



GO-OP Co-operative Ltd

ANNUAL REPORT
January - December 2017

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GO-OP CO-OPERATIVE BOARD REPORT

Your Board has met on a monthly basis throughout the year both in person and through teleconferencing; along with meetings with Network Rail, Porterbrook and other parties. We are pleased to report that steady progress has been made during the year towards our goal of a co-operatively owned rail operation.

During 2017, we:

- identified suitable rolling stock and held conversations with Porterbrook
- received substantial backing for the leasing of rolling stock
- submitted our revised track access application to the ORR
- worked with ORR, Network Rail and other rail operators to work through timetabling issues
- spoke to potential funders to secure backing for our operation as required by the ORR
- continued to work with the wider co-operative movement

Whilst we move tentatively closer to operating services, we are always mindful of our current funding position. We have asked our Members for their continued support as we negotiate with ORR.

Since the General Election, we have been in correspondence with Gareth Thomas from the Co-op Party to raise the profile of Go-op on the co-operative agenda.

During 2017 we sadly said goodbye to Sandra Aldworth, who resigned for personal reasons. Sandra was one of the founder members of GO-OP and provided sterling service as our Finance Director for many years, she will be greatly missed. We also said goodbye to Jeff Turner, with grateful thanks for his professional support. At the 2017 AGM members formally elected Gareth Dempster, (The Co-op Group) and Jo Burroughs, (Midcounties Co-op) to the Board, however we are still looking to recruit suitable candidates from both co-ops and the rail industry.

The Board, GO-OP Co-operative Ltd.

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, PROGRESS REPORT

In 2017, we made some significant steps forward. We received a firm offer from Porterbrook - the first time that we had a credible, costed proposal for rolling stock. This remains a crucial part of our plans, though we still need to clarify some details around the performance of the bimode class 769s. This led directly to the next piece of the jigsaw - an in-principle offer of finance from a separate specialist leasing firm interested in making investments in the rail industry. Again, this relationship is still in place and makes our targets for financing the launch of the new service much more achievable.

A further step forward came with the appointment of a new member of staff at Network Rail, focused on supporting open access applications. This gave us much more help with making the necessary industry contacts and began a process of evaluating our timetable and performance. This did not, ultimately, prove as successful as hoped - it is now clear that the limited capacity of Network Rail to support the development of new services means that in practice much more needs to be done by external consultants than we had hoped (or indeed, been led to expect).

The year ended with a very successful meeting at the ORR, confirming that much of the progress we had made (for example on the not-primarily-abstractive test, and our financial forecasting) was holding firm, and the new information on rolling stock was answering a lot of the difficult questions that had been put to us. Hopes were high at the end of the year - perhaps a little too high, as you will know that more recently we have been looking at a first stage service using just two diagrams rather than the three diagram service we really prefer.

Still, 2017 was a year of real and sustained forward movement. The problems still to be solved are not small, and it is clear that autumn 2019 is now our realistic start date, but 2017 may well be the year that we look back on as the time that the pieces started to fall into place.

Alex Lawrie, Operations Director

GO-OP BOARD MEMBERS 2017

Alex Lawrie	Operations Director & Society Secretary
Jean Nunn-Price	Director
Barbara Rainford	Director
Chris Phillimore	Director
Kate Whittle	Director
Martin Bond	Director & Newsletter Editor
Sandra Aldworth	Finance Director, resigned January 2017
Jeff Turner	Director, resigned February 2017
Jo Burroughs	Director & Board Secretary, elected July 2017
Gareth Dempster	Director, elected July 2017
Martin McCarthy	Director, co-opted August 2017, resigned November 2017

GO-OP Board meeting attendance record January - December 2017

Date	AL	JNP	BR	CP	KW	MB	JB	GD	JT	SA	MM
02-Feb	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	0	0	
02-Mar	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0			
06-Apr	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0			
18-May	1	1	1		1	1	1	1			
01-Jun	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0			
29-Jun	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1			
03-Aug	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0			1
11-Sep	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0			1
05-Oct	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0			1
02-Nov	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1			
07-Dec	1	1	1		1	1	1	0			
	10	9	8	0	8	11	11	4	0	0	3
Present	1										
Apologies	0										

GO-OP Co-operative Social Accounts 2017

GO-OP's objects are to carry on any industry, business or trade in accordance with co-operative principles in order to achieve this mission: *"to reduce the social and environmental impacts of travel by providing mutually owned, high quality and inclusive public transport services that encourage people to choose more sustainable options"* and these aims:

- building membership within our stakeholder groups, and ensuring that our membership fully reflects the diversity of those groups and of the wider community
- consulting with, empowering and serving our membership
- creating common wealth, building an indivisible reserve and providing a return on investment no more than is necessary to attract and retain the capital GO-OP requires
- maintaining GO-OP's autonomy and independence and empowering members and other stakeholders at the most local level possible
- educating our members and the public in the principles of co-operation
- supporting the development and growth of the co-operative movement
- evaluating GO-OP's impact on the community and the environment in which it operates, and developing policies that reduce harmful and increase beneficial impacts

In the course of 2017, only limited trading took place. As a result, these are brief accounts, noting some of the decisions that have been taken in line with our values and principles:

Reduce social impacts of travel	<i>No data is available, as trading has not yet fully commenced. But see pp 48-51 of GO-OP Business Plan</i>	Commonwealth and fair application of profits	<i>No data is available, as trading has not yet fully commenced.</i>
Reduce environmental impacts of travel	<i>Our consideration of Class 769 Flex [type of bi-mode electro-diesel multiple unit (BMU)] is partly motivated by a desire to cut emissions.</i>	Autonomy and independence	<i>No data is available, as trading has not yet commenced. However, the need to preserve our independence has played a part in our strategy for approaching potential partners.</i>
Quality and inclusivity of services	<i>No data is available, as trading has not yet fully commenced.</i>	Educating members and the public in the principles of co-operation	<i>Our profile has continued to be raised during 2017. Our website promotes International Co-operative Principles</i>
Sustainable choices	<i>Rolling stock specified with generous space for cycles.</i>	Supporting the development and growth of the co-operative movement	<i>We are members of Co-ops UK and Co-ops SW. We encourage co-ops to tender for contracts. In 2017 we did business worth £4552 with Somerset Co-op Services and £214 with Atomised Co-op</i>
Building a diverse membership	<i>Membership recruitment is ongoing, however Open Membership offer is only available to prospective service users, limiting our current ability to recruit new members.</i>	Sustainable development	<i>No data is available, as trading has not yet fully commenced</i>
Empowering the membership	<i>Once we start trading we will look for innovative ways to engage and involve our membership.</i>		

Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017
for
Go-op Co-operative
Limited
Reg. No. MS30678R

Go-op Co-operative Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

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Go-op Co-operative Limited

**DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

The directors have pleasure in submitting their annual report, with the unaudited financial statements of the Society, for the year ended 31st December 2017.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Society is that of rail and other transport operation.

Review of Business and Future Development

The results for the period are shown in the attached financial statements. The directors consider the state of affairs to be satisfactory in this start up period.

Directors Responsibilities

In compliance with legal requirements the directors have prepared financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2017 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at the end of the year and of the loss for the period ended on that date.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards.

The directors report that the business is a going concern.

The directors have adopted suitable accounting policies which have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2017 and these have been supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding the assets of the Society and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board

Date

Director

Go-op Co-operative Limited

Balance Sheet
31 December 2017

		2017		2016	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	2	1,631		1,336	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>111,742</u>		<u>125,758</u>	
		113,373		127,094	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	3	(2,293)		(2,328)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			<u>111,080</u>		<u>124,766</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			111,080		124,766
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due in more than one year	4		<u>(105,000)</u>		<u>(114,000)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>£ 6,080</u>		<u>£ 10,766</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	5		323,997		322,837
Profit and loss account			(317,917)		(312,071)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			<u>£ 6,080</u>		<u>£ 10,766</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of directors on behalf by

and were signed on its

Director

Director

Go-op Co-operative Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents income from consultancy work net of value added tax.

2. DEBTORS	2017	2016
Trade Debtors	1,603	1,336
Taxes	<u>28</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,631</u>	<u>1,336</u>

3. CREDITORS – Amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors	2,293	2,100
Other Creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>228</u>
	<u>2,293</u>	<u>2,328</u>

4. CREDITORS - Amounts falling due in more than one year

Bond Monies Held	<u>105,000</u>	<u>114,000</u>
	<u>105,000</u>	<u>114,000</u>

5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2017 £	2016 £
323,997	£1 Ordinary Shares	£1	<u>323,997</u>	<u>322,837</u>

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Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31st December 2017

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31.12.17</u>	<u>31.12.16</u>
TURNOVER – continuing operations	2	3,649	4,314
OPERATING COSTS – continuing operations			
Administrative Expenses		(8,860)	(17,604)
		_____	_____
OPERATING LOSS – continuing operations		(5,211)	(13,290)
Interest payable		1,206	278
Interest Received		571	302
		_____	_____
(LOSS) on Ordinary Activities before taxation		(5,846)	(13,266)
TAXATION		-	-
		_____	_____
Loss for the financial year		(5,846)	(13,266)
RETAINED LOSS/PROFIT for the financial year		(5,846)	(13,266)
RETAINED LOSS BROUGHT FORWARD		(312,071)	(298,805)
RETAINED LOSS CARRIED FORWARD		(317,917)	(312,071)
		_____	_____

There were no recognised gains or losses in either year other than those included in the Profit and Loss.

Go-op Co-operative Limited

Profit and Loss Account for the Year to 31st December 2017

	2017		2016
Income			
Consultancy Income	3,649		4,314
Bank Interest Received	571		302
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Total Income	4,220		4,616
Expenditure			
Consultants Fees	7,312	16,909	
Expenses	463	111	
Administration Expenses	1,085	584	
Interest	<u>1,206</u>	<u>278</u>	17,882
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Net Loss for the Period	£ (5,846)		£ (13,266)
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