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THE IRISH METHODIST MINISTERS HOUSING SOCIETY LIMITED

COMMITTEE REPORT

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Members of the Committee	Mr Thomas H Millar I (Chairman) Mr David W Best (Resigned 30 June 2024) Mr David Smyth Mrs Margaret D Copeland Mr Ivor Moffitt Mr Thomas G Fitzpatrick Mrs Jennifer P Stutt Mr John A F Hutchinson Rev John M Sweeney Mr David E Ferguson
Treasurer	Mr G Lester Wood
Secretary	Mr Ivor Moffitt
Company number	IP000107
Registered office	3 Hillcrest Pond Park Road Lisburn BT28 3LJ
Auditors	Rogan Accountancy Limited Sketrick House Jubilee Road Newtownards BT23 4YH
Bankers	Danske Bank Donegall Square West Belfast BT1 6JS

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COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The members of the committee present their report and financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Legal Status & Governance Arrangements

The Irish Methodist Ministers Housing Society Limited is a company limited by guarantee and is registered as a charity with the Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Reference Number XN45794). The society is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and it is a registered charity, regulated by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Registered Charity number NIC105727), and the Financial Conduct Authority. It is not for profit and is limited by guarantee.

The Board of Directors meet twice a year with ongoing, less formal, communications throughout the year. The Board is further supported by sub-committees including the Executive Committee and the Applications Committee which meet as and when required. The Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing all policies and procedures and making reports and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Directors are drawn from a wide range of backgrounds and skill sets, and are reappointed on a three-year rotation basis.

Objectives of The Irish Methodist Ministers Housing Society Limited

The company was established in order to provide housing for retired Methodist ministers and their widows, of limited means. Our portfolio currently consists of 31 properties, 28 of which are occupied by ministers and their families, three properties are let to others in the general public population.

Private tenants are thoroughly assessed for reliability and affordability.

Activities During 2023/24

The company continued to provide housing for retired Methodist ministers and their widows.

During the year two properties were sold.

Normal repairs on the property portfolio and routine inspections resumed, with reports prepared for each property.

All committee meetings were held via Zoom this year and we are delighted that our members embraced new technologies to ensure the continued effective governance and safeguarding of the Society and its activities.

Financial Controls

The members of the committee feel that there are sufficient financial controls in the company to allow it to operate effectively. The reporting requirements for each funder are maintained and controlled effectively. Financial performance is scrutinised by the Board and the external auditors. Internal controls include expenditure authorisation by two signatories. Capital is safeguarded by our Investment Policy which was approved in December 2021 and are reviewed regularly.

Reserves Policy & Going Concern

All of the Society's funds are considered to be unrestricted within the purposes of providing housing for retired Methodist ministers and their widows as laid out in the Memorandum and Articles. Surplus generated are taken to reserves. Based on our robust reserves policy and understanding of current market conditions and external factors, the Board has a reasonable expectation that the Society has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Risk Review

The Board of Directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. Meetings of the Board have recurrent agenda items which include review of the Risk Register.

Financial Performance

The surplus for the year was £282,847. Capital value at the year end totalled £3,937,829 consisting of £14 share capital and £3,937,815 in revenue which is invested in a combination of properties and longer term investments.

The members of the committee

The members of the committee of the company are noted on page 1.

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Responsibilities of the Committee

Industrial and Provident Society law requires the committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year of the incoming and outgoing resources for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the committee is required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent. The committee must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.

The committee is 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.

Auditors

A resolution to reappoint Rogan Accountancy Limited as auditors of the Society will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting

Approved by the committee on: 10 December 2024

Thomas H Millar

T H Millar MBE
Chairman

Independent auditor's report to the members of The Irish Methodist Ministers Housing Society Limited for the year ended 30 September 2024

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of The Irish Methodist Ministers Housing Society Limited ("the Society") for the year ended 30th September 2024 which comprise the Revenue Account, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Society's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Society's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Society and the Society's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 30th September 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (previously the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and the provisions available for small entities 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the committee has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Society's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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The committee is 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 we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (previously the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the Society has not kept proper books of account, and not maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions, in accordance with the requirements of the legislation; or
- the revenue account, any other accounts to which our report relates, and the balance sheet are not in agreement with the Society's books of account; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the Committee

As explained more fully in the committee's responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the committee of management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as it determines 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 committee of management is responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee of management either intends to liquidate the Society 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 (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

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- 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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee of management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee of management's 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 Society'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 Society 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.



Imelda Rogan FCA

Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of
Rogan Accountancy
Chartered Accountants
Newtownards

10 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (SoCI) - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	2	85,939	77,741
Operating Costs	2	61,481	61,288
Operating surplus/(deficit)	2	24,458	16,453
Interest and dividends receivable	3	43,989	18,041
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		214,100	250,942
Other income	2	300	50,300
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation		282,847	335,736
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	5	-	-
Surplus on ordinary activities after taxation		282,847	335,736
Surplus for the year transferred to reserves	10	282,847	335,736
Opening reserves	10	3,654,968	3,316,232
Closing reserves	10	3,937,815	3,654,968

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year ended 30 September 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Revenue Reserves		
Opening Reserves	3,654,968	3,319,232
Surplus for the year	282,847	335,736
Closing reserves	3,937,815	3,654,968
Share Capital		
Opening Share Capital	14	14
Change in Share Capital	-	-
Closing Share Capital	14	14
Total Equity	3,937,829	3,654,982

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (SoFP) - BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	2,498,535	2,625,605
Investments	7	436,056	336,056
		<u>2,934,591</u>	<u>2,961,661</u>
Current assets			
Bank	8	1,021,806	710,886
Debtors & Prepayments		-	1,004
		<u>1,021,806</u>	<u>711,890</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors and provisions	9	18,568	18,568
Loans	9	-	-
		<u>18,568</u>	<u>18,568</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>1,003,238</u>	<u>693,322</u>
Long term liabilities		-	-
Loans	9	-	-
Net assets		<u>3,937,829</u>	<u>3,654,982</u>
Represented by			
Share capital	11	14	14
Reserves	10	3,937,815	3,654,968
		<u>3,937,829</u>	<u>3,654,982</u>

Thomas H. Millar

Mr T H Millar MBE Chairperson

Ivan Moffitt

Mr I Moffitt Secretary

Mr I Moffitt



Mr L Wood Board Member

Date: 10 December 2024

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial and Provident Society legislation.

Incoming resources

Income has been recorded on a cash receipts basis. All income is considered to be unrestricted in nature to be used for the purposes of the company's overall objectives as disclosed in the committee annual report on page 2.

Expenditure

Expenditure has been recorded on a cash basis.

Tangible Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are recorded at their historic cost. Properties have not been depreciated since they are considered to have a long useful economic life and any depreciation charged would be immaterial. The properties are held on long leasehold. The committee undertakes an annual impairment review.

Investments

Investments have been recorded at their historic cost which is exceeded by their market value. The committee considers this treatment to be appropriate because the investments are held as long term fixed assets with no intention to sell in the foreseeable future.

Provisions

Over the years a provision for repairs and maintenance has gradually been established to deal with any unforeseen material levels of damage to the property portfolio. No increase to the provision was deemed necessary in the current year.

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Note 2 Turnover, operating surplus and surplus before taxation

Income and expenditure from lettings

	Turnover	Operating costs	Operating surplus	Other income	Interest	Dividend	Surplus before taxation
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Housing Accommodation	85,939	61,481	24,458				24,458
Other income							
Donations and Bequests				300			300
Interest receivable					32,859		32,859
Dividend						11,130	11,130
Profit on sale of assets				214,100			214,100
Surplus/(deficit) for the year before taxation			24,458	214,400	32,859	11,130	282,847

	2024		2023	
	Turnover £	Operating costs £	Turnover £	Operating costs £
Turnover from lettings	85,939		77,741	
	85,939		77,741	
Operating costs				
Ground Rent and Rates		3,114		4,144
Repairs and maintenance		29,699		35,591
Agent management expenses		9,122		7,872
Audit fee		1,020		1,020
Insurance		9,866		8,815
Bank charge		9		9
IT costs		1,642		92
Printing, postage & stationery		-		-
Legal and professional fees		4,448		957
Sundries		2,560		2,787
		61,481		61,288

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Note 3 Interest Receivable

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest from investments	13,068	3,262
Danske Bank current account interest	182	317
Methodist Trustees Investment Fund interest	11,130	8,858
Epworth Affirmative deposit fund interest	19,609	5,604
	<u>43,989</u>	<u>18,041</u>

Notes 4 Management emoluments and employees

There was no remuneration paid to the management committee of the Society
The Society does not have paid employees. All work for the Society performed by Board members in their personal capacity is performed on a voluntary basis.

Notes 5 Taxation

No provision for current or deferred taxation is necessary due to the charitable status of the Society

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Notes 6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Land and Buildings

	£
Cost as at 1 October 2023	2,960,584
Additions	-
Disposals	118,000
Cost as at 30 September 2024	2,842,584
Equity shares as at 1 October 2023	334,979
Equity shares taken in year	9,070
Equity shares returned in year	-
Equity shares as at 30 September 2024	344,049
Cost of shares owned by company at 30 September 2024	2,498,535

Investments

Investments have been carried at cost in the balance sheet as they are considered to be fixed asset investments. The investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity. There were no additions or disposals during the year. Market value at the year end was £377,354.

	No. Units	Cost (£)
Units held at 30 September 2023	323,520	336,056
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Units held at 30 September 2024	323,520	336,056
Amount Invested and Uncleared at Year End		100,000
Total Cost of Investment at 30 September 2024		<u>436,056</u>

Bank	2024	2023
Danske Bank Current Account	99,393	18,524
Epworth Affirmative Deposit Funds	536,561	349,576
Deposit Accounts	294,178	282,295
Investment Accounts	91,674	60,490
	<u>1,021,806</u>	<u>710,886</u>

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Notes 9 Creditors

Provision for repairs

	£
Balance at 1 October 2023	18,568
Increase in provision	-
Balance at 30 September 2024	<u>18,568</u>

Notes 10 Reserves

Opening reserves	3,654,968
Surplus for year	282,847
Closing reserves	<u>3,937,815</u>

Notes 11 Share Capital

Opening share capital	14
Closing share capital	<u>14</u>

Notes 12 Related Party Transactions

David Smyth, a member of the Committee, is a partner in MacFarlane & Smyth Estate Agents, a firm which provides property management services to the Society. Services are provided on normal commercial terms. During the year the Society paid property management fees totalling £9,122 to MacFarlane & Smyth Estate Agents. At the year end £nil was owed.

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Revenue Account

Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent	85,939	77,741
Methodist Trustees Investment Fund interest	11,130	8,858
Epworth Affirmative deposit fund interest	19,609	5,604
Danske Bank current account interest	182	317
Donations	300	50,300
Interest on deposit accounts	13,068	3,262
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	214,100	250,942
	<u>344,328</u>	<u>397,024</u>

Expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Ground Rent and Rates	3,115	4,144
Repairs and maintenance	29,699	35,591
Agent management expenses	9,122	7,872
Audit fee	1,020	1,020
Insurance	9,866	8,815
Bank charge	9	9
Legal and professional fees	4,448	957
Stationery and computer costs	1,642	92
Hospitality and gifts	-	35
Sundries	2,560	2,752
	<u>61,481</u>	<u>61,288</u>

Surplus for year transferred to reserves	<u>282,847</u>	<u>335,736</u>
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