



**BALLINASLOE**  
Credit Union  
LOCAL LOYAL LENDING

# Notice, Agenda & Committee Reports AGM 2025

Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.  
Credit Union Registered Number 202CU





## Board of Directors

Chairperson	Sean Madden
Vice Chairperson	Adrian Ahern
Secretary	Eileen Reddin
Board of Directors	George Francis Michael Lally Sean Kelly Brian King Aju Abraham <i>Resigned May 25</i> Jessica Caldecott <i>Resigned May 25</i>

## Board Oversight Committee

Aidan Clifford, Declan Harney, Edward Kelly

## Board Committees

### Audit & Risk Committee

Sean Kelly, Michael Lally, Sean Madden

### Nominations Committee

Brian King, Goerge Francis Sean Madden

### Remuneration Committee

Sean Madden, Eileen Reddin Adrian Ahern

### External Auditor

Grant Thornton

### Internal Auditor

Moore Ireland

### Solicitors

Joseph M Jordan Solicitor

### Investment Advisors

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# Agenda

The business at annual general meetings of the members shall be:

1. The acceptance by the Board of Directors of the authorised representatives of members that are not natural persons;
2. Ascertainment that a quorum is present;
3. Adoption of Standing Orders;
4. Reading and approval (or correction) of the minutes of the last general meeting;
5. Report of the Board of Directors;
6. Report of the Auditor;
7. Consideration of accounts;
8. Report of the Board Oversight Committee;
9. Declaration of dividend / rebate of interest & approval of ILCU affiliation fee;
10. Notice of Motions;
11. Report of the Nomination Committee;
12. Appointment of Tellers;
13. Election of Auditor;
14. Election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and Board Oversight Committee;
15. Report of the Credit Committee;
16. Report of the Credit Control Committee;
17. Report of the Membership Committee;
18. Report of the Audit and Risk Committee;
19. Report of Marketing, Youth And Education Committee;
20. Report of the Finance Committee;
21. Any other business;
22. Announcement of election results;
23. Adjournment or close of meeting.

## Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of Ballinasloe Credit Union will be held on the Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 6.00 p.m. in the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

The members assembled at any general meeting may suspend the order of business upon a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the meeting.

# Standing Orders for Annual General Meeting 2025



## MOTIONS

1. All motions must be proposed and seconded by members present at the AGM and moved by the proposer.
2. 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.
3. In exercising his/her right of reply, a proposer may not introduce new material.
4. The seconder of a motion shall have such time as shall be allowed by the chair to second the motion.
5. Members are entitled to speak on any such motion and must do so through the chair. All speakers to any motion shall have such time as shall be at the discretion of the chair.
6. 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

7. 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.
8. The chair may at his/her discretion, extend the privilege of the floor to any person who is not a member.
9. Only matters covered by the Agenda at the AGM may be considered.

10. The chairman's decision on any matter relating to these Standing Orders or interpretation of same shall be final.
11. 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.
12. Any Special Resolution to be decided upon by vote at the AGM shall, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law or the rules, be decided upon by 75% majority of those present and voting by electronic poll.

## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

## ALTERATION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

## ADJOURNMENTS

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

## Rights and Responsibilities of Members

As one of the owners of the Credit Union, you have a right to know how it is being run and how it is performing. With this right comes the responsibility to contribute to the effective and fair running of the Credit Union. The best way to exercise these rights and responsibilities is to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM), contribute to discussions about Credit Union matters and with care, elect to office, people who will have the general good of the membership at heart. Every member has one vote at the AGM regardless of the number of shares (savings) they hold.

# Chairperson's Report

I am honoured, as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Ballinasloe Credit Union, to present our Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2025. Credit unions are an essential part of Ireland's financial and social fabric. As member-owned, community-based, not-for-profit financial institutions, we are committed to maintaining accessible services in our local communities and to delivering exceptional in-person and online experiences.

## Executive Summary – 2025 Highlights

Merger proposal with Gort Credit Union and a resolution to rename the combined entity to 'Gateway Credit Union'.

Continued integration of sustainability into our operations; appointed SDG Ambassadors by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications for 2025.

Strong financial performance with a surplus to fund future services, maintain reserves, and support community initiatives.

New products and services: Term Deposit products and SEPA Instant Credit Transfer; fixed-rate mortgage product planned for 2026.

Member distributions proposed: Dividend of 0.40% on share balances; Social Fund maintained at €75,000 for 2026.

## Collaboration

This evening, members are asked to consider formal resolutions to approve a merger with Gort Credit Union and to rename the combined credit union 'Gateway Credit Union'. The Board believes that, by combining our strengths, we will build on our proud record and continue to make a distinct, positive contribution to our members and community.

In advance of tonight's meeting, you received an information pack outlining the financial positions of both credit unions and the benefits of the proposed merger. The new name reflects our shared identity as Galway's Gateway towns.

This is an historic moment for both Credit Unions. We are proud to follow in the footsteps of previous boards—continuing to innovate and evolve the credit union business model for the benefit of our members. I encourage you to support these resolutions and join us in this new chapter of our credit unions' history.

## Sustainability Report

For the fourth consecutive year, we have incorporated a Sustainability Report into our Annual Report. Guided by the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and aligned to our credit union Operating Principles, this framework reflects our belief in creating conditions under which our members and communities can thrive.

The aspirations embedded in the UN SDGs are closely aligned with the ten credit union Operating Principles.

The SDGs provide a clear, international framework through which we can share our sustainability story—illustrated throughout this booklet.

Sustainability is deeply embedded in our ethos and in the way we operate. As the only financial institutions in Ireland owned and governed by their members, credit unions are, by design, sustainable.

## ESG Initiatives

In 2025, Ballinasloe Credit Union reinforced its commitment to sustainability by supporting a range of impactful initiatives:

Promoted health and well-being by supporting local sports clubs and wellness programmes.

Contributed to a sensory garden at a local school—fostering biodiversity and providing a peaceful, eco-friendly space for students and the wider community.

Enhanced educational opportunities by funding local schools and supporting programmes that empower families and encourage early learning.

Supported the Ballinasloe Enterprise Centre, helping local entrepreneurs access resources to innovate and grow—strengthening our community's economic resilience.

## Financials

Ballinasloe Credit Union has traded successfully for nearly 60 years. This year's surplus will fund future member services, maintain reserves, and support distributions for the long-term good of the credit union.

Key performance indicators for the year ended 30 September 2025:

• Gross Loans	€51.9m
• Member Savings	€118m
• Income	€4.8m
• Surplus	€1.3m
• Assets	€144m
• Regulatory Reserves	17%

Gross Loans Outstanding (€51.9m) as a percentage of Total Assets stands at 36% (2024: 37%), among the strongest in our peer group—credit unions with total assets over €100 million. We have set aside a provision for loan losses amounting to 6.3% of gross loans outstanding.

## Lending

Our loan book grew by 5% in 2025. Gross loans issued during the year were €19.7m, including €3m in mortgages. Member repayments remained strong, and together with impaired loans written off, resulted in an overall increase of €2.4m in gross loans outstanding.

In a volatile economic environment, credit unions remain vital, accessible providers of affordable and ethical financial services. We are committed to serving everyone

in our community and urge those who may have relied on doorstep lenders, or who might be tempted by unregulated lenders, to talk to us first.

### New Products and Services

Term Deposit Products introduced in 2024/2025—1, 3 and 5-year terms—offering members the option to lock savings and earn a fair return.

SEPA Instant Credit Transfer (SEPA Inst) launched in October 2025, enabling pan-European credit transfers with funds available in less than ten seconds—24/7, including evenings, weekends, and holidays.

A fixed-rate mortgage product is planned for 2026, further enhancing our mortgage offering and bringing much-needed choice to the market.

### Distributions from Surplus

In 2025, we continued to support members through a challenging and volatile economic environment. Responsible, prudent decision-making remains central to our long-term approach. Our focus on community and sustainable finance has led us to begin developing a long-term community support strategy anchored by our existing Social Fund.

Dividend of 0.40% on share balances (proposed). Members can also earn deposit interest on longer-term savings via our Term Deposit Products.

Loan Interest Rebate: 0% (proposed). Loan interest rates have been maintained at consistent levels over the past two years, despite aggressive rate increases elsewhere in the economy.

Social Fund: increased to €75,000 in 2024 and maintained at this level for 2026. We encourage community groups to apply for support via the application forms available on our website.

ILCU Annual Affiliation Fee: absorbed into operating expenditure on behalf of members (2025 figure to be inserted).

Overall, the Board is prioritising continued strengthening of the credit union's financial position so we can always be there for members when needed. Distributions from surplus are reviewed annually, and our strategy is to make future distributions in a targeted way for the benefit of members and the wider community.

### Future Strategy

We will continue to strengthen our balance sheet through cost control and income generation, within an overarching strategy of building financial and operational resilience to support long-term sustainability.

From a service delivery perspective, Ballinasloe Credit Union, alongside other credit unions in Ireland, won the CXi award for customer experience for the eleventh consecutive year. Credit unions were also ranked as the most highly regarded organisations in Ireland in the Ireland RepTrak® 2025 study—an important acknowledgment of the trust placed in credit unions and the value of our friendly, people-focused approach.

Members expect both innovative digital services and human connection. We deliver digital experiences with a human touch: no matter how you choose to engage with us, friendly staff are always available to provide support and guidance.

Our intention is to continue delivering value-for-money financial services, excellence in member service, and sustained support for the wider community through sponsorships and our enhanced Social Fund.

### Acknowledgements

I extend my sincere thanks to the management team and staff for their commitment and professionalism in meeting the standards of service required and ensuring the credit union continues to provide a vital community service.

I also thank my fellow Directors and the Board Oversight Committee for their contribution during the year. To retired colleagues, I offer my appreciation for your service and commitment during your time on the Board.

Above all, thank you to our loyal members for your continued support and dedication. We will continue to grow and develop to sustain a strong, stable credit union that always puts members first.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire team at Ballinasloe Credit Union, I wish all our members a safe and prosperous 2026.

### Sean Madden

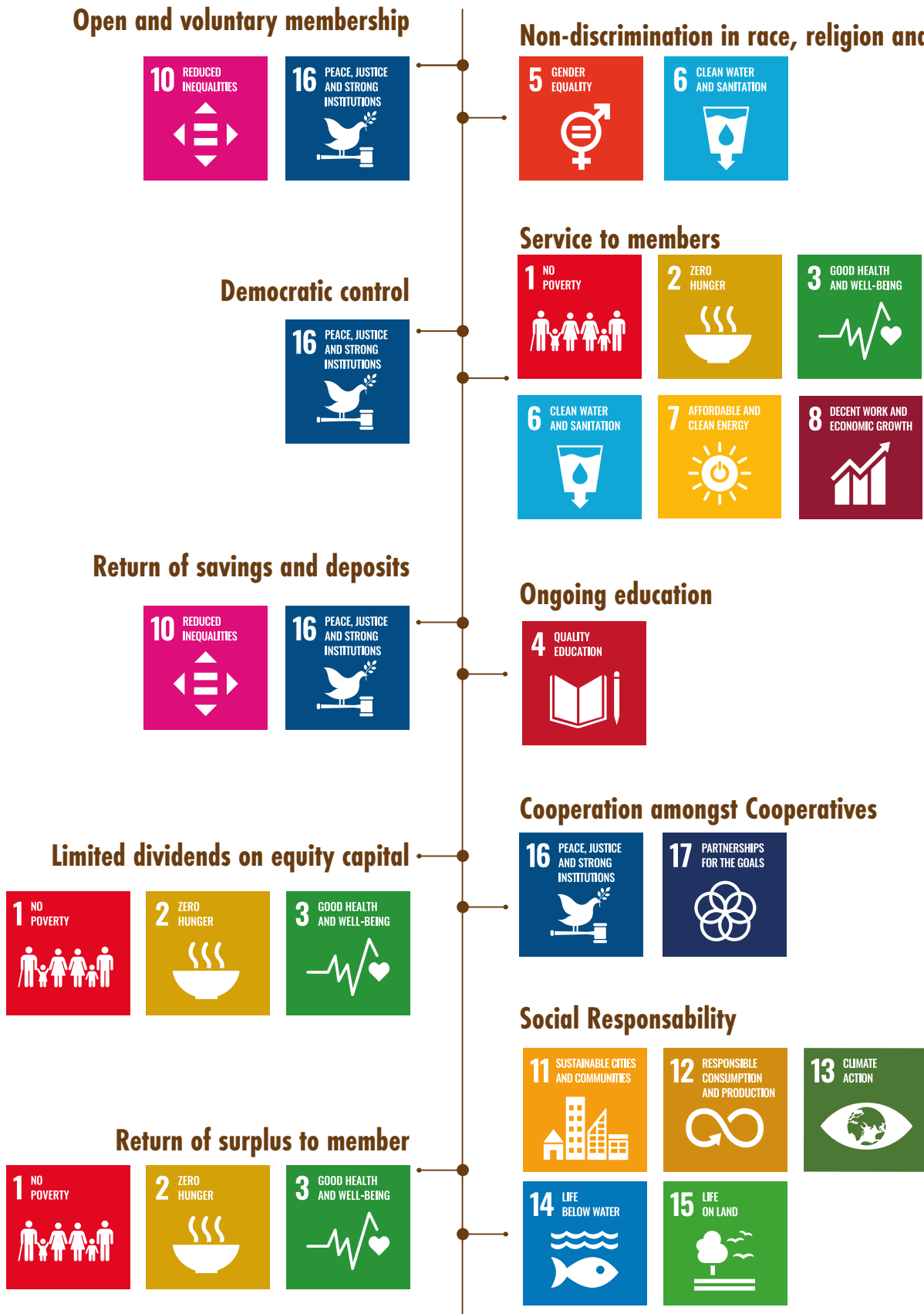
# Sustainability Report

Sustainability means meeting the needs of people today without limiting the ability of future generations to meet theirs. A sustainable business aims for long-term success while creating positive benefits for society and staying within the planet's environmental limits.

In 2015, the United Nations set out 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), agreed by 193 countries including Ireland. These goals outline what is needed for people and communities to thrive, covering environmental, social, economic and institutional needs. Social needs include basic rights such as access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, healthcare and personal freedom.



When we look at our own operating principles alongside the UN SDGs, we can see that both share similar aims and values. For more than 55 years we have worked to uphold these principles, and the SDG framework now encourages us to build on this work and to continue improving. This AGM report reflects on our core principles through the lens of the SDGs and sets out our ongoing commitment to sustainability.





# Good Health and Well Being

Ballinasloe Credit Union is proud to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of Good Health and Well-Being through our Social Fund. This year, we assisted in the development of a local walking track, encouraging outdoor activity and supporting community health. We also helped with the purchase of a defibrillator for community use, ensuring vital equipment is available when needed.

These projects highlight the importance of supporting both our environment and the well-being of the people who live here. Our continued commitment to local initiatives is at the heart of this work, helping to build a healthier, greener and more inclusive Ballinasloe for future generations.



Hymany & Curragh Park Residents Association



Ballinasloe Tennis Club 2025



Community Games – Killimor



Community Games – Moore



Community Games – Ballinasloe

# Members' Prize Draw

The operation of the Members' prize draw is fully financed by the draw entry fee of €4 per quarter paid by each entrant. The prize draw is operated on a non-profit basis - all entry fees are used for the provision of prizes and the running of the draws. The results are published on the tv screens in branch and on our social media platforms. The draws take place in March, June, September & December.

The rules governing the draw are available on the Credit Union website. Each draw is supervised by our solicitor and our auditors Grant Thornton carry out an audit of the prize draw fund as part of their audit work. Members in the draw must notify us in writing if they no longer wish to be included in the car draw and we will remove their entry at the next draw deduction date.

In September 2025, 5,584 members took part in the draw. During the financial year, circa €86,000 has been paid out in prizes to 15 lucky winners. If you are not part of the draw and would like to sign up, please contact our office and we would be delighted to include you.

## Ballinasloe Credit Union

Members' Prize Draw Year Ended September 30<sup>th</sup> 2025

2024/2025	(€)
Opening Balance	452
Members Entry Fee	87,392
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Top prizes	80,000
Cash prizes	6,000
Legal fees	1,400
Prize fund	444



December 24 Winner Gerard Hardiman



March Winner Sean O Rourke



June Winner Ann Lyons



September Winner Maura Curley

# Life on Land



Ballinasloe Credit Union is proud to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of Life on Land and Good Health and Well-Being through our Social Fund. By supporting the development of a seating area in a local park, we are helping to create a welcoming space

that encourages people to spend time outdoors and enjoy nature. This project promotes biodiversity, boosts community well-being and provides a calm, accessible place for the public to use.

Our continued commitment to supporting local projects is at the heart of this work, helping to foster a greener, more inclusive Ballinasloe for future generations.

In addition, Ballinasloe Credit Union participated alongside other credit unions at the Cultivate stand at the National Ploughing Championships, engaging directly with the farming community and promoting financial well-being. The Cultivate Loan is an important support



for members of the farming community, providing accessible and flexible finance to meet the unique needs of agricultural life.

Together, these initiatives demonstrate the importance of supporting both community health and economic sustainability. Our continued commitment to local projects remains central to our mission, helping to build a healthier, greener, and more inclusive Ballinasloe for future generations.

# Sustainable Cities and Communities

Ballinasloe Credit Union is actively supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of Sustainable Cities and Communities through our involvement in the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) project. This initiative focuses on building stronger communities by recognising the skills, talents and resources that already exist locally, and helping people and groups work together to make the most of them.

As part of this work, we supported the Ballinasloe Multicultural Midsummer Festival, a family event organised under the ABCD project. Held at the Emerald Ballroom and Fair Green, the festival brought together

local residents and new members of our community for an afternoon of culture, music, food and celebration. It showcased the diversity within Ballinasloe and highlighted the positive impact of inclusive community events.

Ballinasloe Credit Union's involvement reflects our commitment to strengthening local connections, encouraging community participation and helping to build a welcoming, vibrant and sustainable town for everyone.



# Credit Committee Report

The Credit Committee is appointed annually by the Board of Directors to manage and supervise the lending process. The Committee is accountable for overseeing the granting and approval of loans within the credit policy approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee reports to the Board on a monthly basis on lending volumes and trends.

As a local member owned financial co-operative, the primary function of the Credit Union is the provision of credit to members at a fair and reasonable rate. Loan interest is the main source of income of the Credit Union, and an active lending service is essential for the long-term sustainability and viability of the Credit Union.

We lend for a wide variety of purposes, within four main lending categories of Personal, Business, Community and Home Mortgages. We have money to lend and offer fair and reasonable lending rates across all categories. Over the past year, our loans have helped members purchase cars, build, buy and renovate homes, helped students go

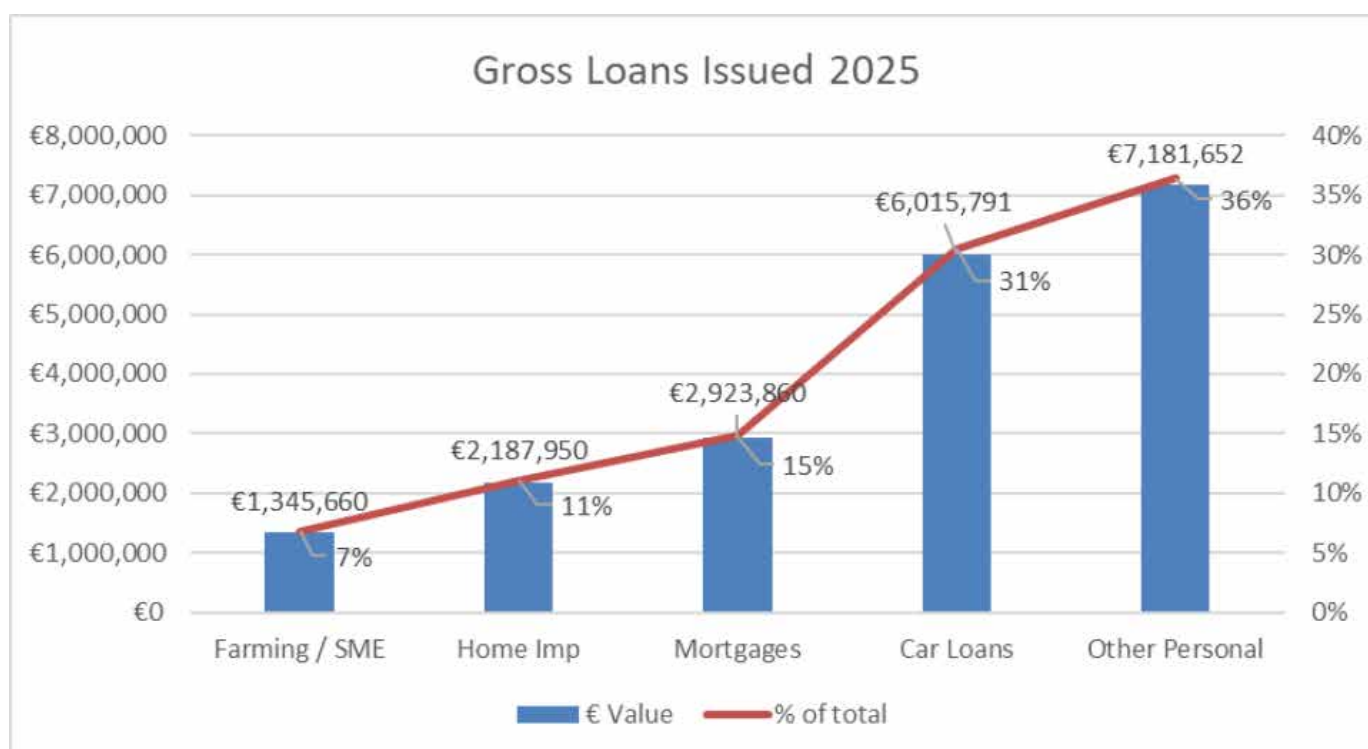
to college, provided finance for farmers and supported local community initiatives.

During 2025, over 2,100 applications for loans amounting to €21m were approved. All loan applications are independently assessed and judged on their own merits. The fundamental factor which we take into consideration in assessing each loan application is the member's ability to repay the loan, and every effort is made to provide approval.

We are committed to offering access to affordable credit to all in our community and would urge those who might have previously relied on a doorstep lender, or those who might be tempted to borrow from unregulated lenders, to come and talk to us first. We very much welcome loan applications and encourage all our members to consider Ballinasloe Credit Union for all your borrowing needs.

**Loans issued in 2025:  
€19.7 million**

## Credit Committee Graph



# Credit Control Committee Report

The role of the Credit Control Committee is to seek to ensure the repayment of loans by members in accordance with their loan agreement. The Committee ensures that the policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors governing the pursuit and recovery of loans are implemented and reports to the Board of Directors at their monthly meetings.

Credit control staff, operating under the supervision of the Credit Control Committee, carry out the daily management of the credit control function. The Committee, which retains ultimate responsibility for the loan collection process reviews the work undertaken by the Credit Control Staff and decides appropriate actions to be taken.

We have support in place to assist any member who may find themselves having difficulty meeting loan repayments, and we will continue to work with our members towards workable solutions on an ongoing basis.

We are also grateful to members who, sometimes in

difficult circumstances, have diligently repaid their loans. We encourage any member who is experiencing financial difficulty to contact a member of our Credit Control staff at an early stage. We are very experienced, confidential, helpful, and sympathetic. Every effort is made to try and reach a solution that is suitable for both the member and the Credit Union.

Bad debts written off during 2025 amounted to €139k (2024: €75k). The Credit Union also recovered €702k in 2025, (2024: €706k) from loans written off in previous years. The level of impaired loans (loans which are overdue) decreased from €7.1m in 2024 to €6.5m as at September 2025.

The bad debt provision has been maintained at €3.2m for 2025 representing 6.22% of Gross Loans Outstanding.

Ballinasloe Credit Union has always been committed to ensuring that members who find themselves in difficult circumstances are treated with dignity and respect by all credit union personnel.

# Membership Committee

Membership of the credit union is open to anyone who lives, works, or attends school within our Common Bond area, details of which are available at [www.ballinasloecreditunion.ie](http://www.ballinasloecreditunion.ie). New member accounts, either single, joint, group or business can be opened very simply in branch or online. For details on what documents are required to open an account please visit our website.

At September 2025, membership of Ballinasloe Credit Union stood at over 23,247. During the financial year, we opened 360 new accounts for members. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our new members, and we look forward to assisting them with all their financial needs.



ILCU President Brendan Jenkins pictured during his summer visit to Ballinasloe Credit Union, alongside members of the management team and Board

# Board Oversight Committee Report

The Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) require 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) and any other matter prescribed by the Central Bank of Ireland in respect of which they are to have regard to in relation to the Board of Directors.

The committee members for the year were Aidan Clifford, Eddie Kelly & Declan Harney.

The Board Oversight Committee is pleased to report that, for the year under review, in its opinion, the board of directors have operated in accordance with part iv and iv(a) of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

**Aidan Clifford - Chairperson**

# Finance Committee Report

The remit of the Finance Committee is to provide oversight and where appropriate review and make recommendations to the Board on financial sustainability, examine investment proposals on behalf of the board and to monitor financial markets on an ongoing basis. The committee members for the year were Sean Madden, Brian King, Eileen Reddin, Mike O'Reilly, Ronan Murray, Gráinne Murphy, Kevin Folan.

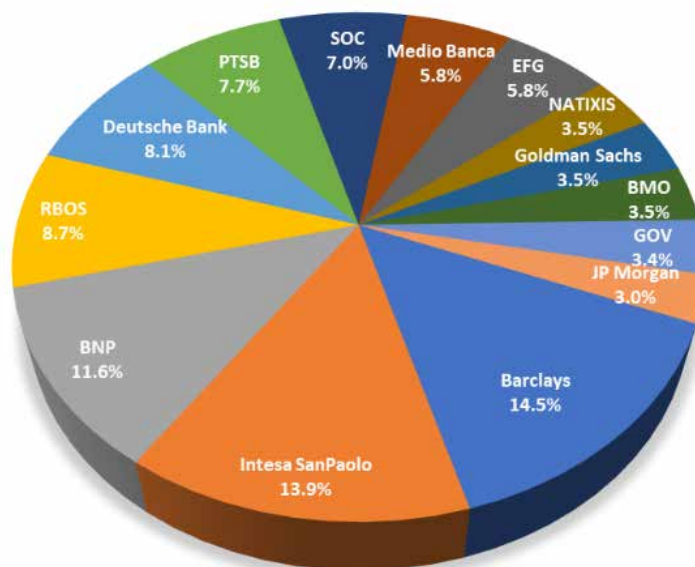
Deposits & Investments amounted to €87.3m at year end Sep 2025 (2024: €84.9m). The following chart shows a summary of the Investment Portfolio as of 30th September 2025.

Financial year 2025 started off with many concerns on the part of interest rate and bond markets in the Eurozone and the threat of US trade tariffs resulted in market turbulence. Having said this, interest rate markets in the eurozone have benefited from past actions by the European Central Bank (ECB) which had managed the explosive inflation situation arising from the Covid years with aggressive actions that appear to have transformed the outlook. This action has led to the desired result of an inflation level in line with long term targets of approximately 2%.

The ECB therefore saw fit to cut interest rates four times this year, from a deposit rate of 3.00% in December 2024 to its current level of 2.00%.

Over the course of the financial year 2025, German 10 year yields went from a yield level of 2.1% at September 2024 to over 2.7% at the end of September 2025, offering investors improved yields on new bonds being purchased, but leading to a decline in prices of existing holdings over that time period.

The investment portfolio generated income of €1.6m in the financial year ending 30 September 2025 which is a result of active portfolio management by the committee and the Board working with our Investment Advisors. This represents a weighted average return of 1.86% (2024: 1.82%).



We believe that the investment portfolio of Ballinasloe Credit Union is well positioned and remains fully compliant with all investment regulations under Central Bank rules. We have worked closely with our Investment Manager to manage the portfolio in what has been a relatively positive year for investments and we continue to ensure that liquidity levels remain appropriate.

The Board and the Finance Committee will continue to ensure that members savings remain safe and secure, and that investment performance is optimised within the context of the low risk mandate which underpins our investment objectives.

**Sean Madden – Chairperson**

# Marketing, Youth And Education Committee Report

The Marketing, Youth and Education Committee works to keep our members and the wider community informed about the Credit Union and the services we provide. We do this through our advertising, promotional activity and online communication. The committee also manages the social fund, donations, sponsorship, advertising budgets, member information and the Members' Prize Draw.

Committee members serving during the year were **Adrian Ahern, Brendan Hayes, Patricia Tierney, Mary Feeney, Niall Clarke and Shane McNeill.**

As an SDG Champion, we continue to promote the Sustainable Development Goals and apply them as best we can in our branch and in our work with the public. The SDGs are important because they offer a shared global plan to support stronger communities, protect the environment and improve quality of life. We aim to follow best practice in how we support and communicate these goals.

Support for local groups and events remained a key focus. Sponsorships and donations came to more than €25,000, helping a wide range of sports clubs, community organisations, volunteers, team kit requests,

events, facility upgrades and local development projects. A summary of how these funds were allocated is shown on page 15.

Social responsibility is one of the core principles of the Credit Union movement. This principle encourages us to contribute positively to the community we serve. Since the social fund was created in 1998, more than €1,000,000 has been distributed to local groups. This year, the fund provided over €82,000 in support. All clubs and organisations within our common bond can apply, and an application form is available on our website.

The annual Credit Union Art Competition and School Quiz took place again in 2025. These events depend greatly on the support and participation of our local national schools. We would like to thank all teachers and students who took part and contributed to another successful year.

The committee wishes to thank the Board of Directors, Management and staff for their continued help and co-operation throughout the year.

**Brendan Hayes – Chairperson**



Art Competition 2025



School Quiz National Final 2025



School Quiz Final 2025

# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND 2025



Voluntary  
Committees

€7,600



Community  
Development Groups

€21,500



Sporting  
Organisations

€37,000



Frontline, Education,  
Charities

€8,900

## DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP 2025



Educational &  
Charity Donations

€3,424



Community  
Groups Donations

€12,650



Sporting  
Organisations

€10,185

Total

€101,259

# Audit & Risk Committee Report

The Audit & Risk committee is a sub-committee of the Board as per Section 56 A (3) of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) and has three (3) members, all of whom are Directors. The committee members for the year were **Sean Kelly, Michael Lally, Jessica Caldecott (Resigned May 2025), and Sean Madden.**

The committee on behalf of the Board of Directors is responsible for carrying out work in the areas of Audit matters, Internal Audit, Risk Management and Compliance. The Audit & Risk Committee meets regularly during the year to discharge its statutory duties.

## Audit

The Committee's principal function in respect of the Audit section of its remit is to oversee, on behalf of the Board, and of our members, the financial reporting process, the system of internal controls, and all audit related matters of the Credit Union. The committee tasks include assessing the performance of the auditor at least annually, ensuring that the internal audit function, required under section 76K of the 1997 Act, is independent and has a reporting line and unfettered access to the audit committee; reviewing the integrity of the credit union's financial statements and ensuring that they give a "true and fair" view.

## Internal Audit

The Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) requires Credit Unions to have an Internal Audit Function. The purpose of the Internal Audit Function is to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes. The credit union Internal Auditors

appointed are Moore Ireland. The Committee reviewed and recommended, for Board approval, the internal audit work plan for 2024-2025, and subsequently carried out a review of the reports, recommendations, and overall performance of the Internal Audit function.

## Risk Management

The work of the committee includes overseeing and advising the board of directors on the risk management system including assessing the appropriateness of the risk management system and ensuring that it documents the risks that the credit union is, or may be, exposed to and the systems and controls that the credit union has established to manage and mitigate those risks.

The committee met regularly and receives reports from the Risk Management Officer, who together with the CEO, has functional responsibility for Risk management. The Committee met:

- To review the Risk Register to identify whether there are any new risks required to be included.
- To review the Risk Management Reports
- To review progress on recommendations made in previous reviews and reports.

The committee works to a board approved documented annual workplan and submits quarterly written reports to the board of directors.

**Sean Kelly - Chairperson**



SUAS Services Ballinasloe

# Nominations Committee Report

The Nominations Committee of Ballinasloe Credit Union is responsible for identifying suitable candidates for nomination, accepting nominations of candidates, carrying out Fitness and Probity and due diligence on all candidates, and making proposals for election to the Board of Directors. The committee members for the year were Brian King, George Francis, Sean Madden & Aju Abraham (Resigned May 2025).

The Nominations Committee has primary responsibility for ensuring that volunteers with the necessary skills and expertise are available to fill any vacancies that may arise on the Board of Directors.

Members of Ballinasloe Credit Union can apply at any time of the year to serve as a volunteer on the committees of Ballinasloe Credit Union. To do so, all that is initially required is to complete the Volunteers Application Form, available on the Credit Union website [www.ballinasloecreditunion.ie](http://www.ballinasloecreditunion.ie)

A member of the Credit Union Staff or the Nomination Committee would be pleased to meet with any member considering volunteering to discuss what is involved in being a volunteer at Ballinasloe Credit Union and answer any questions.

The procedures regarding nominations to the Board of Directors are as follows:

- The nominee must be a member of the Credit Union and be 18 years of age or over.
- Nominations must be in writing and be signed by the proposer and seconder.

Both the proposer and seconder must be members of the Credit Union.

The nomination form must also be signed by the nominee, who must agree to the nomination.

Nomination Information & forms are available to download at <https://ballinasloecreditunion.ie/board-nominations/>

Completed nomination forms should be sent to the Chair of the Nomination Committee at the registered office of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Ltd, Main Street, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, H53 VK18

**Brian King – Chairperson**



People of the Year Hall of Fame winner - Noel Madden

# Benefits of Membership with Ballinasloe Credit Union

## Your Savings – Your Shares

When you save with Ballinasloe Credit Union, your savings become shares, each valued at €1. By maintaining a minimum balance of €10, you can access competitive loan rates and share in the Credit Union's success through annual dividends.

We offer Fixed-Term Deposit Accounts with guaranteed returns, available in 1-Year, 3-Year, and 5-Year options, with a minimum deposit of €10. Members can hold up to €100,000 across all savings accounts.

## Loans

Ballinasloe Credit Union offers competitive interest rates on a wide range of loans, including personal loans, home mortgages, car loans, home renovation loans, and financing for SMEs and farms. We also provide Green Loans for energy-efficient home upgrades and hybrid electric car purchases. Members can apply online, by phone, or in person.

We are committed to ensuring that borrowing remains affordable and accessible to all members, offering fair interest rates on loans for personal needs, home improvements, education, and more.

## Insurance Services (Loan Protection & Life Savings)

Ballinasloe Credit Union offers valuable insurance services to members at no additional cost, including Loan Protection Insurance and Life Savings Insurance. These services provide financial security during challenging times. Loan Protection Insurance ensures that any outstanding loans are cleared in the event of your passing, relieving your loved ones from the financial burden. Life Savings Insurance offers a lump-sum payment to your savings upon death, based on the amount saved and your age. These services reflect our commitment to supporting members and their families.

## Death Benefit Insurance (DBI)

In addition, Ballinasloe Credit Union offers Death Benefit Insurance to qualifying members under the age of 70. By maintaining a minimum of €100 in shares, members can receive a lump sum of €1,300 to assist with end-of-life expenses, further demonstrating our support for members and their families during difficult times.

## Savings Nomination / Dividend / Affiliation Fee

Ballinasloe Credit Union members can nominate one or more beneficiaries to inherit their savings, up to a maximum of €27,000, in the event of their passing. This straightforward process can be updated at any time, ensuring your funds are distributed according to your

wishes without requiring probate. Additionally, members may benefit from an annual dividend paid from the surplus at year-end, while the ILCU affiliation fee is included as part of the operating expenses of the Credit Union, with no extra costs involved for the member.

## Online Access and Mobile App

Managing your finances is made easy with our online platform and mobile app. Members can check balances, view transactions, transfer funds, and apply for loans securely, all from their smartphone or tablet. The app is available on both Google Play and Apple iTunes, providing convenient access to your account wherever you are.

## Current account & payment services.

Although we do not have an in-branch ATM, members can use the worldwide ATM network to withdraw funds from their current account using the CU debit card. Additionally, Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) allow members to transfer money electronically to any bank account in Ireland or within the Single European Payments Area (SEPA). Direct Debits can also be set up from your Credit Union account using your BIC and IBAN.

## Members Prize Draw

For just €4 per quarter, members can enter the Members Prize Draw and have a chance to win top prizes, such as a car or cash. It's a great way to enjoy the benefits of membership while having the opportunity to win exciting prizes.

## Supporting Our Community – Social and Sponsorship Funds

Ballinasloe Credit Union is committed to supporting the local community. Through our Social and Sponsorship Funds, we back numerous clubs, groups, and societies in the Ballinasloe area. This ongoing investment helps strengthen the social fabric of the community and ensures it continues to thrive.

## Deposit Guarantee Scheme

Your savings are protected under the Government's Deposit Guarantee Scheme, which covers up to €100,000 per member. This provides additional peace of mind and security for your savings.

## Commitment to Anti-Money Laundering Regulations

Ballinasloe Credit Union adheres to the highest standards of compliance with anti-money laundering regulations, ensuring the security and proper use of members' funds.

# Quality Education



Ballinasloe Credit Union is proud to support the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of Quality Education by working closely with local national and secondary schools. This year, we delivered two education programmes focused on teaching students the importance of money management. These sessions helped young people learn practical skills such as saving, budgeting and understanding how to make informed financial decisions.

By supporting these initiatives, we aim to give students the knowledge and confidence they need to manage their finances responsibly as they grow. Our commitment to supporting local schools ensures that we continue to invest in projects that strengthen education and promote positive development throughout the Ballinasloe community.



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# Motions, Rule Amendments & Elections

## **Motion 1 - Consideration Of Special Resolution**

The members of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited resolve that the credit union accepts the Transfer of Engagements of Gort Credit Union Limited in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

## **Motion 2 - Proposed Rule Amendment – Name Change**

That the members of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited hereby resolve to change the name of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited to Gateway 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).

## **Motion 3 - Proposed Rule Amendment – Rule 14(1)**

That this Annual General Meeting agrees to amend Rule 14(1) of the Standard Rules for Credit Unions (Republic of Ireland) by the insertion of the word “natural” to read as follows: Rule 14. Person under age 16

- (1) A natural person under the age of sixteen:
  - a) may be a member of the credit union, and
  - b) subject to paragraph
- (2) may enjoy all the rights of membership, other than voting rights, and can give all necessary receipts.

## **Motion 4 - Proposed Rule Amendment – Rule 109**

That this Annual General Meeting agrees to amend Rule 109 of the Standard Rules for Credit Unions (Republic of Ireland) by the deletion of Rule 109(3) (a) to (f) inclusive and replacing it with the following:

- (3) All complaints under this rule shall be decided in the following manner:
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  - (b) The board of directors shall appoint a complaints officer who is suitably qualified and authorised to investigate, and wherever possible resolve complaints, received from complainants.
  - (c) In the event that a complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant, the complainant may refer the complaint to the Financial Services & Pensions Ombudsman, or other adjudication body as appropriate.
  - (d) Nothing in this rule shall prevent the Financial Services & Pensions Ombudsman from investigating and adjudicating a complaint made

against a credit union about the provision of, or failure to provide, a financial service, so long as the complaint:

- (a) falls within the jurisdiction of that Ombudsman, and
- (b) does not relate to a matter that involves only the governance of the credit union.

## **Motion 5 - Proposed Rule Amendment – Rule 40 (2) – Board Of Directors**

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

The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be members of the credit union.

## **Motion 6 - Proposed Rule Amendment – Rule 53 (1) – Board Oversight Committee**

That this Annual General Meeting amends Rule 53 (1) to read as follows:

The credit union shall have a Board Oversight Committee which shall consist of five members and shall have the general duty of overseeing the performance by the Board of Directors of their functions.

## **Elections**

The Nomination Committee is charged with proposing nominees to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. All such nominees shall be members of the Credit Union. The nominees shall be assessed by the Nomination Committee for the experience, qualifications and/or skills necessary to perform properly and effectively the functions of a Director. The closing date for nominations for the vacancies arising at AGM 2025 was 21st November 2025.

## **Board Of Directors**

The Board of Directors consists of seven directors. There are three vacancies to be filled and Adrian Ahern, Sean Kelly & Eileen Reddin offering themselves for election to the Board.

## **Board Oversight Committee**

The Committee consists of three members. There is one vacancy to be filled. Aidan Clifford offers himself for re-election to the Board Oversight Committee.

## **Election of Auditors**

### **Auditor**

Grant Thornton were appointed as auditors at the 2024 AGM and in accordance with Section 115 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended), the auditors Grant Thornton offer themselves for re-election.

# PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ENGAGEMENTS

## STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 130 OF THE CREDIT UNION ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED) IN RESPECT OF BALLINASLOE CREDIT UNION

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

1. The financial position of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and of Gort Credit Union Limited is set out in the form of the audited annual accounts for Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited as at 30th September 2025 and the most recent unaudited Income and Expenditure Account and Balance sheet as at 31st October 2025, and the audited annual accounts for Gort Credit Union Limited as at 30th September 2025 and the most recent unaudited Income and Expenditure Account and Balance sheet as at 31st October 2025.
2. No payment is proposed to be made to the members of Gort Credit Union Limited or Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited in consideration of the proposed transfer.
3. There will be no change to the terms governing outstanding loans currently held by members in Gort Credit Union Limited or Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited. Members with current loans in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and Gort Credit Union Limited will continue to repay loans under the existing terms of their credit agreements. New loans issued after the Transfer of Engagements will be at the then prevailing loan rate in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited.
4. Staff at Gort Credit Union Limited and Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited have been fully appraised of all aspects of the Transfer of Engagements and are very much involved in the Transfer of Engagements process. The staff of Gort Credit Union Limited will transfer to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited under the Transfer of Undertakings (protection of employment) regulations 2003. Four employees of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited will avail of a Voluntary Exit Programme as part of the Transfer of Engagements process.

## STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 130 OF THE CREDIT UNION ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED) IN RESPECT OF GORT CREDIT UNION

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

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# A NEW PARTNERSHIP

## WHAT DOES A TRANSFER OF ENGAGEMENTS MEAN?

Our two credit unions will join together to form one credit union. A Transfer of Engagement means that Gort Credit Union Limited will transfer their assets and liabilities to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited. Members in Ballinasloe and Gort can continue in exactly the same way as before with the added advantage of access to all of the services that the Combined Credit Union can offer.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

We envisage that if the Transfer of Engagements is approved by the Central Bank, the affairs of Gort Credit Union Limited will be transferred to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited before the end of February 2026. All credit union offices may need to close for one business day or more in order to facilitate the transfer, and members will be kept informed

of developments closer to the time. Until then, it is business as usual at both credit unions.

## HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT ME?

For existing members there will be no noticeable change. The offices in Ballinasloe and Gort will remain open for members.

All members will have the added advantage of being able to transact their business, if it is

convenient for them to do so, in both offices when the transfer takes operational effect.

- If you are a member of Gort Credit Union Limited, a new account number will be issued to you. All of your account balances and information will remain exactly the same.
- Members with current loans in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and Gort Credit Union Limited will continue to repay loans under the existing terms of their credit agreements. New loans issued after the Transfer of Engagements will be at the then prevailing loan rate in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited.
- If you are a member of Gort Credit Union Limited, subject to terms and conditions, you will qualify for an increase in the maximum Life Savings Insurance cover from €1,000 to €3,000 once the Transfer of Engagements takes effect.
- If you are a member of Gort Credit Union Limited, subject to terms and conditions, you will qualify for Deah Benefit Insurance cover of €1,300 once the Transfer of Engagements takes effect.

## DO I HAVE TO DO ANYTHING?

We do welcome any views that any member may have on the proposed Transfer of Engagements. Members may write to the secretary of either credit union or email to [info@ballinasloecu.ie](mailto:info@ballinasloecu.ie) or [info@gortcu.ie](mailto:info@gortcu.ie) with any views, comments or queries they may have.

Members of both credit unions may also make representations in writing to the Central Bank of Ireland.

# Profiles of Directors Standing For Election



## Adrian Ahern

Adrian Ahern is the current Vice Chair of the Credit Union and has been a Board member for many years, having held all the principal positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Chair and Vice Chair. He holds an Honours degree in Economics and a Master's in Health Services Management. Adrian is a strong believer in communities coming together for mutual benefit and sees the local community-based credit union as a key player in community development, support, and resilience building.



## Sean Kelly

Sean Kelly is an Accountant and the BCU representative on the board of Ballinasloe Area Community Development Ltd (BACD). A native of Ballinasloe, Sean currently works as a Finance Manager with Teleflex Medical in Athlone, having previously worked in senior finance roles with several multinationals including, Square D, Scientific Games Worldwide, Sportech Plc and Medtronic. Sean has been a Director of Ballinasloe Credit Union for 8 years and a Director of BACD for 4 years.



## Eileen Reddin

Eileen Reddin is Secretary to the Board of Ballinasloe Credit Union and has previously served as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee. She has a strong professional background in audit and financial governance.

Eileen currently works in the University of Galway as the Bursar's Accountant, having moved to internal audit three years ago. She brings extensive experience in financial oversight, risk management and public sector governance, and is currently undertaking a Corporate Governance programme with the Institute of Directors with the aim of qualifying as a Chartered Director, demonstrating her commitment to high standards of governance in the best interests of members.

## Board Oversight Committee



## Aidan Clifford

Aidan Clifford is Advisory and Public Affairs Manager with ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) in Ireland. He has extensive experience in accounting, auditing and company and credit union law in Ireland.

Mr Clifford is a member of ACCA and Chartered Accountants Ireland. Mr. Clifford provides technical assistance to ACCA accountants in Ireland and lectures extensively for ACCA in both Ireland and abroad on accounting and auditing including accounting in credit unions. Mr Clifford led on the recent industry wide guidance for credit unions ESG reporting.

Mr. Clifford also represents ACCA members on various national forums including a forum on anti-money laundering.

## Auditors





Feile Ceoil Larry Reynolds



Christmas Jumper Day 2024



Darkness into Light 2025



Connaught Fleadh 2025



Kilconnell Cricket Club



Ballinasloe Fair & Festival 2025



St Patrick's Day Parade



Brothers of Charity



Caltra Cuans Ladies GAA

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# ANNUAL REPORTS AND SECTION 130 PACK

In relation to the proposed Transfer of Engagements of Gort Credit Union Limited to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited



**BALLINASLOE**  
Credit Union  
LOCAL LOYAL LENDING

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of Ballinasloe Credit Union will be held on the Wednesday 21st January 2026 @ 6.00 p.m. in the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway



**GORT**  
CREDIT UNION LTD

## NOTICE OF MEETING

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### **Eileen Reddin**

Secretary,  
Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited

### **AGENDA**

The business at annual general meetings of the members shall be:

1. The acceptance by the Board of Directors of the authorised representatives of members that are not natural persons;
2. Ascertainment that a quorum is present;
3. Adoption of Standing Orders;
4. Reading and approval (or correction) of the minutes of the last general meeting;
5. Report of the Board of Directors;
6. Report of the Auditor;
7. Consideration of accounts;
8. Report of the Board Oversight Committee;
9. Declaration of dividend / rebate of interest & approval of ILCU affiliation fee;
10. Notice of Motions;
11. Report of the Nomination Committee;
12. Appointment of Tellers;
13. Election of Auditor;
14. Election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and Board Oversight Committee;
15. Report of the Credit Committee;
16. Report of the Credit Control Committee;
17. Report of the Membership Committee;
18. Report of the Audit and Risk Committee;
19. Report of Marketing, Youth And Education Committee;
20. Report of the Finance Committee;
21. Any other business;
22. Announcement of election results;
23. Adjournment or close of meeting.

### **ELECTIONS**

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## MESSAGE FROM BALLINASLOE CREDIT UNION (OUR LADY OF LOURDES) LIMITED AND GORT CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Dear Members,

We are pleased to inform you, that the Board of Directors of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and Gort Credit Union Limited are in a position to ask our members to approve the Transfer of Engagements, of Gort Credit Union Limited to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited. The Credit Union movement is based on co-operation amongst credit unions. The proposed merger arises from the belief of the Boards of both credit unions that all of our members can be better served together, and we consider it an ideal opportunity to grow and develop our services to members in an enlarged and complementary common bond. The Special Resolutions to approve the Transfer of Engagements will be voted on at the forthcoming Annual General Meetings. The proposed Transfer of Engagements will require the approval of the Central Bank. The proposed new name of the combined Credit Union is Gateway Credit Union Limited.

The Boards and staff of both credit unions are confident that our decision to combine our credit unions will strengthen our position to be the most trusted, respected and preferred financial services provider for our members, providing good value, modern, accessible and tailored services.

On completion of the proposed Transfer of Engagements, the common bond of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited will be extended to include the common bond of Gort Credit Union Limited. The advantages for members are that the

enlarged credit union will protect the provision of credit union services in our community and allow for more investment in our community. It will allow access to a broader range of services including current accounts, mortgages, savings and loan services at competitive and sustainable rates. The combined credit union will be a stronger, more viable credit union with healthy financial reserves, satisfy member expectations and security of savings and provide greater efficiencies through sharing costs resulting in better value for members.

In these changing times, credit unions offer a very different service to other financial institutions. Our credit unions were set up with one aim in mind - to be of service to our members, never to profit from them. We hold in the highest regard the hard work and dedication that the volunteers and staff of our credit unions have invested into building up our credit unions since their inception.

Included in this booklet, are the statements required under Section 130 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). We would like to take this opportunity to thank you the members for your continued loyalty to your credit union and look forward to your support at the Annual General Meetings.

**Sean Madden,**  
Chair, Ballinasloe Credit Union.

**Geraldine Flanagan,**  
Chair, Gort Credit Union.



## **STANDING ORDERS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **MOTIONS**

1. All motions must be proposed and seconded by members present at the AGM and moved by the proposer.
2. 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.
3. In exercising his/her right of reply, a proposer may not introduce new material.
4. The seconder of a motion shall have such time as shall be allowed by the chair to second the motion.
5. Members are entitled to speak on any such motion and must do so through the chair. All speakers to any motion shall have such time as shall be at the discretion of the chair.
6. 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**

7. 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.
8. The chair may at his/her discretion, extend the privilege of the floor to any person who is not a member.
9. Only matters covered by the Agenda at the AGM may be considered.
10. The chairman's decision on any matter relating to these Standing Orders or interpretation of same shall be final.
11. 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.
12. Any Special Resolution to be decided upon by vote at the AGM shall, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law or the rules, be decided upon by 75% majority of those present and voting by electronic poll.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

### **ALTERATION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENTS**

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

### **RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

As one of the owners of the Credit Union, you have a right to know how it is being run and how it is performing. With this right comes the responsibility to contribute to the effective and fair running of the Credit Union. The best way to exercise these rights and responsibilities is to attend the AGM, contribute to discussions about Credit Union matters and with care, elect to office, people who will have the general good of the membership at heart. Every member has one vote at the AGM regardless of number of shares they hold.

## **BALLINASLOE CREDIT UNION (OUR LADY OF LOURDES) LIMITED - MOTIONS AND RULE AMENDMENTS**

### **MOTION 1 - CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

The members of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited resolve that the credit union accepts the Transfer of Engagements of Gort Credit Union Limited in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

### **MOTION 2 - PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT – NAME CHANGE**

That the members of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited hereby resolve to change the name of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited to Gateway 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).

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That this Annual General Meeting agrees to amend Rule 14(1) of the Standard Rules for Credit Unions (Republic of Ireland) by the insertion of the word “natural” to read as follows:

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That this Annual General Meeting agrees to amend Rule 109 of the Standard Rules for Credit Unions (Republic of Ireland) by the deletion of Rule 109(3) (a) to (f) inclusive and replacing it with the following:

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

*The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be members of the credit union.*

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*The credit union shall have a Board Oversight Committee which shall consist of five members and shall have the general duty of overseeing the performance by the Board of Directors of their functions.*



**Ballinasloe Credit Union  
(Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited  
2025 Financial Statements**

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2025.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

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

#### AUTHORISATION

The credit union is authorised as follows:

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

#### BUSINESS REVIEW

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

#### DIVIDENDS

The directors are proposing a dividend of €421,039 (0.40%) in respect of the financial year ended 30 September 2025 (2024: €402,782 (0.40%)).

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

##### Credit risk

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

##### Lack of loan demand

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

##### Market risk

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

##### Liquidity risk

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

##### Operational risk

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

##### Global macro-economic risk

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

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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

#### **Credit risk**

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

#### **Lack of loan demand**

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

#### **Market risk**

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

#### **Liquidity risk**

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

#### **Operational risk**

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

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

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

### **ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

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

### **EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR**

Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and Gort Credit Union Limited have completed a significant piece of due diligence work in relation to the proposed merger. Members of both credit unions will be given the opportunity to vote on the proposed merger at the upcoming AGM. The process will also require confirmation by the Central Bank in line with regulatory and legislative requirements.

### **AUDITORS**

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

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

*Sean Madden*

Chairperson of the board of directors

*Eileen Reddin*

Member of the board of directors

Date: 16 December 2025

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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

In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

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

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

On behalf of the board:

*Sean Madden*

Chairperson of the board of directors

*Eileen Reddin*

Member of the board of directors

Date: 16 December 2025

## BOARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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

On behalf of the board oversight committee:

*Aidan Clifford*

Chairperson of the board oversight committee

Date: 16 December 2025

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BALLINASLOE CREDIT UNION LIMITED**

### **OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of Ballinasloe Credit Union Limited for the financial year ended 30 September 2025, which comprise:

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

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

In our opinion, Ballinasloe Credit Union Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland of the state of the credit union's affairs as at 30 September 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared so as to conform with the requirements of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

### **BASIS FOR OPINION**

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

### **CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN**

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

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

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

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BALLINASLOE CREDIT UNION LIMITED (CONTINUED)

### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY THE CREDIT UNION ACT, 1997 (AS AMENDED)

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

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

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority's website at: [http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### THE PURPOSE OF OUR AUDIT WORK AND TO WHOM WE OWE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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

**Sean Ridley FCA**  
**for and on behalf of Grant Thornton**  
Chartered Accountants  
& Statutory Audit Firm  
Galway

Date: 16 December 2025

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Income	Schedule	2025	2024
		€	€
Interest on members' loans		3,203,202	2,998,492
Interest payable and similar charges (note 23)		(21,230)	(1,267)
Other interest income and similar income	1	1,604,357	1,564,950
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>4,786,329</b>	<b>4,562,175</b>
Other income	2	78,019	76,457
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,864,348</b>	<b>4,638,632</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employment costs		1,472,032	1,362,893
Other management expenses	3	2,980,200	2,061,009
Depreciation		87,344	90,818
Net impairment movement on loans to members (note 5)		(933,736)	(828,964)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>3,605,840</b>	<b>2,685,756</b>
<b>Surplus for the financial year</b>		<b>1,258,508</b>	<b>1,952,876</b>

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

*Sean Madden*

Member of the board of directors

Date: 16 December 2025

*Gráinne Murphy*

CEO

## STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	€	€
Surplus for the financial year	1,258,508	1,952,876
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the financial year</b>	<b>1,258,508</b>	<b>1,952,876</b>

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*Gráinne Murphy*

CEO

The notes on pages 14 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET

### AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		€	€
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and balances at bank	6	6,601,512	3,088,493
Deposits and investments – cash equivalents	7	25,251,335	23,577,716
Deposits and investments – other	7	62,027,787	61,333,174
Loans to members	8	51,900,637	49,495,941
Provision for bad debts	9	(3,230,922)	(3,520,104)
Members' current accounts overdrawn	14	4,677	2,361
Tangible fixed assets	10	414,327	465,462
Equity investment	11	30,000	30,000
Debtors, prepayments and accrued income	12	1,059,021	881,778
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>144,058,374</b>	<b>135,354,821</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Members' shares	13	110,387,040	105,203,216
Members' deposits	13	2,986,590	1,631,320
Other members' funds	13	3,968,465	3,445,604
Members' current accounts	14	946,210	825,270
Other liabilities, accruals and charges	15	1,460,775	802,691
Other provisions	16	50,500	45,461
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>119,799,580</b>	<b>111,953,562</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Regulatory reserve	18	15,400,000	15,000,000
Operational risk reserve	18	1,600,283	1,583,890
Other reserves			
- Realised reserves	18	7,125,949	6,632,994
- Unrealised reserves	18	132,562	184,375
<b>Total reserves</b>		<b>24,258,794</b>	<b>23,401,259</b>
<b>Total liabilities and reserves</b>		<b>144,058,374</b>	<b>135,354,821</b>

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

*Sean Madden*  
Member of the board of directors

*Gráinne Murphy*  
CEO

Date: 16 December 2025

The notes on pages 14 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	<b>Regulatory reserve</b>	<b>Operational risk reserve</b>	<b>Realised reserves</b>	<b>Unrealised reserves</b>	<b>Total</b>
	€	€	€	€	€
<b>As at 1 October 2023</b>	<b>13,562,043</b>	<b>1,461,454</b>	<b>6,467,703</b>	<b>153,898</b>	<b>21,645,098</b>
Surplus for the financial year	-	-	1,922,399	30,477	1,952,876
Transfers between reserves	1,437,957	122,436	(1,560,393)	-	-
Payment of dividend	-	-	(196,715)	-	(196,715)
<b>As at 1 October 2024</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>1,583,890</b>	<b>6,632,994</b>	<b>184,375</b>	<b>23,401,259</b>
Surplus for the financial year	-	-	1,256,916	1,592	1,258,508
Transfers between reserves	400,000	16,393	(362,988)	(53,405)	-
Payment of dividend	-	-	(400,973)	-	(400,973)
<b>As at 30 September 2025</b>	<b>15,400,000</b>	<b>1,600,283</b>	<b>7,125,949</b>	<b>132,562</b>	<b>24,258,794</b>

- The regulatory reserve of the credit union as a percentage of total assets as at 30 September 2025 was 10.69% (2024: 11.08%).
- The operational risk reserve of the credit union as a percentage of total assets as at 30 September 2025 was 1.11% (2024: 1.17%).

The notes on pages 14 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Opening cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>26,666,209</b>	<b>25,299,354</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Loans repaid by members	8	17,161,219	15,816,365
Loans granted to members	8	(19,704,914)	(22,703,131)
Interest on members' loans		3,203,202	2,998,492
Interest payable and similar charges	23	(21,230)	(1,267)
Other interest income and similar income		1,604,357	1,564,950
Bad debts recovered and recoveries	5	783,553	785,841
Other income		78,019	76,457
Dividends paid	22	(400,973)	(196,715)
Members' current accounts lodgements	14	11,921,608	10,006,811
Members' current accounts withdrawals	14	(11,802,984)	(9,848,748)
Operating expenses		(4,452,232)	(3,423,902)
Movement in other assets and liabilities		485,880	323,859
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>(1,144,495)</b>	<b>(4,600,988)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Fixed asset purchases	10	(36,209)	(20,092)
Equity investment	11	-	(30,000)
Net cash flow from other investing activities		(694,613)	2,562,535
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>(730,822)</b>	<b>2,512,443</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Members' savings received	13	102,636,452	94,544,037
Members' savings withdrawn	13	(95,574,497)	(91,088,637)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>		<b>7,061,955</b>	<b>3,455,400</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>5,186,638</b>	<b>1,366,855</b>
<b>Closing cash and cash equivalents</b>	6	<b>31,852,847</b>	<b>26,666,209</b>

The notes on pages 14 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

## 1. LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited is registered with the Registry of Credit Unions and is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. The registered office of the credit union is located at Main Street, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

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

The following significant accounting policies have been applied:

### 2.2 Statement of compliance

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

### 2.3 Going concern

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

### 2.4 Income

#### Interest on members' loans

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

#### Deposit and investment income

Deposit and investment income is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest method.

#### Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis.

### 2.5 Cash and cash equivalents

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

### 2.6 Deposits and investments

#### Held at amortised cost

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

#### Central Bank deposits

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

#### Investments at fair value

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

### 2.7 Financial assets – loans to members

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

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.8 Provision for bad debts

The credit union assesses if there is objective evidence that any of its loans are impaired with due consideration of economic factors. The loans are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics. Individually significant loans are assessed on a loan by loan basis. In addition, if there is objective evidence that any individual loan is impaired, a specific loss will be recognised. Bad debt provisioning is monitored by the credit union, and the credit union assesses and approves its provisions and the adequacy of same on a regular basis. Loans are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery.

Any bad debts/impairment losses are recognised in the income and expenditure account. To provide more meaningful information about the performance of the credit union loan portfolio, it presents the net impairment movement on loans to members in the income and expenditure account, which includes both:

- the movement in bad debts provision during the year, and
- the loans written off during the year.

This presentation is considered to offer more transparent insight into the credit quality of the portfolio and the effectiveness of credit risk management.

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

#### 2.9 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Premises	2% straight line per annum
Fixtures & fittings	15% straight line per annum
Computer equipment	20% straight line per annum

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

#### 2.10 Impairment of assets

At each reporting date fixed assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account. If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account.

#### 2.11 Equity investment

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

#### 2.12 Other receivables

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.13 Financial liabilities – members’ savings

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

#### 2.14 Members’ deposits

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

#### 2.15 Members’ current accounts

Credit balances on members’ current accounts are recognised as financial liabilities when funds are received from members. These balances are repayable on demand. They are initially measured at the amount deposited and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Debit balances on members’ current accounts represent amounts advanced to members, which are classified as financial assets measured at amortised cost. These balances are assessed for impairment at each reporting date. Any impairment losses identified are recognised in the income and expenditure account.

#### 2.16 Other payables

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

#### 2.17 Pension

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

The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme and there is insufficient information for the credit union to separately identify its share of the Scheme’s underlying assets and liabilities. Consequently, the Scheme is currently accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

If an agreement is entered into with the Scheme that determines how Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited will fund a past service deficit, the credit union shall recognise a liability

for the contributions payable that arise from the agreement (to the extent that they relate to the deficit). Refer to note 28 for further detail.

The credit union also operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of this scheme are held separately from those of the credit union in independently administered funds. Employer contributions to the scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate. The amount payable at the year end is €15,497 (2024: €24,366).

#### 2.18 Holiday pay

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

#### 2.19 Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

#### 2.20 Regulatory reserve

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

#### 2.21 Operational risk reserve

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

The directors have considered the requirements of the Act and have calculated the operational risk reserve requirement by reference to the predicted impact of operational risk events that may have a material impact on the credit union’s business.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30  
SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.22 Other reserves

Other reserves are the accumulated surpluses to date that have not been declared as dividends returnable to members. The other reserves are subdivided into realised and unrealised. In accordance with the Central Bank guidance note for credit unions on matters relating to accounting for investments and distribution policy, investment income that has been recognised but will not be received within 12 months of the balance sheet date is classified as unrealised and is not distributable. A reclassification between unrealised and realised is made as investments come to within 12 months of maturity date. The directors have deemed it appropriate that interest on loans receivable at the balance sheet date be classified as unrealised and therefore not distributable. All other income, including the SPS refund receivable, is classified as realised.

#### 2.23 Distribution policy

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

The rate of dividends and loan interest rebates recommended by the board will reflect:

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

All dominated by prudence and the need to sustain the long-term welfare of the credit union.

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

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

#### 2.24 Taxation

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

### 3. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCE OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

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

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

The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. The net book value of tangible fixed assets subject to depreciation at the year end was €414,327 (2024: €465,462).

#### Provision for bad debts

The credit union's accounting policy for impairment of loans is set out in note 2.8. The estimation of loan losses is inherently uncertain and depends upon many factors, including loan loss trends, credit risk characteristics in loan classes, local and international economic climates, conditions in various sectors of the economy to which the credit union is exposed, and, other external factors such as legal and regulatory requirements. The provision for bad debts in the financial statements at the year end was €3,230,922 (2024: €3,520,104) representing 6.23% (2024: 7.11%) of the total gross loan book.

#### Equity investment

The credit union holds an unlisted equity investment in CU Mortgage Services Designated Activity Company. This investment was made for operational purposes and is not held for trading. The investment is classified as a basic financial instrument in accordance with FRS 102 (as amended) and is measured at cost less impairment. The directors have assessed that the fair value of this investment cannot be reliably measured, due to the absence of an active market and the lack of recent observable transactions for similar instruments. The directors have carried out an impairment review as at the financial year end and are satisfied that there is no objective evidence of impairment. No impairment losses have been recognised during the financial year.

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### 3. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCE OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (CONTINUED)

#### Operational risk reserve

The directors have considered the requirements of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and 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 estimated impact of operational risk events that may have a material impact on the credit union's business. The operational risk reserve of the credit union at the year end was €1,600,283 (2024: €1,583,890).

#### Pension

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

- Scheme assets are not segregated or tracked by contributing employers. There is insufficient information to appropriately allocate the assets to individual employers as contributions paid are pooled in a single fund and none of the contributing employers have separately segregated asset pools.
- Orphan members are those members (including pensioners) who previously contributed to the Scheme where their employer has paid an exit cost and as a result has no further liability to the Scheme. A pension liability continues to exist for these individual members. There is uncertainty around where the obligation rests in respect of orphan members currently and into the future.
- The Funding Plan calculations are based on each employer's share of liabilities at a point in time. This does not infer that each employer

is contributing towards its liabilities. The determination of the contribution rate is a point in time assessment and is not updated subsequently for changes in the employers' liability that may occur in the future.

Subsequently, as the profile of the Scheme continues to change, there will continue to be a natural cross subsidisation.

Consequently, Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited continues to account for the plan as a defined contribution plan.

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

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

### 4. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

The directors of the credit union service on a voluntary basis and do not receive any remuneration for services performed in that capacity. The compensation for key management personnel is as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Short term employee benefits paid to key management	533,341	544,107
Payments to pension schemes	43,519	45,238
<b>Total key management personnel compensation</b>	<b>576,860</b>	<b>589,345</b>

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### 5. NET IMPAIRMENT MOVEMENT ON LOANS TO MEMBERS

	2025 €	2024 €
Bad debts recovered	(702,070)	(706,394)
Impairment of loan interest reclassified as bad debt recoveries	(81,483)	(79,447)
Movement in bad debts provision during the year	(289,182)	(117,609)
Loans written off during the year	138,999	74,486
<b>Net impairment movement on loans to members</b>	<b>(933,736)</b>	<b>(828,964)</b>

### 6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025 €	2024 €
Cash and balances at bank	6,601,512	3,088,493
Deposits and investments – cash equivalents (note 7)	25,251,335	23,577,716
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>31,852,847</b>	<b>26,666,209</b>

### 7. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Deposits and investments – cash equivalents</b>		
Accounts in authorised credit institutions (Irish and non-Irish based)	24,216,635	23,479,234
Central Bank deposits	42,112	98,482
Irish and EEA state securities	992,588	-
<b>Total deposits and investments – cash equivalents</b>	<b>25,251,335</b>	<b>23,577,716</b>

<b>Deposits and investments – other</b>		
Accounts in authorised credit institutions (Irish and non-Irish based)	32,455,938	35,323,372
Bank bonds	25,531,419	24,021,933
Central Bank deposits	1,034,000	977,630
Other investments	1,034,816	1,010,239
Irish and EEA state securities	1,971,614	-
<b>Total deposits and investments – other</b>	<b>62,027,787</b>	<b>61,333,174</b>

<b>Total deposits and investments</b>	<b>87,279,122</b>	<b>84,910,890</b>
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The rating category of counterparties with whom the investments were held at 30 September 2025 and 30 September 2024 is as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Aa1	-	4,733,232
Aa2	5,591,403	-
Aa3	7,967,880	9,141,247
A1	40,156,697	33,975,469
A2	3,000,000	3,000,000
Baa1	29,487,030	32,984,830
Central Bank	1,076,112	1,076,112
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,279,122</b>	<b>84,910,890</b>

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#### 8. FINANCIAL ASSETS – LOANS TO MEMBERS

	2025 €	2024 €
As at 1 October	49,495,941	42,683,661
Loans granted during the year	19,704,914	22,703,131
Loans repaid during the year	(17,161,219)	(15,816,365)
<b>Gross loans and advances</b>	<b>52,039,636</b>	<b>49,570,427</b>
<b>Bad debts</b>		
Loans written off during the year	(138,999)	(74,486)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>51,900,637</b>	<b>49,495,941</b>

#### 9. PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS

	2025 €	2024 €
As at 1 October	3,520,104	3,637,713
Movement in bad debts provision during the year	(289,182)	(117,609)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>3,230,922</b>	<b>3,520,104</b>

The provision for bad debts is analysed as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Grouped assessed loans	3,230,922	3,520,104
<b>Provision for bad debts</b>	<b>3,230,922</b>	<b>3,520,104</b>

#### 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Premises €	Fixtures & fittings €	Computer equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 October 2024	734,221	213,146	471,139	1,418,506
Additions	-	-	36,209	36,209
<b>As at 30 September 2025</b>	<b>734,221</b>	<b>213,146</b>	<b>507,348</b>	<b>1,454,715</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1 October 2024	435,431	110,482	407,131	953,044
Charge for year	14,684	31,125	41,535	87,344
<b>As at 30 September 2025</b>	<b>450,115</b>	<b>141,607</b>	<b>448,666</b>	<b>1,040,388</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
<b>As at 30 September 2025</b>	<b>284,106</b>	<b>71,539</b>	<b>58,682</b>	<b>414,327</b>
As at 30 September 2024	298,790	102,664	64,008	465,462

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### 11. EQUITY INVESTMENT

	€
<b>Cost</b>	
As at 1 October 2024	30,000
Additions	-
<b>As at 30 September 2025</b>	<b>30,000</b>

Accumulated impairment	
As at 30 September 2025	-

<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>As at 30 September 2025</b>	<b>30,000</b>

As at 30 September 2024	30,000
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#### Interests in equity investment

The credit union has interests in the following equity investment:

Entity name	Registered address	Type of shares held	Proportion held %
CU Mortgage Services Designated Activity Company (Registered number: 755686)	Suite 27-29 Morrison Chambers, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2, D02 XF22	Ordinary share capital	1.52%

### 12. DEBTORS, PREPAYMENTS AND ACCRUED INCOME

	2025 €	2024 €
Prepayments	188,395	176,870
Loan interest receivable	122,722	121,130
Accrued income on investments	684,898	520,772
Other debtors	63,006	63,006
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>1,059,021</b>	<b>881,778</b>

### 13. MEMBERS' SAVINGS

	2025 €	2024 €
As at 1 October	110,280,140	106,824,740
Received during the year	102,636,452	94,544,037
Withdrawn during the year	(95,574,497)	(91,088,637)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>117,342,095</b>	<b>110,280,140</b>

Members' savings are analysed as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Members' shares	110,387,040	105,203,216
Members' deposits	2,986,590	1,631,320
Other members' funds	3,968,465	3,445,604
<b>Total members' savings</b>	<b>117,342,095</b>	<b>110,280,140</b>

### 14. MEMBERS' CURRENT ACCOUNTS

	2025 €	2024 €
As at 1 October	822,909	664,846
Lodgements during the year	11,921,608	10,006,811
Withdrawals during the year	(11,802,984)	(9,848,748)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>941,533</b>	<b>822,909</b>

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### 14 MEMBERS' CURRENT ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	2025		2024	
	No. of Accounts	Balance of Accounts €	No. of Accounts	Balance of Accounts €
Debit	92	4,677	71	2,361
Credit	764	946,210	684	825,270
Permitted overdrafts	3	6,000	3	6,000

### 15. OTHER LIABILITIES, ACCRUALS AND CHARGES

	2025 €	2024 €
Accruals and other liabilities	1,434,791	773,763
PAYE/PRSI	25,984	28,928
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>1,460,775</b>	<b>802,691</b>

### 16. OTHER PROVISIONS

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Holiday pay accrual</b>		
As at 1 October	45,461	46,699
Charged/(credited) to the income and expenditure account	5,039	(1,238)
<b>As at 30 September</b>	<b>50,500</b>	<b>45,461</b>

### 17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

<b>Financial assets</b>	2025 €	2024 €
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	142,298,114	133,581,120

<b>Financial liabilities</b>	2025 €	2024 €
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	119,799,580	111,953,562

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

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

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### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

#### 17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

As at 30 September 2025	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	€	€	€	€
Other investment	1,034,816	-	1,034,816	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,034,816</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,034,816</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 30 September 2024	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	€	€	€	€
Other investment	1,010,239	-	1,010,239	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,010,239</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,010,239</b>	<b>-</b>

There was a fair value movement of (€399) recognised in the income and expenditure account for the year ended 30 September 2025 (2024: €10,239).

#### 18. RESERVES

	Balance 01/10/24	Payment of dividend	Appropriation of current year surplus	Transfers between reserves	Balance 30/09/25
	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Regulatory reserve</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	-	-	<b>400,000</b>	<b>15,400,000</b>
<b>Operational risk reserve</b>	<b>1,583,890</b>	-	-	<b>16,393</b>	<b>1,600,283</b>
<b>Other reserves</b>					
<b>Realised</b>					
General reserve	6,632,994	(400,973)	1,256,916	(362,988)	7,125,949
<b>Total realised reserves</b>	<b>6,632,994</b>	<b>(400,973)</b>	<b>1,256,916</b>	<b>(362,988)</b>	<b>7,125,949</b>
<b>Unrealised</b>					
Interest on loans reserve	121,130	-	1,592	-	122,722
Investment income reserve	10,239	-	-	(399)	9,840
SPS reserve	53,006	-	-	(53,006)	-
<b>Total unrealised reserves</b>	<b>184,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>(53,405)</b>	<b>132,562</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>23,401,259</b>	<b>(400,973)</b>	<b>1,258,508</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,258,794</b>

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#### 19. CREDIT RISK DISCLOSURES

In line with regulatory requirements, the credit union:

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

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

	2025		2024	
	€	%	€	%
<b>Loans not impaired</b>				
Total loans not impaired, not past due	44,403,155	85.55%	41,179,081	83.20%
<b>Impaired loans:</b>				
Not past due	802,622	1.55%	992,386	2.00%
Up to 9 weeks past due	5,049,035	9.73%	5,187,756	10.48%
Between 10 and 18 weeks past due	396,639	0.76%	500,066	1.01%
Between 19 and 26 weeks past due	169,507	0.33%	393,751	0.80%
Between 27 and 39 weeks past due	175,876	0.34%	267,140	0.54%
Between 40 and 52 weeks past due	169,953	0.33%	267,573	0.54%
53 or more weeks past due	733,850	1.41%	708,188	1.43%
<b>Total impaired loans</b>	<b>7,497,482</b>	<b>14.45%</b>	<b>8,316,860</b>	<b>16.80%</b>
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>51,900,637</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>49,495,941</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

#### 20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

##### 20a. Loans

	2025		2024	
	No. of loans	€	No. of loans	€
Loans advanced to related parties during the year	3	70,000	1	20,000
Total loans outstanding to related parties at the year end	7	138,245	6	137,805
Total provision for loans outstanding to related parties		3,768		3,615
Total interest income received from loans to related parties		5,756		6,320

The related party loans stated above comprise of loans outstanding to directors and the management team (to include their family members or any business in which the directors or management team had a significant shareholding). Total loans outstanding to related parties represents 0.27% of the total loans outstanding at 30 September 2025 (2024: 0.28%).

##### 20b. Savings

The total amount of savings held by related parties at the year end was €530,943 (2024: €633,416).

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### 21. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DISCLOSURES

#### 21a. Financial risk management

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

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

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

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

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

#### 21b. Liquidity risk disclosures

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

#### 21c. Interest rate risk disclosures

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

	2025		2024	
	Average interest rate		Average interest rate	
	€	%	€	%
Gross loans to members	51,900,637	6.48%	49,495,941	6.62%

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

### 22. DIVIDENDS

The following distributions were paid during the year:

	2025		2024	
	%	€	%	€
Dividend on shares	0.40%	400,973	0.20%	196,715

The directors are proposing a dividend of €421,039 (0.40%) in respect of the financial year ended 30 September 2025. (2024:€402,782 (0.40%)).

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### 23. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

Deposit interest payable for the year

	2025	2024
	€	€
Total deposit interest paid	21,230	1,267

### 24. EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and Gort Credit Union Limited have completed a significant piece of due diligence work in relation to the proposed merger. Members of both credit unions will be given the opportunity to vote on the proposed merger at the upcoming AGM. The process will also require confirmation by the Central Bank in line with regulatory and legislative requirements.

### 25. INSURANCE AGAINST FRAUD

The credit union has Insurance against fraud in the amount of €5,200,000 (2024: €5,200,000) in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

### 26. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 30 September 2025.

### 27. COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

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

### 28. THE IRISH LEAGUE OF CREDIT UNIONS REPUBLIC OF IRELAND PENSION SCHEME

Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) 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, Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and the 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. Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited's allocation of that past service deficit was €1,527,310. This total cost was included in the income and expenditure account for the financial year ended 30 September 2022. The deficit amount was paid to the trustees of the Scheme during the financial year ended 30 September 2022.

As this is a pooled pension scheme, Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited remains liable to cover the cost of their share of any future increase in the total cost of providing the pension benefits to credit union employees who were part of the Scheme. Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited could exit the Scheme and therefore never have to make a potential additional payment requirement however exiting the Scheme may incur a substantial additional cost.

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

### 29. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 16 December 2025.

## SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The following schedules do not form part of the statutory financial statements which are the subject of the Independent Auditor's report on pages 8 to 9.

### SCHEDULE 1 – OTHER INTEREST INCOME AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2025 €	2024 €
Investment income received/receivable within 1 year	1,579,780	1,554,711
Dividend income on CU AHB investment	24,976	-
Movement in unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	(399)	10,239
<b>Total per income and expenditure account</b>	<b>1,604,357</b>	<b>1,564,950</b>

### SCHEDULE 2 – OTHER INCOME

	2025 €	2024 €
Commissions	5,111	4,739
Other income	42,918	46,123
Current account services income	29,990	25,595
<b>Total per income and expenditure account</b>	<b>78,019</b>	<b>76,457</b>

## **SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)**

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### **SCHEDULE 3 – OTHER MANAGEMENT EXPENSES**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Rent and rates	5,642	1,380
Light, heat and cleaning	41,988	30,936
Repairs and renewals	24,564	19,143
Security	47,118	40,362
Printing and stationery	17,171	21,757
Postage and telephone	42,705	29,838
Donation and sponsorship	26,259	24,220
Promotion and advertising	98,893	79,965
Training costs	26,605	26,582
Staff uniform costs	-	11,251
Convention expenses	21,652	20,886
AGM expenses	11,366	27,886
Travel and subsistence	6,565	5,686
Bank charges	62,142	84,401
Audit fee	33,259	28,721
Legal and professional fees	276,895	270,604
General insurance	60,963	59,768
Share and loan insurance	350,969	333,169
Death benefit insurance	121,109	107,554
Computer maintenance	448,284	345,058
SPS, affiliation fees and subscriptions	103,742	100,465
Regulatory levies	93,260	196,830
Social development	75,000	75,000
Current account services expense	86,435	76,007
Office expenses	47,614	43,540
Transfer of engagement costs	850,000	-
<b>Total per income and expenditure account</b>	<b>2,980,200</b>	<b>2,061,009</b>

## **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	€
<b>Income</b>	
Interest Income	279,794
Investment Income	129,969
Bad Debts Recovered	42,497
Other Income	11,446
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>463,706</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Net Loan Protection / Life Savings Insurance	29,335
Salaries and Related Expenses	149,098
Interest on Deposits	2,962
Other Expenses	126,687
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>308,082</b>
<b>YTD Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>155,624</b>

## **BALANCE SHEET**

	€
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Current Accounts	8,481,993
Minimum Reserve Deposit Held	1,076,112
<b>Investments</b>	
Irish and EEA State Securities	2,965,818
Accounts in Authorised Credit Institutions	56,692,787
Bank Bonds	25,530,840
Other	1,034,816
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>86,224,261</b>
Loans	51,992,213
Less Provision For Bad Debts	(3,230,922)
Fixed Assets less Depreciation	408,984
Other Assets	1,155,571
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>146,108,212</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Member Shares	111,823,177
Member Deposits	3,231,936
Other Member Funds	5,108,052
Other Liabilities	1,530,630
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>121,693,794</b>
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>24,414,418</b>
<b>Reserves</b>	
Regulatory Reserve	15,400,000
Operational Risk Reserve	1,600,283
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	155,624
Other Reserves	7,258,510
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>24,414,418</b>



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2025 Financial Statements**

## GORT CREDIT UNION – NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Gort Credit Union will be held on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 @ 7.30 p.m.** in Sullivan's Hotel, The Square, Gort, Co. Galway

### AGENDA

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting is as follows:

1. The acceptance by the board of directors of the authorised representatives of members that are not natural persons;
2. Ascertainment that a quorum is present;
3. Adoption of Standing Orders;
4. Reading and approval (or correction) of the minutes of the last annual general meeting;
5. Report of the Board of Directors
6. Report of the Auditor;
7. Consideration of Accounts
8. Report of the Board Oversight Committee;
9. Declaration of dividend and rebate of interest (if any);
10. Consideration of Special Resolution  
*The members of Gort Credit Union Limited resolve that the Credit Union transfers its engagements to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).*
11. Report of the Credit Committee;
12. Report of Credit Control Committee;
13. Report of Membership Committee;
14. Report of the Nomination Committee;
15. Appointment of Tellers;
16. Election of Auditor, Board Oversight Committee and Board of Directors;
17. Any other business;
18. Announcement of election results;
19. Adjournment or close of meeting.

### GORT CREDIT UNION LIMITED - MOTIONS AND RULE AMENDMENTS

#### Motion 1 - Consideration of Special Resolution

The members of Gort Credit Union Limited resolve that the Credit Union transfers its engagements to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

#### Elections

The Nomination Committee is charged with proposing nominees to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors and the Board Oversight Committee. All such nominees shall be members of the Credit Union. The nominees shall be assessed by the Nomination Committee for the experience, qualifications and/or skills necessary to perform properly and effectively the functions of a Director or Board Oversight Committee member. The closing date for nominations for the vacancies arising at AGM 2025 was 5th November 2025.

#### Board Of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of nine directors. There are three vacancies to be filled and Bernice Carolan, PJ Downey and Michael Nestor offer themselves for re-election to the Board of Directors.

#### Board Oversight Committee

The Committee consists of three members. There is one vacancy to be filled and Frank McDermott offers himself for re-election to the Board Oversight Committee.

#### Notice of intention to change Auditor

In accordance with section 117 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) (resolutions relating to the appointment and removal of auditors), the Board of Directors is proposing to change the auditor of Gort Credit Union Limited at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The Board of Directors is nominating Grant Thornton as the new auditor to Gort Credit Union Limited. The board would like to place on record our appreciation to Duffy Burke, retiring auditor for Gort Credit Union Limited for the dedication and commitment to members over a long period of service.

## **STANDING ORDERS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **MOTIONS**

1. All motions must be proposed and seconded by members present at the AGM and moved by the proposer.
2. 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.
3. In exercising his/her right of reply, a proposer may not introduce new material.
4. The seconder of a motion shall have such time as shall be allowed by the chair to second the motion.
5. Members are entitled to speak on any such motion and must do so through the chair. All speakers to any motion shall have such time as shall be at the discretion of the chair.
6. 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**

7. 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.
8. The chair may at his/her discretion, extend the privilege of the floor to any person who is not a member.
9. Only matters covered by the Agenda at the AGM may be considered.
10. The chairman's decision on any matter relating to these Standing Orders or interpretation of same shall be final.
11. 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.
12. Any Special Resolution to be decided upon by vote at the AGM shall, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law or the rules, be decided upon by 75% majority of those present and voting by electronic poll.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

### **ALTERATION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENTS**

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

### **RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

As one of the owners of the Credit Union, you have a right to know how it is being run and how it is performing. With this right comes the responsibility to contribute to the effective and fair running of the Credit Union. The best way to exercise these rights and responsibilities is to attend the AGM, contribute to discussions about Credit Union matters and with care, elect to office, people who will have the general good of the membership at heart. Every member has one vote at the AGM regardless of number of shares they hold.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of Gort Credit Union Limited is 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 receivable and interest payable.

#### DIRECTORS OF THE CREDIT UNION AND BOARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The directors, who held office at any time during the financial year, were as follows:

Denis Bartley	
Kevin McSharry (Retired)	
Patrick Hynes	
Paddy Grealish	
Geraldine Flanagan	Chairman
Margaret Rochford	Director
Ed Purcell (Retired)	Director
Sharon Connolly	Director
Bernice Carolan	Director
Dan Casey	Board Oversight Committee
Geraldine Donnolly (RIP)	Board Oversight Committee
Niall Finnegan	Board Oversight Committee
Anne McNerney	Chief executive
Michael Nestor Director	Co opted - Director
PJ Downey Director	Co-opted - Director
Frank McDermott	Board Oversight Committee Co opted

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The results of the year's trading, the financial position of the Credit Union and the transfer to reserves are shown in the annexed financial statements. The Credit Union's surplus for the year, before movements in loan impairments and gains on investment, amounted to €167,182 (2024 - €253,430).

#### BUSINESS REVIEW

The Board is proposing member distributions consisting of a 0.01% dividend, at a cost of €31,134, and a 0.00% rebate on interest paid during the year on all personal loans. The Credit Union continued to perform very strongly throughout 2025. The surplus generated during the year has further enhanced our regulatory reserves, bringing our regulatory capital to 11.50%. The Board remains committed to delivering value to our members, particularly in the competitive lending market, where we offer a wide range of favourable loan rates.

To safeguard the long-term sustainability of Gort Credit Union and to meet increasing member demand for a broader range of services, the Board, with the approval of the Central Bank, is actively advancing a merger with Ballinasloe Credit Union, with completion expected in early 2026. This significant strategic project has resulted in increased expenditure during the year. As part of this, staff costs have risen, reflecting both the demands of the merger management process and our commitment to supporting our employees during this transition. The Credit Union's total assets now stand at €38,630,445 and our loan book amounts to €11,749,561 before provisions for impairments.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Credit Union operates within a conservative, Board approved risk appetite. Protecting members' interests is paramount, and the Credit Union contributes to various regulatory levies and compensation schemes. The principal business risks to which the Credit Union is exposed are considered the main financial risks arising from the Credit Union's activities. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks, which are summarised below.

**Credit Risk:** Credit risk is the risk that a borrower will default on their contractual obligations relating to repayments to the Credit Union resulting in financial loss. Credit risk also arises in the form of investment management where an issuer may default on their contractual obligations. In order to manage this risk the Board approves the Credit Unions lending and investment policies and all changes to it. All loan applications are assessed with reference to the lending policy in force at the time. Subsequently loans are regularly reviewed for any factors that may indicate impairment on loans advanced. The Board approves the Credit Union's Credit Control policy which monitors the procedures for the collection of loans in arrears and also the provisioning policy which provides the basis for impairments on loans.

**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 objective of the liquidity policy is to smooth the mismatches between maturing assets and liabilities and to provide a degree of protection against any unexpected developments that may arise. Members' shares and deposits, which are available on demand and those not on demand are identified as liabilities.

**Market Risk:** The Credit Union conducts all its transactions in euro, accordingly the Credit Union is not exposed to any currency risk or other such direct market risk. The Credit Union considers its potential exposure to overall market risk in the banking sector and seeks to minimise such risk through its investment policy.

**Interest Rate Risk:** The Credit Union's main interest rate risk arises from differences between the interest rate exposures on loans and investments receivable, as offset by its cost of capital, which is typically that of distributions to members' payable in the form of dividends, and interest rebates. The Credit Union considers rates of interest receivable when deciding on the appropriation of income and its returns to members. The Board monitors such policy in line with the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended and guidance notes issued by the Central Bank of Ireland.

**Deposit Protection Scheme:** This is the risk of higher financial levies being imposed on the Credit Union for further claims relating to the failure of other financial organisations. Costs associated with the DGS continue to represent an ongoing burden on the Credit Union. Membership of the scheme remains compulsory for all financial institutions.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

**Operational Risk:** This is the risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. The operational risks faced by the Credit Union are assessed on a regular basis and an appropriate system of control exists to mitigate these risks. The Board, through its committee structures, is responsible for assessing the effectiveness of the system of inspection and control. The controls are reviewed by the Credit Unions internal auditors on an ongoing basis.

**Regulatory Risk:** This is the risk that changing laws, and the volume and complexity of regulatory requirements may impact upon the Credit Union's ability to compete and grow. This risk is regularly reviewed by the Board.

**Conduct Risk:** This is the risk that actual or potential member detriment arises, or may arise, from the way the Credit Union conducts its business. The Board has primary responsibility for ensuring that the manner in which the Credit Union conducts dealings with its members is fair and in their interests. This culture is embedded throughout the business and the Credit Union considers all matters that impact upon the fair treatment of its members, including product design and terms and conditions, complaints, fees and charges and ensuring that staff are trained and suitably qualified.

### GOING CONCERN

The Directors are required to consider whether the Credit Union will continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from date of approval of these financial statements. In making the assessment the Directors have reviewed the Credit Unions strategic plan and considered risks that could impact on the Credit Unions reserve position, financial position, and liquidity over that period. The Directors have also prepared forecasts which considered the effect of operating under stressed but plausible events that would impact on the Credit Union's business, financial position, capital, and liquidity.

A range of sensitivities has been considered or applied to these forecasts, including scenarios relating to, the outlook for interest rates, growth in members savings and loan demand. Furthermore, the Credit Union is required to regularly review its capital and liquidity positions in relation to its uncommitted or on demand savings and consider at least quarterly the various stress testing scenarios applicable against borrowers' propensity to default, interest rates and circumstances that may give rise to funding outflows.

After considering all of this information, the Directors' knowledge and experience of the Credit Union, and the markets in which it operates, the Directors are satisfied that the Credit Union has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements

### DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITORS

We, the directors of the Credit Union who held office at the date of approval of these financial statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Credit Union's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as directors in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Credit Union's auditors are aware of that information.

### REAPPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The independent auditors, Duffy Burke & Co shall not be accepting re-appointment in accordance with Section 115 of the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended.

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Directors' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Credit Union Act 1997, as amended requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and Irish Law), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The Credit Union's annual accounts are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Credit Union as at the end of the financial year and of the income and expenditure of the Credit Union for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the Credit Union

- keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Credit Union, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the Credit Union to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and directors' report comply with the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended.
- takes reasonable care to establish, maintain, document and review such systems and controls as are appropriate to its business, in accordance with the legislation and guidance from the Central Bank of Ireland under the Credit Unions Acts and Statutory Instruments.

On behalf of the Board on 16 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

*Geraldine Flanagan*

Chairman

## STATEMENT OF BOARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Credit Union Act 1997, as amended requires the appointment of a Board Oversight Committee.

The Board Oversight Committee of a Credit Union shall assess whether the board of directors has operated in accordance with-

- Part IV of the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended and any regulations made for the purposes of Part IV, and
- Any other matter prescribed by the Central Bank in respect of which they are to have regard to in relation to the board of directors.

*Dan Casey*

Chairperson

Board Oversight Committee

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GORT CREDIT UNION LIMITED

### OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Gort Credit Union Limited (the 'Credit Union') for the year ended 30 September 2025, which comprise the Income & Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of reserves and changes in members' interests, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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 30 September 2025 and of 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 prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended.

### BASIS FOR OPINION

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

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

### CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

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

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

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GORT CREDIT UNION LIMITED (CONTINUED)

### OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE CREDIT UNION ACT 1997, AS AMENDED

In our opinion, based 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.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Credit Union were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibility Statement set out on page 36, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority's website at: [http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### THE PURPOSE OF OUR AUDIT WORK AND TO WHOM WE OWE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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

**Graham Burke FCA**  
**on behalf of Duffy Burke & Co**  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm  
Level One  
Liosban Business Park  
Tuam Road  
Galway

16 December 2025

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	Total 2025 €	Total 2024 €
Interest on Members' Loans	3	957,738	884,308
Investment Interest received	4	354,498	350,133
<b>Net Interest Income</b>		<b>1,312,236</b>	<b>1,234,441</b>
Fees & commissions receivable	5	6,115	6,184
Fees & Commissions Payable	6	(70,013)	(115,351)
Other income	7	1,724	4,547
<b>Total Net Income</b>		<b>1,250,062</b>	<b>1,129,821</b>
Employment Costs	8	(572,423)	(398,979)
Management Expenses	10	(479,073)	(429,273)
Depreciation	13	(31,386)	(48,137)
<b>Surplus (Deficit) before impairments and provisions</b>		<b>167,180</b>	<b>253,432</b>
Net Impairments/recoveries on Loans to Members	12	(16,791)	34,279
Gains ( losses) on investments		21,049	56,681
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>171,438</b>	<b>344,392</b>

The Credit Union has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 16 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

*Geraldine Flanagan*  
Chairperson

*Anne McInerney*  
CEO

The notes on pages 43 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Note	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	24	5,766,700	6,497,384
Deposits with Banks	24	6,928,813	7,480,000
Debt Securities	24	13,311,146	10,323,091
Central Bank Reserve	24	218,804	193,304
Members Loans	11	11,746,561	11,179,847
Property, plant and equipment	13	408,917	427,883
Other receivables	15	239,504	213,406
Investments	14	10,000	10,000
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>38,630,445</b>	<b>36,324,915</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Member Shares	16	32,888,790	30,880,226
Members Deposits	16	92,044	111,571
Other current financial liabilities	17	175,555	131,020
Provision for Liabilities	18	161,705	3,836
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>33,318,094</b>	<b>31,126,653</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>5,312,351</b>	<b>5,198,262</b>
<b>Reserves attributed to members</b>			
Regulatory reserve		4,442,486	4,120,150
General Reserve		869,865	1,078,112
<b>Members' funds</b>		<b>5,312,351</b>	<b>5,198,262</b>

Approved and authorised by the Board on 16 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

*Geraldine Flanagan*  
 Chairperson

*Anne McInerney*  
 CEO

The notes on pages 43 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF RESERVES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERS' INTERESTS

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Regulatory reserve €	Operational Risk Reserve €	Distributions Reserve €	Community Reserve €	Retained Earnings €	Total €
At 1 October 2024	4,120,150	141,130	787,338	60,000	89,644	5,198,262
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	-	171,438	171,438
Dividends	-	-	(28,576)	(28,773)	-	(57,349)
Transfers	322,336	17,713	(322,336)	-	(17,713)	-
<b>At 30 September 2025</b>	<b>4,442,486</b>	<b>158,843</b>	<b>436,426</b>	<b>31,227</b>	<b>243,369</b>	<b>5,312,351</b>

	Regulatory reserve €	Operational Risk Reserve €	Distributions Reserve €	Community Reserve €	General Reserve €	Retained Earnings €	Total €
At 1 October 2023	3,850,150	141,130	107,338	15,000	270,000	484,002	4,867,620
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	-	-	344,392	344,392
Dividends	-	-	-	(13,750)	-	-	(13,750)
Transfers	270,000	-	680,000	58,750	(270,000)	(738,750)	-
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<b>4,120,150</b>	<b>141,130</b>	<b>787,338</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,644</b>	<b>5,198,262</b>

#### STATUTORY PERCENTAGES & REGULATORY CAPITAL

The Credit Union Act and regulations require the Credit Union to maintain statutory capital and ratios in relation to its assets and liabilities.

- I. The Credit Union policy is to maintain sufficient capital resources in order to support its growth, continue its lending and exceed the minimum capital requirements set by the Central Bank of Ireland. The Credit Union's related policies on strategy, risk and financial management set out the governance processes which are followed in order to ensure these requirements are met. There have been no reported breaches of capital requirements during the year, and there have been no material changes to the way in which the Credit Union manages its capital compared to the prior year.
- II. Reserves contributing to regulatory capital must be realised unrestricted and non-distributable. The Board must maintain regulatory capital at or above 10% of assets. Regulatory capital excludes amounts set aside for impairments. At the year end the reserve equates to 11.50% of assets.
- III. The Board determines from ongoing risk assessments the amount held as an operational risk reserve, based on the likely cost of risk events. This must be expressed as a percentage of assets, which at the year end is 0.41% .
- IV. Where the credit union has lending concentrations to connected parties greater than 10% of its regulatory capital, the credit union must hold the amount of the exposure that is in excess of the limit in a realised reserve separate from the regulatory reserve.

The notes on pages 43 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Surplus for the year		171,438	344,392
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation and amortisation		31,386	48,137
Movement in Loan Loss Provision		14	(28,060)
		<b>202,838</b>	<b>364,469</b>
<b>Changes in operating assets &amp; liabilities</b>			
Increase in other receivables	15	(26,098)	(17,933)
Increase/(decrease) in trade creditors & other liabilities	17	202,404	(121,692)
Net Movements in Member Loans	11	(566,727)	(1,696,859)
Net Movements in Member Shares		2,008,563	2,659,577
Net Movements Members Deposits		(19,527)	(21,388)
Net cash flow from operating activities		1,801,453	1,166,174
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Acquisitions of tangible assets		(12,420)	(12,367)
Acquisition of investments in associates	14	-	(10,000)
Net Movements in Investments		(2,462,368)	3,472,729
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>(2,474,788)</b>	<b>3,450,362</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Distributions paid	19	(57,349)	(13,750)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(730,685)	4,602,786
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 October		6,497,384	1,894,598
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September</b>		<b>5,766,700</b>	<b>6,497,384</b>
		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Analysis of the balances of cash &amp; cash equivalents</b>			
Cash on hand		238	170
Cash at bank		1,892,120	1,895,479
Short-term deposits		3,874,342	4,601,735
		<b>5,766,700</b>	<b>6,497,384</b>

The notes on pages 43 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Credit Union is registered under the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended, and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

The address of its registered office is: Bridge Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the financial years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Credit Union are prepared in accordance with the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended incorporating the Credit Union Act 1997 (Regulatory Requirements), Ireland and UK applicable accounting standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102").

#### Basis of preparation

The annual accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of certain investments held at fair value where disclosed. In preparing the annual accounts under FRS 102, the use of certain critical account estimates and judgments has been required. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the annual accounts, are set out in the related policies. The presentation currency of the annual accounts is euro.

#### Going concern

The current economic conditions present risks and uncertainties for all businesses. The Directors have carefully considered the risks and uncertainties and the extent to which they might affect the preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis. The Directors consider that:

- the Credit Union maintains an appropriate level of liquidity sufficient to meet the normal demands of the business and the requirements which might arise in stressed circumstances
- the availability and quality of liquid assets is such that it ensures funds are available to repay exceptional demand from its members

- other assets are primarily in the form of personal loans both secured and unsecured. Regular assessment of the recoverability of all loans is undertaken and provision made where appropriate, and
- reasonable surpluses have and will be generated in order to keep capital at a suitable level to meet regulatory requirements

As discussed in the director's report, the Directors are satisfied that the Credit Union has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

#### Interest Income and Expense

Interest income and interest expense for all interest-bearing financial instruments are recognised in 'interest receivable and similar income' or 'interest payable and similar charges' using the effective interest rates of the financial assets or financial liabilities to which they relate. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts the expected future cash flows, over the expected life of the financial instrument, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability.

There are no fees receivable or payable in relation to members' loan advances or settlements. Interest on impaired financial assets is recognised at the original effective interest rate of the financial asset applied to the carrying amount as reduced by an allowance for impairment.

#### Commissions

Commission receivable from the sale of third party products is recognised on fulfilment of contractual obligations, that is when products are completed.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash comprises cash in hand and amounts with banks repayable on demand. Cash equivalents comprise highly liquid, unrestricted investments that are readily convertible into cash with an insignificant risk of changes in value with original maturities of less than three months. The cash flow statements has been prepared using the direct method. Funds with the Central Bank are accounted for as deposit and shown disclosed as assets, however, the Credit Union does not have access to the funds in line with minimum reserve requirements of the bank

#### Financial assets

The Credit Union initially recognises loans, deposits and debt securities on the date on which they originated. All other financial instruments are recognised on the trade date, being the date on which the Credit Union becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### A) Loan commitments

The Credit Union's loans and advances to members are classified as loan commitments. Loans and advances are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

The Credit Union measures its loans and advances at amortised cost less impairment provisions. The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest rate method of any difference between the initial amount recognised and the maturity amount, minus any reduction for impairment. The initial value recognised is the amount of the contractual loan issued to the borrower.

#### B) Debt instruments

Debt instruments are non-derivative assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity that the Credit Union has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity, and which unless otherwise stated, are not designated as at fair value through the income statement. Debt investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method (see above), less any impairment losses. The Credit Union derecognises a financial asset when its contractual rights to a cash flow are discharged or cancelled or expire or substantially all the risk and rewards of ownership have been transferred.

#### Financial Liabilities Measured At Amortised Cost

The Credit Union classifies its financial liabilities, other than financial guarantees and loan commitments, as measured at amortised cost. The Credit Union derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expire.

#### Impairment of Financial Assets

##### a) Assets carried at amortised cost

A financial asset or group of financial assets are impaired when objective evidence demonstrates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset(s) and that the loss event has an impact on the future cash flows of the asset(s) that can be estimated reliably. Throughout the year and at each year end individual assessments are made of all loans and advances and also against properties which are in possession or in arrears by three months or

more and/or are subject to forbearance activities. Individual impairment provisions are made against those loans and advances where there is objective evidence of impairment.

Objective evidence of impairment may include:

- Significant financial difficulty of the borrower/ issuer;
- Deterioration in payment status;
- Renegotiation of the terms of an asset due to financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer, including granting a concession/forbearance to the borrower or issuer;
- Becoming probable that the borrower or issuer will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and
- Any other information discovered during regular review suggesting that a loss is likely in the short to medium term

The Credit Union considers evidence of impairment for assets carried at amortised cost at both an individual asset and a collective level. Those found not to be individually impaired are then collectively assessed for any impairment that has been incurred but not yet identified by grouping together loans and advances and held to maturity investments with similar risk characteristics. In assessing collective impairment, the Credit Union uses its historical loss experience and certain observable local data to build a risk weighted modelling of historical trends of the probability of default, the timing of recoveries and the amount of loss incurred. Default rates, loss rates and the expected timing of future recoveries are regularly benchmarked against actual outcomes to ensure that they remain appropriate.

Impairment losses on assets measured at amortised cost are calculated as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

In considering expected future cash flows, account is taken of any discount which may be needed against the value of any property or guarantee at the balance sheet date thought necessary to achieve a sale. The Credit Union participates in an industry wide insurance scheme for the recovery of certain loans on the death or disability of its members. The costs of the insurance is funded by the Credit Union as an operational expense.

Where certain emerging impairment characteristics are considered significant but not assessed as part of the impairment calculation, the Board may elect to apply an override to the impairment provision. The amount of impairment loss is recognised immediately through the income statement and a corresponding reduction in the value of the financial asset is recognised through the use of provisions.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### b) Forbearance strategies and renegotiated loans

A range of forbearance options are available to support members who are experiencing financial difficulty. The purpose of forbearance is to support members who have temporary financial difficulties and help them enter into payment arrangements which are mutually beneficial to the member and the Credit Union.

The main options offered by the Credit Union include:

- Reduced monthly payment;
- An arrangement to clear outstanding arrears; and
- Extension of loan term.

Members requesting a forbearance option will need to provide information to support the request which is likely to include a budget planner, statement of assets and liabilities, bank/credit card statements, payslips etc. in order that the request can be properly assessed. If the forbearance request is granted, the account is monitored in accordance with Central Bank Requirements. The Credit Union is obligated to retain specific provisions against rescheduled loans until the maturity of the balance. At the appropriate time, the forbearance option that has been implemented is cancelled and the member's normal contractual payment is restored, however provisions are retained on the account.

#### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Credit Union makes estimates and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. These are described below:

#### a) Impairment losses on loans and advances to members

The Credit Union reviews its loan book at least on a quarterly basis to assess impairment. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded, the Credit Union is required to exercise a degree of judgement. Impairment provisions are calculated using historical arrears experience, modelled credit risk characteristics and expected cash flows.

#### b) Determination of depreciation, useful economic life and residual value of tangible fixed assets.

The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated useful economic life of each type of asset and also, estimates of residual values. The Directors review the useful lives and residual values on an annual basis and change them if necessary, to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year.

c) Interest on members loans is accrued regularly, loans are considered impaired when past due, the Credit Union uses judgment to determine the impairment amount on loan interest.

#### Tax

The Credit Union is exempt from income tax on its activities as a Credit Union.

#### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land & Buildings	50 Years Straight Line
Furniture & Fittings	7 Years Straight Line
Computer Equipment	5 Years Straight Line

#### Trade receivables

Other Receivables are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of other receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Credit Union will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Trade payables

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Credit Union does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Provisions and Contingent Liabilities

The Credit Union has an obligation to contribute to the Deposit Guarantee Scheme to enable the Central Bank to meet compensation claims from, in particular, retail depositors of failed financial institutions. A provision is recognised to the extent it can be reliably estimated and when the Credit Union has an obligation at the relevant reporting date. The amount provided is based on information received from the Central Bank of Ireland and the Credit Union's covered share balances at its year end.

#### Termination Benefits

Termination benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense when the credit union is demonstrably committed to either:

Terminating the employment of employees before the normal retirement date, or  
 Providing termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy.

The credit union is demonstrably committed when it has a detailed formal plan for the termination and is without realistic possibility of withdrawal.

#### Dividends and other returns to Members

The Credit Union determines its distributions to members annually based on its policy statement which reflects that distributions are made from current year's surplus or reserves set aside for that purpose. The Board in determining the level of distribution considers its ongoing capital requirements, budgetary needs, financial risks, and members expectations prevailing economic conditions. It is the policy of the board to then

propose a return to members. The Credit Union accounts for dividends and rebates of loan interest when members ratify such payments at the Annual General Meeting. No liability to pay a distribution exists until the majority of members vote at the AGM.

#### Retirement Benefits

The Credit Union operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Credit Union pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Credit Union has no further payments obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Income and Expenditure Account when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability on the Balance Sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Credit Union in independently administered funds.

#### Investments in associates

Investments in associates are accounted for at cost less impairment.

### 3. INTEREST ON MEMBERS' LOANS

	2025 €	2024 €
Loan interest received in year	930,422	861,825
Accrued interest at 30 September	27,316	22,483
	<b>957,738</b>	<b>884,308</b>

### 4. INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVABLE

Interest receivable and accrued in the annual accounts is due as follows at the year end. When listed, Other accrued income refers to amounts earned but unrealised at the balance sheet date, not being distributable by the Credit Union and is placed to the investment reserves and released to distributable reserves when it becomes realised.

	2025 €	2024 €
Received in year	173,214	180,987
Receivable within 12 months	86,372	102,134
Amortisation of Investment Premiums/ Discounts	94,912	67,012
	<b>354,498</b>	<b>350,133</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 5. FEES & COMMISSIONS RECEIVABLE

	2025 €	2024 €
Entrance Fees	261	301
Other Fees	5,854	5,883
	<b>6,115</b>	<b>6,184</b>

### 6. FEES & COMMISSIONS PAYABLE

	2025 €	2024 €
Banking fees & charges	34,930	41,179
Regulatory fees & levies	19,559	38,849
ILCU & similar association costs	5,564	25,170
Other fees payable	9,960	10,153
	<b>70,013</b>	<b>115,351</b>

### 7. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2025 €	2024 €
Member Transaction charges	4,697	4,298
Cash over	637	249
Refund of Accrued Interest on Top up Loans to Members	(3,610)	-
	<b>1,724</b>	<b>4,547</b>

### 8. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

The average number of persons employed by the Credit Union during the year was as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Full Time	8	8
Part Time	3	3
	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Wages and salaries	484,786	299,661
Social security costs	101,782	98,865
Pension and other post-employment benefit costs	6,750	6,000
Other employee expenses	3,000	3,000
	<b>596,318</b>	<b>407,526</b>

### 9. TRANSACTIONS WITH OFFICERS

#### Key management personnel

Key management includes the Officers (directors and those staff members) with responsibility for specific aspects of the Credit Unions business on an individual or committee basis. Under Sec 68 (1) of the Credit Union Acts, Directors are prohibited from earning any compensation directly or indirectly in the performance of their function as a director or member of a principal committee. The section also prohibits payments to members of the Board Oversight Committee. The compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services is shown below.

#### Key management compensation

	2025 €	2024 €
Salaries and other short term employee benefits	89,080	83,881
Post-employment benefits	3,000	3,000
	<b>92,080</b>	<b>86,881</b>

#### Loans, transactions and guarantees

#### Transactions with officers

The Credit Union is prohibited from making a loan to a related party which would provide that party with more favourable terms than a loan by the credit union to non-related parties (including, without limitation, terms as to credit assessment, duration, interest rates, amortisation schedules, collateral requirements.) Officers of the Credit Union under arm's length transactions and in the normal course of business in their capacity as members of the Credit Union, had the following transactions and balances at the year end

	2025 €	2024 €
Savings Balance	101,089	272,434
Loan Balance	172,317	168,639
Loans Advanced	71,500	100,720
Loans to family members	173,576	175,729

Loans outstanding to family members represent 0.014% of total loans in the current year ( Prior year 0.10%). During the year a Director received a €100 voucher as a goodwill gesture.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

#### 10. MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	€	€
Board oversight committee expenses	250	250
Rent and rates	2,948	1,394
Light, heat and cleaning	16,081	15,252
Repairs and renewals	4,371	2,607
Printing and stationary	8,144	5,716
Postage and telephone	17,328	13,891
Donations and sponsorship	8,371	22,902
Promotions and advertising	20,990	32,098
Training costs	8,878	11,817
Convention costs	1,364	603
AGM expenses	6,441	8,029
Travel and subsistence	4,280	3,533
Audit fees	26,298	26,298
General insurance	24,482	22,613
Share and loan insurance	61,629	55,244
Legal and professional costs	49,523	47,272
Computer equipment and licenses	148,443	132,186
Miscellaneous expenses	15,274	18,186
Debt collection	271	160
Social and entertainment	11,687	4,545
Transfer of engagement costs	39,369	-
Security	2,015	4,516
Cash short	636	161
<b>Total Management expenses</b>	<b>479,073</b>	<b>429,273</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 11. LOANS TO MEMBERS

	2025 €	2024 €
Loans fully secured by savings	960,578	812,358
All other loans	11,233,867	10,815,359
<b>Total Member Loans</b>	<b>12,194,445</b>	<b>11,627,717</b>
	<b>2025 €</b>	<b>2024 €</b>
At 1 October	11,627,717	9,930,858
Loans Issued/ advanced in year	5,111,038	5,667,852
Loans repaid in year	(4,488,910)	(3,944,305)
Loans written off	(55,400)	(26,688)
<b>Gross Loans Outstanding</b>	<b>12,194,445</b>	<b>11,627,717</b>
Loan Impairments- see note 12	(447,884)	(447,870)
<b>Net Loans Outstanding</b>	<b>11,746,561</b>	<b>11,179,847</b>

The remaining contractual maturity of loans to members from the balance sheet date is as follows, though this may not reflect the actual pattern of repayments as loans may be prepaid or fall into arrears.

	2025 €	2024 €
Not more than 1 year	173,110	162,463
More than 1 year, less than 3 years	2,149,572	1,695,071
More than 3 years, less than 5 years	4,888,364	5,135,203
More than 5 years, less than 10 years	4,983,398	4,634,980
	<b>12,194,444</b>	<b>11,627,717</b>

### 12. IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS FOR LOANS TO MEMBERS

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>At Start of Year</b>		
Individual Provision	447,870	475,930
<b>Charges to Provision</b>		
Individual	55,415	28,060
<b>Release of provisions</b>		
Individual Provision	(55,401)	(26,688)
	<b>55,401</b>	<b>26,688</b>
<b>Total Provisions at year end</b>		
Individual provision	447,884	447,870
The Credit Union accounts for impairments on loans as outlined in note 2. The movement in provisions during the year is outlined above.		
	<b>2025 €</b>	<b>2024 €</b>
Bad Debts Recovered	38,624	32,907
Movement in Loan Loss Provision	(14)	28,060
Bad Debts Written Off	(55,401)	(26,688)
	<b>(16,791)</b>	<b>34,279</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

#### 13. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Land and buildings €	Fixtures and fittings €	IT Software/ equipment €	Other tangible assets €	Total €
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
At 1 October 2024	527,132	140,533	421,786	8,770	1,098,221
Additions	(6,362)	-	18,782	-	12,420
<b>At 30 September 2025</b>	<b>520,770</b>	<b>140,533</b>	<b>440,568</b>	<b>8,770</b>	<b>1,110,641</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 October 2024	148,188	135,843	383,796	2,511	670,338
Charge for the year	10,644	1,992	18,570	180	31,386
<b>At 30 September 2025</b>	<b>158,832</b>	<b>137,835</b>	<b>402,366</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>701,724</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
<b>At 30 September 2025</b>	<b>361,938</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>38,202</b>	<b>6,079</b>	<b>408,917</b>
At 30 September 2024	378,944	4,690	37,990	6,259	427,883

Intangible fixed assets comprising software and licenses, are included within computers and equipment and form an integral part of IT hardware and equipment. The Credit Union conducted a review of its properties during the year an received independent valuations for its premises at Bridge Street in Gort from Connaught Property Valuations in accordance with the RICS Valuation - Professional Standards 2025, incorporating the International Valuation Standards. As the fair value exceeded the carrying amount, no impairment has been recognised. The property continues to be carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. No adjustment has been made to the carrying amount as the valuation supports its recoverable amount.

#### 14. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES, JOINT VENTURES AND ASSOCIATES

	2025 €	2024 €
Investments in associates	10,000	10,000
<b>Associates</b>		€
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 October 2024		10,000
<b>Provision</b>		
<b>Carrying amount</b>		
At 30 September 2025		10,000
At 30 September 2024		10,000

The Credit Union at the year end has a 1% shareholding in CU Mortgage Dac. The company was incorporated on 12/01/2024 and has prepared financial statements to 31 March 2025. The Credit Union has included its investment at amortised cost on initial recognition, the Directors consider this accurately reflects the current investment value. Management has considered whether the investment in the associate is impaired under FRS 102 Section 27. Although the associate reported a loss of €582,631 during the year and its net assets decreased to €1,387,369, the company's investment represents only 1% of the equity and is carried at €10,000. Based on the associate's remaining net assets and future prospects, the recoverable amount of the investment is considered to exceed its carrying amount. Therefore, no impairment has been recognised.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 15. DEBTORS

Current	2025 €	2024 €
Prepayments	125,816	88,788
Member Loan Interest	27,316	22,483
Investment Income	86,372	102,135
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>239,504</b>	<b>213,406</b>

### 16. MEMBERS' SAVINGS

Members' savings are distinguished between those which are unconditionally repayable on demand and those which are committed or otherwise pledged to the Credit Union by virtue of loans or guarantees. The Credit Union retains rights to exercise liens over savings where a member has an outstanding liability to the Credit Union in accordance with Section 20 of the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended.

	2025 €	2024 €
Those committed	2,129,367	2,043,644
Those on demand	30,851,467	28,948,155
	<b>32,980,834</b>	<b>30,991,799</b>

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Member Shares</b>		
Opening balances	30,880,227	28,220,649
Shares Lodged	18,393,251	18,847,884
Shares Withdrawn	(16,384,688)	(16,188,307)
<b>Members Shares</b>	<b>32,888,790</b>	<b>30,880,226</b>

The Credit Union has ceased to offer on demand and term deposits to members. Members are unable to open any new deposit type accounts. Interest of €- (prior year : € -) accrued on balances at year end is included in Creditors.

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Member Deposits</b>		
Opening balances	111,572	132,959
Deposits Lodged	2,667	16,802
Deposits Withdrawn	(22,195)	(38,190)
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>92,044</b>	<b>111,571</b>

### 17. CREDITORS

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	132,257	85,507
Accrued expenses	43,298	45,513
	<b>175,555</b>	<b>131,020</b>

### 18. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Provision for liabilities</b>		
Holiday Pay Accrual	8,394	3,836
Provision Redundancy Costs	153,311	-
	<b>161,705</b>	<b>3,836</b>

#### Redundancy Provisions - Proposed Transfer of Engagements

The provision relates to redundancy costs arising from a restructuring plan announced during the year, whereby the Credit Union intends to transfer its engagements to Ballinasloe Credit Union Limited. The plan affects all staff as a result of the proposed merger and is expected to be completed by March 2026. The provision covers statutory and contractual redundancy payments to employees whose roles have been identified as redundant. The redundancy payments are expected to be settled within the next financial year. The estimate is based on statutory redundancy entitlements and contractual obligations. Actual costs may differ due to changes in employee numbers or legal requirements.

### 19. RETURNS TO MEMBERS

At the 30th of September the Directors have identified €31,135 in the distribution reserves of the Credit Union which they propose to return to members. The amounts are in respect of dividends and a rebate of loan interest which may be paid by resolution of the majority of members voting, at the Annual General Meeting. The amounts represent a dividend on shares of 0.1 %.

### 20. INSURANCE AGAINST FRAUD

The Credit Union has insurance against fraud in the amount of €1,900,000 (2024: €1,900,000) in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 21. INTEREST CHARGED ON MEMBERS LOANS

Interest on Members Loans is charged in accordance with the Credit Unions registered rules and the Credit Union Act 1997, as amended

### 22. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Credit Union had no capital commitments at the year end.

### 23. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Credit Union since its year end.

### 24. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Credit Union is a retailer of financial instruments in the form of personal loans and savings products, and also uses financial instruments to invest in liquid assets and manage its surplus funds. The Credit Union does not raise funds from wholesale money markets in support of its retail operations. The Credit Union has a formal structure for managing risk, including formal risk policies, risk limits, reporting structures, mandates and other control procedures. This structure is reviewed regularly by the Board. The Credit Union does not use any derivative financial instruments, nor enter into any financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. The Credit Union's assets and liabilities are measured on an ongoing basis at amortised cost. The table below analyses the Credit Union's assets and liabilities by category to which they are recognised and measured in accordance with accounting policies in note 1.

Carrying values by category 2025	Held at amortised cost €	Held at fair value €	Total €
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,766,700	-	5,766,700
Deposits with Banks	6,928,813	-	6,928,813
Debt Securities	12,642,233	668,913	13,311,146
Members Loans	11,746,561	-	11,746,561
Central Bank Reserve	218,804	-	218,804
Other receivables	239,504	-	239,504
Investments	10,000	-	10,000
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>37,552,615</b>	<b>668,913</b>	<b>38,221,528</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	408,917	-	408,917
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>37,961,532</b>	<b>668,913</b>	<b>38,630,445</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Other current financial liabilities	337,260	-	337,260
Member Savings	32,980,834	-	32,980,834
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>33,318,094</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,318,094</b>
Reserves	5,312,351	-	5,312,351
	<b>38,630,445</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,630,445</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

#### 24. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Carrying values by category 2024	Held at amortised cost €	Held at fair value €	Total €
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,497,384	-	6,497,384
Deposits with Banks	7,480,000	-	7,480,000
Debt Securities	9,675,227	647,864	10,323,091
Members Loans	11,179,847	-	11,179,847
Central Bank Reserve	193,304	-	193,304
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>35,025,762</b>	<b>647,864</b>	<b>35,673,626</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>			
Non financial assets	651,289	-	651,289
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>35,677,051</b>	<b>647,864</b>	<b>36,324,915</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Member Savings	30,991,797	-	30,991,797
Other current financial liabilities	134,856	-	134,856
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>31,126,653</b>	-	<b>31,126,653</b>
Reserves	5,198,262	-	5,198,262
	<b>36,324,915</b>	-	<b>36,324,915</b>

#### FAIR VALUE NOTES DISCLOSURE

Fair value is the value for which an asset or liability could be exchanged or settled in an arm's length transaction. The Credit Union measures fair value using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments
- Level 2: valuation techniques for which all significant inputs are based on observable market data.
- Level 3: valuation techniques for which significant inputs are not based on observable market data

Where applicable, the Credit Union measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. For all other financial instruments, the Credit Union determines fair values using other appropriate valuation techniques. The Credit Union holds structured bonds not exchangeable in an active market, valuations are obtained periodically, and measured at surrender values through the income statement. Current valuations are all obtained under level 2.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

#### 24. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

##### Asset Liability Maturity Analysis

##### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Credit Union will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Credit Union monitors liquidity requirements on a daily basis in line with specific policies in this area, approved by the Board and in line with Central Bank requirements. The liquidity risk appetite is supported by qualitative and quantitative measures that are monitored by the Board on a monthly basis.

The Credit Union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in a liquid form at all times to ensure that the Credit Union can cover all fluctuations in funding, retain public confidence in the solvency of the Credit Union and to enable the Credit Union to meet its financial obligations and regulatory ratios.

The following table analyses the remaining contractual maturity of the Credit Union's financial assets and liabilities. In practice the contractual maturities are not always reflected in actual experience. For example, loans to members may be repaid ahead of contractual maturity or fall into arrears beyond that date. Members savings accounts which are typically on demand can also be repaid later than on the earliest date on which repayment can be requested.

	Less than 1 year, but more than 3 years	More than 1 year, but not more than 3 years	More than 3 years but not more than 5 years	More than 5 years but not more than 10 years	More than 10 years	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,766,700	-	-	-	-	5,766,700
Deposits with Banks	2,138,813	-	-	3,245,000	1,545,000	6,928,813
Debt Securities	4,152,533	-	1,909,332	4,499,281	2,750,000	13,311,146
Members Loans	173,110	2,149,572	4,888,364	4,983,398	-	12,194,444
Central Bank Reserve	218,804	-	-	-	-	218,804
Investments	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>12,459,960</b>	<b>2,149,572</b>	<b>6,797,696</b>	<b>12,727,679</b>	<b>4,295,000</b>	<b>38,429,907</b>
Member Savings	30,968,395	720,815	850,749	440,875	-	32,980,834
	<b>30,968,395</b>	<b>720,815</b>	<b>850,749</b>	<b>440,875</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,980,834</b>

At the balance sheet date, the Credit Union had loan commitments of €43,700 in the form of loans approved but undrawn/unissued in pipeline. Prior year amounts unissued €42,600

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

#### 24. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Less than 1 year €	More than 1 year, but not more than 3 €	More than 3 years but not more than 5 €	More than 5 years but not more than 10 €	More than 10 years €	Total €
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,497,384	-	-	-	-	6,497,384
Deposits with Banks	6,791,735	2,945,000	2,345,000	-	-	12,081,735
Debt Securities	2,022,035	4,262,447	1,288,609	2,750,000	-	10,323,091
Members Loans	162,463	1,695,071	5,135,203	4,634,980	-	11,627,717
Central Bank Reserve	193,304	-	-	-	-	193,304
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>15,666,921</b>	<b>8,902,518</b>	<b>8,768,812</b>	<b>7,384,980</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,723,231</b>
Member Savings	29,074,368	606,844	949,523	361,064	-	30,991,799
	<b>29,074,368</b>	<b>606,844</b>	<b>949,523</b>	<b>361,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,991,799</b>

#### Credit Risk

The Credit Union's credit risk arises from its portfolio of loans to members and from potential losses on investments with other financial institutions that could result from the failure of treasury counterparties to observe the terms of the contract entered into. The Credit Union has no risk appetite for material credit losses, this is controlled through observations of legislation and regulations, the appointment of committees, credit quality rules, underwriting standards and counterparty limits.

All loan applications are assessed with reference to the Credit Union's lending policy. Changes to policy are approved by the Board and the approval of loan applications is mandated. Appropriate credit limits have been established by the Board for individual exposures and together with Central Bank guidelines on credit exposures. Policies are continually monitored by the Board, Board Oversight Committee and internal audit.

Credit risk in respect of treasury counterparties is assessed using a number of methodologies to include rating agencies and Central Bank Regulations. For treasury related counterparties, the Credit Union is limited to a maximum 20% exposure to any one counterparty of investments made.

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>The Credit Union's maximum credit risk exposure is detailed in the table below:</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,766,700	6,497,384
Investments	20,458,763	17,996,395
Members Loans	11,746,560	11,179,847
Less savings attached to loans	(2,129,367)	(2,043,644)
Total balance sheet exposure	35,842,656	33,629,982
Off Balance sheet - Loans approved but unissued	(43,700)	(42,600)
<b>Total Exposure</b>	<b>(35,886,356)</b>	<b>(33,672,582)</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

### 24. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Credit quality analysis of counterparties

The table below sets out information about the exposure the Credit Union has to counterparties for debt securities, and other investments /liquid cash deposits with credit institutions. Amounts held with financial institutions are analysed by their Moody's Credit rating at the year-end.

	2025 €	2024 €
A3 to Aaa	23,664,192	20,786,787
Ba3 to Baa1	668,913	1,811,344
	<b>24,333,105</b>	<b>22,598,131</b>

At the balance sheet date there are no provisions for impairment against any investment made by the Credit Union.

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Credit quality analysis of loans to members</b>		
Neither past due nor impaired	11,890,403	11,411,801
1 to 9 weeks	166,744	87,297
10 to 18 weeks	19,826	15,639
19 to 26 weeks	24,214	40,450
27 to 39 weeks	41,271	38,758
40 to 52 weeks	31,706	-
53 weeks plus	20,281	33,772
<b>Total loans in issue</b>	<b>12,194,445</b>	<b>11,627,717</b>

#### Impairment allowances

Individual provision	447,884	447,870
<b>Total allowance</b>	<b>447,884</b>	<b>447,870</b>

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market prices comprise three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. Of these, only interest rate risk is significant for the Credit Union.

The Credit Union is not directly exposed to currency risk as it deals only with products in euro, and its products are only interest orientated so are not exposed to other pricing risks.

The Credit Union is exposed to movements in interest rates reflecting the mismatch between the dates on which interest receivable on assets and interest payable on liabilities are next reset to market rates or if earlier, the dates on which the instruments mature. The Credit Union manages this exposure on a regular basis, within the limits set by the Board, however as the Credit Union only declares its dividends at the year-end based on such market rates, the board considers its sensitivity to such rates as marginal.

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Income		€
Interest Income		83,541
Investment Income	Rec'd/ Receivable within 1 year	45,204
Bad Debts Recovered		1,850
Other Income		1,544
Exceptional Gains		1,736
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>133,875</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Net Loan Protection / Life Savings Insurance		5,965
Salaries and Related Expenses		38,474
Other Expenses		45,686
Exceptional Losses		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>90,125</b>
<b>YTD Surplus (Deficit)</b>		<b>43,750</b>

The credit union holds bank and government bonds as held-to-maturity investments, recognising them at amortised cost, in compliance with FRS 102. The credit unions bank and government bonds are carried at a value of €956.86 more than would be received if sold on the open market based on current market prices. FRS 102 requires specific accounting treatments in respect of Business Combinations which means that the credit union are required to apply fair value adjustments when the accounts are amalgamated. Once this is done the credit union can continue to hold these bonds as held-to-maturity assets.

## BALANCE SHEET

Assets		€
Cash and Current Accounts		2,054,177
Minimum Reserve Deposit Held		218,804
<b>Investments</b>		
Irish and EEA State Securities		4,674,787
Accounts in Authorised Credit Institutions		10,803,208
Bank Bonds		7,976,361
Other		670,649
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>24,125,005</b>
Loans		12,442,174
Less Provision For Bad Debts		-447,884
Fixed Assets less Depreciation		416,614
Other Assets		210,598
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>39,019,488</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Member Shares	Regular	33,288,593
Member Deposits		92,042
Other Liabilities		282,999
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>33,663,634</b>
<b>Net Worth</b>		<b>5,355,854</b>
Represented By:		
<b>Reserves</b>		
Regulatory Reserve		4,442,486
Operational Risk Reserve		158,843
Undistributed Surplus Brought Forward		243,372
YTD Surplus (Deficit)		43,750
Other Reserves	Realised	467,403
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>5,355,854</b>



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## SECTION 130 PACK

# PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ENGAGEMENTS

## STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 130 OF THE CREDIT UNION ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED) IN RESPECT OF BALLINASLOE CREDIT UNION

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

1. The financial position of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and of Gort Credit Union Limited is set out in the form of the audited annual accounts for Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited as at 30th September 2025 and the most recent unaudited Income and Expenditure Account and Balance sheet as at 31st October 2025, and the audited annual accounts for Gort Credit Union Limited as at 30th September 2025 and the most recent unaudited Income and Expenditure Account and Balance sheet as at 31st October 2025.
2. No payment is proposed to be made to the members of Gort Credit Union Limited or Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited in consideration of the proposed transfer.
3. There will be no change to the terms governing outstanding loans currently held by members in Gort Credit Union Limited or Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited. Members with current loans in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and Gort Credit Union Limited will continue to repay loans under the existing terms of their credit agreements. New loans issued after the Transfer of Engagements will be at the then prevailing loan rate in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited.
4. Staff at Gort Credit Union Limited and Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited have been fully appraised of all aspects of the Transfer of Engagements and are very much involved in the Transfer of Engagements process. The staff of Gort Credit Union Limited will transfer to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited under the Transfer of Undertakings (protection of employment) regulations 2003.

Four employees of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited will avail of a Voluntary Exit Programme as part of the Transfer of Engagements process.

## STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 130 OF THE CREDIT UNION ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED) IN RESPECT OF GORT CREDIT UNION

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

1. The financial position of Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and of Gort Credit Union Limited is set out in the form of the audited annual accounts for Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited as at 30th September 2025 and the most recent unaudited Income and Expenditure Account and Balance sheet as at 31st October 2025, and the audited annual accounts for Gort Credit Union Limited as at 30th September 2025 and the most recent unaudited Income and Expenditure Account and Balance sheet as at 31st October 2025.
2. No payment is proposed to be made to the members of Gort Credit Union Limited or Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited in consideration of the proposed transfer.
3. There will be no change to the terms governing outstanding loans currently held by members in Gort Credit Union Limited or Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited. Members with current loans in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and Gort Credit Union Limited will continue to repay loans under the existing terms of their credit agreements. New loans issued after the Transfer of Engagements will be at the then prevailing loan rate in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited.
4. Staff at Gort Credit Union Limited and Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited have been fully appraised of all aspects of the Transfer of Engagements and are very much involved in the Transfer of Engagements process. The staff of Gort Credit Union Limited will transfer to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited under the Transfer of Undertakings (protection of employment) regulations 2003.

Four employees of Gort Credit Union will avail of a Voluntary Exit Programme as part of the Transfer of Engagements process.

## A NEW PARTNERSHIP

### WHAT DOES A TRANSFER OF ENGAGEMENTS MEAN?

Our two credit unions will join together to form one credit union. A Transfer of Engagement means that Gort Credit Union Limited will transfer their assets and liabilities to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited. Members in Ballinasloe and Gort can continue in exactly the same way as before with the added advantage of access to all of the services that the Combined Credit Union can offer.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

We envisage that if the Transfer of Engagements is approved by the Central Bank, the affairs of Gort Credit Union Limited will be transferred to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited before the end of February 2026. All credit union offices may need to close for one business day or more in order to facilitate the transfer, and members will be kept informed of developments closer to the time. Until then, it is business as usual at both credit unions.

### HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT ME?

For existing members there will be no noticeable change. The offices in Ballinasloe and Gort will remain open for members.

All members will have the added advantage of being able to transact their business, if it is convenient for them to do so, in both offices when the transfer takes operational effect.

- If you are a member of Gort Credit Union Limited, a new account number will be issued to you. All of your account balances and information will remain exactly the same.
- Members with current loans in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited and Gort Credit Union Limited will continue to repay loans under the existing terms of their credit agreements. New loans issued after the Transfer of Engagements will be at the then prevailing loan rate in Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited.
- If you are a member of Gort Credit Union Limited, subject to terms and conditions, you will qualify for an increase in the maximum Life Savings Insurance cover from €1,000 to €3,000 once the Transfer of Engagements takes effect.
- If you are a member of Gort Credit Union Limited, subject to terms and conditions, you will qualify for Deah Benefit Insurance cover of €1,300 once the Transfer of Engagements takes effect.

### DO I HAVE TO DO ANYTHING?

We do welcome any views that any member may have on the proposed Transfer of Engagements. Members may write to the secretary of either credit union or email to [info@ballinasloecu.ie](mailto:info@ballinasloecu.ie) or [info@gortcu.ie](mailto:info@gortcu.ie) with any views, comments or queries they may have.

Members of both credit unions may also make representations in writing to the Central Bank of Ireland.

# GDPR INFORMATION NOTICE – PROPOSED MERGER

Gort Credit Union Limited (Gort CU) wishes to inform members of important changes to how your personal data will be processed, in accordance with our obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Acts 1988-2018.

A special resolution will be presented for member approval at the Annual General Meeting on 21st January 2026 for Gort CU to Transfer its Engagements to Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited (Ballinasloe CU). If members approve this proposal, Gort CU will no longer operate or trade as a credit union as and from the date of the Transfer of Engagements, and all of its member data, records and information will transfer to Ballinasloe CU, who will become the new data controller for that information.

## 1. Identity of the New Data Controller

If the merger is approved, Ballinasloe CU will become the data controller responsible for your personal data. Gort CU will cease trading following the Transfer of Engagements.

## 2. Data Protection Officer (DPO) Contact

Ballinasloe CU's Data Protection Officer can be contacted at: Main Street, Ballinasloe, Co Galway, H53VK18  
Contact Data Protection Lead:  
GDPR@ballinasloecreditunion.ie  
Telephone: 090 – 9643179

## 3. Purpose of Processing Your Personal Data

The purposes for which your personal data is processed will remain the same as they were under Gort CU, including administering savings and loans, managing membership, and complying with legal and regulatory obligations.

## 4. Legal Basis for Processing

Ballinasloe CU will process the data received from Gort CU under the same GDPR legal bases, including contract, legal obligation, and legitimate interest.

## 5. Additional Services Offered by Ballinasloe CU

Ballinasloe CU offers additional optional services such as current accounts and mortgages. If you choose to apply for any new service, Ballinasloe CU may process your data for new purposes based on contract, legal obligation, or consent.

## 6. Transfer and Storage of Your Information

Under the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended), if the Transfer of Engagements is approved by the membership, all member records, accounts, and personal data held by Gort CU will automatically transfer to Ballinasloe CU on the date of the Transfer of Engagements. This transfer is required by law, and members cannot opt out of the transfer of their information

All data currently maintained by Gort CU will be securely transferred to Ballinasloe CU. Upon completion of the Transfer of Engagements, Gort CU will close its systems securely.

## 7. Future Rebranding in Name only, same Data Controller

Ballinasloe CU is officially registered under the Credit Union Act 1997, bearing Registration Number 202CU. Approximately six months after the transfer, subject to the approval of the members, Ballinasloe CU intends to rebrand as Gateway Credit Union (Gateway CU). Please be advised that this change pertains solely to the Credit Union's name and will not affect your rights, where the Data Controller remains identified by Registration Number 202CU.

## 8. Your GDPR Rights

You continue to have the right of access, rectification, erasure (where applicable), restriction, objection, portability, and the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commission.

## 9. Complaints

You may contact Ballinasloe CU's Data Protection Lead with any concerns at GDPR@ballinasloecreditunion.ie or lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commission: [www.dataprotection.ie](http://www.dataprotection.ie).

## 10. Summary

If members approve the Transfer of Engagements at the AGM on 21st January 2026, Gort CU will cease trading at the date of the Transfer of Engagements, and your data will transfer to Ballinasloe CU, processing purposes and legal basis remain unchanged, and Ballinasloe CU will rebrand to Gateway CU within six months. For further details on how we currently safeguard your data,

- Gort CU <https://www.gortcu.ie/privacy-policy>
- Ballinasloe <https://ballinasloecreditunion.ie/privacy-notice/>

### Ballinasloe Credit Union Member Account Terms and Conditions

We have recently updated the Terms & Conditions for members' accounts. Members can view the updated document on our website at [www.ballinasloecreditunion.ie](http://www.ballinasloecreditunion.ie). A hard copy is also available upon request from our office on Main Street.

### The Credit Union (Amendment) Act 2023

The Credit Union (Amendment) Act 2023, which amends the Credit Union Act 1997 was signed into law in December 2023 and commenced in phases throughout the year. Ballinasloe Credit Union (Our Lady of Lourdes) Limited has adopted the new provisions in the Act, as required during the year.

### Minimum Competency Regulations

The Central Bank of Ireland Minimum Competency Regulations have been extended for Credit Union's and came into effect in October 2024. A full review of compliance with the requirements of the regulation was completed.



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## OPENING HOURS

Monday	9.30am - 5.30pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 5.30pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 5.30pm
Thursday	9.30am - 5.30pm
Friday	9.30am - 5.30pm
Saturday	9.30am - 4.30pm
Sunday	CLOSED

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Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 5pm
Thursday	9.30am - 5pm
Friday	9.30am - 5pm
Saturday	9.30am - 5pm
Sunday	CLOSED

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