

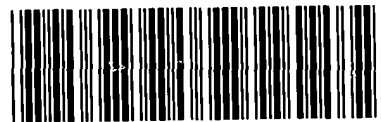
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Connect Assynt Ltd

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Period ended 30 June 2017

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Report of the Directors for the period ended 30 June 2017

The Directors are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2017.

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity name	Connect Assynt Ltd
Charity number	SC045852
Company number	SC402621
Registered Office	Culag Annexe Harbour Headquarters Building Lochinver By Lairg Sutherland IV27 4LE
Directors	R Kerr M MacLennan G Richards D Robb (retired 15 September 2016) A Taylor J Young
Company Secretary	None
Accountants	T P Wright Chartered Accountant 396 Elphin By Lairg Sutherland IV27 4HH
Solicitors	None
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland Plc West Argyle Street Ullapool Ross-Shire IV26 2TY

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Report of the Directors for the period ended 30 June 2017

Structure, governance and management

Connect Assynt Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, incorporated on 29 June 2011, and is registered as a charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1.

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees (also referred to in this report and the financial statements as the directors) who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. New directors are elected annually at the AGM by vote in person or by proxy.

The company is a membership organisation and the members are responsible for electing the Board of Directors which meets on a regular basis to consider the strategic decisions. The implementation is then delegated to employees.

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of directors

The trustees have the power to appoint and assume such other trustee as they feel necessary for the purposes of the administration of the Trust.

New trustees are expected to spend time with the existing trustees to familiarise themselves with:

- The duties of Board Members
- The main documents that set out the operational framework for the charity, including the Trust Deed and Memorandum and Articles of Association
- The work of the Trust and its finances, referring to the last annual accounts and the recent Board Minutes
- The strategy that has been adopted
- The plans and objectives that flow from that strategy
- The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The overall management and policy decisions are the responsibility of the trustees who are appointed under the terms of the Trust Deed and Articles of Association.

Aims, Objectives and Activities

The object of the Company is to provide a community transport service for such of the inhabitants of Assynt and its neighbourhood who are in need of such a service because of age, sickness or disability (mental or physical), or poverty, or because of a lack of availability of adequate and safe public passenger services.

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Achievements and Performance

During the year, the following achievements were recorded:

- Gradual increase in passenger numbers, including those in the Assynt community who are not our current priority groups, on both our day trips and on our local journeys into Lochinver.
- Production and distribution of Connect Assynt leaflet to every permanently occupied Assynt household, along with a questionnaire seeking feedback. These were hand-delivered mainly by volunteers.
- Continued close working with Community Care Assynt, including providing our bus/driver to them on several occasions while their minibus was under repair.
- Hirings to more local groups including Ullapool Youth Development, Drumbeg Gardening Club, Assynt Learning and Culag Woods.
- Completion of one year trial of journeys to/from local communities to Lochinver, and adapting timetable accordingly, along with feedback form questionnaire mentioned above.
- Driver training for new relief Driver appointed July 2016.
- Donation received of manual wheelchair for the use of any passenger who might need it on a minibus day trip.

Financial review

The results for the period are set out in the attached financial statements.

Reserves policy

Substantial unrestricted reserves are necessary for management of cashflow and the charity wishes to attain a level of reserves that would meet the charity's commitments for a period of twelve months should other income not be available.

Plans for future periods

Plans for future periods:

- Introduce volunteer car scheme.
- Continue to work closely with Community Care Assynt and other Assynt voluntary groups and statutory agencies for the benefit of our community including assisting with Community Council's efforts to improve patient transport service to Raigmore hospital.
- Put relief Driver through D1 minibus driving test.
- Look to secure further funding following end of three year Big Lottery project "Connecting Assynt" on 31 May 2018.
- Continue to encourage passengers onto minibus by adapting timetables and destinations as necessary to maximise its use.

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Report of the Directors for the period ended 30 June 2017

Directors' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

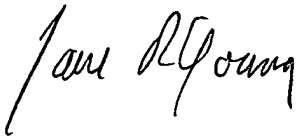
Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial period and its surplus or deficit for the financial period. In doing so the directors are required to:

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

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to 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.

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

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by



Jane Young
Director

Date: 2 February 2018

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Report of the Independent Examiners to the Trustees *for the period ended 30 June 2017*

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2017 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a-c) of the 2006 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.

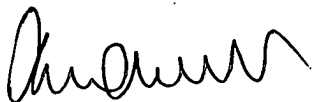
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning 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 the course of 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
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.



Name T P Wright

Qualification Chartered accountant

Address 396 Elphin, By Lairg, IV27 4HH

Date 2 February 2018

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Statement of financial activities

Year ended 30 June 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	111	-	111	-
Charitable activities	3	6,557	48,887	55,444	59,019
Total incoming resources		6,668	48,887	55,555	59,019
Resources expended:					
Charitable activities	4	250	52,924	53,174	48,338
Total resources expended		250	52,924	53,174	48,338
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		6,418	(4,037)	2,381	10,681
Transfers	11	(2,695)	2,695	-	-
Net movement in funds after transfers		3,723	(1,342)	2,381	10,681
Total funds brought forward	10	5,672	55,979	61,651	50,970
Total funds carried forward	10	9,395	54,637	64,032	61,651

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

Connect Assynt Ltd

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2017

	Notes	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7		22,053		27,566
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	2,206		483	
Cash at bank and in hand		41,301		35,375	
		43,507		35,858	
Creditors: falling due within one year	9	1,528		1,773	
Net Current Assets			41,979		34,085
Total Net Assets			64,032		61,651
Represented by:					
Restricted income funds	10		54,637		55,979
Unrestricted income funds	10		9,395		5,672
Total Funds			64,032		61,651

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its income and expenditure 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 accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf on 2 February 2018

Gwen M. Richards

Gwen Richards
Director

Company registration number SC402621

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2017

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS102)', the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Donations, gifts in kind and volunteer time

Donations received are recorded at the time the charity becomes entitled to the resource. Gifts in kind income represent donated assets received by the charity and are recorded at the estimated current value the charity would expect to pay for the asset on the open market. The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into the financial statements.

Grants

Grants received are included in incoming resources when they are receivable, except when conditions attached to such grants have not yet been fulfilled, when the income is deferred. Grants of a capital nature are treated as a restricted fund and released to the unrestricted funds over the life of the asset.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on the accruals basis and recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds: funds held which are restricted for use for specific purposes.

Unrestricted funds: funds which the trustees are free to use, in accordance with the charitable objects.

Designated funds: funds which the trustees set aside for a specific purpose.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Minibus - 20% reducing balance

Taxation

The Association is a charity for tax purposes and relief given under S.505 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2017

2 Donations and legacies income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Donations and memberships	111	-	111	-
	<u>111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>-</u>
3 Charitable activities income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery grant	-	48,887	48,887	51,660
Hire, trips and fares	3,862	-	3,862	5,348
Bus Service Operator's Grant	2,695	-	2,695	2,011
	<u>6,557</u>	<u>48,887</u>	<u>55,444</u>	<u>59,019</u>
Total income	<u>6,668</u>	<u>48,887</u>	<u>55,555</u>	<u>59,019</u>
4 Resources expended on charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Fuel	-	2,744	2,744	2,677
Vehicle maintenance	-	1,459	1,459	2,464
Vehicle insurance and road tax	-	1,260	1,260	2,553
Vehicle sundries	-	-	-	59
Vehicle depreciation	-	5,513	5,513	6,892
Wages and salaries	-	34,710	34,710	27,443
Staff training	-	-	-	180
Driver licence and PVG costs	-	1,682	1,682	-
Rent	-	1,894	1,894	1,722
Insurance	-	428	428	341
Telecomms	-	1,319	1,319	1,665
Office supplies	-	109	109	160
IT	-	24	24	1,261
Community Development Fund	-	1,314	1,314	-
Advertising and PR	-	255	255	168
Sundry expenses	-	44	44	303
Bank charges	-	(31)	(31)	-
Accountancy fees	250	200	450	450
	<u>250</u>	<u>52,924</u>	<u>53,174</u>	<u>48,338</u>
Total expenditure	<u>250</u>	<u>52,924</u>	<u>53,174</u>	<u>48,338</u>

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5 Staff costs and emoluments	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and salaries	34,710	27,379
Employer's national insurance	-	-
	<u>34,710</u>	<u>27,379</u>

Particulars of employees

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2017	2016
Staff	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the year (2016 - Nil).

6 Directors remuneration and expenses

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year (2016 - nil). No directors' expenses were claimed (2016 - £nil).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Minibus	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 July 2016	42,194	42,194
At 30 June 2017	<u>42,194</u>	<u>42,194</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 July 2016	14,628	14,628
Charge for year	5,513	5,513
At 30 June 2017	<u>20,141</u>	<u>20,141</u>
Net Book Value		
At 30 June 2017	<u>22,053</u>	<u>22,053</u>
At 30 June 2016	<u>27,566</u>	<u>27,566</u>

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Year ended 30 June 2017

8 Debtors: falling due within one year	2017 £	2016 £
Sundry debtors and prepayments	2,206	483
9 Creditors: falling due within one year	2017 £	2016 £
Trade creditors	50	-
PAYE and National Insurance	1,028	1,047
Other creditors and accruals	450	726
	1,528	1,773

10 Reserves	At 01/07/16 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30/06/17 £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery grant	25,862	48,887	(46,097)	2,695	31,347
Big Lottery - Community Development Fund grant	2,551	-	(1,314)	-	1,237
Vehicle fund	27,566	-	(5,513)	-	22,053
	55,979	48,887	(52,924)	2,695	54,637
Unrestricted funds					
Accumulated unrestricted fund	5,672	6,668	(250)	(2,695)	9,395
Total reserves	61,651	55,555	(53,174)	-	64,032

Represented by:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Fixed assets	-	22,053	22,053	27,566
Current assets	9,645	33,862	43,507	35,858
Creditors: falling due within one year	(250)	(1,278)	(1,528)	(1,773)
Total funds	9,395	54,637	64,032	61,651

11 Transfers

The transfer from the Unrestricted fund to the Big Lottery fund represents the Bus Service Operator's Grant, being primarily a rebate against the cost of fuel, utilised in discharging the charity's primary purpose.

12 Ultimate controlling party

Connect Assynt Limited is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of members is limited and is not to exceed £1. The ultimate controlling party is therefore considered to be the board of trustees.