




**Sheephaven**  
Credit Union Limited  
At the  of the Community

## **NOTICE TO MEMBERS**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Sheephaven Credit Union will be held in the Boardwalk, Carrigart on **Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 7.30pm.**

All members are invited to attend.

*Signed: David Ladley, Secretary*

*Lots of Prizes to be won for attending members and refreshments served.*

**Annual Account  
& Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**



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	€5,000	€35.29	€27.31	€22.53
	€10,000	€70.58	€54.61	€45.05
	€15,000	€105.87	€81.91	€67.58
	€20,000	€141.15	€109.21	€90.10
	€25,000	€176.44	€136.52	€112.63

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# Order of Business

The business at the Annual General Meeting of the members shall be:

- a) The acceptance by the board of directors of the authorised representatives of members that are not natural person
- b) Ascertainment that a quorum is present
- c) Adoption of Standing Orders
- d) Reading and approval (or correction) of the minutes of the last annual general meeting
- e) Report of the Board of Directors
- f) Consideration of accounts
- g) Report of the Auditor
- h) Report of the Oversight Committee
- i) Declaration of dividend (if any)
- j) Report of the Credit Committee
- k) Report of the Credit Control Committee
- l) Report of the Membership Committee
- m) Report of the Education Committee
- n) Report of Nominating Committee
- o) Election of Auditor
- p) Election to fill vacancies of the Oversight Committee
- q) Election to fill vacancies of the Board of Directors
- r) Rule amendments (if any)
- s) Any other business
- t) Announcement of election results
- u) Adjournment or close of meeting.

There will be 1 vacancies on the Oversight Committee to be filled.  
There will be 3 vacancies on the Board of Directors to be filled.



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- **Projects that Increase BER Rating**
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- **Heat Pumps**

Other Green Projects will be considered, Terms & Conditions apply.  
Loans are subject to approval. Terms and conditions apply. If you do not meet the repayments on your loan, your account will go into arrears. This may affect your credit rating which may limit your ability to access credit in the future.  
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Dear Member

It is my honour to once again as Chairperson of the Board of Directors to present to you the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 30th of September 2024.

This year has once again seen our Credit Union achieve good continuous growth in a turbulent market. This has been driven by a number of things including Positive interest rates, well managed investments and interest on loans. This has given us a strong surplus for the year.

With this surplus we the Board of Directors are pleased to propose the payment of 0.25% dividend to all members which is a total of €54,612. We are also increasing regulatory reserves from 12% up to 12.52%, this increase will strengthen the Credit Union for years to come.

During the year you may have noticed our new website which we have launched this year. It has been designed to be more user friendly and bring more information to our members as well as making it easier to apply for loans online at a time that suits you. We are also pleased to inform you that we are hoping to launch a new phone app in 2025. Both these investments are designed to help future proof and continue the growth of the Credit Union for years to come.

Again, this year we would like to take this opportunity to urge caution when providing your information. If you are ever unsure, please stop and contact either office where our staff are always there to provide information and support.

### **SO STOP AND THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK THE LINK**

I am also very happy to say in 2024 Sheephaven Credit Union has seen very strong growth in new members of 171 new members this brings us to 4532 members as of the end of September 2024. This is great recognition of the hard work that all staff and volunteers have done over the years to make you, our members feel safe and secure.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and dedication from the manager and all his staff without whom our Credit Union would not be the same. It is a welcoming experience every time we enter the doors.

And on my own behalf I would like to thank my fellow directors, the board of oversight and to all our committees without you our credit union cannot function. These boards and committees are mostly filled by volunteers of staff that give their unpaid time. It is my privilege to work with you all.

Lastly, I would like to thank you our members, it through your continued support and confidence that Sheephaven Credit Union can grow and serve the community.

I wish you all good health and happiness over the next year.

Edward McGettigan  
Chairperson

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**Sheephaven**  
Credit Union Limited  
ESTABLISHED 1992

## Directors and Other Information

<b>Directors</b>	Edward McGettigan (Chairperson) Arek Gerwatowski (Vice-Chairperson) David Ladley (Secretary) Ciara O'Toole Geraldine Hunter Joanne Hughes Lauren Gallagher Mark McFadden Leoanna Boyce
<b>Board Oversight Committee</b>	Eamon McGinley (Chairperson) Breideen McGuigan Desmond McLaughlin
<b>Credit Union Number</b>	454 CU
<b>Main Office</b>	Main Street Carrigart Co Donegal
<b>Sub-Office</b>	Creeslough Co Donegal
<b>Auditors</b>	SMC Chartered Accountants Ltd Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm Unit 3, First Floor Glenview Business Park Mountain Top Letterkenny Co Donegal
<b>Bankers</b>	Allied Irish Bank (AIB) Main Street Dungloe Co Donegal  Danske Bank Finance Centre 1 Airton Close Tallaght

# Directors Report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30th September 2024.

## Principal Activities

The principal activities of the credit union are the provision of savings and loans to members in its common bond. The credit union manages its members' shares, capital and loans to members so that it earns income from the margin between interest payable and interest receivable.

## Business Review

The directors are satisfied with the year-end financial position of the credit union, even after taking into account the difficulties faced in the current year and increased levels of expenditure incurred. The directors are aware of the financial constraints facing members' and therefore the increased difficulties collecting debts in a timely fashion. The directors however are of the opinion that the credit union is well positioned to meet these challenges and are confident of its ability to continue to operate successfully in the future.

## Results and Dividends

The excess of expenditure over income for the year is set out in the Income and Expenditure Account on page 8.

The directors recommend payment of a dividend of 0.25% for the year ended 30th September 2024. Details are shown in Note 6 to the accounts.

## Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The principal risks and challenges facing the credit union are summarised as follows:

- Members' defaulting on loans
- Not lending a sufficient proportion of funds so that too much of the credit unions resources are tied up in investment products
- Poor performance of investments
- The risk of not having sufficient cash resources to meet day to day running costs and repay members savings when demanded.

The credit union board are fully aware of the principal risks, monitors these constantly and strives to minimise all risks and handle prudently those residual risks over which it has little control.

## Auditors

The auditors, SMC Chartered Accountants Ltd, have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 115 of the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended.

This report was approved by the board on 13th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by

*Edward McGettigan*  
**Chairperson**

*David Ladley*  
**Secretary**



# Statement of Directors' and Board Oversight Committee's Responsibilities

*for the year ended 30th September 2024*

## **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The Credit Union Act 1997, as amended requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the State of Affairs of the Credit Union and the Income and Expenditure Account of the Credit Union for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable Irish law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, including the standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and in particular FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". They are 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.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

**Edward McGettigan**  
Chairperson

**David Ladley**  
Secretary

**Date: 13th November 2024**

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

The Credit Union Act 1997, as amended requires the appointment of a Board Oversight Committee to assess whether the Board of Directors has operated in accordance with Part IV, Part IV (a) and any regulations made for the purposes of Part IV or Part IV (a) of the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended and any other matter prescribed by the Central Bank in respect of which they are to have regard in relation to the Board.

*Eamon McGinley*  
Chairperson

*Breideen McGuigan*  
Secretary

**Date: 13th November 2024**

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Sheephaven Credit Union Limited

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sheephaven Credit Union Limited for the year ended 30th September 2024, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Reserves and Cash flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Credit Union's affairs as at 30th September 2024 and its income and expenditure and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Credit Union in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

## **Other information**

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended**

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

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion proper accounting records have been kept by the Credit Union, and
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

## **Respective responsibilities**

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

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

Further details relating to our work as auditor is set out in the Scope of Responsibilities Statement contained in the appendix of this report, which is to be read as an integral part of our report.

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

Our 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.

**SMC Chartered Accountants Ltd**  
**Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm**  
**Unit 3, First Floor,**  
**Glenview Business Park**  
**Mountain Top**  
**Letterkenny**  
**Co Donegal**

**Date: 13th November 2024**

# Appendix to the Independent Auditors' Report

## Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Credit Union's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Credit Union's ability to continue as going concerns. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Credit Union to cease to continue as going concerns.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

# Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 30th September 2024

	Note	2024 €	2023 €
<b>INCOME</b>			
Interest on members' loans	4	<b>823,150</b>	750,888
Other interest income and similar income	5	<b>204,107</b>	123,520
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>1,027,257</b>	874,408
Other income	7	<b>12,630</b>	13,643
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>1,039,887</b>	888,051
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Employment costs	9b	<b>(254,003)</b>	(239,667)
Depreciation	11	<b>(34,153)</b>	(32,886)
Other management expenses (Schedule 1)		<b>(441,327)</b>	(395,298)
Net recoveries or losses on loans to members	12d	<b>34,738</b>	117,337
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>694,745</b>	550,514
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year</b>		<b>345,142</b>	337,537
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>345,142</b>	337,537

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board on 13/11/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

*John McBride*

**Manager**

*Ciara O'Toole*

**Member of the Board of Directors**

*Desmond McLaughlin*

**Member of the Board Oversight Committee**

# Balance Sheet

as at 30th September 2024

	Note	2024 €	2023 €
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	<b>5,139,855</b>	4,931,377
Tangible fixed assets	11	<b>563,932</b>	552,734
Loans to members	12	<b>11,460,369</b>	10,846,780
Prepayments and accrued income	13	<b>71,809</b>	79,887
Investments	14	<b>8,754,583</b>	8,364,437
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>25,990,548</b>	24,775,215
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Members' shares	15	<b>(22,254,227)</b>	(21,338,386)
Other payables	16	<b>(79,370)</b>	(72,567)
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>(22,333,597)</b>	(21,410,953)
<b>ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES</b>			
		<b>3,656,951</b>	3,364,262
<b>RESERVES</b>			
Operational risk reserve		<b>250,000</b>	250,000
Regulatory reserve		<b>3,255,000</b>	2,975,000
Other reserves			
- Realised reserves		<b>151,951</b>	139,262
<b>Total reserves</b>		<b>3,656,951</b>	3,364,262

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board on 13/11/2024 signed on its behalf by:

*John McBride*  
**Manager**

*Arek Gerwatowski*  
**Member of the Board of Directors**

*Eamon McGinley*  
**Member of the Board Oversight Committee**

# Statement of Changes in Reserves

for the year ended 30th September 2024

	Regulatory reserve €	Operational risk reserve €	Realised reserves €	Total reserves €
<b>Opening balance at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b>	<b>2,755,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>71,726</b>	<b>3,026,726</b>
Excess of income over expenditure for the year	-	-	337,536	337,536
Dividends paid during the year (Note 6)	-	-	-	-
Transfer between reserves	220,000	50,000	(270,000)	-
<b>Closing balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>	<b>2,975,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>139,262</b>	<b>3,364,262</b>
<b>Opening balance at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>2,975,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>139,262</b>	<b>3,364,262</b>
Excess of income over expenditure for the year	-	-	345,142	345,142
Dividends paid during the year (Note 6)	-	-	(52,453)	(52,453)
Transfer between reserves	280,000	-	(280,000)	-
<b>Closing balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>3,255,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>151,951</b>	<b>3,656,951</b>

- (1) The Regulatory reserve of the Credit Union as % of total assets as at 30th September 2024 was 12.52%. (2023: 12%).
- (2) In accordance with S45 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) Sheephaven Credit Union Ltd. put in place an Operational Risk reserve. The operational risk reserve as a % of total assets as at 30 September 2024 was 0.96% (2023: 1%).



# Cash Flow Statement

*for the year ended 30th September 2024*

	Note	2024 €	2023 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Loans repaid by members	12a	<b>4,423,694</b>	4,241,350
Loans granted to members	12a	<b>(5,044,163)</b>	(4,918,257)
Loan interest received	4	<b>821,524</b>	749,865
Investment income received	5	<b>201,829</b>	106,459
Bad debts recovered	12d	<b>41,618</b>	69,050
Dividends paid	6	<b>(52,453)</b>	-
Operating expenses paid to include employment costs		<b>(676,545)</b>	(653,029)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>(284,496)</b>	(404,562)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase/Sale of property, plant and equipment	11	<b>(45,351)</b>	(18,214)
Net cash flow from investments		<b>(390,146)</b>	535,264
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>(435,497)</b>	517,050
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>			
Members' shares received	16	<b>17,214,204</b>	15,941,501
Members' shares withdrawn	16	<b>(16,298,363)</b>	(15,294,964)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>		<b>915,841</b>	646,537
<b>Other Receipts</b>	7	<b>12,630</b>	13,643
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>208,478</b>	772,668
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<b>4,931,377</b>	4,158,709
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	10	<b>5,139,855</b>	4,931,377

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30th September 2024

## 1. Legal and regulatory framework

Sheephaven Credit Union Ltd. is established under the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended. The Credit Union is registered with the Registrar of Credit Unions and is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. The principal place of business is Carrigart, Co Donegal with a sub-office in Creeslough, Co Donegal.

## 2. Accounting policies

### 2.1. Statement of compliance and basis of preparation

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

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

### 2.2. Currency

The financial statements are prepared in Euro, which is the functional currency of the Credit Union. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest Euro.

### 2.3 Going concern

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The directors of Sheephaven Credit Union Ltd. believe this is appropriate as the Credit Union:

- Is generating annual surpluses;
- Maintains an appropriate level of liquidity; and
- Have reserves that are currently above the minimum requirements of the Central Bank.

### 2.4 Income

*Interest on members' loans*

Interest on loans to members is recognised using the effective interest method, and is calculated and accrued on a daily basis.

*Investment income*

The Credit Union currently only has investments that are valued at amortised cost, and use the effective interest method to recognise investment income.

*Other income*

Other income such as commissions receivable on insurance products and foreign exchange services arises in connection to specific transactions. Income relating to individual transactions is recognised when the transaction is completed.

### 2.5 Dividends to Members

*Dividends on shares and loan interest rebates*

Dividends are made from current year's surplus. The Board's proposed distribution to members each year is based on the dividend and loan interest rebate policy of the Credit Union.

The Board in determining the level of distribution considers its ongoing operating expenses, capital requirements and financial risks. Dividends are accounted for when

members ratify such payments at the Annual General Meeting. No liability to pay a distribution is recognised in the financial statements until the majority of members vote at the AGM.

The rate of dividend and loan interest rebate recommended by the Board will reflect:

- the risk profile of the Credit Union, particularly in its loan and investment portfolios;
- the Board's desire to maintain a stable rather than a volatile rate of dividend each year; and
- members' legitimate dividend and loan interest rebate expectations;

all dominated by prudence and the need to sustain the long-term welfare of the Credit Union.

## **2.5 Dividends to Members (continued)**

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

The Credit Union accounts for dividends and rebates of loan interest when members ratify such payments at the Annual General Meeting.

## **2.6 Taxation and Deferred Taxation**

The Credit Union is not subject to income tax or corporation tax on its activities as a Credit Union.

## **2.7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise operating cash on hand and cash deposited with banks with original maturity of less than or equal to three months.

## **2.8 Financial instruments**

The Credit Union has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised when the Credit Union becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when, and only when, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets and liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

## **2.9 Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets are initially measured at the transaction price, including transaction costs, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Basic financial instruments include the following:

### *Loans to members*

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

### *Investments held at amortised cost*

Investments held at amortised cost are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment. This means that the investment is measured at the amount paid for the investment, minus any repayments of the principal; plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the amount at initial recognition and the maturity amount; minus, in the case of a financial asset, any reduction for impairment or un-collectability. This effectively spreads out the return on such investments over time, but does take account immediately of any impairment in the value of the investment.

### *Held to Maturity investments*

Investments designated on initial recognition as held-to-maturity is investments that the credit union intends, and is able to, hold to maturity. These are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The fair value of some investment products will change during their life, but they will have a fixed maturity value at some future date. When designated as held-to-maturity, any change in the fair value during the term of the investment is ignored, with the credit union only accounting for interest received.

## **2.10 Other receivables**

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

## **2.11 Impairment of loans to members**

Sheephaven Credit Union Ltd assesses, at each balance sheet date, if there is objective evidence that any of its loans to members are impaired. The loans are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics except for individually significant loans which are assessed on a loan by loan basis for impairment. In addition, if, during the course of the year, there is objective evidence that any individual loan is impaired, a specific loss will be recognised.

Any impairment losses are recognised in the Income and Expenditure account, as the difference between the carrying value of the loan and the net present value of the expected cash flows.

## **2.12 Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### *Financial liabilities members' shares and deposits*

Members' shares in the Credit Union are redeemable and therefore are classified as financial liabilities. They are initially recognised at the amount of cash deposited and subsequently members' deposits are measured at the nominal amount.

### *Other payables*

Other payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. Other payables are recognised initially at transaction price.

### **2.13 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets comprises items of property, fixtures and fittings, and office and computer equipment, which are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each item of property, plant and equipment, less its estimated residual value over its estimated useful life. The categories of property, plant and equipment are depreciated as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line
Office & Computer equipment	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line

### **2.14 Impairment of tangible fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the Credit Union reviews the carrying value of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in the Income and Expenditure account.

### **2.15 Employee benefits**

#### *Defined Benefit Pension Scheme*

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

The scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme and there is insufficient information for Sheephaven Credit Union Limited to separately identify its share of the Scheme's underlying assets and liabilities. Consequently, the Credit Union accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution plan.

If an agreement is entered into with the Scheme that determines how Sheephaven Credit Union Limited will fund a past service deficit, Sheephaven Credit Union Limited shall recognise a liability for the contributions payable that arise from the agreement (to the extent that they relate to the deficit).

#### *Defined Contribution Pension Scheme*

Sheephaven Credit Union Ltd. also participates in a defined contribution pension scheme, to which some of its employees are members. Pension benefits are funded over the employee's period of service by way of defined contributions paid to an approved fund held with New Ireland Assurance Company Plc. Contributions are based on a fixed percentage of an employee's annual salary and the charge to the

Income and Expenditure Account reflects contributions paid and payable in respect of the year ended 30th September 2024.

#### *Other Employee Benefits*

The costs of short-term employee benefits, including holiday pay, are recognised as a liability and as an expense (unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of fixed assets) over the period they are earned.

### **2.16 Reserves**

#### *Regulatory reserve*

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

#### *Operational Risk reserve*

The Credit Union has established an Operational Risk reserve which is separate, distinct and in addition to the reserves the Credit Union is required to hold in its Regulatory reserve. The amount held in the Operational Risk reserve is the predicted impact of operational risk events that may have a material impact on the Credit Union's business.

#### *Other reserves – Realised reserves*

Realised reserves are the accumulated surpluses to date that have not been declared as dividends returnable to members.

### **3. Use of estimates and judgements**

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

#### *Impairment losses on loans to members*

The Credit Union's accounting policy for impairment of financial assets is set out in accounting policy in Note 2.12. The estimation of loan losses is inherently uncertain and depends upon many factors, including historic loan loss trends, credit risk characteristics in loan classes, local and international economic climates, conditions in various sectors of the economy to which the Credit Union is exposed, and, other external factors such as legal and regulatory requirements.

#### *Impairment of buildings*

The credit union's policy is to carry out periodic impairment reviews of the credit union's premises comparing the carrying value of each property to the market value at the balance sheet date. Impairment reviews are subject to the assumption that a market exists for the relevant property at the date of review. The estimates of impairment based on market value are recognised in the Income & Expenditure account in the period identified.

### *Pensions*

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

## **4. Interest on members' loans**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	€	€
Closing accrued loan interest receivable	<b>18,343</b>	16,717
Loan interest received in year	<b>821,524</b>	749,865
Opening accrued loan interest receivable	<b>(16,717)</b>	(15,694)
<b>Total interest on members' loans</b>	<b>823,150</b>	750,888

## **5. Other interest income and similar income**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	€	€
Closing investment income accrued, receivable within 12 months	<b>46,037</b>	43,759
Investment income and gains received by the Balance Sheet date	<b>201,829</b>	106,459
Opening investment income accrued	<b>(43,759)</b>	(26,698)
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>204,107</b>	123,520

## **6. Dividends payable**

The dividends and loan interest rebate for the current and prior year periods were as follows:

	<b>2024€</b>	2023
		€
<b>Dividend paid during the year</b>	<b>52,453</b>	-
Dividend rate:		
Members' shares	<b>0.25%</b>	0%

No loan interest rebate was paid for the current or prior year.

The directors recommend payment of a dividend of 0.25% (€54,612) for the year ended 30th September 2024, subject to agreement by the membership at the AGM.

No loan interest rebate is proposed for the current year.

## 7. Other income

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	€	€
ECCU rebate	<b>0</b>	0
Other commissions & fees	<b>4,130</b>	4,378
Other income	<b>8,500</b>	9,265
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>12,630</b>	<b>13,643</b>

## 8. Expenses

	Note	<b>2024</b>	2023
		€	€
Employment costs	9b	<b>254,003</b>	239,667
Depreciation	11	<b>34,153</b>	32,886
Other management expenses (Schedule 1)		<b>441,327</b>	395,298
		<b>729,483</b>	<b>667,851</b>

## 9. Employees and employment costs

### 9a. Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	Number	Number
Manager	<b>1</b>	1
Other staff	<b>13</b>	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>

### 9b. Employment costs

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	€	€
Wages and salaries	<b>208,500</b>	196,937
Social security costs	<b>19,960</b>	19,073
Payments to pension schemes	<b>25,543</b>	23,657
<b>Total employment costs</b>	<b>254,003</b>	<b>239,667</b>



### 9c. Key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Short term employee benefits	106,248	104,094
Payments to pension schemes	18,020	17,285
<b>Total key management personnel compensation</b>	<b>124,268</b>	<b>121,379</b>

### 10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	€	€
Cash balances	1,419,074	1,301,635
Fixed term deposits with banks	3,720,781	3,137,999
Bank bonds	-	491,743
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>5,139,855</b>	<b>4,931,377</b>

Deposits and investments categorised under cash and cash equivalents above are those with maturity of less than or equal to three months.

### 11. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets comprise the following property, plant and equipment::

	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	758,067	96,231	47,460	138,761	1,040,519
Additions	-	-	1,207	44,144	45,351
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>758,067</b>	<b>96,231</b>	<b>48,667</b>	<b>182,905</b>	<b>1,085,870</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	242,255	78,727	41,791	125,012	487,785
Charge for the year	9,900	6,132	1,717	16,404	34,153
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>252,155</b>	<b>84,859</b>	<b>43,508</b>	<b>141,416</b>	<b>521,938</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>505,912</b>	<b>11,372</b>	<b>5,159</b>	<b>41,489</b>	<b>563,932</b>
At 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	515,812	17,504	5,669	13,749	552,734

## 12. Loans to members – financial assets

### 12a. Loans to members

	Note	2024 €	2023 €
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> October		<b>11,244,296</b>	10,600,810
Advanced during the year		<b>5,044,163</b>	4,918,257
Repaid during the year		<b>(4,423,694)</b>	(4,241,350)
Loans written off		<b>(28,658)</b>	(33,421)
<b>Gross loans to members</b>	12b	<b>11,836,107</b>	11,244,296
Impairment allowances			
Individual loans		<b>(175,738)</b>	(197,516)
Groups of loans		<b>(200,000)</b>	(200,000)
<b>Loan provision</b>	12c	<b>(375,738)</b>	(397,516)
<b>As at 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12b	<b>11,460,369</b>	10,846,780

## 12b. Credit risk disclosures

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

	2024		2023	
	Amount €	Proportion %	Amount €	Proportion %
<b>Gross loans Not impaired:</b>				
Not past due	<b>11,037,364</b>	<b>93.25%</b>	10,271,281	91.35%
<b>Gross loans individually impaired</b>				
Not past due	<b>82,526</b>	<b>0.70%</b>	114,480	1.02%
Up to 9 weeks past due	<b>527,324</b>	<b>4.46%</b>	651,203	5.79%
Between 10 and 18 weeks past due	<b>63,900</b>	<b>0.54%</b>	33,960	0.30%
Between 19 and 26 weeks past due	<b>3,364</b>	<b>0.03%</b>	8,632	0.08%
Between 27 and 39 weeks past due	<b>5,303</b>	<b>0.04%</b>	30,576	0.27%
Between 40 and 52 weeks past due	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	22,183	0.20%
53 or more weeks past due	<b>116,326</b>	<b>0.98%</b>	111,981	1.00%
<b>Gross loans individually impaired</b>	<b>798,743</b>	<b>6.75%</b>	973,015	8.65%
<b>Gross loans collectively impaired</b>				
Not past due	-	-	-	-
Up to 9 weeks past due	-	-	-	-
Between 10 and 18 weeks past due	-	-	-	-
Between 19 and 26 weeks past due	-	-	-	-
Between 27 and 39 weeks past due	-	-	-	-
Between 40 and 52 weeks past due	-	-	-	-
53 or more weeks due	-	-	-	-
Gross loans collectively impaired	-	-	-	-
<b>Total gross loans</b>	<b>11,836,107</b>	<b>100%</b>	1,244,296	100%
<b>Impairment allowance</b>				
Individual loans	(175,738)		(197,516)	
Groups of loans	(200,000)		(200,000)	
<b>Total carrying value</b>	<b>11,460,369</b>		<b>10,846,780</b>	

Factors that are considered in determining whether loans are impaired are discussed in Note 3, dealing with estimates.

### 12c. Loan provision account for impairment losses

	2024	2023
	€	€
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> October	397,516	479,224
Net movement in loan provisions for loans outstanding	6,880	(48,287)
Decrease in loan provisions during the year	(28,658)	(33,421)
<b>As at 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>375,738</b>	<b>397,516</b>

### 12d. Net recoveries or losses recognised for the year

	2024	2022
	€	€
Bad debts recovered	41,618	69,050
Reduction/(Increase) in loan provisions during the year	21,778	81,708
	<b>63,396</b>	150,758
Loans written off	(28,658)	(33,421)
<b>Net recoveries on loans to members recognised for the year</b>	<b>34,738</b>	<b>117,337</b>

### 12e. Analysis of Gross Loans Outstanding

	2024		2023	
	Number of	€	Number of	€
	Loans		Loans	
Less than one year	162	239,118	176	255,919
Greater than 1 year and less than 3 years	502	3,059,638	460	2,660,743
Greater than 3 and less than 5 years	479	5,406,645	485	5,459,136
Greater than 5 years and less than 10 years	99	3,130,706	95	2,868,498
Greater than 10 years and less than 25 years	-	-	-	-
Greater than 25 years	-	-	-	-
	<b>1,242</b>	<b>11,836,107</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>11,244,296</b>

### 13. Prepayments and accrued income

	2024	2023
	€	€
Prepayments	7,429	19,411
Accrued income investments	46,037	43,759
Accrued loan interest income	18,343	16,717
	<b>71,809</b>	<b>79,887</b>

## 14. Investments

Investments at the current and prior Balance Sheet date were all measured at amortised cost as appropriate and comprised of the following:

### Cash Equivalents (Original Maturity within 3 months)

	2024	2023
	€	€
Fixed term deposits with banks (note 10)	<b>3,720,781</b>	3,137,999
Bank bonds (note 10)	-	491,743
<b>Total cash equivalents</b>	<b>3,720,781</b>	<b>3,629,742</b>

### Other (Original Maturity after 3 months)

	2024	2023
	€	€
Fixed term deposits with banks	<b>5,876,969</b>	5,450,000
Bank Bonds	<b>2,770,950</b>	2,807,773
Central Bank Minimum deposits	<b>106,664</b>	106,664
<b>Total other</b>	<b>8,754,583</b>	<b>8,364,437</b>

The category of counterparties with whom the deposits and investments were held was as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
A+	<b>771,169</b>	0
A1	<b>2,944,886</b>	2,948,030
A2	<b>1,254,895</b>	1,264,476
A1-	<b>2,000,000</b>	2,000,000
AA-	<b>426,969</b>	795,267
Baa1	<b>1,250,000</b>	1,250,000
<b>Total deposits and investments</b>	<b>8,647,919</b>	<b>8,257,773</b>

## 15. Members' Shares – financial liabilities

	2024	2023
	€	€
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>21,338,386</b>	20,691,849
Received during the year	<b>17,214,204</b>	15,941,501
Repaid during the year	<b>(16,298,363)</b>	(15,294,964)
<b>As at 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>22,254,227</b>	<b>21,338,386</b>

Members' shares are repayable on demand except for shares attached to loans. The breakdown of the shares between attached and unattached is as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	€	€
Unattached shares	<b>20,390,271</b>	19,538,653
Attached shares	<b>1,863,956</b>	1,799,733
<b>Total members' shares</b>	<b>22,254,227</b>	<b>21,338,386</b>

## 16. Other payables

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	€	€
Members car draw	<b>6,633</b>	8,552
Other accruals	<b>72,737</b>	64,015
	<b>79,370</b>	<b>72,567</b>

## 17. Rate of interest on members loans

	<b>APR %</b>
Standard loans	<b>9.41%</b>
Standard loans – issued from 01/10/2023	<b>10.5%</b>
Student loans	<b>5.12%</b>
Secured loans	<b>5.64%</b>
Car Promotion loans	<b>6.72%</b>
Christmas loans	<b>5.64%</b>
Home improvement & Renovate loans	<b>7.25%</b>
Wedding Loan	<b>8.2%</b>
Holiday Loan	<b>8.2%</b>
Farm Loan	<b>6.75%</b>
Go Green Go Clean Loan	<b>5.1%</b>
Health Wealth Loan	<b>6.75%</b>
Sports & Leisure Loan	<b>9.4%</b>
Pearl anniversary Loan	<b>4.3%</b>

## 18. Additional financial instruments disclosures

### 18a. Financial risk management

Sheephaven Credit Union Ltd. is a provider of personal and business loans and also provides savings products to its members. The Credit Union invests excess funds with a view to ensuring that the return from members' loans and investments is adequate to meet the overheads of the Credit Union and provide a reasonable return to members on shares and deposits. The Credit Union has a risk register in place to help the directors manage the various risks arising from its activities to include the issuing

of loans to members and investing the excess funds of the Credit Union. The main financial risks arising from Sheephaven Credit Union's activities are credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks, which are summarised below.

**Credit risk:** Credit risk is the risk that a borrower will default on their contractual obligations relating to repayments to Sheephaven Credit Union Ltd., resulting in financial loss to the Credit Union. In order to manage this risk the Board approves the Credit Union's credit policy, and all changes to it. All loan applications are assessed with reference to the credit policy in force at the time. Subsequently loans are regularly reviewed for any factors that may indicate that the likelihood of repayment has changed. The credit risk on members' loans is disclosed in Note 12b.

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

**Liquidity risk:** The Credit Union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in liquid form at all times to ensure that it can meet its liabilities as they fall due. The Credit Union adheres on an ongoing basis to the minimum liquidity ratio and minimum short term liquidity ratio as set out in the Credit Union Act 1997 (Regulatory Requirements) Regulations 2016.

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

**Interest rate risk:** The Credit Union's main interest rate risk arises from differences between the interest rate exposures on the receivables and payables that form an integral part of a Credit Union's operations. The Credit Union considers rates of interest receivable on investments and members' loans when deciding on the dividend rate payable on shares and on any loan interest rebate.

#### **18b. Interest rate risk disclosures**

The interest rates applicable to loans to members are disclosed in note 17. The dividend on shares and interest on deposits is determined on the basis of income less administrative expenses and, as can be seen above, a consistent margin is maintained between interest receivable and dividend on shares. As a result, the surplus for the year is not particularly sensitive to interest rate risk and no sensitivity analysis is presented.

#### **18c. Liquidity risk disclosures**

All of the financial liabilities of the Credit Union are repayable on demand except for some members' shares attached to loans and members' deposits which have a fixed maturity date.

#### **18d. Fair value of financial instruments**

Sheephaven Credit Union Ltd. does not hold any financial instruments at fair value.

#### **18e. Capital**

The Credit Union maintains sufficient reserves to buffer the Credit Union against any losses on its members' loans and also its investments. The current Regulatory reserves are in excess of the minimum requirement set down by the Central Bank and stand at 12.52% of the total assets of the Credit Union at the Balance Sheet date.

#### **19. Retirement benefit and similar obligations**

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

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

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

At the date of closure of the scheme, there was a past service deficit which was allocated to each individual credit union based on the total benefits earned by staff in each credit union. Sheephaven Credit Union Limited's allocation of that past service deficit is €278,590. This total cost was included in the Income & Expenditure account for the year ended 30 September 2022 and this deficit amount was paid to the trustees prior to 30/09/2022. During the year ending 30th September 2024 there were no contributions in respect of a past service deficit payable and hence no charge to the Income and Expenditure account.

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

If credit unions exit the Scheme, they are required to pay to the trustees the exit amount which the trustees determine is required to fund benefits in respect of their active, deferred and pensioner members on a "no risk" basis. The exiting credit union thereby settles any liability they have to contribute to the Scheme in the future without increasing the risk for remaining credit unions.

#### **20. Post Balance Sheet events**

There are no material events after the Balance Sheet date to disclose.

#### **21. Capital commitments**



There were no capital commitments either contracted for or approved by the Board at the year end.

## **22. Capital commitments**

The Credit Union has insurance against fraud for the year ended 30th September 2024 in the amount of €1,269,738 (2023: €1,269,738) in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended.

## **23. Related party transactions**

During the year loans were advanced to officers and related parties in the amount of €113,700 (2023: €109,450). These loans were approved in accordance with the Standard Credit Union rules and the Credit Union Act 1997 (Regulatory Requirements) Regulations 2016. The loans outstanding from these parties at 30th September 2024 were €383,706 (2023: €357,399). These loans amounted to 3.24% of total gross loans due at 30th September 2024 (2023: 3.18%).

There was provision of €9,150 held against loans due from the directors, management team or related parties at the Balance Sheet date.

The officers and related party share balances stood at €498,080 at 30th September 2024 (2023: €445,092).

## **24. Approval of Financial Statements**

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board on 13th November 2024.

# Schedule to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30th September 2024

## Schedule 1 - Other management expenses

	2024	2023
	€	€
Rent & Rates	<b>3,404</b>	5,871
Light, Heat & Cleaning	<b>13,035</b>	15,818
Repairs & maintenance	<b>13,761</b>	5,283
Printing & stationery	<b>7,927</b>	6,686
Postage & telephone	<b>8,369</b>	7,625
Donations and sponsorship	<b>1,635</b>	3,317
Promotion and advertising	<b>9,681</b>	10,418
Training & education	<b>10,878</b>	8,895
AGM expenses	<b>7,026</b>	7,560
Travel & subsistence	<b>1,633</b>	705
Bank charges	<b>19,284</b>	13,252
Entertainment costs	<b>2,398</b>	2,132
Interest charged on bank accounts	<b>0</b>	(51)
Audit fees	<b>11,377</b>	8,303
Internal audit fee	<b>9,841</b>	8,609
Risk management	<b>10,157</b>	5,991
General insurance	<b>21,390</b>	20,209
Share and loan insurance	<b>106,277</b>	108,090
Death benefit insurance	<b>2,578</b>	2,549
Legal and professional fees	<b>15,347</b>	14,980
Computer maintenance	<b>70,594</b>	47,406
Miscellaneous expenses	<b>8,905</b>	14,790
Other staff costs	<b>6,440</b>	0
Affiliation fees	<b>6,949</b>	4,891
SPS contribution	<b>683</b>	1,724
Regulatory and other levies	<b>10,663</b>	8,551
Resolution fund levy	<b>0</b>	5,813
CUSOP expenses	<b>18,306</b>	14,970
Payac services	<b>16,356</b>	0
(Gains)/Impairment of investments	<b>(11,665)</b>	18,142
Deposit guarantee scheme	<b>38,098</b>	22,769
<b>Total other management expenses</b>	<b>441,327</b>	<b>395,298</b>

## HAVE YOU SET UP A CREDIT UNION NOMINATION?

This is a unique facility available to credit union members. Credit unions have a nomination facility whereby if you are over 16 years of age, you can nominate a person(s) to receive the property of your credit union accounts upon your death.

The Credit Union Act allows Members to instruct that in the event of their death, the value of their savings with the Credit Union passes to one or more specified persons.

The advantage of this is that the money is paid to the nominated beneficiary quickly and without any complicated process involving Solicitors or probate.

If you haven't set up a Nomination, it is very important that you do so. It doesn't cost anything.

If you have setup a Nomination, we urge you to consider if it is up-to-date and reflects your current wishes as things may have changed (e.g., change of marital or other circumstances) since you set it up.

Nominations are easy to set up. All you do is complete a simple form in the Credit Union. There is no need for Solicitors or any member of your family to be involved.

### **Nominations:**

- Must be in writing and signed by you.
- You may change the details of your nomination as often as you like. A completed nomination must be signed and witnessed. Ask in the office and a staff member will help you complete the relevant form and witness your signature. The most recent nomination is the valid nomination.
- The Statutory maximum amount that can pass under a nomination is currently €27,000. Any amount in excess of this balance will form part of your estate.
- May be cancelled or amended by you at any time by giving any subsequent written instructions to the Credit Union before you die.
- A nomination is automatically revoked when your nominee dies before you. In this case, you should consider completing a new nomination. If you do not, your property in the Credit Union will form part of your estate.
- Cannot be varied by your will, which allows the Credit Union to make the payment without any complicated process involving Solicitors or probate.
- Cannot instruct that your savings pass to any Credit Union Officer unless they are in your family.
- Where your personal circumstances change (e.g., marriage, divorce or separation) you should review your nomination at that time.

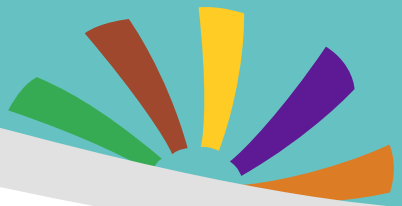
If you would like to setup or update a Nomination call to our offices at Carrigart or Creeslough or telephone 074 9155866 or 074 9138765 if you require further information.



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## Could **YOU** make a difference?

JOIN OUR WINNING TEAM



AND YOU WILL...

- GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.
- AVAIL OF FURTHER TRAINING.
- ENHANCE YOUR OWN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.
- SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY.
- MEET NEW PEOPLE.
- MAKE FRIENDS.

DO YOU HAVE?

8 -10 HOURS MONTHLY TO SPARE?

GOOD SKILLS & SOUND JUDGEMENT?

A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OR  
COMMITTEE MEMBER AND MAKE DECISIONS.

*“Alone we can do little,  
Together we can do so much”*

### The Nominating Committee.

The credit union movement is built upon the efforts of thousands of volunteers, who give freely of their time and skills in the spirit of co-operation. A member can develop both personally and professionally by volunteering. There are many roles to suit and our credit union committees offer an excellent starting point for new volunteers. Should you be selected to join our board and/ or committees all training needs will be identified and provided. So, take the first step... TALK TO US TODAY.



AVAILABLE FOR APRIL – MAY – JUNE

# RENOVATE LOAN

## 10 Year Loan

Repayments can be spread over 10 years

**€10,000 to €50,000 @ 7.25% APR**

Repayments for 50K = €581 per month

Now taking applications.

Free Loan Insurance. *T&C's Apply*



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# SPECIAL GREEN CAR LOAN

Rate of  
**5.1% APR**

Loans up to

## €40,000 AVAILABLE

New or Second-Hand Electric / Hybrid  
Cars Self-Charging or Plug-in

**Repayments Weekly, Fortnightly  
or Monthly spread over 5 Years**

Total Amount	Weekly Payments	Monthly Payments
€10,000	€43.47	€188.73
€15,000	€65.21	€283.09
€20,000	€86.94	€377.45
€25,000	€108.68	€471.81
€30,000	€130.41	€566.18
€40,000	€173.88	€754.90

Repayments can be made to suit your income, weekly, fortnightly or monthly and can be spread over 5 Years.

**FREE** loan protection insurance (T & C's)

No balloon payments and no hidden cost or fees.

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A €20,000 loan payable of 5 years with a variable interest rate will have monthly repayments of €377.45. Interest rate 5.1% APR (Annual Percentage Rate). If the APR does not vary during the term of the loan the total credit of this loan is. Total amount repayable less the amount of the loan, would be €2,646.46. Terms & conditions apply. SheepHaven Credit Union is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.







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*Special  
Rate*

# Holiday Loan Rate of **8.2% Apr** with Free Loan Insurance




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Car Loan Promotion	@ 6.7% APR	Now on
Go Green Go Clean Loan Projects that increase BER rating	@ 5.1% APR	Our best rate ever Loans up to €50,000 available
HealthWealth Loan	@ 6.75% APR	Now on
Wedding Loan	@ 8.2% APR	Now on
Renovate Loan	@ 7.25% APR	Available April - June Loans from €10,000 - €50,000
Standard rate Loan	@ 10.6% APR	e.g.: Repay €10,000 at €48.87 per week over 5 years or €15,000 at €73.31 per week over 5 years.
Improve Your Home	@ 7.25% APR	Available September - November Loans from €10,000 - €50,000
Secured Loan	@ 5.6% APR	Covered by Shares
Promotional Farm Loan	@ 6.75% APR	
Sports & Leisure Loan	@ 9.4% APR	
Holiday Loan	@ 8.2% APR	
Educational Loan	@ 5.1% Apr	
Go Green Car Loan	@ 5.1% Apr	Available Now

Check out our website at [www.sheephavencu.ie](http://www.sheephavencu.ie) for more details and repayment amounts on the above loans or give us a call on 074 9155866 or 074 9138765. Free Loan Protection Insurance. Terms & Condition apply.

Loans can be applied through our app or by logging into [www.sheephavencu.ie](http://www.sheephavencu.ie) and using our online banking platform (available 24/7). Applications are also accepted at our officers at Carrigart & Creeslough daily Monday to Friday until 3pm and on Saturday until 2pm.

## ***New Members always welcome.***

*Local, Loyal, and Lending  
For all your Financial Needs  
Owned by You the Members*

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### **Carrigart Office**

Monday 10.30am – 4.30pm  
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm  
Saturday 9.30am – 3.00pm  
(Open through Lunch)

### **Creeslough Office**

Monday 10.30am – 1pm  
1.30pm – 4.30pm  
Tuesday - Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm  
1.30pm – 4.30pm  
Saturday 10.00am – 3.00pm