



**2023 Annual General Meeting**

**Director Biographies**

## **DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Aidan Dunning (Chairman)**

Aidan was elected Chair of Life Credit Union (LCU) in January 2022. He is a native and life-long resident of Newbridge. He has served on the Board of LCU since 2015 and was Vice Chair from 2018 to 2022. Aidan has served on all the key Committees of LCU, including Audit and Risk, Finance and Strategy, Nominations and Remuneration. He is a retired Civil Servant having served at a Senior Level in a number of Government Departments, including as Secretary General of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (2007-2013)

### **Frank Murphy (Vice Chair) – Standing for Re-election**

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### **Michael P Kelly (Secretary)**

Michael is the former CEO of the County Carlow Enterprise Board and now a director of a number of private companies. Michael also served as the Economic and Commercial Attaché in the Irish Embassy in London. Michael's public service career included service at the Department of Industry and Commerce and as an Executive in the Registry of Friendly Societies. Michael brings to the Board lifelong business experience, as well as deep experience of good governance practices.

### **John Murphy - Retiring by Rotation**

John is originally from Galway and has lived in Naas since 1979. He has worked in Kildare Co Council for 28 years as a Civil Engineer where he managed major construction projects including the financial aspects. He retired from Kildare Co Council in 2006. He has been a director of the Credit Union since 2014.

### **Eilis Quinlan**

Eilis Quinlan FCCA, Dip IoD , C Dir. Qualified Accountant & Registered Auditor, Chartered Director.

Eilis worked in practice until starting her own award-winning firm in 1992. She is a Chartered Director, holds a Certificate in Computing from DCU and is a member of MENSA. She also trained as a Commercial Mediator. Eilis sits on the National council of ISME, is a member of the ACCA Global Forum for SME's and in 2012 Eilis was appointed as the ACCA representative to the FEE SMP (Accountancy Europe) in Brussels. Eilis' main expertise lies in all areas of cross-border tax planning and SME development. She sits as Non-executive Director on some Charity Boards. Before accountancy Eilis played the cello in a couple of Orchestras and was Amateur National Show jumping Champion. Her interests include show jumping, cooking, travel, theatre, and classical music.

### **Mary Fox**

Mary Fox is a retired Senior General Manager and Director with extensive experience in Operations, HR, Change Management and Sales. Mary has held management roles in Kerry Foods, Aurivo Co-Op, Queally Group and Rathwood Home & Garden World. She has been a non-executive director of the National Dairy Council and the National Dairies Association. Mary is originally from Wicklow, having lived in Canada, Sligo, Leitrim, and is now living happily in Kildare. Mary strongly believes in the Credit Union movement and has been a Credit Union member for over 30 years.

### **Daithi Galvin**

Daithi has over 20 years' experience as a retail manager, working for such companies as GameStop, Starbucks, Woodies and, currently, Screwfix. In 2019 Daithi returned to part-time education to study the QFA modules and currently holds APAs in Loans, Pensions, Savings & Investments and Life

Assurance. Originally from Waterford, Daithi moved to Newbridge in 2013, having also lived in London for 10 years. He is an avid photographer and can regularly be found flying stunt and power kites on the Curragh plains.

#### **Julie Lanigan**

Julie Lanigan, is an Internal Audit Manager with PwC Ireland. Prior to joining PwC, she worked in Internal Audit in Bank of Ireland in both Dublin and London. Julie is a member of the Institute of Banking and the Compliance Institute and holds qualifications in Risk Management, Compliance and Financial Advice. She has a Bachelor of Business from the University of Limerick and a Masters in Accounting and Finance from Griffith College. Julie lives in Maynooth but is originally from Kilkenny and has a keen interest in Tennis, Hurling, Running and Hiking having hiked to the top of Kilimanjaro and Everest Base Camp.

#### **Brid O'Brien**

Brid O'Brien is a Senior HR leader with extensive experience in building and leading profitable teams, managing organizational transformation and partnering with business leaders to optimize performance. She is founder & MD of Albatel, HR, Recruitment & Payroll outsourcing consultancy. She has over 25 years of national and international experience, and she has a track record of providing organisational and people solutions at the highest levels in telecommunications, utilities, software & FMCG. Prior to founding Albatel, Brid spent several years in leadership roles with GE, Meteor Mobile Communications, Britvic plc., and Actavo. Brid holds a BA and MA in Human Resource Management and European Law, Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting (ACCA), successfully completed the Institute of Directors Chartered Director Programme and is a fully accredited Executive Coach. Previous Board Experience includes Chairperson of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, Ireland (CIPD), Board Member of CIPD UK, Irish representative on the Board of the European Association of Personnel Management (EAPM) and Britvic Ireland Limited.

#### **Jo Coy (Board Oversight) - Resignation**

Jo, a native of South Wicklow, has lived in Naas for over 40 years and joined the Board Oversight Committee in December 2016. Now retired following a successful career as a Sales Administration Manager on both the European and Irish markets she volunteers with a number of community organisations in Naas. She was Group Leader of Naas Scouts for 25 years and was involved in rebuilding the old Scout Den and creating the largest Scout Group in Ireland. She is still a Scout Leader with the Group. She is also very involved with Naas Parish. Jo is a member of Killeen Golf Club and also enjoys walking and reading and spending time with family and friends.

#### **Tony Burke (Board Oversight)**

Tony has been involved with the credit union for over 48 years. He served on the Board of Directors for many years and has served on various committees. He has enjoyed his time with the credit union and watching it grow to the great organisation it is today. Tony was on the Supervisory committee for several years and is now currently the Secretary of the Board Oversight committee.

## **Elections – Board of Directors**

### **Frank Murphy (Vice Chair) – Standing for Re-election**

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### **Cathal Kelly – Standing for Election**

Cathal is currently the Director of operations for KDP Newbridge Ireland (Keurig Dr Pepper group) responsible for the safe start-up of their new manufacturing site in Newbridge, developing site strategy and strong teams across several functions. Cathal holds a degree in Electrical Engineering and an Honors degree in Business. He has experience in Management, Finance, Operations & Supply chain - in several different industries including food, Semiconductor, Beverage, and high-volume manufacturing. He plans to start an MBA (Finance or Leadership) this year! Cathal is originally from Dublin, but has been living in Newbridge for 25 years. He's married to Kristine and has 4 children.

## **Elections – Board Oversight Committee**

### **Gareth Conway - Standing for Election**

Gareth comes from a Legal, Privacy and Compliance background having worked as a self-employed consultant across a broad variety of industries including Banking, Technology and Pharma. Gareth holds qualifications from The Institute of Bankers, The Compliance Institute, Prince2 and The International Association of Privacy Professionals among others. From Dublin originally his now a resident of Kildare for over 14 years and considers himself a Lilly White. He has a keen interest in technology, reading, travel and is a huge Manchester United supporter!

### **Eugene Forde - Standing for Election**

Eugene has lived in Naas since 1980 and his family have been Credit Union members since the early days. He has been very active in many Naas organisations over the years including school Boards of Management, GAA and soccer clubs, the Moat Club and Theatre, Naas Musical Society and is currently a member of Naas Golf Club. Eugene retired as a civil servant in 2022 having worked at home and overseas for more than 40 years. He has extensive experience in the fields of enterprise development and international trade. Eugene is also currently a Board member of a small national charity for people with intellectual disabilities. Eugene is married to Antoinette and they have two grown up children. Eugene enjoys all sports and all forms of music and enjoys walking with his Golden Labrador, Kinder.