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**ANNUAL REPORT
& ACCOUNTS
2013/2014**



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
ST MARY'S PARISH CREDIT UNION LTD
will be held at
8.00 pm
on
TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2014

in
**THE ABBEY SUITE,
ABSOLUTE HOTEL,
SIR HARRY'S MALL,
LIMERICK.**

Entrance by Passbook only.

Anne Marie O'Reilly

**Anne Marie O'Reilly
Secretary.**



Credit Union Invocation

Lord,

*Make me an instrument of Thy peace
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

O Divine Master;

*Grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*





AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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A raffle will take place at the end of the meeting. Only members attending the meeting who are entitled to vote (i.e., over 16's) will be issued tickets for the raffle.

No raffle tickets will be issued to any member arriving more than 15 minutes after the meeting has commenced.

Prizes will include Christmas Hampers and Cash.

Light Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Wherever the term “the Act” appears in this report it refers to the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).¹

¹ As amended by the Credit Union and Co-operation with Overseas Regulators Act 2012, effective from 1 October 2013.



Agenda Item 1 - Acceptance of Proxies

Anyone acting as a representative of a group which is a member of the Credit Union must present written authorisation to this effect to the Board of Directors for acceptance before they can act in this capacity.

Agenda Item 2 - Check presence of quorum

In accordance with Section 81(4) of the Act the quorum required for this Annual General Meeting to be able to proceed is thirty members. The chair must be satisfied that this quorum is reached before business can commence.

Agenda Item 3 - Adoption of Standing Orders

To ensure the business of the AGM is conducted in a proper fashion the Board propose the adoption of the following Standing Orders:

VOTING & ELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Each member shall be entitled to one vote, irrespective of their shareholding, in accordance with section 82(2) of the Act.
2. Elections to the Board of Directors, to the Board Oversight Committee and the position of Auditor shall be by majority vote and by secret ballot. The 4 highest polling candidates shall serve a three year term, the next 4 highest polling candidates will serve a two year term and the remaining candidates will serve a one year term.
3. When nominations are announced tellers shall be appointed by the chair and ballot papers shall be distributed. Nominations shall be in the following order: (a) nominations for auditor; (b) nominations for members of the board oversight committee; (c) nominations for directors. When voting is completed, the votes shall be taken and tallied by the tellers. Any ballot paper which contains votes for more than the number required to be elected shall be void. All elections shall be by secret ballot and by majority vote. When the votes have been counted by the tellers, the results shall be announced by the chair. In the event that all vacancies are not filled by the first ballot further ballots shall be taken as required. In the event of an equality of votes between candidates for the remaining vacancies not filled in accordance with the above procedure one further ballot shall be taken and should that ballot fail to determine the issue, the vacancies shall be filled by lot from among such candidates having an equality of votes.

MOTIONS

4. All motions from the floor of the AGM must be proposed and seconded by members present at the AGM, and moved by the proposer. If the proposer is absent when the motion is called, the motion shall be deemed to have failed.
5. 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.
6. In exercising their right of reply, a proposer may not introduce new material.
7. The seconder of a motion shall have such time as shall be allowed by the chair to second the motion.
8. Members are entitled to speak on any such motion through the chair. All speakers to any motion shall have such time as shall be at the discretion of the chair.



Agenda Item 3 - Adoption of Standing Orders (continued)

9. 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

10. 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.
11. The chair may, at his/her discretion, extend the privilege of the floor to any person who is not a member.
12. Matters not covered by the Agenda may be introduced under "Other Business" at the discretion of the chair.
13. The chair's decision on any matter relating to these Standing Orders or interpretation of same shall be final.
14. 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.
15. Any matter to be decided upon by a vote at the AGM shall, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law or the Rules, be decided by simple majority.

SUSPENSION OR ALTERATION OF STANDING ORDERS

16. Any one, 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.
17. Standing Orders may be amended or altered at a general meeting only if a motion to this effect has received a 2/3 majority of those present and voting.

ADJOURNMENTS

18. Adjournments of the AGM shall take place only in accordance with Section 81(1) of the Act.

Agenda Item 4 - Minutes of AGM 2013

The secretary will read the minutes of the last AGM prior to their approval (or correction) as a true and fair record of all decisions taken at that meeting.

Agenda Item 5 - Appointment of Tellers

The chair will appoint a Chief Teller and Tellers to oversee the counting of votes at the meeting.



Agenda Item 6 - Report of Nominating Committee

Nomination Committee: The role of the Nomination Committee is to:

- 1) Ensure that the Board of Directors has the qualifications, experience, competencies and capacity required to carry out its functions.
- 2) Ensure continuity of the Board of Directors.
- 3) Oversee the implementation of the Central Bank's Fitness and Probity Requirements.

Earlier this year Jerry O'Connell who was a member of the Board Oversight Committee resigned for personal reasons. Patsy Moynihan was approached and indicated that she was interested in going forward to fill this vacancy. The Nomination Committee carried out Due Diligence and Fitness & Probity checks and was satisfied to allow her name to go forward to fill the vacancy. She was then co-opted on to the Board Oversight Committee by the existing members of that Committee.

During this year the Nomination Committee arranged for Board members to attend training courses in order to upgrade their skills and thereby improve their input into the Credit Union's operations.

The Nomination Committee also made recommendations to the Board on the filling of vacancies on various committees based on their knowledge of the skill sets of individual directors.

There was a Central Bank requirement that Due Diligence and Fitness and Probity checks be carried on all Board and Board Oversight Committee members and also the members of other committees performing control functions. These checks were carried out on time by the Committee.

Current Directors, Board Oversight Committee & Auditor

Board of Directors:

1. John Hennessy, Chairperson
2. Bobby O'Halloran, Vice-Chairperson
3. Anne-Marie O'Reilly, Secretary
4. John Collopy
5. John McNamara
6. Mairead Mullane
7. Patrick McNamara
8. Caroline Gibbons
9. Niall South
10. Don O'Rourke
11. Vacancy following death of Tim Donnelly

Board Oversight Committee:

1. Alan Brislane, Chairperson
2. Paula Mackey, Secretary.
3. Patsy Moynihan

Auditor

Grant Thornton



Agenda Item 6 - Report of Nominating Committee (continued)

Elections

Elections will take place as follows:

1) Auditor: In accordance with Section 115 of the Act the Auditor has to be elected or re-elected each year at the AGM. Being eligible, **Grant Thornton** are offering themselves for re-election as Auditor.

2) Board Oversight Committee: There is one vacancy on the Board Oversight Committee. The following member of the Board Oversight Committee has to retire at this AGM and, being eligible, offers herself for re-election: **Patsy Moynihan.**

3) Board of Directors: In accordance with Section 53(6) of the Act **ALL** directors must step down at this year's AGM and, being eligible, can offer themselves for re-election. Accordingly, elections will be held to fill all eleven vacancies on the Board of Directors.

Due to Fitness and Probity requirements, the Nomination Committee are obliged to carry out due diligence on all candidates prior to their nomination. To enable candidates to put themselves forward for positions, notices of vacancies were advertised within the credit union office and on our website www.smpcreditunion.ie from early November.

Voting

In accordance with the requirements of the Act the elections shall take place by **secret ballot**. Under Section 17(5)(b) of the Act, voting is restricted to those members over the age of 16 who are present at the Annual General Meeting and each member shall have only one vote irrespective of their shareholding in accordance with Section 82(2) of the Act.

Bobby O'Halloran, Chairperson

John Collopy,

John Hennessy

Agenda Item 7 – Balloting

The chair will request members to cast their vote for the candidates of their choice in the various elections using the ballot papers provided. The tellers will then collect the ballot papers and commence counting the votes.

Agenda Item 8 – Report of the Board of Directors

Introduction

Once again this has been a very difficult year on the economic front and credit union members have not been exempt from the problems flowing from this. However there have been some signs of an improvement and hopefully this will continue in 2015 and beyond.

Financials

The amount of loans granted this year was €6,204,379 which is €987,032 greater than last year and this is a movement in the right direction. However the total amount out on loan is €14.16m which is €0.865m less than last year. This has resulted in interest received of €1.42m which is down €161,801 on the previous year. Returns on Investments continue to decline showing a drop of €225,368 on last year.



Agenda Item 8 – Report of the Board of Directors (continued)

Due to the lower returns on loan interest and investment income we reluctantly had to decide to increase our loan interest rate by 1% as and from the 1st of October this year. Despite this, we believe our loan charges compare favourably with those of the commercial banks. Our expenditure is reduced this year by €34,903 which is mainly accounted for by a reduction in the Bad Debts written off. We would also like to point out that our reserves are still well above our Regulatory requirements and this gives us the confidence to face any challenges that may lie ahead. Out of surplus funds that are available for distribution at year end the Board is recommending a dividend of 0.5% and an interest rebate of 5%. These distributions are within the parameters deemed acceptable by the Regulator this year. We will go through the accounts in more detail at our AGM and we will try to answer any queries you may have on the night.

I would like to say that this set of results could not have been achieved without a huge input from our manager Pat Owens and his staff and we would like to thank them for their dedicated work throughout the year.

Because of the challenging times we have experienced the work of Credit Control is of the upmost importance. In this regard our Credit Controller Roseanne Fitzgerald, the other members of staff on Credit Control work and Pat McNamara and the Credit Control Committee have done tremendous work in this area.

Restructuring of credit unions

During the past year there has been a lot of movement with regard to the merger of credit unions in order to form larger entities. This is happening due to the extra costs being incurred as a result of increased statutory requirements and credit unions feel that by combining their operations they are able to make savings in their operating costs, and so offset the increased cost of regulation. Also the Central Bank have been considering the introduction of a tiered system under which the asset size of the credit union would dictate the level and type of services the credit union could offer its members.

Some mergers have taken place already in the Limerick and Clare areas and this is a trend that is likely to continue. In so far as our credit union is concerned, in order to keep abreast of things we have been talking with other local credit unions. However our Board's position is that it could not approve any merger unless it was in the best interest of our credit union and its members.

Use of private investigators to trace up-to-date addresses for members

You may recall the controversy that arose during the summer regarding newspaper reports on the use by credit unions of private investigators to trace up-to-date addresses for members. We would like to reassure you that St Mary's Parish Credit Union has only used private investigators to trace up-to-date addresses for members who were ignoring repeated attempts to establish contact to discuss arrears on their loans. We have a duty on behalf of all members to collect funds which have been lent out and part of the process of doing this is to have up-to-date contact information. In all instances we were unaware that any methods to establish addresses being used by these investigators were in breach of data protection requirements. As soon as we were made aware of this we ceased to use these private investigators. We



Agenda Item 8 – Report of the Board of Directors (continued)

have co-operated with the Data Protection Commission into the activities of these private investigators and we are totally supportive of their efforts to ensure that private investigators operate within the Data Protection requirements. We would also like to confirm that despite the impression given by some of the reports the personal data of members held by St Mary's Parish Credit Union was not "stolen" by private investigators and also we can absolutely state that we have never provided PPS numbers to any Private Investigators.

Strategic Plan

In December 2013 we finalised our Strategic Plan and this was forwarded to the Central Bank for their information. We reviewed our performance against this Plan in June 2014 and we are on track to achieve all the major financial, technological and administrative targets contained in the plan.

50th Anniversary

On the 31st of December this year we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Mary's Parish Credit Union. As this is a very important occasion we plan to mark it with a number of events throughout the year. The Marketing and Promotions Committee has been working on a programme and further details will be available shortly.

Changes in the Credit Union Environment

The last few years have seen enormous changes for credit unions in the legal and regulatory environment. Very onerous requirements regarding Compliance, Risk Management, Internal Audit and the drawing up of Policies have been introduced by the Statutory Authorities. The Board has asked our Manager Pat Owens to give a brief presentation at the AGM in order to familiarise our members with these changes. One of the most important developments in the Credit Union in recent years has been the introduction of CUSOP which is an online computer payments system. We are going live with this system this November and we have asked Pat Owens if he would also include information on this in his presentation at the AGM. This system has the potential to revolutionise how we deal with payments and cash in the Credit Union.

In Memoriam



At this AGM we would like to remember our dear friend and colleague Tim Donnelly, who passed away in July.

Tim was first elected to the Board of St Mary's Parish Credit Union in December 2007 and since that time served on various committees including the Finance and Planning Committee, Investment Committee and the Credit Control Committee.

On joining our Board he was following a great family tradition. His father Peter was very influential in the development of St Mary's

Parish Credit Union from the 1960s up to the time of his death in 1998.

Tim was a man of great integrity and independence and is sorely missed by all of us.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Agnes, daughters, grandchildren, sisters, brother and sons –in-law.

May he rest in peace.



Agenda Item 8 – Report of the Board of Directors (continued)

Deceased Members

We know of 55 members who died during the year between October 2013 and September 2014. We offer our sincere and utmost sympathy to their next of kin. Those who died were:

Patrick O Donoghue	Mary Boland	Thomas Clancy
Robert Ryan	Anne O Driscoll	Anne Hall
Emma Hayes	Kevin Bouchier	Breeda Ryan
Colm Clancy	Emily Walsh	Teresa Walters
Christopher Collopy	Patsy Harrold	Mary Mulcahy
Mary (Molly) Cunningham	John Buckley	Peter McNamara
Brigid Quinlivan	Maura O'Sullivan	William Murphy
James Brinn	Mary Healy	Noel Sheehy
Robert McNamara	Nicole Flynn	Patrick Ryan
Patricia Moore	Donough Flannery	Maureen Kiely
Philip Navin	Mairead Bourke	Margaret Casey
Robert Duhig	Kathleen Small	Anne O'Sullivan
John Healy	James McNamara	Tim Donnelly
Mary (Maura) O Connell	John Culbert	Breda McNamara
Winifred O Sullivan	Patrick Gallagher	Anne Sullivan
Yvonne O'Gorman	Noreen McCarthy	Julia Cusack
Michael Downey	Philip McDonnell	Mary Moore
Bridget Moroney	Patrick Kearney	Kay Carroll
Elizabeth Mulcahy		

May they rest in peace.

On behalf of next-of-kin of deceased members a total of €203,539.88 was paid out from our Savings and Loan Insurance during the year. €142,335.85 was in respect of savings and €61,204.03 was to clear outstanding loans. In addition to this, €87,750.00 of Death Benefit Insurance was received, which was used to help meet the funeral expenses of deceased members.

Conclusion

Finally we would like to say that of necessity this report highlights the challenges to be faced by the Credit Union now and in the future, but I think it is important to remember that there are also tremendous opportunities for the Credit Union to expand and improve services to its members. We should not be afraid to embrace change and if we make the right decisions and avail of the opportunities which new technologies present to us there is no reason why the Credit Union Movement will not be around 50 years from now serving the members of our community as we have always done.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the members of St. Mary's Parish Credit Union for their loyalty, support and trust over many years and our hope is that you will continue to support us in the years ahead. We would also like to thank our Management, staff and volunteers for dedication and hard work during the past year.

John Hennessy, Chairperson.



John Hennessy

Anne Marie O'Reilly, Secretary.

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Anne Marie O'Reilly



Agenda Item 9 – Operations Report

The enactment of sections of the Credit Unions and Cooperation with Overseas Regulators Act 2012 during the last year has had major implications for the operation of credit unions. We were required to appoint an Internal Auditor, a Risk Management Officer and a Compliance Officer, who all have extensive work to carry out to ensure that the credit union is operating in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements.

In addition to this, we were required to review and update all our policies and procedures to bring them in line with those required by the Act.

Whilst these requirements have to be complied with, we are conscious that our primary objective is to provide service to our members. To this end, we are in the process of introducing Electronic Fund Transfers for our members. This will enable those members who wish to transfer funds to and from their account electronically to do so, as each member will have their own IBAN.

As a financial service provider we are obliged by law to obtain up-to-date proof of ID and address for all members and we have procedures in place to do this. We appreciate your co-operation in this regard.

During the year Toni Mason retired and we wish her a long and happy retirement. It was decided that we would not directly replace Toni and I would like to commend the rest of the staff for their willingness to reschedule their working hours to facilitate this.

I will endeavour to answer any questions you may have about our operations at the AGM.

Pat Owens, Manager.

Agenda Item 10 - Report of Auditor

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS of St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited for the year ended 30 September 2014

We have audited the Financial Statements of St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Ltd. for the year ended 30 September 2014, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement and the related notes 1 - 13. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practices in Ireland).

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.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditor: As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 13, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements giving a true and fair view. Our responsibility is



Agenda Item 10 - Report of Auditor (continued)

to audit and express an opinion on the Financial Statements in accordance with Irish Law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the Audit of the Financial Statements: An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Credit Union's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the Financial Statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited Financial Statements. If we become aware of any material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications of our report.

Opinion on Financial Statements: In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Credit Union's affairs as at 30 September 2014 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices in Ireland; and
- have been properly prepared so as to conform with the requirements of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

Other Matters Prescribed by the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended):

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we considered 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.

**Grant Thornton
Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors**

**Mill House
Henry Street
Limerick**

30 October 2014

Agenda Item 11 – Directors' Report and Accounts

Principal Activity: The principal activities of the credit union involves the acceptance of member' share/savings and lending to members in accordance with legislation and criteria determined by the Irish League of Credit Unions and the Credit Union itself.

Review of Business and Future Developments: Both the level of business and the year-end financial position were satisfactory.



Agenda Item 11 – Directors' Report and Accounts (continued)

Authorisation: The credit union is authorised to conduct investment business and undertake foreign exchange transactions for members. It is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland for these activities.

Risk Assessment: The purpose of our credit union is to allow members save together and lend to each other at a fair and reasonable rate of interest. The principal risks and challenges facing this credit union are loan default; not lending a sufficient proportion of funds so that too much of the credit union's resources are tied up in investment products; poor performance of investments; the risk that we will not have sufficient cash resources to meet day to day running costs and repay members savings when demanded (liquidity risk). These risks are managed by the credit union board so as to achieve an acceptable balance of growth and security for members' resources.

Accounting Records: The Directors believe that they comply with the requirements of Section 108 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) with regard to books of account by employing accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and by providing adequate resources to the financial function. The books of account of the credit union are maintained at the credit union's premises at 47 Athlunkard Street, Limerick.

Results: The surplus for the year and appropriation thereof are set out in the Income and Expenditure Account on page 14.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities:

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practices in Ireland, including the accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

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;*
- *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 keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Credit Union and which enables them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Act. 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.

Signed on behalf of the Credit Union**Manager:****Pat Owens****Date: 30/10/2014****Member of the Board Oversight Committee:****Paula Mackey****Date: 30/10/2014****Member of the Board of Directors:****John Hennessy****Date: 30/10/2014**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 2014.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	€	€
Income		
Interest on Members' Loans	1,421,585	1,583,386
Other Interest Receivable & Similar Income		
<i>Schedule 1</i>	852,853	1,078,221
Net Interest Income	2,274,438	2,661,607
Other Income	<i>Schedule 2</i> 14,519	6,256
Total Income	2,288,957	2,667,863
Expenditure		
Salaries	545,652	540,632
Other Management Expenses	<i>Schedule 3</i> 1,235,158	1,287,853
Depreciation	36,123	22,794
Bad Debts Recovered	(78,910)	(78,353)
Total Expenditure	1,738,023	1,772,926
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	550,934	894,937
Less: Dividend Paid	(418,041)	(319,517)
Less: Loan Interest Rebate Paid	(148,222)	(87,284)
Add: Transfer from Proposed Dividend and Loan Interest Rebate Reserve	566,863	406,801
Add: Transfer from Other Reserves	-	395,000
Add: Transfer from Premises Renovation Reserves	-	8,030
Total	551,534	1,297,967
Less: Transfer to Statutory Reserve	(55,094)	(91,000)
Less: Transfer to Additional Regulatory Reserve	(65,311)	-
Less: Transfer to General Reserves	(114,923)	(490,104)
Less: Transfer to Unrealised Investment Income Reserve	(28,094)	-
Less: Transfer to Technology and Training Reserves	-	(50,000)
Less: Transfer to Premises Renovation Reserves	-	(100,000)
Less: Transfer to Proposed Dividend and Loan Interest Rebate Reserve	(288,112)	(566,863)
Total	(551,534)	(1,297,967)
Undistributed Surplus 30th September	-	-

Signed on behalf of the Credit Union

Manager:

Pat Owens

Member of the Board Oversight Committee:

Paula Mackey

Member of the Board of Directors:

John Hennessy

Pat Owens.

Date: 30/10/2014

Paula Mackey.

Date: 30/10/2014

John Hennessy

Date: 30/10/2014



**STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS and LOSSES
for the year ended 30th September 2014.**

	<u>2014</u> €	<u>2013</u> €
Surplus for the financial year	<u>550,934</u>	<u>894,937</u>
Total gains/losses relating to the financial year	<u>550,934</u>	<u>894,937</u>

Signed on behalf of the Credit Union

Manager:

Pat Owens

Pat Owens.

Date: 30/10/2014

Member of the Board Oversight Committee:

Paula Mackey

Paula Mackey.

Date: 30/10/2014

Member of the Board of Directors:

John Hennessy

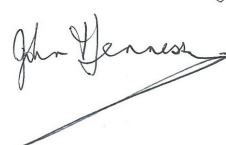
John Hennessy

Date: 30/10/2014



BALANCE SHEET as at 30th September 2014.

		<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
		€	€
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash & Balances at Bank		2,303,847	628,448
Central Bank Deposits		432,353	436,163
Deposits & Investments	1	38,514,966	36,732,815
Loans to Members		14,162,942	15,028,604
Less: Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts		(3,541,804)	(3,541,804)
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	177,843	170,207
Debtors, Prepayments & Accrued Income		538,761	723,420
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>52,588,908</u>	<u>50,177,853</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Members' Shares	2	44,756,763	42,348,204
Other Liabilities, Creditors, Accruals & Charges	12	114,571	96,746
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>44,871,334</u>	<u>42,444,950</u>
NET WORTH		<u>7,717,574</u>	<u>7,732,903</u>
Represented By:			
<u>RESERVES</u>			
Statutory Reserve	4	5,133,928	5,078,834
Additional Regulatory Reserve	4	374,963	309,652
TOTAL REGULATORY RESERVE		<u>5,508,891</u>	<u>5,388,486</u>
Realised Reserves	4	2,175,589	2,339,417
Unrealised Reserves	4	33,094	5,000
TOTAL RESERVES		<u>7,717,574</u>	<u>7,732,903</u>

Signed on behalf of the Credit Union**Manager:****Pat Owens****Date: 30/10/2014****Member of the Board Oversight Committee:****Paula Mackey****Date: 30/10/2014****Member of the Board of Directors:****John Hennessy****Date: 30/10/2014**

The Accounting Policies and Notes on pages 17 to 23 form part of these Financial Statements



SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES for the year ended 30th September 2014

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Credit Union's Financial Statements.

1.1 Basis of Accounting:

The Financial Statements are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention.

1.2 Income Recognition:

(a) Interest on Members' Loans is recognised when payment is received as specified in Section 110(1)(C)(i) of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) (i.e., on a cash basis).

(b) Investment Income is recognised on an accruals basis.

St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Ltd. had four classes of Deposits and Investments as at 30th September 2014, and the policy relating to each class is as follows:

1. Cash on Ordinary or Term Deposit:

- Included in the Balance Sheet under "Deposits and Investments" is the amount deposited plus any deposit interest paid to date by the financial institution.

- Included in the Balance Sheet under "Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income" is the amount of accrued deposit interest at year-end.

- Included in the Income & Expenditure Account under "Investment Income" is the amount of deposit interest earned (either paid or accrued) during the year.

2. Fixed Maturity Bank Bonds:

- Included in the Balance Sheet under "Deposits and Investments", this bond is stated at nominal value, with any difference between the nominal value and the cost of the nominal holding amortised/depreciated over the period to the earliest callable/redemption date.

- Included in the Balance Sheet under "Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income" is the amount of accrued dividend/interest at the year-end.

- Included in the Income & Expenditure Account under "Investment Income" is the amount of dividend/interest earned (either paid or accrued) during the year.

3. Irish Government Bonds:

- Included in the Balance Sheet under "Deposits and Investments", each of these bonds are stated at nominal value, with any difference between the nominal value and the cost of the nominal holding amortised/depreciated over the period to the earliest callable/redemption date.

- Included in the Balance Sheet under "Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income" is the amount of accrued dividend/interest at the year-end.

- Included in the Income & Expenditure Account under "Investment Income" is the amount of dividend/interest earned (either paid or accrued) during the year.



SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)
for the year ended 30th September 2014

4. Guaranteed Minimum Value Investment Bonds:

- Included in the Balance Sheet under "Deposits and Investments" is the amount which represents the historical cost plus any increase to date in the Guaranteed Minimum Value net of exit tax (if applicable) at year-end.
- Included in the Income and Expenditure Account under "Investment Income" is the amount which represents the increase in the Guaranteed Minimum Value of these investments during the year.

1.3 Depreciation:

Depreciation is calculated in order to write off the cost less residual value of Tangible Fixed Assets over their estimated useful lives using the following rates:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Freehold Premises | - 2% per annum Straight Line |
| Fixtures and Fittings | - 20% per annum Straight Line |
| Computer and Office Equipment | - 33% per annum Straight Line |

1.4 Pensions:

A defined benefit pension scheme is operated for employees of the Credit Union. Payments made to this scheme are charges annually in the financial statements.

The Credit Union has complied with all necessary requirements under the PRSA scheme obligations.

1.5 Bad and Doubtful Debts:

Bad debts written off are included in Other Management Expenses. Bad Debts recovered are included in the Income and Expenditure Account. Provision for doubtful debts is made against current loan balances in arrears on the basis of Resolution 49 of the Irish League of Credit Unions. An additional provision is considered prudent by the Board to the amount of €1,518,872.

1.6 Value Added Tax:

Since the Credit Union is not registered for VAT all expenses include VAT where charged.

1.7 Comparative Figures:

The comparative figures have been reanalysed where necessary.



CASHFLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 30th September 2014

	2014	2013
	€	€
Opening Cash & Investments	37,797,426	34,987,684
RECEIPTS		
Members' Shares Lodged	21,023,158	17,825,315
Members' Loans Repaid	7,070,041	6,708,314
Members' Loan Interest Received	1,421,585	1,583,386
Investment Interest Received	852,853	952,535
Bad Debts Recovered	78,910	78,353
Other Receipts	14,519	6,256
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>30,461,066</u>	<u>27,154,159</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Members' Shares Withdrawn	18,580,297	17,361,731
Members' Loans Granted	6,204,379	5,217,347
Dividends Paid	418,041	296,001
DIRT Paid	34,302	23,516
Loan Interest Rebate Paid	148,222	87,284
Operating Expenses	1,578,326	1,334,629
Fixed Assets Purchased	43,759	23,909
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>27,007,326</u>	<u>24,344,417</u>
Closing Cash & Investments	<u>41,251,166</u>	<u>37,797,426</u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th September 2014

1. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS:

These consist of the following:

	2014	2013
	€	€
Cash on Ordinary or Term Deposit	27,701,856	26,231,181
Fixed Maturity Bank Bonds	2,451,509	1,500,000
Irish Government Bonds	8,361,601	5,842,000
Guaranteed Minimum Value Investment Bonds	-	3,159,634
	<u>38,514,966</u>	<u>36,732,815</u>

Deposits and Investments are stated in line with the accounting policies as set out in Significant Accounting Policy 1.2. Included in Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income at 30 September 2014 is an amount of €517,773 (2013: €702,206) relating to accrued income and guaranteed returns on the above Deposits and Investments.

The market value of the Deposits and Investments as at 30 September 2014 including accrued income is €40,176,736. The value of investments can rise and fall with market conditions.

2. MEMBERS' SHARES:

The following is an analysis of Member Shares:

	2014	2013
	€	€
Regular Share Accounts	44,756,763	31,267,344
Special Share Accounts	-	11,080,860
Total per Balance Sheet	<u>44,756,763</u>	<u>42,348,204</u>

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS:

	Freehold Premises	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
COST:	€	€	€	€
At 1 Oct. 2013	199,412	163,446	524,436	887,294
Additions during year	-	1,290	42,469	43,759
At 30 Sept. 2014	<u>199,412</u>	<u>164,736</u>	<u>566,905</u>	<u>931,053</u>
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1 Oct. 2013	55,835	159,786	501,466	717,087
Charge for year	3,988	2,787	29,348	36,123
At 30 Sept. 2014	<u>59,823</u>	<u>162,573</u>	<u>530,814</u>	<u>753,210</u>
Net Book Values:				
At 30th September 2014	<u>139,589</u>	<u>2,163</u>	<u>36,091</u>	<u>177,843</u>
At 30 th September 2013	143,577	3,660	22,970	170,207



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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4. RESERVES:

	Balance 30/09/2013 €	Net Movement €	Balance 30/09/2014 €
Regulatory Reserve			
Statutory Reserve	5,078,834	55,094	5,133,928
Additional Regulatory Reserve	309,652	65,311	374,963
Total Regulatory Reserve	5,388,486	120,405	5,508,891
Other Reserves			
Realised Reserves			
General Reserve	1,580,584	114,923	1,695,507
Premises Renovation Reserve	141,970	-	141,970
Technology and Training Reserve	50,000	-	50,000
Proposed Dividend & Loan			
Interest Rebate Reserve <i>Note 11</i>	566,863	(278,751)	288,112
Total Realised Reserves	2,339,417	(163,828)	2,175,589
Unrealised Reserves			
Unrealised Investment Income Reserve	5,000	28,094	33,094
Total Unrealised Reserves	5,000	28,094	33,094
Total Other Reserves	2,344,417	(135,734)	2,208,683
Total Reserves	7,732,903	(15,329)	7,717,574

5. PROPOSED DIVIDENDS AND LOAN INTEREST REBATE TO MEMBERS:

The Directors recommend the following distributions:

	2014		2013	
	Rate	€	Rate %	€
Dividend on Shares	0.50%	217,387	1.00%	418,641
Loan Interest Rebate	5%	70,725	10%	148,222

The Interest Rebate relates to the Standard Rate loans only.

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

During the year the Credit Union advanced €47,390 in loans to directors and other officers (2013: €26,090). Directors' balances at 30 September 2014 are as follows: Share balances €303,294; Loan balances €179,039 (2013: Share balances €194,571; Loan balances €196,097).



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 30th September 2014

7. INSURANCE AGAINST FRAUD:

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

8. RATES OF INTEREST CHARGED ON MEMBERS' LOANS:

The rates of interest charged on members' loans per annum on a reducing balance basis were as follows:

	Monthly	APR
Standard Rate Loans	0.875%	10.5%
Loans Secured by Shares	0.458%	5.5%

9. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS:

The Credit Union has a significant portfolio of investments at 30 September 2014. The value of these investments can rise and fall with market conditions. The current market conditions are volatile and it is reasonable to expect that there has been volatility in the valuations of some investments since 30 September 2014. However, it is not possible to quantify the effect of this volatility. In accordance with FRS 21 "Events After the Balance Sheet Date", any such effect on the valuation of investments since the balance sheet date and 30 October 2014 is a non-adjusting event and accordingly the financial statements do not reflect any adjustment in respect of same.

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, there are no other events after the balance sheet date which requires disclosure or adjustment in accordance with FRS 21.

10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

There were no contingent liabilities in existence at 30 September 2014 that would impact on the financial statements.

11. SPECIAL RESERVE:

The directors decided to adopt a policy of setting aside the amount of the proposed dividend for the current year in a special reserve. This is reflected as a movement in reserves as set out in Note 4.

12. OTHER LIABILITIES, CREDITORS, ACCRUALS AND CHARGES:

	2014	2013
	€	€
Accruals	<u>114,571</u>	<u>96,746</u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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13. PENSION COSTS:

The credit union participates in an industry-wide pension scheme for employees (The Irish League of Credit Unions Republic of Ireland Pension Scheme). This is a funded scheme of the defined benefit type, with assets invested in separate trustee administered funds. However, St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities. Consequently, St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited accounts for its contributions to the scheme as if the scheme were a defined contribution scheme. Contributions payable to the pension scheme are recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account.

An actuarial review of the fund is normally carried out every three years by the Scheme's independent, professionally qualified, actuary. The actuarial review looks at the past and future liabilities of the scheme.

The last completed triennial actuarial review was carried out with an effective date of 1st March 2011 using the Projected Unit Credit method. The principal actuarial assumption used in the valuation was that the investment return would be 1.75% higher than the annual salary increases. The market value of the scheme's assets at 1st March 2011 was €107.3m. The actuarial valuation disclosed a past service deficit of €28.7m on the long term funding basis at 1st March 2011. The actuarial review recommended a long term funding rate of 22.5%. The cost of risk benefits is paid in addition to this rate.

It should be noted that the above rate is based on the long term funding objectives.

As a separate requirement under Section 56(1) of the Pensions Act 1990, the scheme actuary must carry out a separate valuation every 3 years and produce a funding certificate for submission to The Pensions board within 9 months of the effective date of the valuation. The purpose of this certificate is to certify whether or not the assets of the scheme at the effective date are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the scheme, based on the assumption that the scheme was wound up at that date.

An actuarial funding certificate, certifying the Scheme did not meet the statutory minimum funding standard was submitted to the Pensions Board with an effective date of 1st March 2009.

Consequently, the Trustees submitted a new funding proposal, to address the shortfall in funding, to the Pensions Board. The submitted funding proposal is designed to ensure that the scheme could reasonably be expected to satisfy the funding standard as at 1st March 2019 and provides for a retirement contribution rate of 27.7%. The cost of risk benefit is payable in addition, giving a total contribution rate of 30% of pensionable salary. This funding proposal was approved by the Pensions Board.

For the scheme year ended 28th February 2012, the actuary advised that, having been directed by the Trustees and Employer, in light of the current economic outlook, it was appropriate to revise the assumption for salary increases over the remaining term of the funding proposal from 5% p.a. to 3.25% p.a. Based on this, he was reasonably satisfied that the scheme will satisfy the funding standard as specified in Section 44 of the Pensions Act 1990 at the date of 1st March 2019 specified by the Pensions Board under Section 49(2)(a) of the Act for the purpose of the existing funding proposal.

The scheme's Solvency Position in accordance with the aggregate cover for total Funding Standard liabilities as at 28th February 2014 was 104.5%.

The total pension contributions paid during the year amounted to €136,922 (2013: €135,401).



SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 2014

The following schedules do not form part of the statutory financial statements which are the subject of the Independent Auditor's Report on pages 11 and 12.

SCHEDULE 1 - OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE & SIMILAR INCOME

	2014	2013
	€	€
Investment Income	852,853	1,078,221
Total per Income & Expenditure Account	<u>852,853</u>	<u>1,078,221</u>

Other interest income and similar income consists of interest and net gains and is analysed as follows:

	2014	2013
	€	€
Received at the balance sheet date	342,735	776,649
Receivable within 12 months of the Balance Sheet date	483,813	299,476
Other	26,305	2,096
Total	<u>852,853</u>	<u>1,078,221</u>

SCHEDULE 2 - OTHER INCOME

	2014	2013
	€	€
Entrance Fees	210	197
ECCU Rebate	4,529	-
Commission	9,780	6,059
Total per Income & Expenditure Account	<u>14,519</u>	<u>6,256</u>



SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (continued)
for the year ended 30th September 2014

SCHEDULE 3 - OTHER MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

	2014	2013
	€	€
Rent & Rates	9,213	8,379
Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	12,151	13,125
Repairs & Renewals	1,848	6,062
Security	7,619	5,942
Printing & Stationery	16,787	12,827
Postage & Telephone	14,575	14,782
Donations & Sponsorship	14,311	600
Debt Collection	27,661	22,040
Irish Credit Bureau	3,061	3,352
Promotion & Advertising	6,416	5,738
Training Costs	12,669	9,769
Convention Expenses	4,266	360
Chapter Expenses	872	887
AGM Expenses	12,718	12,518
Travel & Subsistence	5,595	3,693
Bank Interest and Charges	26,529	13,461
Audit Fee	17,528	21,525
Board Oversight Committee Expenses	1,007	500
General Insurance	17,058	16,536
Share & Loan Insurance (Gross)	239,650	241,236
Death Benefit Insurance	100,019	90,485
Pension	136,922	135,041
Legal & Professional Fees	45,818	26,322
IT Costs	41,986	42,036
Bad Debts Written Off	343,123	489,398
Affiliation Fees	9,191	9,250
SPS Contributions	29,446	29,626
Regulatory Levies	20,072	11,473
Credit Institution Resolution Fund Levy	25,463	25,201
Premises Redevelopment Expenses	11,942	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	19,642	15,689
Total per Income & Expenditure Account	<u>1,235,158</u>	<u>1,287,853</u>



Agenda Item 12 - Declaration of Dividend/Interest Rebate

Having carefully considered the results for the year and the need to plan for the future stability of the Credit Union your Board propose the following:

- Payment of a 0.50% dividend on shares.
- Payment of a 5% rebate of interest paid.

Agenda Item 13 - Affiliation Fees Motion

The Board recommend that Affiliation Fees for the Irish League of Credit Unions for the year 2013/2014 be deducted from members' savings at a rate of 0.90 cent per member over 16 years of age.

Agenda Item 14 - Report of Board Oversight Committee

In presenting this report we would like to bring to your attention the following Statement of The Board Oversight Committee's responsibilities:

The Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) requires the appointment of a Board Oversight Committee, which will oversee Directors in the performance of their functions, examine books and documents of the Credit Union.

With the implementation of the new Credit Union legislation, the Board Oversight Committee members are required to: know what the Act requires the Board of Directors to do/refrain from doing in terms of the management of the Credit Union as set out in sub section 53 to 76 inclusive of the Act; have an understanding of what constitutes a material breach of these compliance obligations; be able to devise a work plan and set of routines with methods for monitoring the Board's compliance.

In the fulfilment of these responsibilities:

- At least one member of the Board Oversight Committee attended each Board Meeting to ensure that all actions and decisions of the directors complied with current rules and legislation and we met with the Board on two occasions during the year to review their performance.
- We have overseen the introduction of the Credit Union's Strategic Plan and the Mandatory Credit Union Policies as required under The Credit Union and Co-Operation with Overseas Regulators Act 2012.
- Examination of Board Meeting documentation confirmed that the Board of Directors were compliant on the performance of their duties under the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended)

The outcome of this work is that we have satisfied ourselves that the Board and its various committees are complying with all relevant legislation, regulations, guidelines and decisions are made in the best interests of the overall membership. We would like to thank the Board of Directors and staff of the Credit Union for their willing help and assistance throughout the year.

Alan Brislane, Chairperson
Paula Mackey
Patsy Moynihan



Agenda Item 15 – Amendment to Standard Rules

At the Irish League of Credit Unions (ILCU) AGM 2014 a complete amendment of the Standard Rules for Credit Unions was adopted to bring the Standard Rules into line with the Credit Unions and Cooperation with Overseas Regulators Act, 2012, as this had made significant changes to the Credit Union Act, 1997 on which the rules were based.

It is necessary for this Credit Union, as a member of the ILCU, to have this complete amendment to the Standard Rules approved by the members at our AGM. Due to the size of the proposed rule amendment, and following discussions with the Central Bank, it is not necessary for us to send a hard copy of the entire proposed new rule book to each member in advance of the AGM. However, in order to provide clarity to members and ensure transparency, the proposed rules are available to members as follows:

- Hard copies of the proposed rules are available in the credit union office
- An electronic copy of the proposed rules is available on the credit union website, www.smpcreditunion.ie
- Members can obtain an electronic copy of the proposed rules by emailing info@smpcreditunion.ie

Motion for AGM

That this Annual General Meeting agrees to a complete amendment to the Standard Rules for Credit Unions (Republic of Ireland) (“the Standard Rules”), to bring them in line with those of the ILCU.

Agenda Item 16 - Report of Audit Committee

Under the provisions of the Credit Union Acts 1997-2012, Credit Unions must establish an internal audit function to provide independent internal oversight of the Credit Union. The Board decided to outsource this function to Donal Morrissey & Company. The Board also decided to establish an Audit Committee comprised of three members of the Board of Directors.

Purpose of the Audit Committee

The role of the Audit committee is to:

1. Review the performance of the Internal Audit Function and the External Auditor.
2. Act as intermediary between the Internal Audit Function and the Board.
3. Act as intermediary between the External Auditor and the Board of Directors.
4. Ensure effective internal audit over governance, compliance, risk management and internal controls which will result in a stronger and more secure credit union.

The Internal Audit Function commenced its work in February 2014 and has, on two occasions since then, met with the Audit Committee who reported their findings to the Board of Directors. Based on these findings the Board implemented any necessary changes to procedures.

The plan going forward is for the Internal Audit Function to report to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

John Collopy, Chairperson
Niall South, Secretary
John Hennessy



Agenda Item 17 - Report of Credit Committee

The Credit Committee is appointed by the Board to consider loan applications from members. We consider each loan application on its own merits and make our decision in line with our lending policy and regulatory requirements.

This year we have seen an increase in the value of new loans issued to members but, due to the fact that loan repayments being made by members are greater than new loans being issued, our overall loan book has again fallen. We continue to have funds available to lend, so if a member has a need to borrow they should speak to us to see if we can facilitate them. The main deciding factor for a loan application is the member's ability to repay the loan. To help us assess this properly we need to obtain a full financial picture of the applicant, which includes all income and outgoings. We would advise members considering applying for a loan to plan ahead and submit their loan application in plenty of time to allow for all necessary checks to take place. Ultimately, we have to try to find a balance for all loan application decisions between the best interest of both the needs of the individual member and the Credit Union overall.

This year we issued a total of 2,379 new loans amounting to €6,204,379 (€5,217,347 last year), while we turned down a total of 104 applications. The breakdown of the loans issued is:

Purpose	2014		2013	
	Number	Amount(€)	Number	Amount(€)
Home Improvements	443	1,762,949	388	1,387,763
Car Purchase/Costs	265	1,228,002	217	861,673
Holiday/Recreation	107	257,489	133	246,162
Family Events	35	139,392	53	196,110
Education	42	108,035	37	78,609
Medical/Health Insurance	22	52,020	16	31,121
Household Expenses	94	100,127	120	138,655
Miscellaneous	20	56,324	15	95,687
Secured Loans 5.5%	1,351	2,500,041	1,306	2,181,567
Total	2,379	6,204,379	2,285	5,217,347

We are available to meet with members, if necessary, most Friday evenings between 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm but members should be aware that a decision on their loan application will not be made until all required information is provided.

The Credit Committee would like to thank the Manager, Assistant Manager, Credit Controller and the staff for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

Bobby O'Halloran, Chairperson.

Mairead Mullane

Catherine Halpin



Agenda Item 18 - Report of Credit Control Committee

The Credit Control Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors annually and its purpose is to ensure that borrowers repay their loans in accordance with the conditions of their loan agreements and to take appropriate action where this is not the case. We operate in accordance with Saint Mary's Parish Credit Union Ltd. written Credit Control policy.

During the past year our committee met on a regular basis and we reviewed problem loans with the Credit Controller and recommended the most appropriate course of action to take in each case. We continued to review recent loans made to see if they were performing correctly. We submitted written reports to the Board meetings to ensure that the Board was fully aware of the situation with regard to loans in arrears. We feel that the best way to ensure that a loan will be repaid is to fully examine the financial circumstances of the member at the application stage and we urge the Credit Committee to make full use of all sources of information available to them. In this regard the Internal Audit Function has examined the effectiveness of the assessment procedures currently used by the credit union when considering a loan application. All loans issued in March 2013 were reviewed to establish the extent to which any of these loans had subsequently become delinquent. Any subsequent delinquency of note identified was analysed to determine if it arose due to ineffective assessment or due to post loan approval events which were unknown at the time of the loan approval. The results of the test taken indicate that the assessment procedures followed by the loan approval authorities are working effectively.

We are pleased to report that despite the recession the majority of our members are honouring their loan commitments in full. However because of economic difficulties some members have problems in repaying their loans and we would strongly urge any member in this position to contact the Credit Control Staff in the credit union office who will work together with them to try and alleviate these problems.

This year we have had only one engagement with the Personal Insolvency Service but with the recent removal of up-front fees this figure may increase in the future. We would strongly encourage any member in this situation to immediately contact us to discuss the possibility of making an agreement directly with us.

During the year we had to write off €343,123 (€489,398 last year) of loans. As explained in previous years "write off" is an accounting term for the loan no longer being a live account. This does not mean the debt is gone and we continue to pursue these outstanding amounts by all the means at our disposal. We recovered €78,910 (€78,353 last year) of previously written off loans this year.

We would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the Credit Union Staff, Rosanne and Antoinette, and thank them for their assistance.

Patrick McNamara
Patrick Bridgeman
Sarah McNamara Wrenn
Credit Control Committee.



Agenda Item 19 - Report of Marketing & Promotion Committee

The Marketing Committee was set up by the Board of Directors in March 2014. The Committee is made up of a group of 4 people; two Credit Union Staff Members and two Directors.

The role of the Committee is to promote the Credit Union and its various services to existing members and to potential new members.

As a Committee we met on a monthly basis to fulfil our duty, compiling and scheduling a survey of the Membership, planning the communications required in advance of the increase in the interest rates by 1% which came into effect on October 1st 2014, promoting and highlighting that St. Mary's Parish Credit Union is Local, Loyal and Open for Lending.

We have had a busy few months during which we conducted a large survey of our current members to find out what more we could do and where we could improve our services. A big Thank You to all of the respondents to that survey. Your feedback is gratefully received and has been a huge help to us. We have read through all of the responses and have taken on board your comments and suggestions. The results of the survey will be very useful to the Committee when it comes to planning promotions, the introduction of new technologies and services going forward.

St. Mary's Parish Credit Union was founded on 31st December 1964 and since then we have been providing members with a great range of services. It will no doubt be a busy year for us in 2015 when we celebrate 50 years serving our members. We look forward to celebrating our golden anniversary with our loyal members and friends. All communication notices undertaken during the year were compliant with the Advertising Requirements of the European Communities (Consumer Credit Agreements) Regulations 2012 (the CCR).

Claire Murphy,
Rosanne Fitzgerald,
Niall South,
Caroline Gibbons.

Agenda Item 20 - Declaration of election results

The Chairperson will declare the results of the elections.

Agenda Item 21 - Other business

The Chairperson will invite members to raise any other business they wish to have discussed.

Agenda Item 22 - Close of Meeting

The Chairperson will formally close the meeting.



OPENING HOURS

	<i>47 Athlunkard Street, Limerick</i>
Monday	10.00 am – 5.00 pm.
Tuesday	10.00 am – 5.00 pm.
Wednesday	Closed (Staff available by appointment).
Thursday	10.30 am – 5.00 pm.
Friday	10.00 am – 7.30 pm.
Saturday	10.00 am – 5.00 pm.

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS HOURS 2014

Tuesday 23rd December 2014	10.00 am – 3.00 pm.
Wednesday 24th December 2014	Closed
Thursday 25th December 2014	Closed
Friday 26th December 2014	Closed
Saturday 27th December 2014	Closed
Monday 29th December 2014	10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Tuesday 30th December 2014	10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 31st December 2014	Closed
Thursday 1st January 2015	Closed
Friday 2nd January 2015	Normal opening hours resume.

Please contact one of the staff if;

- you change your address,
- you wish to make or change a nomination of beneficiary,
- you require a certificate of interest,
- you want to pay by standing order,
- you have a problem you want to discuss with us.

Call to the office during opening hours or phone us at (061) 410422.

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