

Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee
Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors	Stephen Peel Fiona Nolan (Resigned 24 February 2022) Andrew Lummis Mark Doris Una Mac Namara Vasudha Krishna Murthy (Appointed 10 March 2022) Rónán Kennedy (Resigned 24 February 2022)
Company Secretary	Una Mac Namara (Appointed 31 March 2022) Rónán Kennedy (Resigned 31 March 2022)
Charity Number	CHY 13328
Charities Regulatory Authority Number	20041182
Company Number	312131
Registered Office and Principal Address	North Tipperary Green Enterprise Park CloughJordan Tipperary Ireland
Auditors	Donal Ryan & Associates Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditor 34 Manor Street Dublin 7 D07FX33 Republic of Ireland
Bankers	AIB 52/53 Pearse Street Nenagh Co. Tipperary Ulster Bank Kickham Street Nenagh Tipperary Ireland Bank Of Ireland - Nenagh Mitchel Street Nenagh Tipperary E45 P528 Ireland

**Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

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 2022.

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 Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 2022.

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, the organisation has implemented many of 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

Incorporated in 1999, Sustainable Projects Ireland CLG (SPI) is a registered educational charity (number 20041182). The main object for which the Company was established was "to create and manage a sustainable village in Ireland".

The secondary object was that the Ecovillage would "serve as a model for sustainable living into the 21st century" and "serve as an education, enterprise, research and service resource for all". The company aims to "demonstrate a socially, economically and ecologically viable community that will promote its work and findings through a variety of media and educational programs developed by the company."

Buildings in the Ecovillage are built by members in line with an overall Master Plan design, and in line with an Ecological Charter.

The company also runs an extensive programme of educational and research activities, and promotes its work extensively through its staff and volunteers.

The subsidiary objects of the company are:

"to minimise pollution to the air, water and land; to demonstrate a new approach to rural regeneration; to maximise the potential for earning a living both inside and outside the village, by facilitating systems whereby people can create local and sustainable work; to provide for the cultural, artistic and non-material needs of the residents of the village and surrounding community."

Strategy

The Ecovillage's five-year Roadmap and Completion Plan 2021-2025 has five strategic and complementary goals: to complete Cloughjordan Ecovillage; to achieve material and financial sustainability; to deepen harmony with Nature; to model and promote sustainable community living; to promote community wellbeing.

Further to the relaxation of Covid restrictions, the year saw a steady return to on-site educational activities and the reinstatement of SPI's Education Officer in early 2022. The year ended strongly with 46 educational events held, involving over 1090 visitors on-site and 140 visitors attending online. In addition, over 16 academic studies were facilitated by the ecovillage for national and international research students.

This was also a particularly successful year in securing grant funding to share and develop SPI's educational offering in collaboration with other placed based centres of learning, with the aim of becoming globally recognised centres of excellence for immersive learning in sustainable living.

The Ecovillage Completion Plan focuses on completing the Ecovillage, with a view to fulfilling the company's obligations to its members and creditors. SPI secured planning permission in 2022 for completion of infrastructure works (excluding waste water treatment), a significant step forward in meeting planning conditions for future building.

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SPI's WWT team continued to investigate solutions to the waste water treatment issue and have been engaged in promising talks with Irish Water in the last quarter of 2022. The conclusion of these talks will feed into a revised strategic plan, for the completion of the Ecovillage, in 2023. The majority of workstreams in the Completion plan are dependent upon the resolution of the WWT issue and completion of infrastructure, however progress was also made towards resolving legacy issues relating to the foul sewer system and an adjoining property.

Members and friends of the Ecovillage increased work plans to develop, care for and support nature-based habitat, amenities and harvests. This year saw the completion of a new pond, additional maintenance of the orchards, planting for pollinators and the completion of the first biodiversity audit.

All of SPI licence holders continued to play a key partnership role in delivering the charity's objectives, from learning how to grow your own, to provision of local food for the local community (Community farm and RED Gardens), to the production of artistic and cultural nourishment and entertainment for Cloughjordan and further afield (Cloughjordan Arts Amphitheatre) and sporting facilities for the local community (Cloughjordan Soccer club).

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Sustainable Projects Ireland members generally meet on a monthly basis. SPI aims to share out responsibilities amongst its members and, apart from the Board, volunteer working groups and core staff continue to fulfil critical functions including Landuse; Education, Research and Training; Process; and Coordination.

The Board of Sustainable Projects Ireland makes decisions based on its legal duties as Company Directors and Charity Trustees, and reports regularly to the company's membership. The Board has a number of subcommittees who report regularly to it.

SPI CLG works alongside Cloughjordan Ecovillage Service Company CLG, which provides estate management services such as operation of the wastewater treatment plant and district heating system to the Ecovillage.

SPI employs an Education Officer and a Finance Officer, who report to the board on a monthly basis. A Roadmap Manager, working under contract on a no fee basis, also reports to the board.

The Company issues licences to other entities to use the Charity's assets to help fulfil its aims. In 2022, these included: Cloughjordan Arts, Black Gardens, Scouts, Cloughjordan Community Farm, the RED Gardens, and Cloughjordan Junior FC.

Governance

The composition of the SPI board changed over the course of 2022, with addition of a new Director shortly before the departures of the Co. Secretary and Chair of the Board. A new company secretary was appointed in 2022.

The Governance Sub-Committee worked closely with the Board to take further steps to ensure the company was in line with company and charity regulations. The company continued to work with an external expert to help with fulfilling these requirements in a timely manner.

Finance

SPI completed the year in a stable financial position, with continued creditor backing for the strategic plan. Operational income and expenditure remain balanced, with an amount currently withheld for the purpose of supporting delivery of the Ecovillage Completion Plan. A strategic review of the Completion Plan is underway pending outcomes of talks with Irish Water and the legal litigation issue relating to a neighbouring property. It is anticipated that revisions to the completion plan will be proposed mid 2023 and resume thereafter subject to company and creditor backing.

Legal Issues

Work continued in 2022 on seeking a mutually-satisfactory resolution of a legal litigation issue relating to a neighbouring property.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 13 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 €1,606,261 (2021 - €1,633,697) and liabilities of €1,165,731 (2021 - €1,151,508). The net assets of the charity have decreased by €(41,659).

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The completion of the Ecovillage is largely contingent on the provision of a wastewater treatment connection for the next phase of development. Failure to provide this facility is a principal risk to the strategy and business plan and the board of SPI is fully engaged with all relevant bodies and authorities to work towards bringing about a solution.

Directors and Secretary

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

Stephen Peel
Fiona Nolan (Resigned 24 February 2022)
Andrew Lummis
Mark Doris
Una Mac Namara
Vasudha Krishna Murthy (Appointed 10 March 2022)
Rónán Kennedy (Resigned 24 February 2022)

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

The secretaries who served during the financial year were;

Una Mac Namara (Appointed 31 March 2022)
Rónán Kennedy (Resigned 31 March 2022)

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee subscribes to and in the case of SORP (the Statement of Recommended Practice) the organisation has implemented many of its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements:

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

Post-Balance Events

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

Government Department Circulars

Sustainable Projects Ireland CLG is compliant with the following circulars:- Circular:44/2006 "Tax Clearance Procedures Grants, subsidies and Similar Type Payments" and DPE 022/05/2013 Circular: 13/2014 'Management of and Accountability for Grants from Exchequer Funds'.

Auditor

The auditor, Donal Ryan & Associates, (Chartered Certified Accountants) has indicated his 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 North Tipperary Green Enterprise Park, Cloughjordan, Tipperary.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 8 June 2023 and Signed on Its Behalf by:



Andrew Lummis
Director



Una Mac Namara
Director

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

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", applying Section 1A of that Standard, 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;
- 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 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.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 8 June 2023 and Signed on Its Behalf by:



Andrew Lummis
Director



Una Mac Namara
Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the charity financial statements of Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at 31 December 2022 and of its deficit 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

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. My responsibilities under those standards are described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 4 to the financial statements, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

In auditing the financial statements, I 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 I have performed, I 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.

My 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 my Auditor's Report thereon. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

My responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am 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 I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on Other Matters Prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, I 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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee

Matters on Which I Am Required to Report by Exception

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

Respective Responsibilities

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, 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

My 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 my 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 My Responsibilities As Auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my 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 I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
to the Members of Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee

The Purpose of My Audit Work and to Whom I Owe My Responsibilities

My report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. My audit work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's members those matters I am required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for my audit work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Donal Ryan FCCA AITI
For and on Behalf of
DONAL RYAN & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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Republic of Ireland

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 €	Restricted Funds 2022 €	Total 2022 €	Unrestricted Funds 2021 €	Restricted Funds 2021 €	Total 2021 €
Income							
Donations and legacies	5.1	1,725	2,000	3,725	6,092	-	6,092
Charitable activities	5.2	-	60,845	60,845	-	34,399	34,399
Other income	5.3	54,016	-	54,016	32,193	-	32,193
Total Income		55,741	62,845	118,586	38,285	34,399	72,684
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	6.1	48,503	53,882	102,385	28,731	34,399	63,130
Other expenditure	6.2	57,860	-	57,860	54,368	-	54,368
Total Expenditure		106,363	53,882	160,245	83,099	34,399	117,498
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(50,622)	8,963	(41,659)	(44,814)	-	(44,814)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds for the Financial Year		(50,622)	8,963	(41,659)	(44,814)	-	(44,814)
Reconciliation of Funds							
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2022		482,189	-	482,189	527,003	-	527,003
Balances Carried Forward at 31 December 2022		431,567	8,963	440,530	482,189	-	482,189

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 8 June 2023 and Signed on Its Behalf by:



Andrew Lummis
Director



Una Mac Namara
Director

Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	11	530,598	584,276
Current Assets			
Stocks	12	465,815	464,105
Debtors	13	17,616	578,531
Cash at bank and in hand		592,232	6,785
		1,075,663	1,049,421
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year	14	(375,731)	(361,508)
Net Current Assets		699,932	687,913
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		1,230,530	1,272,189
Creditors			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(790,000)	(790,000)
Net Assets		440,530	482,189
Funds			
Restricted funds		8,963	-
General fund (unrestricted)		431,567	482,189
Total Funds		440,530	482,189

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 8 June 2023 and Signed on Its Behalf by:



Andrew Lummis
Director



Una Mac Namara
Director

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net movement in funds		(41,659)	(44,814)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		53,678	53,678
Interest receivable and similar income		(40)	-
Interest payable and similar expenses		927	9,793
		<u>12,906</u>	<u>18,657</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in stocks		(1,710)	(44,680)
Movement in debtors		560,915	218,482
Movement in creditors		14,223	(136,642)
		<u>586,334</u>	<u>55,817</u>
Cash generated from operations		586,334	55,817
Interest paid		(927)	(9,793)
		<u>585,407</u>	<u>46,024</u>
Cash generated from operations		585,407	46,024
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Interest received		40	-
		<u>40</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Loan payment		-	167,394
		<u>-</u>	<u>167,394</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		585,447	(121,370)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 1 January 2022		6,785	128,155
		<u>6,785</u>	<u>128,155</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 31 December 2022	20	592,232	6,785
		<u><u>592,232</u></u>	<u><u>6,785</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The registered office of the company is North Tipperary Green Enterprise Park, Cloughjordan, Tipperary, Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company.

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 on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015)", Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014 and "The Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015)".

As permitted by the Companies Act 2014, the company 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.

Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

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.

Incoming Resources

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.

Resources Expended

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 not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned 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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for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

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

Agricultural Land	-	No depreciation
District Heating Plant & Community Building	-	Over 15 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Land (woodland/farmland) is not depreciated and is carried at a valuation.

Inventories

Development Cost - Work in Progress

Development land is included at cost and all other related infrastructural costs are at invoiced amounts exclusive of VAT. Interest costs on borrowings and legal fees relating to the development were included as incurred up to the time of completion of the infrastructural works.

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 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.

Sustainable Projects Ireland CLG has been granted Charitable Tax Exemption under Section 207 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997

Grants Receivable

Capital grants received and receivable are treated as deferred income and amortised to the Income and Expenditure Account annually over the useful economic life of the asset to which it relates. Revenue grants are credited to the Income and Expenditure Account when received.

3. GOING CONCERN

The directors have reviewed the current financial and economic environment in which the company now operates. The company has the support of its current lenders. The directors are of the view that the company on that basis and their assessment of planned future site sales consider appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

4. PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR AUDITS OF SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other charitable companies of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

5. INCOME

5.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
	€	€	€	€
Donations and legacies	1,725	2,000	3,725	6,092

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5.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2022 €	2021 €	
Irish Environmental Network (IEN) Funding	-	35,989	35,989	25,920	
Other grants	-	6,213	6,213	2,000	
iACT (Action for Community Transition)	-	18,643	18,643	6,479	
	<u>-</u>	<u>60,845</u>	<u>60,845</u>	<u>34,399</u>	
	<u>-</u>	<u>60,845</u>	<u>60,845</u>	<u>34,399</u>	
5.3 OTHER INCOME	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2022 €	2021 €	
Other income	40	-	40	-	
Rechargeable	294	-	294	2,204	
Licence fees	1,910	-	1,910	-	
Settlement	-	-	-	240	
Subscriptions	7,625	-	7,625	9,000	
Educational	42,227	-	42,227	17,206	
Rent Receivable	1,920	-	1,920	3,543	
	<u>54,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,016</u>	<u>32,193</u>	
	<u>54,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,016</u>	<u>32,193</u>	
6. EXPENDITURE					
6.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs €	Other Costs €	Support Costs €	2022 €	2021 €
Staff Costs	22,701	-	-	22,701	9,341
Legal & Professional Fees	23,298	-	-	23,298	15,232
Accountancy & Payroll	-	-	-	-	45
Office Costs	1,850	-	-	1,850	1,766
Insurance	9,350	-	-	9,350	9,720
Repairs and maintenance	9,461	-	-	9,461	13,530
Education expenses	30,310	-	-	30,310	6,479
Rent payable	-	-	1,615	1,615	1,800
Travelling and Meetings	-	-	-	-	1,417
Governance Costs (Note 6.3)	-	-	3,800	3,800	3,800
	<u>96,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,415</u>	<u>102,385</u>	<u>63,130</u>
	<u>96,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,415</u>	<u>102,385</u>	<u>63,130</u>
6.2 OTHER EXPENDITURE	Direct Costs €	Other Costs €	Support Costs €	2022 €	2021 €
Interest payable	927	-	-	927	9,793
Bank charges	173	-	-	173	260
Bad debts	1,132	-	-	1,132	-
Write-off	1,950	-	-	1,950	(9,363)
Depreciation	53,678	-	-	53,678	53,678
	<u>57,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,860</u>	<u>54,368</u>
	<u>57,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,860</u>	<u>54,368</u>

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6.3 GOVERNANCE COSTS	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2022	2021
	€	€	€	€	€
Audit fee	-	-	3,800	3,800	3,800
6.4 SUPPORT COSTS		Charitable Activities	Governance Costs	2022	2021
		€	€	€	€
Audit		-	3,800	3,800	3,800
Rent payable		1,615	-	1,615	1,800
Accountancy & Payroll		-	-	-	45
		1,615	3,800	5,415	5,645
7. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS				2022	2021
				€	€
Audit				3,800	3,800
Rent payable				1,615	1,800
Accountancy & Payroll				-	45
				5,415	5,645
8. NET INCOME				2022	2021
				€	€
Net Income Is Stated After Charging/(Crediting):					
Depreciation of tangible assets				53,678	53,678
Auditor's remuneration:					
- audit services				3,800	3,800
9. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES				2022	2021
				€	€
On bank loans and overdrafts				927	9,793

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10. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of Employees

The company does not have any employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period exceed €60,000 and the company does not make any employer pension contributions for employees, therefore no table has been prepared to accompany the report as otherwise required under DPE 022/05/2013 Circular: 13/2014.

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Staff	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
The staff costs comprise:	2022	2021
	€	€
Wages and salaries	20,865	8,580
Social security costs	1,836	761
	<u>22,701</u>	<u>9,341</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Agricultural Land	District Heating Plant & Community Building	Total
	€	€	€
Cost			
At 31 December 2022	360,000	805,165	1,165,165
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	-	580,889	580,889
Charge for the financial year	-	53,678	53,678
At 31 December 2022	-	634,567	634,567
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2022	<u>360,000</u>	<u>170,598</u>	<u>530,598</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>360,000</u>	<u>224,276</u>	<u>584,276</u>

Land (67 acres) was acquired in July 2005 for €975,000. Part of the land (22 acres) has been zoned development and is included under work-in-progress. The land was professionally valued by an independent firm of professional valuers in December 2006 and the revalued amount of €800,000 in respect of agricultural land was included. The purchase cost apportioned to the agricultural land was €652,500 and the revaluation surplus was therefore €147,500. In 2012 the land was revalued by an independent firm of professional valuers at €652,500 approx. On September 2015 the land was revalued by an independent firm of professional valuers at €360,000 based on the agricultural land only which is reflected in these financial statements.

The board are in discussions to transfer the district heating system and common areas to a management company. It is understood that this transfer will be made at a nominal cost to the management company. This proposed transfer would reduce the DHS assets of the company by €224,276 and a defined quantity of land yet to be determined will also transfer. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if the board approves this transfer. Depreciation of district heating plant commenced in 2011.

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12. STOCKS	2022	2021
	€	€
Development Land WIP	465,815	464,105

Stocks (non trading) - Development costs - Work-in-Progress is comprised of development land at cost of €322,500 together with infrastructural development costs incurred to date. Development costs comprise groundwork, architects' fees, engineering and other professional fees etc. Cumulative interest of €271,151 to 31 December 2009 (end of infrastructural works) on borrowings was included in development costs. Costs have been released to Cost of Sales in line with site sales to date. The company obtained an independent professional valuation of its unsold sites in a report dated 25th March 2013. The valuation was € 2,500,000. The company obtained a second independent professional valuation of its unsold sites in a report dated 5th February 2016. The valuation was €2,131,213. In 2021, the company contracted consultants in public lighting and wastewater treatment: this increased the Works in Progress by €44,680. On the current year, was contracted consultancy input for urine diversion questions raised for sewage treatment planning process at costs of €480, also, a ethical flow design appraisal at costs of €500, and excavation on street lighting infrastructure at costs of €730.

13. DEBTORS	2022	2021
	€	€
Trade debtors	8,560	8,167
Other debtors	244	562,615
Taxation and social security costs	1,258	195
Prepayments	7,554	7,554
	17,616	578,531

14. CREDITORS	2022	2021
Amounts Falling Due within One Year	€	€
Amounts owed to credit institutions		
Member's loan stock and interest - unsecured	196,980	196,980
Trade creditors	2,091	2,996
Taxation and social security costs	204	76
DHS Kits and Leargas Refund	88,009	88,009
Accruals	73,447	73,447
Deferred Income	15,000	-
	375,731	361,508

Allied Irish Banks Plc held a mortgage debenture over Cloughjordan, Tipperary Folio No 45933F in respect of borrowing facilities provided. In July 2013 the terms of the loan agreement were changed. A revised loan facility was agreed in the sum of €245,000 repayable in monthly instalments over 10 years. This loan was paid off in late 2021, and the deeds are due to be released in early 2022.

15. CREDITORS	2022	2021
Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year	€	€
Amounts owed to credit institutions		
Loan from ethical investor - secured	790,000	790,000
	790,000	790,000
Repayable in one year or less, or on demand (Note 14)	196,980	196,980
Repayable between one and two years	790,000	790,000
	986,980	986,980

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16. State Funding

Agency	Irish Environmental Network - Ien
Government Department	Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment
Grant Programme	Support programme for Environmental NGOs
Purpose of the Grant	Practical conservation work, campaigning, lobbying and raising public awareness of environmental and conservation needs
Term	Expires 31 December 2022
Total Fund	€50,989
Expenditure	€50,989
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	€0
Received in the financial year	31 December 2022
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	As per agreement.

17. RESERVES

	2022	2021
	€	€
At 1 January 2022	482,189	527,003
Deficit for the financial year	(41,659)	(44,814)
At 31 December 2022	<u>440,530</u>	<u>482,189</u>

18. 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 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 € 2.

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19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In Dec 2021 the board resubmitted to Tipperary County Council a site resolution plan (now called the scope of works) that seeks to address the completion of the works as specified in the letter of 2013 from Tipperary County Council. Planning approval was received for these in 2022. A planning application for a wastewater treatment system, was made to Tipperary County Council in March 2019 in response to which the Council issued a comprehensive Further Information Request. Sustainable Projects Ireland continue to work closely with Irish Water and other key stakeholders to progress a waste water treatment solution.

(i) Certain grants received to date could become repayable if conditions set out in the grant agreements are not adhered to.

(ii) When planning permission was granted for the development, the planning authority attached a condition requiring the lodgement of a cash sum or an insurance company bond which would be called upon to carry out any works required in the event of Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee failing to complete the development to the required standard. Such bonds generally take the form of financial guarantees (a development bond, cash deposit or other such financial security) that planning obligations will be met and that such infrastructural elements of the development including roads, open spaces, car parking, sewers, surface water drains, water mains, public lighting and, or other public facilities will be satisfactorily completed. It is a standard procedure for developers, under the terms of planning permissions. Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee obtained a bond, in compliance with the planning authority condition, from Quinn Insurance Ltd, now known as Liberty Insurance Limited for an Insurance Bond to the value of €750,000. On 13 August 2013, Liberty Insurance Limited informed Sustainable Projects Ireland company Limited by Guarantee that Tipperary County Council had notified the insurers that the Council sought to claim on the Bond for the completion of certain works contained in the grant of planning permission. The board recently resubmitted to Tipperary County Council a site resolution plan (now called the scope of works) that seeks to address the completion of the works as specified in the letter of 2013 from Tipperary County Council. An application for planning for a reed bed treatment plant, was made to Tipperary County Council in March 2019, as part of this scope of works. The Council issued a comprehensive Further Information Request and subsequent to meetings with the Council and field professionals, Sustainable Projects Ireland is taking steps to make a new application once investigations are complete.

(iii) In April 2013 Sustainable Projects Ireland CLG received notice of a claim for damages alleged to have been caused to an adjacent property during the development phase of the project. This matter is being actively dealt with by the company's legal advisors.

(iv) As specified in the planning permission for the Ecovillage, Sustainable Projects Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee established a service company, Cloughjordan Ecovillage Service Company CLG, to manage the services for the estate. Specified assets agreed between the two companies need to be transferred from Sustainable Projects Ireland CLG to Cloughjordan Ecovillage Service Company CLG. Legal costs will arise in relation to this transfer. Certain costs in relation to the condition of the assets may also arise as part of the transfer liabilities process

(v) A number of historic non-refundable deposits on sales may be accepted as part payment for site purchases subject to agreement by the board.

(vi) Sustainable Projects Ireland Company CLG is in negotiation with Cloughjordan Ecovillage Service Company CLG in relation to management and heating charges. Any liability associated with this has yet to be fully determined.

20. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2022	2021
	€	€
Cash and bank balances	592,232	6,785

21. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

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

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22. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on

8 June 2023

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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NOT COVERED BY THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

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	2022 €	2021 €
Income		
Donations	3,725	6,092
Subscriptions	7,625	9,000
Educational	42,227	17,206
Rent Receivable	1,920	3,543
Other Income	2,204	2,204
Irish Environmental Network (IEN) Funding	35,989	25,920
iACT (Action for Community Transition)	18,643	6,479
Other Grants	6,213	2,000
Other income	-	240
	<u>118,546</u>	<u>72,684</u>
Cost of Generating Funds		
Opening stock	464,105	419,425
Direct costs	1,710	44,680
	<u>465,815</u>	<u>464,105</u>
Closing stock	(465,815)	(464,105)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Gross Surplus	<u>118,546</u>	<u>72,684</u>
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	20,865	8,580
Social security costs	1,836	761
Education Expenses	30,310	6,479
Rent payable	1,615	1,800
Insurance	9,350	9,720
Light and heat	547	535
Repairs and maintenance	9,461	13,530
Office expenses	1,167	253
Advertising	106	-
Computer costs	-	523
Travelling and entertainment	-	1,417
Legal and professional	23,298	15,232
Accountancy	-	45
Auditor's/Independent Examiner's remuneration	3,800	3,800
Bank charges	173	260
Bad debts	1,132	-
Write-off Bad Debts	-	(9,363)
General expenses	1,829	-
Subscriptions	151	455
Depreciation	53,678	53,678
	<u>159,318</u>	<u>107,705</u>
Finance		
Bank interest paid	<u>927</u>	<u>9,793</u>

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	2022 €	2021 €
Miscellaneous Income		
Other interest	40	-
Net Deficit	<u>(41,659)</u>	<u>(44,814)</u>