

MACT Chairman's Report 20th September 2023

I can't believe this is my 7th report: doesn't time fly when you are having fun!

Since the merger with Holt Community Bus last year, the self-drive bookings have increased, and we acquired the funds to purchase a replacement bus for the school run: always good to have a win-win situation.

A recent donation from the Friends of Melksham Hospital was gratefully received and will help towards covering the reduction in Grants. However, our long-term future cannot rely on help from other charities and a fund-raising campaign is needed to finance the replacement of other vehicles when needed.

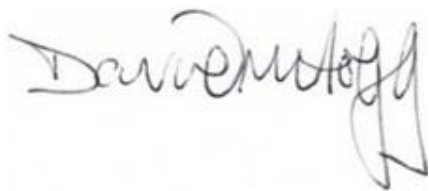
After many years at a Trustee and Chairman of the Group, Sam (Robert) Selman has now resigned, saying it was a pleasure to be part of such a successful organisation: we thank him for his contribution.

As George Brown is in the process of handing over his responsibilities after 25 years, it is a good time to recognise the incredible legacy he has built-up over those years; thankfully, he is not going anywhere and will still be available for consultation.

We are indeed fortunate to have the necessary skills to continue and I thank all committee members for their willingness to take on extra responsibilities.

Our mix of services to the good people of Melksham and surrounding villages cover a diverse and overarching representation: helping to alleviate social isolation amongst the elderly; ease the pressure on busy professionals; transport children to and from school in a safe and reliable manner; at the same time providing our dedicated and proficient drivers with an income and job-satisfaction.

Long may we continue!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Hogg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Hogg

20th September 2023

Chairman – Melksham Area Community Transport

ANNUAL RETURN

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3 APRIL 2024

Melksham Community Transport 2022/2023

SECTION 2 - THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

I certify that the accounts contained in this return present fairly the financial position of the council, are consistent with the underlying financial records and have been prepared on the basis of Receipts and Payments.

Responsible Financial Officer

Date

I confirm that these accounts are approved by the Council and recorded as council minute reference

Dated

Signed on behalf of the above Council (Chair)

Date

		<u>Last Year £</u>	<u>This Year £</u>	<u>General Notes for Guidance</u>
1	Balances brought forward	43,386	32,411	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of the previous year.
3	(+) Total other receipts	82,177	139,579	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4	(-) Staff costs	46,457	49,771	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5	(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6	(-) All other payments	46,695	85,405	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7	(=) Balances carried forward	32,411	36,814	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. [Must equal (1+2+3)-(4+5+6)]
8	Total value of cash and short term investments	32,411	36,814	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9	Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	0	0	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10	Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

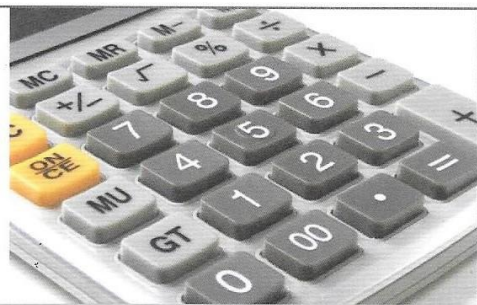
The following documents should accompany the accounts when submitted to the auditor:

- * A brief explanation of significant variations from last year to this year in Section 2;
- * Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March



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Mr J Ruderman
Melksham Community Transport

11th September 2023

Dear John

We are able to confirm that we have inspected the documents for the year to 31st March 2023, but have not carried out an audit.

We are able to confirm that we have verified both bank balances with the physical bank statements and agreed the brought forward balance from last year.

We have not checked that transactions have been posted to the correct nominal accounts.

Yours sincerely

John Applegate (ICPA)