## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 2022

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## Legal and administrative information

The society Morecambe Bay Community Renewables Ltd (also known as MORE Renewables) was registered in England and Wales on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 under the Industrial and Provident Society Act 1965, (now superseded by the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014) and is governed by its Rules. In June 2015 the Society became a Community Benefit Society, under the 2014 Act.

#### **Directors**

Anne C Chapman Gillian I Fenna Caroline J Jackson Alan Marsden

Gill Fenna was re-elected at the AGM on 23 April 2020. Anne Chapman was re-elected at the AGM on 15 April 2021. Alan Marsden and Caroline Jackson were re-elected at the AGM on 28 April 2022.

Registered Number: Community Benefit Society Number 31421 R

### **Registered Office**

Halton Mill Mill Lane Halton Lancaster LA2 6ND

### Bank

Co-operative Bank PLC P O Box 250, Delf House Southway, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

### Report of the Directors

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Exemptions**

The Directors have decided to take the exemption from audit for this financial period as provided for in its Rules, and agreed by the members on 28 April 2022.

## **Society Objectives**

The society's objectives as stated in the Rules are:

- (a) to establish sustainable renewable technologies; and
- (b) to enhance the sustainability and resilience of these local communities; and
- (c) to promote the prudent use of resources, efficient energy use and environmental awareness and behaviour.

### Report for the period

Our solar PV systems at Forge Bank, Halton and at Lancaster Boys and Girls Club produced 91.9 MWh of electricity in 2022, 17% above our predictions. Since they have been installed our solar PV systems have generated 830 MWh of electricity, compared with a predicted 760 MWh.

Our income in 2022 was 21% more than predicted, at £24,359. One factor in this is that the rate of inflation in April, that is used to increase the feed in tariff rates and the prices that we charge to our host organisations, was 7.5% while our financial projections assume 2.5%. The surplus for the year of £5,785 means that we have now made up the losses from initial expenditure around 10 years earlier than we originally predicted and have reserves of £382.

In 2022 we did not make any community benefit payments so now have £2,880 in our community benefit fund.

## **Directors Responsibilities for the Financial Statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society and of the surplus or deficit of the society for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgments 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 operation;
- state whether applicable accounting standards of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the society and to enable them to prepare financial statements.

Community Benefit Society Number 31421 R				
They are 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.				
This report was approved by the Directors on 29th March 2023 and is signed on their behalf by:				
Anne Chapman (Secretary)				
Gillian Fenna (Treasurer)				
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# Income Statement For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Y.E 31 Dec 2022 £	Y.E 31 Dec 2021 £
TURNOVER	10	24,359	22,942
Administrative Expenses	11	11,917	12,327
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	2	12,442	10,615
Interest and Community Benefit payable	3	(7,167)	(7,400)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX		5,275	3,215
Donations to Community Fund from members Interest Received		0 630	233 371
PROFIT/(LOSS) on Ordinary Activities before taxation		5,905	3,820
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities	4	120	70_
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		5,785	3,749

### Statement of total recognised gains and losses

The company does not have any gains or losses to report other than the Profit and Loss for the period.

#### Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2022

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FIXED ASSETS	Notes 5	<u>&amp;</u>	<u>£</u> 96,960	<u>£</u>	$\frac{£}{104,428}$
INVESTMENTS	12		8,000		8,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	2,342		2,010	
Cash at bank and in hand		44,982		31,936	
CREDITORS			47,324		33,945
Amounts falling due within one year	7	10,569	10.500	8,443	0.440
NET CURRENT ASSETS		9	10,569 36,755		8,443 25,502
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABIL	ITIES		141,715		137,930
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year		8	0		0
NET ASSETS			141,715		137,930
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up Share Capital	8		141,333		143,333
Profit and Loss Account	9		382		(5,403)
Shareholders' Funds			141,715		137,930

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the directors are satisfied that the Society is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Members have not required the society to obtain an audit under the above section

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the society keeps proper accounting records

And

(b) preparing financial statements in accordance with FRS 102/1a which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss (surplus or deficit) for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014.

This report was approved by the Directors on:-		29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023		
and signed on their behalf by:-	Gill Fenna			

#### Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.
- b) Turnover represent revenue income earned in the year.
- c) Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accrual basis
- d) Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life, commencing in the financial year following purchase.

Solar PV panels (LCH PV)

4% per annum on straight line basis.

Solar PV panels additions in 2014 (LCH Terr D PV)

5% per annum on straight line basis

Solar PV panels in shared ownership (B & G C PV)

6.67% on straight line basis

## 2. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) is stated after charging:-

Depreciation	<b><u>2022</u></b> 7,468	<b>2021</b> 7,468
3. INTEREST AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT PAYABLE		
Community benefit payment	1,433	1,667
Interest paid to members	5,733	5,733
	7,167	7,400

#### 4. TAXATION

Liability to UK Corporation tax in 2022 was £120 (2021 £70).

	LCH -PV	LCH Terr D PV	B&GC -		
5.FIXED ASSETS	panels	panels	PV	Total	Total
COST				<u>£</u>	<u>æ</u>
At 1 January	94,839	52,940	15,395	163,174	163,174
Additions				0	0
Disposals				0	0
At end of period	94,839	52,940	15,395	163,174	163,174
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January	34,146	18,438	6,162	58,746	51,278
Charge for period	3,794	2,647	1,027	7,468	7,468
At end of period	37,940	21,085	7,189	66,214	58,746
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December	56,899	31,855	8,206	96,960	111,896
At 1 January	60,693	34,502	9,233	111,896	119,364

### Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

C DEPENDING	<b>2022</b>	<u>2021</u>			
6. DEBTORS	£	£			
Trade debtors	2,342	2,010			
	2,342	2,010			
7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLIN	G DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Trade creditors	583	83			
Accountancy fees	600	600			
Share interest payments	5,733	5,733			
Community benefit payment	2,880	1,447			
VAT	509	365			
Corporation Tax	265	215			
	10,569	8,443			
8. SHARE CAPITAL					
Allotted, called up and paid	141,333	143,333			
141,333 Ordinary shares of £1 each					
No shares were issued during the ye	ar (2021 no shares were issue	ed).			
During the year 2,000 shares were v	rithdrawn (2021 3,000 shares	withdrawn).			
9. RESERVES					
At 1 January	(5,403)	(9,152)			
Profit/(loss) for the					
year	5,785	3,749			
At 31 December	382	(5,403)			

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

10. TURNOVER	2022	2021
Electricity payments	8,497	7,997
Feed in tariffs	15,753	14,851
RHI payments	83	71
Heat payments	25	21
	24,359	22,942
11. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Maintenance	624	1,392
Insurance of solar PV systems	1,675	1,440
Administration costs	1,903	1,793
Legal and regulatory fees	35	35
Travel, events, conferences and memberships	213	200
Depreciation (see note 5)	7,468	7,468
	11,917	12,327

#### 12. Investments

Shares in Burneside Community Energy, purchased in 2018 (5000) and 2021 (3000), to help fund the installation of a solar PV system.

#### 13. RELATED PARTIES

In 2022 fees of £1,050 were paid to one Director for administrative support (2021 £990 paid to one Director).

#### MORECAMBE BAY COMMUNITY RENEWABLES LTD

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT UNDER SECTION 85 OF THE CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT 2014

We report to the members on the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 set out on pages 5 to 9.

#### Respective responsibilities of officers and reporting accountants

The society's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the society is entitled to opt out of an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

This report is made to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to the society's members that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 society and the society's members, as a body, for our work or for this report.

#### **Basis of opinion**

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the society, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the society as we considered necessary for the purpose of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- (a) The accounts, including the revenue account and balance sheet, are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the society under s75 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014;
- (b) Having regard to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records the revenue account and balance sheet comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; and
- (c) For the preceding year of account, the financial criteria for the exercise of the power conferred by section 84 were met in relation to the year.

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Date: 10/3/2023