

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 5963909

**ABESU LIMITED
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MARCH 2016**

Charity Number 1117700

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ABESU LIMITED COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2016.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	ABESU Limited
Charity registration number	1117700
Company registration number	5963909
Principal office	17 Whitcliffe Drive Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 5RY

The trustees

The trustees who served the company during the period were as follows:

Mr T Merrill
Mrs M Merrill OBE
Mr A Green
Mr J Sloane
Mr R West
Mrs A Rodrigues
Mr S Merrill

Secretary	Mrs M Merrill OBE
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

The charity's objects are to support initiatives designed to advance sustainable responses to the relief of poverty in Africa.

The objectives and activities of the charity are set out in its governing document.

The current trustees of the charity were those intricately involved in the establishment of the charity and continue to be committed to meeting its objectives.

The Board is disbursed across the UK but takes advantage of meetings when possible and teleconferences when this is not possible.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charities aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The charity regards its activities as being for charitable purposes only and for the public benefit, and that it complies with the duty set out in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The core purpose of Abesu has always been to empower women through the self building of houses. The intention is that over time the Co-operative should become financially self sufficient by using all its material and human resources to generate income to meet its revenue costs and eventually the capital necessary to build future houses.

Achieving a level of governance and managerial skill among Co-operative women remains a challenge as numeracy and literacy is low (although increasing) and the demands of everyday life for women led-families in rural areas are great. Zambia suffered poor harvests during the year and experienced an all time low in the value of the Zambian currency as a result of plummeting international copper prices.

Co-operative area groups are spread out over many hundreds of square kilometres and whereas it was entirely appropriate for house building to take place where the families live it has placed an increased strain on the logistics of running the Co-operative as it has grown.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In the second half of 2015 Abesu UK and the Co-operative together agreed that Co-operative members would benefit from an increased recognition that revenue funding from the UK would not continue without end but would need to be tapered as the Co-operative achieved self reliance. It was agreed that the skills within the Co-operative needed to be tested and strengthened in order to reach sustainability. Accordingly, a transitional plan was jointly devised to move more responsibility to the Abesu Co-operative Board and to the area groups. Abesu UK agreed to continue to revenue fund key elements such as security guards on the Shiyala site in the short term, but that the post of Director should end with responsibilities taken up by the Co-operative.

All parties knew that this would be a significant moment of transformation for the Co-operative and that it needed to be understood as a step towards sustainability rather than a step back by funders. In order to maintain fieldwork support Abesu UK and the Co-operative entered into a partnership agreement with Peoples Process on Housing and Poverty in Zambia (PPHPZ), an organisation which Abesu has worked alongside for a number of years.

PPHPZ has established expertise in working at a local and policy level on housing across Zambia and its knowledge in urban areas would be enhanced by a working arrangement with Abesu.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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It was agreed that PPHPZ would provide direct development support and training to the Abesu Co-operative Board and area groups to strengthen their capacity and empowerment, and provide oversight of Co-operative resources committed to maximising income to meet core running costs.

These changes did disturb a well established Co-operative management system but they have required an accelerated move towards self sufficiency and this has been advantageous. Core revenue costs have been reduced and are covered by generated income. During these changes the completion of houses of a high standard has continued under the existing building programme.

The changes also provided an opportunity early in 2016 for a discussion on an improved model of house building for the future. This is likely to be based around increased savings by Co-operative members and a greater variety of housing units. Also, a more 'area based' approach to development that devolves decision making and is able to engage women who are not currently Co-operative members.

Abesu in the UK has worked sensitively with the Co-operative and PPHPZ to move towards greater sustainability. The donor base has remained committed and events and fundraising initiatives have matched planned expenditure with sufficient income. No bids were made to Trusts and Foundations during the year as the changes were devised and introduced. Abesu has continued to support the Shyala Health Clinic which is of vital importance to many thousands of families.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Abesu UK relies on the continuing, regular and generous support of individuals and corporate funders. Much pro-bono help and advice is provided each year to the charity. The charity is managed on a voluntary basis and costs are kept to a minimum. Events supplement regular income and grant bodies have made an enormous impact in providing capital funds; notably Rugby Rotary Club for purchasing a Canter truck to transport construction materials.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

There does appear to be a move among international development bodies to acknowledge the value of projects connecting housing, health and sanitation and Abesu has sought to connect its work to this developing narrative.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Jonathan Rhodes BSc (Hons) FCA has been re-appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Registered office:
17 Whitcliffe Drive
Penarth
Vale of Glamorgan
CF64 5RY

Signed by order of the trustees



Mrs M Merrill OBE
Company Secretary

9 September 2016

**ABESU LIMITED
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ABESU LIMITED
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2016 which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of Abesu Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the company is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ABESU LIMITED
(continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Jonathan Rhodes BSc (Hons) FCA
Independent examiner

24 Bridge Street
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NP20 4SF

9 September 2016.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

	Note	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
Donations and legacies	2	28,293	48,613
Other trading activities	3	1,245	1,507
TOTAL INCOME		<u>29,538</u>	<u>50,120</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure on charitable activities	4/5	(35,129)	(47,997)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>(35,129)</u>	<u>(47,997)</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	6	(5,591)	2,123
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		11,526	9,403
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>5,935</u>	<u>11,526</u>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities and are unrestricted

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		6,787	12,372
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(852)	(846)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,935	11,526
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		5,935	11,526
NET ASSETS		5,935	11,526
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted income funds	9	-	-
Unrestricted income funds	10	5,935	11,526
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		5,935	11,526

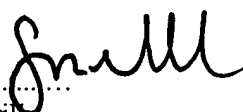
For the year ended 31 March 2016 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on the 9/9/2016 and are signed on their behalf by:

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Mr S Merrill

Company Registration Number: 5963909

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

ABESU LIMITED COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

The charity is entirely dependent on continuing donations and grant aid and as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on continuing donations and grant aid.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on an accruals basis except appeal and donation income which is recognised when received.

Investment income

Bank interest received is included on an accruals basis.

Deferred income

In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by charities (effective April 2005) issued by the Charity Commission for England & Wales grants received in advance and specified by the donor as relating to specific accounting periods or alternatively which are subject to conditions which are still to be met, and which are outside the control of the charity or where it is uncertain whether the conditions can or will be met, are deferred on an accruals basis to the period to which they relate. Such deferrals are shown in the notes to the accounts and the sums involved are shown as creditors in the accounts.

Fund accounting

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above. Any other proposed transfer between funds would be considered on the particular circumstances.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure within the relevant activity categories of resources are recognised when there is a legal and constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure, as described in Financial Reporting Standards 5 and 12.

In particular the policy for including items within costs of generating funds, charitable activities and governance costs is:

Costs of generating funds

Costs are included in generating income resources from all sources other than from undertaking charitable activity.

Charitable activities

Costs included in charitable activities comprise all resources applied by the charity in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives as opposed to the cost of raising the funds to finance these activities and governance costs.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the company, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £
Donations			
Donations	25,411	–	25,411
Gift Aid	2,882	–	2,882
Grants receivable			
States for Guernsey International Aid Commission	–	–	–
Rotary Club of Rugby	–	–	–
	<u>28,293</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>28,293</u>

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £
Donations			
Donations	26,002	–	26,002
Gift Aid	2,411	–	2,411
Grants receivable			
States for Guernsey International Aid Commission	–	5,200	5,200
Rotary Club of Rugby	–	15,000	15,000
	<u>28,413</u>	<u>20,200</u>	<u>48,613</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £
Fundraising events	<u>1,245</u>	<u>1,245</u>	<u>1,507</u>	<u>1,507</u>

4. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £
Development site costs	31,652	–	31,652
Support costs	3,477	–	3,477
	<u>35,129</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>35,129</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £
Development site costs	13,329	31,287	44,616
Support costs	3,381	–	3,381
	<u>16,710</u>	<u>31,287</u>	<u>47,997</u>

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5. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
Development site costs	<u>31,652</u>	<u>3,477</u>	<u>35,129</u>	<u>47,997</u>

6. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	2016 £	2015 £
Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>4,030</u>

7. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the members of the committee, during the year.

No staff are employed by the charity in the UK and the administration is provided pro bono.

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2016 £	2015 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>852</u>	<u>846</u>

9. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

There have been no movements on restricted funds during the year ended 31 March 2016.

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10. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Apr 2015	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 Mar 2016
	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>11,526</u>	<u>29,538</u>	<u>(35,129)</u>	<u>5,935</u>

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Net current assets	Total
	£	£
Unrestricted Income Funds	<u>5,935</u>	<u>5,935</u>
Total Funds	<u>5,935</u>	<u>5,935</u>

12. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 and is limited by guarantee, each member having undertaken to contribute such amounts not exceeding one pound as may be required in the event of the company being wound up whilst he or she is still a member or within one year thereafter.

There are 5 members of the company (2015: 5).

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

**The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements
which are the subject of the independent examiner's report on pages 5 to 6.**

ABESU LIMITED
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2016 £	2015 £
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 TOTAL INCOME	 <u>29,538</u>	 <u>50,120</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Establishment - Repairs & maintenance	1,368	–
Establishment - Insurance	48	–
Establishment - Other	27,850	19,752
Professional - Accountancy fees	852	846
Office expenses - Other	1,749	1,061
Depreciation	–	4,030
Project management	–	432
Event costs	133	161
Self-sustainability costs	2,067	20,200
other	234	41
Trustee meeting expenses	–	467
Motor and travel expenses	416	–
Bank charges	412	1,007
	<u>35,129</u>	<u>47,997</u>
 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	 <u>35,129</u>	 <u>47,997</u>
 NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	 <u>(5,591)</u>	 <u>2,123</u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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