The British Computer Society Dorset Branch Financial Report

Year ended 31 August 2019

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Treasurer's Report

This year has been a consolidation year for the Dorset Branch, beginning with a new committee elected in September 2018. As a result some successful events were held, generally at the local University, and were well supported.

The University has been a generous supporter of the branch providing facilities at little or no cost. This has resulted in the total expenditure for the branch being £205.49, with an overall budget of £2,770. Clearly, this is not sustainable as if branch expenditure continues at this level, then a corresponding reduction should follow. This year the branch has argued for a slight drop in funding, to £2,121.00 as below:

Item	Budget 18-19	Budget 19-20	
3010 Travel/Subsistence	100.00	56.00	
4110 Room Hire	125.00	68.00	
4130 Speakers Expenses	750.00	420.00	
4150 Catering	1320.00	1267.00	
4212 Publicity Material	25.00	60.00	
4291 Sponsorship Expenses	0.00	0.00	
4900 Other Costs General	200.00	0.00	
5102 Student Prizes	250.00	250.00	
Total	£2,770.00	£2121.00	

This year's budget allows for four events during the year with each having a speakers expense of £105 and a catering budget for each event of £300, with contingency of £16.75. Naturally, that said it does not preclude other events being organised provided that the budget is not exceeded. A small amount is retained for sundry room hire, in the event that a free room is not available.

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Operating Statement for Financial Activities For The Year Ended August 2019

Income:	Notes	Total 18-19 £000	Total 2019 £000	Total 2018 £000
Programmes and Events			- -	-
		0	0	0
Other: Other income		-	-	-
Total income and endowments		-	-	
Expenditure on:				
3010 Travel/Subsistence (Other) 4110 Room Hire 4130 Speakers expenses 4150 Catering 4212 Publicity & Materials 4291 Sponsorship Expense 4900 Other Costs General 5102 Student Prizes & Membership 3010 Travel/Subsistence (Other) 4110 Room Hire 4130 Speakers expenses		- - 205.49 - - - - -	- 205.49 - - - - - - -	60.00 75.00 450.00 1,280.00 25.00 0.00 200.00 0.00 60.00 75.00 450.00
Total expenditure		205.49	205.49	2,564.51
Net (expenditure)/income		(205.49)	(205.49)	(2,564.51)

All results arose from continuing activities.

Notes

- 1. This year has been a difficult year following the change in the committee, often under very sad circumstances. This has impacted the events, which were reduced and thus generated smaller costs against the budget.
 - a. Furthermore, the support of the University has meant that the branch's costs have been kept to a minimum. This is likely to change in the future as the facilities services attempt to ensure that charges are raised for all events hosted at the University.
 - b. This extremely small expenditure (£205.49) against the budget of £2,770.00, meant that the branch had to argue for a continued budget for the forthcoming year, albeit reduced.
 - c. Overall, the branch was successful in obtaining the current budget, although originally a similar budget to last year was submitted. However, as can be seen from the operating statement, the 17-18 year, the branch expenditure was £2,564.51 against the budget of £2,770.00, which is 93% of the budget. In 18-19 this was reduced to under 1%, a significant drop.
- 2. This year the catering budget is for 4 events at a cost of £1,200, i.e. £300 per event. In addition, a small amount has been budgeted for speakers expenses, such as transport costs to and from Bournemouth station.
 - a. This does not limit the number of events, it simply means the budget will be reduced for each event.
 - b. This should be balanced against other events where costs are reduced.

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