

**YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**



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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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# YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED

## BOARD REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

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The Board of the York City Supporters' Society Limited ("the Trust") is pleased to present its Annual Report and Financial Statements covering the year to 30 June 2017.

#### Principal Activities

The Trust was set up with the following principles (as described in the Trust's Rules):

- To strengthen the bonds between York City Football Club and the community which it serves and to represent the interests of the community in the running of the Club;
- To benefit the present and future members of the community served by the Club by promoting, encouraging and furthering the game of football as a recreational facility, sporting activity and focus for community involvement;
- To provide and maintain facilities for the enjoyment of professional football in the area;
- To promote coaching schemes to develop the football skills of young people and to widen the interest in football regardless of the sex or ethnic origin of those involved; and
- To further the development of the game of football nationally and internationally and the upholding of its rules.

#### Society Status

The Trust is incorporated with Limited Liability under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978. The Trust was registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies on 30 January 2002.

The Trust is an Associate Member of Supporters Direct.

#### Membership

At 30 June 2017 the Current Trust membership stands at 677 of which 125 (and 3 Juniors) are annual members and 552 are life members. This represents an increase of new, renewed or upgraded members of 77 in the period since January of 2017. Each member is allotted one share of £1 each in the Trust.

#### Trust Board

Trust Board members who have served during the year to 30 June 2017 are:

Ian Hey - Chairman (resigned January 2017)

Martyn Jones

John Lacy - Chairman (from January 2017)

Sarah Stelling

Bill Owen

Stephen Lambert

Roy Clarkson (resigned August 2017)

Simon Pickering (resigned August 2017)

#### Review of the year

The history of the Trust over the last 3 or 4 years has been one of serious decline. At the beginning of the financial year 2016/17 we were struggling both as a Board and as a Supporters Society. In my opening remarks at the Open Forum on March 27th, I stated that the trust had been on the receiving end of fair and legitimate criticism from many quarters. We had failed to keep in touch with our members, failed to call meetings, keep proper accounts or make legally required returns to the Financial Conduct Authority. The Board has worked very hard during the year to successfully rectify these administrative deficiencies.

The Trust retains a 25% shareholding in the football club with additional comprehensive rights and protections relating to the new stadium development and the future finance and governance of the club. During the past year the Trust Board has come under considerable pressure from the Football Club's majority shareholder (JM Packaging Ltd) to surrender all or part of its 25% stake in York City FC. Complex and time consuming negotiations have been conducted with the Club Chairman and 75% shareholder, Jason McGill, throughout the year. The Trust regrets that our majority shareholding partner has sometimes been less than forthcoming in providing information about his intentions with regard to his future financial plans for York City.

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## BOARD REPORT (*Continued*)

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#### ***Review of the year (continued)***

During these continuing difficult negotiations, the Trust will continue to fulfil its duty of care towards its members and all supporters of York City by seeking answers to legitimate and pressing questions about the implications of any proposed alteration in the share ownership of York City FC.

#### **Improved Fundraising**

All supporters of York City recognise that recent setbacks on the field and the seemingly endless postponement of our move into a new stadium have placed intolerable pressures on the finances of York City FC. The Trust recognises with gratitude the considerable personal investment in the club by Jason McGill and JM Packaging which has continued to pay the bills well beyond the point at which Mr McGill expected York City to have financial security in the Community Stadium.

The Trust proudly retains its 25% shareholding in York City FC and, as a major stakeholder, takes very seriously its financial responsibility to contribute significantly to the budget. Fundraising plans under consideration this year included a members' contributory scheme, possible "prize draw" schemes and seeking donations, sponsoring etc from local companies and businesses. "Marketing" the Trust will be an important element of our future strategy.

#### **Review of the Trust's Financial Results**

During the year ended 30 June 2017 the income recognised in the Trust's Accounts is £1,851 (2016: £1,827)

During the year ended 30 June 2017 the expenditure recognised in the Trust's Accounts is £2,057 (2016: £906).

The Trust had an overall deficit for the year of £206 (2016: surplus £921), being the excess of income over expenditure. As at 30 June 2017 the Trust held £7,636 (2016: £5,931) cash at bank and in hand.

#### **Thanks**

Thank you to all those people who positively contribute in whatever way. Please continue to provide positive support to the Trust and the Club.

By order of the Board

John Lacy  
Chairman

20 January 2018

**YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of York City Supporters' Society Limited on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2017 set out on pages 4 to 8.

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body. My examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the society's members those matters I am required to state to them in an examiners' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of Society Board Members and the examiner**

The Society Board Members consider that an audit is not required for this year as an appropriate resolution was approved by members at the last AGM and that an independent examination is therefore appropriate.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by Supporters Direct; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by Supporters Direct. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Society Board Members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Society Board Members have not met the requirements to ensure that:
- i) proper accounting records are kept;
  - ii) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with generally accepted accounting requirements; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I can also confirm that, in my opinion, the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and the Friendly and Provident Societies Act 1968.

**Consolidation**

The Society has not prepared group accounts as it has obtained exemption from doing so from the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies on the grounds that the businesses of the Society and subsidiary company differ so greatly that they cannot be treated as a single entity.

In my opinion the grounds for exemption have applied during the current financial year.

**B Davis FCA**  
**Townends Accountants LLP**  
Chartered Accountants  
York

20 January 2018

**YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Notes	Year ended 30 June 2017		Year ended 30 June 2016	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
Membership subscriptions		1,284		1,171	
Donations and other fundraising		567		656	
Bank interest		0		0	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
<b>Total Income for the year</b>			1,851		1,827
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Website costs		2,250		0	
Insurance		(1,575)		341	
Expenditure on Foundation Tournament		350		0	
Write off of obsolete stock		0		550	
Paypal costs		67		0	
Legal and professional costs		930		0	
Sundry expenses		15		15	
Bank charges		20		0	
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			2,057		906
<b>(Deficit) surplus for the year before taxation</b>			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Taxation	2		(206)		921
			-		-
<b>(Deficit) surplus for the year after taxation</b>			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
			(206)		921

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus/deficit for the year

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements

YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 JUNE 2017

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	Notes	2017	2016
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	3	212,500	212,500
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors		1,856	-
Stock in hand		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	4	7,636	5,931
		<u>9,492</u>	<u>5,931</u>
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>(3,566)</u>	<u>(300)</u>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		5,926	5,631
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>218,426</u>	<u>218,131</u>
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due after more than one year	6	<u>(186,920)</u>	<u>(186,540)</u>
		<u>31,506</u>	<u>31,591</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share Capital	7	677	556
Income and Expenditure account	8	30,829	31,035
		<u>31,506</u>	<u>31,591</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 20 January 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

J Lacy Chairman

S Lambert Treasurer

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

# YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a going concern basis.

#### Income

Income represents the donations, subscriptions and other fundraising events during the period inclusive of value added tax where applicable.

Life time memberships are taken to income and expenditure account over a period of 10 years.

#### Investments

Investments are stated at cost.

#### Consolidation

The Society has not prepared group accounts as it has obtained exemption from doing so from the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies on the grounds that the businesses of the Society and subsidiary company differ so greatly that they cannot be treated as a single entity.

### 2. Taxation

There is no taxation due on the surplus for the year.

### 3. Fixed Asset Investments

	2017 £	2016 £
Investment in York City Football Club Limited	212,500	212,500

As at 30 June 2006 the Trust owned 100% of the issued Ordinary "A" Shares in York City Football Club Limited. In addition, at 30 June 2006 there were in issue 37,500 Ordinary "B" Shares which were held by Trust member and Football Club director, Mr J. McGill. Consequently the Trust owned 85% of the total issued share capital of York City Football Club Limited.

The current market value of the Trust's investment has not been quantified and therefore no adjustment has been made to the cost to reflect any change to its value that might have taken place.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at the Special General Meeting of Trust members, 78% of voting members approved the motion for the Trust Board to complete the arrangements such that, in overview, Jason McGill's company J M Packaging Limited ("JMP") holds 75% ownership of York City Football Club Limited for £1 million of cash investment in the Club, and the Trust holds 25% ownership plus certain special additional shareholder rights.

As at 30 June 2014 the Trust owned 25% of the total issued share capital in York City Football Club Limited. At 30 June 2014 there were in issue in York City Football Club Limited, 137,500 Ordinary "A" shares (fully owned by York City Supporters' Society Limited) and 412,500 Ordinary "B" shares (fully owned by JMP).

The most recent accounts figures for York City Football Club Limited have been made available to the Trust.



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	2017 £	2016 £
<b>4. Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>		
Co-Op Bank current account	5,851	5,851
Paypal account	376	0
Amounts on deposit	80	80
	<u>5,931</u>	<u>5,931</u>
<b>5. Creditors</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Deferred income (Membership subscriptions in advance)	250	300
Accruals	3,316	0
	<u>3,566</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>6. Creditors</b>		
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
York City Supporters' Society Loan Notes 2003 Issue	176,900	176,900
Bootham Crescent Loan Notes 2004 Issue	9,200	9,200
Life membership subscriptions in advance	820	440
	<u>186,920</u>	<u>186,840</u>

In February 2003 the Trust launched a Loan Notes Issue as part of its fundraising efforts for the 'Rescue Package' for York City Football Club.

Key features of the Loan Notes 2003 Issue include:

- Loan Notes issued to Noteholders in denominations of £100;
- Loan Notes are non-interest bearing and unsecured;
- The monies are only repayable to Noteholders in very limited circumstances; and
- Loan Notes are only transferable with the prior written consent of the Trust Secretary.

In the opinion of the Trust Board, there will be no redemptions of Loan Notes in the foreseeable future.

In June 2004 the Trust launched a Loan Notes Issue to provide supporters and friends of York City the opportunity to make a contribution towards the proposed arrangements for the Trust/Club to gain ownership of Bootham Crescent.

Key features of the Loan Notes 2004 Issue include:

- Loan Notes issued to Noteholders in denominations of £100;
- Loan Notes are non-interest bearing and unsecured;
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	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>7. Share Capital</b>		
<b>Shares of £1 each</b>		
Shares in issue at start of year	556	557
New shares issued during the year	121	0
Membership lapsed	0	1
	<u>677</u>	<u>556</u>

The shares of the Trust have the nominal value of £1 each and may not be transferred or withdrawn. No member may hold more than one share individually or jointly.

If a member ceases to be a member, the share registered in the name of that member is cancelled and the amount subscribed for the share becomes the property of the Trust.

Shares do not carry any right to interest, dividend or bonus.

The members have the rights and powers available to them under the law relating to Industrial and Provident Societies and are to decide in particular the issues specifically reserved to them by the Trust's Rules.

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>8. General fund</b>		
At 30 June 2016	31,035	30,114
(Deficit) surplus for the year	(206)	921
	<u>30,829</u>	<u>31,035</u>

**9. Related party transactions**

No donations were made to York City Football Club Limited (2016 £0), the company in which the Society has an interest.