Sunderland Black and Minority Ethnic Network Limited

Financial Statements for the Period

1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

Charity No: 1130886
Company No: 06825908

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DurhamRoad
Birtley
Co.Durham
DH3 2TD
Sunderland Black and Minority Ethnic Network Limited

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2017

Name: Sunderland Black and Minority Ethnic Network

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          Sunderland
          SR1 2QD

Charity No: 1130886

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Management Committee

K. Ramanathas Chair
Abu Shama Treasurer
Michal Chantkowski Secretary
Zafer Iqbal
Lucky Eyuwoko Pemu

Independent Examiner

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For the period ended 31st March 2017, the Company was entitled to exemption under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to Small companies. The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies’ regime. These accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies’ regime.

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K. Ramanathas  Director
Sunderland Black and Minority Ethnic Network Limited

Notes to the Accounts for the Period ended 31st March 2017

1) Accounts Policies

a) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities (SORP)

b) Grants received are accounted for on a receivable basis and credited to income. Any grants restricted to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised in those accounting periods.

c) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

d) General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the management committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the organisation.

e) Unrestricted funds are donations and income received for the objects of the charity and are available as general funds.

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4) Debtors 2017 2016

Prepayment 350

5) Creditors

Accrual 500 1,230
Accountant / Independent Examiner’s Report

I report on the accounts of Sunderland Black and Minority Ethnic Network Ltd for the period ended 31st March 2017

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the regulations made under section 145 of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and statement, without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Basis of Examiner’s Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under the directions of Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners, an examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit.

Examiner’s Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006. No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

In my opinion, the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the company, and have regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records, those accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Act specified, so far as is applicable to the company.
In my opinion, having regard to and on the basis of, the information contained in the accounting records kept by the company, the company as a charity satisfied the requirements of the Act for the financial year.

Paul Brown-King FCCA
Independent Examiner
26th July 2017
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Foreword

Sunderland Black and Minority Ethnic Network Limited (SBMEN) is a Member-led organisation made up of representatives from third sector, business and other BME organisations in the Sunderland area.

Its governing body (the Management Committee/Board) guide the strategy, funding, organisation and all major decisions. Their wide-ranging skills, experience in the voluntary sector and direct involvement in BME communities, in turn, helps to inform SBMEN’s activity as well as contributing to their personal strategic vision for their individual organisations.

The Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Members of the Management Committee/Board are pleased to present this Annual Report outlining SBMEN’s key achievements during the financial year of 2016 – 2017.

Current Members of SBMEN’s Management Committee/Board

Members of Sunderland BME Network’s Management Committee/Board as of 7th November 2017.

Chair
Mr. Kamareswaradas Ramanathas
Member Organisation – Young Asian Voices
Website: www.youngasianvoices.org.uk
Twitter: @yav_sunderland

Treasurer
Abu Shama
Member Organisation - Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre
Website: www.sb-international.org.uk

Secretary
Michal Chantkowski
Member Organisation - International Community Organisation of Sunderland (ICOS)
Website: www.icos.org.uk
Twitter: @DKrzyszczak

Committee Members
Zafar Iqbal
Member Organisation - Islamic Education Centre
Twitter: @Zaf4labour

Padma Rao
Member Organisation – SANGINI
Website: www.sangini.org.uk
Twitter: @artsconnectuk
Support received during the financial year from April 2017 to March 2017

- Big Lottery Fund (Communities Living Sustainably & Celebrate!)
- Big Assist Fund (Big Lottery Fund)
- Gentoo Group (Aspire Fund)
- The Young Foundation (Communities Can)

Sunderland BME Network Limited’s Management Committee is grateful for the support and encouragement provided by funders, Members and its many partners within Sunderland, across the North East region and nationally.

SBMEN’s Activities During 2016-17

Sustainable Sunderland

This project came to its successful conclusion during this financial year. Sustainable Sunderland was a Big Lottery Fund, Communities Living Sustainably programme. Its main focus was encouraging better use of natural resources through energy efficiency measures which helped the planet whilst at the same time reduced costs for those living in near to fuel poverty.

Sustainable Sunderland was targeted on the four wards of Hendon, Millfield, Pallion and Southwick in Sunderland. As well as alleviating fuel poverty it focused on mitigating factors that impact on climate change such as environmental issues, providing information to raise awareness via a website and social media, greening and growing spaces, recycling and re-use and consumer choices.

Sustainable Sunderland was a partnership led by SBMEN. The partnership was:

- Age UK Sunderland,
- Gentoo Group,
- Groundwork North East and Cumbria,
- International Community organisation of Sunderland (ICOS),
- Sustainable Enterprise Strategies (SES),
- Voluntary and Community Action Sunderland (VCAS)
- Sunderland City Council.

During the four years of its existence the Sustainable Sunderland Partnership -

- Supported groups / individuals wanting to establish groups done on a voluntary basis such as Grow Sunderland and Transition Sunderland.
- Supported people directly with home energy visits, advice on energy saving, referrals to other partners and insulation materials to reduce their energy bills.
- Engaged with people who took part in volunteer led work and considered behaviour change.
- Provided information via its own dedicated website at www.sustainablesunderland.org.uk which is hosted on a green server.
- Maintained a presence on social media to emphasise the need to be aware of climate change and environmental issues.

This project’s work concluded in March 2017 after which a final report was submitted to The Big Lottery Fund. Sunderland BME Network continues to be committed to climate change issues and the environment. The Sustainable Sunderland website and social media accounts have been continued despite the project itself ending. It is hoped that SBMEN will find partners in the future to help us counteract the terrible changes to our planet caused by human activity.
The Sunderland BME Network One Voice Awards 2016

The One Voice Awards was back for a second year to bring together individuals, organisations and agencies to recognise, share and celebrate work in improving the well-being of BME communities throughout the City of Sunderland.

Requests were sent out for nominations to a wide cross-section of people and organisations to get as good a representative sample as possible so that the communities involved felt that they were stakeholders in the awards.

The Awards Categories

- Public Sector Organisation
- Voluntary Organisation Award
- Young Achiever Award
- Community Role Model Award
- Partnership Award
- Sunderland “One Voice” Award
Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony was held on 26th October 2016 in Thornhill Community Academy, Sunderland. Awards were given within the above categories to a wide range of people and organisations, highlighting the diversity of our area and how many people can come together to build stronger, safer communities.

To see a detailed list of the recipients of the awards, view pictures of the attendees and more please visit - http://www.sbmnen.org/one-voice-awards-2/one-voice-awards-2016/

One Voice Awards 2017

It is planned to hold a One Voice Awards again in 2017. This means it will be running for its third year! It is hoped our event will prove to be as successful as it was in the previous two years will a large attendance from the BME communities and wider community.

We hope to keep supporting BME communities in the area during these difficult times of austerity. We see valuing our community members as vital if we are to maintain a healthy and vibrant modern society in Britain today.

Communities Can

We became a delivery partner for the Communities Can support programme in 2016.

Through Communities Can we provided consultants from our Member organisations to strengthen new Members’ capacity, allow existing Members to gain the opportunity to develop a new income stream through sharing expertise and to help fledgling organisations/individuals begin their journey in their own right.

Communities can was overseen by the Young Foundation.

The aim of Communities Can was to pilot new ways of capability or capacity building by:

- Supporting Community organisations in the pilot areas to identify their capability and capacity needs through an initial organisational health check.
• Supporting identified Community organisations to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence, and meet the needs identified by the organisational health checks.

Which would lead to the following outcomes:

• Community organisations understanding their organisational capability needs and are better able to identify appropriate support to meet these needs.
• Community organisations will have improved capabilities so they provide higher quality support to their beneficiaries to increase their effectiveness and respond to changing needs, funding and expectations.
• Community organisations will be able to demonstrate their improved capabilities in future funding applications leading to an increased chance in securing organisational funding.

From many years of experience our Member organisations International Community Organisation of Sunderland, Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre and Young Asian Voices provided -

• Support in identifying funding and completing successful bids
• Training that helped people effectively support their community
• Opportunities to network and share challenges and experiences with likeminded people
• Help in planning a successful future for individual communities

By providing this consultancy support we hoped that community organisations would grow stronger by helping them to develop from within and empowered them to access the support of people who understand the opportunities and challenges they face.

Communities Can was designed to help small community groups access the support they needed to grow and thrive and provided funded support of up to £2,500.

Our involvement in Communities Can strengthened our track-record as an infrastructure organisation whilst, at the same time, provided even more support for BME communities in the Sunderland area.

Meet the Funders Event

In January 2017 we were very pleased, thanks to the tremendous support of 6 funders, a ‘Meet the Funders’ Event.

The 6 funders (in alphabetical order) were :-
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<td>Sir James Knott</td>
<td>Mrs V R Stapley, Trust Secretary</td>
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As a trusted deliverer of services SBMEN were able aim this event specifically at hard to reach BME organisations and people within the Sunderland area. Many of these groups, some of whom are our Members, would normally feel socially excluded or not able to apply for mainstream funding.
We hope that by providing this extra support via SBMEN working in collaboration with the funders above and hopefully many more in the future that increasing numbers from the BME communities in Sunderland will feel confident enough to go forward with funding applications.

Communication and Inter-Agency Work

SBMEN’s website, Facebook page and Twitter feed are all used to both maintain a presence in the community and to provide a positive message about BME communities. These media are updated regularly.

SBMEN’s Board took the decision to continue funding the Sustainable Sunderland website, Facebook page and Twitter feed to ensure a lasting legacy for this important project. SBMEN’s commitment will continue to ensure it maintains its own identity and to publicise environmental issues in our area and nationally.

SBMEN continues to be consulted by a wide range of agencies. Within the confines of our limited resources we will endeavour to provide as much help and to signpost whenever we can. We will continue to actively encourage agencies to re-configure their services and delivery to make them a better fit in the light of our on the ground knowledge and to, if possible, seek resources to aid us in assisting them going forward in a constantly changing community profile.

SBMEN is used as a distribution centre for e-mail messages by its Members as well as by outside organisations. This provides information about services to Network Members and Associate Members about events and important information from outside sources to Sunderland’s BME communities as well as improving communication between our different communities.
Acknowledgements

As a Member-led organisation SBMEN’s continuing success depends entirely on funders helping us to continue to grow and develop for our members – our thanks goes to our funders especially for their support.

Thanks, of course, also go to our Members who make us what we are as an organisation. Also to key partners across the city of Sunderland who continue to work with us in serving our communities. Finally we wish to thank our volunteers who have contributed so much enthusiasm to our organisation.

We look forward to working with everyone in the future!