

ST. MARY'S PARISH



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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2014/2015



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 15th DECEMBER 2015

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

Entrance by Passbook only.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niall South', is written over a horizontal line.

Niall South
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.*



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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.
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 2014

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 Nomination Committee

Work of the 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.

New regulations were introduced by the Central Bank of Ireland on the 1st August 2015 covering institutions that are approved to act as retail intermediaries. This required us to carry out fitness & probity checks on five members of staff and this was completed before 1st August 2015.

During this year the committee monitored Board members' attendance at training courses and reviewed the skill set of the Board members on a regular basis. We also updated our fitness & probity checks for all directors, board oversight committee members and staff members in the current year.

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.

Current Directors, Board Oversight Committee & Auditor

Board of Directors:

1. John Hennessy, Chairperson
2. John Collopy, Vice-Chairperson
3. Niall South, Secretary
4. Bobby O'Halloran
5. Anne-Marie O'Reilly
6. John McNamara
7. Mairead Mullane
8. Patrick McNamara
9. Caroline Gibbons
10. Deirdre Clancy
11. Geraldine Reidy

Board Oversight Committee:

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

Auditor

Grant Thornton

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 offer themselves for re-election as Auditor.

Agenda Item 6 - Report of Nomination Committee (continued)

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: **Paula Mackey**.

3) Board of Directors: There are **FOUR** vacancies on the Board of Directors, arising as follows: In accordance with Section 53(6) of the Act the maximum term of office of a Director is three years. Therefore, the following directors have to retire at this year's AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election: **Patrick McNamara, John McNamara, John Collopy**. The following director is retiring: **Caroline Gibbons**.

Nominations: It is the responsibility of the Nomination Committee to ensure that there is at least one candidate for each vacancy and they have taken the necessary steps to achieve this. 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 mid- November. Due to Fitness and Probity requirements, the Nomination Committee are obliged to carry out due diligence on all candidates prior to their nomination and therefore this process must be completed in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

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

Patrick McNamara

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

This has been another satisfactory year for our Credit union and we are satisfied with the progress being made.

Financials

Our income is down by €149,892 on last year which is due to a continuing fall on returns from investments and a drop in interest from members' loans. The amount out on loan to members at the 30th September 2015 was €13,394,733 which is down €768,209 on last year.

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

Our expenditure is reduced by €207,731 and this is mainly due to a release from the Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts in the amount of €346,225.

Our surplus for the year is €608,773 which is an increase of € 57,839 on last year.

On the balance sheet our total assets stand at €54,971,671, our liabilities are €46,926,913 leaving our net worth at €8,044,758.

This is just a brief summary of the financial position but we will go through the accounts in more detail at the AGM and we will deal with any queries which you may have on the night.

Restructuring of credit unions

Some further mergers have taken place in Limerick, Clare and other parts of the country during the past year.

At last year's AGM we informed members that we were engaged in exploratory talks with other credit unions in order to keep abreast of developments in this area. As a result of these talks the Board decided to enter into serious discussions with two other credit unions with a view to a possible merger. We have been engaged in intensive discussions with these credit unions over a number of months now and there is a strong possibility of a merger with them going ahead in the near future.

In view of this, the board will be giving a detailed report at this years' Annual General Meeting on the discussions which have already taken place and will be putting forward resolutions at this meeting to deal with any proposed merger, including a resolution to change our name to better reflect the nature of the merged credit union. These resolutions are set out in Agenda Item 14 on Page 26 of this Annual Report.

Strategic Plan

We review our strategic plan twice a year and we actually monitor it on a continuous basis throughout the year.

The plan has three main elements to it, consisting of Training, Technology and Financial.

- **Training:** Staff and officers of the credit union undergo training throughout the year to ensure that services to members are delivered in a friendly and efficient manner. Our targets are being met or exceeded in this area.
- **Technology:** In last year's report we mentioned that we would be going live with the CUSOP payments system in November 2014. The system was successfully introduced on that date and online banking is now available to members. However, as the system develops we hope to be able to offer, in the near future, Visa Debit Card and Debit Card at point of sale and access to the ATM network. We also hope to be able to provide enhanced IT capability including Smart Phone, PC, Laptop and iPad access.
- **Financial:** We have met or exceeded our targets for members' savings, investment and reserve ratios. However we have failed to meet our target for amount out on loan to members. We had forecast an amount of €14.8m to be out on loan at 30th September 2015, whereas the amount achieved was €13.394m. We hope to improve on this position by more promotion of loans during the coming year.

*Agenda Item 8 – Report of the Board of Directors (continued)***Changes in the Credit Union Environment**

CP88 is a Consultation Paper issued by the Central Bank of Ireland which will, if implemented, impose new restrictions on Credit Unions as it proposes to:

- Impose a cap of €100,000 on savings that an individual member can hold in the credit union.
- Enforce lending restrictions which will limit credit unions ability to service members needs in terms of house related loans i.e. home repairs and renovations.
- Restrict ratios even further. Credit Unions are currently required to maintain a Regulatory Reserve Ratio of not less than 10% of total assets. The Regulatory Reserve Ratio is a blunt instrument which does not take any account of the risks faced by credit unions i.e., it is a one size fits all approach.

The Credit Union movement is keen to use surplus funds towards broader community based and social needs. Credit Unions must be permitted to provide finance for important social projects and the CP88 regulations will prevent us from doing this. The Credit Union movement is at present carrying out a lobbying campaign on a national basis to try and prevent these regulations from coming into force.

Deceased Members

We know of 57 members who died during the year between October 2014 and September 2015. We offer our sincere and utmost sympathy to their next of kin. Those who died were:

Mary Allen	Evelyn Hickey	Paddy O Sullivan
David Ronan	Helen Leahy	Kathleen Haran
Kevin McDonnell	Marie Thompson	Mary O'Mahony
Marion O Connell	Bart Dillon	May O Halloran
John Lillis	Leo McNamara	Christine Woods
Patsy Jordan	Teresa Dillon	Patrick Bailly
Natalie Murphy	Mary O Driscoll	Nora Lawlor
Edward Hickey	Denis Gale	Michael McInerney
Kitty Manifold	John O Brien	Patrick Quilligan
Dianne Hebbs	Patrick Hayes	William McGuire
Breda King	Noel O Brien	Gordan Jackson
Michael Kiely	Rose Griffin	Anne Ryan
John Cross	Irene McNamara	Gerard Collopy
Miriam Mangan	Terry McNamara	Bridie Joyce
Ruth Leh	Harold Bott	Catherine Kennedy
Bridie Shanahan	Brian Morrissey	Ellen Stokes
Kathleen Finucane	Mary B McCloskey	Mary Tomany
Carmel Clancy	Frank Clohessy	Bridget Boland
Cyril Murphy	Anne Hickey	Christina O Neil
Agnes Murphy	Elizabeth Doherty	

May they rest in peace.

On behalf of next-of-kin of deceased members a total of €177,415 was paid out from our Savings and Loan Insurance during the year. €132,267 was in respect of savings

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

and €45,148 was to clear outstanding loans. In addition to this, €100,400 of Death Benefit Insurance was received, which was used to help meet the funeral expenses of deceased members.

Conclusion

We would like to thank our manager Pat Owens and all his staff, our fellow directors and all volunteers for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

The Board of Directors would particularly like to thank you, the members of St. Mary's Parish Credit Union, for your loyalty, support and trust over the past 50 years and our hope is that you will continue to support us in the years ahead.

John Hennessy, Chairperson.

Niall South, Secretary.

Agenda Item 9 – Operations Report

From an operational point of the view the past year has been another busy one for this credit union. We have successfully introduced electronic credit transfers for members, along with on-line account management. We are presently working on providing direct debit facilities and these should be available from March 2016. If you think these facilities would be useful to you but you are not yet using them, contact the office for details on getting started.

To ensure our on-going compliance with various legislation/regulation we wrote to every member earlier in the year offering them the opportunity to opt out of receiving any direct marketing material we may send out and we have recently sent a leaflet out to every member in connection with our obligations to obtain up-to-date proof of ID and address for all members. We have continued to introduce new procedures as a result of changes to policies made by the Board due to findings/requirements of the Regulator, our Internal Auditors, our Risk and Compliance programme or external reviews. We have tried to design our procedures to keep the impact they have on members to a minimum but, unfortunately, this is not always possible and we appreciate the co-operation of members in ensuring we can meet these procedural requirements.

There are a number of current matters that could have an impact on our operations in the future. The first of these is the introduction of new regulations by the Central Bank of Ireland from the end of this year which will affect all areas of operation. The Board have already highlighted the concerns we have in this regard and the efforts being made to prevent it happening but we must be prepared to be able to comply in the event that these regulations are introduced.

The other matter that would affect operations is a possible merger with other credit unions. As always, our intention in this scenario would be to keep the impact on members to an absolute minimum but there would inevitably be some changes to our operations.

I will answer any general 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 2015**

We have audited the financial statements of St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited for the year ended 30 September 2015, 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 Auditors: 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 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 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices in Ireland; and

Agenda Item 10 - Report of Auditor (continued)

- 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**

Date: 22 October 2015

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.

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.

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

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities:

The Directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board 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: 22/10/2015



Member of the Board Oversight Committee:
Paula Mackey

Date: 22/10/2015



Member of the Board of Directors:
John Hennessy

Date: 22/10/2015

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 2015.

		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
		€	€
Income			
Interest on Members' Loans		1,361,516	1,421,585
Other Interest Income and Similar Income			
	<i>Schedule 1</i>	766,915	852,853
Net Interest Income		2,128,431	2,274,438
Other Income	<i>Schedule 2</i>	10,634	14,519
Total Income		2,139,065	2,288,957
Expenditure			
Salaries		535,712	545,652
Other Management Expenses	<i>Schedule 3</i>	1,402,887	1,235,158
Depreciation		30,404	36,123
Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts		(346,225)	-
Bad Debts Recovered		(92,486)	(78,910)
Total Expenditure		1,530,292	1,738,023
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year		608,773	550,934
Less: Dividend Paid		(216,909)	(418,041)
Less: Loan Interest Rebate Paid		(64,680)	(148,222)
Add: Transfer from Proposed Dividend and Loan Interest Rebate Reserve		288,112	566,863
Add: Transfer from Other Reserves no longer required		24,552	-
Total		639,848	551,534
Less: Transfer to Statutory Reserve		(60,877)	(55,094)
Less: Transfer to Additional Regulatory Reserve		(205,232)	(65,311)
Less: Transfer to General Reserves		(81,198)	(114,923)
Less: Transfer to Unrealised Investment Income Reserve		(6,724)	(28,094)
Less: Transfer to Proposed Dividend and Loan Interest Rebate Reserve		(285,817)	(288,112)
Total		(639,848)	(551,534)
Undistributed Surplus at 30th September		-	-

Signed on behalf of the Credit Union



Manager:
Pat Owens

Date: 22/10/2015



Member of the Board Oversight Committee:
Paula Mackey

Date: 22/10/2015



Member of the Board of Directors:
John Hennessy

Date: 22/10/2015

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS and LOSSES
for the year ended 30th September 2015.

	<u>2015</u> €	<u>2014</u> €
Surplus for the financial year	<u>608,773</u>	<u>550,934</u>
Total gains/losses relating to the financial year	<u>608,773</u>	<u>550,934</u>

Signed on behalf of the Credit Union



Manager:
Pat Owens

Date: 22/10/2015



Member of the Board Oversight Committee:
Paula Mackey

Date: 22/10/2015



Member of the Board of Directors:
John Hennessy

Date: 22/10/2015

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th September 2015.

		<u>2015</u> €	<u>2014</u> €
<u>ASSETS</u>	<i>Note</i>		
Cash & Balances at Bank		1,500,379	2,303,847
Central Bank Deposits		466,868	432,353
Deposits & Investments	1	42,100,299	38,514,966
Loans to Members		13,394,733	14,162,942
Less: Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts		(3,195,579)	(3,541,804)
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	159,705	177,843
Debtors, Prepayments & Accrued Income		545,266	538,761
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>54,971,671</u>	<u>52,588,908</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Members' Shares	2	46,639,040	44,756,763
Other Liabilities, Creditors, Accruals & Charges	12	287,873	114,571
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>46,926,913</u>	<u>44,871,334</u>
NET WORTH		<u>8,044,758</u>	<u>7,717,574</u>
Represented By:			
<u>RESERVES</u>			
Statutory Reserve	4	5,194,805	5,133,928
Additional Regulatory Reserve	4	580,195	374,963
TOTAL REGULATORY RESERVE		<u>5,775,000</u>	<u>5,508,891</u>
Realised Reserves	4	2,254,492	2,175,589
Unrealised Reserves	4	15,266	33,094
TOTAL RESERVES		<u>8,044,758</u>	<u>7,717,574</u>

Signed on behalf of the Credit Union

Manager:

Pat Owens

Date: 22/10/2015

Member of the Board Oversight Committee:

Paula Mackey

Date: 22/10/2015

Member of the Board of Directors:

John Hennessy

Date: 22/10/2015

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 2015

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 have been 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 three classes of Deposits and Investments as at 30th September 2015, 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 "Other Interest Income and Similar Income" is the amount of deposit interest earned (either paid or accrued) during the year.

2. Bank Bonds:

- Included in the Balance Sheet under "Deposits and Investments", these bonds are valued at the lower of cost and market value at the balance sheet date. Investments which are capital guaranteed are valued at cost plus accrued income, with the exception of the following:
 - Where the cost is greater than par, the excess over the par value is amortised over the life of the investment.
 - Where the cost is less than par, the excess over the cost is amortised over the life of the investment.

Interest income is recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account when it is received or receivable. Increases which reverse a previous decrease in the value of the bond/investment are included in the Income and Expenditure Account. All other increases in excess of the cost of the bond/investment are ignored until the bond/investment is sold/matures. Investments are only capital guaranteed if held to maturity and if the Institutions fulfil their obligations. The Board of Directors is currently satisfied that these conditions will be met.

- 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 "Other Interest Income and Similar Income" is the amount of dividend/interest earned (either paid or accrued) during the year.

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3. Irish Government Bonds:

- Included in the Balance Sheet under "Deposits and Investments", these bonds are valued at the lower of cost and market value at the balance sheet date. Investments which are capital guaranteed are valued at cost plus accrued income, with the exception of the following:

- Where the cost is greater than par, the excess over the par value is amortised over the life of the investment.
- Where the cost is less than par, the excess over the cost is amortised over the life of the investment.

Interest income is recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account when it is received or receivable. Increases which reverse a previous decrease in the value of the bond/investment are included in the Income and Expenditure Account. All other increases in excess of the cost of the bond/investment are ignored until the bond/investment is sold/matures. Investments are only capital guaranteed if held to maturity and if the Institutions fulfil their obligations. The Board of Directors is currently satisfied that these conditions will be met.

- 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 "Other Interest Income and Similar Income" is the amount of dividend/interest earned (either paid or accrued) 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 charged annually in the financial statements.

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 €1,591,771.

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 2015

	2015 €	2014 €
Opening Cash & Investments	41,251,166	37,797,426
RECEIPTS		
Members' Shares Lodged	22,744,635	20,988,856
Members' Loans Repaid	6,357,396	7,070,040
Members' Loan Interest Received	1,361,516	1,421,585
Investment Interest Received	766,915	852,853
Bad Debts Recovered	92,486	78,910
Other Receipts	10,634	14,519
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>31,333,582</u>	<u>30,426,763</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Members' Shares Withdrawn	20,862,358	18,580,297
Members' Loans Granted	5,935,412	6,204,378
Dividends Paid	132,833	383,739
DIRT Paid	84,076	34,302
Loan Interest Rebate Paid	64,680	148,222
Operating Expenses	1,425,577	1,578,326
Fixed Assets Purchased	12,266	43,759
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>28,517,202</u>	<u>26,973,023</u>
Closing Cash & Investments	<u>44,067,546</u>	<u>41,251,166</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th September 2015

1. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS:

These consist of the following:

	2015 €	2014 €
Cash on Ordinary or Term Deposit	25,692,251	27,701,856
Bank Bonds	7,137,055	2,451,509
Irish Government Bonds	9,270,993	8,361,601
	42,100,299	38,514,966

Deposits and Investments are stated in line with the accounting policies as set out on pages 17 and 18. Included in Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income at 30 September 2015 is an amount of €495,008 (2014: €517,773) 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 2015 including accrued interest is €44,188,636 (2014: €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:

	2015 €	2014 €
Special Share Accounts	46,639,040	44,756,763
Total per Balance Sheet	46,639,040	44,756,763

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS:

	Freehold Premises €	Fixtures & Fittings €	Computer Equipment €	Total €
COST:				
At 1 October 2014	199,412	164,736	566,905	931,053
Additions during year	-	2,795	9,471	12,266
Disposals	-	-	(793)	(793)
At 30 September 2015	199,412	167,531	575,583	942,526
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1 October 2014	59,823	162,573	530,814	753,210
Disposals	-	-	(793)	(793)
Charge for year	3,988	1,325	25,091	30,404
At 30 September 2015	63,811	163,898	555,112	782,821
Net Book Values:				
At 30 September 2015	135,601	3,633	20,471	159,705
At 30 September 2014	139,589	2,163	36,091	177,843

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 30th September 2015

4. RESERVES:

	Balance 30/09/2014 €	Net Movement €	Balance 30/09/2015 €
Regulatory Reserve			
Statutory Reserve	5,133,928	60,877	5,194,805
Additional Regulatory Reserve	374,963	205,232	580,195
Total Regulatory Reserve	5,508,891	266,109	5,775,000
Other Reserves			
Realised Reserves			
General Reserve	1,695,507	81,198	1,776,705
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>	288,112	(2,295)	285,817
Total Realised Reserves	2,175,589	78,903	2,254,492
Unrealised Reserves			
Unrealised Investment Income Reserve	33,094	(17,828)	15,266
Total Unrealised Reserves	33,094	(17,828)	15,266
Total Other Reserves	2,208,683	61,075	2,269,758
Total Reserves	7,717,574	327,184	8,044,758

5. PROPOSED DIVIDENDS AND LOAN INTEREST REBATE TO MEMBERS:

The Directors recommend the following distributions:

	2015		2014	
	Rate	€	Rate %	€
Dividend on Shares	0.50%	225,705	0.50%	217,387
Loan Interest Rebate	5%	60,112	5%	70,725

The Interest Rebate relates to the Standard Rate loans only.

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

During the year the Credit Union advanced €41,620 in loans to directors and other officers (2014: €47,390). Directors' and other officers' balances at 30 September 2015 are as follows: Share balances €256,304; Loan balances €179,656 (2014: Share balances €303,294; Loan balances €179,039).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 30th September 2015

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
New Standard Rate Loans from 1 October 2014	0.958%	11.5%
Standard Rate Loans	0.875%	10.5%
New Loans Secured by Shares from 1 October 2014	0.542%	6.5%
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 2015. 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 2015. 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 22 October 2015 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 2015 that would impact on the financial statements.

11. PROPOSED DIVIDEND & LOAN INTEREST REBATE RESERVE:

The directors decided to adopt a policy of setting aside the amount of the proposed dividend and loan interest rebate 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:

	2015	2014
	€	€
Accruals	<u>287,873</u>	<u>114,571</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2015

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 ('the 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 appropriately 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 Scheme are recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account.

An actuarial review of the Scheme is normally carried out every three years by the Scheme's independent 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 2014 using the Projected Unit Credit method. The principal actuarial assumption used in the valuation was that the investment return would be 1.5% higher than the annual salary increases. The market value of the Scheme's assets at 1st March 2014 was €157m. The actuarial valuation disclosed a past service deficit of €27.7m on the long term funding basis at this date. This actuarial review recommended that the current funding proposal contribution of 27.7% of pensionable salary continues until the next actuarial review. The cost of risk benefits is paid in addition to this rate.

As a separate requirement under Section 56(1) of the Pensions Act 1990, the Scheme's 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 based on the assumption that the Scheme was wound up at that date. The most recent Actuarial Funding Certificate certified that the Scheme did not meet the statutory minimum funding standard was submitted to the Pensions Board with an effective date of 1 March 2012.

The Scheme is currently in a funding proposal which has been agreed with the Pensions Authority. 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 benefits is payable in addition.

The Scheme's Solvency Position in accordance with the aggregate cover for total Funding Standard liabilities as disclosed in the Actuarial Review as at 1 March 2014 was 105%.

The total pension contributions paid during the year amounted to €132,147 (2014: €136,922).

SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 2015

The Schedules hereunder (Schedules 1 to 3 inclusive on pages 24 and 25) 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 INCOME AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2015	2014
	€	€
Investment Income	766,915	852,853
Total per Income & Expenditure Account	<u>766,915</u>	<u>852,853</u>

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

	2015	2014
	€	€
Received at the balance sheet date	265,183	342,735
Receivable within 12 months of the Balance Sheet date	495,008	483,813
Other	6,724	26,305
Total	<u>766,915</u>	<u>852,853</u>

SCHEDULE 2 - OTHER INCOME

	2015	2014
	€	€
Entrance Fees	264	210
ECCU Rebate	799	4,529
Proceeds from Insurance Claim	705	-
Commission	8,866	9,780
Total per Income & Expenditure Account	<u>10,634</u>	<u>14,519</u>

SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (continued)
for the year ended 30th September 2015

SCHEDULE 3 - OTHER MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

	2015	2014
	€	€
Rent, Rates, Light & Heating	21,551	21,364
Repairs and Renewals	10,487	1,848
Printing & Stationery	14,385	16,787
Postage & Telephone	16,979	14,575
Promotion & Advertising	36,489	6,416
Training Costs	9,844	12,669
Chapter Expenses	1,259	872
Regulatory Levies	16,436	20,072
Travel and Subsistence	4,114	5,595
Security	5,618	7,619
Audit Fee	17,528	17,528
Debt Collection	23,309	27,661
Irish Credit Bureau	3,529	3,061
Convention Expenses	3,196	4,266
AGM Expenses	15,732	12,718
Bank Interest and Charges	32,958	26,529
General Insurance	17,833	17,058
Legal and Professional Fees	189,889	45,818
Board Oversight Committee Expenses	1,070	1,007
Share & Loan Insurance (Gross)	241,651	239,650
Death Benefit Insurance	104,544	100,019
Pension	132,147	136,922
IT Costs	57,535	41,986
Affiliation Fees	9,149	9,191
SPS Contributions	14,723	29,446
Credit Institution Resolution Fund Levy	26,519	25,463
Bad Debts Written Off	346,225	343,123
Donations & Sponsorship	4,748	14,311
Miscellaneous Expenses	11,440	19,642
50 th Anniversary Celebrations	12,000	-
Premises Redevelopment Expenses	-	11,942
Total per Income & Expenditure Account	<u>1,402,887</u>	<u>1,235,158</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 2015/2016 be deducted from members' savings at a rate of 0.90 cent per member over 16 years of age.

Agenda Item 14 – Resolutions on Restructuring

To allow the Board of Directors to accept Transfers of Engagements from other Credit Unions, the Board are proposing a number of Resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions 1 – 3 are ordinary resolutions which require a majority of not less than half of members present and voting to be carried. Resolution 4 is a special resolution which requires a majority of not less than three quarters of members present and voting to be carried.

Resolution 1: That the Board of St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited is hereby authorised by us the members to approve a transfer of engagements of Castleconnell/Ahane Credit Union Limited into St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited by way of resolution of the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the Registry of Credit Unions, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

Resolution 2: That the Board of St Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited is hereby authorised by us the members to approve a transfer of engagements of St. Lelia's Credit Union Limited into St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited by way of resolution of the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the Registry of Credit Unions, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

Resolution 3: That the members of St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited hereby resolve that all future Transfer of Engagements into St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited will be effected by way of Board Resolution, subject to the approval of the Registry of Credit Unions, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

Resolution 4: That this Annual General Meeting agrees to change the name of St. Mary's Parish Credit Union Limited to Unity Credit Union Limited subject to the approval of the Registry of Credit Unions, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

Please note that the above proposed Resolutions are separate and independent Resolutions and not contingent upon each other.

Agenda Item 15 - 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.

Under the Credit Union legislation therefore, 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 annual revision 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 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. This year the Board decided to outsource this function to M.O.E.T Accountants.

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.
4. Ensure effective internal audit over: governance, compliance, risk management and internal controls, which will result in a stronger and more secure credit union.

Agenda Item 16 - Report of Audit Committee (continued)

In November 2014 M.O.E.T Accountants drew up an internal audit plan for year ending 30th September 2015 and this plan was agreed by the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

Since then the Audit Committee has met with the Internal Auditors eight times to monitor the implementation of the Audit Plan.

The Audit Committee met with our External Auditor, Denise O'Connell, Grant Thornton, on the 14th October 2015 and discussed new regulations being implemented under FRS102, which are new guidelines drawn up by international accountancy body. The progress of the annual audit was also dealt with at that meeting.

The Audit Committee met Denise O'Connell again on 20th October 2015 and she took us through the draft annual accounts for year ending 30th September 2015.

Based on all these checks the committee is happy to report that they found everything in order.

John Collopy (Chairperson), John Hennessy (Secretary), Niall South

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.

For the year under review, there was a fall in the value of new loans issued as compared to the previous year. This is reflective of the on-going decline in household borrowing throughout the country but we will continue to highlight the advantages of borrowing from your credit union and we would ask members to consider these if they have any borrowing requirements during the year.

This year we issued a total of 2,372 new loans amounting to €5,935,412. Unfortunately, we had to turn down 28 applications for various reasons. The breakdown of the loans issued is:

<u>Purpose</u>	2015		2014	
	Number	Amount(€)	Number	Amount(€)
Home Improvements	436	1,673,853	443	1,762,949
Car Purchase/Costs	233	1,118,038	265	1,228,002
Holiday/Recreation	118	243,183	107	257,489
Family Events	128	300,930	35	139,392
Education	43	117,400	42	108,035
Medical/Health Insurance	22	39,250	22	52,020
Household Expenses	62	72,119	94	100,127
Miscellaneous	16	80,900	20	56,324
Secured Loans 6.5%	1,314	2,289,739	1,351	2,500,041
Total	2,372	5,935,412	2,379	6,204,379

Agenda Item 17 - Report of Credit Committee (continued)

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.

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 and the staff, particularly Eileen Kinnane and Aileen Joyce, 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.

The committee met on a regular basis and reviewed problem loans with the Credit Controller and recommended the most appropriate course of action to take in each case. We reviewed recent loans granted to see if they are performing correctly. We submitted written reports to 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 the Internal Audit Function has examined the effectiveness of the assessment procedures currently used by the credit union when considering a loan application and are happy with these.

We are pleased to report that 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 the Personal Insolvency Service has had very little impact on our operation but we will continue to monitor the situation. We would strongly recommend 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 €346,225 (€343,123 last year) of loans. As explained in previous years "write off" is an accounting term for the loan no longer

Agenda Item 18 - Report of Credit Control Committee (continued)

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 €92,486 (€78,910 last year) of previously written off loans this year.

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

Patrick McNamara (Chairperson), Deirdre Clancy, Sarah McNamara Wrenn

Agenda Item 19 - Report of Marketing & Promotion Committee

The Marketing Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors annually and its purpose is to promote the Credit Union and its various services to existing members and to potential new members.

During the year the Committee met on a monthly basis to review the overall marketing strategy plan designed to highlight the golden anniversary of St Mary's Parish Credit Union. While also acknowledging the contribution made by the founding members and all those people who assisted and supported the work of the Credit Union since its foundation on 31st December 1964.

We have had a busy few months during which St. Mary's Parish Credit Union marked the golden anniversary with some key events.

During January the Credit Union promoted the importance of Nomination. 'Nomination Awareness' ran from the 26th January into the first week of February. It helped to raise the profile of the importance of Nomination and the updating of existing Nominations where necessary, by members. The exercise proved very successful with a good uptake by members.

On September 12th we celebrated our key event, the 50th Anniversary dinner at the Absolute Hotel. It was a very successful evening, much enjoyed by the many invited guests and Credit Union members. The highlight of the evening was the honouring of eight of our members, one of whom was an original founding member, along with other members who joined between 31st December 1964 and 31st of December 1965.

On Saturday October 31st, 463 of our members, especially junior members, all dressed in wonderful scary costumes, enjoyed Halloween Monsters and Spooky Tales at King John's Castle. The sun shone on the day and the lucky members from St Mary's Parish Credit Union entered into the 'spirit' of the occasion, and much fun was had by all.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution, on-going work and support of all the Credit Union staff, for their proactive approach in promoting the various events, throughout this anniversary year.

All communication notices undertaken during the year were compliant with the Advertising Requirements of the European Communities (Consumer Credit Agreements) Regulations 2012 (the CCR).

Caroline Gibbons (Chairperson), Claire Murphy, Rosanne Fitzgerald, Geraldine Reidy.

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 2015

Tuesday 22 nd December 2015	10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Wednesday 23 rd December 2015	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Thursday 24 th December 2015	Closed
Friday 25 th December 2015	Closed
Saturday 26 th December 2015	Closed
Monday 28 th December 2015	Closed
Tuesday 29 th December 2015	10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 30 th December 2015	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Thursday 31 st December 2015	Closed
Friday 1 st January 2015	Closed
Saturday 2 nd January 2015	Normal opening hours resume.

Please call to the office during opening hours or phone us at (061) 410422 if you:

- need to update your address on record,
- wish to make or change a nomination of beneficiary,
- require a certificate of interest,
- want to pay by credit transfer or other electronic means,
- have a problem you want to discuss with us.

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St. Mary's Parish Credit Union - Insurance Benefits of Membership

Death Benefit Insurance

All eligible* members of the Credit Union are covered under our Death Benefit Insurance Policy. This presently means that in the event of your death, a lump sum of €1,950 will be paid to help with the cost of funeral expenses, thereby easing the financial burden of bereavement.

Nobody enjoys talking or even thinking about their own mortality. However the simple fact is funerals are now extremely expensive and very few people realise the impact funeral bills will have on their lives. In recent years the average cost of a funeral has increased from €1,000 to over €5,000. Death Benefit Insurance won't ease bereavement but it will go a long way towards easing the financial burden your death may place upon your family.

To qualify for death benefit insurance you must be a Credit Union member and must have joined the Credit Union before your 70th birthday and remained a member thereafter.

**Please check current eligibility limits with staff.*

Life Savings Insurance

Life Savings Insurance is the life insurance cover the Credit Union provides for its eligible members as an additional incentive for them to save regularly. The amount of insurance benefit to which a member is entitled is in proportion to the amount of savings the member has, and depends on the member's age at date of lodgement.

Every €1 you save before the age of 55 provides €1 of insurance. Once you are over the age of 55 each €1 you save with your credit union provides the following benefit:

- €1 saved between ages 55-59 provides €0.75 insurance
- €1 saved between ages 60-64 provides €0.50 insurance
- €1 saved between ages 65-69 provides €0.25 insurance

No insurance is payable on amounts saved after your 70th Birthday.

Once earned, your insurance remains in force as long as you leave your savings in your credit union.

Withdrawals may affect the amount payable. The maximum amount of savings covered by this policy is presently €20,000.00.

A member is eligible for the credit union's insurance if when they begin saving they are:

- Under the age of 70
- Actively at work, or if not working, in good health

What are the benefits?

Depending on your age and how much you have saved with your credit union over the years, Life Savings insurance could provide your dependants with up to €20,000.00 of an insurance payment on your death.

Loan Protection Insurance

Loan Protection Insurance is the insurance cover the Credit Union provides on the lives of its borrowing members.

Should an insured borrower die, or become totally and permanently disabled for any occupation, the insurance cover provides that the loan is repaid in full. If a member who is eligible for insurance cover and has signed the credit agreement dies with a loan outstanding, the loan balance is paid in full by the insurer.

You will be informed at the time of the loan application if your loan exceeds the amount covered by the credit unions policy. Under the basic policy, death cover ceases on the members 70th birthday. However, we have extended this cover, by means of the Over 70 Rider, to the member's 80th Birthday and we can cover loans up to a member's 85th Birthday, provided the member signs a form confirming that the loan is for their own personal use only. Disability cover however ceases on the eligible member's 65th birthday.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS



LOAN BASED ON € 10,000 OVER 5 YEARS

Loan Type	Rate APR	Amount Borrowed	Weekly Repayments	Loan Term	Cost of Credit
HOME IMPROVEMENT	12.17%	€10,000	€50.57	5 Years	€3,146.92

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