



# SECTION 130 PACK

## **TRANSFER OF ENGAGEMENTS**

Blanchardstown and District Credit Union Limited to  
Community Credit Union Limited

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The author argues that a one-size-fits-all approach to education is not only ineffective but also potentially harmful. Instead, educators should strive to create a culturally responsive environment that respects and builds upon the knowledge and experiences of all students.

The second part of the paper explores the challenges of conducting research in diverse cultural settings. It discusses the difficulties of finding a common ground between the researcher's perspective and the participants' worldview. The author notes that language barriers, differing communication styles, and varying levels of trust can all pose significant obstacles. To overcome these challenges, the author suggests a collaborative approach where researchers work closely with community members to design and implement the study. This approach not only helps to build trust but also ensures that the research is relevant and meaningful to the community.

The third part of the paper presents a case study of a research project conducted in a rural, low-income community. The study aimed to understand the factors that influence children's school attendance and academic performance. The researchers found that cultural beliefs about education, as well as economic constraints, were major factors. For example, some parents believed that children should help with household chores or work on the family farm, which often took time away from school. The researchers worked with the community to develop interventions that addressed these issues, such as providing educational materials in the local language and offering financial incentives for school attendance.

The final part of the paper discusses the implications of the findings for future research and practice. The author emphasizes the importance of ongoing dialogue between researchers and the communities they study. This dialogue should be a two-way process, where researchers learn from the community and the community benefits from the research. The author also calls for more funding and support for research that focuses on the needs of underserved communities. By doing so, we can ensure that education is a truly transformative force for all children, regardless of their background.

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# Message from Community Credit Union Limited and Blanchardstown and District Credit Union Limited

Dear Member,

We are pleased to inform you, that the Board of Directors of Community Credit Union Limited and Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited are in a position to ask our members to approve the transfer of engagements, of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited to Community Credit Union Limited. The credit union movement is based on co-operation amongst credit unions. The proposed transfer arises from the belief of the Boards of both credit unions that all of our members can be better served together, and we consider it an ideal opportunity to grow and develop our services to members in an enlarged and complementary common bond. The Special Resolutions to approve the Transfer of Engagements will be voted on at the forthcoming Special General Meeting. The Transfer of Engagements is subject to the approval of the Central Bank.

The Boards of both Credit Unions are confident that our decision to combine our Credit Unions will strengthen our position to be the most trusted, respected and preferred financial services provider for our members, providing good value, modern, accessible and tailored services. On completion of the proposed transfer of engagements, the common bond of Community Credit Union Limited will be extended to include all current members of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited. The advantages for members are that the enlarged Credit Union will:

- protect the provision of Credit Union services in our community and allow for more investment in our community;
- enable access to a broader range of services including current accounts, savings and loan services at competitive and sustainable rates;
- be a stronger, more viable Credit Union with healthy financial reserves;
- satisfy member expectations and security of savings and;
- provide greater efficiencies through sharing costs, resulting in better value for members:

In these changing times, credit unions offer a very different service to other financial institutions, Our credit unions were set up with one singular aim in mind – to be of service to our members and our community, never to profit from them. We hold in the highest regard the hard work, dedication and leadership that the volunteers and employees of our credit unions have invested in prudently growing the credit unions since their establishment.

From both credit unions perspective, we would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new members from Rowlagh CU, who formally joined with Community Credit Union in April 2025. We look forward to serving all our members and communities in the months and years ahead.

Included in this Section 130 Pack, for your information is a statement required under Section 130 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). We would like to take this opportunity to thank you the members for your continued loyalty to your Credit Union and look forward to your support at the Special General Meetings.

**Patrick Kelly**  
Chair, Community Credit Union Limited

**Shane Maguire**  
Chair, Blanchardstown and District Credit Union Limited

# Notice of & Formal Invitation to Special General Meeting of Community Credit Union Limited



Scan to Register for SGM

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of Community Credit Union Limited will take place on Friday 6th June, 2025 at 7p.m. via Zoom Webinar.

**Shane Hanrahan**

Secretary, Community Credit Union

Members wishing to attend the Virtual SGM need to register before 5.00pm on Sunday June 1st 2025 by completing the registration form on the Community Credit Union website, or accessing through the above QR code.

The information provided will be verified against the members records with the Credit Union. The same email address cannot be used for multiple registrations.

The following information is pertinent to this notice:

- Community Credit Union Limited will be using Zoom Webinar as the electronic platform to host the meeting.
- Closing date for registration is 5.00pm on Sunday June 1st 2025.
- The Credit Union will be verifying member details prior to invitations being sent, including the requirement to have up-to-date, acceptable photographic identification and address verification on file with the Credit Union.
- If information is not up to date, the Credit Union will notify you by email.
- Once the verification process is complete, a link to the Virtual SGM will be emailed to you by Tuesday 2nd June 2025. (Please ensure to check your junk and spam folders for this email).
- A Zoom tutorial will be available on our website [www.communitycu.ie](http://www.communitycu.ie).
- All non-presenting participants will be muted and have their cameras switched off to allow the smooth running of the meeting.
- A member can type a question to the Chairperson by clicking on the "Q&A" button of the screen, at any time during the meeting. We will answer all questions asked at the SGM.
- The Q&A button can also be used to advise the Chair that you wish to speak to the meeting
- Questions can be submitted ahead of the meeting to [sgm@communitycu.ie](mailto:sgm@communitycu.ie).
- Voting will be conducted by way of online poll and each member will be asked to vote Yes/No when instructed by the Chairperson. The votes will be tallied electronically and announced by the Chairperson.
- In order to comply with GDPR requirements members are not permitted to record the meeting.

# Notice of & Formal Invitation to Special General Meeting of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited



Scan to Register for SGM

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited will take place on Thursday 5th June, 2025 at 7 p.m. via Zoom Webinar.

## **Richard Carroll**

Secretary, Blanchardstown & District Credit Union

Members wishing to attend the Virtual SGM need to register before 5.00pm on Sunday June 1st 2025 by completing the registration form on the Blanchardstown & District Credit Union website, or accessing through the above QR code.

The information provided will be verified against the members records with the Credit Union. The same email address cannot be used for multiple registrations.

The following information is pertinent to this notice:

- Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited will be using Zoom Webinar as the electronic platform to host the meeting.
- Closing date for registration is 5.00pm on Sunday June 1st 2025.
- The Credit Union will be verifying member details prior to invitations being sent, including the requirement to have up-to-date, acceptable photographic identification and address verification on file with the Credit Union.
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# Standing Orders for Special General Meeting

## MOTIONS

- All motions must be proposed and seconded by members present at the SGM 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.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- The chair of the board of directors shall be the chair 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.
- The chair may at his/her discretion, extend the privilege of the floor to any person who is not a member.
- Only matters covered by the Agenda at SGM may be considered.
- The chairman's decision on any matter relating to these Standing Orders or interpretation of same shall be final.
- No member shall have more than one vote on each question at any general meeting of the credit union or any adjournment thereof irrespective of his/her shareholding or the number of accounts in his/her name in the credit union provided, however, that except in voting at elections, the presiding member shall have a second or casting vote in the event of equality of voting. Voting by proxy shall be allowed only when a member other than a natural person votes through a representative, who is a member of the group, duly authorised in writing for that purpose and accepted as such by the board of directors.
- Any Special Resolution to be decided upon by vote at the SGM shall, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law or the rules, be decided upon by 75% majority of those present and voting by an electronic poll.

## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

- Any one of these Orders or all of these Standing Orders may be suspended on a motion to this effect receiving a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

## ALTERATION OF STANDING ORDERS

- Standing Orders may be amended or altered at a general meeting and only if a motion to this effect has received a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

## ADJOURNMENTS

Adjournments of the SGM shall take place only in accordance with section 81(1) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended)

# Agenda of Special General Meeting Community Credit Union Ltd

You are hereby notified that the Special General Meeting of Community Credit Union Limited will be held by Zoom Webinar on Friday, 6th June 2025 at 7p.m.

## Agenda

1. The acceptance by the board of directors of the authorised representatives that are not natural persons;
2. Ascertainment that a quorum is present;
3. Adoption of standing orders;
4. Appointment of Tellers;
5. Consideration of Special Resolution.  
The members of Community Credit Union Limited resolve that the Credit Union accepts the Transfer of Engagements of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).
6. Adjournment or close of meeting.

# Agenda of Special General Meeting Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Ltd

You are hereby notified that the Special General Meeting of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited will be held by Zoom Webinar on Thursday, 5th June 2025 at 7p.m.

## Agenda

1. The acceptance by the board of directors of the authorised representatives that are not natural persons;
2. Ascertainment that a quorum is present;
3. Adoption of standing orders;
4. Appointment of Tellers;
5. Consideration of Special Resolution.  
The members of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited resolve that the Credit Union transfer its engagements to Community Credit Union Limited in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).
6. Adjournment or close of meeting.



# Transfer of Engagement Resolutions

## COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION LTD

The Board of Community Credit Union Limited is pleased to present the following Special Resolution to the members for consideration at the Annual General Meeting:

### PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The members of Community Credit Union Limited resolve that the Credit Union accepts the Transfer of Engagements of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

#### Shane Hanrahan

Secretary, Community Credit Union Limited

### **Community Credit Union Limited Statement required under Section 130 of the Credit Union Act 1997 in respect of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited.**

In accordance with Section 130 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended), the following matters are required to be stated:

1. The financial position of Community Credit Union Limited and of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited is set out in the form of the audited annual accounts for Community Credit Union Limited as at 30th September 2024 and the most recent unaudited Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet Limited as at 31st March 2025, and the audited annual accounts for Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited as at 30th September 2024 and the most recent unaudited Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025.
2. No payment is proposed to be made to the members of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited or Community Credit Union Limited in consideration of the proposed transfer.
3. There will be no change to the terms governing outstanding loans currently held by members in Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited or Community Credit Union Limited. Members with current loans in Community Credit Union and Blanchardstown & District Credit Union will continue to repay loans under the existing terms of their credit agreements. New loans issued after the Transfer of Engagements will be at the then prevailing loan rate in Community Credit Union Limited.
4. Staff at Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited and Community Credit Union Limited have been fully appraised of all aspects of the Transfer of Engagements and are very much involved in the Transfer of Engagements process. The staff of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited will transfer to Community Credit Union Limited under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) regulations 2006. As part of integrating both credit unions from a HR perspective, a Voluntary Exit Scheme was undertaken and closed in late 2024. This was undertaken to afford employees on either credit union who for whatever reason wished to go a different direction in their professional life other than carrying on with the new entity to exit and be rewarded for their service. 7 employees in Community Credit Union Limited have availed of a Voluntary Exit Scheme as part of the Transfer of Engagements to Community Credit Union Limited

# Transfer of Engagement Resolutions

## BLANCHARDSTOWN & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION LTD

The Board of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited is pleased to present the following Special Resolution to the members for consideration at the Annual General Meeting:

### PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The members of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited resolve that the Credit Union Transfers its Engagements to Community Credit Union Limited in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

#### Richard Carroll

Secretary, Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited

### **Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited Statement required under Section 130 of the Credit Union Act 1997.**

In accordance with Section 130 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended), the following matters are required to be stated:

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# Transfer of Engagements – We’re Stronger Together!

When the Transfer of Engagements is complete members of the current Board of Directors and Board Oversight Committee in Community Credit Union and Blanchardstown & District Credit Union have committed to continue to volunteer in the combined Credit Union to ensure stability and continuity while also ensuring that the important links with our communities are maintained.

## What does a transfer of engagements mean?

The term ‘Transfer of Engagement’ is a legal and technical term used in the credit union sector to describe when one credit union transfers its engagements to another. In this instance, the Transfer of Engagement means that Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited will transfer their assets and liabilities to Community Credit Union Limited. Members in Community Credit Union and Blanchardstown & District Credit Union can continue in exactly the same way as before with the added advantage of access to all of the services that the combined Credit Union can offer.

## What will happen next?

We envisage that if the Transfer of Engagements is approved by members and the Central Bank, the affairs of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited will be transferred to Community Union Limited in July, 2025. Both credit union offices may need to close for a day or so order to facilitate the transfer, and members will be kept informed of developments closer to the time. It is business as usual up to and after these short closures to facilitate the transfer.

## What are the advantages of the proposed transfer?

1. A stronger and more robust credit union with healthy reserves.
2. Greater offering of savings, loans and other services at competitive and sustainable rates.
3. Increased and better service range for members, with greater accessibility.
4. Better value for members through shared cost efficiencies.
5. A larger geographic common bond with enhanced growth opportunities.

## How will this change affect me?

For existing members there will be no noticeable change. All offices of both Community Credit Union and Blanchardstown & District Credit Union will remain open for members. All members will have the added advantage of being able to transact their business, if it is convenient for them to do so, in all four offices when the transfer takes operational effect.

- If you are a member of Community Credit Union, you will still continue to be able to conduct your business in Community Credit Union offices during the current opening hours of those offices. In addition, once the transfer takes effect, you will be able to transact your business in all of the other offices also.
- If you are a member of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union, a new account number will be issued to you. All of your account balances and information will remain exactly the same.
- There will be no change to the terms governing outstanding loans currently held by members in Community Credit Union Limited or Blanchardstown & District Credit Union. Following the proposed Transfer of Engagements, all new loans or amendments to existing loans to combined credit union members will be subject to the terms and conditions and interest rates of loans available in the new combined credit union entity.
- If you are a member of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited, you will need to re-register for on-line banking service when the Transfer of Engagements is completed.

# Transfer of Engagements – We’re Stronger Together!

## Office Locations

On completion of the transfer members will have access to four local offices;

- Blanchardstown Shopping Centre
- West Cabra
- Rowlagh
- Clonsilla Road

In addition to the provision of in-branch services, members will be able to avail of the services of the Credit Union through the website, mobile phone app, phone and email.

## Do I have to do anything?

Members do not have to do anything prior to the Transfer of Engagement.

We do welcome any views that any member may have on the proposed Transfer of Engagements. Members may write to the secretary of either credit union or email to **info@communitycu.ie** or **info@blanchardstowncu.ie** with any views, comments or queries they may have.

Furthermore, members can make representation in writing directly to the Central Bank of Ireland on the Transfer of Engagement. The address is:

Registrar of Credit Unions,  
Central Bank of Ireland,  
PO Box 559,  
Dublin 1.



# **COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION LIMITED**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Audited financial statements as at 30th September 2024  
Unaudited management accounts for 31st March 2025

## Directors Responsibilities Statement

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:



**Colin Hernon**  
Chair of the Board of Directors



**Shane Hanrahan**  
Member of the Board of Directors

Date: 8th November 2024

## Statement of the Board Oversight Committee Responsibilities

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:



**Dominica McCaffrey**  
Chairperson of the Board Oversight Committee

Date: 8th November 2024

## Discover the many benefits of merging our two Credit Unions



### **New App**

Additional Digital Services through our new Online Banking App.



### **Access**

Access to more branches and a wider range of opening hours.



### **Strength**

Greater financial strength leads to increased security for members.



### **Current Account**

Great value Current Accounts from just €4 per month.



### **Insurance Benefits**

Life Benefit Insurance, Loan Protection & more!



### **Mortgage Offering**

Available to all first-time buyers and switchers!

#### **Other Benefits Include:**

- Increased financial capacity for member dividends
- Larger team with greater capability and capacity to meet your financial services needs into the future
- Scope to expand services to be more relevant to more members in our community



# Independent Auditor's Report

## To the Members of Community Credit Union Ltd

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community Credit Union Limited for the financial year ended 30 September 2024, 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 30, including a 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 (as amended) "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

In our opinion, Community 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 2024 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 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.

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;
- the financial statements contain all primary statements, notes and significant accounting policies required to be included in accordance with section 111(1)(c) 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 (as amended), 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 intends 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 judgement 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.
- 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.



**Sean Ridley FCA**

for and on behalf of  
Grant Thornton  
Chartered Accountants  
& Statutory Audit Firm  
Limerick

Date: 8th November 2024

## Income and expenditure account for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

		2024	2023
	Schedule	€	€
<b>Income</b>			
Interest on members' loans		4,343,889	3,987,263
Other interest income and similar income	1	1,241,275	1,203,820
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>5,585,164</b>	<b>5,191,083</b>
Other income	2	173,380	86,280
<b>Total income</b>		<b>5,758,544</b>	<b>5,277,363</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employment costs		1,967,130	2,025,101
Other management expenses	3	2,762,304	2,375,892
Depreciation		77,430	114,360
Net impairment gains on loans to members (note 5)		(298,198)	(423,962)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>4,508,666</b>	<b>4,091,391</b>
<b>Surplus for the financial year</b>		<b>1,249,878</b>	<b>1,185,972</b>

## Statement of other comprehensive income for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	2024	2023
	€	€
Surplus for the financial year	1,249,878	1,185,972
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the financial year</b>	<b>1,249,878</b>	<b>1,185,972</b>

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



**Colin Hernon**  
Member of the Board of Directors



**Claire Lawton**  
Interim CEO

Date: 8th November 2024

## Balance Sheet

as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and balances at bank	6	6,431,998	5,938,850
Deposits and investments – cash equivalents	7	21,136,399	18,320,452
Deposits and investments – other	7	60,685,984	69,393,228
Loans to members	8	55,379,484	47,190,450
Provision for bad debts	9	(2,880,102)	(3,277,331)
Members' current accounts overdrawn	15	3,186	1,239
Tangible fixed assets	10	714,907	638,398
Investment property	11	-	142,704
Equity investment	12	30,000	-
Debtors, prepayments and accrued income	13	287,107	294,428
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>141,788,963</b>	<b>138,642,418</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Members' shares	14	110,202,905	107,307,769
Members' deposits	14	6,816,454	7,472,627
Members' current accounts	15	1,593,979	1,611,110
Other liabilities, creditors, accruals and charges	16	515,287	529,601
Other provisions	17	41,816	36,316
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>119,170,441</b>	<b>116,957,423</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Regulatory reserve	19	18,000,000	14,000,000
Operational risk reserve	19	1,028,640	1,028,640
Other reserves			
- Realised reserves	19	3,293,525	6,373,051
- Unrealised reserves	19	296,357	283,304
<b>Total reserves</b>		<b>22,618,522</b>	<b>21,684,995</b>
<b>Total liabilities and reserves</b>		<b>141,788,963</b>	<b>138,642,418</b>

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## Statement of Changes in Reserves

for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	Regulatory reserve	Operational risk reserve	Realised reserves	Unrealised reserves	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
<b>As at 1 October 2022</b>	<b>13,700,000</b>	<b>1,028,640</b>	<b>5,576,360</b>	<b>194,023</b>	<b>20,499,023</b>
Surplus for the financial year	-	-	1,096,691	89,281	1,185,972
Transfers between reserves	300,000	-	(300,000)	-	-
<b>As at 1 October 2023</b>	<b>14,000,000</b>	<b>1,028,640</b>	<b>6,373,051</b>	<b>283,304</b>	<b>21,684,995</b>
Payment of dividends	-	-	(316,351)	-	(316,351)
Surplus for the financial year	-	-	1,222,639	27,239	1,249,878
Transfers between reserves	4,000,000	-	(3,985,814)	(14,186)	-
<b>As at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>18,000,000</b>	<b>1,028,640</b>	<b>3,293,525</b>	<b>296,357</b>	<b>22,618,522</b>

- The regulatory reserve of the credit union as a percentage of total assets as at 30 September 2024 was 12.69% (2023: 10.10%).
- The operational risk reserve of the credit union as a percentage of total assets as at 30 September 2024 was 0.73% (2023: 0.74%).

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	€	€
<b>Opening cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>24,259,302</b>	<b>17,418,573</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Loans repaid by members	8	18,798,901	17,736,105
Loans granted to members	8	(27,485,164)	(24,390,843)
Interest on members' loans		4,343,889	3,987,263
Other interest income and similar income		1,241,275	1,203,820
Other income		173,380	86,280
Dividends paid		(316,351)	-
Members' current account lodgements	15	11,538,018	9,986,278
Members' current account withdrawals	15	(11,557,096)	(8,842,044)
Bad debts recovered and recoveries	5	398,198	423,962
Operating expenses		(4,728,739)	(4,400,993)
Movement in other assets and liabilities		(1,493)	(343,599)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>(7,595,182)</b>	<b>(4,553,771)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Fixed asset purchases	10	(153,939)	(27,988)
Investment property disposals	11	142,009	-
Equity investment	12	(30,000)	-
Net cash flow from other investing activities		8,707,244	9,787,461
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>8,665,314</b>	<b>9,759,473</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Members' savings received	14	48,797,451	45,548,806
Members' savings withdrawn	14	(46,558,488)	(43,913,779)
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>		<b>2,238,963</b>	<b>1,635,027</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>3,309,095</b>	<b>6,840,729</b>
<b>Closing cash and cash equivalents</b>	6	<b>27,568,397</b>	<b>24,259,302</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### 1. Legal and Regulatory Framework

Community 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 Villa Park Gardens, Navan Road, Dublin 7.

### 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 except for the valuation of the investment property as specified in the accounting policies below.

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 a 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 Taxation

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

#### 2.7 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.

## 2.8 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.

## 2.9 Provision for bad debts

The credit union assesses if there is objective evidence that any of its loans are impaired with due consideration of economic 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.

## 2.10 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.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Premises	2% straight line
Leasehold improvements	4% straight line
Computer equipment	33% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	15% reducing balance

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.

### 2.11 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. 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 carrying 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 Equity investment

Equity investment made by the credit union is accounted for at cost less impairment.

### 2.13 Investment properties

Investment properties are carried at fair value determined annually at each reporting date as derived from an independent market valuation for comparable property adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset, with changes in fair value recognised in the income and expenditure account. No depreciation is provided.

### 2.14 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.

### 2.15 Financial liabilities – members' shares and members' deposits

Members' shares and members' deposits 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.

### 2.16 Interest on members' deposits

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

### 2.17 Members' current accounts

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

### 2.18 Other payables

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

### 2.19 Pension

The credit union operates a defined contribution plan for its 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 €18,999 (2023: €13,233).

## 2.20 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.

## 2.21 Termination benefits

Termination benefits are expensed to the income and expenditure account as incurred.

## 2.22 Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

## 2.23 Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

## 2.24 Regulatory reserve

The Credit Union Act 1997 (Regulatory Requirements) Regulations 2016 requires credit unions to establish and maintain a minimum regulatory reserve requirement of at least 10 per cent of the assets of the credit union. In instances where the credit union has been approved for long term lending, a minimum regulatory reserve of at least 12.5 per cent is required. This reserve is to be perpetual in nature, freely available to absorb losses, realised financial reserves that are unrestricted and non-distributable.

## 2.25 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 definition of operational risk is the risk of losses stemming from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. 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 Basel 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 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).

## 2.26 Other reserves

Other reserves are the accumulated surpluses to date that have not been declared as dividends returnable to members and reserves arising on transfers of engagements. 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.

## 2.27 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.

## 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 judgements 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 €714,907 (2023: €638,398).

### *Provision for bad debts*

The credit union's accounting policy for impairment of loans is set out in note 2.9. 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 €2,880,102 (2023: €3,277,331) representing 5.20% (2023: 6.94%) of the total gross loan book.

### *Operational risk reserve*

The directors have considered the requirements of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and have developed 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 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 €1,028,640 (2023: €1,028,640).

### *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.

#### 4. Key management personnel compensation

	2024	2023
	€	€
Short term employee benefits paid to key management	707,675	710,474
Payments to pension schemes	49,679	31,875
<b>Total key management personnel compensation</b>	<b>757,354</b>	<b>742,349</b>

#### 5. Net impairment gains on loans to members

	2024	2023
	€	€
Bad debts recovered	(298,330)	(328,567)
Impairment of loan interest reclassified as bad debt recoveries	(99,868)	(95,395)
Movement in bad debts provision during the year	(397,229)	(69,254)
Loans written off during the year	497,229	69,254
<b>Net impairment gains on loans to members</b>	<b>(298,198)</b>	<b>(423,962)</b>

#### 6. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	€	€
Cash and balances at bank	6,431,998	5,938,850
Deposits and investments – cash equivalents (note 7)	21,136,399	18,320,452
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>27,568,397</b>	<b>24,259,302</b>

#### 7. Deposits and investments

	2024	2023
	€	€
<b>Deposits and investments – cash equivalents</b>		
Accounts in authorised credit institutions (Irish and non-Irish based)	21,009,839	18,268,651
Central Bank deposits	126,560	51,801
<b>Total deposits and investments – cash equivalents</b>	<b>21,136,399</b>	<b>18,320,452</b>

#### Deposits and investments – other

Accounts in authorised credit institutions (Irish and non-Irish based)	25,729,921	33,097,618
Bank bonds	26,489,660	27,862,625
Central Bank deposits	1,008,396	983,155
Irish and EEA state securities	7,458,007	7,449,830
<b>Total deposits and investments – other</b>	<b>60,685,984</b>	<b>69,393,228</b>
<b>Total deposits and investments</b>	<b>81,822,383</b>	<b>87,713,680</b>

The rating category of counterparties with whom the investments were held at 30 September 2024 was as follows:

<b>Deposits and investments – other</b>	€	€
A1	57,467,887	51,801,376
Aa2	1,460,160	9,279,875
Aa3	16,856,015	17,882,182
Baa1	4,903,365	7,715,291
Central Bank deposits	1,134,956	1,034,956
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,822,383</b>	<b>87,713,680</b>

## 8. Financial assets – loans to members

	2024	2023
	€	€
As at 1 October	47,190,450	40,604,966
Loans granted during the year	27,485,164	24,390,843
Loans repaid during the year	(18,798,901)	(17,736,105)
<b>Gross loans and advances</b>	<b>55,876,713</b>	<b>47,259,704</b>
<b>Bad debts</b>		
Loans written off during the year	(497,229)	(69,254)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>55,379,484</b>	<b>47,190,450</b>

## 9. Provision for bad debts

	2024	2023
	€	€
As at 1 October	3,277,331	3,346,585
Movement in bad debts provision during the year	(397,229)	(69,254)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>2,880,102</b>	<b>3,277,331</b>

The provision for bad debts is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Grouped assessed loans	2,880,102	3,277,331
<b>Provision for bad debts</b>	<b>2,880,102</b>	<b>3,277,331</b>

## 10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Premises	Leasehold improvements	Computer Equipment	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
Cost	€	€	€	€	€
At 1 October 2023	1,108,241	446,498	506,594	450,177	2,511,510
Additions	-	114,466	33,367	6,106	153,939
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<b>1,108,241</b>	<b>560,964</b>	<b>539,961</b>	<b>456,283</b>	<b>2,665,449</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 October 2023	634,900	446,498	476,346	315,368	1,873,112
Charge for the year	22,164	-	32,083	23,183	77,430
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<b>657,064</b>	<b>446,498</b>	<b>508,429</b>	<b>338,551</b>	<b>1,950,542</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>30 September 2024</b>	<b>451,177</b>	<b>114,466</b>	<b>31,532</b>	<b>117,732</b>	<b>714,907</b>
30 September 2023	473,341	-	30,248	134,809	638,398

## 11. Investment property

	2024	2023
	€	€
Balance as at 1 October	142,704	-
Transfer from tangible fixed assets	-	142,704
Disposals	(142,704)	-
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,704</b>

The former investment property, Laurel Lodge, has been sold during the financial year ended 30 September 2024.

## 12. Equity investment

Cost	€
As at 1 October 2023	-
Initial investment	30,000
<b>As at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Accumulated impairment</b>	
As at 30 September 2024	-
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>As at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>As at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>-</b>

The equity investment represents an investment made by the credit union in CU Mortgage Services Designated Activity Company, a company with registered number 755686, and having its registered office at Suite 28, Morrison Chambers, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin, D02 XF22.

### 13. Debtors, prepayments and accrued incomes

	2024	2023
	€	€
Loan interest receivable	152,294	166,480
Other debtor – SPS refund	56,906	56,906
Prepayments	77,907	71,042
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>287,107</b>	<b>294,428</b>

### 14. Members' savings

	2024	2023
	€	€
As at 1 October	114,780,396	113,145,369
Received during the year	48,797,451	45,548,806
Withdrawn during the year	(46,558,488)	(43,913,779)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>117,019,359</b>	<b>114,780,396</b>

Members' savings are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Members' shares	110,202,905	107,307,769
Members' deposits	6,816,454	7,472,627
<b>Total members' savings</b>	<b>117,019,359</b>	<b>114,780,396</b>

### 15. Members' current accounts

	2024	2023
	€	€
As at 1 October	1,609,871	465,637
Lodgements during the year	11,538,018	9,986,278
Withdrawals during the year	(11,557,096)	(8,842,044)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>1,590,793</b>	<b>1,609,871</b>



	2024		2023	
	No. of Accounts	Balance of Accounts	No. of Accounts	Balance of Accounts
Debit	63	3,186	76	1,239
Credit	630	1,593,979	573	1,611,110
Permitted overdrafts	11	10,000	6	7,500

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

	2024	2023
	€	€
PAYE/PRSI	34,341	34,145
Other creditors and accruals	480,946	495,456
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>515,287</b>	<b>529,601</b>

#### 17. Other provisions

	2024	2023
	€	€
<b>Holiday pay accrual</b>		
As at 1 October	36,316	34,249
Charged to the income and expenditure account	5,500	2,067
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>41,816</b>	<b>36,316</b>

#### 18. Financial instruments – measured at amortised cost

	2024	2023
	€	€
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	140,843,855	137,623,794

	2024	2023
	€	€
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	119,170,441	116,957,423

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

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

## 19. Reserves

	Balance 01/10/23	Payment of dividend	Appropriation of current year surplus	Transfers between reserves	Balance 30/09/24
	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Regulatory reserve</b>	<b>14,000,000</b>	-	-	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>18,000,000</b>
<b>Operational risk reserve</b>	<b>1,028,640</b>	-	-	-	<b>1,028,640</b>
<b>Other reserves</b>					
<b>Realised</b>					
Undistributed surplus	6,373,051	(316,351)	1,222,639	(3,985,814)	3,293,525
<b>Total realised reserves</b>	<b>6,373,051</b>	<b>(316,351)</b>	<b>1,222,639</b>	<b>(3,985,814)</b>	<b>3,293,525</b>
<b>Unrealised</b>					
Interest on loans reserve	166,480	-	-	(14,186)	152,294
Investment income reserve	59,918	-	27,239	-	87,157
SPS reserve	56,906	-	-	-	56,906
<b>Total unrealised reserves</b>	<b>283,304</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,239</b>	<b>(14,186)</b>	<b>296,357</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>21,684,995</b>	<b>(316,351)</b>	<b>1,249,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,618,522</b>

## 20. 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 percentage 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.

### Loans Arrears Analysis

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	€	%	€	%
<b>Loans not impaired</b>				
Total loans not impaired, not past due	44,601,266	80.55%	36,259,341	76.84%
<b>Impaired loans:</b>				
Up to 9 weeks past due	9,216,102	16.64%	9,131,953	19.35%
Between 10 and 18 weeks past due	477,782	0.86%	486,214	1.03%
Between 19 and 26 weeks past due	164,970	0.30%	243,131	0.52%

Between 27 and 39 weeks past due	223,019	0.40%	246,202	0.52%
Between 40 and 52 weeks past due	173,642	0.31%	242,220	0.51%
53 or more weeks past due	522,703	0.94%	581,389	1.23%
<b>Total impaired loans</b>	<b>10,778,218</b>	<b>19.45%</b>	<b>10,931,109</b>	<b>23.16%</b>
<b>Total gross loans</b>	<b>55,379,484</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>47,190,450</b>	<b>100%</b>

Factors that are considered in determining whether loans are impaired are discussed in the accounting policies, dealing with the use of estimates and judgements. Loans which are neither past due nor impaired are reviewed on a monthly basis. The Credit Union has not identified any material matters which impact upon the credit quality of these assets.

## 21. Related party transactions

### 21a. Loans

	2024		2023	
	No. of loans	€	No. of loans	€
Loans advanced to related parties during the year	4	32,490	4	420,490
Total loans outstanding to related parties at the year end	10	516,634	8	479,880
Total provision for loans outstanding to related parties		6,649		47,781

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 0.93% of the total loans outstanding at 30 September 2024 (2023: 1.02%).

### 21b. Loans

The total amount of savings held by related parties at the year end was €250,785 (2023: €297,601).

## 22. Additional financial instruments disclosures

### 22a. Financial risk management

The credit union manages its members' savings 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 loans policy. Credit risk mitigation may include the requirement to obtain collateral as set out in the credit union's loan 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 and personal guarantees. 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 loans policy in force at the time. Subsequently loans are regularly reviewed for any factors that may indicate that the likelihood of repayment has changed. The credit union is also exposed to counterparty credit risk pertaining to its deposit and investment portfolio. In order to manage this 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.

**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.

## 22b. 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.

## 22c. Interest Rate Risk Disclosures

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

	2024	Average interest rate	2023	Average interest rate
	€	%	€	%
Gross loans to members	<u>55,379,485</u>	<u>8.22%</u>	<u>47,190,450</u>	<u>9.09%</u>

Any dividend 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.

## 23. Dividends

The following distributions were paid during the year:

	2024		2023	
	%	€	%	€
Dividend on shares	<u>0.30%</u>	<u>316,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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

	2024		2023	
	%	€	%	€
Dividend on shares	0.30%	322,880	0.30%	318,102

## 24. Rate of interest paid on members' deposit accounts

The following distributions were paid during the year:

	2024		2023	
	%	€	%	€
Interest on deposits	-	-	-	-

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

At 30 September 2024, the credit union is at an advanced stage of a proposed Transfer of Engagements process. The proposed Transfer of Engagements process is expected to be completed in the coming months.

## 26. Insurance against fraud

The credit union has Insurance against fraud in the amount of €5,200,000 (2023: €5,200,000) in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

## 27. Capital commitments

The credit union had capital commitments for leasehold improvements of €216,228 at 30 September 2024 (2023: €Nil).

## 28. Commitments under operating leases

The credit union entered into a 25 year lease in respect of a property on 1 October 1997 which was extended for a 3 year period on 1 October 2024. The credit union had future minimum lease payments under operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Less than 1 year	107,000	107,442
1 to 5 years	214,000	107,000
Greater than 5 years	-	-
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>321,000</b>	<b>214,442</b>

## 29. Comparative information

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

## 30. Approval of financial statements

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 8th November 2024

## Schedules to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The following schedules do not form part of the statutory financial statements which are the subject of the Independent Auditor's report on pages 17 to 19.

Schedule 1 – Other interest income and similar income	2024	2023
	€	€
Investment income received/receivable within 1 year	1,309,557	1,225,370
Investment income receivable outside of 1 year	27,239	26,787
Realised loss on investments	-	(48,337)
Realised loss on encashment of investments	(95,521)	-
<b>Total per income and expenditure account</b>	<b>1,241,275</b>	<b>1,203,820</b>

Schedule 2 – Other income	2024	2023
	€	€
Miscellaneous income	300	1,200
Bank interest & commissions	137,028	63,269
MPCAS income	36,052	21,811
<b>Total per income and expenditure account</b>	<b>173,380</b>	<b>86,280</b>

## Schedules to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Schedule 3 – Other management expenses

	2024	2023
	€	€
Rent and rates	145,599	142,976
Lighting, heating and cleaning	72,411	61,843
Repairs and renewals	29,303	5,327
Printing, postage and stationery	41,265	57,107
Telephone	19,614	29,861
Promotion and advertising	61,679	54,967
Donations and sponsorship	78,511	40,529
Training costs	8,013	10,669
AGM, convention and meeting expenses	73,639	65,992
Audit fee	20,849	20,849
General insurance	84,667	63,313
Share and loan insurance	469,209	476,298
Legal and professional fees	476,101	315,329
Security	27,601	28,207
Computer maintenance	448,918	385,079
Staff uniforms	8,589	13,596
Miscellaneous office expenses	13,853	16,054
Death benefit insurance	-	79,966
ILCU subscriptions	57,963	56,500
Bank charges	63,495	48,497
Regulatory levies and charges	370,255	299,797
Loss on disposal of investment property	695	-
Savings protection scheme	5,414	9,967
MPCAS costs	58,788	93,169
Strategic initiative costs	55,500	-
Proposed merger costs	70,373	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,762,304</b>	<b>2,375,892</b>

# Unaudited Management Accounts

## for 31st March 2025

### Income and expenditure account

		31 Mar 2025
		€
<b>Income</b>		
Interest Income		2,230,057
Investment Income	Rec'd/Receivable within 1 year	633,475
	Other	
Bad Debts Recovered		153,593
Other Income		84,295
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>3,101,420</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Net Loan Protection / Life Savings Insurance		252,018
Salaries and Related Expenses		1,023,528
Bad Debts Written Off		155,051
Bad Debts Provision		(155,051)
Other Expenses		1,510,430
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>2,785,976</b>
<b>YTD Surplus (Deficit)</b>		<b>315,444</b>



## Balance Sheet

31 Mar 2025

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### Assets

Cash and Current Accounts	8,024,539
Minimum Reserve Deposit Held	1,134,956
Deposit Protection Account	

### Investments

Irish and EEA State Securities	7,473,073
Accounts in Authorised Credit Institutions	44,729,720
Bank Bonds	28,497,716
Collective Investment Schemes	
Investments in other Credit Unions	
Investments in Societies	
Other	

**Total Investments** 80,700,509

Loans	57,047,202
Less Provision For Bad Debts	(2,725,051)
Fixed Assets less Depreciation	906,425
Other Assets	444,231

**Total Assets** 145,532,811

### Liabilities

Member Shares	Regular	113,225,213
Member Deposits		7,103,681
Other Member Funds		1,758,751
Other Liabilities		833,285

**Total Liabilities** 122,920,930

**Net Worth** 22,611,881

Represented By:

### Reserves

Regulatory Reserve		18,500,000
Operational Risk Reserve		1,028,640
Undistributed Surplus Brought Forward		
YTD Surplus (Deficit)		315,444
Other Reserves	Realised	2,471,440
	Unrealised	296,357

Proposed Dividend and Interest Rebate

**Total Reserves** 22,611,881

**Blanchardstown and District Credit  
Union LIMITED  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Audited financial statements as at 30th September 2024  
Unaudited management accounts for 31st March 2025

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations. 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.

This statement was approved by the board on 7th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



**Shane Maguire**  
Chairperson  
Board of Directors



**Richard Carroll**  
Secretary  
Board of Directors

## Statement of the Board Oversight Committee Responsibilities

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 IVA and any regulations made for the purposes of Part IV or Part IVA of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). In addition, they are required to assess whether the Board of Directors has operated in accordance with any other matter prescribed by the Central Bank.

The Committee fulfils this responsibility in the following manner:

- At least one member of the Committee attends every meeting of the Board of Directors;
- Holding at least one meeting of the Committee every month;
- Meeting with the Board of Directors four times in every year to facilitate the Committee in carrying out its assessment; and
- Submitting four written reports in every year to the Board of Directors on the Committee's assessment of whether the Board of Directors has operated in accordance with the above regulations.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed by Shane Maguire (Chair, Board of Directors), Stewart Agnew (CEO) and Fred Finch (Chair, Board Oversight Committee) on 7 November 2024.



**Fred Finch**  
Chairperson  
Board Oversight Committee

# Independent Auditor's Report

## To the Members of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Ltd

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited ("The Credit Union"), which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Reserves and the Statement of Cash Flows for the financial year ended 30 September 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies.

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 and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

### In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Credit Union as at 30th September 2024, and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance 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 auditor's responsibilities 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 Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA) Ethical Standard, and 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 Directors' 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 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

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

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, 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 we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the Credit Union were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited,
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.
- The financial statements contain all primary statements, notes and significant accounting policies required to be included in accordance with Section 111(1)(c) of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended)

## Matters on which we are Required to Report by Exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Credit Union and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

## Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is 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 have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our 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 our 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 judgement 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.
- 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 auditors' 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 auditors' 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.



**Michelle O' Donoghue**

For and on behalf of  
RBK Business Advisers  
Termini,  
3 Arkle Road,  
Sandyford,  
Dublin.

Date: 7th November 2024

# Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

		2024	2023
	Schedule	€	€
<b>Income</b>			
Interest on members' loans	1	3,754,719	3,129,679
Other Interest Receivable and Similar Income	2	1,031,857	710,912
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>4,786,576</b>	<b>3,840,591</b>
Other income	3	83,580	21,406
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,870,156</b>	<b>3,861,997</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employment costs		1,316,246	1,189,214
Other operating expenses	4	2,113,747	1,892,204
Depreciation (Note 6)		138,873	152,451
Bad debt provision/write off/recoveries (Note 5)		213,479	(158,983)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>3,782,345</b>	<b>3,074,886</b>
<b>Surplus for the financial year</b>		<b>1,087,811</b>	<b>787,111</b>
Dividend and loan interest rebate paid		-	-
Add: Undistributed Surplus at start of year		1,173,901	648,456
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,261,712</b>	<b>1,435,567</b>
Less:			
Transfer to Regulatory Reserve		(383,106)	(243,366)
Transfer to operational risk reserve		(63,550)	(18,300)
Transfer to Dividend Reserve		(300,000)	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>(746,656)</b>	<b>(261,666)</b>
<b>Undistributed Surplus at end of year</b>		<b>1,515,056</b>	<b>1,173,901</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 7th of November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



**Stewart Agnew**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Fred Finch**  
Member of the  
Board Oversight Committee



**Shane Maguire**  
Chairperson  
Board of Directors

Date: 7th November 2024



## Balance Sheet

as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	€	€
<b>Assets</b>			
Deposits and Investments	4	58,293,531	64,005,551
Loans to Members	5	54,032,133	44,529,091
Less: Provision for bad and doubtful debts	5	(1,687,870)	(1,365,111)
Tangible Fixed Assets	6	885,633	902,995
Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income	7	347,703	343,674
Cash and Balances at Bank	9	2,417,906	2,790,063
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>114,289,036</b>	<b>111,206,263</b>
<b>Other Liabilities</b>			
Members' Shares & Deposits	8	96,853,693	95,045,901
Other Creditors and Accruals	10	484,308	297,138
		<b>97,338,001</b>	<b>95,343,039</b>
<b>Members' Resources</b>			
Regulatory Reserve		14,414,129	14,031,023
Other Realised Reserves		1,515,056	1,173,901
Dividend Reserve		800,000	500,000
Operational Reserve		221,850	158,300
		<b>16,951,035</b>	<b>15,863,224</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>114,289,036</b>	<b>111,206,263</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 7th of November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



**Stewart Agnew**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Fred Finch**  
Member of the  
Board Oversight Committee



**Shane Maguire**  
Chairperson  
Board of Directors

Date: 7th November 2024

## Statement of Changes in Reserves

for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	Regulatory reserve	Operational risk reserve	Dividend/ Loan Interest Rebate Reserve	Undistributed Surplus	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Opening balance at 1 October 2022</b>	<b>13,787,657</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>648,456</b>	<b>15,076,113</b>
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	787,111	787,111
Transfer to regulatory reserve	243,366	-	-	(243,366)	-
Dividend/Loan interest rebate paid	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Operational Risk Reserve	-	18,300	-	(18,300)	-
<b>Closing balance at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>14,031,023</b>	<b>158,300</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>1,173,901</b>	<b>15,863,224</b>
<b>Opening balance at 1 October 2023</b>	<b>14,031,023</b>	<b>158,300</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>1,173,901</b>	<b>15,863,224</b>
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	1,087,811	1,087,811
Transfer to regulatory reserve	383,106	-	-	(383,106)	-
Transfer to dividend/loan interest rebate reserve	-	-	300,000	(300,000)	-
Dividend/Loan interest rebate paid	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Operational Risk Reserve	-	63,550	-	(63,550)	-
<b>Closing balance at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>14,414,129</b>	<b>221,850</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>1,515,056</b>	<b>16,951,035</b>

- The regulatory reserve of the Credit Union as a percentage of the total assets as at 30 September 2024 was 12.61% (2023: 12.62%)
- The operational risk reserve of the Credit Union as a percentage of the total assets as at 30 September 2024 was 0.194% (2023: 0.142%)

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Surplus		<b>1,087,811</b>	<b>787,111</b>
<i>Adjustments for non-cash items:</i>			
Movement in provision for bad and doubtful debts		322,759	(9,948)
Bad debt write offs		212,287	152,351
Depreciation	6	138,873	152,451
		<u>673,919</u>	<u>294,854</u>
Movements in:			
(Increase)/other in prepayment & accrued interest		(4,029)	(69,875)
(Decrease)/increase in creditor & accruals		187,170	(1,381)
		<u>183,141</u>	<u>(71,256)</u>
<b>Cash flows from changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>		<b>1,944,871</b>	<b>1,010,709</b>
<b>Cashflows from Financing Activities</b>			
Members shares, savings and deposits received		41,242,291	37,625,198
Members shares, savings and deposits repaid		(39,434,499)	(33,163,476)
New loans to members		(27,263,548)	(22,691,325)
Repayment of loans by members		17,548,219	15,185,687
		<u>(7,907,537)</u>	<u>(3,043,916)</u>
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>(5,962,666)</b>	<b>(2,033,207)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Movement in investments		3,493,837	7,175,871
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	6	(122,943)	(76,772)
Sale of Fixed assets	6	1,432	-
Dividend paid		-	-
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>3,372,326</b>	<b>7,099,099</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(2,590,340)</b>	<b>5,065,892</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	9	<b>27,176,949</b>	<b>22,111,057</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<b>24,586,609</b>	<b>27,176,949</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### 1. Legal and Regulatory Framework

Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited is established under the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended). Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited is registered with the Registrar of Credit Unions and is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. The principal place of business is Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited, Blanchardstown Business Centre, Clonsilla Road, Dublin 15.

### 2. Accounting Policies

#### 2.1 Basis of Preparation

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

The Directors of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

#### 2.2 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the Credit Union will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. During the year, the Credit Union reported a surplus of €1,087,811 and at the balance sheet date, has total reserves of 14.83%. The Board of Directors and the Management Team have prepared financial projections for the next three years. These illustrate that the Credit Union has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence in relation to meeting minimum liquidity requirements and reserve levels. On this basis, the Directors of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

#### 2.3 Currency

The financial statements are presented in Euro (€) which is the functional currency of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest Euro.

#### 2.4 Income

##### *Interest on members' loans*

Interest on Members' Loans is recognised on an accruals basis over time irrespective of when the interest is physically received by the Credit Union. An adjustment is made to the year-end amount receivable for any irrevocable amounts or amounts written off for whatever reason. This is the method required by FRS102 and is prescribed by Section 110 (d) of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

##### *Investment income*

Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest rate method.

##### *Other income*

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis.

#### 2.5 Investments

Investments are accounted for depending on how they are designated at purchase:

##### *Held at amortised cost*

Investments held at amortised cost are measured by the effective interest rate method less impairment. This means that the investment is measured at the cost less any capital adjustments paid, plus or minus

the cumulative amortisation of interest, and compared to the original and maturity amount, less any impairment necessary. As done in previous years, this spreads out the return on any investments, less any possible or identified impairment.

### Deposits

All other investments, which are deposits, are held at the cost paid or amount held. Any amounts held as a deposit with the Central Bank are not subject to any impairment reviews.

## 2.6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets include the categories listed below, which are stated at cost less depreciation and any potential impairment. Tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Depreciation is calculated per annum as follows:

Freehold Premises	4%	Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	20%	Reducing Balance
Computer Equipment	33%	Straight Line

## 2.7 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash deposits with maturity of three months or less.

## 2.8 Members Share & Deposits and Loans

Members' shares and deposits are redeemable and therefore classified as liabilities by the Credit Union, as they are due to members. They are measured at the amount deposited.

Loans to members are financial assets with fixed payments. They are recognised when cash is advanced to members and measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Loans are only removed from the balance sheet when they are repaid by the member or written off by the Credit Union.

## 2.9 Impairment of Loans

Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited assesses if there is objective evidence that any of its loans are impaired with due consideration of environmental factors including loan loss trends, credit risk characteristics in loan classes, local & international economic climates, conditions in various sectors of the economy to which the Credit Union is exposed, and, other factors such as legal & regulatory requirements.

The loans are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics. Individually significant loans are assessed on a loan by loan basis. Key assumptions underpinning the Credit Union's estimates of collective provisions for loans with similar credit risk characteristics, and, Incurred But Not Reported provisions (IBNR) are based on the historical experiences of the Credit Union allied to the Credit Unions judgement of relevant conditions in the wider technological, market, economic or legal environment in which the Credit Union operates.

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 Blanchardstown & District Credit Union through the use of quarterly loan book reviews, and provisions are made for any loans not performing, in line with regulatory requirements and accounting rules.

Any movement in bad debts, including provisions, collection of charged off amounts, or amounts charged off, are accounted for 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.

## **2.10 Pension Costs**

The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they fall due.

## **2.11 Reserves**

### ***Regulatory reserve***

Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited is required to maintain and establish a minimum Regulatory reserve of at least 10% of the assets of the Credit Union in accordance with the Credit Union Act 1997 (Regulatory Requirements) Regulations 2016.

### ***Operational Risk Reserve***

Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited has established an Operational Risk reserve which is a separate distinct reserve which the Credit Union is required to hold in addition to its Regulatory reserve. The amount held in the Operational risk reserve is the estimated impact of operational risk events that may have a material impact on the business of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited. The Directors, having considered the requirements of the Section (45)(5)(a) of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended), determine that an operational risk reserve of €221,850 is appropriate.

### ***Dividend reserve and Loan interest rebate reserve***

Dividend and loan interest rebate reserves are the accumulated surplus to date that have been set aside for the purpose of future dividend and loan interest rebate payments.

### ***Undistributed surplus***

Undistributed surplus are the accumulated reserves Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited to date that have not been declared as dividends returnable to members.

## **3. Use of Estimates and Judgements**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires the Directors to exercise judgement in applying the Credit Union's accounting policies. The areas requiring a higher degree of judgement, or complexity, and areas where assumptions or estimates are most significant to the financial statements are disclosed below:

### ***Bad Debts/Impairment Losses on Loans to Members***

Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited's accounting policy for impairment of loans is set out in the accounting policy note above. 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 climate, conditions in various sectors of the economy to which the Credit Union is exposed and other external factors such as legal and regulatory requirements.

### ***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 reserve has been calculated using the Credit Union's risk-based methodology.

#### 4. Deposits and Investments

	2024	2023
	€	€
<b>4a. Deposits and Investments – Cash Equivalents</b>		
Accounts in Authorised Credit Institutions (Irish and Non-Irish based)	22,168,703	24,386,886
Bank Bonds	-	-
<b>Total Deposits and Investments – cash equivalents</b>	<b>22,168,703</b>	<b>24,386,886</b>
<b>4b. Deposits and Investments – Other</b>		
Accounts in Authorised Credit Institutions (Irish and Non-Irish based)	24,999,998	28,500,000
Bank Bonds	6,006,215	5,000,000
Central Bank Deposits	1,097,166	1,089,527
Irish and EEA State Securities	4,021,449	5,029,138
<b>Total Deposits and Investments – other</b>	<b>36,124,828</b>	<b>39,618,665</b>
<b>Total Deposits and Investments</b>	<b>58,293,531</b>	<b>64,005,551</b>

#### 5. Loans to Members

	2024	2023
	€	€
Gross loans to members	54,032,133	44,529,091
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	(1,687,870)	(1,365,111)
<b>Net loans to members</b>	<b>52,347,214</b>	<b>43,163,980</b>
Opening provision for bad debts	1,365,111	1,375,059
(Decrease)/Increase in bad debt provision	322,759	(9,948)
<b>Closing provision for bad debts</b>	<b>1,687,870</b>	<b>1,365,111</b>

The provision for bad debts is analysed as follows:

Individually assessed loans	1,291,990	993,525
Group assessed loans	395,880	371,586
<b>Provision for bad debts</b>	<b>1,687,870</b>	<b>1,365,111</b>

The current provision in the financial statements is €1,687,870 (2023: €1,365,111) representing 3.12% (2023: 3.07%) of the total loan book.

Bad and Doubtful Debts in the Statement of Comprehensive Income comprise:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Bad debts recovered	(262,097)	(260,625)
Loan interest on impaired loans classified as bad debts recovered	(59,470)	(40,761)
Bad debts written off	212,287	152,351
(Decrease)/increase in provision for bad and doubtful debts	322,759	(9,948)
<b>Bad and Doubtful Debts</b>	<b>213,479</b>	<b>(158,983)</b>

## 6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Premises	Computer Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	€	€	€	€
At 1 October 2023	1,675,678	526,570	639,837	2,842,085
Additions	-	26,347	96,596	122,943
Disposals	-	-	(6,228)	(6,228)
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<b>1,675,678</b>	<b>552,917</b>	<b>730,205</b>	<b>2,958,800</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 October 2023	926,684	468,936	543,470	1,939,090
Charge for the year	67,039	48,386	23,448	138,873
Depreciation on Disposals	-	-	(4,796)	(4,796)
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<b>993,723</b>	<b>517,322</b>	<b>562,122</b>	<b>2,073,167</b>
<b>Net book value at</b>				
<b>30 September 2024</b>	<b>681,955</b>	<b>35,595</b>	<b>168,083</b>	<b>885,633</b>
30 September 2023	748,994	57,634	96,367	902,995

The premises located at Blanchardstown Business Centre, Clonsilla Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 was valued by Alliance Auctioneers in June 2024. The estimated market value of the property at that time was €1,100,000. Accordingly, no provision for impairment is required.

## 7. Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income

	2024	2023
	€	€
Loan Interest Receivable	7,412	11,760
Prepayments	163,680	72,137
Other Debtors and Receivables	176,611	259,777
	<b>347,703</b>	<b>343,674</b>



## 8. Members' Funds

	2024	2023
	€	€
Regular share accounts	92,332,870	91,110,682
Deposit accounts	4,020,534	3,935,219
Fixed Term Deposits	500,289	-
<b>Total members' shares &amp; deposits</b>	<b>96,853,693</b>	<b>95,045,901</b>

## 9. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024	2023
	€	€
Cash and Balances at Bank	2,417,906	2,790,063
Deposits and investments (Note 4a)	22,168,703	24,386,886
	<b>24,586,609</b>	<b>27,176,949</b>

## 10. Other Creditors and Accruals

	2024	2023
	€	€
Other Creditors	254,824	68,634
Accruals	160,894	126,157
PAYE	31,490	25,292
Members Draw	37,100	77,055
	<b>484,308</b>	<b>297,138</b>

## 11. Proposed Dividends and Loan Interest Rebate

The dividend is formally proposed by the Directors after the year end and is approved by the members at the AGM, at which time it becomes a liability.

	2024	2023
	€	€
Dividend proposed	289,060	-
Loan interest rebate proposed	-	-

Dividend and loan interest rebate rate:

Share accounts (excluding fixed term deposits):	0.3%	-%
Loan interest rebate rate (excluding mortgages):	-%	-%

The Directors are proposing a dividend of 0.3% in respect of the year ended 30 September 2024 (2023: proposed dividend of €Nil (0.0%)). The Directors are not proposing a loan interest rebate in respect of the year ended 30 September 2024 (2023: proposed loan interest rebate of €Nil (0.0%)).

## 12. Key Management Remuneration

The Directors of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited are all unpaid volunteers. The remuneration to key management staff of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited is set out in the table below:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Remuneration including PRSI	567,572	526,059
Pension	33,753	27,051
<b>Total</b>	<b>601,325</b>	<b>553,110</b>

## 13. Credit risk disclosures

In line with regulatory requirements, Blanchardstown & District 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);
- requires specified lending practices to be in place where loans are made to certain sectors such as business loans, community loans or loans to another Credit Union.

The carrying amount of the loans to members represents Blanchardstown & District Credit Unions 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.

### Loans Arrears Analysis

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	€	%	€	%
Total Loans not Impaired	51,956,757	96.16%	41,950,551	94.21%
<b>Impaired loans:</b>				
Between 1 and 9 Weeks Past Due	1,064,495	1.97%	1,688,780	3.80%
Between 10 and 18 Weeks Past Due	153,772	0.28%	220,266	0.49%
Between 19 and 26 Weeks Past Due	80,738	0.15%	119,398	0.27%
Between 27 and 39 Weeks Past Due	295,159	0.55%	188,646	0.42%
Between 40 and 52 Weeks Past Due	102,856	0.19%	85,896	0.19%
53 or more Weeks Past Due	378,356	0.70%	275,554	0.62%
<b>Total Impaired Loans</b>	<b>2,075,376</b>	<b>3.84%</b>	<b>2,578,540</b>	<b>6.03%</b>
<b>Total Gross Loans</b>	<b>54,032,133</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>44,529,091</b>	<b>100%</b>

Factors that are considered in determining whether loans are impaired are discussed in the accounting policies, dealing with the use of estimates and judgements. Loans which are neither past due nor impaired are reviewed on a monthly basis. The Credit Union has not identified any material matters which impact upon the credit quality of these assets.

## 14. Additional Financial Instruments Disclosures

### 14a. Financial Risk Management

Detailed budgets are set by Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited for the entire duration of its Strategic Plan, and updated annually based on any changes in circumstances. These budgets seek to maximise returns on investments and loans, minimise the cost of operating a significant branch operation while providing a return to members in a low interest rate environment. This manages any potential interest rate risk that the Credit Union might possibly be exposed to.

The main financial risks arising from the Credit Union's activities are credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The Board 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 to the Credit Union.

Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited has invested in putting in place a team in lending with strong underwriting experience to manage credit risk, and ensure that assessments in relation to loans are sufficiently robust. There are detailed policies and procedures in place to ensure these assessments can be measured constantly.

The first port of call for ensuring loans are repaid is to lend to members who can repay loans, this is noted above in the quality of lending section. When members encounter difficulty in paying loans, they have the option of discussing alternatives with our team. When members do not pay their loans, they are contacted regularly to ensure they are aware of their commitments. Monitoring of loans in arrears is carried out daily, with policies and procedures in place to deal with all scenarios.

The Credit Union's investments are also exposed to credit risk and the Credit Union mitigates the risk by only placing investments with financial institutions where the counterparties have strong credit ratings and using investment products authorised by Central Bank.

**Liquidity Risk:** The policy of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited is to maintain sufficient funds in liquid form at all times to ensure that it can meet its liabilities as they fall due. The objective of the Credit Union's liquidity policy is to smooth the mismatches between maturing assets and liabilities and to provide a degree of protection against any unexpected developments that may arise.

**Market Risk:** Market Risk is generally comprised of interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk. Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited conducts all its transactions in Euro and does not deal in derivatives or commodity markets. Therefore, Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited is not exposed to any form of currency risk or other price risk.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited main interest rate risk arises from differences between the interest rate exposures on the receivables and payables that form an integral part of a Credit Union's operations. The Credit Union considers rates of interest receivable when deciding on the dividend rate payable on members' shares. Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited does not use interest rate options to hedge its own positions.

## 14b. Interest Rate Risk Disclosures

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

	2024	Average interest rate	2023	Average interest rate
	€	%	€	%
Gross loans to members	<u>54,032,133</u>	<u>7.62%</u>	<u>44,529,091</u>	<u>7.66%</u>

Any dividend payable is at the discretion of the Directors and is therefore not a financial liability to the Credit Union until declared and approved at the AGM.

## 15. Pensions

Blanchardstown & District Credit Union Limited operates a defined contribution pension scheme available to all employees of the Credit Union. Contributions payable to the scheme are held separately from those of the Credit Union in an independently administered fund. The contributions to the pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate.

## 16. Related Party Transactions

	2024 No. of loans	2024 €	2023 No. of loans	2023 €
Loans advanced to related parties during the year	10	50,000	3	53,000
Total loans outstanding to related parties at year end	12	151,255	10	150,935

The related party loans stated above comprise loans to members of the Board of Directors, the management team and members of the family of a member of the Board of Directors and the management team of Blanchardstown & District Credit Union.

Total Loans outstanding to related parties represents 0.27% of the total loans outstanding at 30 September 2024 (2023: 0.34%).

The total amount of savings held by related parties at year end was €317,274 (2023: €339,679).

## 17. Insurance against Fraud

The Credit Union has Insurance against fraud in the amount of €3,000,000 in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

## 18. Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no material events after the balance sheet date.

## Schedules to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Schedule 1 – Loan Interest

	2024	2023
	€	€
Loan interest received	3,758,868	3,132,294
Loan interest receivable	(4,149)	(2,615)
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,754,719</b>	<b>3,129,679</b>

### Schedule 2 – Other Interest Receivable and Similar Income

	2024	2023
	€	€
Investment income and gains received	1,115,839	610,170
Investment income receivable within 12 months	(83,982)	100,742
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,031,857</b>	<b>710,912</b>

### Schedule 3 – Other Income

	2024	2023
	€	€
Entrance fees	1,032	1,197
Commissions	16,924	16,031
Other Income	65,624	4,178
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,580</b>	<b>21,406</b>

# Schedules to the Financial Statements

## for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Schedule 4 – Other Operating Expenses

	2024	2023
	€	€
Rates	16,159	16,394
Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	25,499	26,230
Repairs and Renewals	20,891	19,216
Security	27,896	22,231
Service Charges	15,057	11,154
Printing and Stationery	38,198	26,978
Postage and Telephone	45,937	35,430
Donations and Sponsorship	32,355	27,355
Debt Collection	81,641	60,771
Lending Credit Checks and Software	52,934	35,262
Promotion and Advertising	79,304	69,201
Training Costs	22,563	28,002
Board Oversight	1,693	868
AGM and Convention Expenses	13,675	28,372
Travel and Subsistence	19,222	16,329
Bank Charges	23,350	13,846
Laser Machine Rental & Maintenance	23,279	16,380
Central Bank and Levy Fees	182,078	271,310
Audit Fee	32,960	18,699
Internal Audit	21,402	23,370
Risk & Compliance Fee	56,580	8,270
General Insurance	85,141	65,298
Share and Loan insurance	323,232	345,443
Death Benefit Insurance	206,502	176,134
Legal and Professional Fees	268,876	229,911
Computer Maintenance	271,742	231,496
Miscellaneous Expenses	39,870	28,532
Merger Costs	40,284	-
Annual Subscriptions	12,586	8,508
CUDA	12,731	31,216
Staff Uniforms	228	-
Payac-CU once off contribution	18,450	-
Fixtures Scrapped	1,432	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,113,747</b>	<b>1,892,204</b>



# Unaudited Management Accounts

## for 31st March 2025

### Income and expenditure account

	31 Mar 2025
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<b>Income</b>	
Interest Income	2,096,528
Investment Income	439,093
Bad Debts Recovered	94,173
Other Income	27,702
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,657,496</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
LPLS & DBI	281,018
Salaries and Related Expenses	738,632
Bad Debts Written Off	175,019
Bad Debts Provision	97,490
Other Expenses	1,020,728
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>2,312,887</b>
<b>YTD Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>344,609</b>

The Credit Union holds bank and government bonds as held-to-maturity investments, recognising them at amortised cost, in compliance with FRS 102. The Credit Unions bank and government bonds are carried at a value of €333,280 more than would be received if sold on the open market based on current market prices (31st March 2025). FRS 102 requires specific accounting treatments in respect of Business Combinations which means that we are required to apply fair value adjustments when the accounts are amalgamated. Once this is done the Credit Union can continue to hold these bonds as held-to-maturity assets.



## Balance Sheet

31 Mar 2025

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### Assets

Cash and Current Accounts	4,987,588
Minimum Reserve Deposit Held	1,097,166
Deposit Protection Account	

### Investments

Irish and EEA State Securities	4,008,538
Accounts in Authorised Credit Institutions	46,658,946
Bank Bonds	3,000,000

### Total Investments

Loans	58,961,453
Less Provision For Bad Debts	(1,785,360)
Fixed Assets less Depreciation	883,736
Other Assets	264,690

### Total Assets

**118,076,758**

### Liabilities

Member Shares	Regular	96,411,955
Member Deposits		4,368,915
Other Liabilities		288,418

### Total Liabilities

**101,069,289**

### Net Worth

**17,007,469**

Represented By:

### Reserves

Regulatory Reserve		14,603,862
Operational Risk Reserve		221,850
YTD Surplus (Deficit)		344,609
Other Reserves	Realised	1,837,149
	Unrealised	

### Total Reserves

**17,007,470**

## Credit Unions Services

AREA OF FOCUS	COMBINED CREDIT UNION
<b>Savings/share (multi products)</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Current account (inc. Debit Cards)</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Loans</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mortgages</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Account Access by Phone</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Account Acces by Internet</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Third Party Payments</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bill Payments</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Direct Debits</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>EFT</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Draw</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Foreign Currency</b>	<b>Yes</b>

## Credit Unions Branch Details

### Blanchardstown & District Credit Union:

Tel: (01) 820 3495

Email: [info@blanchardstowncu.ie](mailto:info@blanchardstowncu.ie)

Website: [www.blanchardstowncu.ie](http://www.blanchardstowncu.ie)

Address: Unit 9/10, Blanchardstown Business Centre Clonsilla Road, D15 FP92

### Opening Hours:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am – 2:00pm</b>

### Community Credit Union:

#### Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

Tel: (01) 869 2500

Email: [info@communitycu.ie](mailto:info@communitycu.ie)

Website: [www.communitycu.ie](http://www.communitycu.ie)

Address: Unit 326-327 Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, D15 R744

#### Opening Hours:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30am – 5pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am – 5pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30am – 5pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30am – 5pm.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:30am – 2pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

#### Rowlagh Office

Tel: (01) 869 2500

Email: [info@communitycu.ie](mailto:info@communitycu.ie)

Website: [www.communitycu.ie](http://www.communitycu.ie)

Address: Rowlagh Credit Union, Collinstown Road, Clondalkin, Dublin

#### Opening Hours:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9am – 12pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9am – 12:30pm &amp; 1:30pm – 3:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9am – 12:30pm &amp; 1:30pm – 3:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9am – 12:30pm &amp; 1:30pm – 3:30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am – 6pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

#### West Cabra Office

Tel: (01) 869 2500

Email: [info@communitycu.ie](mailto:info@communitycu.ie)

Website: [www.communitycu.ie](http://www.communitycu.ie)

Address: Nora Herlihy House, Kilkieran Road, West Cabra, D07 YX94

#### Opening Hours:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30am – 1:00pm &amp; 2pm – 5pm</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10am – 2:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30am – 1:00pm &amp; 2pm – 5pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30am – 1:00pm &amp; 2pm – 5pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:30am – 2:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

