,154</u>	<u>32,253</u>	<u>196,407</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>164,154</u>	<u>32,253</u>	<u>196,407</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,352	(19,099)	32,253
	<u>51,352</u>	<u>(19,099)</u>	<u>32,253</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,352</u>	<u>(19,099)</u>	<u>32,253</u>

VALLEY RENEWABLES GROUP

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Distribution	47,156	46,566
Grants	4,094	-
Subscriptions	24	27
	<u>51,274</u>	<u>46,593</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	78	765
	<u>51,352</u>	<u>47,358</u>
Total incoming resources		
	<u>51,352</u>	<u>47,358</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Independent Community Survey	800	916
VRG grant scheme	10,581	6,482
Open day	4,363	1,941
	<u>15,744</u>	<u>9,339</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,410	700
Legal and professional fees	300	-
	<u>1,710</u>	<u>700</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Postage and stationery	1,050	218
Sundries	109	48
Administrative support	469	-
Website design and implementation	17	50
	<u>1,645</u>	<u>316</u>
Total resources expended		
	<u>19,099</u>	<u>10,355</u>
Net income	<u>32,253</u>	<u>37,003</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements