

Company Registration No. 08876768 (England and Wales)

**PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 JUNE 2020**

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**PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****AS AT 30 JUNE 2020**

		2020		2019 as restated	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	4		12,657		-
Tangible assets	5		1,377,383		1,294,487
			<u>1,390,040</u>		<u>1,294,487</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		107,493		71,000	
Debtors	6	1,863,685		687,893	
Cash at bank and in hand		438,865		570,100	
		<u>2,410,043</u>		<u>1,328,993</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	(4,510,899)		(1,132,506)	
<b>Net current (liabilities)/assets</b>			<u>(2,100,856)</u>		<u>196,487</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>(710,816)</u>		<u>1,490,974</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	8		(1,167,576)		(3,250,153)
<b>Net liabilities</b>			<u>(1,878,392)</u>		<u>(1,759,179)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital			100		100
Profit and loss reserves			(1,878,492)		(1,759,279)
<b>Total equity</b>			<u>(1,878,392)</u>		<u>(1,759,179)</u>

# PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)

AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

The directors of the company have elected not to include a copy of the income statement within the financial statements.

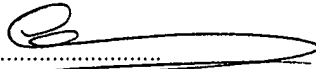
For the financial year ended 30 June 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

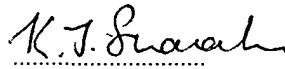
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:

  
C A Shanahan  
Director

  
K J Shanahan  
Director

# PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Company information

Port Vale Football Club Limited is a private company limited by shares and is registered and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Vale Park, Hamil Road, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST6 1AV.

##### Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### Going concern

On 13 March 2020 the English football authorities suspended professional football leagues in response to Covid-19 that had hit a number of participants. On 23 March 2020, the UK Prime Minister announced a national lockdown in response to the global pandemic.

As a result, the EFL's 19-20 season was cancelled on 15 May 2020.

The results in the attached financial statements reflect the completion of 37 out of 46 fixtures scheduled for season 19-20 including 18 out of 23 home fixtures.

Although the company balance sheet discloses net liabilities of £1,878,392 at the year end, the directors consider it appropriate that the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. Within creditors is an amount of £2,478,616 owed to Synectics Solutions Limited a company in which Mr and Mrs Shanahan are also directors and controlling shareholders. The company continues to pay its debts as and when they fall due. The company continues to receive the support of its related party by the way of not withdrawing the amount owed and introducing funds as and when necessary.

##### Turnover

Turnover, exclusive of value added tax, comprises net match receipts and League receipts and other income arising from the Club's activities. Revenue is recognised when substantially all of the obligations under a sales contract have been fulfilled. Revenue received from the League is recognised in the financial statements based on games played in the season. This is in accordance with the League's guidelines on income recognition. Performance related rewards are not recognised until achieved by the Club, as the income cannot be assumed with certainty. Turnover has been recognised on a games played basis.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### **Intangible fixed assets - goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquisition of unincorporated businesses over the fair value of net assets acquired. It is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is considered to have a finite useful life and is amortised on a systematic basis over its expected life of 10 years. In 2019 the goodwill was fully impaired and written off by £1,112,585.

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to the cash-generating units expected to benefit from the acquisition. Cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment at least annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit.

##### **Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill**

The third party costs associated with the acquisition of the players' registrations are capitalised and amortised on a straight line basis over the period of their contracts. Any transfer fees payable as a result of the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events are capitalised when it is probable such event will occur. Provision for the impairment of registrations is made if, after assessing all relevant factors, it becomes clear that a diminution in value is required. No amounts are included for players developed within the Club.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Players' registrations	Life of contract
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##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Freehold land	Nil
Plant and equipment	25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

##### **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to sell. Cost is determined using the first in, first out cost basis.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss. Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in profit or loss.

# PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### **Financial instruments**

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally 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.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the financial asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

##### **Classification of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

##### **Equity instruments**

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the fair value of proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

##### **Taxation**

Current tax is based on taxable profit for the year. Current tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised in respect of all timing differences that exist at the reporting date. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income that arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in different periods from their recognition in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered by the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

# **PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

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#### **1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

##### **Employee benefits**

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

##### **Retirement benefits**

For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to profit or loss is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments.

##### **Leases**

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term.

##### **Government grants**

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

##### **Signing on fees**

The board consider that signing on fees represent a normal part of the employment cost of players and the manager as such should be charged to the income statement evenly over the period of the players' and managers' contract. At the time of a player disposal any excess signing on fees accrued or paid but not recognised are allocated in full against the profit on disposal of the players' registrations in the year in which the player disposal is made.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

#### 2 Prior period adjustment

In the prior year financial statements, the full amount of a loan with a connected company had not been accounted for and subsequently discounted incorrectly.

In the prior year financial statements, legal and professional fees totalling £162,593 should have been allocated against a loan with a connected company and the corresponding entries posted to freehold property, a loan with a connected company and the income statement.

This restatement corrects both of these errors. The above adjustments increase the loss in the year to 30 June 2020 by £10,505.

A loan with a connected party should have been disclosed within creditors due after more than one year.

This restatement corrects these errors. The previously reported net liabilities for the year was £1,748,674, after the above adjustments, net liabilities for the prior year totalled £1,759,179.

The net effect on the financial statements is summarised in the following tables.

	Adjustment Increase/(decrease) £
Turnover	(50,000)
Administrative expenses	120
Other operating income	(124,414)
Interest received	163,966
Interest payable	(177)
	<u>(10,505)</u>

#### Changes to the statement of financial position

	Adjustment Increase/(decrease) £
Tangible fixed assets	49,500
Debtors	53,093
Creditors due within one year	2,060,042
Creditors due after one year	(2,173,140)
	<u>(10,505)</u>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

### 3 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Total	198	190

### 4 Intangible fixed assets

	Goodwill £	Players' registrations £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 July 2019	1,854,305	-	1,854,305
Additions	-	52,955	52,955
At 30 June 2020	1,854,305	52,955	1,907,260
<b>Amortisation and impairment</b>			
At 1 July 2019	1,854,305	-	1,854,305
Amortisation charged for the year	-	40,298	40,298
At 30 June 2020	1,854,305	40,298	1,894,603
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 30 June 2020	-	12,657	12,657
At 30 June 2019	-	-	-

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 5 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
Brought forward as previously reported	1,172,738	100,287	8,028	24,500	1,305,553
Restatement	49,500	-	-	-	49,500
Revised brought forward at 1 July 2019	1,222,238	100,287	8,028	24,500	1,355,053
Additions	109,394	16,897	-	-	126,291
At 30 June 2020	1,331,632	117,184	8,028	24,500	1,481,344
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 July 2019	-	40,668	6,795	13,103	60,566
Depreciation charged in the year	25,234	14,905	407	2,849	43,395
At 30 June 2020	25,234	55,573	7,202	15,952	103,961
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 30 June 2020	1,306,398	61,611	826	8,548	1,377,383
At 30 June 2019	1,222,238	59,619	1,233	11,397	1,294,487

#### 6 Debtors

	2020 £	As restated 2019 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	129,513	552,601
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,600,909	53,093
Other debtors	133,263	82,199
	1,863,685	687,893

The amounts owed by group undertakings is to be repaid during 2021 and 2022 due to additional funding from Synectics Solutions Limited to Synsol Holdings Limited.

# PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	As restated 2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	208,151	204,183
Taxation and social security	90,046	56,645
Deferred income	427,841	-
Amounts owed to related parties	2,478,616	-
Other creditors	1,268,914	19,069
Accruals and deferred income	37,331	852,609
	<u>4,510,899</u>	<u>1,132,506</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2020	As restated 2019
	£	£
Bank loans	50,000	-
Other borrowings	1,117,576	2,050,042
Amounts due to related parties	-	1,200,111
	<u>1,167,576</u>	<u>3,250,153</u>

The company has a debenture in respect of a fixed charge over Port Vale Football Ground held in respect of the monies due to N Smurthwaite. At the year end this amounted to £2,237,576.

The company has a government backed loan of £50,000 of which £10,000 is payable after more than 5 years.

### 9 Operating lease commitments

#### Lessor

At the reporting end date the company had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Within one year	<u>19,689</u>	<u>19,689</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 10 Related party transactions

In the prior period the company entered into a loan facility with a company under common control allowing them to draw funding of up to £3,000,000 (2019: £3,000,000) up to 30 June 2021 at an interest rate of 0.75% and provided an unconditional letter of support to the entity to the period ended 30 June 2020. A balance of £2,478,616 (2019: £1,200,111) is owed to the company under common control at the year end, interest of £9,830 (2019: £1,484) has been charged in the year on this loan. In line with accounting standards the loan has been discounted at a market rate of interest of £130,275 (2019: £163,966) during the year. In addition to the loan purchases of £421 (2019: £nil) and sales of £428,333 (2019: £nil) have been made to the entity. The amount owed from this connected company at year end was £70,263 (2019: £nil).

During the year the company recharged £9,005 (2019: £nil) of expenditure to a related party in which a director is a trustee. At the year end £9,005 (2019: £nil) was due from the related party.

During the year the company recharged £13,230 (2019: £1,000) of expenditure to another related party in which a director is a trustee. The company also received £10,984 (2019: £nil) in the year from this related party. At the year end £3,246 (2019: £1,000) was due from the related party.