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A. Dillix
Secretary
07/04/2018



Mutual Societies Annual Return Form (AR30)

For societies registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Society name:

The Ferret Media Ltd

Important information you should read before completing this form

You must use this form if you are a:

- registered society (previously referred to as an 'industrial and provident society')
- co-operative society
- community benefit society

registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

You must submit this form and the society's accounts within 7 months of the end of your financial year. Failure to submit is an offence for which the society may be prosecuted.

Please note:

- we have an information note that may assist you in completing this application
- any personal details you give on the form will be placed on the society's public file.
- it is important you give accurate and complete information and disclose all relevant information. If you do not, it may take us longer to process your annual return.

Please keep a copy of the form and supporting documents for future reference.

Terms in this form

'FCA', 'PRA', 'us' and 'we' refer to the Financial Conduct Authority or Prudential Regulation Authority.

'You' refers to the person signing the form on behalf of the society.

'The 2014 Act' is the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014



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Filling in the form

1 If you are using your computer to complete the form:

- use the TAB key to move from question to question and press SHIFT TAB to move back to the previous question; and
- print the completed form and arrange for it to be signed by all relevant individuals.

2 If you are filling in the form by hand:

- use black ink;
- write clearly; and
- arrange for it to be signed and dated by all relevant individuals.

3 If you make a mistake, cross it out and initial the changes; do not use correction fluid.

4 If you:

- leave a question blank;
- do not get the form signed; or
- do not attach the required supporting information

without telling us why, we will treat the application as incomplete. This will increase the time taken to assess your application.

5 If there is not enough space on the form, you may use separate sheets of paper. Clearly mark each separate sheet of paper with the relevant question number. Any separate sheets should be signed by the signatories to the form.

6 Email a scanned copy of the signed form and supporting documents to

mutualsannrtns@fca.org.uk

or send it by post to:

Mutuals Team
Financial Conduct Authority
25 The North Colonnade
Canary Wharf
LONDON
E14 5HS

7. Please make sure you include:

- this form
- a set of printed accounts – signed by two members and the secretary (3 signatures in total)
- an audit report or accountant's report where required; and
- any supporting documents.

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Details of society

1.1 Details of the society

Register number	4088
Registered office address	Tribe Porty. 19, Windsor Place, Edinburgh.
Postcode	EH15 2AJ

1.2 Year end date (dd/mm/yyyy)

See Note 1.2

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Committee of management

If you are a club you do not need to give a year of birth in questions 1.3-1.6.

The names of the members of the Committee at the date on which the return is signed should be entered below in BLOCK CAPITALS.

1.3 Details of Chairman

Name	Rob Edwards
Address	53, Nile Grove, Edinburgh
Postcode	EH10 4RE
Year of birth	1953
Business occupation and other directorships	Journalist

1.4 Details of Treasurer

Name	Peter Geoghegan
Address	2/2 21 Lawrence Street, Glasgow
Postcode	G11 5HF
Year of birth	1977
Business occupation and other directorships	Journalist

1.5 Details of Secretary

Name	Alastair Tibbitt
Address	6, Lennoxlove Acredales, Haddington
Postcode	EH41 4AA
Year of birth	02/02/1977
Business occupation and other directorships	Journalist

1.6 Details of Members of the Committee

Name	Address	Year of birth	Business occupation and other directorships
Rachel Hamada	5/1 Starbank Road Edinburgh EH5 3BW	1976	Journalist
Layla Roxanne-Hill	Flat 2/1, 8 Stanmore Road, Glasgow. G41 9AQ	1984	Journalist
Fiona Davidson	34 Locksley Avenue Cumbernauld G67 4EN	1961	Trade Union Official / Journalist
William Briggs	3 C Dove Street, cellardyke, Fife. KY10 3AN	1967	Journalist
Brian Allaway	9, Craighleith Hill Row, EH4 2JX	1953	Retired
Karin Goodwin	76/39, Titwood Road, Glasgow, G41 2DD	1976	Journalist

Please use separate sheets of paper if you need more space, following the instructions provided in section 5 above.

Please indicate how many separate sheets of paper you have used

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Please continue, answering all questions.

1.7 Are any members of the society's committee disqualified as directors under the Company Director Disqualification Act 1986?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

1.8 Does the society carry out any activity which is regulated under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000? (e.g. accepting deposits in a form other than withdrawable shares; offering insurance products; undertaking residential mortgage business). If 'yes' please state the society's Financial Services Register firm reference number

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

Financial Services Register firm reference number

1.9 Is the society a subsidiary of another society?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

1.10 Does the society have one or more subsidiaries?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

1.11 Is the society currently accepted by the HM Revenue and Customs as a charity for tax purposes?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

Please confirm you have attached a copy of the letter from HM Revenue and Customs confirming charitable tax status:

- ☐ Yes

1.12 Is this society a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes ► provide your Scottish Charity number below

1.13 Is the society registered with one of the following (please tick)?

- ☐ Homes and Communities Agency
☐ The Welsh Ministers
☐ Scottish Housing Regulator

If so, please provide your register number

All societies must answer the following questions:

- if a **bona fide co-operative society** go to question 1.14
- if **existing for the benefit of the community** go to question 1.19

Bona fide co-operative society

1.14 How did members benefit from the business, industry or trade of the society during the year?

During the year the members benefited by obtaining unrestricted access to the journalism produced by the organisation. Additionally, all members were able to benefit from reduced price tickets to events organised by The Ferret through the year, as well as exclusive email updates and the opportunity to inform our editorial process.

1.15 Is membership of the society required to obtain the benefits offered by it?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

1.16 In what way did members participate in an ongoing basis in the society's primary business during the year?

In addition participating in a range of events organised by The Ferret this year, members are able to influence our editorial in a number of ways. For example, we conducted a poll to identify the topic of our next crowd-funded investigation should be. Members are in regular contact with our Fact Checking team to suggest contentious claims for us to verify. Lastly, members receive regular updates on the progress of the project via regular transparency reports.

1.17 How did members democratically control the society?

As described above, members are able to vote on our editorial priorities through the year. Additionally, at our AGM, members are invited to stand for election as Directors.

1.18 How did the society use any surplus/profit?

If the society distributed the surplus/profit to members please explain how this was done.

All surplus was reinvested into the society.

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Continue to 2.1

Community benefit society**1.19 Who are the community the society benefited?**

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1.20 How did the society benefit that community during the year?

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1.21 How did the society use any surplus/profit?

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2.2 Names of subsidiaries as defined in sections 100 and 101 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

2.3 Names of subsidiaries not dealt with in group accounts (if any) and reasons for exclusions (as approved by the FCA)

The society must have written authority from us to exclude a subsidiary from group accounts

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The audit

3.1 Type of audit used for the attached accounts.

If the society has used a full professional audit or an accountant's report then the report must be prepared by a registered auditor.

- ☐ Full professional audit ▶ Continue to section 4
- ☐ Accountant's report ▶ Complete questions 3.2 and 3.3
- ☐ Lay audit ▶ Complete questions 3.2 and 3.3
- ☒ Unaudited ▶ Complete questions 3.2 and 3.3

3.2 Do the society's registered rules allow the society not to undertake a full professional audit?

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes

3.3 Has the membership passed at a general meeting a resolution allowing the society not to undertake a full professional audit for the year of account in question? (In accordance with section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014)

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes

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Accounts and signature

Accounts

4.1 Date on which the accounts and balance sheet will be/were laid before the AGM (dd/mm/yyyy)

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4.2 Has your society produced accounts to the minimum standard required?

☒ Yes ▶ you must confirm that you have attached the accounts and the audit/accountant's report bearing the original signatures of the auditor (if required by law), the secretary and the two committee members. ☒ Attached

☐ No ▶ you must produce accounts to the minimum standard required, see notes for details.

Signature – all societies to complete

4.3 The Secretary of the society must sign and date below

I certify that the information in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name	Alastair Tibbitt
Signature	
Phone number	07804766054
Email	hi@allytibbitt.me
Date	16/03/2018

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Peter Gaughygan
Treasurer

[Signature]

[Signature]

Rob EDWARDS
Chair

A. Abma
Secretary

The Ferret Media Limited Unaudited Accounts

Balance Sheet as of	6/9/2017	30/9/2016
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets:	£55	£15
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and at hand:	<u>£47,571.52</u>	<u>£12660.32</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year:		
	<u>£42,501.52</u>	<u>£9600</u>
Net Current Assets:	£5070	£3060.32
Total Assets less current liabilities:	<u>£5125</u>	<u>£3075.32</u>
Capital and Reserves		
Profit and Loss account:	£5125	£3075.32
Shareholders' Funds:	£5125	£3075.32

A. G. Smith
Secretary
7/4/18