



# ANNUAL REPORT

for Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**The 57<sup>th</sup> AGM will be held on  
Tuesday, 2nd December 2025 at 8.00pm  
at St Patrick's Boys National School,  
Canal Road, Portarlington**





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### Notice of 57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Portarlington Credit Union Limited will take place on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 8.00 pm at St Patrick's Boys National School, Canal Road, Portarlington.

There are two vacancies on the Board of Directors, one vacancy on the Board Oversight Committee and one vacancy for Auditor.

All members are invited to attend, light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

**Bridie Keegan**  
**Secretary**

### Credit Union Officers as at 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Shane Murray (Chairperson)  
Kieran Knight (Vice Chairperson)  
Bridie Keegan (Secretary)

### Other Directors

Jack Clarke, Beata Struska, Nicola Coogan, William Slevin, Colm Coleman and Tara Coogan.

### Board Meeting Minute Taker

Sinéad O'Sullivan

### Board Oversight Committee

Jacqueline McNulty Evans (Chairperson), Janet Bennett & Thelma Carroll.

### Staff

Bernard O'Grady (Chief Executive Officer)  
Michelle Shortall (Assistant Manager)  
David Connolly (Finance Officer)  
Edwina Whelehan (Risk Management & Compliance Officer)

David Duffy, Terena McComish, Fiona Dunne, Claire Foster, Annmarie Pigott, Veronica Doyle McCormack, Christina Cummins, Aisling Donoher, Nicole Hynes, Caroline Murphy, Aoife Connolly, Leah Cummins, Sinead O'Sullivan, Lisa Roberts and John Murphy.

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## 2025 Highlights at a Glance

€40,000+ donated to community groups.

12,934 active members.

15% increase in online banking use.

Together, these numbers tell one story — a growing, thriving community supported by people who believe in each other.

€14,665,322 in total lending this year.

Greenify Loans launched.

100% locally owned and operated.

### AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

At Portarlington Credit Union, we are proud to be at the heart of the community. Each year, we reinvested over €40,000 directly back into local life — supporting schools, clubs, charities, and community organisations that make our area thrive.

Portarlington Credit Union exists to serve our members — not to profit from them.

When you save or borrow with us, you're helping to build a stronger, more connected community.

### €40,000+ IN LOCAL SUPPORT EACH YEAR

We proudly support:

- Local GAA, LGFA & soccer clubs
- Schools and youth programmes
- Charity fundraisers and community events
- Volunteer and cultural organisations

### SUPPORTING GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

At Portarlington Credit Union, we believe that real growth starts within our own community.

Our goal is to empower our members to succeed — financially, personally, and locally.

Every year, we proudly reinvest over €40,000 into local life through donations, sponsorships, and community support. But our commitment goes far beyond financial contributions — it's about helping people achieve their goals and building a stronger, more connected place to live.

### WE'RE DEDICATED TO:

- Supporting Local Organisations: From sports clubs and schools to charities and community groups, we help create opportunities for everyone — young and old — to get involved and thrive.
- Encouraging Financial Wellbeing: Through affordable, fair lending and personalised support, we help our members make smart financial choices and reach their goals.
- Creating a Sustainable Future: With the launch of our Greenify Loan, we're helping members make environmentally friendly improvements to their homes and lifestyles — reducing costs and protecting the planet for future generations.
- Investing in Local People: Every loan we approve supports local jobs, businesses, and trades — keeping money circulating right here in our community.

**When you choose to borrow or save with us, you're not just managing your finances — you're helping your neighbours, supporting local initiatives, and building a better future for everyone.**

**Because here at Portarlington Credit Union, success isn't measured in profits — it's measured in community progress, shared opportunity, and local pride.**

**Over €40,000 given back every year — because our community matters.**



## Marketing & Member Services

### HELPING YOU ACHIEVE MORE

We're here to support you — with fair, flexible, and friendly financial services designed for real life. Whether you're buying your first car, renovating your home, pursuing education, or making eco-friendly upgrades, we have a loan to suit your needs.



### INTRODUCING OUR NEW GREENIFY LOAN

Our Greenify Loan helps you invest in a more sustainable future. Finance home energy upgrades like insulation, solar panels, or electric vehicles — while saving money and reducing your carbon footprint.

You can use your Greenify Loan for:

- Home Energy Upgrades such as insulation, heat pumps, solar panels, or new windows and doors
- Renewable Energy Investments like solar PV systems or battery storage
- Electric or Hybrid Vehicles to reduce your carbon footprint and fuel costs

- Eco-Friendly Home Improvements that make your home warmer, greener, and more efficient

Our Greenify Loan offers competitive rates, quick approvals, and local decision-making, meaning your application is handled right here in your community — by people who understand your needs.

When you choose a Greenify Loan, you're not just improving your home — you're helping to create a more sustainable community for future generations.

We're proud to play our part in supporting Ireland's green transition, and even prouder to help our members save energy, save money, and make a real difference.

### GO GREEN. SAVE ENERGY. SUPPORT LOCAL.

That's the Greenify way — with Portarlington Credit Union.

## Credit Union Invocation

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

O Divine Master, let me not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

## AGENDA

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. **Approval (or correction) of the minutes of the last annual general meeting, and any intervening special general meeting**
5. **Report of the Board of Directors**
6. **CEO's Report & Consideration of accounts**
7. **Report of the Auditor**
8. **Declaration of dividend and rebate of interest (if any)**
9. **Deduction of ILCU Affiliation Fee**
10. **Report of the Board Oversight Committee**
11. **Report of the Credit Committee**
12. **Report of the Credit Control Committee**
13. **Report of the Membership Committee**
14. **Report of the Promotion and Development Committee**
15. **Report of the Nomination Committee**
16. **Appointment of Tellers**
17. **Election of Auditors**
18. **Election to fill vacancies on the Board Oversight Committee**
19. **Election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors**
20. **Any other business**

## MODEL STANDING ORDERS FOR CREDIT UNIONS (Republic of Ireland)

### 1. VOTING

Each member shall be entitled to one vote irrespective of his/her shareholding, in accordance with section 82(2) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended)

### 2 – 3 ELECTION PROCEDURE

2. Elections to the board of directors, to the board oversight committee and the position of auditor shall be by majority vote and by secret ballot.
3. When nominations are announced tellers shall be appointed by the chair and ballot papers shall be distributed. Nominations shall be in the following order: (a) nominations for auditor; (b) nominations for members of the board oversight committee; (c) nominations for directors. When voting is completed, the votes shall be taken and tallied by the tellers. Any ballot paper which contains votes for more than the number required to be elected shall be void. All elections shall be by secret ballot and by majority vote. When the votes have been counted by the tellers, the results shall be announced by the chair. In the event that all vacancies are not filled by the first ballot further ballots shall be taken as required. In the event of an equality of votes between candidates for the remaining vacancies not filled in accordance with the above procedure one further ballot shall be taken and should that ballot fail to determine the issue, the vacancies shall be filled by lot from among such candidates having an equality of votes.

### 4 – 9 MOTIONS

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

9. The chair shall have the absolute right to decide at any time when a motion has been sufficiently discussed and may put the motion to the meeting giving the proposer the right of reply before doing so.

### 10 – 15 MISCELLANEOUS

10. The chair of the board of directors shall be the chair of any general meeting, except where he/she is not available, in which case it shall be the vice-chair, except where he/she is not available, in which case the board shall decide amongst themselves who shall act as chair of any general meeting.
11. The chair may at his/her discretion, extend the privilege of the floor to any person who is not a member.
12. Matters not covered by the Agenda may be introduced under "Other Business" at the discretion of the chair..
13. The chairman's decision on any matter relating to these Standing Orders or interpretation of same shall be final.
14. No member shall have more than one vote on each question at any general meeting of the credit union or any adjournment thereof irrespective of his/her shareholding or the number of accounts in his/her name in the credit union provided, however, that except in voting at elections, the presiding member shall have a second or casting vote in the event of equality of voting. Voting by proxy shall be allowed only when a member other than a natural person votes through a representative, who is a member of the group, duly authorised in writing for that purpose and accepted as such by the board of directors.
15. Any matter to be decided upon by vote at the AGM shall, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law or the rules, be decided upon by simple majority.

### 16. 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.

### 17. 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.

### 18. ADJOURNMENTS.

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

## Board of Directors, Chairperson's Report

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Portarlington Credit Union, I am pleased to welcome all members and guests to our 57th Annual General Meeting, covering the financial year ending 30th September 2025.

As reflected in the financial statements, Portarlington Credit Union has enjoyed another strong and successful year. This continued success is a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and hard work of our management team and staff. On behalf of the Board and our members, I extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to them for their outstanding contribution.

The financial details for the year will be presented in full during the course of this meeting, so I will not repeat them here.

As outlined in the CEO's Report, Portarlington Credit Union has developed a new Strategic Plan. This plan is the result of significant effort and collaboration, and I am confident it will position us well to meet future challenges and opportunities.

Earlier this year, PCU joined the Credit Union Strategic Alliance (CUSA)—a not-for-profit collaboration of regulated Irish credit unions. CUSA enables credit unions to work together in a structured way while maintaining their independence and local focus. With 33 members currently involved, we are already seeing tangible benefits from our participation.

Another cornerstone of our success is the unwavering commitment of our volunteers. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to my fellow directors, the members of the Board Oversight Committee, and all committee members for their time, energy, and dedication in serving our members.

Thank you also to our Staff for their commitment and hard work.

Finally, I would like to thank you — our members — for your continued loyalty and support. Your trust in Portarlington Credit Union is what drives us forward.

Thank you.

**Shane Murray**  
Chairperson

## CEO Report for the Financial Year ended 30th September 2025

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of Portarlington Credit Union for the financial year ended 30 September 2025. The past year has been one of steady growth, strong performance, and renewed strategic focus. Through prudent management, dedicated staff, and the continued loyalty of our members, Portarlington Credit Union remains in a strong and sustainable position.

### Financial Performance

Your Credit Union delivered another year of solid financial results, recording a **surplus of €1,075,002**, compared to **€1,238,267** in the previous year. While slightly below last year's surplus, this outcome reflects continued operational strength and the Credit Union's commitment to maintaining stability while investing for the future.

**Total assets increased by 3.8% to €76,120,419**, up from **€73,328,067** in 2024. This growth highlights the confidence that members continue to place in their Credit Union as a trusted and secure financial institution.

### Lending and Credit Quality

Our **loan book grew by 7.2%**, reaching **€40,900,718**, compared to **€38,141,987** last year. This performance reflects strong demand for our lending products and our ongoing commitment to supporting members' financial wellbeing through fair and responsible lending.

The **bad debt provision increased to €3,292,728**, from **€2,886,442** in 2024. This increase reflects our prudent approach to credit risk management and ensures that the Credit Union remains resilient in a changing economic environment.

### Member Savings and Reserves

**Member shares rose to €61,152,859**, an increase of **€2.24 million (3.8%)** from the previous year's €58,914,544. This steady growth in member savings underlines the trust and confidence our members continue to place in us.

**Reserves remain strong at 17.39% of total assets**, compared to **17.48%** in 2024. This robust capital position, well above regulatory requirements, demonstrates our continued financial stability and capacity to support future growth.

### Strategic Plan and Future Direction

During the year, Portarlington Credit Union launched a **new Strategic Plan** that sets out a clear roadmap for the years ahead. This plan reflects our ambition to strengthen our role as a leading community-based financial institution and outlines our shared vision and mission:

#### Our Values

**Integrity,**  
**Respect,**  
**Community**

#### Our Vision

"To be the premier local provider of financial wellbeing products and services while enriching our community for our members."

#### Our Mission

"To deliver accessible financial services to our community with integrity and trust, through the values that guide Portarlington Credit Union. We are dedicated to putting our members first to enable them to achieve all their financial needs, while investing in our community."

Our strategy is built around **three core goals** that will guide our progress:

### Goal 1 - Collaboration

#### Harnessing Collaboration & Strategic Alliances Between Credit Unions and Others

We aim to build stronger partnerships within the Credit Union movement and beyond, leveraging shared expertise, innovation, and resources to deliver greater value to our members.

### Goal 2 - Communication

#### Optimising Communication to Grow and Serve Our Membership

We are focused on improving how we engage with members — ensuring transparency, accessibility, and meaningful connections across all communication channels.

### Goal 3 - Operational Resilience

#### Strengthening Operational Resilience for a Secure and Sustainable Future

We continue to invest in our systems, technology, and people to ensure Portarlington Credit Union remains secure, efficient, and adaptable in an evolving financial landscape. These goals will ensure that Portarlington Credit Union continues to grow with confidence, remain member-focused, and deliver lasting benefits to our community.

### Outlook

Looking ahead, we remain focused on **sustainable lending growth, digital transformation, and enhancing member experience**. As financial services continue to evolve, Portarlington Credit Union will adapt and innovate while maintaining the personal service and community spirit that define us.

Our members remain at the heart of everything we do, and we are confident that through collaboration, innovation, and strong governance, Portarlington Credit Union will continue to thrive in the years ahead.

### Appreciation

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our **Board of Directors, Management Team, Staff, Volunteers and Members** for their dedication, professionalism, and ongoing support.

It is through your commitment and engagement that Portarlington Credit Union continues to grow, remain financially strong, and serve our community effectively. Together, we are building a resilient and member-focused Credit Union that will continue to deliver financial wellbeing and community benefit for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support.

**Bernard O'Grady**  
CEO

# Financial Statements

## For the financial year ended

## 30 September 2025

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## DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

<b>Directors</b>	Shane Murray (Chairperson) Kieran Knight (Vice Chairperson) Bridie Keegan (Secretary) Colm Coleman Nicola Coogan Jack Clarke Breda Connell (Resigned 3 December 2024) Liam Kirwan (Resigned 3 December 2024) Kieran Madden (Resigned 3 December 2024) William Slevin (Appointed 3 December 2024) Tara Coogan (Appointed 3 December 2024) Dale Powell (Appointed 3 December 2024, Resigned 31 August 2025) Beata Struska (Appointed 18 September 2025)	
<b>Board Oversight Committee</b>	Janet Bennett Jacqueline McNulty Evans Lorraine Thompson (Resigned 3 December 2024) Thelma Carroll (Appointed 3 December 2024)	
<b>CEO</b>	Bernard O'Grady	
<b>Credit Union Number</b>	219CU	
<b>Registered office</b>	Upper Main Street Portarlington Co. Laois	
<b>Auditors</b>	BCA Tax & Business Consultants Ltd. Chartered Accountants Clonminch House Clonminch Hi-Technology Park Tullamore Co. Offaly	
<b>Bankers</b>	Bank of Ireland Plc Main Street Portarlington Co. Laois	
<b>Solicitors</b>	McCormack Solicitors 4 McElwain Terrace Newbridge Co Kildare	Aidan O'Donnell & Co. Solicitors Main Street Portarlington Co. Laois

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

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

### Principal Activity

The principal activity of Portarlington 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.

### Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The main financial risks arising from the activities of Portarlington Credit Union Limited are credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, market risk, risk of insufficient demand for loans and continuous compliance with regulatory and legislative requirements. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks which are summarised at Note 18.

### Business Review

Both the level of business and the year-end financial position were satisfactory. The directors expect to develop and expand the Credit Union's current activities and they are confident of its ability to operate successfully in the future.

### Directors and Board Oversight Committee Members

The current directors and board oversight committee members are as set out on page 12. In accordance with Section 53 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) one director of the Credit Union's Board of Directors is required to retire at this year's Annual General Meeting, and being eligible, this director will go forward for re-election. One director co-opted during the year will also go forward for election. In accordance with Section 76 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) one member of the Credit Union's Board Oversight Committee is required to retire at this year's Annual General Meeting, and being eligible, the member will go forward for re-election

### Authorisation

The Credit Union is authorised as follows:

- Registered as an insurance, reinsurance or ancillary insurance intermediary under the European Union (Insurance Distribution) Regulations, 2018.
- Firms deemed to be authorised as Investment Intermediaries (Restricted Activity Investment Product Intermediary) pursuant to Section 26 of the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995 (as amended)
- A credit Union entitled under the European Union (Payment Services) Regulations 2018 to provide payment services.
- A firm that acts on behalf of a payment institution in providing payment services.

### Accounting Records

The measures taken by the directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 108 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended), regarding proper books of account are, the implementation of necessary policies and procedures for recording transactions, the employment of competent accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and the provision of adequate resources to the financial function. The books of account of the Credit Union are maintained at the Credit Union's premises at Upper Main Street, Portarlington, Co. Laois.

### Post Balance Sheet Events

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

### Auditors

The auditors, BCA Tax & Business Consultants Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 115 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

### Results and distributions to members

The Board proposes to the membership a payment of a 0.25% dividend and 15% rebate of loan interest for the current year in line with Note 6 in the financial statements, subject to agreement by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 30 September 2025

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 financial year. In preparing these 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 at any time the financial position of the Credit Union and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable Irish law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, including the standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and in particular FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Credit Union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the Credit Union's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the Credit Union's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Credit Union's auditor is aware of that information.

**Shane Murray**  
Member of the Board of Directors

**Bridie Keegann**  
Member of the Board of Directors  
Date: 28 October 2025

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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 Acts 1997 (as amended) and any other matter prescribed by the Central Bank of Ireland in respect of which they are to have regard to.

**Jacqueline McNulty Evans**  
Member of the Board Oversight Committee

Date: 28 October 2025

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the Members of Portarlington Credit Union Limited

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Portarlington Credit Union Limited for the financial year ended 30

September 2025 which comprise the Income & Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Reserves, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council and the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the assets, liabilities, and financial position of the Credit Union as at 30 September 2025 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

### Basis for Opinion

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

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

### Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the 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

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 course of 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.

#### 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.
- Properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

### Respective Responsibilities

#### Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: [www.iaasa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf). The description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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

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

**Paul Kelly FCA**  
**For & on behalf of**  
**BCA Tax & Business Consultants Limited**  
 Chartered Accountants  
 Statutory Auditors  
 Clonminch House,  
 Clonminch Hi-Technology Park,  
 Tullamore, Co. Offaly

Date: 28 October 2025

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the financial year ended 30 September 2025

		2025	2024
	Schedule	€	€
<b>Income:</b>			
Interest on members' loans	1	3,091,876	2,854,009
Income from investments	2	694,285	669,454
<b>Net interest income</b>		3,786,161	3,523,463
Other income	3	21,837	25,250
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,807,998</b>	<b>3,548,713</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employment costs		904,427	862,599
Other management expenses	4	1,284,769	1,189,645
Depreciation		79,152	77,103
Provision for bad debts		632,629	364,523
Loans written off		25,810	89,463
Bad debts recovered		(193,791)	(272,887)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		2,732,996	2,310,446
<b>Surplus of income over expenditure for the year</b>		1,075,002	1,238,267
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>1,075,002</b>	<b>1,238,267</b>

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CEO

**Shane Murray**  
Member of the Board of Directors

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## BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 September 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	€	€
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	1,543,621	1,251,605
Tangible fixed assets	13	557,107	564,526
Loans to members	12	40,900,718	38,141,987
Provision for bad debts	12	(3,292,728)	(2,886,442)
Prepayments and other debtors	14	115,114	101,466
Accrued income	14	289,914	208,767
Deposits and investments	15	36,006,673	35,946,158
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>76,120,419</b>	<b>73,328,067</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Members' shares	16	61,152,859	58,914,993
Members' deposits	17	936,556	914,544
Bank overdraft		-	4,764
Trade creditors and accruals	18	786,794	663,881
Other creditors	18	3,908	8,890
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>62,880,117</b>	<b>60,507,072</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>13,240,302</b>	<b>12,820,995</b>
<b>Members' Resources</b>			
Regulatory reserve	19	9,515,052	9,166,008
Operational risk reserve	19	574,845	677,961
Other reserves		3,150,405	2,977,026
<b>Total Members' Resources</b>		<b>13,240,302</b>	<b>12,820,995</b>

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

For the financial year ended 30 September 2025

	Regulatory Reserve	Distribution reserve	Operational risk reserve	Other reserves	Unrealised reserves	Community fund reserv	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
<b>At 1 October 2023</b>	8,751,028	-	725,268	2,708,770	62,938	-	12,248,004
Dividends paid during the financial year	-	(278,385)	-	-	-	-	(278,385)
Loan interest rebate paid during the financial year	-	(386,891)	-	-	-	-	(386,891)
Other movement in reserves	414,980	665,276	(47,307)	205,318	-	-	1,238,267
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<b>9,166,008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>677,961</b>	<b>2,914,088</b>	<b>62,938</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,820,995</b>
<b>At 1 October 2024</b>	9,166,008	-	677,961	2,914,088	62,938	-	12,820,995
Dividends paid during the financial year	-	(230,104)	-	-	-	-	(230,104)
Loan interest rebate paid during the financial year	349,044	(425,592)	(103,116)	150,860	(27,481)	50,000	(425,592)
Other movement in reserves	-	655,696	-	-	-	-	655,696
<b>At 30 September 2025</b>	<b>9,515,052</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>574,845</b>	<b>3,064,948</b>	<b>35,457</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>13,240,302</b>

The Regulatory Reserve of the Credit Union as a % of the total assets as at 30th September 2025 was 12.50% (2024: 12.50%) which is greater than the Credit Union's Regulatory Reserve requirement of 10%.

In accordance with S45 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) Portarlington Credit Union Limited has an Operational Risk reserve in place. The Board reduced this reserve by

€103,116 in the current period.

The Board of Portarlington Credit Union Limited has transferred €349,044 from Undistributed Surplus reserve to its Regulatory reserve so that the reserve would stand at 12.5% at current year end, in excess of the required limit of 10%.

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## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the financial year ended 30 September 2025

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Opening cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>12,440,915</b>	<b>10,526,912</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Loans repaid	11,654,438	10,624,533
Loans granted	(14,665,322)	(14,873,853)
Loan interest income	3,082,560	2,838,990
Investment income	694,285	669,454
Other income received	21,837	25,250
Bad debts recovered	193,791	272,887
Dividends paid	(230,104)	(278,385)
Loan interest rebate	(425,592)	(386,891)
Operating expenses	(2,189,196)	(2,052,244)
Members' current account lodgments	8,275,703	6,679,938
Member's current account withdrawals	(8,149,003)	(6,586,494)
Movement in other assets	(85,479)	(6,216)
Movement in other liabilities	(8,769)	16,524
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(1,830,851)</b>	<b>(3,056,507)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(71,733)	(3,610)
Net cash flow from other investing activities	(151,051)	2,340,669
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing	(222,784)	2,337,059
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Members' shares received	33,184,120	32,954,079
Members' deposits received	1,044,668	1,011,855
Members' shares withdrawn	(30,946,254)	(30,327,951)
Members' deposits withdrawn	(1,022,656)	(1,004,532)
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>	<b>2,259,878</b>	<b>2,633,451</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>206,243</b>	<b>1,914,003</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year 11</b>	<b>12,647,158</b>	<b>12,440,915</b>

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## 1. Legal and regulatory framework

Portarlington Credit Union Limited is established under the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). The Credit Union is registered with the Registrar of Credit Unions and is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. The principal place of business is Upper Main Street, Portarlington, Co. Laois.

## 2. Accounting Policies

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared on the going-concern basis and in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as issued by the Financial Reporting Council) and the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended). The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except for the modification to a fair value basis for certain financial instruments as specified in the accounting policies below.

### CURRENCY

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

### GOING CONCERN

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

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

### INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will

flow to the Credit Union and the Income can be reliably measured. Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received. The following criteria must also be met before Income is recognised:

#### (i) Interest on members' loans

Interest on Members Loans is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest rate method in accordance with FRS 102 and Section 110(1)(D) of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended). An approximation of the effective interest rate method is calculated by taking the interest accrual at the reporting period adjusted for any accrual relating to impaired loans.

#### (ii) Investment income

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

#### (iii) Other income

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

### INVESTMENTS

Investment income is recognised on an accrual basis.

#### Deposits and investments (cash and cash equivalents)

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

#### Deposits and investments (other)

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

#### Central Bank Deposits

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 becomes irrevocably entitled to receive them.

#### **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. This effectively spreads out the return on such investments over time, but does take account immediately of any impairment in the value of the investment.

#### **Central Bank deposits**

Credit Unions are obliged to maintain certain deposits with the Central Bank. These deposits are technically assets of the credit union but to which the Credit Union has restricted access. The funds on deposit with the Central Bank attract nominal interest and will not ordinarily be returned to the credit union while it is a going concern. The amounts are stated at the amount deposited plus accrued income and are not subject to impairment reviews.

#### **Investments at fair value**

Investments held for trading and investment in stock market shares (i.e. non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary shares or preference shares) are included in this category. Financial assets at fair value are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for sale in the short term. They are valued at fair value (market value) at the financial yearend date and all gains and losses are taken to the income and expenditure account. The fair value of quoted investments is determined by reference to bid prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. Where

there is no active market these assets will be carried at cost less impairment.

#### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

Tangible Fixed Assets are initially stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge for depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	2% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10% Straight line
Computer equipment	20% Straight line

Tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that carrying values may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists and where the carrying value exceeds the net recoverable amount, the assets are written down to their recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of tangible assets, property, plant and equipment is the greater of open market value and value in use. In assessing value in use the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined by the income generating unit to which the asset belongs. When the recoverable amount of the income generating unit is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised.

#### **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.

#### **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Credit Union has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments

are recognised when the Credit Union becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when, and only when, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Financial assets and liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

#### **BASIC FINANCIAL ASSETS**

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

##### **Loans to members**

Loans are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments. Loans are recognised when cash is advanced to members and measured at amortised cost. Loans are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, usually when all amounts outstanding have been repaid by the member.

##### **Other Debtors**

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.

##### **De-recognition of financial assets**

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Credit Union transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party. In the case of loans to members, loans are derecognised, when the right to receive cash flows from the loans have expired, usually when all amounts outstanding have

been repaid by the member. Portarlington Credit Union Limited does not transfer loans to third parties.

##### **Impairment of financial assets**

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the expected cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Any impairment losses are recognised in the Income and Expenditure account. 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.

#### **BAD DEBT PROVISION**

In the case of impairment of loans to members, the loans are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics except for individually significant loans which are assessed on a loan by loan basis for impairment. Credit risk is identified, assessed and measured through the use of rating and scoring tools with emphasis on weeks in arrears and other observable credit risk metrics. The ratings influence the management of individual loans. The credit rating triggers the impairment assessment and if relevant the raising of specific provisions on individual loans where there is doubt about their recoverability.

Loan loss provisioning is monitored by the Credit Union, and the Credit Union assesses and approves its provisions and provision adequacy on a quarterly basis. Key assumptions underpinning the Credit

Union's estimates of collective provisions for loans with similar credit risk characteristics, and, Incurred But Not Reported provisions ("IBNR") are based on the historical experiences of the Credit Union allied to the Credit Union's judgement of relevant conditions in the wider technological, market, economic or legal environment in which the Credit Union operates. If a loan is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount of the loan and the present value of the expected cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate taking account of pledged shares and other security as appropriate. Assumptions are back tested with the benefit of experience. After a period of time, when it is concluded that there is no real prospect of recovery of loans/part of loans which have been subjected to a specific provision, the Credit Union writes off that amount of the loan deemed irrecoverable against the specific provision held against the loan.

#### BASIC FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

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

#### Members' shares

Members' shares, money management accounts and deposits 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.

#### Other creditors

Other payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Other payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### De-recognition of financial liability

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligations of the Credit Union specified in the contract are discharged, cancelled or expire.

#### 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.

#### PENSIONS

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

The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme and there is insufficient information for Portarlington Credit Union Limited 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 Portarlington Credit Union Limited will fund a past service deficit, Portarlington Credit Union Limited shall recognise a liability for the contributions payable that arise from the agreement (to the extent that they relate to the deficit).

Pension benefits are funded over the employees' period of service by way of defined contributions paid to an approved fund held with New Ireland plc. Contributions are based on a fixed percentage of an employee's annual salary and the charge to the Income and Expenditure account reflects contributions paid and payable in respect of the year ended 30 September 2025.

#### DISTRIBUTION

In respect of each financial year, the Credit Union will allocate surplus funds to the Regulatory Reserve and other reserves in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and guidance issued by the Central Bank of Ireland. The board of directors may also decide to hold reserves in excess of minimum statutory requirements, taking prudent account of the scale and complexity of the Credit Union's business, its risk profile and prevailing market conditions. The dividend payment is based on the distributable income of the Credit Union after meeting its reserve requirements. Dividends to the Credit Union's members are recognised as a liability of the Credit Union when approved by the Credit Union's shareholders at the annual general meeting.

#### RESERVES

##### Regulatory reserve

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

##### Operational risk reserve

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

##### Dividend reserve

Dividend reserves are the accumulated surpluses to date that have not been declared as dividends or loan interest rebate returnable to members or set aside to the Regulatory or Operational Risk reserves.

##### Non-Distributable Investment Income reserve

Investment income that has been recognised in the financial statements but will not be

received within 12 months of the Balance Sheet date is classified as "non-distributable" and is not distributable as a dividend in accordance with Section 31 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (Regulatory Requirements) Regulations 2016. A reclassification between non-distributable and distributable is made as investments come to within 12 months of maturity date.

#### TAXATION

The Credit Union is not subject to Income Tax or Corporation Tax on its activities as a Credit Union.

### 3. Critical Accounting Judgement and Estimates

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

#### 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.

#### IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON LOANS TO MEMBERS

The Credit Union's accounting policy for impairment of financial assets is set out in accounting policy in Note

2.13. 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.

#### IMPAIRMENT OF BUILDINGS

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. In the event, an impairment loss is recognised as the difference between the carrying amount and the assets market value. The impairment charge, if applicable is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account in the period in which the related events or changes in circumstances occur.

#### OPERATIONAL RISK RESERVE (ORR)

The directors have considered the requirements of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and have considered an approach to the calculation of the ORR. Portarlington Credit Union Limited uses operational risks on measurement in calculating the minimum Operational Risk Reserve requirements as set out in the Credit Union's Operational Risk reserve rationale policy.

#### PENSIONS

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



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## 4. Income From Investments

	2025 €	2024 €
Investment income received	500,676	547,676
Investment income receivable within 12 months	193,609	121,778
	694,285	669,454

## 5. Dividends and Loan Interest Rebate

The following distributions were made during the financial year:

	2025 %	2025 €	2024 %	2024 €
Dividends on shares	0.40	230,104	0.50	278,385
Loan interest rebate	15.00	425,592	15.00	386,891
		<b>655,696</b>		<b>665,276</b>

The above dividends refer to those paid out in those financial years from the surplus earned in previous financial years.

## 6. Proposed Dividends and Loan Interest Rebate

At the financial year-end the directors have allocated the amount of €616,542 to the Distribution Reserve which may be returned to the members by way of dividend and a loan interest rebate by way of resolution by a majority of the members at the annual general meeting. The proposed distribution is as follows:

	2025 %	2025 €	2024 %	2024 €
Dividends on shares	0.25	152,761	0.40	233,731
Loan interest rebate	15.00	463,781	15.00	427,670
		<b>616,542</b>		<b>661,401</b>

## 7. Bad and Doubtful Debts

	2025 €	2024 €
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	632,629	364,523
Loans written off	25,810	89,463
	<b>658,439</b>	<b>453,986</b>

## 8. Rates of Interest Charged on Members' Loans

The Credit Union charges rates of interest as follows:

	Per Month	APR
	%	%
Members' Loans 8.9% per annum	0.74	9.30
Micro Loans 8.9% per annum	0.74	9.30
Special Home Improvement Loans 6.99% per annum	0.58	7.20
Large Business Loans 6.99% per annum	0.58	7.20
Large Debt Consolidation Loans 6.99% per annum	0.58	7.20
Cultivate Agri Loans 6.75% per annum	0.55	6.75
Greenify home energy upgrade loan 6.50% per annum	0.54	6.70
Secured Loans 5.95% per annum	0.49	6.20
Student Loans 5.95% per annum	0.49	6.20
House Loans 5.95% per annum	0.49	6.20
Community Loans 2.95% per annum	0.25	3.01

## 9. Employees and Remuneration

The average monthly number of employees during the financial year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Management and Staff	19	18

The staff costs comprise:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Wages and salaries	753,418	716,076
Social security costs	80,601	75,712
Pension costs	70,408	70,811
	904,427	862,599

## 10. Key Management Personnel

The directors of Portarlington Credit Union Limited are all unpaid volunteers. The management personnel compensation is as follows:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Remuneration	268,452	244,466
Pension contributions	29,343	25,067
Total key management personnel compensation	297,795	269,533

## 11. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

	2025	2024
	€	€
Cash and bank balances	1,543,621	1,251,605
Bank overdrafts	-	(4,764)
Deposits and investments	11,103,537	11,194,074
	12,647,158	12,440,915

## 12. Members' Loans

	2025	2024
	€	€
Loans to members	40,900,718	38,141,987
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	(3,292,728)	(2,886,442)
	37,607,990	35,255,545

### Movement in members' loans

	2025	2024
	€	€
Opening balance	38,141,987	34,196,502
Cash movement in financial year	3,010,884	4,249,320
Loans written off	(252,153)	(303,835)
Closing balance	40,900,718	38,141,987

### Movement in provision for doubtful debts

	2025	2024
	€	€
Opening provision	2,886,442	2,736,291
Movement in financial year	632,629	364,523
Loans written off against provision	(226,343)	(214,372)
Closing provision	3,292,728	2,886,442

### The provision for bad debts is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Individually significant loans	419,284	351,366
Other impaired loans	217,415	133,921
Collectively assessed loans	2,656,029	2,401,155
	3,292,728	2,886,442

### Interest on members' loans

	2025	2024
	€	€
Loan interest received	3,091,876	2,767,020
Loan interest receivable	96,305	86,989
	3,188,181	2,854,009

### 13. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and buildings freehold €	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Computer equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 October 2024	896,443	156,436	236,388	1,289,267
Additions	-	4,296	67,437	71,733
<b>At 30 September 2025</b>	<b>896,443</b>	<b>160,732</b>	<b>303,825</b>	<b>1,361,000</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 October 2024	462,174	87,767	174,800	724,741
Charge for the financial year	17,929	15,120	46,103	79,152
<b>At 30 September 2025</b>	<b>480,103</b>	<b>102,887</b>	<b>220,903</b>	<b>803,893</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
<b>At 30 September 2025</b>	<b>416,340</b>	<b>57,845</b>	<b>82,922</b>	<b>557,107</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<b>434,269</b>	<b>68,669</b>	<b>61,588</b>	<b>564,526</b>

Tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may be impaired. During the year ended 30 September 2025, the Credit Union carried out an impairment review of the carrying value of its freehold premises. The review indicated that the recoverable amount is greater than the carrying value of the freehold premises and therefore no impairment is recognised.

### 14. Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income

	2025 €	2024 €
Prepayments	84,532	71,967
SPS refund due	27,481	27,481
Member Current Accounts	3,101	2,018
Accrued income	193,609	121,778
Accrued Interest Receivable	96,305	86,989
	<b>405,028</b>	<b>310,233</b>

### 15. Deposits and Investments

	2025 €	2024 €
Deposits and investments (cash and cash equivalents)	11,103,537	11,194,074
Deposits and investments (other)	24,448,627	24,324,270
Central Bank Deposits	454,509	427,814
	<b>36,006,673</b>	<b>35,946,158</b>

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Deposits and investments – cash equivalents</b>		
Accounts in Authorised Credit Institutions	20,061,217	20,975,629
Bank Bonds	15,490,947	14,542,715
Central Bank Deposits	454,509	427,814
<b>Total deposits and investments – cash equivalents</b>	<b>36,006,673</b>	<b>35,946,158</b>

Investments at the current and prior Balance Sheet date were all measured at amortised cost as appropriate.

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

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Deposits and investments</b>		
Aa3	7,665,549	6,945,779
Aaa	3,386,421	-
A1	11,510,511	15,708,564
A2	5,394,192	4,992,644
A3	-	500,000
Aa2	2,450,000	-
Baa1	4,300,000	5,797,991
Baa2	-	2,001,180
Baa3	1,300,000	-
<b>Total Deposits and Investments</b>	<b>36,006,673</b>	<b>35,946,158</b>

### 16. Members' Shares – Financial Liabilities

	2025 €	2024 €
As at 1 October	58,914,993	56,288,865
Received during the financial year	33,184,120	32,954,079
Repaid during the financial year	(30,946,254)	(30,327,951)
As at 30 September	<b>61,152,859</b>	<b>58,914,993</b>

### 17. Members' Deposits – Financial Liabilities

	2025 €	2024 €
As at 1 October	914,544	907,221
Received during the financial year	1,044,668	1,011,855
Repaid during the financial year	(1,022,656)	(1,004,532)
As at 30 September	<b>936,556</b>	<b>914,544</b>

## 18. Other Creditors and Accruals

	2025	2024
	€	€
Accruals	786,794	663,881
Other creditors	3,908	8,890
	<b>790,702</b>	<b>672,771</b>

### Member current accounts analysed as follows:

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	No	€	No	€
Credit	418	770,731	360	642,455
Debit	47	3,101	39	2,018
	<b>465</b>	<b>767,630</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>640,437</b>
Permitted Overdrafts	17	6,500	19	7,300

## 19. Credit Union Reserves

	Regulatory Reserve	Distribution reserve	Operational risk reserve	Other reserves	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
At 1 October 2024	9,166,008	-	677,961	2,977,026	12,820,995
Distribution in financial year	-	(655,696)	-	-	(655,696)
Other movement in reserves	349,044	655,696	(103,116)	173,379	1,075,002
At 30 September 2025	<b>9,515,052</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>574,845</b>	<b>3,150,405</b>	<b>13,240,302</b>

The Board of Portarlington Credit Union Limited has transferred €50,000 from Undistributed Surplus reserve to its Community Fund reserve. This is in accordance with Section 44 of the Standard Rules for Credit Unions which allows for the setting up of a special fund for cultural, social or charitable purposes including community development.

## 20. Financial Instruments

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

The main financial risks arising from Portarlington Credit Union Limited's activities are credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks, which are summarised below.

### Credit Risk:

Credit risk is the risk that a borrower will default on their contractual obligations relating to repayments to the Credit Union resulting in financial loss. In order to manage this risk the Board approves the Credit Union's Lending policy, and all amendments thereto. 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 lays down the procedures for the collection of loans in arrears together with the basis for recording impairments on loans. The credit risk on members' loans is disclosed in Note 20. The Credit Union's investments are also exposed to credit risk and the Credit Union mitigates the risk by only placing investments with financial institutions where the counterparties have strong credit ratings and using investment products authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland. The credit risk on investments is disclosed in Note 11.

### Liquidity Risk:

Portarlington Credit Union Limited'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 which are available on demand are identified as liabilities, other shares which are held as members' resources, are not available for withdrawal in accordance with the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended). The Credit Union adheres on an ongoing basis to the minimum liquidity ratio and minimum short term liquidity ratio as set out in the Credit Union Act 1997 (Regulatory Requirements) Regulations 2020.

### Market Risk:

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

### Interest Rate Risk:

Portarlington Credit Union Limited'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. Portarlington Credit Union Limited 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.

### 20.1 INTEREST RATE RISK DISCLOSURE

	2025	Average interest rate	2024	Average interest rate
	€	%	€	%
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Gross loans to members	40,900,718	7.61	38,141,987	7.94
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Members' shares	61,152,589	0.25	58,914,993	0.40

The interest rates applicable on loans to members are variable and range from 2.95% to 8.9%. The dividend on shares is determined on the basis of income less administrative expenses and, as can be seen above, a consistent margin is maintained between interest receivable and dividend on shares. As a result, the surplus for the year is not particularly sensitive to interest rate risk and no sensitivity analysis is presented.

## 21. Credit Risk Disclosure

The Credit Union complies with Section 12 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (Regulatory Requirements) Regulations 2016. This Regulation:

- 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 commercial loans, community loans or loans to another Credit Union.

The carrying amount of the loans to members represents Portarlington Credit Union Limited'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.

### 21.1 CREDIT RISK DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	€	%	€	%
<b>Loans not impaired</b>				
Not past due	37,124,684	90.77	34,688,448	90.95
<b>Impaired loans</b>				
Not past due	2,083,808	5.10	2,076,364	5.44
Up to 9 weeks past due	1,457,127	3.56	1,171,073	3.07
Between 10 and 18 weeks past due	23,392	0.06	29,226	0.08
Between 19 and 26 weeks past due	5,672	0.01	-	-
Between 27 and 39 weeks past due	73,336	0.18	42,591	0.11
53 or more weeks past due	132,699	0.32	134,285	0.35
<b>Total impaired loans</b>	<b>3,776,034</b>	<b>9.23</b>	<b>3,453,539</b>	<b>9.05</b>
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>40,900,718</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>38,141,987</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## 22. Pension Scheme

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

On 31 March 2022, the defined benefit scheme ceased to accrual and although staff retained all the benefits that they had earned in the Scheme to that date, Portarlington Credit Union 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. Portarlington Credit Union Limited's allocation of that past service deficit is €465,704. This total cost was included in the profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Portarlington Credit Union Limited entered a 10 year Funding Plan to pay the deficit of which the first year was paid in 2022.

As this is a pooled pension scheme, Portarlington Credit Union 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. Portarlington Credit Union 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.

The Scheme is a multi-employer scheme and there is pooling of the assets, and the sharing of risks associated with the liabilities for all participating employers. Judgement is required to assess whether Portarlington Credit Union Limited has sufficient information to provide an appropriate allocation of pension assets and liabilities.

An assessment has been performed of the information available and Portarlington Credit Union Limited has determined that there is currently insufficient information available. Consequently, Portarlington Credit Union Limited continues to account for the plan as a defined contribution plan.

An actuarial review of the Scheme is normally carried out every three years by the Scheme's independent, professionally qualified actuary. The actuarial review considers the past and future service liabilities of the Scheme. The last completed triennial actuarial review was carried out with an effective date of 1 March 2023, using the Attained Age valuation method.

The assets and liabilities of the Scheme and the key assumptions are included in the table below at the respective dates of the latest triennial valuation date and the Funding Plan:

	1 March 2023	31 March 2022
	€'m	€'m
Assets	296.2	283.4
Liabilities	328.5	377.1
Deficit	32.3	93.7

Assumptions used	1 March 2023	31 March 2022
Interest rate curve	Euribor interest rate swap rates (Single Equivalent Rate 2.57% per annum)	N/A
Investment return in the period preretirement - Exited*	Interest rate curve less 0.50% p.a.	3.35%
Investment return while in receipt of pension - Exited*	Interest rate curve less 0.50% p.a.	0.25%
Investment return in the period preretirement - not Exited	Interest rate curve plus 1.40% p.a.	3.35%
Investment return while in receipt of pension - not Exited	Interest rate curve plus 0.00% p.a.	0.25%

Annual indexation of accrued pensions up to retirement	Euro HICPx inflation swap rates (Single Equivalent Rate 2.73% per annum)	2.05%
Annual increases to pension in payment	3%/0%	3%/0%
Life expectancy**		
65 year old male lives to age	88.6	87
65 year old female lives to age	91.4	89
Amount of pension exchanged for taxfree cash at retirement	0%	0%
<i>*Exited refers to members whose sponsoring credit union has exited the scheme and is no longer a participating employer</i>		
<i>** 31 March 2022: Based on 58% of ILT15 (Males), 62% of ILT15 (Females) and annual improvement to annuity rates post retirement of: Males: 0.30%, Females: 0.25% (improvements from 2014). 1 March 2024: Based on 90% of PNMA00 (Males), 90% of PNFA00 (Females) and annual improvement post retirement of 175% per annum from 2013.</i>		

The 1 March 2023 funding valuation was signed on 29 November 2023. Under the Scheme's governing documentation, the Trustees determine the contribution payable by the participating employers, having consulted the Actuary and the Principal Employer. Noting that contributions valued at €32.5m are due from participating employers and the ongoing funding level of 100.1% after allowing for these contributions, the Trustees have determined not to seek further contributions from participating employers at this time.

	<b>30 Sept 2025</b>	<b>30 Sept 2024</b>
	<b>€'m</b>	<b>€'m</b>
Retirement Benefit Liability	€175,350	€213,500

### 23. Related Party Transactions

Related Parties consist of the directors and management team of the Credit Union, their family members and any business in which the directors or management team have a significant shareholding. Loans to Related Parties represent 2.08% of the total loan book at 30 September 2025. (30 September 2024: 2.58%).

	<b>No. of loans</b>	<b>2025</b>
		<b>€</b>
Loans advanced to Related Parties during the financial year	28	298,550
Total loans outstanding to Related Parties at the financial year end	40	852,729
Total provisions for loans outstanding to Related Parties	37	57,379

### 24. Insurance Against Fraud

The Credit Union has insurance against fraud in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act, 1997(as amended) in the amount of €5.2 million.

### 25. Capital Commitments

The Credit Union had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 30 September 2025.

### 26. Post-Balance Sheet Events

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

### 27. Contingent Liabilities

Portarlington Credit Union Limited had no contingent liabilities at the current or prior Balance Sheet date.

### 28. Approval Of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board of Directors on 28 October 2025.



Laois Minor Team



The following pages do not form part of the statutory audited Financial Statements.

### Schedule 1 – Interest on loans

	2025	2024
	€	€
Interest on members loans	2,995,571	2,767,020
Interest on members loans receivable	96,305	86,989
	<u>3,091,876</u>	<u>2,854,009</u>

### Schedule 2 – Investment Income

	2025	2024
	€	€
Investment income received	509,156	554,954
Investment income receivable within 12 months	193,609	121,778
Losses on investments	(8,480)	(7,278)
	<u>694,285</u>	<u>669,454</u>

### Schedule 3 – Other Income

	2025	2024
	€	€
Current account interest income	352	235
Current account fees and charges	16,206	13,599
Gains on bonds	-	4,999
Insurance commission	4,529	6,419
Entrance fees	615	237
Other fees received	135	(239)
	<u>21,837</u>	<u>25,250</u>

### Schedule 4 – Other Management Expenses

	2025	2024
	€	€
Training costs	27,246	18,067
Staff costs	6,942	2,145
Rates payable	5,001	2,636
General insurance	38,184	37,839
Share and loan insurance	355,908	319,051
Death benefit insurance	72,715	66,300
Board oversight expenses	2,695	2,028
Risk and compliance costs	10,019	44,422
Security	46,741	26,339
Light heat and cleaning	19,164	20,198
Repairs and renewals	11,653	8,450
Computer and equipment maintenance	162,205	145,442
Printing and stationery	23,660	15,625
Promotion and advertising	62,750	53,816
Telephone and postage	33,897	19,897
AGM expenses	14,312	12,682
Current account fees	80,506	74,711
Travelling and subsistence	1,922	2,080
Social and entertainment	3,518	6,943
Legal and debt recovery fees	46,688	46,714
Professional and internal audit fees	39,804	12,107
Audit fees	17,220	17,220
Bank interest and charges	94,848	63,715
Donations and sponsorship	37,742	21,200
Affiliation fees	10,156	9,304
SPS Contribution	5,357	6,330
Deposit protection account charges & CBCIRFL	-	94,421
Regulation levy	47,678	33,210
Miscellaneous expenses	6,238	6,753
	<u>1,284,769</u>	<u>1,189,645</u>

## Board Oversight Committee Report

The Board Oversight Committee derives its authority from Section 7L of the Credit Union Act 2012. Its terms of reference are guided by the 1997 Act (as amended) and the Central Bank of Ireland Credit Union Handbook.

The responsibility of the Board Oversight Committee is to assess whether the Board of Directors has operated in accordance with Part IV of the 1997 Act (as amended). The Board Oversight Committee does this by undertaking activities to examine the controls in place and look for evidence that the functions are being carried out effectively. The aim of the Board Oversight Committee is to support the governance function of the Board of Directors for the benefit of the membership.

The Board Oversight Committee attended all meetings of the Board of Directors and also met the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis to review the performance of the functions of the Board of Directors. The Board Oversight Committee reports that it is pleased with the outcome of these meetings.

The Board Oversight Committee is satisfied that the Board of Directors adequately reviews all its processes and procedures and meets all the requirements, both legally and regulatory.

The Board Oversight wish to thank the Board of Directors, all the other volunteers, Bernard O'Grady, CEO and the staff of the Credit Union for their assistance throughout the year.

The members of the Board Oversight Committee during the past year were:

- Janet Bennett
- Jacqueline McNulty Evans
- Thelma Carroll

**Jacqueline McNulty Evans**  
*Chairperson*  
*Board Oversight Committee*



## Credit Committee Report

The Credit Committee plays an integral role in the operation of the Credit Union. The Committee meets regularly to review loan applications.

A Member can apply for a loan:

- **online via our website at [www.portcu.ie](http://www.portcu.ie)**
- **on our app**
- **by calling to the Credit Union or**
- **by phone.**

A loan may be approved by a Loan Officer providing it meets the guidelines as set out by the Board of Directors. Otherwise the loan is passed to the Executive Lending Committee for a decision. If they are unable to approve an application, the Member may then lodge an appeal to the Board of Directors.



To enable decisions to be made as efficiently as possible, Members should ensure that all personal details with the Credit Union are correct and up-to-date, e.g. current address, phone number etc. As per current policy, depending on the type of loan being applied for, you will be required to provide us with some or all of the following: copies of recent payslips, proof of income, three months bank statements and mortgage statements. The more information that is provided on request, the quicker the decision can be made. All relevant loans are registered with the Central Credit Register. Loans will undergo a credit check as part of the lending process.



## WHY CHOOSE THE CREDIT UNION FOR YOUR LOAN?

- A very competitive interest rate of 9.27% APR or 8.90% on the reducing balance of the Loan
- A particularly attractive rate of 7.22% APR or 6.99% on the reducing balance for large home improvement, large commercial or large debt consolidation loans
- A house loan rate of 6.11% APR or 5.95% on the reducing balance
- Student and Secure loans at a special rate of 6.11% APR or 5.95% on the reducing balance of the Loan
- A community loan rate of 2.99% APR or 2.95% on the reducing balance of the loan
- Cultivate Agri loan rate of 6.75% APR or 6.55% on the reducing balance of the loan
- Greenify loan rate of 5.64% APR or 5.5% on the reducing balance of the loan
- No hidden or additional costs
- The flexibility to make larger repayments than agreed
- No penalties for early settlement
- Loan Protection and Life Savings cover provided at no charge to the member\*
- Free Death Benefit Insurance (€1,300)\*
- Personal service tailored to suit individual circumstances
- Friendly and helpful staff

\*Terms and conditions apply



## GREENIFY

PCU is pleased to now offer the Greenify loan which is a "Green Home Energy Upgrade Loan". Please talk to our Loan Officer for more details.

As already mentioned, **Student Loans** are available at a special rate of **6.11% APR**. To qualify for a Student Loan a member must have a suitable guarantor, three payslips and 3 months bank statements from guarantor, a letter from the college confirming acceptance of the student for the year and a minimum of €250 in shares. Student Loans are for students who are in 3rd level education.

The membership of the Credit Union continues to grow rapidly. For the financial year ending 30th September 2025, a total of **2,405 loans were issued amounting to €14,665,322**.

The Committee would like to thank the Board, the CEO and Staff for their help and support throughout the year. In addition, we would like to thank **Evelyn Breerton, Caroline Boylan, Bridie Keegan, Ned Hackett and Colette Knight** for their many years of sterling service to the Credit Committee and PCU in general and wish them all the best in the future.

**Credit Committee**

"From start to finish, the whole process was very straightforward."

Maurice & Robert Cogan  
Dairy Farmers

Maximum loan

Borrow up to **€50,000** up to 7 years

Cost of loan

**6.55% Variable (6.75% APR)**

Representative example as at 05 July 2023

- € Loan amount: €50,000
- 📅 84 monthly payments: €743.68
- 🕒 Term: 7 years
- ⚖️ Total amount payable: €62,469.35

### Flexible repayment plan

- ✔️ No fees of any kind
- ✔️ No penalties for making larger repayments to reduce the term and cost of the loan
- ✔️ Weekly, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annual repayment schedules available to suit your needs
- ✔️ Loan is insured at no cost to you (subject to T&Cs)

## Our Bi-Monthly Cash Draw Winners



## Credit Control Committee Report

In these very challenging times, we are well aware of the ongoing financial difficulties of many of our Members. Early intervention and ongoing interaction with Members in financial difficulty are key elements of this Credit Union's efforts to minimise arrears and bad debts. To this end, the Credit Control Committee meets monthly to review repayment difficulties, arrears, bad debt recovery and to monitor compliance with credit control policy. The Committee encourages members who are experiencing repayment difficulties to contact the Credit Control Officer at the earliest opportunity so that they can receive a fair and sympathetic hearing with a view to assisting members to improve their repayment capacity over time. All options available to members are explained and each individual case is reviewed carefully and separately to come to an agreeable arrangement for both the member and the Credit Union.

Anyone (member or non-member) experiencing debt/budgeting problems can contact the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS). This free, confidential and independent service (funded by the state) is contactable for South Leinster Laois at 0818 072620 and Offaly at 0818 072710.

The majority of members who have experienced repayment difficulties, have contacted the Credit Union and are making an enormous effort to pay what they can afford and to keep us updated on their situation. These efforts are much appreciated and do not go unnoticed and will certainly stand to the member in the future.

**Members in arrears and not making regular repayments as per their credit agreement should be aware that loan arrears may have a negative effect on their credit rating, both with the Credit Union and with other financial institutions as we are registered with the Central Bank of Ireland's Central Credit Register.** This Register is a national mandatory database of credit information being maintained by the Central Bank. It is the member's responsibility to ensure arrears are cleared up as soon as possible. Members are notified by letter or phone or email to keep their loans paid up to date in order to protect their credit rating for future lending from any credit institution.

A small number of members who were unable to make sufficient repayments during the financial year, were transferred to the Bad Debt Ledger as required by regulatory guidelines and Board decisions. The money, which remains owing to the Credit Union, is being vigorously pursued by the Credit Control Committee, Debt Collection Agencies and Solicitors for eventual recovery. In this past year, **€193,791** has been recovered. We assure our members that every continuing effort is made on your behalf, to recover any money owed to the Credit Union.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank all our members making repayments and especially those keeping their repayments in line with the Credit Agreement.

*Credit Control Committee:*

**Kieran Knight, Colm Coleman and William Slevin.**

*Credit Control Officer:*

**Terena McComish**

*Assisted by:*

**Annmarie Pigott**

## Membership Committee Report

*Financial Year October 2025 – September 2025*

The Membership Committee would like to report that Portarlington Credit Union is continuing to grow with an increase of 451 new members during the year.

The Membership Committee is responsible for the maintenance of members' records therefore it is necessary for members to inform us of any changes in circumstances such as change of address/phone number etc.

To open an account in Portarlington Credit Union, we require the following:

- **Photo ID (Passport or Driving License)**
- **Recent Utility Bill (less than 6 months old) which must include current address**
- **PPS No (on an official document)**

When opening an account for a child the following is required:

- **Child's Birth Certificate or Passport**
- **Parents photo ID and current Utility bill which must include the current address of parent or guardian.**

### Club Accounts, Groups & Societies

We require a letter from the Chairperson/Secretary authorising the persons to operate the account on behalf of the club/group. We will need photo ID, proof of address and PPSN for each authorised officer. Each year following their AGM the club/society/group must update their account with the names of the new officers.

### Deposit Income Retention Tax

From 1st January 2014, DIRT must be deducted from all dividends or interest paid to credit union members unless you are exempt for one of the following reasons:

- You are aged over 65 (or your spouse or civil partner is aged over 65),

**and**

- Your total income is below €18,000 for a single person or €36,000 for a married couple or civil partnership.

In certain circumstances, members who are permanently incapacitated may also be entitled to an exemption from DIRT.

To avail of this exemption, members must complete a self-declaration form DE1.

### Year Summary

- **New Accounts: 327**
- **Closed/Deleted Accounts: 230**
- **Closed Reversed: 28**
- **Dormant Reversed: 200**
- **Letters to Members who turned 16: 209**
- **Dormant Account: 306**

### Annual Committee Performance Review

During the month, committee members were contacted regarding the committee's performance over the past year with no issues arising. Therefore, we are satisfied that the committee continues to meet its terms of reference.

*Membership Committee:*

**Veronica Doyle-McCormack, Aisling Donoher, Caroline Murphy, Aoife Connolly.**

## Nomination Committee Report

Every candidate to be nominated for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors or as a volunteer on any committee of Portarlington Credit Union is proposed through the Nomination Committee. In identifying prospective candidates and considering the proposing of candidates, the Nomination Committee considers the balance of skills, experience and knowledge on the current board of directors and committees.

The work of the Nomination Committee is ongoing throughout the year and has regard to the strategic plan of the credit union and specifically the Board of Directors' responsibilities, to ensure that it has the qualifications, experience, competencies and capacity required to carry out its functions while also ensuring continuity of the Board of Directors.

The nomination committee's responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Identify candidates to be nominated for appointment to the board of directors;
- Accept nominations of candidates proposed to be appointed to the board of directors;
- Propose candidates for election by a general meeting to be members of the board;
- Assisting the credit union in performing any obligations of the credit union in relation to any candidates to the board or committees with regard to Fitness and Probity requirements;
- Assessing whether potential conflicts of interest could arise from the appointment to the board of directors of a person if such person were nominated and appointed to the board;
- Ensuring that there is an appropriate succession plan in place for the board of directors;
- Ensuring that each director or volunteer is given adequate induction to his or her role so as to ensure he or she has sufficient appreciation of, and appropriate training about, the strategy, operations and performance of the credit union;
- Arranging additional training, either individually or collectively, for the members of the board of directors and volunteers during their terms of appointment.

The Nomination Committee would like to invite candidates interested in volunteering with Portarlington Credit Union on committees or in board positions to contact the Credit Union office, or any of the committee members listed below, to discuss suitable roles.

**The Nomination Committee: Kieran Knight, Shane Murray & Jack Clarke**  
*Training Liaison Officer: Marian Barnard*

## Insurance Officer's Report

One of the most important benefits we offer to our members is Life Savings Insurance, Death Benefit and Loan Protection Insurance.

During the past year a total of 45 claims were processed and paid out under the Life Savings Insurance and Loan Protection Insurance we offer here in PCU. €163,895.11 was received in respect of the 45 eligible members whom unfortunately passed away during the year.

### Life Savings Insurance

This is an insurance offered by the Credit Union at no direct charge to the member. Under the Life Savings Insurance scheme, we will provide upon your death, insurance benefit on your savings. Your membership entitles you to Life Savings Insurance up to a maximum of €12,700 on your savings. The cover is as follows:

- 100% cover on savings made before age 55 years or on the lowest balance on the account thereafter
- 75% cover on savings between 55 and 60 years or on the lowest balance on the account thereafter
- 50% cover on savings between 60 and 65 years or on the lowest balance on the account thereafter
- 25% cover on savings between 65 and 70 years or on the lowest balance on the account thereafter

Please note that withdrawals from your account after age 55 may have an impact on any benefit payable under your Life Savings Insurance so please speak to a member of staff at the Credit Union about it, before making such withdrawals. They will be happy to explain any potential consequences to you.

### Loan Protection Insurance

Outstanding loan balances of eligible members are covered up to the member's 85th Birthday. Eligibility for disability claims cease on the member's 65th Birthday.

### Form of Nomination

Having a Nominee on your account is very important, therefore if you haven't yet completed a nomination form please call into the office and a members of staff will be happy to assist you. When you reach the age of 16 you can nominate a person or persons to become entitled, on your death, to your shares. The maximum amount that can pass onto a nominee is €27,000. Any surplus above this amount is subject to the member's estate. It is important to remember to update this form if and when your personal circumstances change, as marriage voids any previous nominations, but separation or divorce does not.

### Death Benefit Insurance

Portarlington Credit Union offers members Death Benefit Insurance (DBI) which is designed to relieve the burden of bereavement costs. The Death Benefit Insurance will give you and your family added security and relief from financial worry especially at the time of a bereavement. You are eligible for this cover provided you have **joined before age 70 in good health and have a minimum of €100 in shares**. The benefit is €1,300 on the death of the member. This year 38 eligible claims were submitted and were paid in full, amounting to €49,400. The Credit Union covers the cost of the Death Benefit Insurance premium at no charge to the member.

The Board of Directors, Board Oversight Committee, CEO and Staff offer their sincere sympathy to all those families who suffered bereavement during the year.

**Christina Cummins**  
*Insurance Officer*

## Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Report

### Introduction

Portarlington Credit Union (PCU) remains deeply committed to supporting our members, staff, and community through responsible and sustainable business practices. In line with our values of co-operation, community, and care, we have taken significant steps in 2025 to strengthen our Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) performance and to embed sustainability into every aspect of our operations.

This report outlines our progress, initiatives, and commitments as part of our journey to become a more sustainable and socially responsible financial co-operative.

### 1. Environmental Stewardship

PCU recognises its responsibility to reduce environmental impact and to promote sustainable resource use. In 2025, we advanced several key initiatives following the completion of an independent energy audit, which provided a comprehensive understanding of our energy consumption and opportunities for improvement.

#### Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Operations

- **Energy Audit Completed:** A full audit of our energy usage was conducted, identifying key areas for improvement and forming the foundation for a multi-year sustainability plan.
- **Upgraded Lighting Systems:** Energy-efficient LED lighting has been installed throughout our facilities, resulting in measurable reductions in energy consumption.
- **Composting and Waste Management:** We have introduced composting initiatives and improved waste segregation to reduce landfill contribution.
- **Paper Reduction Project:** A major project has commenced to dramatically reduce paper usage, leveraging digital workflows and member communications to minimise printing and paper waste.
- **Solar Power Commitment:** We are preparing for the installation of solar panels to further reduce our reliance on grid electricity and move toward renewable energy self-sufficiency.

These environmental improvements demonstrate PCU's commitment to a lower carbon footprint and to operational practices that support Ireland's transition to a more sustainable future.

### 2. Social Responsibility and Community Impact

At the heart of PCU's mission is the well-being of our members and the broader community we serve. Our co-operative ethos drives us to invest in initiatives that foster inclusion, opportunity, and local development.

#### Community Fund

In 2025, PCU established a dedicated Community Fund to enhance our ongoing support for local causes. This fund provides financial assistance to community-based, voluntary, or not-for-profit groups within our common bond area for specific projects, programmes, or capital improvements that deliver tangible benefits to the local community.

#### Ongoing Contributions

Beyond the new Community Fund, PCU continues its tradition of generous donations and sponsorships to local sports clubs, schools, cultural events, and charitable organisations.

### Employee and Member Engagement

Our staff remain central to the success of our ESG initiatives, and we encourage their participation through awareness campaigns and involvement in community projects. We also strive to engage members by sharing updates on our ESG journey and inviting feedback and collaboration on sustainability initiatives.

### 3. Governance and Ethical Leadership

Strong governance is the foundation of our success and a key driver of trust among members and stakeholders. In 2025, PCU reinforced its governance framework to ensure transparency, accountability, and alignment with best practices.

#### ESG Committee Formation

We have established a stand-alone ESG Committee responsible for overseeing the implementation of our environmental, social, and governance strategy. This committee reports directly to the Board of Directors and ensures ESG principles are embedded in all strategic and operational decisions.

#### Commitment to Best Practice

As part of our new Strategic Plan, PCU has committed to observing best governance practices across all operations. This includes maintaining strong ethical standards, ensuring compliance with regulatory obligations, and promoting diversity and integrity in leadership.

#### Transparency and Member Communication

We are committed to sharing our ESG journey with our members and stakeholders. By reporting openly on our progress and future goals, PCU aims to lead by example within the Irish credit union movement and to inspire others to adopt sustainable business practices.

### 4. Looking Ahead

The progress achieved in 2025 marks the beginning of a long-term sustainability journey. In the years ahead, PCU will continue to:

- Complete the transition to renewable energy through solar installation.
- Achieve measurable reductions in paper and energy usage.
- Expand the reach and impact of our Community Fund.
- Further integrate ESG considerations into lending, investments, and operations.
- Continue to communicate transparently with members on our sustainability progress.

### Conclusion

PCU's ESG strategy reflects our enduring commitment to community well-being, responsible governance, and environmental sustainability. By taking practical, measurable actions, we are building a stronger, more resilient credit union that contributes positively to both people and planet.

Together with our members, staff, and community partners, we look forward to continuing this journey of shared prosperity and sustainable growth.

## Members Cash Draw Fund

This is the tenth year for our Cash Draw. The minimum number of prizes for each draw are:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize - €10,000</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Prize - €500</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - €2,000</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Prize - €500</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - €2,000</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Prize - €500</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize - €1,000</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Prize - €500</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Prize - €1,000</b>	

You must register separately to be included in this bi-monthly cash draw. The fee for each draw is €7 but you must have a minimum of €15 in your account to be eligible for the draw.

If you have a loan with the credit union, it is important to note that, where possible, the cash draw deductions will be deducted from your unattached savings (i.e. those not pledged against a loan). So it's important to make sure your account holds enough unattached shares to be eligible for the draw each quarter. So keep your account topped up on a regular basis to ensure you are entered in the draw.

**Remember if you're not in, you can't win!!!**

**All prize winners are notified individually and published on our Facebook & Instagram pages**

Draw	Date	No. of Subscribers	Income	Expenditure	Balance
	01-Oct-24				€338.58
108	17-Oct-24	3184	€22,288	€22,500	€126.58
109	13-Dec-24	3206	€22,442	€22,500	€68.58
110	14-Feb-25	3217	€22,519	€22,500	€87.58
111	11-Apr-25	3221	€22,547	€22,500	€134.58
112	13-Jun-25	3230	€22,610	€22,500	€244.58
113	15-Aug-25	3230	€22,610	€22,850	€4.58

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## Deposit Guarantee Scheme - Depositor Information Sheet

Basic information about the protection of your eligible deposits	
Eligible deposits in Portarlington Credit Union are protected by:	The Deposit Guarantee Scheme ("DGS")
Limit of protection:	€100,000 per depositor per credit institution
If you have more eligible deposits at the same credit institution:	All your eligible deposits at the same credit institution are 'aggregated' and the total is subject to the limit of €100,000
If you have a joint account with other person(s):	The limit of €100,000 applies to each depositor separately
Reimbursement period in case of credit institution's failure:	15 working days from 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2020; within 10 working days from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023; and within 7 days from 1 January 2024 onwards, save where specific exceptions apply.
Currency of reimbursement:	Euro or, for branches of Irish banks operating in another member state of the EEA, the currency of that member state.
To contact Portarlington Credit Union for enquiries relating to your account:	Portarlington Credit Union Upper Main Street Portarlington Co Laois Tel: 057 8623336 Email: mail@portcu.ie
To contact the DGS for further information on compensation:	Deposit Guarantee Scheme Central Bank of Ireland PO BOX 11517, Spencer Dock North Wall Quay, Dublin 1 Tel: 1890-777777 Email: info@depositguarantee.ie
<b>More information:</b>	<b><a href="http://www.depositguarantee.ie">www.depositguarantee.ie</a></b>

*The Directors, Board Oversight  
Committee, Volunteers & Staff of  
Portarlinton Credit Union wish all our  
Members a Very Happy Christmas and  
a Peaceful New Year!!!*



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