

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 2014

North West Simon Community Ltd

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Directors and other information

Directors	Cathleen Dolan Simon Stephens Fiona Egan Jimmy Harte Seamus Joseph Henry Margaret Heffernan Eileen Magnier Noel McGinley	Appointed 22/01/2014 Appointed 22/01/2014
Secretary	Simon Stephens	
Company number	403438	
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	
Charity number	16939	

North West Simon Community Ltd
Directors' Report
for the year ended 31st December 2014

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2014.

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:

- There was a marked trend throughout the region whereby people sought support to prevent imminent homelessness or resettle out of homelessness as opposed to tenancy support.
- A significant increase in the number of clients seeking assistance in Leitrim where there is no other voluntary housing organisation in the county providing outreach support.
- In order to respond to the increase in demand in Leitrim, we changed our focus from having an office which requires a level of staffing to focusing on a weekly information and advice clinic in partnership with the Breffni Family Resource Centre.
- We received funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for the purchase of 6 houses in Leitrim.
- Following an organisational review during 2014, the Board of North West Simon Community in order to protect services in the region entered into discussions with Galway Simon Community to explore possibility of collaborative working. The result of these discussions is that Galway Simon Community will take over day to day operational responsibility for North West Simon Services during 2015.

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 2014 we provided information, advice and support to 55 people and their families.

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 2014 North West Simon Community prevented homelessness for 144 people and their families in the North West Region. Some of the increase in demand can be explained by a general increase in awareness of the services offered by North West Simon Community. However, 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Financial Review & Uncertainties

The results for the year as set out on page 8 are considered satisfactory by the Board.

In 2014 due to a delay in finalising documentation, properties purchased in the period 2009 to 2011 costing €1,798,909 were recorded as fixed asset additions and government grants as these were acquired under the Capital Assistance Scheme. This accounting adjustment has increased both total income and expenditure by €184,365 as the properties were depreciated and the grant amortised from the date of acquisition. This adjustment results in increasing income by 35% and expenditure by 33% compared to 2013.

Fundraising income increased by 3.2% which was achieved on the back of an increase in fundraising activity both at the level of community fundraising in the region and general 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 any statutory funding continues to be of concern however and although a prudent reserve is maintained, it is reducing.

Total resources expended were €494,412 (excluding depreciation charges) a decrease of €7,260 on the previous year. The decrease in costs arose due to improved overall management of costs generally.

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.

Auditors

The auditors, Stewart & MacLochlainn, have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 160(2) of the Companies Act, 1963.

This report was approved by the Board on 6th July 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

Simon Stephens
Director

Fiona Egan
Director

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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.

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the 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 keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them 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

Simon Stephens
Director

Fiona Egan
Director

Date: 6th July 2015

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 2014 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 5, 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 2014 and of its profit for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

**Independent auditor's report to the members of
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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

Date: 6th July 2015

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**Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st December 2014**

		Continuing operations	
		2014	2013
		€	€
	Notes		
Income	1	721,336	520,253
Expenditure		<u>(735,252)</u>	<u>(558,645)</u>
(Deficit) on ordinary activities before interest		(13,916)	(38,392)
Other interest receivable and similar income		<u>18,451</u>	<u>8,552</u>
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>4,535</u>	<u>(29,840)</u>

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

On behalf of the board

Simon Stephens
Director

Fiona Egan
Director

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet
as at 31st December 2014**

	Notes	2014		2013	
		€	€	€	€
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		3,869,006		2,310,937
Current assets					
Debtors	8	6,260		2,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		467,280		517,589	
		<u>473,540</u>		<u>519,589</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(118,590)</u>		<u>(211,948)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>354,950</u>		<u>307,641</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			4,223,956		2,618,578
Accruals and deferred income	10		<u>(3,843,644)</u>		<u>(2,278,485)</u>
Net assets			<u>380,312</u>		<u>340,093</u>
Reserves					
Other reserves	11		110,907		75,223
Revenue reserves account	11		269,405		264,870
Members' funds	12		<u>380,312</u>		<u>340,093</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 6th July 2015 and signed on its behalf by

Simon Stephens
Director

Fiona Egan
Director

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Cash flow statement
for the year ended 31st December 2014**

Notes	2014 €	2013 €
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash outflow from operating activities		
Operating loss	(13,916)	(38,392)
Depreciation	240,840	56,973
(Increase) in debtors	(4,260)	(2,000)
(Decrease) in creditors	(93,358)	(73,908)
Government grant released	(233,749)	(49,384)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	<u>(104,443)</u>	<u>(106,711)</u>
 Cash flow statement		
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(104,443)	(106,711)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	18,451	8,552
Decrease in cash in the year	<u>(85,992)</u>	<u>(98,159)</u>
 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds (Note 14)		
Decrease in cash in the year	(85,992)	(98,159)
Net funds at 1st January 2014	<u>517,589</u>	<u>615,748</u>
Net funds at 31st December 2014	<u>431,597</u>	<u>517,589</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2014

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 turnover is derived from Ireland. An analysis of turnover by business operation is given below:

	2014	2013
	€	€
Class of business		
Donations	360,641	347,455
Rent Receivable	118,946	123,414
Grants Received	8,000	-
	<u>487,587</u>	<u>470,869</u>

3. Operating loss

	2014	2013
	€	€
Operating loss is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	<u>240,840</u>	<u>56,973</u>

4. Auditors' remuneration

	2014	2013
	€	€
Auditors' remuneration		
Audit of the financial statements	<u>1,230</u>	<u>1,051</u>

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5. Employees

Number of employees

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

	2014	2013
Employees	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

Employment costs

	2014	2013
	€	€
Wages and salaries	308,427	317,983
Other pension costs	<u>3,784</u>	<u>5,045</u>
	<u>312,211</u>	<u>323,028</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 € 3,784 (2013 - € 5,045)

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7. Tangible assets

	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	€	€	€
Cost			
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>
Depreciation			
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>
Net book values			
At 31st December 2014	<u>3,833,976</u>	<u>35,030</u>	<u>3,869,006</u>
At 31st December 2013	<u>2,268,606</u>	<u>42,331</u>	<u>2,310,937</u>

8. Debtors

	2014	2013
	€	€
Trade debtors	1,260	-
Other debtors	5,000	2,000
	<u>6,260</u>	<u>2,000</u>

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9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2014	2013
	€	€
<i>Other creditors</i>		
Other creditors	88,958	187,357
Accruals	6,740	1,785
<i>Taxation creditors</i>		
PAYE/PRSI	22,892	22,806
	118,590	211,948

Other creditors includes deferred income in relation to a bequest totalling €751,588.84 received in 2010, this was written off to the profit and loss account over the past five years with the final balance of €150,316.84 recognised as income in 2014.

Also included in Other Creditors is restricted funding of €37,040 received from the Simon Communities of Ireland in 2013.

10. Accruals and deferred income

	2014	2013
	€	€
Government grants		
At 1st January 2014	2,278,484	2,327,869
Increase in year	1,798,909	-
	4,077,393	2,327,869
Released in year	(233,749)	(49,384)
At 31st December 2014	3,843,644	2,278,485

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 2014	264,870	75,223	340,093
Surplus for the year	4,535	-	4,535
Other movements	-	35,684	35,684
At 31st December 2014	<u>269,405</u>	<u>110,907</u>	<u>380,312</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

	2014	2013
	€	€
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	4,535	(29,840)
Transfer to Sinking Reserve	35,684	-
Net addition to members' funds	<u>40,219</u>	<u>(29,840)</u>
Opening members' funds	340,093	369,933
Closing members' funds	<u>380,312</u>	<u>340,093</u>

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13. Gross cash flows

	2014	2013
	€	€
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	18,451	8,552
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital expenditure		
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(1,798,909)	-
Receipt of grant	1,798,909	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14. Analysis of changes in net funds

	Opening balance	Cash flows	Closing balance
	€	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	517,589	(50,309)	467,280
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net funds	<u>517,589</u>	<u>(50,309)</u>	<u>467,280</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 6 July 2015.

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The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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Detailed income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 2014

	2014		2013	
	€	€	€	€
Income				
Donations	360,641		347,455	
Rent receivable	118,946		123,414	
Donegal County Council Grants	5,000		-	
Grants Received	3,000		-	
Grant Amortised	233,749		49,384	
		721,336		520,253
Expenditure				
Wages and salaries	308,427		317,983	
Staff pension costs	3,784		5,045	
Staff training	2,363		2,939	
Rent payable	20,000		17,500	
Insurance	8,760		8,248	
Light and heat	3,714		4,928	
Repairs and maintenance	1,190		4,068	
Sinking fund reserve	35,684		37,024	
Printing, postage and stationery	8,692		12,290	
Advertising	180		1,573	
Telephone	10,590		11,109	
Computer Costs/Repairs	4,981		3,947	
Motor & Travel expenses	32,140		39,657	
Conferences & Meetings	452		1,079	
Legal and professional	5,416		618	
Audit	1,230		1,051	
Bank charges	3,050		2,911	
General expenses	2,864		2,065	
Donegal Housing Expenses	15,531		8,704	
Sligo-Leitrim Housing Expenses	2,901		1,190	
Fundraising Event Expenses	13,269		13,128	
Lifeskills Project Expenses	2,144		1,493	
Depreciation on freehold property	233,539		49,174	
Depreciation on FF & Equipment	7,301		7,799	
		728,202		555,523
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(6,866)		(35,270)