



ACCOUNTS & NOTICE

of 62ND AGM, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Virtual AGM
of Sarsfield Credit Union Ltd. will be held on
Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 7pm



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AGM Agenda

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Please exercise your right as a member of the Credit Union and attend the A.G.M.

Only those who have reached the age of 16 may participate in the business of the A.G.M.

SAY GOODBYE TO BALLOON PAYMENTS

Tailor Your Car Loan To Suit Your Repayment Ability, with No Balloon Repayment.

APPLY ONLINE TODAY



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Sarsfield Credit Union Limited is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Loans are subject to approval. Terms & Conditions apply. If you do not meet the repayments on your loan, your account will go into arrears. This may affect your credit rating which may limit your ability to access credit in the future. *Terms & Conditions apply.



3 Months Pre Approval

No penalties for early repayment

Free loan protection insurance*

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the members of Sarsfield Credit Union Limited will take place via Zoom Webinar on Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 7.00 p.m. Members wishing to attend the Virtual AGM need to request an invitation to join and apply via email to: agm@sarsfieldcu.ie and include the following information in your email:

• Name • Member Number • Member Address

The request for attendance must be received by 5pm on Monday 27th January 2025. In order to register for the virtual AGM each Member will need a personal email address. Please note that a group or general mailbox will not be accepted (e.g. info@club.ie, team1@xyzltd.ie). Each Member who wishes to attend and vote at the virtual AGM should register with a personal email address.

The following information is pertinent to this notice.

- Sarsfield Credit Union will be using Zoom Webinar as the electronic platform for the meeting.
- To gain access to the meeting a member must request an invitation to the virtual meeting by emailing agm@sarsfieldcu.ie. This request must be received by 5.00pm on Monday 27th January 2025. Following the request for invitation the member will receive an invitation by email at 6.00pm on 29th January 2025 to join the meeting at 7.00pm.
- The information required to request an invitation is your name, member number and address.
- The Credit Union will be verifying members details prior to issuing invitations.
- All non-presenting participants will be muted and have their cameras switched off to allow the smooth running of the meeting. We would encourage Members to submit questions in advance by email to agm@sarsfieldcu.ie where possible. Whilst you can type a question to the host by clicking on the "Chat" button on the bottom of the screen these may not be replied to on the night. You will receive a response to the email provided when registering.
- Elections for the position of Auditor, Board of Directors and Board Oversight Committee will take place.
- Voting will be conducted by way of Online Poll and Members will be asked to vote Yes/No electronically for the resolution or for each candidate when instructed by the Chairperson.
- Votes will be tallied electronically, verified by the External Auditor, and recorded by the meeting Secretary.
- This virtual AGM meeting will be recorded and Members who register for the meeting will be agreeing to the recording of the meeting and their participation in it, by registering.

Notice of Elections

Elections will be held to fill 4 vacancies on the Board of Directors, 3 vacancies on the Board Oversight Committee and the position of Auditor. Notice of the above vacancies were advertised within the credit union office and on our website www.sarsfieldcu.ie If you are interested in becoming a volunteer within Sarsfield Credit Union please contact us in writing.

Standing Orders for Credit Unions for Virtual AGM (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).

Since this year's AGM will be a virtual meeting, voting on motions and elections will be by electronic means. Each member will be given the opportunity to exercise their vote electronically during the meeting.

2. Election Procedure - Electronic Voting

Following the announcement of nominations attendees will be given the opportunity to vote electronically "Yes" or "No" for each candidate. Those in attendance will be given 30 Seconds to record their vote. The mechanics of the electronic virtual voting process will be explained in more detail at the AGM by the Chairperson. Elections shall be in the following order:

- a) nominations for auditor
- b) nominations for directors
- c) nominations for board oversight committee.

The votes will be tallied electronically and verified by our External Auditor. When all elections have been completed and results become available the Chairperson will announce the results.

3 - 4 Motions

3. The purpose of this year's AGM includes reporting to members on the financial status of the credit union, declare a dividend/interest rebate, and elect officers. Any other non-urgent matters will be dealt with at next year's AGM. There will be no motions from the floor due to the difficulties in managing same remotely. Members will be invited to submit questions to the Board via "Chat" button on the toolbar in the Zoom Webinar although these may not be replied to on the night.

4. The Chairperson's decision on any matter relating to these Standing Orders or interpretation of same shall be final.

5 - 9 Miscellaneous

5. The Chairperson of the credit union shall be the Chairperson of any general meeting, except where he/she is not available, in which case it

shall be the Vice-Chairperson, except where he/she is not available, in which case the Board shall decide amongst themselves who shall act as Chairperson of any general meeting.

6. The Chairperson may at his/her discretion, extend the privilege of the floor to any person who is not a member.
7. Matters not covered by the Agenda may be introduced under "Other Business" at the discretion of the Chairperson. At a virtual AGM in the current circumstances, this may not be practical, however, the option may be invoked if required.
8. The Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote in addition to his/her own vote on matters other than voting at elections where there is an equality of votes (Standard Rule 99(1)).
9. Any matter to be decided upon by a vote at the AGM shall, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law or the rules be decided upon by majority vote.

10. Adjournments

Adjournments of the AGM shall take place only in accordance with sections 81(1) and 80A of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

11-17 Virtual Meeting Items

11. All non-presenting participants will be muted and have their cameras switched off to allow the smooth running of the meeting.
12. A member shall only address the meeting when called upon by the Chairperson to do so, when invited to contribute.
13. All members are asked to utilise the "chat" button on the bottom of the toolbar in Zoom Webinar to ask questions.
14. All members are reminded to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Please refrain from sharing any explicit, violent or inappropriate content.
15. Provision shall be made for the protection of the Chairperson from vilification (personal abuse).
16. All members are asked to turn their mobile phone on silent as even the vibrate setting can cause disruptions.
17. The AGM meeting will be recorded.

Chairperson's Report

for the financial Year Ended 30 September 2024

Firstly, on behalf of the Credit Union, I would like to express our sincere sympathies to the families and friends of each of our members who have unfortunately passed away during the year. This is not an easy time for you and our thoughts are with you. In particular, I would like to extend the Board and Staffs' deepest sympathies to the families of Pat Woods and George Callanan, both of whom unfortunately passed away during the year. Pat and George were great servants to this Credit Union over many years and helped guide and build the Credit Union into what it is today. They were true gentlemen, colleagues and friends, who gave so willingly of their time to help others. Their loss is deeply felt by everyone in Sarsfield Credit Union.

On behalf of the Board of Directors it is my privilege to welcome you to the 62nd Annual General Meeting of Sarsfield Credit Union Limited and present to you our Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024.

I am pleased to report that while 2024 has thrown up many challenges, it has been another very positive and successful year for our Credit Union on many fronts:-

- **Lending to Members** increased by 10.44% in the year, with the gross loan book finishing at €16.536 million at our financial year end. This is the highest the loan book has ever been in the history of our Credit Union.
- **Loan Book** – the loan book accounted for 34.71% of the Credit Unions Total Assets.
- **Loan Interest Income** has increased by 10.31% in the year to €1,217,716.
- **Investment Income** has increased by 15.79% in the year to €493,400.
- **Expenditure** continues to be well managed although there was an overall increase in costs of €127k in 2024 (when you exclude the net impairment on loans figures applied at year end 2024 and 2023). This increase was necessary and outside the control of the Credit Union to ensure the Credit Union enhanced and upgraded it's IT Platform to ensure continued up to date services for members while taking measures to

protect against a potential Cyberattack. The Credit Union also ensured it had the necessary staffing levels and qualifications in place to deliver efficient member focused financial services in a highly regulated credit union industry sector.

- **Investment Rates** and in particular "On Demand" and short-term deposit rates continued to improve in the 1st half of 2024 resulting in increased investment income being earned. Unfortunately, in the 2nd half of 2024 we began to see ECB rate cuts which have resulted in lower investment returns for "On Demand" and short-term deposit which results in lower returns on less than 90 days liquidity monies which the Credit Union is required to hold under regulations. Overall, though as some of our existing investments mature, the Credit Union can currently re-invest these funds at improved returns for the Credit Union, which is positive.

- **Savings Cap** – the Credit Union was able to increase the Savings Cap during the year from €20,000 to €35,000 per member which allows members to increase their savings in the Credit Union.

- **Surplus** generated in the year of €240,615, after prudently increasing the provision on the loan book by €158,302 at year end to €1,096,212 on the growing loan book. The Surplus has been transferred to the reserves of the Credit Union to further strengthen reserves and provide a solid platform on which to continue to grow the Credit Union.

- **Reserves** – the Credit Union Reserves have increased in the year by €166,747 to €8,918,227 which is very positive, with a Regulatory Reserve to Total Assets ratio of 10.83% and a Capital to Total Assets ratio of 18.72%, both of which exceed the Regulatory ratios required of credit unions.

- **Dividend** – this year the Credit Union is in a position to recommend the payment of a dividend of 0.4% equating to a total dividend payment of €149,703 to our members, compared to the payment of a dividend of 0.2% for the year ended 30th September 2023.

The Irish and Global Economies continue to face many challenges arising from:-

- the continuing wars in Ukraine and the Middle East,
- inflationary pressures, which while falling marginally, are still running at high levels,

- the increasing cost of living for people,
- the increasing cost of goods and services, construction, home Improvements, cars etc
- the uncertainty about future cuts in ECB lending interest rates, and
- the pressure and costs associated with the changes required to the way we do things, to ensure we can reach a more sustainable, green and environmentally friendly way of living and doing business.

While the outlook for the Irish economy is generally positive, challenges will persist. The Credit Union is acutely aware of these challenges and is well positioned to meet them as they arise:-

- We have a robust, proven and effective business model – we lend to members' and we facilitate member savings. The Credit Union does not offer current accounts or home loan mortgages, which the Board and Management believe are not cost effective or competitive product offerings at this time when compared against similar products offered in the market by Irish Banks.
- We continue to see steady loan demand from members, which we anticipate will facilitate loan growth into the future.
- We have an experienced and qualified Lending team who are always available to meet members to discuss their loan requirements. The team works with members to ensure a loan is tailored to meet their income resources. Loans are issued after prudent analysis of a member's ability to repay a loan, which helps to protect both the member and the Credit Union to ensure the loan required is affordable for a member.
- We have increased the loan provision on the loan book in the year from €937,910 to €1,096,212 which provides cover of 6.63% on the gross loan book and is considered a prudent decision.
- We have an experienced Credit Control team and process in place to help any members who engage with the team, who may be going through a period of repayment difficulty. This team is also experienced, if required, in pursuing any member that is in default and who is not cooperating or engaging with the Credit Union to ensure the Credit Union recovers the loan and protects the assets of the Credit Union and its members.
- We are seeing members increasing their savings in the Credit Union now that the Savings Cap has been increased. This will facilitate the Credit

Union in generating further income from lending and from the placement of investments going forward.

- Our Online Banking technology is allowing more and more members to manage their accounts remotely, while also allowing them to apply for, sign for and draw down a loan from the comfort of their homes. This Online Banking technology is user friendly and a very convenient way for a member to interact with and do their business with the Credit Union. We would encourage all members to consider using this technology.

- We are investing in a new Mobile App & Web Banking Payments Service and hope to be in a position to launch this in early 2025 once our Banking Service providers have completed its development. This will be a state of the art Mobile App & Web Banking Payments Service that will be one of the cornerstones in the way we offer member services in the future.

- The Credit Union is aware of its responsibilities to reduce its carbon footprint and continues to take steps to reduce its carbon emissions, reduce energy costs, use more environmentally friendly energy sources and put in place more efficient and member friendly ways of doing business with our members.

- The Credit Union continues to uphold the highest standards of corporate governance and continues to operate in accordance with the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

The strategic direction of the Credit Union is set out in our strategic plan, which was approved by the Board during the year and a lot of the Board's time and energy is spent assessing and reviewing its progress during the year. Encouragingly, the Credit Union continued to deliver on these objectives during the year. Unlike many of the banks, our Credit Union is not a "faceless" service provider and prides itself on engaging with members face to face in a professional and friendly environment. It is important that our members recognize the pivotal role they play in the future of the Credit Union by using it for all their loan requirements and by advocating the benefits of membership to family and friends. Please remember the Credit Union is not just a savings institution; we are here to lend support to our members, especially during challenging times.

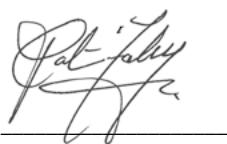
I would like to thank a number of people without whom our Credit Union could not function.

- my fellow Directors, the Board Oversight Committee and other volunteers for their tireless work and commitment to the Credit Union.

- Our CEO and Staff for their excellent work, commitment and service to our members during 2024.

- Our External Auditors, Investment Advisor, Legal Advisors and Internal Auditors, for all the work they do on behalf of the Credit Union.

Finally, and most importantly, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to thank you, our members, for your continued loyalty and support of your Credit Union and ask you to remember the Credit Union when considering all your loan requirements and encourage others to join the Credit Union.



Pat Foley

Chairperson, Sarsfield Credit Union Ltd.

Directors' Report

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

Results for the year

The surplus for the year amounted to €240,615 (2023 : €279,954).

Members' shares increased from €36,747,921 (at 30 September 2023) to €38,161,115 (at 30 September 2024).

Members' loans increased from €14,973,138 (at 30 September 2023) to €16,536,404 (at 30 September 2024).

The Registrar of Credit Unions requires that all credit unions maintain a regulatory reserve of not less than 10% of total assets on an ongoing basis. The Directors approved a transfer of €Nil (30 September 2023 : €Nil) to the regulatory reserve as this reserve currently stands at 10.83% (2023: 11.23%) of total assets and exceeds the percentage requirement at year end. The operational risk reserve amounts to 0.45% of total assets (2023: 0.47%).

The Directors propose the payment of a final dividend of 0.4% amounting to €149,703 in respect of the year ended 30 September 2024.

The surplus for the year and the appropriation thereof are set out in the income and expenditure account and statement of reserves and changes in members' interests.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Credit Union are:

Credit risk

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

Lack of loan demand

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

Market risk

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

Liquidity risk

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

Operational risk

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

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

Credit risk

In order to manage this risk, the board of directors regularly reviews and approves the Credit Union's lending policy. 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 that the likelihood of repayment has changed.

Lack of loan demand

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

Market risk

The Board of Directors regularly reviews and approves that the credit union's investment funds are invested in compliance with its investment policy and regulatory guidance.

Liquidity risk

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

Operational risk

The operational risk of the Credit Union is managed through the employment of suitably

qualified staff to ensure appropriate processes, procedures and systems are implemented and are further supported with a robust reporting structure.

Events since the year end

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

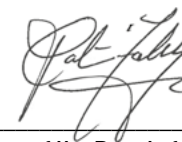
Accounting Records

The Directors believe that they comply with the requirements of Section 108 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) with regard to accounting records by employing accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and by providing adequate resources to the financial function. The accounting records are maintained at the Credit Union's premises at Glentworth Street, Limerick.

Auditors

BDO, have expressed their willingness to be reappointed in accordance with Section 115 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

On behalf of the board:



Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Date: 13/12/2024



Member of the Board of Directors

Date: 13/12/2024

Statement of Directors Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' issued by the Financial Reporting Council and published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

The Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Credit Union and of the income and expenditure of the Credit Union for that year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Credit Union will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for 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 comply with the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Credit Union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board
Date: **13/12/2024**



Chairperson of the Board of Directors

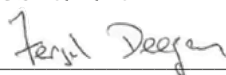
Statement of Board Oversight Committee Responsibilities

The Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) requires the appointment of a Board Oversight Committee. The Board Oversight Committee of a credit union shall assess whether the board of directors has operated in accordance with -

- Part IV of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) and any regulations made for the purposes of Part IV(a) and

- Any other matter prescribed by the Bank in respect of which they are to have regard to in relation to the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Board Oversight Committee
Date: **13/12/2024**



Chairperson of the Board Oversight Committee

Independent Auditors' Report

to the members of Sarsfield Credit Union Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sarsfield Credit Union Limited for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise of the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet, the statement of reserves and changes in members' interests, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, including the summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is Irish law including the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended) and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Credit Union as at 30 September 2024 and its income and expenditure and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISA's (Ireland)) and applicable law. We are independent of the Credit Union in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, namely the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA) Ethical Standard concerning the integrity, objectivity and independence of the auditor, and the ethical pronouncements established by Chartered Accountants Ireland,

applied as determined to be appropriate in the circumstances for the entity. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we conclude that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work 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 less than 12 months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies

or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditors' report, 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended)

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

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

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the Credit Union's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and for such internal control as they determine necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Credit Union's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intends to liquidate the

Credit Union or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative to do so.

Responsibilities of auditor for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives, as auditors, is 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 auditors' 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: https://iaasa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf

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

This report is made solely to the Credit Union's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 120 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Credit Union's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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.

BDO

Chartered Accountants, Statutory Audit Firm
103/104 O'Connell Street,
Limerick
Date: 16/12/2024

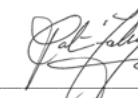
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

Income	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
Interest on loans	4	1,217,716	1,103,878
Other interest receivable and similar income	5	493,400	426,126
Net interest income		1,711,116	1,530,004
Other income		7,218	4,790
Total income		1,718,334	1,534,794
Expenditure			
Employment costs	6	(538,422)	(465,319)
Other management expenses (see schedule 1)		(662,835)	(618,566)
Depreciation	9	(61,327)	(62,514)
DGS contributory fund charge		(62,000)	(50,977)
Net impairment /recovery on loans	10 d	(153,135)	(57,464)
Total expenditure		(1,477,719)	(1,254,840)
Surplus for the year		240,615	279,954

On behalf of Sarsfield Credit Union Limited

Chairperson of the Board of Directors

CEO



Date: 13/12/24



Date: 13/12/24

Balance sheet

for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	5,864,970	6,223,536
Deposits and investments	8	24,778,246	24,197,033
Tangible fixed assets	9	1,213,346	1,226,405
Loans	10	16,536,404	14,973,138
Less: Provision for bad debts	10c	(1,096,212)	(937,910)
Debtors and prepayments	11	344,172	256,860
Total assets		47,640,926	45,939,062
Liabilities			
Members' shares	12	38,161,115	36,747,921
Other liabilities, creditors, accruals and charges	13	561,584	439,661
		38,722,699	37,187,582
Net assets		8,918,227	8,751,480
Reserves			
Regulatory reserve		5,159,429	5,159,429
Realised reserves		3,491,899	3,338,858
Unrealised reserves		51,456	38,249
Operational risk reserve		215,443	214,944
Total reserves		8,918,227	8,751,480

On behalf of Sarsfield Credit Union Limited

Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Date: 13/12/24

CEO

Date: 13/12/24

Statement of reserves and changes in members interests

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023	REGULATORY RESERVE	OPERATIONAL RISK RESERVE	UNREALISED RESERVE	DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVE	TOTAL RESERVES
	€	€	€	€	€
Balance at 1 October 2022	5,159,429	225,450	36,836	3,049,811	8,471,526
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	279,954	279,954
Transfer between reserves	-	(10,506)	1,413	9,093	-
Closing balance at 30 September 2023	5,159,429	214,944	38,249	3,338,858	8,751,480
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024	REGULATORY RESERVE	OPERATIONAL RISK RESERVE	UNREALISED RESERVE	DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVE	TOTAL RESERVES
	€	€	€	€	€
Balance at 1 October 2023	5,159,429	214,944	38,249	3,338,858	8,751,480
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	240,615	240,615
Dividends & interest rebate paid	-	-	-	(73,868)	(73,868)
Transfer between reserves	-	499	13,207	(13,706)	-
Closing balance at 30 September 2024	5,159,429	215,443	51,456	3,491,899	8,918,227

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Loans repaid by members	10	6,636,978	5,611,714
Loans advanced to members	10	(8,209,212)	(6,875,922)
Loan interest received	4	1,204,509	1,102,454
Investment interest received		406,351	424,411
Other income received		7,218	4,790
Bad debts recovered	10 d	14,135	12,195
Dividends paid		(73,868)	-
Operating expenses		(1,194,395)	(1,128,820)
Net cash flow from operating activities		(1,208,284)	(849,178)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Fixed assets purchases	9	(48,268)	(81,053)
Net cash flow from managing investments		(515,208)	3,650,165
Net cash flow from investing activities		(563,476)	3,569,112
Cash flows from financing activities			
Members shares received	12	11,056,630	8,111,745
Members shares withdrawn	12	(9,643,436)	(8,547,145)
Net cash flow from financing activities		1,413,194	(435,400)
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents		(358,566)	2,284,534
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		6,223,536	3,939,002
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		5,864,970	6,223,536
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year comprise:			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	5,864,970	6,223,536

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024

1. LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Sarsfield Credit Union is registered 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 registered office of the Credit Union is located at Glentworth Street, Limerick.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

The financial statements are present in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the Credit Union.

2.2. INCOME

Interest on members' loans

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

Investment income

Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest method.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis.

2.3. INVESTMENTS

The specific investment products held by the Credit Union are accounted for as follows:

Investments held at amortised cost

Investments designated on initial recognition as held at amortised cost are measured at

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

Central Bank Deposits

Credit Union's 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.

2.4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS & DEPRECIATION

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

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

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

Computer equipment	- 20% Straight line
Office equipment	- 10% Straight line

During 2021, Sarsfield Credit Union engaged a professional valuer to value the premises owned by the Credit Union. As part of that engagement, the valuer provided his opinion on the asset's remaining useful life based on its current condition, its value in use etc. and noted that the premises would have a remaining useful economic life (UEL) of 45 years from 30 September 2021. On this basis and considering the estimated future economic benefit provided by this asset over its remaining useful economic life, Sarsfield Credit Union Limited depreciates the asset over the remaining UEL of 45 years.

Assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within 'other gains' or 'other losses' in the income and expenditure account.

2.5. IMPAIRMENT OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

At each reporting date fixed assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account. If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of

the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account.

2.6. TAXATION

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

2.7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

2.8. FINANCIAL ASSETS - LOANS TO MEMBERS

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

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

2.9. IMPAIRMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value, are assessed for indicators 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 effected. 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.

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.

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.

2.10. OTHER RECEIVABLES

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

2.11. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES - MEMBERS SHARES

Members' shares in Sarsfield Credit Union Limited are redeemable and therefore are classified as financial liabilities. They are recognised at the amount of cash deposited.

2.12. HOLIDAY PAY

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

2.13. PENSION COSTS

The Credit Union operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Credit Union pays fixed contributions to a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Credit Union has no further payment obligations. The contributions are recognised as an expense in the income and expenditure account when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Credit Union in independently administered funds.

2.14. OTHER PAYABLES

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

2.15. DERECOGNITION OF FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

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

2.16. DISTRIBUTION POLICY

The board's proposed dividend and loan interest rebate to members each year is based on the distribution policy of the Credit Union.

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

- the risk profile of the Credit Union, particularly in its loan and investments portfolios;
- the board's desire to maintain a stable rather than a volatile rate of dividend each year; and
- members' legitimate dividend expectations; all dominated by prudence and the need to sustain the long-term welfare of the Credit Union.

For this reason the board will seek to build up its reserves to absorb unexpected shocks and still remain above minimum regulatory requirements. The Credit Union accounts for dividends and loan interest rebate when members ratify such payments at the Annual General Meeting.

2.17. REGULATORY RESERVE

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

2.18. OPERATIONAL RISK RESERVE

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

The definition of operational risk is the risk of losses stemming from inadequate or failed

internal processes, people and systems or from external events. The Directors have considered the requirements of the Act and have considered an approach to the calculation of the operational risk reserve. Sarsfield Credit Union Limited uses the Basic Indicator Approach as set out in the operational risk measurements techniques proposed under Basel II capital adequacy rules for banking institutions in calculating the operational risk reserve. Therefore Sarsfield Credit Union Limited will hold an operational risk reserve which will at a minimum equal 15% of the average positive gross income for the previous three years. For any year in which there was a deficit, this will be excluded from the calculation.

2.19. OTHER RESERVES

Other reserves are the accumulated surpluses to date that have not been declared as dividends returnable to members. The other reserves are subdivided into distributable and unrealised. In accordance with the Central Bank guidance note for credit union's on matters relating to accounting for investments and distribution policy, investment income that has been recognised but will not be received within 12 months of the balance sheet date is classified as "unrealised" and is not distributable.

A reclassification between unrealised and distributable is made as investments come to within 12 months of maturity date.

The directors have deemed it appropriate that interest on loans receivable at the balance sheet date is also classified as "unrealised" and is not distributable. All other income is classified as "distributable".

3. JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

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

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

The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated useful lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. The net book value of tangible fixed assets subject to depreciation at the financial year end was €1,213,346 (2023: €1,226,405).

Impairment losses on loans to members

The Credit Union's accounting policy on impairment of financial assets is set out in accounting policy Note 2.9. 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. 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's allied to the Credit Union's judgment 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. 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.

Operational risk reserve

The directors have considered the requirements of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and have developed an approach to the calculation of the operational risk reserve. Sarsfield Credit Union Limited uses the basic indicator approach

as set out in the operational risk measurements techniques proposed under Basel II capital adequacy rules for banking institutions in calculating the minimum operational risk reserve. The operational risk reserve of the Credit Union at 30 September 2024 was €215,443 (2023: €214,944).

Going concern

The directors have prepared budgets and cash flows for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. The directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis and accordingly these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the Credit Union was unable to continue as a going concern.

4. INTEREST ON MEMBERS' LOANS

The interest on members loans recognised for the year is analysed as follows:

	2024 €	2023 €
Closing accrued loan interest receivable	51,456	38,249
Loan interest received in year	1,204,509	1,102,454
Opening accrued loan interest receivable	(38,249)	(36,825)
Total interest on members' loans	1,217,716	1,103,878
Interest on performing loans	1,202,671	1,094,918
Interest on non-performing loans	15,045	8,960
Total interest on members' loans	1,217,716	1,103,878

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

The investment income recognised for the year is analysed as follows:

	2024 €	2023 €
Received during the year	299,065	252,835
Receivable in less than 1 year	194,335	173,291
Receivable greater than 1 year	-	-
Total investment income	493,400	426,126

6. EMPLOYEES

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees during the year were:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Management	5	5
Staff	6	5
	11	10

Employment costs

Wages and salaries

	2024 €	2023 €
	538,422	465,319

Key management personnel

The directors of Sarsfield Credit Union are all unpaid volunteers.

The key management personnel compensation is as follows:

	2024 €	2023 €
Short term employee benefits paid to key management	320,475	326,172
Payment to pension schemes	34,991	34,181
Total key management personnel compensation	355,466	360,353

7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank and in hand

	2024 €	2023 €
	959,980	827,083
Short term deposits with banking institutions	4,904,990	5,396,453
	5,864,970	6,223,536

Short term deposits with banks are deposited with original maturity of less than or equal to three months. All other deposits with banks are included under investments in the balance sheet and disclosed in Note 8.

8. INVESTMENTS

Investments at the year ended 30 September 2024 consists of deposits with and funds managed by the following institutions:

	2024 €	2023 €
Accounts in authorised credit institutions (Irish and non-Irish based)	17,700,000	17,000,000
Irish and EEA state securities	-	1,585,070
Bank bonds	6,671,505	5,206,483
Central Bank deposits	406,741	405,480
	24,778,246	24,197,033

The category of counterparties (including cash equivalents excluding Central Bank deposits) with whom investments were held was as follows:

	2024 €	2023 €
A1	24,100,029	20,500,233
A3	1,000,000	2,000,000
Baa1	1,157,438	1,854,602
Baa2	3,000,000	4,050,000
Baa3	20,339	783,171
	29,277,806	29,188,006

9. TANGIBLE ASSETS

Cost

	Premises €	Office equipment €	Computer equipment €	Total €
At 1 October 2023	2,554,503	316,604	480,913	3,352,020
Additions	8,310	708	39,250	48,268
At 30 September 2024	2,562,813	317,312	520,163	3,400,288

Depreciation

At 1 October 2023	1,440,365	247,696	437,554	2,125,615
Charge for the year	26,493	8,355	26,479	61,327
At 30 September 2024	1,466,858	256,051	464,033	2,186,942

Net book values

At 30 September 2024	1,095,955	61,261	56,130	1,213,346
At 30 September 2023	1,114,138	68,908	43,359	1,226,405

10. LOANS TO MEMBERS

	2024 €	2023 €
As at 1 October	14,973,138	13,730,410
Advanced during the year	8,209,212	6,875,922
Repaid during the year	(6,636,978)	(5,611,714)
Loans written off in the year	(8,968)	(21,480)
As at 30 September	16,536,404	14,973,138

10b CREDIT RISK DISCLOSURES

	2024		2023	
	Amount €	Proportion %	Amount €	Proportion %
Loans not impaired				
Total loans not impaired	12,755,323	77.13%	11,211,454	74.87%
Impaired loans				
Not past due	2,874,168	17.38%	2,574,361	17.19%
Up to 9 weeks past due	567,056	3.43%	953,278	6.37%
Between 10 and 18 weeks past due	32,309	0.20%	19,250	0.11%
Between 19 and 26 weeks past due	21,570	0.13%	94,132	0.65%
Between 27 and 39 weeks past due	17,605	0.11%	52,435	0.35%
Between 40 and 52 weeks past due	75,589	0.46%	17,498	0.12%
53 weeks or more past due	192,784	1.16%	50,730	0.34%
Total impaired loans	3,781,081	22.87%	3,761,684	25.13%
Total Loans	16,536,404	100%	14,973,138	100%

10c LOAN ARREARS AND DOUBTFUL DEBTS

	2024 €	2023 €
Opening provision for bad debts	937,910	889,730
Increase in bad debt provision	158,302	48,180
Closing provision for bad debts	1,096,212	937,910

The current provision in the financial statements is €1,096,212 (2023: €937,910) representing 6.63% (2023: 6.26%) of the total loan book. The provision included above represents provisions allocated to individual loan balances at year end. The provision for bad debts is analysed as follows:

	2024 €	2023 €
Individually significant loans	193,079	199,867
Grouped assessed loans	903,133	738,043
	1,096,212	937,910

10d NET LOSSES ON LOANS TO MEMBERS

	2024 €	2023 €
Bad debts recovered	(14,135)	(12,196)
Movement in loan provision for the year	158,302	48,180
Loans written off in the year	8,968	21,480
Net impairment/(recovery) on loans	153,135	57,464

11. DEBTORS

	2024 €	2023 €
Accrued loan interest	51,456	38,249
Accrued investment income	194,335	173,291
Prepayments	98,381	45,320
	344,172	256,860

12. ANALYSIS OF MEMBER SHARES

	2024 €	2023 €
As at 1 October	36,747,921	37,183,321
Received during the year	11,056,630	8,111,745
Withdrawn during the year	(9,643,436)	(8,547,145)
	38,161,115	36,747,921

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

	2024 €	2023 €
Unattached shares	35,003,982	33,683,632
Attached shares	3,157,133	3,064,289
Total member shares	38,161,115	36,747,921

13. ANALYSIS OF OTHER LIABILITIES, CREDITORS, ACCRUALS AND CHARGES

	2024 €	2023 €
Accruals	242,335	184,485
Trade creditors	157,547	93,487
Dormant member funds	151,692	151,692
Other creditors	10,010	9,997
	561,584	439,661

14. DIVIDEND AND LOAN INTEREST REBATES

The Directors propose a dividend of €149,703 to return to members in respect of the year ended 30 September 2024. These amounts may be paid by resolution of the majority of members voting, at the Annual General Meeting and represent a dividend on shares of 0.4% (2023: 0.2%). The directors do not propose to pay a rebate on interest paid by members on loans throughout the year.

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	No. of loans	2024 €	No. of loans	2023 €
Loans advanced to related parties during the year	9	105,508	3	21,800
Total loans outstanding to related parties at the year end	19	250,676	8	123,937

The related party loans stated above comprise of loans to members of the board of directors, the management team and members of the family of a member of the board of directors and the management team of Sarsfield Credit Union Limited.

Total loans outstanding to related parties represents 1.52% of the total loans outstanding at 30 September 2024 (2023: 0.83%)

16. INSURANCE AGAINST FRAUD

The Credit Union has insurance against fraud in the amount of €5,200,000 (2023: €5,200,000) in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 30 September 2024 (30 September 2023 : €Nil).

18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

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

19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at 30 September 2024.

20. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DISCLOSURES

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

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a borrower will default on their contractual obligations relating to repayments to the Credit Union, resulting in financial loss. In order to manage this risk the Board of Directors regularly reviews and approves Sarsfield Credit Union Limited's lending policy. 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 that the likelihood of repayment has changed.

Liquidity risk

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

Market risk

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

Interest rate risk

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

20b. INTEREST RATE RISK DISCLOSURES

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

	2024 €	Average interest rate	2023 €	Average interest rate
Financial assets				
Gross loans to members	16,536,404	7.72%	14,973,138	7.84%
Financial liabilities				
Members shares	38,161,115	-	36,747,921	-

20c. LIQUIDITY RISK DISCLOSURES

All of Sarsfield Credit Union Limited's financial liabilities are repayable on demand with the exception of pledged shares. The credit union retains, at all times, liquid assets amounting to a minimum of 20% of unattached savings.

21. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board on **13/12/24**

Schedules to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024 €	2023 €
Schedule 1 - other management expenses		
Staff costs, training and recruitment	18,471	8,322
Pension	48,457	39,696
Security	10,842	9,681
Rates	8,403	8,461
Light, heat and cleaning	25,561	31,524
Repairs and maintenance	17,273	15,159
Printing and stationery	3,765	3,370
Postage and telephone	7,710	9,848
Donations and sponsorship	1,935	1,695
Promotion and advertising	14,673	28,374
A.G.M. expenses	14,400	14,400
Bank charges	20,544	16,474
Audit fee	17,600	15,600
General insurance	27,273	25,838
Share/loan insurance	106,118	95,824
Death benefit insurance	82,521	86,043
Legal and professional	64,782	57,859
Debt collection	22,150	17,297
Computer maintenance	98,168	71,260
Miscellaneous expenses	4,083	2,130
Affiliation fees and SPS contributions	5,037	4,657
Regulatory levies and charges	43,069	55,054
Total per income and expenditure account	662,835	618,566

INSURANCE



The insurance cover currently provided by Sarsfield Credit Union in respect of eligible members are the following:

» Loan Protection Insurance

Sarsfield CU takes out cover on the lives of eligible members who have loans with us. This means that should a member with an outstanding loan die, the balance is repaid in full. (terms & conditions apply)

» Life Savings Insurance

Sarsfield CU pays out an additional amount in the event of a member's death.

The amount paid out to an eligible member is in direct proportion to the savings and the age of a member. Subject to the maximum benefit of €1,000, every euro you save before the age of 55 provides €1 euro of insurance. (terms & conditions apply)

The insurance cover is based on a percentage of savings made and not withdrawn as follows:

Savings before Age 55	100%	Savings between Age 65-69	25%
Savings between Age 55-59	75%	70+ No insurance is payable on amounts	
Savings between Age 60-64	50%	saved after 70th birthday	

» Death Benefit Insurance

Your savings attract €1,000 towards funeral expenses in the event of your death.

The benefit is payable to the deceased members family. (terms & conditions apply)

You are eligible for Death Benefit Insurance cover of €1,000 provided you:

- Joined Sarsfield Credit Union before the age of 70
- Remain a member of the Credit Union
- Maintain a minimum share balance of €200 in your account

At Sarsfield Credit Union we put Members first by offering FREE loan protection, savings protection and death benefit for all eligible Members.

LOAN APPLICATIONS

For a fast approval of your loan please provide:

- **Proof of Income**
(3 most recent payslips or social welfare receipts).
- **3 Months Bank Statements**
- **3 Months Credit Card Statements**
- **Proof of PPSN**

For first time loans we require:

- **Proof of Income**
(3 most recent payslips or social welfare receipts).
- **6 Months Bank Statements**
- **6 Months Credit Card Statements**
- **Proof of PPSN**

SAFER BANKING



1. How to reactivate forgotten log in details

If you cannot remember your PIN, click on Log In and Click on 'Lost Your PIN' on the left hand side. The 'PIN REMINDER FORM' will appear.

2. Lost Your Pin

<https://www.sarsfieldcu.ie/Lost-Your-PIN>

3. Security Advice

When we communicate with you we will never ask you for your PIN and we will never advise you to transfer money out of your account. Should you encounter any of the above requests you should report it to Sarsfield Credit Union immediately.

Anyone can be the target of financial fraud and scams, and at any time. Your best defence is to stay informed, alert, and secure.

Check out the website» www.fraudsmart.ie

where there are very useful short video clips and other valuable information to help protect you.

PLANNING AHEAD



Is your Nomination up to date?

Credit unions have a unique nomination facility whereby if you are a Member over 16 years of age you can nominate a person or persons to receive up to €27,000 of your property in the Credit Union at the time of your death. Having a nomination means that your property left in the credit union (up to a maximum of €27,000 in Republic of Ireland) will not have to pass through the sometimes timely probate or intestacy process. Any amount in excess of €27,000 will form part of your estate.

If one person is nominated then they can receive the full €27,000 but where more than one person is nominated then the €27,000 is shared evenly between the nominees. Next time you are in the Credit Union check that your Nomination is up to date.

CENTRAL CREDIT REGISTER

The Credit Reporting Act 2013 requires us to process your personal and credit information for the Central Credit Register. From 30 June 2018, we will submit personal information to the Central Credit Register that we may already have about you, like: your name, address, date of birth & your PPSN. The Central Credit Register needs this information to make sure it accurately matches your loans, including loans that you may have with other lenders. Producing a full and accurate credit report is one of the main aims of the Central Credit Register. We will also submit credit information each month about your loans, if the loan is for €500 or more.

LENDERS MAY ONLY ACCESS YOUR CREDIT REPORT:

when considering an application for a new loan, if you ask to change the terms of a loan or if they are reviewing a loan in arrears.

For more information please check out <https://www.centralcreditregister.ie>

If you have any other question about any of your loans with us, you can contact us at (061) 317910

Invite a family
member or friend

to join!

**Thank you for being a
valued member of the
Sarsfield Credit Union.**



We invite you to share the benefits of our services with your friends or family members. Encourage them to join us so we can help meet their financial needs just as we strive to support yours.



Sarsfield offers a wide range of loan products to its members suitable for buying a Car, Home Improvements or Renovations, Green Eco-friendly projects, Holidays, Education etc.

Contact Us!

 (061) 317 910

 happytohelp@sarsfieldcu.ie

 [sarsfieldcu.ie](https://www.sarsfieldcu.ie)



Sarsfield Credit Union Limited is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Loans are subject to approval. Terms & Conditions apply. If you do not meet the repayments on your loan, your account will go into arrears. This may affect your credit rating which may limit your ability to access credit in the future.

*Terms & Conditions apply.



Minor Accounts

OPERATING MINORS ACCOUNTS

Only a Parent / Legal Guardian can open an account for a Minor.

Only the Parent / Legal Guardian who opened the account is authorized to operate the account with the Minor.

- Up to Age 7 any withdrawals on a Minor's account require the signature of the Parent / Legal Guardian authorized to operate the account.
- From Age 7 to Age 15 any withdrawals on a Minor's account require the signature of the Minor and the Parent / Legal Guardian authorized to operate the account.
- At Age 16 the account transitions to a Full Membership and only the account holder can access the funds / information on the account.
- Any withdrawals from a Minor's account must be applied for the sole benefit of the Member and the Parent / Legal Guardian will be required to sign a declaration to this effect.
- Money in a Minor's account is the sole property of the child and no other person (including the parent(s) / legal guardian(s)) is entitled to use this money for his/her benefit.
- The Credit Union has implemented a maximum limit of €5,000 for Minor Share accounts and a maximum monthly lodgement of €1,000. Any lodgements to shares which will bring them over these limits will be returned.

Requirement for Proof of Identity

Sarsfield Credit Union Ltd., in common with all other financial institutions, is required to establish Proof of Identity and Proof of Residential Address for all members in accordance with Anti Money Laundering provisions contained in the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist

Financing) Act 2010 as amended. To help us meet our obligations we may from time to time ask you to provide updated documents and we thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

CRS Notice



Sarsfield Credit Union Ltd., in common with other financial institutions is required to verify your tax residency for the purposes of the Common Reporting Standard (CRS). The CRS is provided for by Section 891F of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 and was established to enable an automatic exchange of financial account information between countries. Since

January 1st 2017 new Members of the Credit Union have been required to self-certify their country of tax residence and we are now requesting existing Members who are no longer resident in Ireland to notify us.

For more information, visit:
www.sarsfieldcu.ie/CRS-Notice

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Quick Decisions

No penalties for early repayment

Free loan protection insurance*