

Registration number 403438\*

North West Simon Community Ltd  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31st December 2015

**North West Simon Community Ltd**

**Directors and other information**

Directors	Cathleen Dolan Simon Stephens Fiona Egan Jimmy Harte Seamus Joseph Henry Margaret Heffernan Eileen Magnier Noel McGinley
Secretary	Simon Stephens
Company number	403438
Charitable status number	CHY 16939
Registered charity number	20062149
Auditors	Stewart & MacLochlainn Chartered accountants & registered auditors Portland House Port Road Letterkenny Co. Donegal
Business address	23 Mail Coach Road Sligo Town Co Sligo
Bankers	Allied Irish Bank Ballyshannon / Bundoran Co. Donegal  KBC Bank Ireland Plc Sandwith Street Dublin 2

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## North West Simon Community Ltd

### Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2015

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2015.

#### **Vision**

The vision of North West Simon Community is that Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo are places where individuals and families who need it have the appropriate support to access a home of their own and the supports necessary to sustain this.

#### **Mission**

We develop and facilitate services to respond to the individual needs of persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

We advocate, educate and campaign for each person's right to an appropriate home of their own and the services necessary to support this.

We continue to develop our organisational capacity to realise our vision, mission and values.

#### **Values**

*Person Centred:* People are at the core of our services and our focus is on responding to their needs.

*Accountability:* We conduct our business in an ethical, democratic and fair way.

*Partnership:* Our principle partners are the people to whom we provide services. In addition, we work to establish and maintain collaborative partnerships with other organisations in the statutory and voluntary sectors and with the other members of the Simon Communities of Ireland.

*Justice & Equality:* We work to actively promote the human rights of individuals and their right to participate in society.

*Quality:* We are committed to the highest possible standard of provision in our services and all our activities.

#### **Directors of the Company**

The present membership of the board is listed on page 1.

#### **Interests of directors and company secretary**

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. Therefore the directors and secretary who served during the year did not have a beneficial interest in the company. All directors serve in a voluntary capacity.

#### **Review of Activities**

North West Simon Community began providing services in the North West Region in May 2008 and in the intervening years have provided an increasing range of supports, training, and accommodation and advocacy services to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

We currently provide accommodation with varying degrees of support as required. In addition, North West Simon Community also provide a tenancy sustainment service in Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo which aims to prevent homelessness and a resettlement service to assist clients especially at a time of crisis.

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#### Significant Developments during the year included:

- A Memorandum of understanding was agreed with Galway Simon Community to define co-working arrangements. The purpose of the agreement was to strengthen the supports available to North West Simon community and to make best use of available resources.

Under this agreement Galway Simon assumed operational responsibility for North West Simon services under the governance of the North West Simon Board of Directors in January 2015.

Finance and HR functions are now provided by Galway Simon Community. North West Simon front line staff now report to and receive support from Galway Simon Community Outreach Manager and Head of Client Services. These Galway Simon managers represent North West Simon at Regional Housing Action Team meetings and at the Regional Homeless Forum. Direct Mail fundraising campaigns are now run jointly with Galway Simon Community.

- We engaged in talks with Clúid Housing Association and Donegal County Council to seek support for a transfer of undertakings to take place in relation to Block C Apartments, Nás Mór, Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny. These apartments require significant investment to bring them back to the required standard for housing into the future. We hope to receive approval for this in 2016. If granted Clúid will provide the housing management function and North West Simon the care and support function to clients.
- We purchased 2 houses in Carrick on Shannon, Leitrim utilising funding obtained under the Capital Assistance Scheme. These will be used to house people from the housing waiting list that require tenancy sustainment support.
- A review was conducted of services provided in Donegal the results of which informed a restructure of how the service is delivered.

We began discussions with Túsla and Donegal County Council on the provision of a youth service in the Donegal region which could be delivered through a partnership approach.

#### Overview of Current Services:

##### Supported Housing

North West Simon Community believes that each person has a right to an appropriate home of their own with the necessary supports to achieve this. To this end we provide high quality accommodation with supports in Letterkenny: 31 apartments which were purchased since 2007 under the Capital Assistance Scheme and 12 unsold social and affordable housing leased from Donegal County Council. In 2015 we provided support to 42 households within our housing services and worked with a further 22 households to sustain their tenancies in the community.

##### Tenancy Sustainment Service

Shelter, Scotland defines tenancy sustainment as "Preventing a tenancy from coming to a premature end by providing the necessary information, advice, and support for tenants to be able to maintain their tenancies."

During 2015 North West Simon Community prevented homelessness for 146 people and their families in the North West Region. Increasingly there is demand for support with resettlement as opposed to tenancy support for the following reasons:

- Many families could no longer afford the rents being sought due to the continuing economic crisis in the country generally.
- Landlords were opting out of the Rental Accommodation Scheme and seeking private market rents. The general shortage in supply of rental properties meant that it was difficult to source affordable accommodation within the rent caps.

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- Some homes were re-possessed by banks during the year and put up for sale which meant that tenants had to source new accommodation in an already stretched market.
- As there has been no development of local authority accommodation for the last number of years, very few, if any, offers of housing have been made to those on the housing waiting list.

**Financial Review & Uncertainties**

The results for the year as set out on page 9 are considered satisfactory by the Board.

Overall income decreased by €19,902 during the year. This performance is positive given that fundraising income decreased by 35% compared to 2014. The €121,589 reduction in fundraising income resulted from bequests included in 2014 of €150,316 from deferred income which was not recurring in 2015. This income arose due to a bequest of €751,589 received in 2010 which was transferred to the income and expenditure account over a five year period which concluded in 2014. Fundraising income excluding bequests actually increased by 15% as a result of an increase in fundraising activity both at the level of community fundraising in the region and donations through mailings and appeals. We are very grateful to all those who attend events and give donations to support the work of North West Simon Community.

The lack of sufficient statutory funding continues to be of concern however and although a prudent reserve is maintained, it is reducing. We will continue to campaign for increased funding from both public and private sources to fund increased demand for services in the region.

**Future Developments**

North West Simon Community will continue to advocate for and provide services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

**Books of Account**

The measures taken by the directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, 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 company are maintained at the Registered Office.

**Events since the balance sheet date**

There are no significant events affecting the company since the year end.

**Political Contributions**

The directors, on enquiring, have satisfied themselves that no political donations have been made by the company.


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**Auditors**

The auditors, Stewart & MacLochlainn, have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

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

  
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Fiona Egan  
Director

  
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Simon Stephens  
Director

Date: 18 July 2016

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**Statement of directors responsibilities for the members' financial statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and generally accepted accounting practice in Ireland including the accounting standards published by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

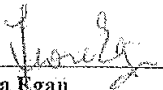
Irish Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:


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

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and with Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

  
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Fiona Egan  
Director

  
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Simon Stephens  
Director

Date: 18 July 2016



**Independent auditor's report to the members of  
North West Simon Community Ltd**

We have audited the financial statements of North West Simon Community Ltd for the year ended 31st December 2015 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 336 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company'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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements giving a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical standards for Auditors, including "APB Ethical Standard – Provisions Available for Small Entities (Revised)", in the circumstances set out in note 16 to the financial statements.

**Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

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

**Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st December 2015 and of its result for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

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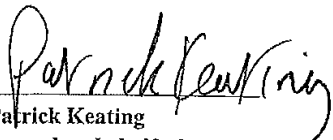
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**Matters on which we are required to report by the Companies Act 2014.**

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- in our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the company;
- the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account;
- in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the provisions in the Companies Act 2014 which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.

  
Patrick Keating  
for and on behalf of  
Stewart & MacLochlainn  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Portland House  
Port Road  
Letterkenny  
Co. Donegal

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Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31st December 2015

	Notes	Continuing operations	
		2015	2014
		€	€
<b>Income</b>	<b>1</b>	467,685	487,587
<b>Expenditure</b>		<u>(519,953)</u>	<u>(501,503)</u>
<b>(Deficit) on ordinary activities before interest</b>		(52,268)	(13,916)
Other interest receivable and similar income		<u>11,988</u>	<u>18,451</u>
<b>Deficit/(surplus) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		(40,280)	4,535
Tax on (deficit)/surplus on ordinary activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Deficit/(surplus) on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<u><u>(40,280)</u></u>	<u><u>4,535</u></u>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus or deficit for the above two financial years.

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

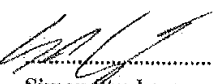
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Balance sheet  
as at 31st December 2015

	Notes	2015		2014	
		€	€	€	€
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	7		3,776,553		3,869,006
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	8	26,210		6,260	
Cash at bank and in hand		422,861		467,280	
		449,071		473,540	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(92,834)		(118,590)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>356,237</u>		<u>354,950</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			4,132,790		4,223,956
<b>Accruals and deferred income</b>	10		<u>(3,758,282)</u>		<u>(3,843,644)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>374,508</u>		<u>380,312</u>
<b>Reserves</b>					
Other reserves	11		145,383		110,907
Revenue reserves account	11		229,125		269,405
<b>Members' funds</b>	12		<u>374,508</u>		<u>380,312</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by

  
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Fiona Egan  
Director

  
.....  
Simon Stephens  
Director

Date: 18 July 2016

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Cash flow statement  
for the year ended 31st December 2015

	2015 €	2014 €
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash outflow from operating activities</b>		
Operating loss	(52,269)	(13,917)
Depreciation	92,453	240,840
(Increase) in debtors	(19,950)	(4,260)
(Decrease) in creditors	(25,756)	(93,358)
Government grant released	(85,362)	(233,749)
Increase in sinking fund reserve	34,477	35,684
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>	<u>(56,407)</u>	<u>(68,760)</u>
<b>Cash flow statement</b>		
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(56,407)	(68,760)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	11,988	18,450
<b>Decrease in cash in the year</b>	<u>(44,419)</u>	<u>(50,310)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds (Note 14)</b>		
Decrease in cash in the year	(44,419)	(50,310)
Net funds at 1st January 2015	467,280	517,590
<b>Net funds at 31st December 2015</b>	<u>422,861</u>	<u>467,280</u>

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Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31st December 2015

**1. Statement of accounting policies**

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

**1.1. Basis of preparation**

The audited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and the Companies Act 2014. Accounting Standards generally accepted in Ireland in preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view are those published by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) in the UK, and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

**1.2. Income policy**

Grants in Aid Towards Operating Costs: Grant in aid income is recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account to match the grant funded costs. Grants received in advance of incurring the grant supported expenditure are transferred to deferred income and are released against the matching expenditure when incurred.

Fundraising income is credited to the Income and Expenditure Account in the year in which it is received by the company.

Incoming resources have been included in the financial statements only when realised or when the ultimate cash realisation of same can be assessed with reasonable certainty. The company, in common with other similar charitable organisations, derives a proportion of its income from voluntary donations and fund raising activities held by individuals/parties outside the control of the company. Income from fundraising, voluntary subscriptions and donations is necessarily recognised with effect from the time it is received into the company's bank accounts or entered into the company's accounting records.

**1.3. Tangible assets and depreciation**

Tangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss. Cost includes all costs that are directly attributable to bringing the asset into working condition for its intended use.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	-	2% Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	12.5% Straight Line

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**1.4. Pensions**

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

The regular cost of providing retirement pensions and related benefits is charged to the profit and loss account over the employees' service lives on the basis of a constant percentage of earnings.

**1.5. Government grants**

Grants are credited to deferred revenue. Grants towards capital expenditure are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful life of the assets. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

**2. Income**

The whole of the income is derived from within Ireland.

**3. Operating loss**

	2015	2014
	€	€
Operating loss is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	<u>92,453</u>	<u>240,840</u>

**4. Auditors' remuneration**

	2015	2014
	€	€
Auditors' remuneration		
Audit of the financial statements	<u>1,230</u>	<u>1,230</u>

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5. Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees  
(including the directors) during the year were:

	2015	2014
Employees	8	8

Employment costs

	2015	2014
	€	€
Wages and salaries	256,829	308,427
Other pension costs	315	3,784
Compensation for loss of office due to management restructure	42,837	-
	<u>299,981</u>	<u>312,211</u>

6. Pension costs

The full details of the pension scheme are shown here in this paragraph. Pension costs which includes both employer and employee contributions amounted to € 315 (2014 - € 3,784)



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7. Tangible assets

	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	€	€	€
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1st January 2015	4,257,611	62,392	4,320,003
At 31st December 2015	<u>4,257,611</u>	<u>62,392</u>	<u>4,320,003</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1st January 2015	423,635	27,362	450,997
Charge for the year	85,152	7,301	92,453
At 31st December 2015	<u>508,787</u>	<u>34,663</u>	<u>543,450</u>
<b>Net book values</b>			
At 31st December 2015	<u>3,748,824</u>	<u>27,729</u>	<u>3,776,553</u>

	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	€	€	€
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1st January 2014	2,458,702	62,392	2,521,094
Additions	1,798,909	-	1,798,909
At 31st December 2014	<u>4,257,611</u>	<u>62,392</u>	<u>4,320,003</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1st January 2014	190,096	20,061	210,157
Charge for the year	233,539	7,301	240,840
At 31st December 2014	<u>423,635</u>	<u>27,362</u>	<u>450,997</u>
<b>Net book values</b>			
At 31st December 2014	<u>3,833,976</u>	<u>35,030</u>	<u>3,869,006</u>

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8. Debtors	2015	2014
	€	€
Trade debtors	504	1,260
Other debtors	25,706	5,000
	<u>26,210</u>	<u>6,260</u>
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2015	2014
	€	€
Trade creditors	15,398	-
Other creditors	44,835	88,958
Accruals	17,616	6,740
<i>Taxation creditors</i>		
PAYE/PRSI	14,985	22,892
	<u>92,834</u>	<u>118,590</u>
10. Accruals and deferred income	2015	2014
	€	€
<b>Government grants</b>		
At 1st January 2015	3,843,644	2,278,484
Increase in year	-	1,798,909
	<u>3,843,644</u>	<u>4,077,393</u>
Released in year	(85,362)	(233,749)
At 31st December 2015	<u>3,758,282</u>	<u>3,843,644</u>

Doengal County Council hold charges against properties at Lismonaghan, Carnamuggagh and Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

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11. Reserves

	Income and Exp account	Sinking reserve	Total
	€	€	€
At 1st January 2015	269,405	110,907	380,312
Deficit for the year	(40,280)	-	(40,280)
Other movements	-	34,476	34,476
At 31st December 2015	<u>229,125</u>	<u>145,383</u>	<u>374,508</u>

As agreed by the Board of Directors a sinking fund reserve equivalent to 30% of rental income has been provided for in the financial statements.

12. Reconciliation of movements in members' funds

	2015	2014
	€	€
(Deficit) / surplus for the year	(40,280)	4,535
Transfer to Sinking Reserve	34,476	35,684
Net (deduction from) / addition to members' funds	(5,804)	40,219
Opening members' funds	380,312	340,093
Closing members' funds	<u>374,508</u>	<u>380,312</u>

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**13. Gross cash flows**

	2015	2014
	€	€
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>		
Interest received	11,988	18,451
	<u>11,988</u>	<u>18,451</u>
<b>Capital expenditure</b>		
Payments to acquire tangible assets	-	(1,798,909)
Receipt of grant	-	1,798,909
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,798,909</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**14. Analysis of changes in net funds**

	Opening balance	Cash flows	Closing balance
	€	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	467,280	(44,419)	422,861
<b>Net funds</b>	<u>467,280</u>	<u>(44,419)</u>	<u>422,861</u>

**15. Company limited by guarantee**

The company is one limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of the company being wound up is €1.

**16. APB Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Small Entities**

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the Revenue Commissioners and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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**17. Accounting periods**

The current accounts are for a full year. The comparative accounts are for a full year.

**18. Approval of financial statements**

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 18 July 2016.