

CMNet Finance Report year ended 31st August 2017

This year's finances have been affected by the refund of £3,760.76 from Zen for the Lochcarron line installation. As I understand it this is to be counted as income which means tax of approximately £900 will be due, the accountants may alter the way this is reported.

The Balance sheet shows our assets grew by approximately £2,400 but this disagrees with the trial balance. I expect this will be reduced when amounts brought forward and carried forward are introduced to the accounts. It is probably not worth the effort calculating some figures to the pound, such as the tax due, before talking to the accountant.

Our income from subscribers was about £6,700 within a pound of the previous year.

Even with £260 of discrepancies, I believe that the attached accounts do give a reasonable picture of the financial health of the company.

On the 31st August 2016 we had £3,478.80 in the bank and if CMNet had been wound up we would have £1,295.80 left once all debts were paid.

On the 31st August 2017 we had £8,692.81 in the bank and if CMNet had been wound up we would have been able to pay all our debts and still have approximately £4,000 left in the bank.

As a "not for profit" company our goal is to keep our charges as low as possible whilst setting aside enough money to allow us to replace or upgrade equipment.

The reductions in the year three tariff led to an unforeseen increase in usage quotas of 100% over the year and to reduce the large surplus for the year a second emergency tariff was introduced in April 2017 halving the variable GB rate.

We have taken a cautious approach to the year four tariff which has been calculated to produce a modest surplus assuming that the number of subscribers remains the same through the year and that there is very little growth in subscribers' usage volumes.

The year four tariff is:-

£5 "standing charge" plus £1.50 per 20 GB per subscriber per month

E.g. 20 GB costs £6.50 per month, 40 GB costs £8 etc and 100GB costs £12.50