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**Dundalk Simon Community**  
**Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements**  
**for the financial year ended 31 December 2020**



**McBRIDE & CO**  
— CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS —

# Dundalk Simon Community

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**Dundalk Simon Community**  
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Directors</b>	Kevin Loughran Denis Cahalane Tony Bateman Neil McLoughlin Alison Hannon Hodgson
<b>Chairperson</b>	Kevin Loughran
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Tony Bateman
<b>Charity Number</b>	CHY 10951
<b>Charities Regulatory Authority Number</b>	20028978
<b>Company Number</b>	142589
<b>Registered Office and Principal Address</b>	Seatown House Seatown Place Dundalk Co. Louth
<b>Auditors</b>	Orton Management Services Limited T/a McBride & Co Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors 3 Jocelyn Mall Jocelyn Place Dundalk Co. Louth Republic of Ireland
<b>Bankers</b>	Bank of Ireland Clanbrassil Street Dundalk Louth Republic of Ireland
<b>Solicitors</b>	Ryans Solicitors 46 Harrington Street Portobello Dublin 8

# Dundalk Simon Community DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the directors of Dundalk Simon Community present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 2020.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

## **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

### **Mission Statement**

Vision:

Our vision is a community where everyone lives in a place they call home.

The Mission statement of the organisation is working with other to develop solutions to homelessness by:

- Developing services to prevent people from becoming homeless
- Providing emergency accommodation for people who become homeless
- Supporting people to achieve a home of their own
- Supporting people to keep their homes
- Advocating for changes in social policy that will make a real impact on ending homelessness

### **Objectives**

Purpose:

Dundalk Simon Community provides housing and support services to all stages of homelessness and enable people to move to a place they can call home. We strive to empower people to access, secure and retain a home of their own by reducing the reliance on short-term accommodation and providing permanent supported housing for people to sustain a home in their local community. Moving people in to supported housing or independent housing produces life-enhancing and life-saving results and is more cost-effective in the long run.

### **Strategy**

The strategy of the company also includes the development of additional supported housing in the North East, the development of Simons work and presence in Cavan & Monaghan and an increase in its advocacy and campaigning work to help influence changes in policy and practice at local, regional and national level that will benefit all people who are homeless.

The company is satisfied that it has the adequate resources to maintain and increase its current level of service in the coming year.

# Dundalk Simon Community DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Structure

Dundalk Simon Community has a board of up to twelve members who meet at least four times annually and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the board have five members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

Managers are in place for the day to day operational management of the charity, individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

### Our Volunteers:

Dundalk Simon Community believes in and has a continuing commitment to voluntarism because of the added value with which volunteers bring to the charity through their dedication and work. Volunteers contribute greatly to the success of the Simon Shop, charity events and tenancy sustainment.

It is impossible to quantify the hours generously given by the public in response to various fund-raising efforts. Without the help from our volunteers we would not be able to offer our current levels of support during a period of ever increasing demand.

All members of the board of Directors volunteer their experience, expertise and time to the benefit of Dundalk Simon Community and its continued development.

Dundalk Simon Community is one of eight Simon Communities operating in the Republic of Ireland, the others being in Cork, Galway, Dublin, Mid West, Midlands, North West & South East. All the communities, together with the Simon National Office, comprise the national body, The Simon Communities of Ireland.

## Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

### Charitable Services:

Dundalk Simon Community offer a range of options to people who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless:

- The Gatehouse Project offers accommodation every night for up to ten people who otherwise would be sleeping on the street. It is open from 5pm to 9am and provides a bed, warmth, a meal and general support.

- The Community House offers accommodation for up to 20 people at any one time supporting them to regain control of their own lives and futures.

- The three bungalows in Barrack Street, Dundalk, offers transitional housing units for a period of 18 months.

- Seatown House is the base for administration services. It acts as a focal point for former residents, and for people who are living in the Community House, The Gatehouse Project etc. It also offers meals, counselling and employment skills onsite.

- The charity offers four long term house together with 14 transitional housing units for a total of 34 individuals. This comprises of 16 units in Dundalk and 2 units in Drogheda, Co Louth.

- The Simon Community Shop is based in Yorke Street. It is staffed by people on supportive employment schemes and volunteers and is yet another focal point of their work in Dundalk.

Overall in 2020, 97 individuals accessed our emergency beds in Barrack Street. This comprised of 1 bed sponsored by Monaghan County Council, 2 beds sponsored by Cavan County Council and 27 beds sponsored by Louth County Council.

It was calculated that approximately 20% of these individuals were female and 80% being male.

Our day centre in Seatown House as closed from the 16th March 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions in place.

### Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 12 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

### Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of €4,297,771 (2019 - €4,034,756) and liabilities of €910,440 (2019 - €982,022). The net assets of the charity have increased by €334,597.

# Dundalk Simon Community DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

## Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors have identified that the key risks and uncertainties the charity face relate to the risk of a decrease in the level of funding and the potential increase in compliance requirements in accordance with company law, health and safety, taxation and other legislation.

The charity mitigates these risks as follows:

- The charity continually monitors the level of activity, prepares and monitors its budget, target and projections.
- The charity is committed to establishing adequate cash reserves, which in the opinion of the board, represents three months operation expenditure. It has also developed a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities.
- The charity closely monitors emerging changes to regulations and legislation on an ongoing basis.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with Health & Safety to staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the centre.

The company has minimal currency risk and credit risk.

The directors are aware of the key risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operating and finances of the company and are satisfied that there are appropriate systems in place to mitigate these risks as appropriate.

Dundalk Simon Community is committed to effectively managing its risk on a formal basis to support better decision making based on a clear understanding of risks and their likely impact. A framework is in place, consisting of a series of well defined steps to support ongoing risk management, and to raise awareness of risk and the need to manage it consistently and effectively across all levels of the organisations Risk Management Policy.

## Our Future Plans

Dundalk Simon Community will continue to advocate and provide services for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The directors plan to build on the solid foundations laid to date by continuing to develop services to meet identified needs, utilising its location and expertise.

The key priorities are as follows:

- - Exploration of the potential for running the gatehouse service as a 24 hour service through Covid19 and beyond with Louth County Council.
- The possibility of expanding the STA service to include a house in the community with day support services currently being explored with Louth County Council.
- An increased focus on 7 transitional houses with regards to client key working and interventions.
- Introduce a Client Development (Health & Wellbeing and Educational) Programme.
- Improve stakeholder relationships for the enhancement of support services within the community, particularly in the areas of mental health terms, addiction and move on options.

## Directors and Secretary

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Kevin Loughran  
Denis Cahalane  
Tony Bateman  
Neil McLoughlin  
Alison Hannon Hodgson

In accordance with the Constitution, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The secretary who served throughout the financial year was Eibhlin Quinn.

# Dundalk Simon Community DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

## Health and Safety

Dundalk Simon Community acknowledges and responds to its role in protecting the safety, health and welfare of all its employees and those with whom the organisation comes into contact with in the course of its work. It is aware of and understands its legal obligations and is committed to compliance with the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work Act (2005), Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations (2007) and other legislation in relation to Health, Safety and welfare in the workplace.

The organisation is committed to implementing, managing and conducting programmes that ensures, where possible, that all risks and hazards are eliminated or otherwise controlled to an acceptable level and included:

- Annually reviewed Safety Statements for all premises and services.
- Policies to cover a range of specific situations identified by the company in our compliance with legislation.

## Staff Training and Development

Most of the board members are already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been involved with the charity for a number of years.

New board members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. The Chair of the board ensures new members are familiar with:

- The obligations of the board
- The Constitution
- Current Financial position of the charity
- The Charity's future plans and objectives

## Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Dundalk Simon Community subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2014
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

## Auditors

Orton Management Services T/a McBride & Co, (Chartered Certified Accountants), were appointed auditors by the directors to fill the casual vacancy and they have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

## Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The accounting records are located at the company's office at Seatown House, Seatown Place, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 10 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

**Kevin Loughran**  
Director

**Denis Cahalane**  
Director

# Dundalk Simon Community

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2015);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, 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 charity will continue in operation.

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

As explained in note 3, state whether the applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) has been followed;

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and net income or expenditure of the charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and the Directors' Annual Report comply with Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

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

**Approved by the Board of Directors on 10 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:**

***Kevin Loughran***  
Director

***Denis Cahalane***  
Director



# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of Dundalk Simon Community**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the charity financial statements of Dundalk Simon Community for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at 31 December 2020 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 and having regard to the Charities SORP; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

#### **Basis for opinion**

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

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

#### **Other Information**

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

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014**

In our opinion, based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the Directors' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. In our opinion the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

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

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Annual Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not complied with by the company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of Dundalk Simon Community**

### **Respective responsibilities**

#### **Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements**

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

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

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

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

#### **Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the Members of Dundalk Simon Community**

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

Our report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity'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 any responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Tony McBride, Statutory Auditor**

for and on behalf of

**ORTON MANAGEMENT SERVICES LIMITED T/A MCBRIDE & CO**

Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors

3 Jocelyn Mall

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Dundalk

Co. Louth

Republic of Ireland

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

# Dundalk Simon Community

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 €	Total 2020 €	Unrestricted Funds 2019 €	Total 2019 €
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and legacies	4.1	139,245	139,245	135,277	135,277
Charitable activities					
- Grants from governments and other co-funders	4.2	1,228,841	1,228,841	1,356,900	1,356,900
Investments	4.3	44,184	44,184	41,007	41,007
Other income	4.4	42,034	42,034	4,584	4,584
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,454,304</b>	<b>1,454,304</b>	<b>1,537,768</b>	<b>1,537,768</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	5.1	1,068,369	1,068,369	1,417,105	1,417,105
Other expenditure	5.2	51,338	51,338	57,768	57,768
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>1,119,707</b>	<b>1,119,707</b>	<b>1,474,873</b>	<b>1,474,873</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>334,597</b>	<b>334,597</b>	<b>62,895</b>	<b>62,895</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the financial year</b>		<b>334,597</b>	<b>334,597</b>	<b>62,895</b>	<b>62,895</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2020		3,052,734	3,052,734	2,989,839	2,989,839
<b>Balances carried forward at 31 December 2020</b>		<b>3,387,331</b>	<b>3,387,331</b>	<b>3,052,734</b>	<b>3,052,734</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.  
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 10 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

**Kevin Loughran**  
Director

**Denis Cahalane**  
Director

# Dundalk Simon Community BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	<u>3,118,339</u>	<u>3,160,772</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	10	20,120	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,159,312</u>	<u>873,984</u>
		<u>1,179,432</u>	<u>873,984</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(151,250)</u>	<u>(278,754)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>1,028,182</u>	<u>595,230</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>4,146,521</b>	<b>3,756,002</b>
Capital Assistance Scheme Grant	12	<u>(759,190)</u>	<u>(703,268)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>3,387,331</u></u>	<u><u>3,052,734</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>3,387,331</u>	<u>3,052,734</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>3,387,331</u></u>	<u><u>3,052,734</u></u>

The total unrestricted funds includes a revaluation reserve of €(61,115) (2019 - €(61,115))

Approved by the Board of Directors on 10 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

**Kevin Loughran**  
Director

**Denis Cahalane**  
Director

# Dundalk Simon Community

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net movement in funds		334,597	62,895
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		51,338	57,768
Interest receivable and similar income		(106)	(262)
Interest payable and similar expenses		-	1,433
Amortisation of capital grants received		(44,078)	(40,745)
		<u>341,751</u>	<u>81,089</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		(20,120)	-
Movement in creditors		(127,504)	236,917
		<u>194,127</u>	<u>318,006</u>
Cash generated from operations		194,127	318,006
Interest paid		-	(1,433)
		<u>194,127</u>	<u>316,573</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		106	262
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(8,905)	(3,634)
		<u>(8,799)</u>	<u>(3,372)</u>
Net cash generated from investment activities		(8,799)	(3,372)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
New long term loan		-	66,940
Repayment of short term loan		-	(26,019)
Capital Assistance Scheme Grant		100,000	-
		<u>100,000</u>	<u>(92,959)</u>
Net cash generated from financing activities		100,000	(92,959)
		<u>285,328</u>	<u>220,242</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>285,328</b>	<b>220,242</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2020</b>		<b>873,984</b>	<b>653,742</b>
		<u>873,984</u>	<u>653,742</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,159,312</b>	<b>873,984</b>
		<u><u>1,159,312</u></u>	<u><u>873,984</u></u>

# Dundalk Simon Community

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Dundalk Simon Community is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The registered office of the company is Seatown House, Seatown Place, Dundalk, Co. Louth which is also the principal place of business of the charity. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the charity.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)".

The charity has applied the Charities SORP on a voluntary basis as its application is not a requirement of the current regulations for charities registered in the Republic of Ireland. As permitted by the Companies Act 2014, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats, as outlined in the Companies Act 2014, are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

#### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)" and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

#### **Fund accounting**

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

#### **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

#### **Unrestricted funds**

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

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### Income

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

### Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the charity is meeting the core objectives of a grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as income.

-Time based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding on the condition that it is utilised in a particular period. In these cases the charity recognises the income to the extent it is utilised within the period specified in the agreement.

In the absence of such conditions, assuming that receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured, grant income is recognised once the charity is notified of entitlement.

Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

### Expenditure

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs attributed to one category of activity are allocated or appointed pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.



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**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Freehold properties are stated at cost (or deemed cost for freehold premises held at valuation date of transition to FRS102) less accumulated depreciation. Under the instructions of the directors, freeholds are valued on the basis of open market value as valued by McGahon Surveyors in 2014. Properties obtained under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) are also included in the Fixed Assets Register. These Properties are recognised under long term liabilities over a fixed term of years and have not been depreciated as they are required to remain at original cost in the Fixed Asset Register.

Cost included prime cost, overheads and interest incurred in financing the construction of tangible fixed assets. Capitalisation of interest ceases when the assets is brought into use.

Th company undertakes a review for impairment of a fixed asset if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the fixed assets may not be recoverable. Revaluation losses are recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses until the carrying amount reaches its depreciated historical cost and thereafter in the statement of financial activities. An exception is where the recoverable amount of the asset is greater than its revalued amount. In the case of a loss, is recognised in the statement of total recognised gains & losses to the extent that the recoverable amount is greater than its revalued amount.

Depreciation is calculated in order to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful life as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	-	2% Straight line
Plant and machinery	-	10% Reducing Balance/25% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% Reducing Balance/12.5% Straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight line

The Company's policy is to review the remaining useful economic lives and residual values of property, plant & equipment and fixtures & fittings on an on-going basis and to adjust the depreciation charge to reflect the remaining estimated useful life and residual value.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the cost of the asset and related accumulated depreciation until they are removed from service. In the case of disposals, assets and related depreciation are removed from the financial statements and the net amount, less proceeds from disposal, is charged or credited to the income and expenditure account

**Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

**Taxation**

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

**3. GOING CONCERN**

The Charity is substantially dependent on discretionary income to cover its operating expenses and to meet its objectives as stated in the directors report. Such income normally takes the form of grants, general fundraising receipts and other funding. The directors believe that income will continue at an adequate level for the foreseeable future so that the charity can continue in operational existence. In these circumstances the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

**4. INCOME**

<b>4.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	€	€	€	€
Donations and legacies	<u>139,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,245</u>	<u>135,277</u>

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4.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2020 €	2019 €	
Income from charitable activities	1,228,841	-	1,228,841	1,356,900	
	<u>1,228,841</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,228,841</u>	<u>1,356,900</u>	
4.3 INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2020 €	2019 €	
Investments	44,184	-	44,184	41,007	
	<u>44,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,184</u>	<u>41,007</u>	
4.4 OTHER INCOME	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2020 €	2019 €	
Other income	42,034	-	42,034	4,584	
	<u>42,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,034</u>	<u>4,584</u>	
5. EXPENDITURE					
5.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs €	Other Costs €	Support Costs €	2020 €	2019 €
Expenditure on charitable activities	1,068,369	-	-	1,068,369	1,417,105
	<u>1,068,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,068,369</u>	<u>1,417,105</u>
5.2 OTHER EXPENDITURE	Direct Costs €	Other Costs €	Support Costs €	2020 €	2019 €
Other expenditure	51,338	-	-	51,338	57,768
	<u>51,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,338</u>	<u>57,768</u>
6. NET INCOME			2020 €	2019 €	
<b>Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):</b>					
Depreciation of tangible assets			51,338	57,768	
Amortisation of capital assistance scheme grant			(44,078)	(40,745)	
			<u>7,260</u>	<u>17,023</u>	
7. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES			2020 €	2019 €	
On bank loans and overdrafts			-	1,433	
			<u>-</u>	<u>1,433</u>	

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**8. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION**

**Number of employees**

The average number of persons employed (including executive directors) during the financial year was as follows:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Staff	<u>15</u>	<u>33</u>

The staff costs comprise:

	2020 €	2019 €
Wages and salaries	495,901	796,883
Pension costs	2,960	2,960
	<u>498,861</u>	<u>799,843</u>

**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Land and buildings freehold €	Plant and machinery €	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Motor vehicles €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2020	3,317,344	129,764	83,692	38,660	3,569,460
Additions	-	8,905	-	-	8,905
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,317,344</u>	<u>138,669</u>	<u>83,692</u>	<u>38,660</u>	<u>3,578,365</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2020	199,400	112,232	66,128	30,928	408,688
Charge for the financial year	35,900	5,707	1,999	7,732	51,338
At 31 December 2020	<u>235,300</u>	<u>117,939</u>	<u>68,127</u>	<u>38,660</u>	<u>460,026</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,082,044</u>	<u>20,730</u>	<u>15,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,118,339</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>3,117,944</u>	<u>17,532</u>	<u>17,564</u>	<u>7,732</u>	<u>3,160,772</u>

**10. DEBTORS**

	2020 €	2019 €
Other debtors	20,120	-
	<u>20,120</u>	<u>-</u>

**11. CREDITORS**

<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	2020 €	2019 €
Trade creditors	6,618	18,058
Taxation and social security costs	13,528	11,406
Other creditors	124,339	242,635
Accruals	6,765	6,655
	<u>151,250</u>	<u>278,754</u>

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12. CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME GRANT	2020	2019
	€	€
<b>Capital grants received and receivable</b>		
At 1 January 2020	1,222,348	1,222,348
Increase in financial year	100,000	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,322,348</u>	<u>1,222,348</u>
<b>Amortisation</b>		
At 1 January 2020	(519,080)	(478,335)
Amortised in financial year	(44,078)	(40,745)
At 31 December 2020	<u>(563,158)</u>	<u>(519,080)</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 December 2020	<u>759,190</u>	<u>703,268</u>
At 1 January 2020	<u>703,268</u>	<u>744,013</u>

Loans under Capital Assistance Schemes are received by the Community from the local authority, Louth County Council, by way of a mortgage, and are repayable over 30 years.

Louth County Council has a charge over the Community's properties as security for the finance received. Under the terms of the mortgage, the Community is relieved of monthly capital and interest repayments so long as the community is in compliance with the specific conditions set out in the relevant mortgage agreement, primarily with respect to the use and upkeep of the related properties.

Under the terms of the Capital Assistance Schemes the amount repayable to the local authority as at balance sheet date of €759,190 represent the aggregate finance received to date amounting to €1,322,348 as reduced by the cumulative repayments relieved to date of €563,158.

**13. STATUS**

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding € 1.

**14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

The board of directors have approved the redevelopment of Barrack Street, Dundalk in order to meet the growing needs of the homeless people of Dundalk and surrounding areas.

15. CASH AND BANK AT HAND	2020	2019
	€	€
Total cash and bank at hand	<u>1,159,312</u>	<u>873,984</u>

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**16. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19):

The Charity is exposed to the impact of the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus pandemic across the globe.

There is a risk of interruption to activities due to an absence of a significant number of staff as a result of contracting the virus or due to self-isolation measures requested by the Irish Government in order to try to contain and suppress the outbreak within Ireland. A lower general level of economic activity as a result of the measures announced by Governments across the globe also presents a wider risk of a fall in income.

The Charity has implemented several changes to its operations to mitigate the impact of the pandemic including restricting access to its facilities, temperature testing for staff and re-organisation of work practices to facilitate social distancing and working from home where possible.

This crisis is unprecedented both in Ireland and at a global level. As a result, there is no way of predicting how long the pandemic will last and what the longer-term impact of the pandemic will be on the economy. The Charity is continuing to actively monitor the situation in order to take the necessary steps to continue to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on activities

**17. POBAL GRANTS**

In 2020, Dundalk Simon Community received grant income from Pobal, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. It was awarded through the Stability Scheme to support eligible organisations to continue to provide critical supports and services through the Covid-19 pandemic. The amount of grant awarded and received was €169,745 for the term 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020. Total grants advanced from Pobal during the year ended 31st December 2020 and recognised in the accounts as income in €169,745

**18. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 10 November 2021.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Operating Statement  
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	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	139,245	135,277
Rent Supplement Payments	44,082	52,203
Fundraising	50,231	98,938
Louth County Council	469,918	457,379
Monaghan County Council	10,770	9,000
Cavan County Council	23,250	22,910
HSE Homelessness	230,000	230,000
HSE Disability	13,196	225,933
HSE Grant	-	6,092
Simon House of Cards	18,890	21,357
Pobal	169,745	-
Shop Income	48,139	71,323
Shop - All Tex Recycling	11,442	14,497
Rent Receivable	139,178	147,268
Refunds	2,786	4,584
Government Grant Income	39,248	-
	<u>1,410,120</u>	<u>1,496,761</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages and salaries	495,901	796,883
Staff defined contribution pension costs	2,960	2,960
Staff training	128	9,194
Dublin Simon – Frontline Service Staff	395,658	240,385
Rates	1,121	1,461
Insurance	22,429	23,112
Light and heat	27,783	35,636
Cleaning	3,894	3,714
Repairs and maintenance	28,397	100,244
Purchases & Renewals	5,293	7,647
Service charge payable	11,146	18,089
Printing, postage and stationery	2,135	6,486
Telephone	6,244	7,320
Motor expenses	7,920	7,860
Staff Travel Costs	2,736	3,709
Legal and professional	-	19,209
Consultancy fees	6,205	72,885
Auditor's/Independent Examiner's remuneration	6,523	6,519
Bank charges	5,477	2,649
Provisions	25,283	40,496
Health & Safety	1,919	2,304
Fundraising & Activities	7,469	5,314
General expenses	1,748	1,596
Depreciation	51,338	57,768
	<u>1,119,707</u>	<u>1,473,440</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank interest paid	-	1,433
<b>Miscellaneous income</b>		
Amortisation of capital grants received	44,078	40,745
Bank interest	106	262
	<u>44,184</u>	<u>41,007</u>
<b>Net surplus</b>	<u><u>334,597</u></u>	<u><u>62,895</u></u>