

Cheltenham Town Supporters Society Limited

Trading as Robins Trust

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2018

REGISTERED NUMBER: 29944R

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For the Year Ended 31 May 2018**

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Society Information
For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

TRUSTEES:

L Hoenig
D Beesley
J Young
N Mattick
R Allsopp
B Lancaster
J Cooper

SECRETARY:

J Cooper

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Report of the Board of Trustees For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 May 2018.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Trust is to represent the interests of the supporters and community in the running of Cheltenham Town Football Club.

TRUSTEES

The trustees during the period under review were:

D Jennings (Resigned 18 October 2018)
M Toms (Resigned 26 April 2018)
T Wilson (Resigned 22 March 2018)
L Hoenig
D Beesley
J Young
N Mattick
R Allsopp
B Lancaster
J Cooper
J Robinson (Resigned 18 October 2018)
J O'Neill (Resigned 18 October 2018)
L Plumb (Resigned 18 October 2018)

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The law requires the Society Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society and of the profit or loss of the society for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Society Board is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make 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 society will continue in business.

The Society Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the society and to enable the Society Board to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and the Friendly and Provident Societies Act 1968. The Society Board 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.

Report of the Board of Trustees (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Cooper', is written over a horizontal line.

J Cooper
Secretary

Date: 7th December 2018

Chairman's Statement

For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

Financial Review

The purpose of this statement is to provide a commentary on the financial statements with a particular focus on the fundraising activities of the Trust during the year which has been independently verified.

Membership Income

Membership income increased in the year with the Trust ending the year with 450 members (2017: 193). The standard membership subscription was reduced from £12 to £5 via a resolution of members at the 2017 AGM to encourage more fans to join the Trust.

Donations

Donations are ad hoc in nature and increased this year compared to last year due to the generosity of a member gifting £1,000 to the Trust in April 2018.

Profits on Fundraising

Contained within the profit and loss account is a line entitled "profits on fundraising" which has a balance at the year end of £3,727 (2017: £4,524). This figure represents a variety of events that have taken place during the year including the Pre-Season Open Day, Charity Blue Day and Match day 50/50 draw.

Share Purchase

Having invested significant amounts in previous years, the Trust didn't make an additional investment in Cheltenham Town shares during the financial year. At the 2015 meeting that saw the Trust gain its Fan Elected Director a schedule for future investments was agreed with the Football Club. By the end of this financial year the Trust, through prior investments, had invested amounts to satisfy this agreement until the end of the 2021 financial year. Investments in Cheltenham Town Football Club remain important to the Trust and will be decided upon by the Trust board as and when needed.

The Trust has taken the decision to reinstate the investment in the football club at the nominal value of £0.50 per share. Although there is a limited market for these shares there is consistent evidence of demand for shares in football clubs generally. The Trust recognises that they may not be able to dispose of these shares at full value at short notice hence valuing them at the nominal value of £0.50 per share opposed to the price paid averaging £1.50 per share. The Trust Board will continue to review the value of the investment in the accounts on an annual basis.

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows a positive capital and reserves balance of £109,107 (2017: £13,705). The significant increase in reserves relates to the prior year adjustment to recognise the investment in the Football Club. The balance sheet also shows a healthy bank balance of £21,233 (2017: £17,634) which will ensure the Trust can continue to trade for the forthcoming years ahead.

The future

The past twelve months have been challenging for the Trust. It has seen its Fan Elected Director stand down due to personal and professional commitments as well as numerous other changes to our Board, the Club board and relationship between the two.

Losing our FED was a blow both to the Trust and the Football Club as the skills and knowledge of a talented individual were lost.

Chairman's Statement (continued)

For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

The future (continued)

Murry Toms made a huge impact during his stint as FED at both Trust board and Club board level. He was instrumental in organising the 'Blue Day' for the visit of Crewe Alexandra in November 2017 that saw the club turned blue to raise awareness and funds for the British Lung Foundation.

This was an event that captured the imagination and minds of both the Cheltenham football fan and national media as the team wore a unique blue kit and the whole club was turned blue. It was a fantastic show of what the club as a whole can achieve when the Trust and Club work together.

Disappointingly for all concerned there was cause for this previously strong relationship to become strained during the year. The Trust was contacted by members angry at the Club's decision to advertise a price freeze on season tickets, when in fact a processing fee of £5 was added to all tickets.

It is part of our remit to be the voice for fans and to represent their views to the Club board.

Unfortunately, this incident came during what can be called a "perfect storm" shortly after the Trust's FED had decided to stand down and Club chairman Paul Baker had also resigned from his post. This led to a fractious exchange between both the Trust and Club, who had both lost their previous points of contact for such issues. While the Trust would prefer to have a strong and cordial relationship with the club at all times, we will never be afraid to speak up when our members have concerns they wish to raise.

During this time Dave Beesley was elected by the Trust Board – in line with our rules – to serve as interim FED following Murry's departure. Dave stepped into his role and was welcomed by the Club Board. Although not able to vote in Club Board meetings at the time, he contributed fully and was able to put the views of the fans across. He was involved in discussions around choosing a new Club Chairman and in the processes around the departure of Gary Johnson and selection of Michael Duff as Manager.

Dave has now been formally elected as FED passing the EFL Owners and Directors Test and taking a full seat on the Club Board. He has developed a strong relationship with Andy Wilcox, the new Club Chairman, and others on the Club Board. One of his first orders of business will be to propose meetings between the Club and Trust Boards, overseen by Supporters Direct, to better define the Trust's role moving forward.

The events of the last year have shown that there are misunderstandings on both sides when it comes to that role moving forward. The Trust Board wants to play as full a part as it can in the success of the Club moving forward and a robust and defined relationship between the two parties is vital for that.

Regretfully, the Trust Board saw two Chairmen stand down during the past year, as both Tarran Wilson and Dave Jennings both resigned due to time and work commitments. Their decision and that of Murry Toms to resign his FED post show that the status quo is unworkable and must be changed to avoid burnout or worse.

Serving the Trust on its Board and the Club as FED should not be full-time jobs, nor must either role be unachievable to any Cheltenham Town Supporter.

Chairman's Statement (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

The future (continued)

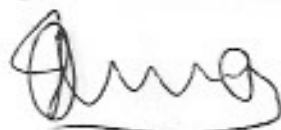
The Trust will be asking Supporters Direct for advice and assistance during the proposed mediation with the club to define both roles going forward.

Finally, the Trust Board is compelled to put on record its thanks and appreciation to former Cheltenham Town Chairman Paul Baker for his outstanding years of service to our club.

From the first steering committee meetings back in the early 2000s right through to his last days as Club Chairman, Paul was a staunch supporter of the Trust. As Chairman, he made our aim of a FED a reality and was always supportive of both Clive Gowing and Murry's work on the Club Board.

The early signs are that the Trust will have a similarly strong working relationship with new Chairman Andy Wilcox, and that is as much a legacy of Paul's work of anything else.

Signed on behalf of the Robins Trust Board



James Young
Chairman

Date: 7/12/2018.

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cheltenham Town Supporters Society Limited on the accounts for the year ended 31 May 2018 set out on pages 8 to 11.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Society's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

The Society's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 84 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to state whether:

- the accounts and the balance sheet to which the report relates are in agreement with the books held by the society
- on the basis of the information contained in the books of account, the revenue account etc. comply with the requirements of the 2014 Act
- the financial criteria allowing the production of a report instead of a full audit have been met

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

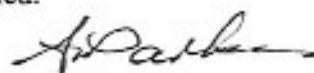
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given in the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with the section 75 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the 2014 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Ashley Parkes
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Date: 04-12-2018

Profit and Loss Account
For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Membership subscriptions & lapsed shares	2,288		1,253	
Donations received	1,104		430	
Profit on fundraising	<u>3,727</u>		<u>4,524</u>	
		7,118		6,207
Other Income				
Deposit account interest		-		-
		<u>7,118</u>		<u>6,207</u>
Expenditure				
Printing, postage & stationery	(861)		(55)	
Charity donations	(1,775)		(1,277)	
Membership fees	(100)		-	
Legal & professional fees	(242)		-	
Sundry expenses	<u>(81)</u>		<u>(689)</u>	
		(3,058)		(2,021)
		<u>4,060</u>		<u>4,186</u>
Amounts written off investments				
Amount written off shares in Cheltenham Town Football Club Limited		-		(10,000)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)		<u>4,060</u>		<u>(5,814)</u>

Balance Sheet
As at 31 May 2018

		2018 £	2018 £	2017 £	2017 £
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	5		91,072		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Prepayments		-		-	
Debtors	6	-		-	
Cash at Bank		21,233		17,634	
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CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7		(240)		(1,841)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			112,065		15,793
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	8		(2,958)		(2,040)
NET ASSETS			109,107		13,753
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	9		330		108
Profit and loss account	10		108,777		13,645
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	12		109,107		13,753

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

J Cooper
Treasurer & Secretary

J Young
Chairman

Approved by the Society Board on

7th December 2018

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the society qualifies as a small company.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of services, excluding value added tax.

2. OPERATING PROFIT

No items were charged to arrive at the profit on ordinary activities which need to be disclosed.

3. AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF INVESTMENTS

	2018 £	2017 £
Amounts written off shares in Cheltenham Town Football Club Limited	-	10,000

4. TAXATION

The society is treated for corporation tax purposes as being mutually trading and is not liable to UK corporation tax on its trading profits. Corporation tax is chargeable on non-mutual income including investment income but no provision for corporation tax is necessary for this period. No provision for deferred taxation is made if there is reasonable evidence that such deferred taxation will not be payable in the foreseeable future.

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2018 £
Cost	
As at 1 June 2017	-
Revaluation	91,072
As at 31 May 2018	91,072

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)

The Trust owns 182,143 ordinary shares of 50p each at a total cost of £276,644. The Board has taken the decision to reinstate the investment in the football club at the nominal value of £0.50 per share. Although there is a limited market for these shares there is consistent evidence of demand for shares in football clubs generally. The Trust recognises that they may not be able to dispose of these shares at full value at short notice hence valuing them at the nominal value of £0.50 per share opposed to the price paid averaging £1.50 per share. The Trust Board will continue to review the value of the investment in the accounts on an annual basis.

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2018	2017
	£	£
Other debtors and accrued income	-	-

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2018	2017
	£	£
Deferred income	240	1,841

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2018	2017
	£	£
Deferred income	2,958	2,040

9 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Each full member of the society owns one ordinary share of £1 in the society which is not transferable. The share is cancelled if an individual ceases to be a member.

Junior members cannot hold shares in the society nor have any voting rights.

At 31 May 2018, the society had 450 full members.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

10. RESERVES

	Profit and Loss Account £
Opening reserves	13,645
Prior year adjustment	91,072
Retained profit for the year	4,060
As at 31 May 2018	<u>108,777</u>

11. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

The Trust owns 182,143 ordinary shares of 50p each in Cheltenham Town Football Club Limited at a total cost of £276,644. This investment has been previously written off as the general opinion of the Board was that these shares are not easily transferable and therefore have no value.

The Board has taken the decision to reinstate this investment as although there is a limited market for these shares there is consistent evidence of demand for shares in football clubs generally. The Trust recognises that they may not be able to dispose of these shares at full value at short notice hence revaluing them at the nominal value of £0.50 per share opposed to the price paid averaging £1.50 per share. The Trust Board will continue to review the value of the investment in the accounts on an annual basis.

12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	£
Profit for the financial year	4,060
Prior year adjustment	91,072
Increase in share capital	222
	<u>95,354</u>
Opening shareholders' funds	13,753
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>109,107</u>