# Sinn Féin Six County Report & Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2021

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# **Party Details**

# **Party Officers**

Leader: Mary Lou McDonald
Treasurer: Conor Murphy
Nominating Officer: Pat Doherty
Chairperson: Declan Kearney

# Party Headquarters:

51 Falls Rd 44 Parnell Square

Belfast & Dublin 1

BT12 4PD

#### **Auditors:**

Kinsella Mitchell and Associates Statutory Audit Firm Finance House 46 Prussia St Dublin 7

## Makeup & Membership

#### Staff

By the end of 2021 the Party was directly employing the equivalent of 15 full time staff. In addition to this our MPs and MLAs employ a total of 104 full time staff on constituency work.

#### Departments

The following departments operate within the Party to oversee and manage the organisation's business and further details on these departments can be found on the Sinn Féin website: www.sinnfein.ie

- Administration
- International Affairs
- Organisation Development
- Ógra Shinn Féin
- Gender Equality
- Cultural Department
- Finance & Personnel Department
- Publicity Department
- Uniting Ireland Programme
- Training & Education Department

# **Elected Representatives**

# Westminster MPs (7)

West Belfast	Paul Maskey	
Mid Ulster	Francie Molloy	
West Tyrone	Orfhlaith Begley	
Newry and Armagh	Mickey Brady	
Fermanagh South Tyrone	Michelle Gildernew	
South Down	Chris Hazzard	
North Belfast	John Finucane	

# 6 County Assembly Members (27)

West Belfast	Mid Ulster	Fermanagh S. Tyrone	Newry & Armagh
Pat Sheehan	Michelle O'Neill	Colm Gildernew	Cathal Boylan
Alex Maskey	Emma Sheerin	Aine Murphy	Liz Kimmins
Orliath Flynn	Linda Dillon	Jemma Dolan	Conor Murphy
Aisling Reilly			
North Belfast	North Antrim	South Belfast	West Tyrone
Gerry Kelly	Philip McGuigan	Deirdre Hargey	Declan McAleer
Caral Ní Chuilin			Nicola Brogan
			Maolíosa McHugh
South Down	Upper Bann	Foyle	East Derry
Sinead Ennis	John O'Dowd	Ciara Ferguson	Caoimhe Archibald
Emma Rogan		Padraig Delargy	
South Antrim			
Declan Kearney			

# 6 County Councillors (105)

Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Causeway Coast & Glens	Antrim &
Paul Fleming Christopher Jackson Conor Heaney Patricia Logue John McGowan Sandra Duffy Dan Kelly Ruairi McHugh Kieran McGuire Emma McGinley Michaela Boyle	Stephen McCann Glenn Campbell Patrick Withers Sean Clarke Anne Marie Fitzgerald Anthony Feely Sheamus Greene Tommy Maguire Thomas O'Reilly Siobhán Currie Chris McCaffrey Pádraigín Kelly Barry McElduff Catherine Kelly	Leanne Peacock Cathal McLaughlin Kitty McGurk Brenda Chivers Sean McGlinchey Dermot Nicholl Cara McShane Sean Bateson Oliver McMullan	Annemarie Logue Henry Cushinan Michael Goodman Rosie Kinnear Taylor McGrann
	Ann Marie Donnelly		
Belfast	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon
Daniel Baker Ciaran Beattie Christina Black Nichola Bradley Claire Canavan Arder Carson Conor Maskey Steven Corr Matt Garrett Aine McCabe John Gormley JJ Magee Stephen Magennis Geraldine McAteer Ryan Murphy Micky Donnelly Ronan McLaughlin Séanna Walsh	Phelim Gildernew Cora Corry Brian McGuigan Darren Totten Donal McPeake Niall McAleer Ian Milne John McNamee Cathal Mallaghan Gavin Bell Joe O'Neill Séan Clarke Sean McGuigan Niamh Doris Sean McPeake Catherine Elattar Dominic Molloy	Mickey Larkin Roisin Mulgrew Barra Ó Muirí Charlie Casey Valerie Harte Mickey Ruane Michael Rice Willie Clarke Róisín Howell Gerry O'Hare Oonagh Hanlon Cathy Mason Oonagh Magennis Declan Murphy Aoife Finnegan Leeanne McEvoy.	Darren McNally Gareth Keating Sorcha McGeown Keith Haughian Catherine Nelson Kevin Savage Liam Mackle Paul Duffy Bróna Haughey Jacqueline Donnelly
Mid & East Antrim James McKeown lan Friary	Lisburn & Castlereagh Ryan Carlin Gary McCleave	-	

## **Accounting Units**

The Party presently has 16 accounting units registered with the Electoral Commission. There were no additions / deletions during the reporting period.

Cuige Na Sé Chondae

West Belfast Comhairle Ceantair

South & East Belfast Comhairle Ceantair

North Belfast Comhairle Ceantair

Derry City Comhairle Ceantair

East Derry Comhairle Ceantair

South Derry Comhairle Ceantair

South Down Comhairle Ceantair

North & East Antrim Comhairle Ceantair

South Antrim Comhairle Ceantair

Newry & Armagh Comhairle Ceantair

Fermanagh Comhairle Ceantair

West Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair

East Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair

South Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair

Upper Bann Comhairle Ceantair

#### Review of Political Activities

Much of the politics of 2021 were dominated by the impact of the Covid pandemic and the ongoing consequences of Brexit.

Sinn Féin elected representatives continued to fulfil their responsibilities in the various institutions north and south remotely and when conditions permitted in person.

Sinn Fein continued to meet and engage with all of its structures at local and national levels across the island of Ireland.

Our Party activists were to the fore within their communities and continued to actively support efforts to deliver basic needs for the vulnerable and those most at risk during the Covid lock downs.

Brexit and the Irish Protocol remained issues that everyone was coming to terms with. On a number of occasions in response to pro Brexit and anti-Protocol street violence, Sinn Féin activists along with other community representatives played a proactive role in safeguarding the communities at interface areas.

The momentum behind the debate on Irish Unity continued to build nationally and internationally.

Sinn Fein held its Ard Fheis Dublin in October 2021. There were over 800 delegates and guests in attendance. A wide range of issues and policy positions were debated and agreed.

The Party continued to campaign around the failure of the British government to fully deliver on the issues of women's' reproductive rights and on the rights of Irish language speakers.

The Party was involved in events throughout the year, across the country, to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1981 hunger strike.

In preparation for the scheduled Assembly election in May 2022 the Party engaged at all levels to identify and select candidates to contest the election.

#### Statement of Treasurer's responsibilities

The treasurer of the Party is required by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Party and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the treasurer is required to:

- · Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- · Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the party will continue in business.

Section 41 of the Act requires that the Treasurer is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the party at that time and to enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Act. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the party and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Report of the Independent Auditors

#### To the Treasurer of Sinn Féin

We have audited the financial statements of Sinn Féin for the year ended 31 December 2021 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out.

#### Respective responsibilities of the Treasurer and auditors

The responsibilities of the Treasurer for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Treasurer's responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Overview is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Party has not kept proper accounting records and if we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit.

We read the Overview and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information contained in the annual report

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Auditing Standard issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Treasurer in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Party's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Party's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of it's Surplus for the year ended 31 December 2021 and have been proported in proported in proported in proported in the proported

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Dated: 28th June 2022

Kinsella Miltchell & Associates
Certified Public Accountants and
Statutory Auditors
Finance House,
46 Pressia Street, Dublin 7.

# Income & Expenditure for Y/E 31 December 2021

	<u>2021</u>	2020
INCOME		
Note	£	£
Donations	927,483	195,940
Grants 3	326,221	301,371
Sundry Income	4,878	3,712
Head Office Contribution	54,852	95,050
Fundraising	71,665	84,181
Driver Service	119,407	120,891
Membership & Affiliation	28,440	0
	1,532,946	801,145
EXPENDITURE		
Wages & Related Costs 4	923,443	953,512
Establishment Expenses	42,362	29,930
Admin Expenses	37,276	62,230
Travel Expenses	7,479	8,991
Conferences & Seminars	2,407	16,673
Political Development	14,322	27,923
International Dept.	1,514	6,247
Press Office	5,618	7,178
Security Costs	7,335	6,026
Grants to Accounting Units	4,308	12,479
Loss on Disposals	3,250	0
Social Media	3,547	0
Cultural Dept.	1,204	2,141
Organisation Development	80,751	42,329
Legal & Professional	7,666	5,365
Training & Education Dept.	4,035	6,200
Agriculture & Rural Development	8,176	3,660
Brexit campaigning	0	2,840
Uniting Ireland Programme	2,223	3,397
Ogra Shinn Fein	872	1,720
Fundraising Costs	20,075	6,300
Charitable Donations	0	60,000
Irrecoverable Debts	55,860	0
Research	18,600	10,881
IT Development	5,166	53,826
Depreciation	7,073	8,818
	1,264,562	1,338,666
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	268,384	-537,521
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# Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

			2021		2020
Fixed Assets	<u>Note</u>				
Tangible Assets	6		16,581		21,953
Current assets					
Debtors	7	150,898		207,054	
Bank Accounts		487,080 637,978		167,449 374,503	
<u>Creditors:</u> amounts falling due within 1 year	8				
Accruals		19,197 19,197		29,478 29,478	
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)			618,781		345,025
<u>Creditors:</u> amounts falling due in than 1 year	more		0		0
Net Assets/Liabilities			635,362		366,978
Accumulated Fund					
Balance at 1 January			366,978		904,499
Surplus/(Deficit) for period			268,384		-537,521
			635,362		366,978



Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

# Cash Flow Statement for Year ended 31 December 2021

Operating Surplus before taxation	268,384
Depreciation	7,073
Decrease in Debtors	56,156
Decrease in Creditors	-10,281
Interest payable	0
Net operating surplus before taxation & interest	321,332
Interest paid	321,332
Capital Expenditure	
Net value of Disposals	3,250
Additions	-4,951
Increase in Cash	319,631

## Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for Year ended 31 December 2021

## 1. Accounting Policies

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the statement of Accounts Guidance Notes issued by the Electoral Commission.

#### 2. Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less estimated residual values of all fixed assets evenly over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rates: -

Fixtures & Fittings	20 % p.a.
Equipment	33⅓% p.a.
Vehicles	25 % p.a.

#### 3. Grants Received

Assembly Party Allowance	123,064
Westminster Representative Allowance	162,023
Assembly Whips Allowance	41,134
	326.221

#### 4. Employees

Staff costs consist of: -

Wages & Salaries	799,334
Social Security Costs	88,321
Other Pension Costs	35,787
	923,442

#### 5. Surplus for year

This has been arrived at after charging:

Auditor's remuneration – Audit services	1,500
Depreciation	7073

6	Tangible Assets	_			
		Fixtures Fittings	Equipment	<u>Vehicles</u>	TOTAL
	Cost of Valuation				
	At 1 Jan 2021	11,990	102,236	33,250	147,476
	Additions		4,951		4,951
	Disposals			-9,400	-9,400
	At 31 Dec 2021	11,990	107,187	23,850	143,027
	Depreciation				
	At 1 Jan 2021	11,481	92,960	21,082	125,523
	Deprec on Disposals			-6,150	-6,150
		11,481	92,960	14,932	119,373
	NBV at 1 Jan 2021	509	14,227	8,918	23,654
	Deprec. Charge	102	4,742	2,229	7,073
	Net Book Vlaue				
	At 31 Dec 2021	407	9,485	6,689	16,581

# 7 <u>Debtors</u>

Sundry Debtors 150,898

# 8 <u>Creditors</u>

Amount falling due within 1 year:

Accruals 19,197

Amounts falling due in more than 1 year

0