Directors' Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

31 December 2020

Company Number 02724031

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Company Information

Directors

Mrs C Lawrence Rev M A Thompson Rev E R Cain Rev Mgr J P Devine

Company secretary

Rev Mgr J P Devine

Registered number

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Directors' Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company was to facilitate the bulk purchase of stock by diocesan parish centres and other members of the bulk purchase scheme operated by the company.

Volume discounts were earned based on these purchases and paid directly to the company. Such discounts formed the income of the company.

The key objective of the company was to provide all members with the benefit of collective purchasing power in order to obtain competitive prices and to facilitate additional marketing and advice where required. However in the prior period the directors made the decision to settle and subsequently exit the bulk purchase contract with it's supplier.

Therefore the intention of the directors is now to look to wind up with company following the cessation of operations. This means that the financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

Mrs C Lawrence Rev M A Thompson Rev E R Cain Rev Mgr J P Devine

Going concern

Directors are required to consider the appropriateness of the going concern basis when preparing the financial statements. On the basis that the company has ceased operations following its exit from the bulk purchase contract with its supplier, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. No adjustments have arisen as a result of this within the financial statements.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Directors' Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Auditor

The auditor, BDO LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 15 December 2021 and signed on its behalf.

Rev Mgr J P Devine

Director

Directors' Responsibilities Statement For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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

Company 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 company 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 company and of the profit or loss of the company 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 company will continue in business. As explained in note 2.2 to the financial statements, the directors do not believe the going concern basis to be appropriate and, in consequence, these financial statements have not been prepared on that basis..

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and 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.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Associated Church Clubs Limited

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its profit for the year 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 Companies Act 2006

We have audited the financial statements of Associated Church Clubs Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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. In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Independence

We remain independent of the company 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.

Emphasis of matter - basis of preparation

We draw attention to note 2.2 to the financial statements which explains that the company has ceased operations following the exit from the bulk purchase contract. This means that the directors are now looking to wind up the company. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of going concern as described in note 2.2. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Associated Church Clubs Limited (continued)

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' report and financial statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

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

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year 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.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company 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 Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies
 regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from
 the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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 company'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 company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Associated Church Clubs Limited (continued)

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 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.

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries and management bias in accounting estimates. Our audit procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- Identifying and testing journal entries which have been posted in the year;
- Discussions with management and directors, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud; and
- Obtaining an understanding of the control environment in monitoring compliance with laws and regulations.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company'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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Hamid Glafoor
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Hamid Ghafoor (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor
Liverpool

United Kingdom

17 December 2021

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Administrative expenses		-	(135,897)
Other operating income	4	-	63,325
Operating profit/(loss)	5	-	(72,572)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the financial year			(72,572)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	_	-	(72,572)

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Registered number: 02724031

Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2020

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Note	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	8	165,487		175,599	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9				(10,112)
Net assets		-	165,487	-	165,487
Capital and reserves		-		·	
Called up share capital	10		500,000		500,000
Profit and loss account	11		(334,513)		(334,513)
Total equity		-	165,487		165,487

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf .on 15 December 2021.

Rev Mgr J P Devine

Director

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity
At 1 January 2020	500,000	(334,513)	165,487
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	■	-
At 31 December 2020	500,000	(334,513)	165,487

Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity
At 1 January 2019	500,000	(261,941)	238,059
Comprehensive loss for the year Loss for the year	-	(72,572)	(72,572)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(72,572)	(72,572)
At 31 December 2019	500,000	(334,513)	165,487

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1. General information

Associated Church Clubs Limited is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on the company information page and the nature of the company's operations and its principal activity are set out in the directors' report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with Section 1A of FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The presentational and functional currency of these financial statements is GBP. Values are rounded to the nearest pound.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Going concern

Directors are required to consider the appropriateness of the going concern basis when preparing the financial statements. On the basis that the company has ceased operations following its exit from the bulk purchase contract with its supplier, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. No adjustments have arisen as a result of this within the financial statements.

2.3 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Financial instruments

The company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost, unless it qualifies as a loan from a director in the case of a small company, or a public benefit entity concessionary loan.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2.5 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.6 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the statement of financial position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Taxation

Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the company operates and generates income.

3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, the directors do not believe they have made any material judgements or key estimates.

4. Other operating income

	\cdot	2020 £	2019 £
	Discount receivable	-	63,325
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5.	Operating profit		
	The operating profit is stated after charging:		
		2020 £	2019 £
	Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates for the audit of the company's annual financial statements	-	5,150
	Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates in relation to all other services	-	1,750
	Defined contribution pension cost	-	220
		-	7,120

6. Employees

During the year, no director received any emoluments (2019 - £Nil).

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was 4 (2019 - 5).

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Taxation		
	2020	2019
	£	£
Corporation tax		•
Current tax on losses for the year	-	-
Taxation on loss on ordinary activities	-	-
Factors affecting tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is the same as (2019 -higher than) the standard the UK of 19% (2019 - 19%). The differences are explained below:	rate of corpora	tion tax in
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	2020 £	2019 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax		
		£
Loss on ordinary activities before tax Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in		£ (72,572)
Loss on ordinary activities before tax Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019 - 19%) Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation		£ (72,572) (13,789)
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Factors that may affect future tax charges

There are no factors that may materially affect future tax charges.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

8.	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2020 £	2019 £
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	165,487	174,253
	VAT repayable	-	1,346
		165,487	175,599

Within amounts owed by group undertakings, there is an amount of £165,487 (2019 - £174,253) which represents cash owed to Associated Church Clubs Limited but held within the group cash management pool at the year end.

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

		2020 £	2019 £
	Bank overdrafts	-	10,112
10.	Share capital		
		2020	2019
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	£	£
	500,000 ordinary shares shares of £1 each	500,000	500,000

11. Reserves

The company's capital and reserves are as follows:

Called up share capital

Called up share capital represents the nominal value of the shares issued.

Profit and loss account

The profit and loss account represents cumulative profits or losses net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

12. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension charge amounted to £Nil (2019 - £220). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

13. Related party transactions

During the year the following related party transactions have taken place:

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trust, the parent entity of the company, has recharged salary costs in the year totalling £Nil (2019 - £13,458). There is a year end debtor balance owed by the Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trust of £165,487 (2019 - £174,253).

Archdiocesan Parish Centre Management Company Limited, a fellow subsidiary within the group, which contains parish centres within the Archdiocese of Liverpool, are supplied with stock through an agreement facilitated by Associated Church Clubs Limited. Salary recharges to this entity during the year totalled £Nil (2019 - £6,729). At the year end £Nil was owed by Archdiocesan Parish Centre Management Company Limited (2019 - £Nil).

14. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The company is a subsidiary of Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trust, a charity registered under the Charities Act, registered No. 232709. The trust is also the ultimate controlling party. The company is consolidated within their accounts which are available from the registered office as detailed in these accounts. The registered office of the parent company is Liverpool Archdiocese Centre for Evangelisation, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA.