

Limerick & District  
Credit Union

# Annual Report 2023

## Accounts & Notice of AGM 2023



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**Date:**

Tuesday December 19th 2023

**Venue:**

Virtual Meeting @ 6pm

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## Agenda

- a) The acceptance by the Board of Directors of the authorised representatives of members that are not natural persons
- b) Ascertainment that a quorum is present
- c) Adoption of Standing Orders
- d) Reading and Approval (or correction) of the minutes of the 2022 AGM and any intervening special general meeting
- e) Report of the Chairperson
- f) Report of the Board of Directors
- g) Appointment of tellers
- h) Report of the CEO
- i) Report of the Auditor and consideration of Accounts and related matters
- j) Declaration of Dividend and Rebate of Interest (if any)
- k) Report of the Board Oversight Committee
- l) Report of the Credit Committee
- m) Report of the Credit Control Committee
- n) Report of the Membership Committee
- o) Report of the Insurance Officer
- p) Report of the Nomination Committee
- q) Rule amendment
- r) Election of Auditor
- s) Election to fill a vacancy on the Board Oversight Committee
- t) Election to fill vacancies on the Board Of Directors
- u) Announcement of Election Results
- v) Any other business
- w) Adjournment or Close of Meeting

## **Rule Amendment arising from League AGM 2023**

**Please note that there has been one amendment to the Standard Rules for Credit Unions arising from League AGM 2023. The wording of the rule amendment is set out below.**

### **Rule 30 (1)(a)**

That this Annual General Meeting amends Rule 30 of the Standard Rules for Credit Unions (Republic of Ireland) by the deletion of the following Rule 30 (1)(a)

(1) (a) Provided a share dividend has been declared in accordance with the Act, the directors may recommend to the annual general meeting for approval a refund to the members on record as of the end of each financial year who have been borrowers during such year of a percentage of interest which such borrowers have paid during such year, and such rate of refund shall apply to all such member borrowers. Where a credit union operates a system whereby different rates of interest are charged for different classes of loans, the board of directors may recommend a different rate of refund applicable to each class of loan. Such refunds shall apply to all member borrowers in each class of loan.

### **And by the insertion of the following Rule 30 (1)(a) to read:**

(1) (a) The directors may recommend to the annual general meeting for approval a refund to the members on record as of the end of each financial year who have been borrowers during such year of a percentage of interest which such borrowers have paid during such year, and such rate of refund shall apply to all such member borrowers. Where a credit union operates a system whereby different rates of interest are charged for different classes of loans, the board of directors may recommend a different rate of refund applicable to each class of loan. Such refunds shall apply to all member borrowers in each class of loan."

## **Motion**

### **Rule 40 (2)**

**That this Annual General Meeting amends Rule 40(2) to read as follows:**

At the time of the adoption of the Rules, the Board of Directors shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be members of the Credit Union.

## Notice of AGM 2023

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
VIRTUAL AGM TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023 AT 6.00P.M.**

**CARMEL CRONIN (HON. SECRETARY)**

### HOW TO REGISTER

Notice is hereby given that the 2023 Virtual Annual General Meeting of the members of Limerick & District Credit Union Limited will take place via Zoom Webinar Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

Members wishing to attend the Virtual AGM need to request an invitation to join and apply via email to [agm@lcu.ie](mailto:agm@lcu.ie) and include the following information in your email.

Member Name  
Member Number  
Member Address

A link to the AGM Zoom Webinar will be forwarded to your email address in time for the meeting. **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration must be submitted no later than close of business on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PERTINENT TO THIS NOTICE

- Limerick & District Credit Union Limited will be using Zoom Webinar as the electronic platform for the meeting.
- To gain access to the meeting a member must request an invitation to the virtual meeting by emailing [agm@lcu.ie](mailto:agm@lcu.ie). This request must be received before the close of business on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Following receipt of the necessary information the member will receive an invitation by email to join the meeting on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- The information required to request an invitation is your name, member number and address. The Credit Union will validate member details prior to issuing invitations.
- Please note, registration for the AGM will close at close of business on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to allow us sufficient time to validate all registrations.
- All non-presenting participants will be muted and have their cameras switched off to allow the smooth running of the meeting. However, you can type a question to the host by clicking on the "Q&A" button on the bottom of the screen.
- Elections for the Board of Directors, Board Oversight Committee and Auditor will take place. Voting will be conducted by way of online poll and each member will be asked to vote Yes/ No electronically for each of the above, when instructed by the Chairperson. The votes will be tallied electronically, verified by the Internal Auditor and recorded by the meeting Secretary.
- The AGM meeting will be recorded for minute taking purposes. Members who register for the meeting will be agreeing to the recording of the meeting and their participation in it, by registering.

## Notice of Elections

Elections will be held to fill 5 vacancies on the Board of Directors, 1 vacancy on the Board Oversight Committee and the position of Auditor. In accordance with fitness and probity requirements per the Central Bank Reform Act 2010 nominations for positions of Director or member of the Board Oversight Committee must have been received by the Nomination Committee before 1st December 2023 in order for due diligence to be carried out on the candidates. Please note that due to these requirements no nominations may be accepted from the floor.

### **Election of Directors under Section 53 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended)**

There are 5 vacancies on the Board of Directors at AGM 2023. The following candidates having served their term offer themselves for re-election on the proposal of the Nomination Committee.

- ▶ Mary Larkin
- ▶ Breda Harkins
- ▶ Fergus O'Regan
- ▶ Brian Keating
- ▶ Antoinette Barry

### **Election of Board Oversight Committee Members under Section 58 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended)**

There is 1 vacancy to be filled on the Board Oversight committee at AGM 2023. The following candidate having served his term offers himself for re-election to fill the vacancy:

- ▶ Brendan Kelly

### **Election of Auditor under Section 115 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended)**

The Auditors Grant Thornton, Mill House, Henry Street, Limerick being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## Credit Union Invocation

Lord make me an instrument of thy peace,  
where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
where there is injury, pardon,  
where there is doubt, faith,  
where there is despair, hope,  
where there is darkness, light,  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love,  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.





## **Standing Orders for Credit Unions for Virtual - Annual General Meeting (Republic of Ireland)**

### **1. VOTING**

1. Each member shall be entitled to one vote irrespective of his/her shareholding, in accordance with section 82(2) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

Since this year's AGM will be a virtual meeting, voting on motions and elections will be by electronic means. Each member will be given the opportunity to exercise their vote virtually during the meeting.

### **2. Election Procedure - Electronic Voting**

2. Following the announcement of nominations attendees will be given the opportunity to vote electronically "Yes" or "No" for each candidate. Those in attendance will be given 30 seconds to record their vote. The mechanics of the virtual voting process will be explained in more detail at the AGM by the Chairperson. Elections shall be in the following order:
  - a) election for auditor
  - b) election for member of the board oversight committee
  - c) elections for directors.

The votes will be tallied electronically and verified by our Internal Auditor. When all elections have been completed and results become available the Chairperson will announce the results.

### **3 - 4 Motions**

3. All motions from the meeting must be inputted in the Q&A box. This must be proposed and seconded by members virtually present at the AGM using the raised hand function in zoom and moved by the proposer.

A proposer of a motion may speak for such period as shall be at the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and shall have the right of reply before the motion is put to the meeting for a vote.

In exercising his/her right of reply, a proposer may not introduce new material.

The seconder of a motion shall have such time as shall be allowed by the Chair to second the motion.

Members are entitled to speak on any such motion and must do so through the Chair. All speakers to any motion shall have such time as shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

The Chair shall have the absolute right to decide at any time when a motion has been sufficiently discussed and may put the motion to the meeting giving the proposer the right of reply before doing so.

Members will be invited to submit questions to the board via the Q&A box on the toolbar in Zoom Webinar and the board will address these during the AGM.

4. The Chairperson's decision on any matter relating to these Standing Orders or interpretation of same shall be final.

### **5 - 10 Miscellaneous**

5. The Chairperson of the credit union shall be the Chairperson of any general meeting, except where he/she is not available, in which case it shall be the Vice-Chair, except where he/she is not available, in which case the Board shall decide amongst themselves who shall act as Chair of any general meeting.
6. The Chairperson may at his/her discretion, extend the privilege of the floor to any person who is not a member.
7. Matters not covered by the Agenda may be introduced under "Other Business" at the discretion of the Chairperson. At a virtual AGM in the current circumstances, this may not be practical. However, the option may be invoked, if required.
8. The Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote in addition to his/her own vote on matters other than voting at elections where there is an equality of votes (Standard Rule 99(1)).

9. Any matter to be decided upon by a vote at the AGM shall, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law or the rules be decided upon by majority vote.

### **10. Adjournments**

10. Adjournments of the AGM shall take place only in accordance with section 81(1) and the provisions concerning notice, voting and quorum are also set out in section 81.

### **11-18 Virtual Meeting Items**

11. All non-presenting participants will be muted and have their cameras switched off to allow the smooth running of the meeting.
12. A member shall only address the meeting when called upon by the Chairperson to do so, when invited to contribute.
13. All members are asked to utilise the Q&A box on the bottom of the toolbar in Zoom Webinar to ask questions.
14. All members are reminded to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Please refrain from sharing any explicit, violent or inappropriate content.
15. Provision shall be made for the protection of the Chairperson from vilification (personal abuse).
16. All members are requested to show respect when they are asking or replying to questions during the meeting. This includes tone and content of the words used.
17. All members are asked to keep their mobile phone silent. The vibrate setting can also cause disruptions.
18. The AGM meeting will be recorded.

## **MEMBERS' INFORMATION NOTICE REGARDING THE VERIFICATION OF MEMBERS' CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS BY PHONE**

As part of their annual fraud prevention and detection work programmes, the Internal Auditor, the Compliance Officer and the Risk Management Officer in Limerick & District Credit Union Limited, are required to phone a sample of members during the year, to confirm the authenticity of transactions on their credit union account. During any such phone conversation, the member will only ever be requested to answer a question as "yes or no" and the member will not be requested to provide any specific personal or account details. If you receive any such phone call from a person claiming to be the Internal Auditor, the Compliance Officer or the Risk Management Officer from Limerick & District Credit Union Limited and the caller requests you to provide specific personal or account details, then please do not provide the caller with any such personal or account details and instead contact the credit union on (061) 455831.



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE ACCOUNT STATEMENTS**

You may have received a statement for the period ended 31st October 2023 for your Credit Union Accounts with this A.G.M. notification. If you have any questions on your statement, please initially call Limerick & District Credit Union Limited on 061 455831. If after speaking directly to the Credit Union your query is not satisfactorily resolved, please contact the Credit Union's Internal Audit function MOET Accountants at 061 335574.

## **Got a Question?**

If you have a question arising from the content of the 2023 Annual Report, or a general Credit Union question, we would be delighted to discuss same with you in any of our 4 offices. If you have a question you intend asking at the AGM, it would be preferable for you to provide us with the question in advance of the AGM in order for us to have the information to hand to enable us to provide you with the fullest answer possible.

The latest date for receipt of questions in writing will be close of business on 14/12/2023. Please email your question to [c.long@lcu.ie](mailto:c.long@lcu.ie).

## **Important Notice**

Please be advised that as part of Limerick & District Credit Union Limited's affiliation with the Irish League of Credit Unions (ILCU), an annual affiliation fee must be paid to the ILCU. The decision has been made to cover the cost of the fee by way of equal deduction from each adult member's share account.

Accordingly, the deduction from each adult member's share account will equate to €1.44.

Please note that this deduction is permitted by way of the terms of your membership (Standard Rules for Credit Unions in the Republic of Ireland).

If you have any queries in respect of this matter, please feel free to contact us.

## **Report of the Chairperson 2023**

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to extend a warm welcome to those of you attending our 48th AGM of Limerick & District Credit Union Ltd. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our new members who have joined us this year.

A big thank you to all our members for taking the time to read this Annual Report which contains the Financial Statements and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2023.

We are delighted to advise you that the past year, while challenging, has been a phenomenally successful one for your Credit Union. We have had an increase of 19.15% in our lending and our loan book now stands at €45,253,741. We are showing a surplus of €1,488,819 for the year. This surplus includes profit from the disposal of the property in Upper William Street.

Despite challenges the Irish economy performed quite well and while the outlook for the economy is positive there can be no denying that the increased cost of living is putting a great deal of pressure on households. External forces like the continued war in Ukraine, conflict in the Middle East and the Bank trouble in the U.S. will all impact on the economic climate in our Country.

Our balance sheet shows loan book and share growth over the last year. We have a strong asset base and a strong reserve position. Our Board are incredibly pleased to be in a position to make the decision to pay a dividend of 0.25% which equates to €334,517. An amount of €1,488,819 has been transferred to the reserves to ensure that we retain our strong reserve position which will continue to provide the solid foundation for the implementation and development of our Strategic plan in the coming years.

Members can now avail of our current accounts, debit cards, online transactions and applying and drawing down their loans online. We are delighted to say that we have had a great response to our green loan offering which encourages our members to opt for a greener option when renovating their home or buying a new car.

Our Board and staff are pro-actively promoting the green agenda and are actively updating our buildings to be energy efficient. In each of our offices we have a staff member elected as our green champion to ensure that we are looking at all

opportunities to minimise carbon emissions.

We are in the process of reviewing internal operational processes to identify opportunities to reduce carbon footprints, gas emissions, deforestation, biodiversity, pollution mitigation, waste management and water usage.

The strategic direction of our Credit Union is driven by our 4-year Strategic Plan. The Board of Directors spend a great deal of time reviewing and updating the Strategic plan to ensure that we are aligned to the members' needs at all times.

During the year there was a marked increase in new members. Our adult membership increased by 879 to 41,391. This reflects the confidence Limerick people have in our Credit Union.

The Board continues to work tirelessly to ensure that your Credit Union remains a local and accessible organization for all its members and remains at the heart of the community, being relevant to you and in touch with you at all times.

We deeply regret the loss of our members who died during the year, and we extend our deep sympathy to their families and friends.

We would like to thank our Board Directors Willie Gorman and James Stewart who stepped down from the Board during the year due to increased commitments. Both men have given many years of service to our Credit Union and indeed Willie to MPCC Credit Union and James to St. Johns Credit Union prior to the transfer of engagements to Limerick & District Credit Union Limited.

I want to thank my fellow Directors, the Board Oversight Committee and all our volunteers for their tireless work and commitment to the Credit Union. I also want to thank our CEO Caroline Long and her staff for their excellent work and service to our members during 2023.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank you our members for your continued commitment and support to your credit union. We are only as strong as the support you give us.

May I wish you and your families a happy and healthy Christmas.

Fergus O' Regan  
**Chairperson**



# Financial Statements

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

## Directors' Report

**The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2023.**

### Principal activity

The principal activity of the business continues to be the operation of a credit union.

### Authorisation

The credit union is authorised as follows:

- Insurance/reinsurance or ancillary insurance intermediary under the European Communities (Insurance Mediation) Regulations, 2018.
- Investment Intermediaries (Restricted Activity Investment Product Intermediary) pursuant to Section 26 of the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995 (as amended).
- Entitled under the European Union (Payment Services) Regulations 2018 to provide payment services.

### Business review

The directors acknowledge the results for the year and the year-end financial position of the credit union. The directors expect to develop and expand the credit union's current activities and they are confident of its ability to continue to operate successfully in the future.

### Dividends

The directors are proposing a dividend in respect of the financial year ended 30 September 2023 of €334,517 (0.25%) (2022: €nil (0.00%)).

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties faced by the credit union are:

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a borrower will default on their contractual obligations relating to repayments to the credit union, resulting in financial loss.

#### Lack of loan demand

Lending is the principal activity of the credit union and the credit union is reliant on it for generating income to cover costs and generate a surplus.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of an investment will decrease. This risk can arise from fluctuations in values of, or income from, assets or changes in interest rates.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the credit union will not have sufficient cash resources to meet day to day running costs and repay members' savings when demanded.

#### Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes or systems of the credit union, any failure by persons connected with the credit union or from external events.

#### Global macro-economic risk

There is an economic and operational risk relating to rising inflation rates, disruption to global supply chains and a general uncertainty in the markets as a result of the changing geopolitical landscape.

These risks and uncertainties are managed by the board of directors as follows:

#### Credit risk

In order to manage this risk, the board of directors regularly reviews and approves the credit union's credit policy. All loan applications are assessed with reference to the credit policy in force at the time. Subsequently loans are regularly reviewed for any factors that may indicate that the likelihood of repayment has changed.

#### Lack of loan demand

The credit union provide lending products to its members and promote these products through various marketing initiatives.

## **Directors' Report (continued)**

**For the financial year ended 30 September 2023**

### **Market risk**

The board of directors regularly reviews and approves the credit union's investment policy and funds are invested in compliance with this policy and regulatory guidance.

### **Liquidity risk**

The credit union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in liquid form at all times to ensure that it can meet its liabilities as they fall due.

### **Operational risk**

The operational risk of the credit union is managed through the employment of suitably qualified staff to ensure appropriate processes, procedures and systems are implemented and are further supported with a robust reporting structure.

### **Global macro-economic risk**

The board of directors and management closely monitor the developments of rising inflation rates and disruption to global supply chains and markets, and continue to take appropriate actions to mitigate any possible adverse effects on the credit union.

### **Accounting records**

The directors believe that they comply with the requirements of Section 108 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) with regard to books of account by employing accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and by providing adequate resources to the finance function. The books of account of the credit union are maintained at the credit union's premises at Credit Union House, Redgate, Limerick.

### **Events after the end of the financial year**

There have been no significant events affecting the credit union since the year end.

### **Auditors**

In accordance with Section 115 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended), the auditors Grant Thornton offer themselves for re-election.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



**Fergus O'Regan**

**Chairperson of the Board of Directors:  
Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



**Carmel Cronin**

**Member of the Board of Directors:  
Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## **Directors' Responsibilities Statement**

**For the financial year ended 30 September 2023**

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations. The directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102). The directors are also responsible for preparing the other information included in the annual report. The Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the credit union and of the income and expenditure of the credit union for that period.

In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and reason for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the credit union will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the credit union keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the credit union, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and income and expenditure of the credit union to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the credit union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the credit union's website.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

**Fergus O' Regan**  
**Chairperson of the Board of Directors**  
**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



**Carmel Cronin**  
**Member of the Board of Directors**  
**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



## **Board Oversight Committee's Responsibilities Statement**

**For the financial year ended 30 September 2023**

The Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) requires the appointment of a board oversight committee to assess whether the board of directors has operated in accordance with part iv, part iv(a) and any regulations made for the purposes of part iv or part iv(a) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and any other matter prescribed by the Central Bank of Ireland in respect of which they are to have regard to in relation to the board of directors.

On behalf of the Board Oversight Committee:

**Brendan Healy**  
**Chairperson of the Board Oversight Committee**  
**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



## **Independent Auditor's Report**

**to the members of Limerick & District Credit Union Limited**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Limerick & District Credit Union Limited for the financial year ended 30 September 2023, which comprise:

- the Income and expenditure account;
- the Statement of other comprehensive income;
- the Balance sheet;
- the Statement of changes in reserves;
- the Statement of cash flows; and
- the related notes 1 to 29, including the summary of significant accounting policies as set out in note 2.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is Irish law including the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

In our opinion, Limerick & District Credit Union Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland of the state of the credit union's affairs as at 30 September 2023 and of its income and expenditure and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared so as to conform with the requirements of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) ('ISAs (Ireland)') and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the credit union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the ethical pronouncements established by Chartered Accountants Ireland, applied as determined to be appropriate in the circumstances for the entity. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the credit union's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

Other information comprises information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

## **Independent Auditor's Report (continued)**

**to the members of Limerick & District Credit Union Limited**

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### ***Matters on which we are required to report by the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended)***

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- in our opinion proper accounting records have been kept by the credit union;
- the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records of the credit union; and
- the financial statements contain all primary statements, notes and significant accounting policies required to be included in accordance with section 111(1) of the Act.

### **Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, including FRS 102, and for such internal control as they determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the credit union's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the credit union or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements**

The auditor's objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes their opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), the auditor will exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. The auditor will also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the credit union's internal control.

## **Independent Auditor's Report (continued)**

**to the members of Limerick & District Credit Union Limited**

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the credit union's ability to continue as a going concern. If they conclude that a material uncertainty exists, they are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify their opinion. Their conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the credit union to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves a true and fair view.

The auditor communicates with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that may be identified during the audit.

### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the credit union's members, as a body, in accordance with section 120 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the credit union's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the credit union and the credit union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Denise O'Connell FCA  
for and on behalf of

**Grant Thornton**  
Chartered Accountants  
& Statutory Audit Firm  
Limerick

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



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## Income and Expenditure Account

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

	Schedule	2023 €	2022 €
<b>Income</b>			
Interest on members' loans		3,494,363	3,071,038
Other interest income and similar income	1	1,551,952	591,050
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>5,046,315</b>	<b>3,662,088</b>
Other income	2	578,986	700,416
<b>Total income</b>		<b>5,625,301</b>	<b>4,362,504</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employment costs		1,348,594	1,172,082
Other management expenses	3	2,393,787	2,088,044
Pension funding deficit (note 28)		-	981,039
Depreciation		212,420	172,375
Net impairment loss/(gain) on loans to members (note 5)		181,681	(273,418)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>4,136,482</b>	<b>4,140,122</b>
<b>Surplus for the financial year</b>		<b>1,488,819</b>	<b>222,382</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and signed on behalf of the credit union by:

**Brendan Healy**

**Member of the Board Oversight Committee:**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



**Mary Larkin**

**Member of the Board of Directors:**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



**Caroline Long**

**Chief Executive Officer:**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



The notes on pages 20 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Other Comprehensive Income

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

Surplus for the financial year  
Other comprehensive income

**Total comprehensive income for the financial year**

	2023	2022
	€	€
	1,488,819	222,382
	-	-
	<u>1,488,819</u>	<u>222,382</u>

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Limerick & District Credit Union Ltd.

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# Notification & Annual Report 2023

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and balances at bank	6	7,380,516	11,458,528
Deposits and investments – cash equivalents	7	25,190,801	18,429,165
Deposits and investments – other	7	91,564,450	97,036,865
Loans to members	8	45,253,741	37,979,735
Provision for bad debts	9	(4,157,587)	(3,751,254)
Members' current accounts overdrawn	14	1,345	359
Tangible fixed assets	10	1,557,225	1,618,636
Investments in associates	11	265,000	265,000
Debtors, prepayments and accrued income	12	208,878	150,041
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>167,264,369</b>	<b>163,187,075</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Members' shares	13	133,827,910	132,772,161
Members' current accounts	14	2,611,605	1,141,399
Other liabilities, creditors, accruals and charges	15	799,501	739,945
Other provisions	16	10,128	7,164
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>137,249,144</b>	<b>134,660,669</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Regulatory reserve	18	17,850,452	17,850,452
Operational risk reserve	18	1,733,634	1,733,634
Other reserves			
- Realised reserves	18	10,184,723	8,764,586
- Unrealised reserves	18	246,416	177,734
<b>Total reserves</b>		<b>30,015,225</b>	<b>28,526,406</b>
<b>Total liabilities and reserves</b>		<b>167,264,369</b>	<b>163,187,075</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and signed on behalf of the credit union by:

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## Statement of Changes in Reserves

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

	Regulatory reserve	Operational risk reserve	Realised reserves	Unrealised reserves	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
<b>As at 1 October 2021</b>	<b>13,271,147</b>	<b>1,457,848</b>	<b>8,605,716</b>	<b>69,022</b>	<b>23,403,733</b>
Surplus for the financial year	-	-	138,005	84,377	222,382
Transfers of engagements	4,579,305	275,786	(12,196)	57,39	4,900,291
Transfers between reserves	-	-	33,061	(33,061)	-
<b>As at 1 October 2022</b>	<b>17,850,452</b>	<b>1,733,634</b>	<b>8,764,586</b>	<b>177,734</b>	<b>28,526,406</b>
Surplus for the financial year	-	-	1,420,137	68,682	1,488,819
<b>As at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>17,850,452</b>	<b>1,733,634</b>	<b>10,184,723</b>	<b>246,416</b>	<b>30,015,225</b>

- The regulatory reserve of the credit union as a percentage of total assets as at 30 September 2023 was 10.67% (2022: 10.94%).
- The operational risk reserve of the credit union as a percentage of total assets as at 30 September 2023 was 1.04% (2022: 1.06%).

The notes on pages 20 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

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## Statement of Cash Flows

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

		2023 €	2022 €
<b>Opening cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>29,887,693</b>	<b>25,335,619</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Loans repaid by members	8	15,597,520	15,231,437
Loans granted to members	8	(23,027,267)	(16,430,695)
Interest on members' loans		3,494,363	3,071,038
Other interest income and similar income		1,551,952	591,050
Bad debts recovered and recoveries		380,393	354,277
Other receipts		37,453	700,416
Members' current accounts lodgements	14	2,826,300	2,272,306
Members' current accounts withdrawals	14	(1,357,080)	(1,131,266)
Operating expenses		(3,742,381)	(4,241,165)
Movement in other assets and liabilities		3,683	(300,048)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>(4,235,064)</b>	<b>117,350</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Cash and investments introduced from transfer of engagements		-	33,959,178
Fixed asset (purchases)/disposals		390,524	(93,815)
Net cash flow from other investing activities		5,472,415	(28,583,719)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>5,862,939</b>	<b>5,281,644</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Members' shares received	13	60,686,830	47,178,390
Members' shares withdrawn	13	(59,631,081)	(48,025,310)
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>		<b>1,055,749</b>	<b>(846,920)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>2,683,624</b>	<b>4,552,074</b>
<b>Closing cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32,571,317</b>	<b>29,887,693</b>

The notes on pages 20 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

## 1. Legal and regulatory framework

Limerick & District Credit Union Limited is registered with the Registry of Credit Unions and is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. The registered office of the credit union is located at Credit Union House, Redgate, Limerick.

## 2. Accounting policies

### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Irish accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and Irish statute comprising of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the credit union.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

### 2.2 Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102).

### 2.3 Going concern

After reviewing the credit union's projections, the directors have reasonable expectation that the credit union has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The credit union therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

### 2.4 Income

#### Interest on members' loans

Interest on members' loans is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest method.

#### Deposit and investment income

Deposit and investment income is

recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest method.

#### Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis.

### 2.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and deposits and investments with a maturity of less than or equal to three months.

### 2.6 Deposits and investments

#### Held at amortised cost

Investments designated on initial recognition as held at amortised cost are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment. This means that the investment is measured at the amount paid for the investment, minus any repayments of the principal; plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the amount at initial recognition and the maturity amount, minus, in the case of a financial asset, any reduction for impairment or uncollectability.

#### Central Bank deposits

Credit unions are obliged to maintain certain minimum deposits with the Central Bank but may also hold an excess over the regulatory minimum. The regulatory minimum deposits are technically assets of the credit union but to which the credit union has restricted access. The regulatory minimum portion will not ordinarily be returned to the credit union while it is a going concern and is separately identified in note 7, Deposits and investments - other. Funds held with the Central Bank in excess of the regulatory minimum requirements are fully available to the credit union and are therefore treated as cash equivalents and are separately identified in note 7, Deposits and investments - cash equivalents. The amounts held on deposit with the Central Bank are not subject to impairment reviews.

#### Investments at fair value

Investments designated on initial recognition as non basic are recognised at fair value. They are subsequently measured at fair value (market value) at the year-end date and all gains and losses are taken to the income and expenditure account.



## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**For the financial year ended 30 September 2023**

### **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **2.7 Financial assets - loans to members**

Loans are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments. Loans are recognised when cash is advanced to members and measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Loans are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired, usually when all amounts outstanding have been repaid by the member.

#### **2.8 Provision for bad debts**

The credit union assesses if there is objective evidence that any of its loans are impaired with due consideration of environmental factors. The loans are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics. Individually significant loans are assessed on a loan by loan basis. In addition, if there is objective evidence that any individual loan is impaired, a specific loss will be recognised. Bad debt provisioning is monitored by the credit union, and the credit union assesses and approves its provisions and the adequacy of same on a regular basis.

Any bad debts/impairment losses are recognised in the income and expenditure account.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

#### **2.9 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The credit union adds to the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred, if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the credit union. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance are charged to the income and expenditure account during the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold premises

2% straight line per annum

Leasehold improvements

Over the lesser of the useful economic life and the remaining term of the lease

Fixtures and fittings

20% straight line per annum

Office equipment

33.33% straight line per annum

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the income and expenditure account.

### **2.10 Investments in associates**

Investments in associates are accounted for at cost less impairment.

#### **2.11 Impairment of assets**

At each reporting date assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.11 Impairment of assets (continued)

If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account. If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carry amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account.

#### 2.12 Other receivables

Other receivables such as prepayments are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 2.13 Financial liabilities - members' shares

Members' shares are redeemable and therefore are classified as financial liabilities. They are initially recognised at the amount of cash deposited and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### 2.14 Members' current accounts

The credit union provides Member Personal Current Account Services in accordance with Section 49(3) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

#### 2.15 Other payables

Short term other liabilities, creditors, accruals and charges are measured at the transaction price.

#### 2.16 Pension

Limerick & District Credit Union Limited participates in an industry-wide pension scheme for employees (The Irish League of Credit Unions Republic of Ireland Pension Scheme) ("the Scheme"). This is a funded defined benefit scheme with assets managed by the Scheme's trustees. The ILCU

is the principal employer of the Scheme and Limerick & District Credit Union Limited is a participating employer. The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme and there is insufficient information for the credit union to separately identify its share of the Scheme's underlying assets and liabilities. Consequently, the Scheme is currently accounted for as a defined contribution plan. If an agreement is entered into with the Scheme that determines how Limerick & District Credit Union Limited will fund a past service deficit, the credit union shall recognise a liability for the contributions payable that arise from the agreement (to the extent that they relate to the deficit). Refer to note 28 for further detail.

The credit union also operates a defined contribution plan for certain employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the credit union pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the credit union has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as an expense in the income and expenditure account when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability on the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the credit union in independently administered funds. The amount payable at the year end in respect of same was €nil (2022: €nil).

#### 2.17 Holiday pay

A liability is recognised to the extent of any unused holiday pay entitlement which is accrued at the balance sheet date and carried forward to future periods. This is measured at the undiscounted salary cost of the future holiday entitlement so accrued at the balance sheet date.

#### 2.18 Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligations of the credit union specified in the contract are discharged, cancelled or expired.

#### 2.19 Regulatory reserve

The Credit Union Act, 1997 (Regulatory Requirements) Regulations 2016 requires credit unions to establish and maintain a minimum regulatory reserve requirement

## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**For the financial year ended 30 September 2023**

### **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **2.19 Regulatory reserve (continued)**

of at least 10 per cent of the assets of the credit union. This reserve is to be perpetual in nature, freely available to absorb losses, realised financial reserves that are unrestricted and non-distributable.

#### **2.20 Operational risk reserve**

Section 45(5)(a) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) requires each credit union to maintain an additional reserve that it has assessed is required for operational risk having regard to the nature, scale and complexity of the credit union. Credit unions are required to maintain a minimum operational risk reserve having due regard for the sophistication of the business model.

The directors have considered the requirements of the Act and have considered an approach to the calculation of the operational risk reserve. The credit union uses the Basic Indicator Approach as set out in the operational risk measurements techniques proposed under Basel II capital adequacy rules for banking institutions in calculating the operational risk reserve. Therefore the credit union will hold an operational risk reserve which will at a minimum equal 15% of the average positive gross income for the previous three years. For any year in which there was a deficit, this will be excluded from the calculation.

In addition, the credit union has included in its operational risk reserve a Member Personal Current Account Service operational risk reserve, in accordance with Section 49(3) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

#### **2.21 Other reserves**

Other reserves are the accumulated surpluses to date that have not been declared as dividends returnable to members. The other reserves are subdivided into realised and unrealised. In accordance with the Central Bank guidance note for credit unions on matters relating to accounting for investments and distribution policy, investment income that has been recognised but will not be received within 12 months of the balance sheet date is classified as unrealised and is not distributable. A

reclassification between unrealised and realised is made as investments come to within 12 months of maturity date. The directors have deemed it appropriate that interest on loans receivable at the balance sheet date and the balance of the SPS refund receivable is also classified as unrealised and is not distributable. All other income is classified as realised.

#### **2.22 Distribution policy**

Dividends are made from the current year's surplus or reserves set aside for that purpose. The board's proposed dividends to members each year is based on the distribution policy of the credit union.

The rate of dividends recommended by the board will reflect:

- the risk profile of the credit union, particularly in its loan and investments portfolios;
  - the board's desire to maintain a stable rather than a volatile rate of dividend each year; and
  - members' legitimate dividend expectations;
- all dominated by prudence and the need to sustain the long-term welfare of the credit union.

For this reason the board will seek to build up its reserves to absorb unexpected shocks and still remain above minimum regulatory requirements.

The credit union accounts for dividends when members ratify such payments at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **2.23 Transfer of engagements**

Transfer of engagements are accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. This involves recognising identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquired credit unions at fair value. In applying the acquisition method of accounting for these business combinations, the member interests transferred by the credit union represents the consideration transferred for the net assets acquired. This consideration has been estimated as equivalent to the acquisition date fair value of the members' interests in the transferor credit unions (the fair value of the transferor credit unions) at the date of the transfer, and is reflected as an adjustment in reserves.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### 2.24 Taxation

The credit union is not subject to income tax or corporation tax on its activities.

## 3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key source of estimation uncertainty

Preparation of the financial statements requires the directors to make significant judgements and estimates. The items in the financial statements where these judgments and estimates have been made include:

Determination of depreciation, useful economic life and residual value of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. The net book value of tangible fixed assets subject to depreciation at the year end was €1,557,225 (2022: €1,618,636).

### Provision for bad debts

The credit union's accounting policy for impairment of loans is set out in note 2.8. The estimation of loan losses is inherently uncertain and depends upon many factors, including loan loss trends, credit risk characteristics in loan classes, local and international economic climates, conditions in various sectors of the economy to which the credit union is exposed, and, other external factors such as legal and regulatory requirements. The provision for bad debts in the financial statements at the year end was €4,157,587 (2022: €3,751,254) representing 9.19% (2022: 9.88%) of the total gross loan book.

### Investments in associates

The investments in associates represents the credit union's investment in MetaCU

Management Designated Activity Company. This investment was made for operational purposes. The credit union holds 6.25% Redeemable A Ordinary shares in the company and through the terms of the shareholders agreement agreed between each of the participating credit unions, the credit union is deemed to have influence over the operations of this company. Therefore the investment has been accounted for as an investment in an associate.

### Operational risk reserve

The directors have considered the requirements of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and have considered an approach to the calculation of the operational risk reserve. The credit union uses the basic indicator approach as set out in the operational risk measurements techniques proposed under Basel II capital adequacy rules for banking institutions in calculating the minimum operational risk reserve. In addition, the credit union has included in its operational risk reserve a Member Personal Current Account Service operational risk reserve, in accordance with Section 49(3) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). The operational risk reserve of the credit union at the year end was €1,733,634 (2022: €1,733,634).

### Pensions

Limerick & District Credit Union Limited participates in an industry-wide pension scheme for employees (The Irish League of Credit Unions Republic of Ireland Pension Scheme). This is a funded scheme of the defined benefit type, with assets invested in separate trustee administered funds. Judgement is required to assess whether the credit union has sufficient information to enable it to account for the Scheme as a defined benefit plan. An assessment has been performed of the information currently available and Limerick & District Credit Union Limited has determined that there is currently insufficient information available to provide an appropriate allocation of pension assets and liabilities due to the following:

Scheme assets are not segregated or tracked by contributing employers. There is insufficient information to appropriately allocate the assets to individual employers as contributions paid are pooled in a single fund and none of the contributing employers have separately segregated asset pools.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**For the financial year ended 30 September 2023**

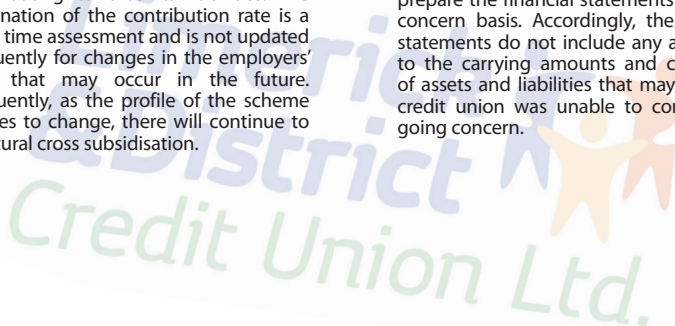
### **3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key source of estimation uncertainty (continued)**

- Orphan members are those members (including pensioners) who previously contributed to the scheme where their employer has paid an exit cost and as a result has no further liability to the scheme. A pension liability continues to exist for these individual members. There is uncertainty around where the obligation rests in respect of orphan members currently and into the future.
- The Funding Plan calculations are based on each employer's share of liabilities at a point in time. This does not infer that each employer is contributing towards its liabilities. The determination of the contribution rate is a point in time assessment and is not updated subsequently for changes in the employers' liability that may occur in the future. Subsequently, as the profile of the scheme continues to change, there will continue to be a natural cross subsidisation.

Consequently, Limerick & District Credit Union Limited continues to account for the plan as a defined contribution plan.

### **Adoption of going concern basis for financial statements preparation**

The credit union continue to closely monitor developments within the global macro-economic environment. The directors have prepared projections and cash flows for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the credit union's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern. On this basis the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the credit union was unable to continue as a going concern.



## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

### 4. Key management personnel compensation

The directors of Limerick & District Credit Union Limited are all unpaid volunteers. The key management personnel compensation is as follows.

	2023	2022
	€	€
Short term employee benefits paid to key management	383,009	371,437
Payments to pension schemes	51,674	46,528
<b>Total key management personnel compensation</b>	<b>434,683</b>	<b>417,965</b>

### 5. Net impairment loss/(gain) on loans to members

	2023	2022
	€	€
Bad debts recovered	(313,938)	(283,516)
Impairment of loan interest reclassified as bad debt recoveries	(66,455)	(70,761)
Movement in bad debts provision during the year	406,333	(168,321)
Loans written off during the year	155,741	249,180
<b>Net impairment loss/(gain) on loans to members</b>	<b>181,681</b>	<b>(273,418)</b>

### 6. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	€	€
Cash and balances at bank	7,380,516	11,458,528
Deposits and investments – cash equivalents (note 7)	25,190,801	18,429,165
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>32,571,317</b>	<b>29,887,693</b>

### 7. Deposits and investments

	2023	2022
	€	€
<b>Deposits and investments – cash equivalents</b>		
Accounts in authorised credit institutions (Irish and non-Irish based)	25,017,467	15,255,248
Central Bank deposits	173,334	3,173,917
<b>Total deposits and investments – cash equivalents</b>	<b>25,190,801</b>	<b>18,429,165</b>
<b>Deposits and investments – other</b>		
Accounts in authorised credit institutions (Irish and non-Irish based)	42,918,805	48,371,088
Bank bonds	36,783,900	36,107,827
Irish and EEA state securities	8,115,037	8,118,126
Other investments	2,475,000	3,203,426
Central Bank deposits	1,271,708	1,236,398
<b>Total deposits and investments – other</b>	<b>91,564,450</b>	<b>97,036,865</b>
<b>Total deposits and investments</b>	<b>116,755,251</b>	<b>115,466,030</b>



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### 8. Financial assets - loans to members

	2023 €	2022 €
As at 1 October	37,979,735	27,025,276
Loans arising on transfer of engagements	-	10,004,381
Loans granted during the year	23,027,267	16,430,695
Loans repaid during the year	(15,597,520)	(15,231,437)
Gross loans and advances	45,409,482	38,228,915
Bad debts		
Loans written off during the year	(155,741)	(249,180)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>45,253,741</b>	<b>37,979,735</b>

### 9. Provision for bad debts

	2023 €	2022 €
As at 1 October	3,751,254	2,460,340
Provision arising on transfer of engagements	-	1,459,235
Movement in bad debts provision during the year	406,333	(168,321)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>4,157,587</b>	<b>3,751,254</b>

The provision for bad debts is analysed as follows:

	2023 €	2022 €
Grouped assessed loans	4,157,587	3,751,254
<b>Provision for bad debts</b>	<b>4,157,587</b>	<b>3,751,254</b>

### 10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold premises €	Leasehold improvements €	Fixtures and fittings €	Office equipment €	Total €
<b>COST</b>					
As at 1 October 2022	1,434,610	721,511	872,151	1,015,532	4,043,804
Additions	-	-	335,060	79,416	414,476
Disposals	(320,000)	-	-	-	(320,000)
<b>As at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>1,114,610</b>	<b>721,511</b>	<b>1,207,211</b>	<b>1,094,948</b>	<b>4,138,280</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
As at 1 October 2022	322,983	372,020	797,206	932,959	2,425,168
Charge for year	29,731	65,117	67,816	49,756	212,420
Depreciation on disposals	(56,533)	-	-	-	(56,533)
<b>As at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>296,181</b>	<b>437,137</b>	<b>865,022</b>	<b>982,715</b>	<b>2,581,055</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>As at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>818,429</b>	<b>284,374</b>	<b>342,189</b>	<b>112,233</b>	<b>1,557,225</b>
As at 30 September 2022	1,111,627	349,491	74,945	82,573	1,618,636

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### II. Investments in associates

	€
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023	<u>265,000</u>
<b>Accumulated impairment</b>	
At 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023	<u>-</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	<u><b>265,000</b></u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>265,000</u>

#### Interests in associate

The credit union has interests in the following associate:

Associate	Registered Address	Type of shares held	Proportion held %	Net Assets €	Profit or (loss) €
MetaCU Management Designated Activity Company	14 Ely Place Dublin 2 Ireland	Redeemable A Ordinary	6.25%	4,048,205	18,198

The above financial information in respect of MetaCU Management Designated Activity Company was extracted from the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The effect of including this investment as if it had been accounted for using the equity method would be as follows:

	Share of net assets €
<b>As at 1 October 2022</b>	251,875
Share of profit for the financial year after tax	<u>1,137</u>
<b>As at 30 September 2023</b>	<u><b>253,012</b></u>

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### 12. Debtors, prepayments and accrued income

	2023	2022
	€	€
Loan interest receivable	104,328	82,853
Prepayments	47,404	10,042
Other debtors	57,146	57,146
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>208,878</b>	<b>150,041</b>

### 13. Members' shares

	2023	2022
	€	€
As at 1 October	132,772,161	95,803,867
Members' shares arising on transfer of engagements	-	37,815,214
Received during the year	60,686,830	47,178,390
Withdrawn during the year	(59,631,081)	(48,025,310)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>133,827,910</b>	<b>132,772,161</b>

### 14. Members' current accounts

	2023	2022
	€	€
As at 1 October	1,141,040	-
Lodgements during the year	2,826,300	2,272,306
Withdrawals during the year	(1,357,080)	(1,131,266)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>2,610,260</b>	<b>1,141,040</b>

	No. of	2023	No. of	2022
	of Accounts	Balance of Accounts	of Accounts	Balance of Accounts
		€		€
Debit	53	1,345	45	359
Credit	656	2,611,605	421	1,141,399
Permitted overdrafts	5	2,200	1	600

### 15. Other liabilities, creditors, accruals and charges

	2023	2022
	€	€
Accruals	783,001	736,475
PAYE/PRSI	16,500	3,470
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>799,501</b>	<b>739,945</b>

### 16. Other provisions

	2023	2022
	€	€
<b>Holiday Pay Accrual</b>		
As at 1 October	7,164	2,201
Charged to the income and expenditure account	2,964	4,963
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>10,128</b>	<b>7,164</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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### 17. Financial instruments

#### 17a. Financial instruments - measured at amortised cost

Financial assets	2023	2022
	€	€
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	<u>148,553,473</u>	<u>144,485,519</u>
Financial liabilities	2023	2022
	€	€
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>137,249,144</u>	<u>134,660,669</u>

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise of cash and balances at bank, deposits and investments, loans to members, members' current accounts overdrawn, investments in associates and other debtors.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise of members' shares, members' current accounts, other liabilities, creditors, accruals and charges and other provisions.

#### 17b. Financial instruments - fair value measurements

FRS 102 requires fair value measurements to be disclosed by the source of inputs, using a three level hierarchy:

- Quoted prices for identical instruments in active market (level 1);
- Prices of recent transactions for identical instruments and valuation techniques using observable market data (level 2); and
- Valuation techniques using unobservable market data (level 3).

The table below sets out fair value measurements using the fair value hierarchy:

At 30 September 2023	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	€	€	€	€
Bank bonds	14,526,939	-	14,526,939	-
Other investments	<u>2,475,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,475,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>17,001,939</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>17,001,939</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
At 30 September 2022	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	€	€	€	€
Bank bonds	14,529,275	-	14,529,275	-
Other investments	<u>2,460,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,460,750</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>16,990,025</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>16,990,025</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

There were fair value adjustments recognised in the income and expenditure account for the year ended 30 September 2023 in amount of €14,250 (2022: (€39,250)).

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### 18. Reserves

	Balance 01/10/22 €	Appropriation of current year surplus €	Balance 30/09/23 €
<b>Regulatory reserve</b>	<b>17,850,452</b>	-	<b>17,850,452</b>
<b>Operational risk reserve</b>	<b>1,733,634</b>	-	<b>1,733,634</b>
<b>Other reserves</b>			
<b>Realised</b>			
General reserve	8,764,586	1,420,137	10,184,723
<b>Total realised reserves</b>	<b>8,764,586</b>	<b>1,420,137</b>	<b>10,184,723</b>
<b>Unrealised</b>			
Interest on loans reserve	82,853	21,475	104,328
Investment income reserve	37,735	47,207	84,942
SPS reserve	57,146	-	57,146
<b>Total unrealised reserves</b>	<b>177,734</b>	<b>68,682</b>	<b>246,416</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>28,526,406</b>	<b>1,488,819</b>	<b>30,015,225</b>

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### 19. Credit risk disclosures

In line with regulatory requirements, the credit union:

- restricts the concentration of lending by the credit union within certain sectors or to connected persons or groups (concentration limits);
- restricts the absolute amount of lending to certain sectors to a set percentages of the regulatory reserve (large exposure limit);
- restricts the loan duration of certain loans to specified limits (maturity limits); and
- requires specified lending practices to be in place where loans are made to certain sectors such as house loans, business loans, community loans or loans to another credit union.

The carrying amount of the loans to members represents the credit union's maximum exposure to credit risk. The following provides information on the credit quality of loan repayments. Where loans are not impaired it is expected that the amounts repayable will be received in full.

	2023		2022	
	€	%	€	%
<b>Loans not impaired</b>				
Total loans not impaired, not past due	38,911,133	85.98%	2,385,252	85.27%
Impaired loans:				
Not past due	59,813	0.13%	32,385,252	0.50%
Up to 9 weeks past due	5,087,216	11.24%	4,168,667	10.98%
Between 10 and 18 weeks past due	359,980	0.80%	250,401	0.65%
Between 19 and 26 weeks past due	116,774	0.26%	209,814	0.55%
Between 27 and 39 weeks past due	101,144	0.23%	235,717	0.62%
Between 40 and 52 weeks past due	47,204	0.10%	36,809	0.10%
53 or more weeks past due	570,477	1.26%	504,258	1.33%
Total impaired loans	6,342,608	14.02%	5,594,483	14.73%
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>45,253,741</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>37,979,735</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### 20. Related party transactions

#### 20a. Loans

	2023		2022	
	No. of Loans	€	No. of Loans	€
Loans advanced to related parties during the year	4	103,000	3	87,000
Total loans outstanding to related parties at the year end	7	172,496	6	119,899
Total provision for loans outstanding to related parties		11,030		7,673

The related party loans stated above comprise of loans outstanding to directors and the management team (to include their family members or any business in which the directors or management team had a significant shareholding). Total loans outstanding to related parties represents 0.38% of the total loans outstanding at 30 September 2023 (2022: 0.32%).



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### 20b. Savings

The total amount of savings held by related parties at the year end was €263,897 (2022: €262,485).

### 21. Additional financial instruments disclosures

#### 21a. Financial risk management

The credit union manages its members' shares and loans so that it earns income from the margin between interest receivable and interest payable. The main financial risks arising from the credit union's activities are credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The board of directors reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks, which are summarised below.

**Credit risk:** Credit risk is the risk that a borrower will default on their contractual obligations relating to repayments to the credit union, resulting in financial loss. In order to manage this risk the board of directors regularly reviews and approves the credit union's credit policy. Credit risk mitigation may include the requirement to obtain collateral as set out in the credit union's credit policy. Where collateral or guarantees are required, they are usually taken as a secondary source of repayment in the event of the borrower's default. The credit union maintains policies which detail the acceptability of specific classes of collateral. The principal collateral types for loans are: an attachment over members' pledged shares; personal guarantees; and charges over assets. The nature and level of collateral required depends on a number of factors such as the term of the loan and the amount of exposure. All loan applications are assessed with reference to the credit policy in force at the time. Subsequently loans are regularly reviewed for any factors that may indicate that the likelihood of repayment has changed.

**Market risk:** Market risk is the risk that the value of an investment will decrease. This risk can arise from fluctuations in values of, or income from, assets or changes in interest rates. The board of directors regularly reviews and approves the credit union's investment policy and funds are invested in compliance with this policy and regulatory guidance.

**Liquidity risk:** Liquidity risk is the risk that the credit union will not have sufficient cash resources to meet day to day running costs and repay members' savings when demanded. The credit union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in liquid form at all times to ensure that it can meet its liabilities as they fall due.

**Interest rate risk:** The credit union's main interest rate risk arises from adverse movements in interest rates receivable which would affect investment income. The credit union reviews any potential new investment product carefully to ensure that minimum funds are locked in low yielding long term investments yet at the same time maximising investment income receivable.

#### 21b. Liquidity risk disclosures

The credit union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in liquid form at all times to ensure that it can meet its liabilities as they fall due. The credit union adheres on an ongoing basis to the minimum liquidity ratio and minimum short term liquidity ratio as set out in regulatory requirements.

#### 21c. Interest rate risk disclosures

The following shows the average interest rates applicable to relevant financial assets and financial liabilities.

	2023	Average interest rate	2022	Average interest rate
Gross loans to members	45,253,741	8.65%	37,979,735	8.83%

Any distributions payable is at the discretion of the directors and is therefore not a financial liability of the credit union until declared and approved at the AGM.

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### 22. Dividends

The following distributions were paid during the year:

	2023		2022	
	%	€	%	€
Dividend on shares	-	-	-	-

The directors propose the following distributions in respect of the year:

	2023		2022	
	%	€	%	€
Dividend on shares	0.25%	334,517	-	-

### 23. Events after the end of the financial year

There have been no significant events affecting the credit union since the year end.

### 24. Insurance against fraud

The credit union has Insurance against fraud in the amount of €5,200,000 (2022: €5,200,000) in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

### 25. Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at 30 September 2023.

### 26. Commitments under operating leases

The credit union entered into a 10 year lease on 21 August 2017 which had a break clause after 5 years. The credit union did not exercise the break clause. At 30 September 2023 the credit union had future minimum lease payments under a non-cancellable operating lease as follows:

	2023 €	2022 €
Less than 1 year	100,000	100,000
1 to 5 years	300,000	400,000
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>

### 27. Comparative information

Comparative information has been reclassified where necessary to conform to current year presentation.

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### **28. The Irish League of Credit Unions Republic of Ireland Pension Scheme**

Limerick & District Credit Union Limited participates in an industry-wide pension scheme for employees (The Irish League of Credit Unions Republic of Ireland Pension Scheme). This is a funded defined benefit scheme with assets managed by the Scheme's trustees.

On 31 March 2022, the defined benefit scheme closed to future accrual and although staff retained all the benefits that they had earned in the Scheme to that date, Limerick & District Credit Union Limited and its employees ceased making regular contributions to the Scheme and ceased earning any additional benefits from the Scheme.

At the date of closure of the Scheme, there was a past service deficit which was allocated to each participating credit union based on the total benefits earned by staff in each credit union. Limerick & District Credit Union Limited's allocation of that past service deficit was €981,039. This cost was included in the income and expenditure account for the financial year ended 30 September 2022. The deficit amount was paid to the trustees of the Scheme during the financial year ended 30 September 2022.

As this is a pooled pension scheme, Limerick & District Credit Union Limited remains liable to cover the cost of their share of any future increase in the total cost of providing the pension payments to credit union employees who were part of the Scheme. Limerick & District Credit Union Limited could exit the Scheme and therefore never have to make a potential additional payment requirement but exiting the Scheme may incur a substantial additional cost.

If credit unions exit the Scheme, they are required to pay to the trustees the exit amount which the trustees determine is required to fund benefits in respect of their active, deferred and pensioner members on a "no risk" basis. The exiting credit union thereby settles any liability they have to contribute to the Scheme in the future.

### **29. Approval of financial statements**

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## Schedules to the Income and Expenditure Account

For the financial year ended 30 September 2023

The following schedules do not form part of the statutory financial statements which are the subject of the Independent Auditor's Report on pages 12 to 14.

### Schedule 1 - Other interest income and similar income

	2023	2022
	€	€
Investment income received/receivable within 1 year	1,490,495	603,069
Investment income receivable outside of 1 year	47,207	27,231
Movement in unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	14,250	(39,250)
<b>Total per income and expenditure account</b>	<b>1,551,952</b>	<b>591,050</b>

### Schedule 2 - Other income

	2023	2022
	€	€
Entrance fees	1,374	692
Commissions and sundry income	12,499	8,111
MPCAS income	23,580	1,941
SPS refund	-	689,672
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	541,533	-
<b>Total per income and expenditure account</b>	<b>578,986</b>	<b>700,416</b>

### Schedule 3 - Other management expenses

	2023	2022
	€	€
Rent and rates	40,801	28,643
Lease payments	100,000	100,000
Light, heat and cleaning	123,917	81,057
Repairs and maintenance	61,013	28,172
Security costs	36,688	46,764
Printing and stationery	67,737	42,196
Postage and telephone	82,361	36,892
Training costs	8,980	7,582
League and chapter dues	11,569	35,079
AGM expenses	57,494	60,168
Travel and subsistence	7,776	3,800
Audit fee	35,240	33,518
General insurance	90,169	61,718
Legal, professional and other fees	263,976	204,248
Computer maintenance	387,664	290,887
Miscellaneous expenses	21,368	9,679
Regulatory levies and charges	263,437	251,517
Share and loan insurance and DBI	455,887	446,713
Marketing, advertising, donations and sponsorship	122,464	116,379
Staff uniforms	4,163	10,650
Compliance costs	21,612	21,612
MPCAS costs	72,944	29,225
Bank charges	56,527	141,545
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,393,787</b>	<b>2,088,044</b>

## Data Protection

As Members will be aware the General Data Protection Regulation came into force on 25th May 2018. Limerick & District Credit Union Limited take very seriously the requirement to hold our members' personal data safe and secure. Limerick & District Credit Union Limited's Privacy Notice is available on our website ([www.mylimerickcu.ie](http://www.mylimerickcu.ie)) and provides full details of how we treat member's personal data.

### **Criminal Justice (Anti Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing) Acts, 2010 to 2021.**

Criminal Justice (Anti Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing) Acts, 2010 to 2021 requires Credit Unions to adopt policies and procedures, in relation to their business, to prevent and detect the commission of money laundering and terrorist financing. In order for Limerick & District Credit Union Limited to comply with this legislation and Central Bank of Ireland Sectoral Guidance, we must apply "customer due diligence" steps to all members prior to the establishment of a business relationship with the member and on an ongoing basis thereafter. This requires the following steps:-

- Identification and verification of member's identity and residency
- Identification of beneficial owners/controllers of funds
- Obtaining information as to the purpose and intended nature of the account
- Enhanced due diligence where required
- Conducting on-going monitoring

## INSURANCE

Life Savings Insurance has a maximum amount of €1,000 cover depending on the balance in your account and your age at date of death. Loan Protection Insurance is available up to age 85 however exclusions may apply. DBI insurance (Currently €1,000) cover applies provided that you have joined the Credit Union before the age of 70 and have €500 in your account at date of death.

While Life Savings Insurance, Loan Protection Insurance and Death Benefit Insurance are a benefit to members they are not a contract or entitlement. The Board of Directors may reduce or withdraw benefits at any time without direct notification to the members.



## Payment Services Directive (PSD2)

The Payment Services Directive (PSD2) is a new law within the European Union that was introduced in January 2018 designed to benefit customers by enhancing transparency, giving you greater control over your data and will further protect your banking and purchases online. The directive came into force on 14th September 2019.

### **What is Strong Customer Authentication (SCA)**

Strong customer authentication (SCA) is the process that validates the identity of you the user when you log in to access online and mobile banking, and for further services such as making payments or changing your address.

From September 2022 you will be asked for additional security credentials. We will be sending you notifications to ask you to confirm that you have authorised payments, logged in or wish to make changes to your accounts. We will also implement additional fraud prevention measures. Our online terms and conditions have been updated to take account of these changes.

More information on PSD2 and SCA is included on our website [www.mylimerickcu.ie/psd2-payment-services-directive](http://www.mylimerickcu.ie/psd2-payment-services-directive)

## Credit Union Information

### Directors

Fergus O'Regan  
Mary Larkin  
Carmel Cronin  
Gerry O'Malley  
Fergus Murphy  
Breda Harkins  
Stella Brougham  
Paddy Delaney  
Pat Foley  
Willie Gorman  
James Stewart  
Brian Keating  
Antoinette Barry

Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson  
Secretary

(Resigned 23/1/23)  
(Resigned 29/5/23)  
(Co-opted 29/5/23)  
(Co-opted 21/8/23)

### Board Oversight Committee

Brendan Healy, Brendan Kelly, Teresa Dundon

### Credit Committee

Danny Vaughan, Stella Brougham, Margie Storan,  
Michael O'Neill (Resigned Feb 2023)

### Credit Control Committee

Mary Larkin, Paddy Delaney, Barry John Hannan

### Exec. Membership Committee

Karen O'Brien, Sarah Scales, Sarah Barry

### C.E.O.

Caroline Long

### Finance Officer

Barry John Hannan

### Head of Lending

Marie O'Shea

### Business Development Managers

Fiona Cox, Clodagh Hughes

### Credit Control Officer

Eileen Lavery

### Insurance Officer

Lorraine Russell

### Staff

Sarah Barry, Michael Houlihan, Karen O'Brien, Cormac Fay,  
Margie Storan, Stephanie McKeon, Paulina Brominska, Eileen Reddan,  
Sarah Scales, Aoife O'Reilly, Elaine O'Dell, Aoife Danagher,  
Miriam Flynn, Meghan Keyes, Sarah Malone, Pauline Behan,  
Eamon Ambrose, Ciara Clancy, Jessica O'Shea,  
Louise Roche, Meaghan Curtin, Edel Kirwan,  
Ellie Liddy Earls, Mary Kate Ray, Claire Bray.

### Principal Bankers

Allied Irish Bank, 106 O'Connell Street, Limerick

### Solicitors


Tynan O'Donovan Solicitors, 78 O'Connell St., Limerick.  
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D.G. O'Malley & Co., 9-10 Glentworth St. Limerick

### Investment Advisors

Goodbody

# Opening Hours



	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
	Open	Close	Open	Close	Open	Close	Open	Close	Open	Close	Open	Close
Caherdavin Branch	9.30a.m.	5p.m.	9.30a.m.	5p.m.	11a.m.	5p.m.	9.30a.m.	5p.m.	9.30a.m.	6p.m.	Closed	
	Open throughout Lunch											
William St. Branch	9.30a.m.	5p.m.	9.30a.m.	5.15p.m.	11a.m.	5.15p.m.	9.30a.m.	5.15p.m.	9.30a.m.	5.30p.m.	10a.m.	4p.m.
	Open throughout Lunch											
St. Patrick's Road Branch*	Closed		9.30a.m.	5p.m.	11a.m.	5p.m.	9.30a.m.	5p.m.	9.30a.m.	6p.m.	Closed	
	*Closed for Lunch between 1p.m. & 2p.m.											
Dooradoyle Branch	9.30a.m.	5p.m.	9.30a.m.	5p.m.	11a.m.	5p.m.	9.30a.m.	6p.m.	9.30a.m.	5p.m.	Closed	
	Open throughout Lunch											





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