

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 00029816

Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited
Financial Statements
31 December 2019

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Period from 1 November 2018 to 31 December 2019

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Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited

Officers and Professional Advisers

The board of directors	Mr M Luntley Mr R Lord Mr E Lees Mr D Carter Mrs S Heath Miss R Conchie Mr A Ruddell Mr D Parr Mr J Brown
Technical advisors	Mr M Blanch
Registered office	Unit 26 Trinity Enterprise Centre Furness Business Park Barrow-in-Furness Cumbria LA14 2PN
Auditor	Lamont Pridmore Chartered accountant & statutory auditor 136 Highgate Kendal Cumbria LA9 4HW
Bankers	Co-operative Bank plc 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP Handelsbanken First Floor Bridge Mills Stramongate Kendal Cumbria LA9 4UB
Solicitors	Bates, Wells & Braithwaite 10 Queen Street London EC4R 1BE

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Directors' Report *(continued)*

Period from 1 November 2018 to 31 December 2019

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the co-operative for the period ended 31 December 2019.

Directors

The directors who served the company during the period were as follows:

Mr M Luntley	
Mr R Lord	(Resigned 18 May 2019)
Mr E Lees	(Resigned 18 May 2019)
Miss R Conchie	
Mr D Carter	(Resigned 14 June 2019)
Mrs S Heath	
Mr A Ruddell	(Appointed 18 May 2019)
Mr D Parr	(Appointed 18 May 2019)
Mr J Brown	(Appointed 19 July 2019)

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Co-operative and Community Benefit Society law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. 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 Co-operative and Community Benefit Society 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 co-operative and of the profit or loss of the co-operative 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 Co-operative will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for maintaining satisfactory systems of internal control and keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the co-operative's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the co-operative and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the co-operative and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

The directors at the date of approval of this report confirm that:

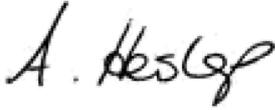
- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the co-operative's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a committee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the co-operative's auditor is aware of that information.

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Directors' Report *(continued)*

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This report was approved by the board of directors on1st April 2020..... and signed on behalf of the directors by:



Mrs A Heslop MBE
Company Secretary

Registered office:
Unit 26
Trinity Enterprise Centre
Furness Business Park
Barrow-in-Furness
Cumbria
LA14 2PN

Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited

Period from 1 November 2018 to 31 December 2019

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited for the period ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in equity and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the co-operative's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its income and expenditure for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the co-operative in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the co-operative's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the co-operative has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the co-operative's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited (continued)

Period from 1 November 2018 to 31 December 2019

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' committee report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the co-operative and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors report.

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

- the co-operative has not kept proper books of account or has not maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the co-operative's books of account; or
- certain disclosures of officials' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors responsibilities statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the co-operative's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the co-operative or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited (continued)

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited *(continued)*

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This report is made solely to the Co-operative'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 members those matters we are required to state to it 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 co-operative and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Graham Lamont

Graham Lamont (Apr 24, 2020)

Graham Lamont (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Lamont Pridmore
Chartered accountant & statutory auditor
136 Highgate
Kendal
Cumbria
LA9 4HW

Date: *24/04/2020*

Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Period from 1 November 2018 to 31 December 2019

	Period from 1 Nov 18 to 31 Dec 19	Year to 31 Oct 18
	Note £	£
Turnover	1,165,944	805,451
Cost of sales	<u>797,614</u>	<u>656,452</u>
Gross profit	368,330	148,999
Administrative expenses	70,349	63,753
Other operating income	1,325	41,987
Operating profit	299,306	127,233
Other interest receivable and similar income	2,555	958
Interest payable and similar expenses	44,448	74,760
Profit before taxation	7 257,413	53,431
Tax on profit	(825)	(5,476)
Profit for the financial period and total comprehensive income	258,238	58,907

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

The Co-operative has no other recognised items of income and expenses other than the results for the period as set out above.

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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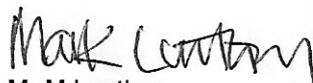
Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2019

	Note	31 Dec 19		31 Oct 18
		£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	8	3,625,226		4,041,235
Investments	9	<u>60,613</u>		<u>59,983</u>
		3,685,839		4,101,218
 Current assets				
Debtors	10	348,471		247,296
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>469,748</u>		<u>540,817</u>
		818,219		788,113
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>613,906</u>		<u>660,853</u>
Net current assets		204,313		127,260
Total assets less current liabilities		3,890,152		4,228,478
 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		-	332,182
 Provisions				
Taxation including deferred tax			<u>5,957</u>	<u>6,782</u>
Net assets		<u>3,884,195</u>		<u>3,889,514</u>
 Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital		<u>3,884,195</u>		<u>3,889,514</u>
Shareholders funds		<u>3,884,195</u>		<u>3,889,514</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 1st April 2020, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


Mr M Luntley
Director


Miss R Conchie
Director

Company registration number: 29816R

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited

Statement of Changes in Equity

31 December 2019

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 November 2017	3,889,514	30,000	3,919,514
Profit for the year		58,907	58,907
Total comprehensive income for the year	—	58,907	58,907
Share interest paid and payable	—	(88,907)	(88,907)
Total investments by and distributions to owners	—	(88,907)	(88,907)
At 31 October 2018	3,889,514	—	3,889,514
Profit for the period		258,238	258,238
Total comprehensive income for the period	—	258,238	258,238
Share interest paid and payable	—	(258,238)	(258,238)
Redemption of shares	(5,319)		(5,319)
Total investments by and distributions to owners	—	(258,238)	(258,238)
At 31 December 2019	<u>3,884,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,884,195</u>

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Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements

Period from 1 November 2018 to 31 December 2019

1. General information

Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited is a members share co-operative registered under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. The address of the registered office is Unit 26, Trinity Enterprise Centre, Furness Business Park, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2PN.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Section 1A of FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Revenue recognition

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods supplied and services rendered, net of discounts and Value Added Tax.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the buyer (usually on despatch of the goods); the amount of revenue can be measured reliably; it is probable that the associated economic benefits will flow to the entity; and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transactions can be measured reliably.

Income tax

The taxation expense represents the aggregate amount of current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, tax is recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is recognised on taxable profit for the current and past periods. Current tax is measured at the amounts of tax expected to pay or recover using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences at the reporting date. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

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

Plant & Machinery - over the life of wind turbines (22 years from March 2008)

Government grants

Government grants in respect of capital expenditure are treated as deferred income and are credited to the profit and loss account over the estimated useful life of the assets to which they relate

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the entity will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are recognised as a liability in the statement of financial position and the amount of the provision as an expense.

Provisions are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and subsequently reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle the obligation. Any adjustments to the amounts previously recognised are recognised in profit or loss unless the provision was originally recognised as part of the cost of an asset. When a provision is measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period it arises.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value. The decommissioning fund investment represents amounts held on deposit by the local council which will accumulate until used when the turbines are decommissioned. It is anticipated that the turbines will have a useful life of 22 years. As it is cash equivalent this balance is recognised at its full value.

Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 November 2018 to 31 December 2019

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the company are assigned to those units.

4. Other operating income

Included within other operating income is an amount of £Nil (2018: £40,793) being insurance claims in respect of business interruption and remedial costs following equipment failure within the wind turbines.

5. Auditor's remuneration

	2019	2018
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>2,635</u>	<u>2,615</u>

6. Employee numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company during the period amounted to Nil (2018: Nil).

7. Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is stated after charging:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible assets	<u>416,009</u>	<u>356,580</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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8. Tangible assets

	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 November 2018 and 31 December 2019	<u>7,836,057</u>	<u>7,836,057</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 November 2018	3,794,822	3,794,822
Charge for the period	<u>416,009</u>	<u>416,009</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>4,210,831</u>	<u>4,210,831</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 December 2019	<u>3,625,226</u>	<u>3,625,226</u>
At 31 October 2018	<u>4,041,235</u>	<u>4,041,235</u>

9. Investments

	Decommissioning fund £	Unlisted investments £
Cost		
At 1 November 2018	59,980	3
Additions	<u>630</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>60,610</u>	<u>3</u>
Impairment		
At 1 November 2018 and 31 December 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 December 2019	<u>60,610</u>	<u>3</u>
At 31 October 2018	<u>59,980</u>	<u>3</u>

The unlisted investment relates to 2 shares at £1 each in Energy4All Limited. This company specialises in providing services to renewable energy co-operatives and provides administration services to Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited. The additional £1 is 1 £1 share in Low Carbon Hub, a social enterprise in Oxfordshire tackling climate change.

The decommissioning fund represents monies paid over and held on deposit by the local council which are to be accumulated and applied against the decommissioning costs of the project when incurred.

10. Debtors

	31 Dec 19 £	31 Oct 18 £
Trade debtors	90,266	18,554
Other debtors	<u>258,205</u>	<u>228,742</u>
	<u>348,471</u>	<u>247,296</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 Dec 19	31 Oct 18
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	250,346	470,460
Trade creditors	3,356	14,601
Social security and other taxes	24,876	21,024
Other creditors	335,328	154,768
	<u>613,906</u>	<u>660,853</u>

The bank holds a Standard Mortgage Debenture held in the name of Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited, incorporating a Fixed and Floating Charge over the assets of the co-operative. The bank holds a debenture and full project finance security in respect of the loan.

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	31 Dec 19	31 Oct 18
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	–	332,182

The bank holds a Standard Mortgage Debenture held in the name of Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited, incorporating a Fixed and Floating Charge over the assets of the co-operative. The bank holds a debenture and full project finance security in respect of the loan.

13. Operating lease

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	31 Dec 19	31 Oct 18
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	13,241	13,241
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	39,723	39,723
Later than 5 years	116,962	127,203
	<u>169,926</u>	<u>180,167</u>

The basic land rent remains at £13,241 per annum. The total rent payable is the greater of 2% of annual turnover or the basic rent. The co-operative is also committed to a minimum royalty payments of 2% of turnover.

14. Related party transactions

The management services of the co-operative are carried out by Energy4All Limited, a company which specialises in assisting in the setting up, development and management of renewable energy co-operatives. Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited holds two shares in the company. Energy4All Limited has charged administration fees of £50,790 (2018 £44,278) for the period.

Mark Luntley is a Director of both Energy4All Limited and Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative Limited.