



EAST WALL CREDIT UNION LIMITED

47th AGM

2014-2015

Monday, May 30th, 2016

East Wall
Credit Union
Function Room

8.00pm

Elections will be held to fill the following vacancies

Board Oversight Committee (1)*
Board of Directors (2)*
Auditor (1)

*Proposal Forms are available from the office or from the East Wall Credit Union website.
<http://eastwallcu.ie/>*

(*Subject to change)



AGENDA

- Ascertain that a quorum is present
- Reading of minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting and matters arising from same
- Chairpersons' Report
- Auditors Report and Financial Report for the period under review
- Committee Reports
- Motions
- Elections
- Other Business
- Result of Elections
- Close Of Meeting

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DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Directors	Cormac McCarthy (Chairperson) Lorraine Daly (Vice-chairperson)(resigned) Evelyn Barry (Secretary) Barry Masterson P.C. Marie Whelan Kathleen Brannigan (deceased) Theo Dunne (co-opted) Sarah Redmond Colette Govan Yvette Ebbs Shirley Conlon Anne McLaughlin
Board Oversight Committee	Mary Gray (Chairperson) Liam Dunne (resigned) Herbert Eyre
Manager	Michael Muldowney
Internal Auditor	Russell Brennan Keane
Registered Number	291CU
Registered Office	Blythe Avenue, East Wall, Dublin 3
Auditor	FMB Longboat 56 Sir John Rogersons Quay Dublin 2
Bankers	Permanent TSB 130 Lower Drumcondra Road Dublin 9
Solicitors	Ivor Fitzpatrick 44-45 St Stephen's Green Dublin 2

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2015.

Principal Activity and Review of Business

The credit union continued to attract additional members' savings during the financial year. Lending activity is improving with a growth in loans issued identified from the prior period.

Results for the year and State of Affairs at 30 September 2015

The income and expenditure account and the balance sheet for the year ended 30 September 2015 are set out on pages 10 and 11.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The credit union, as with many other financial institutions, continues to face uncertainties arising from the general economic conditions. The board are actively monitoring the effects of these conditions on the daily operations of the credit union.

The principal areas currently requiring risk management include:

- **Credit risk:** The risk of financial loss arising from a borrower, issuer, guarantor or counterparty that may fail to meet its obligations in accordance with agreed terms. In order to manage this risk the Board approves the Credit Unions lending policy 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. The Board approves the Credit Union's Credit Control policy which monitors the procedures for the collection of loans in arrears and also the basis for impairment on loans.
- **Liquidity risk:** The risk that a credit union will not be able to fund its current and future expected and unexpected cash outflows as they fall due without incurring significant losses. This may occur even where the credit union is solvent. The credit union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in liquid form at all times to ensure that it can meet its obligations as they fall due. The objective of the liquidity policy is to smooth the timing between maturing assets and liabilities and to provide a degree of protection against any unexpected developments that may arise.
- **Capital risk:** Capital is required to act as a cushion to absorb losses arising from business operations and to allow a credit union to remain solvent under challenging conditions. Capital risk arises mainly as a result of the quality or quantity of capital available, the sensitivity of the credit union exposures to external shocks, the level of capital planning and the capital management process. Capital risk could potentially impair a credit union's ability to meet its obligations in an adverse situation. The board manage this risk by ensuring that sufficient reserves are set aside each year to absorb any potential losses.
- **Operational risk:** The risk of loss (financial or otherwise) resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes or systems of the credit union; any failure by persons connected with the credit union; legal risk (including exposure to fines, penalties or

damages as well as associated legal costs); or external events; but does not include reputational risk. Examples of operational risks include hardware or software failures, cyber risk, inadequate business continuity plans, misuse of confidential information, data entry errors and natural disasters.

- **Interest rate risk:** The interest rate risk arises from differences between the interest rate exposures on loans and investments receivable, as offset by the 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.
- **Strategy/business model risk:** This refers to the risk which credit unions face if they cannot compete effectively or operate a viable business model. Strategy/business model risk also includes the inherent risk in the credit union's strategy. The board have developed and approved a detailed strategic plan to formulate the short term direction of the credit union operations.

Dividends

The directors recommend payment of a dividend of €36,310.00 (0.50%) for the year, (2014 - 0.50%) and an interest rebate of €1,720.00 (0.50%) for the year. (2014 - 0.50%)

Post Balance Sheet Events

Subsequent to the year end the board took the decision to seek merger/amalgamation opportunities for the Credit Union. The Board have been in discussion with a larger Credit Union and merger talks are at an advance stage. It is expected that a merger/transfer of undertaking will be complete within the next 12 months.

Internal Audit Function

In accordance with Section 76K of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) the board have appointed an internal audit function to provide for independent internal oversight and to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the credit union's risk management, internal controls and governance process.

Accounting Records

The Directors believe that they comply with the requirements of Section 108 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) with regard to books of account by employing accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and by providing adequate resources to the financial function. The books of account of the credit union are maintained at the credit union's premises at Blythe Avenue, East Wall, Dublin 3.

Approved by the Board on: 4 March 2016

Cormac McCarthy
Member of the Board of Directors

Barry Masterson P.C.
Member of the Board of Directors

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

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 the affairs of the credit union and of the income and expenditure of the credit union for that year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the credit union will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the credit union and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). 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.

On behalf of the Credit Union: 4 March 2016

Cormac McCarthy
Member of the Board of Directors

Barry Masterson P.C.
Member of the Board of Directors

STATEMENT OF BOARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

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

Mary Gray
Member of the Supervisory Committee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST WALL CREDIT UNION LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of East Wall Credit Union Limited for the year ended 30 September 2015 which comprise of the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and Accounting Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

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

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements, giving a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish Law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the credit union's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our audit report.

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the credit union's affairs as at 30 September 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

Other matters prescribed by the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended)

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

David McArdle for and on behalf of FMB
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
21st March 2016

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

The results for the year have been determined and the Balance Sheet compiled in accordance with the following accounting policies :-

1. Historical Cost Convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Financial Reporting Council, as promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

The credit union has consistently applied all relevant accounting standards.

2. Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Credit Union and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Interest on Members' Loans

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

Investment Income

Investment income is recognised when received or irrevocably receivable. Investments are recognised at cost less any permanent diminution in capital value but ignoring any increase in capital value or encashment value until realised in the form of cash or cash equivalents.

3. Investments

The specific investment products held by the credit union are accounted for as follows:-

Bank deposits and other short term deposits

These are valued at the deposit amount plus any accrued interest and interest income is recognised in the income statement on an accruals (time) basis.

Term deposits and fixed interest investment bonds

Term deposits and fixed interest investment bonds with fixed maturity dates are valued at the lower of cost or encashment value and interest income is recognised in the income statement when it is received or irrevocably receivable.

Investments with return of capital guarantee

Investments with return of capital guarantee are valued at the lower of cost or market value but not lower than the capital guaranteed amount and dividend or other income is recognised in the income statement when it is received or irrevocably receivable.

With profit bonds

With profit bonds with capital guaranteed, are valued at cost. Declared bonuses are recognised in the income statement when irrevocably receivable or earlier if the bond becomes realisable in the form of cash or cash equivalents in a secondary market. Terminal bonuses are recognised in the income statement when the credit union become irrevocably entitled to receive them.

4. Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost of the Fixed Assets, less their expected residual value, over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rate:

Land	-	Not depreciated
Premises	-	2% Straight Line
Computer equipment	-	25% Straight Line
Fixtures & fittings	-	10% Reducing Balance

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

5. Pension Costs

The credit union operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the credit union in an independently administered fund. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the credit union to the scheme.

6. Bad and Doubtful Debts

Bad debts written off are included in other Management Expenses. Bad debts recovered are included in the Income and Expenditure Account. A minimum provision for doubtful debts is made against loan balances in arrears as at 30 September 2015 based upon the number of weeks a loan is in arrears. In addition a full loan book review is carried out to identify additional specific provisions required over and above the weeks in arrears calculations and an amount of €202,889 has been identified in respect of this.

7. Dividends and other returns to members

Final dividends and other returns to members are accounted for as a liability after they are approved by the members in general meeting.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Income	Schedule	2015 €	2014 €
Interest on members' loans		343,908	365,653
Other interest receivable and similar income	1	128,463	101,434
Net interest income		472,371	467,087
Other income	2	2,347	5,425
Total Income		474,718	472,512
Expenditure			
Salaries		79,501	87,949
Other management expenses	3	278,516	277,817
Depreciation		20,758	18,946
Bad debts recovered		(10,123)	(14,380)
Total Expenditure		368,652	370,332
Excess of Income over Expenditure		106,066	102,180
Add: Undistributed surplus 1 October		179,058	137,336
Total:		285,124	239,516
Less: Transfer to statutory reserve		(10,607)	(10,218)
Transfer to additional regulatory reserve		(13,737)	(14,119)
Transfer from/(to) investment income reserve		13,986	(590)
Dividend paid		(33,750)	(33,598)
Interest rebate paid		(1,760)	(1,933)
Total:		(45,868)	(60,458)
Undistributed surplus 30 September 2015		239,256	179,058

On behalf of the Credit Union: 4 March 2016

Cormac McCarthy
Member of Board of Directors

Mary Gray
Board Oversight Committee

Michael Muldowney
Manager

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015 €	2014 €
Assets			
Cash at bank and on hand		523,210	221,512
Deposits and investments	4	5,225,976	5,194,221
Members' loans		3,190,861	3,369,537
Less provision for bad and doubtful debts		(376,926)	(376,926)
Tangible fixed assets	5	213,272	219,850
Prepayments and accrued income		197,543	113,905
Total Assets		8,973,936	8,742,099
 Liabilities			
Members' shares	15	7,396,574	6,760,208
Members' deposits		-	471,814
Members' draw account		22,598	22,556
Other liabilities, accruals and charges	6	29,347	32,660
Total Liabilities		7,448,519	7,287,238
 Represented By:			
Statutory reserve	7	811,755	801,148
Additional regulatory reserve	7	130,509	116,772
Other reserves	8	583,153	536,941
Total Reserves		1,525,417	1,454,861
		8,973,936	8,742,099

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EAST WALL CREDIT UNION LIMITED
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	2015 €	2014 €
Opening cash and investments	5,415,733	4,830,228
Receipts		
Members' shares	2,659,668	1,447,779
Members' deposits	-	73,014
Members' loans repaid	1,572,510	1,590,723
Members' loan interest received	343,908	365,653
Investments interest received	128,463	101,434
Bad debts recovered	10,123	14,380
Other receipts	2,347	5,425
Decrease/(Increase) in prepayments	(83,638)	79,304
Total	<u>4,633,381</u>	<u>3,677,712</u>
Disbursements		
Members' shares withdrawn	2,023,300	1,452,690
Members' deposits withdrawn	471,814	-
Members' loans granted	1,443,063	1,311,784
Dividends paid	33,750	33,598
Interest rebate paid	1,760	1,933
Operating expenses	308,790	296,184
Fixed assets purchased	14,180	2,868
(Increase)/Decrease in other liabilities	3,271	(6,850)
Total	<u>4,299,928</u>	<u>3,092,207</u>
Closing cash and investments	<u><u>5,749,186</u></u>	<u><u>5,415,733</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

1. Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees during the year were:

	2015	2014
	Number	Number
Tellers	1	1
Administration	2	2
	3	3

	2015	2014
	€	€
Employment costs		
Wages and salaries	79,501	87,949
Other pension costs	7,560	6,360
	87,061	94,309

2. Pension costs

Pension costs amounted to €7,560 (2014 - €6,360).

3. Analysis of Investment Income

	2015	2014
	€	€
Received during the year	27,545	81,186
Receivable within 12 months	100,918	19,658
Other investment income	-	590
	128,463	101,434

Included in investment income is a terminal bonus of €71,213 as a result of the encashment of an investment product after the year end.

4. Investments

	2015	2014
	€	€
Investments are classified as follows:		
Cash and short term deposits maturing within 3 months	2,824,145	2,518,679
Deposit Protection Account	20,810	19,705
Accounts in authorised credit institutions	1,000,000	2,260,028
Collective investment schemes	-	191
Bank bonds	985,420	-
Life assurance products	395,601	395,618
	5,225,976	5,194,221

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 - Continued

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Land	Premises	Computer Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
Cost					
At 1 October 2014	921	312,422	133,215	86,455	533,013
Additions	-	-	5,359	8,821	14,180
At 30 September 2015	921	312,422	138,574	95,276	547,193
Depreciation					
At 1 October 2014	-	151,294	115,804	46,065	313,163
Charge for the year	-	6,248	9,938	4,572	20,758
At 30 September 2015	-	157,542	125,742	50,637	333,921
Net book values					
At 30 September 2015	921	154,880	12,832	44,639	213,272
At 30 September 2014	921	161,128	17,411	40,390	219,850

An independent valuation of the credit union's premises was carried out by Douglas Newman Good Commercial Property on 27 January 2015 which valued the premises at €250,000. The directors are satisfied that the market value of the property remains in excess of its carrying value at 30 September 2015.

6. Other Liabilities and Charges

	2015	2014
	€	€
PAYE/PRSI control account	4,014	5,371
Accruals	25,333	27,289
	29,347	32,660

7. Statutory & Regulatory Reserve

	Balance 01/10/14	Net Movement	Balance 30/09/15
	€	€	€
Statutory Reserve	801,148	10,607	811,755
Additional Regulatory Reserve	116,772	13,737	130,509
Total Statutory & Additional Regulatory Reserve	917,920	24,344	942,264

The Credit Union is required to maintain a Regulatory Reserve Ratio of not less than 10% in accordance with the Credit Union Act, 1997 (Section 85) Rules 2009.

The balance on the combined statutory and additional regulatory reserve represents 10.50 % of total assets as at 30 September 2015.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 - Continued

8. Other Reserves

	Balance 01/10/14 €	Net Movement €	Balance 30/09/15 €
Realised			
Bad debts reserve	100,000	-	100,000
Undistributed Surplus	179,058	60,198	239,256
Dividend reserve	212,812	-	212,812
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Total realised reserves	491,870	60,198	552,068
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Unrealised			
Investment income reserve	13,986	(13,986)	-
Special reserve	31,085	-	31,085
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Total unrealised reserves	45,071	(13,986)	31,085
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Total other reserves	536,941	46,212	583,153
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The special reserve represents the share balances of members no longer active in the credit union. They are held in special reserve until such time as they are claimed or can be legally taken to general reserve.

The balance on the Investment Income Reserve represents investment income not receivable within 12 months of the financial year end. This reserve is not available for distribution. When this investment income is received or becomes receivable within 12 months, the relevant amount will be transferred back within the Income and Expenditure Account and will then become available for distribution.

9. Dividends, Loan Interest Rebate and Other Returns to Members

The directors recommend the following distributions:

	2015		2014	
	Rate %	€	Rate %	€
Dividend on shares	0.50%	36,310	0.50%	33,744
Loan interest rebate	0.50%	1,720	0.50%	1,828
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In accordance with FRS 21 "Events after the balance sheet date", dividends and returns to members are accounted for in the financial statements after they are approved by the members in general meeting.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 - Continued

10. Related party transactions

The company has identified the following transactions which are required to be disclosed under the terms of FRS8 'Related Party Transactions'.

Transactions with officers

The following details relate to officers accounts with the credit union.

	2015	2014
	€	€
Aggregate amount of shares held by officers	147,050	160,309
Aggregate amount of loans outstanding by officers	123,365	83,303

The aggregate amount of loans issued to officers during the year under Section 36(3) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) was €62,400.

11. Insurance Against Fraud

The credit union has insurance against fraud in the amount of €2,600,000 in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

12. Post Balance Sheet events

Subsequent to the year end the board took the decision to seek merger/amalgamation opportunities for the Credit Union. The Board have been in discussion with a larger Credit Union and merger talks are at an advance stage. It is expected that a merger/transfer of undertaking will be complete within the next 12 months.

13. Rate of Interest Charged on Members' Loans

The credit union charges the following rate of interest on members outstanding loan balances:-

Standard Loans	10.59%
Back-to-school and college fees	2.74%
Secure	7.00%

14. Contingent liabilities

All capital invested in accounts in authorised institutions, investment bonds and life assurance products is guaranteed only if held to maturity. In the unlikely event of early encashment, there will exist early settlement penalties. The directors have confirmed that all investments will be held until their maturity dates.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 - Continued

15. Members' shares

	2015
	€
Regular share accounts	7,396,574
Special share accounts	–
Medium term share accounts	–
Long term share accounts	–
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Total per balance sheet	7,396,574
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16. Authorisation and approval of financial statements

The board of directors authorised and approved these financial statements for issue on 4 March 2016.



**SCHEDULE 1. OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE
AND SIMILAR INCOME**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	€	€
Investment income	128,463	58,182
Gain on bond disposal	-	43,252
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	128,463	101,434
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SCHEDULE 2. OTHER INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	€	€
Insurance commission	2,147	2,821
E.C.C.U. rebate	-	2,604
Other income	200	-
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	2,347	5,425
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SCHEDULE 3. OTHER MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	€	€
Staff pension costs	7,560	6,360
E.C.C.U. Insurance	51,720	55,323
Death benefit insurance	22,166	22,508
Members' deposit interest	-	1,088
Rates	5,765	5,243
General insurance	10,433	10,026
Light and heat	7,103	6,327
Repairs and maintenance	3,624	3,405
Security	4,511	7,400
Postage, telephone and stationery	11,038	7,979
Computer costs	13,113	16,057
Convention and seminar expenses	2,438	3,249
Legal & Professional	17,609	10,638
Internal audit	15,959	10,209
Accountancy	10,000	-
Audit	14,385	12,376
Bank charges	9,358	11,219
Bad debts	49,227	69,582
(Gain) / Loss on investments	17	-
Provision for (gain)/loss on investments	-	(3)
Control account differences	(824)	551
General expenses	796	2,359
Cash (over)/short	245	277
Affiliation, SPS & Regulatory fees	19,878	15,644
Promotion and donations	2,395	-
	278,516	277,817
	278,516	277,817

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you, our members to the Annual General Meeting of East Wall Credit Union and to present to you our Annual Report. At this year's AGM, the Board is recommending a dividend and interest rebate of 0.5%. This is a modest and prudent figure but compares favourably with demand deposit account rates available from other financial institutions.

East Wall Credit Union has been at the heart of the local community since its foundation in 1968, since then the credit union has undergone significant changes and overcome many challenges. In recent years the merger of credit unions has become common place, at the 2013 and 2014 AGM, we expressed our willingness to explore potential merger opportunities to secure the future of credit union services in East Wall. Also in November 2015 a letter and FAQ on credit union mergers was distributed to members, outlining the strategy of the Board to seek an appropriate merger partner for our credit union.

The Board are in advanced discussions regarding merging with a credit union with whom some of our neighbouring credit unions have joined. Some of the benefits of a merger would include increased capacity to provide a wider range of services, cost savings, lower interest charges on members loans and a stronger, more sustainable credit union presence in the community.

At this year's AGM, we will be seeking approval from the membership to give effect to a transfer of engagement by way of Board Resolution subject to the Board being satisfied with the outcome of the due diligence process. The primary consideration of your Board will at all times be that the new merged entity must be in the best interest of our members.

During the merger process the members of East Wall Credit Union will be kept fully informed through the disclosure of all relevant financial and other details. If any member has any questions or concerns, they are encouraged to contact our Credit Union office where their query will be dealt with.

I would like to commend our staff and management for their continued commitment and hard work. It is heartening to know that they work so tirelessly to put in place the many required developments, controls and safeguards that have been implemented in our Credit Union. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Directors, Board Oversight Committee Members and Volunteers. The Board met 15 times this year and most board members sit on 3 to 5 additional committees, which usually meet monthly. In addition to this, many directors and staff have taken on additional studies to improve their knowledge and skills for the benefit of all. All of this represents a great deal of unpaid personal time invested in members' interest. I know from personal experience the amount of time that this requires and it shows the commitment of all involved.

To you, the Members, I thank you all for your continued support, especially those of you who are actively borrowing, repaying and saving. We hope you will continue to do so. Finally on a personal note, it has been my pleasure to serve as your Chairman for the last two years. I followed in the shoes of many fantastic directors and leaders dedicated to the credit union and community of East Wall.

Cormac McCarthy Chairperson

CREDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

East Wall Credit Union issued loans of €1,443,063.00 in the 2014.15 financial year. The full breakdown of loans issued is as follows:

Loan Purpose	Qty	Reschedules	Value	Mix
Car Purchase	20	0	114,450.00	7.93%
Christmas	14	0	19,250.00	1.33%
Combinations	130	0	387,223.00	26.83%
Education	17	0	40,580.00	2.81%
Emergency	1	0	325.00	0.02%
Family Debts	5	0	5,965.00	0.41%
Holidays	6	0	4,770.00	0.33%
Home Improvements	94	2	452,710.00	31.38%
Household Items	19	0	47,130.00	3.27%
Medical	10	0	20,150.00	1.40%
Miscellaneous	21	0	54,770.00	3.80%
Secure (Inside Shares)	83	0	202,190.00	14.01%
Weddings	15	0	93,550.00	6.48%
Total	435	2	1,443,063.00	100.00%

We continue to try to ensure that the loan process remains as simple as possible for members. This is sometimes a challenge in the face of the increasingly stringent regulations that govern lending in Ireland.

We want to thank all those members who continue to support their Credit Union by availing of our loan products. It is your consistent support that has ensured the success of East Wall Credit Union for nearly five decades.

Theo Dunne – Yvette Ebbs – Cormac McCarthy

CREDIT CONTROL REPORT

The Credit Control Committee is tasked with monitoring loan arrears on an ongoing basis.

We appreciate that many members are encountering difficulties in meeting their loan repayments and therefore we strongly urge anyone who have genuine difficulties to make contact with the office and efforts will be made to assist.

Since February of 2015, East Wall Credit Union has been a participating member of the Irish Credit Bureau. It is therefore vitally important that all members with loans ensure that they meet their minimum repayment obligations. Failure to do so may show up on an ICB check and this can have a serious effect on your ability to obtain credit both now and in the future. Nearly all Banks, Credit Card Companies, Mortgage Providers, Local Housing Authorities and some Insurance Providers have access to the material held on the ICB database.

If you have any questions or queries regarding your loan payments please contact the office immediately.

Evelyn Barry – Shirley Conlon – Colette Govan

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a breakdown of new members for the financial year

Under 16	27
Aged 16 – 39	59
Aged 40 – 64	22
Over 65	2
TOTAL	110

To enjoy the benefits of full membership, we would ask members to ensure that they keep their accounts active and all personal details fully up to date at all times.

Theo Dunne – Marie Whelan

BOARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board Oversight Committee is tasked with ensuring that the Board of Directors perform their duties in accordance with all regulations and in the best interests of all members. A BOC member was in attendance at all monthly Board Meetings. In addition we presented a review to the Board each quarter on our activities. We can report to you that, in our opinion, the Board has been compliant in their legal and regulatory requirements.

I will like to thank my fellow committee members for their work during the year, especially to our colleague Mr. Liam Dunne who had to step down last year after many years of sterling service as a volunteer, director and supervisor.

Herbert Eyre – Mary Gray

MOTIONS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion 1:

“This AGM approves a reduction in board size from the current level of 11 directors”

Motion 2:

“This AGM approves the Board to make decisions in relation to the transfer of engagements from East Wall Credit Union Limited to St. Patrick’s Credit Union (ESB Staff) Limited subject to all relevant due diligence being completed and the Board being satisfied with the results of same and approval of the Central Bank to proceed with the transfer”





EAST WALL CREDIT UNION LIMITED

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING LOANS 2016

Please note that due to staff holidays there may be a delay in the processing of applications for loans in excess of shares during the following period –

MONDAY, JUNE 20th - FRIDAY, JULY 8th

To avoid disappointment or delays please ensure that all applications required for loans during this period are submitted by –

FRIDAY, JUNE 17th at 7.30pm

Loans already approved will continue to be issued as normal.

Applications for loans covered by shares will continue to be issued as normal