

# CÓMHDHÁIL CINN BLIANA 2022

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CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL
Bord Chontae Uíbh Fhailí

## **ANNUAL CONVENTION**

An Incorporeal Meeting (Online MS Teams) on Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.30pm

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## **COUNTY CONVENTION CLÁR 2022**

- 1. Minutes of Convention 2021
- 2. Adoption of Standing Orders.
- 3. Secretary's Report
- 4. Sub Committee Reports
- 5. Auditors Report and Statement of Accounts 2021
- 6. Election of Officers
  - a. Election of Chairperson (followed by Chairpersons Address)
  - b. Election of Vice Chairperson
  - c. Election of Secretary
  - d. Election of Assistant Secretary
  - e. Election of Treasurer
  - f. Election of Assistant Treasurer
  - g. Election of P.R.O.
  - h. Election of Central Council Representative
  - i. Election of Leinster Council Representatives (2)
  - j. Election of Cultural Officer
  - k. Election of Coaching Officer
  - l. Ratification of Children's Officer
  - m. Ratification of Planning & Training Officer
- 7. Appointment of Delegates to Annual Congress (4) (shall include Chairpersons & Secretary)
- 8. Appointment of Delegates to Leinster Convention (4)
- 9. Handball Report
- 10. Motions
- 11. Club of the Year
- 12. Date for first County Board Meeting in 2022



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#### STANDING ORDERS FOR COUNTY CONVENTION

Under the current circumstances, where meetings cannot be held due to Covid 19 restrictions, Offaly GAA shall hold an "Incorporeal" County Convention in 2021. In order that the proceedings of the Convention are carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed.

- 1. The proposer of a motion or an amendment thereto, may speak for three minutes, but not more than three minutes
- 2. The number of people entitled to speak and vote shall be in accordance with Rule 3.10 T.O 2021.
- 3. A delegate speaking to a motion/proposal/resolution, or an amendment thereto, must not exceed two minutes.
- 4. The proposer of a motion/proposal/resolution, or amendment, may speak a second time, for two minutes, before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak a second time to the same motion or amendment.
- 5. The Chairperson may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on a proposer for a reply and when this is given, a vote must be taken.
- 6. A delegate may with the consent of the Chairperson move "that the motion/proposal/resolution be now put", after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- 7. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the agenda, except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.
- 8. Delegates who refuse to abide by the Standing Orders will be referred to the Competitions Control Committee.



## **COUNTY CONVENTION VOTING RIGHTS**

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Club Delegate Votes (82	2)	Co. Board Delegate Vo	tes (41)
BALLINAGAR	2	Paurig Gallagher	1
BALLINAMERE	2	Colette Waters	1
BALLYCOMMON	2	Gerry Gannon	1
BALLYCUMBER	2	Liam Hackett	1
BALLYFORE	2	Fergus Kelly	1
BALLYSKENACH/KILLAVILLA	2	Eamon phelan	1
BELMONT	2	Jimmy Cahill	1
BIRR	2	John Irwin	1
BRACKNAGH	2	Ciaran Groome	1
CAPPINCUR	2	Catherine Graham	1
CARRIG & RIVERSTOWN	2	Paul King	1
CLARA	2	Brian Gavin	1
CLODIAGH GAELS	2	Des Dunne	1
CLONBULLOGUE	2	Leo Dempsey	1
CLONMORE HARPS	2	William Mcnamee	1
COOLDERRY	2	Colman Hogan	1 [
CRINKLE	2	Des O'Brien	1
DAINGEAN	NGEAN 2 Paul Keating		1
DOON	N 2 Padraig Egan		1
DRUMCULLEN	2	Peter Lyons	1
DURROW	2	Paul Fox	1
EDENDERRY	2	Keith McGuinness	1
ERIN ROVERS	2	Eamonn Dunican	1
FERBANE	2	Noel Clarke	1
GRACEFIELD	2	Padraig Maher	1
KILCLONFERT	2	Bill Kavanagh	1
KILCORMAC/KILLOUGHEY	2	Paul Craven	1
KINNITTY	2	Kevin Callaghan	1
LUSMAGH	2	Michael Troy	1
RAHEEN	2	John Hackett	1
RHODE	2	John Kilmurray	1
SEIR KIERAN	2	TJ Dooley	1
SHAMROCKS	2	Roger Molloy	1
SHANNONBRIDGE	2	Jim Kileen	1
SHINRONE	2	Michael Cleary	1
ST BRIGID'S	2	Michael Casey	1
ST RYNAGH'S (Football)	2	Sean Clancy	1
ST RYNAGH'S (Hurling)	2	Gerry Quirke	1
TUBBER	2	John Moran	1
TULLAMORE	2	Tom Martin	1
WALSH ISLAND	2	Alan Mulhall	1

Co. Board Officers Votes (14)					
Chairperson	Michael Duignan	1			
Vice Chairperson	James Murphy	1			
Secretary	Colm Cummins	1			
Assistant Secretary	Christy Todd	1			
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan	1			
Assistant Treasurer	Sinead Daly	1			
P.R.O.	Brendan Minnock	1			
Central Council Delegate	Paddy Scales	1			
Leinster Council Delegate	Joe Higgins	1			
Leinster Council Delegate	<b>Dolores Slevin</b>	1			
Development Officer	Vacant	-			
Children's Officer I	Elaine Kelly-Dunne	1			
Irish & Culture Officer	Michelle Hogan	1			
Coaching Officer	Martin Cashen	1			
Coiste na nÓg Chairperson	Carina Carroll	1			

Committee Reps. (4)				
County Handball Board	Kevin Cooke	1		
County Post-Primary Schools	Niall Lynch	1		
Cumann na mBunscol	Tom Naughton	1		
Referees Adminstrator	Damien Brazil	1		

<b>Club Delegates</b>	82
Co. Board Delegates	41
Co. Board Officers	14
Committee Reps.	4
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Total Votes	141

#### **NOTES**

- E.g. of Club Voting Rights; Ballinagar has 3 votes, if Paurig Gallagher and the 2 County Convention Delegates are present.
- 2. Proxy not allowed for Co. Board Delegate who is unable to attend.



## MIONTUAIRSCI CÓMHDHÁIL CINN BLIANA 2021

The 2021 Offaly GAA County Convention was held, online on the Microsoft Teams Platform, on Tuesday 15th December 2020 with Michéal Ó Duigeannáin presiding.

The following Club/Convention Delegates participated:

Ballycommon	Frank O'Brien	Ballinamere:	Pat Fulton	Ballinagar:	Paurig Gallagher
	Gerry Gannon		Colette Waters		
Ballycumber:	Liam Hackett	Ballyfore:	Mary Dunne	Ballyskenagh/	Kevin Tuohy
	Vincent Minnock			Killavilla:	Bryan Buckley
Birr:	John Irwin	Bracknagh:	John Lawlor	Belmont:	
	Orla Watkins		Ciaran Groome		
Clara:	Padraig O'Meara	Cappincur:	Niall Minnock	Clodiagh Gaels	Willie Grennan
			Catherine Graham		Des Dunne
Clonbullogue:	Leon Dempsey	Clonmore H.:		Carrig & R.:	Paul King
	Paula Lawlor				Denis Hoctor
Coolderry:	Mary Hanley	Crinkle:	Des O'Brien	Daingean:	James Keating
	Colman Hogan				Padraig Keating
Doon:	Padraig Egan	Drumcullen:	Peter Lyons	Durrow:	Paul Fox
			Toni Ryan		Tony Hensey
Edenderry:	Keith McGuinness	Erin Rovers:	Eamon Dunican	Ferbane:	Noel Clarke
			Francis Kenna		Claire Brady
Gracefield:	Colette O'Reilly	Kilclonfert:	Elaine Kelly Dunne	Kilcormac/K:	Paul Craven
	Padraig Maher				
Kinnitty:		Lusmagh:	Mixhael Troy	Raheen:	John Hackett
					Liam Boland
Rhode:	John Kilmurry	St. Brigids:	Michael Casey	Seir Kieran:	Richard Dolan
	Eoghan Hickey				
Shamrocks:	Gerry Buckley	Shannonbridge:	Niamh Egan	Shinrone:	Michael Cleary
					Olivia Doughan
St Rynagh's (H):	Gerry Quirke	St. Rynagh's (F):	Orla Clancy	Tubber:	John Moran
	Damien Martin				Enda Murphy
Tullamore:	Tom Martin	Walsh Island:	Jim Mahon		
	Paula Mulvey				

Also Participating: James Murphy, Christy Todd, Dervill Dolan, Eamon Phelan, Paddy Scales, Brendan Minnock, Joe Higgins, Colm Cummins, Michelle Hogan, Martin Cashen, Carina Carroll, Brian Gavin, Tom Moloney, Damien Brazil,

Michael Casey (Byrne Casey & Associates), Tony Flanagan (Returning Officer), Pat Horan (Runaí).

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the 2020 County Convention were adopted on the proposal of Gerry Gannon, seconded by Paddy Scales.

#### **STANDING ORDERS**

Standing Orders, listed on page 1 of the Convention Booklet, were adopted on the proposal of Joe Higgins, seconded by Michelle Hogan.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report was adopted on the proposal of Gerry Quirke seconded by Mary Hanley.

#### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS, HANDBALL REPORT & CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL REPORT

The Sub-Committee Reports, Handball Report and Cumann na mBunscol Reports were accepted on the proposal of Martin Cashen seconded by Padraig Keating.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Michael Casey, Byrne Casey & Associates confirmed that the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st October 2020, gave a true and fair view of the state of the assets, liabilities and financial position of Offaly GAA as at 31st October 2020.

The Financial Statement was adopted following a proposal from Peter Lyons, which was seconded by John Lawlor. Dervill Dolan (Treasurer) gave a detailed explanation of all areas of income and expenditure for the year and in particular any major variance between 2019 and 2020 figures.

In response to queries from Eamon Dunican the Treasurer confirmed that the Management Committee would review the club levies for 2021 and also confirmed that there was a 7% cost associated with the ticketing system introduced in 2020. He confirmed that the ticketing process would be reviewed and updated, where necessary, in advance of next year's fixtures.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following Officers were appointed/ratified:

Chairperson	Michael Duignan	Vice Chairperson	James Murphy
Secretary	Colm Cummins	Assistant Secretary	Christy Todd
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan	Assistant Treasurer	Vacant
Central Council Delegate	Paddy Scales	P.R.O.	Brendan Minnock
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Development Officer	Vacant	Coaching Officer	Martin Cashen
Cultural Officer	Michelle Hogan	Childrens's Officer	Elaine Kelly Dunne

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS**

Cathaoirleach, Michael Ó Duigeannáin addressed Convention and commenced by extending thanks to all volunteers, the Management Committee, Sub-Committees, Club Officers and supporters for their help and cooperation during a very difficult year, as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. He also congratulated Pat Tehan who commenced his term as Leinster Council Chairperson earlier in the year. He complimented clubs on the role they played in the Offaly Covid-19 Community Response and their willingness to make their venues, particulary those with floodlights available to facilitate the club fixtures programme.

Looking to the future the Cathaoirleach stated that 2021 will be a challenging year for clubs and the County Committee in terms of finance and ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. In conclusion he confirmed that the development and implementation of the Strategic Plan was ongoing and that a number of a number of Coaching and Games initiatives, including the employment of full-time club coaches, would be implemented

#### **MOTIONS**

Bye-Law Motions submitted by Cumann Baile Coimín and Cumann Baile na Maor were passed.

A Motion submitted by Cumann Naomh Bríd was withdrawn and An Cathaoirleach stated that the Management Committee and Cumann Naomh would discuss the context of the Motion at a later date.

The updated Bye-Laws are included in Appendix 1.

#### **THANKS**

An Cathaoirleach extended thanks to the Returning Officer Tony Flanagan and Tellers Pat Teehan and Eamon Cusack.

#### **DATE FOR FIRST COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING IN 2021**

The first County Committee meeting in 2021 was confirmed for 19th January.



## **TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ 2021**

Following a very successful year for Offaly GAA, it gives me great pleasure to present my first annual report as Runaí Chontae Uíbh Fhailí to County Convention. This report is customarily an opportunity to reflect on the themes and events of the previous twelve months and highlight some likely topics for emphasis of the year ahead. Despite the challenges of dealing with the administration of Gaelic Games during a global pandemic, we have witnessed many positives, on and off the field in 2021 that are emphasised throughout the report.

The report covers three sections, firstly a brief synopsis of a very successful year on the playing fields, secondly a commentary of the key administrative issues and finally some comments on our goals and objectives for 2022.

#### ON THE FIELD ACTIVITIES

It was an exceptionally condensed and busy year on the playing field but happily a successful one too. Our adult teams made significant progress on their respective journeys to return to the highest levels on the National stage. Our appearance in the two delayed 2020 Minor Finals was only a precursor to what was to come for Offaly Gaels as we returned to the steps of the Hogan Stand in August to collect the All Ireland U20 Cup following weeks of swashbuckling football on route to the final. The success of our teams across the grades came at a time when attendances were restricted. During this period we prioritised players families with access to tickets but thankfully access to tickets opened up just in time for the All Ireland U20 Football Final and allowed for a memorable occasion for Offaly Gaels of all ages that will live long in the memory.

#### Senior Football

Under the continued stewardship of John Maughan, our Senior Footballers adapted well to the adjusted season and made significant progress as a squad. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, collective training was only permitted from the 19 April 2021 and the players and management must be commended for the individual work they completed as part of their preparations during the lock-down period.

Due to the constrained season the Allianz National Football League was regionalised and Offaly was assigned to Div. 3 South, along with Wicklow, Limerick and Tipperary. Commencing in May, Offaly put two points on the board over Wicklow in Aughrim. This was followed by a hard fought home win over a physical Limerick side. Confidence was visibly growing in the squad as we welcomed the Munster Champions Tipperary to O'Connor Park . A win would see Offaly top Div. 3 South and secure a Semi Final Spot and move 70 minutes closer to promotion to Div. 2. Very strong first and final quarters provided the platform for victory with the bench proving crucial. Reward for topping the group was a semi-final berth against Fermanagh and when home advantage was secured, anticipation grew about the opportunity to progress up a division. A superb first half performance outclassed Fermanagh in OCP but as the finish line drew near, understandable nervousness crept into our play and it took a late Mark

	Allianz National Football League Results 2021					
Rd. 1	15/05/21 Aughrim	Wicklow	1-10	Offaly	1-14	
Rd. 2	22/05/21 OCP	Offaly	0-16	Limerick	1-11	
Rd. 3	29/05/21 OCP	Offaly	1-17	Tipperary	1-12	
S/F	12/05/21 OCP	Offaly	1-14	Fermanagh	0-12	
Final	19/06/21 Croke Park	Derry	0-21	Offaly	1-06	
	Leinster G	AA Senior Footl	ball Champ	pionship 2021		
Rd. 1	27/06/21 Navan (AET)	Offaly	3-19	Louth	0-19	
Q/F	04/07/21 Portlaoise	Kildare	1-15	Offaly	0-13	

Abbott goal to ensure victory. It was pleasing to witness the joyous reaction of our players and management as a tangible objective, so hard worked for, had been achieved. The playing of the League Final was optional due to the fact that Offaly were due to play the 1st Round of the Leinster Championship the following week, however the players and management with the support of the Management Committee decided to take the opportunity to play Derry in Croke Park in the League Final. However, on the day our performance did not reach the levels of previous rounds and we encountered a very strong Derry side, that provided an insight into standard to expect in Div. 2 in 2022. There were no signs of fatigue among the team as

they played out an exciting Championship encounter with Louth a week later in Navan. We ran out comfortable winners in extra time, out scoring Louth 2-04 to 0-01 in the additional 20 minute period. This secured only our 3rd Leinster SFC victory since 2007 and set up a date a week later with Kildare.

After being largely the better side for most of the first half we trailed Kildare at half time in Portlaoise in the LSFC Quarter Final. A second half goal for Kildare gave them the advantage but credit to our lads, they battled to the very end seeking the scores to pull the game back. However it was not to be and Kildare progressed.

On reflection, it was one of the most positive seasons for an Offaly squad in many years and their run of wins in the league allowed Offaly Gaels an opportunity to get behind the team. It is recognised that Div. 2 will be a challenge but a welcomed one in order to ensure progression for this squad.

#### **U20 Football**

Our U20 footballers lit up the summer with an amazing run all the way to All Ireland victory in August. They amassed many fans nationwide with their exciting play and honesty of endeavour. The County reached fever pitch in August and it was very satisfying to see the Offaly colours flying throughout the County.

The team got their campaign off to a nervous start with victory away to Wexford before accounting for Westmeath in Mullingar with a strong finish to set up a Leinster Final appearance against Dublin.

The Leinster Final was televised on TG4 and this provided a national platform for the team to display their potential. In a game where Offaly played all the exciting football and despite conceding goals at the wrong times we recorded a famous victory and years of pent up frustration was reflected in the emotional outpouring during the post-match celebrations.

Not content with a Provincial Title and full of confidence our lads took on a very fancied Cork side in Portlaoise. Although attendance was restricted it seemed if all support at the game was for Offaly. In a drama filled game we were full value for our win with stars all over the field. The live broadcast from TG4 again highlighting the feats of this exciting team and the team were the talk of the country ahead of the All Ireland Final. The Final was originally to form part of a double header with the All Ireland Senior Semi Final at Croke Park with a

permitted attendance of 24,000. Fortunately for Offaly fans the Senior game was postponed and the U20 Final against Roscommon proceeded as a stand-alone fixture.

Despite issues with ticketing earlier in the week of the game, the majority of fans were able to purchase tickets and a huge contingent of supporters attended. The team provided another excellent performance and were worthy winners of the final, leading to more emotional scenes at the end of the game. Unfortunately due to the on-going restrictions the homecoming was muted and not fitting for a team that raised the spirits of an entire County, however the players and management should be very proud of their achievements as they proved that the 'Faithful Never Die'.

	Leinster U20 Football Championship 2021				
Q/F	08/07/21 Wexford	Wexford	1-09	Offaly	1-10
S/F	15/07/21 Mullingar	Westmeath	1-09	Offaly	1-11
Final	22/07/21 Portlaoise	Offaly	0-15	Dublin	3-03
	All Irela	and U20 Footbal	l Champio	nship 2021	
SF	31/07/21 Portlaoise	Offaly	3-10	Cork	0-14
Final	15/08/21 Croke Park	Offaly	1-14	Roscommon	1-11

#### **Minor Football**

The past twelve months have been extremely busy on the minor football front. Due to the delays in the 2020 Championship we have played two Minor Championships in one season. The delayed 2020 Leinster Championship commenced with a home win over Wicklow in December. This was followed up with a Christmas week Semi Final victory over Kildare at Newbridge. Glimpses of the talent we would see later in 2021 were on display in a battling and deserved victory over the Lilywhites.

The Leinster Final against Meath was scheduled for 3rd of January but a National lock-down resulted in a cancellation. The Leinster Final was eventually played in the sweltering heat on a Wednesday evening in June in Mullingar. In an overall cagey game, we battled our way back into contention in the final stages and reduced the deficit to the minimum but as a late chance trailed wide we knew it was not be our day. The players and management must be commended for their dedication and patience as they continued to meticulously prepare for the delayed Championship. In addition, they effectively had two squads training as they also had to prepare for the 2021 Championship.

A ten day turnaround for the 2021 squad proved too much as we went down to a very strong Dublin outfit in OCP and ended our involvement in the 2021 Championship.

	Leinster Minor Football Championship 2020					
Q/F	12/12/20 OCP	Offaly	2-09	Wicklow	0-09	
S/F	19/12/20 Newbridge	Kildare	2-07	Offaly	2-10	
Final	30/06/21 Mullingar	Meath	1-07	Offaly	1-06	
	Leinster Minor Football Championship 2021					
Q/F	10/07/21 OCP	Offaly	0-06	Dublin	3-12	

#### **Senior Hurling**

Following the disappointment of Newry last year our hurlers were keen to make amends and set about their rebuilding task in a workmanlike way from the very begining. The tone for the season was set during lock-down when the squad organised an online charity event that raised over €60,000 for two local charities.

On the field, Offaly laid down an early marker with some very impressive league performances, chalking up some big scores against opposition that have posed us problems in recent years. Following easy victories over Meath and Kerry, it was expected stiffer tests would lie ahead but both Carlow and Down were brushed aside and promotion secured with one game remaining. Victory over Wicklow completed a successful league campaign, securing top spot in the division and a return to the top flight. The first piece of silverware for the season was secured when the Division 2A Title was presented by Uachtarán Larry McCarthy at Aughrim on the final day of the league.

Given the manner of the performances in the league and considering four of the opposition we beat are all a tier above us, expectations for Championship progress were well founded. The confidence from the League followed through to the Christy Ring Cup Competition. The modified competition structure meant three wins could secure victory and promotion to the Joe McDonagh Cup.

Wins over Sligo and Wicklow got us to the Final against Derry in Croke Park. Played before the Leinster Football Final Offaly posted an amazing 41 points as they brushed past Derry and captured the Christy Ring Title for the first time and finished the season unbeaten.

Greater challenges lie ahead for this group but

two important steps on the road to rebuilding Offaly hurling were completed this year. The next few years the focus will remain on rebuilding and consolidating our position at higher tiers.

	Allianz Hurling League Div. 2A					
Rd. 1	09/05/21 Navan	Meath	3-09	Offaly	3-25	
Rd. 2	16/05/21 OCP	Offaly	2-28	Kerry	0-13	
Rd. 3	23/05/21 Carlow	Carlow	1-17	Offaly	2-25	
Rd. 4	06/06/21 OCP	Offaly	5-25	Down	1-19	
Rd. 5	13/06/21	Wicklow	0-10	Offaly	1-32	
		Christy Ring	Cup 2021			
Q/F	03/07/21 Sligo	Sligo	2-17	Offaly	2-39	
S/F	24/07/21 OCP	Offaly	6-30	Wicklow	0-11	
Final	01/08/21	Derry	2-14	Offaly	0-41	

#### **U20 Hurling**

Preparations for U20 hurling were also impacted by restrictions and lock-downs. Following a victory over Westmeath in October 2020, in the delayed 2020 Championship, Offaly qualified to play Dublin in the Leinster Quarter Final, however it was postponed until December. Played in Birr, Offaly battled hard against the team that went all the way to the All Ireland Final but Dublin edged it in the end.

The new year saw preparations begin for the 2021 Championship, however it was July before the games commenced. A solid victory over a fancied Kildare side in the Quarter Final lined up an away game against Dublin. On a very warm evening we fought hard and were right in the game until the very end but Dublin got the breaks to edge us out and deny us a final spot.

	Leinster U20 Hurling Championship 2020					
Rd. 1	21/10/20 Faithful Fields	Offaly	2-22	Westmeath	3-09	
Q/F	12/12/20 Birr	Offaly	0-16	Dublin	2-16	
	Leins	ter U20 Hurling	Champion	ship 2021		
Q/F	13/07/21 OCP	Offaly	2-25	Kildare	1-16	
S/F	20/07/21 Dublin	Dublin	2-15	Offaly	1-15	

#### Minor Hurling

The 2020 Minor Hurling Championship was delayed and interrupted due to Covid-19. It commenced in

October 2020 with a comfortable win over Laois in Birr. The team waited until December for the Quarter Final against Kildare at Newbridge. After a slow start Offaly took control and accounted for the Lilywhites.

Just days before Christmas, Offaly booked their spot in the Leinster Minor Final for the first time since 2003 by beating Westmeath in Mullingar. With confidence growing in the team they performed very well against a fancied Westmeath team that had beaten Dublin in the previous round.

Unfortunately, as with the football, the Leinster Final was postponed but great credit must go to the players and management for keeping the training going during lock-down. It was July 2021 before the Final was played and Kilkenny set the platform for the win with a very strong first half performance. We fought to the end and the second half was much more of a contest but Kilkenny found the scores when they needed them.

Just two weeks later we faced the Cats again, this time in the 2021 Championship. By virtue of our 2020 Final appearance we received a bye straight to the Leinster Semi Final. Kilkenny came out on top again and the final scoreline flattered them. On a warm evening we hurled well and were within a point of Kilkenny near the end, however late goals for Kilkenny put a gloss on the scoreboard.

	Leinster Minor Hurling Championship 2020					
Rd. 1	17/10/20 Birr	Offaly	2-18	Laois	0-12	
Q/F	13/12/20 Newbridge	Kildare	0-09	Offaly	1-18	
S/F	20/12/20 Mullingar	Westmeath	1-08	Offaly	2-18	
Final	03/07/21 Portlaoise	Kilkenny	2-21	Offaly	3-09	
Leinster Minor Hurling Championship 2021						
S/F	21/07/21 Kilkenny	Kilkenny	3-23	Offaly	1-16	

#### Celtic Challenge

The Celtic Challenge resumed following a years absence and Offaly entered two teams in this Developmental Competition. We recorded some fine victories and it was very beneficial for these players to get access to games at this level as they progress toward Minor level.

Both teams played in finals with both recording victories, winning the William Robinson Cup with wins over Westmeath & Kildare respectively.

Celtic Challenge 2021						
Q/F	30/06/21 Faithful Fields	Offaly (Green)	4-12	Laois	1-11	
Q/F	03/07/21 Faithful Fields	Offaly (Gold)	4-18	Meath	4-15	
S/F	11/07/21 Hawkfield	Offaly (Green)	6-18	Kildare	1-12	
S/F	11/07/21 Faithful Fields	Offaly (Gold)	1-14	Westmeath	1-17	
		Celtic Challeng	e Finals 20	)21		
Final	23/07/21 Mullingar	Westmeath	1-13	Offaly (Green)	8-12	
Final	24/07/21 Hawkfield	Kildare	1-11	Offaly (Gold)	5-21	

#### **Players and Management**

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the Players, Management, Selectors, Back-room Teams and Team Secretaries for their outstanding dedication to the Faithful County. We are immensely proud of the manner in which you represented your County over the last twelve months and look forward to the season ahead.

#### **Club Championships**

On the club front we have just completed a huge programme of games for the 2021 season, in addition the first few weeks of the club season involved the completion of outstanding 2020 Championships. I wish to congratulate a very hard working CCC Committee on their dedication to providing a very meaningful games programme for all players in the County.

The CCC led by James Murphy and Christy Todd met over 35 times in 2021 to ensure the smooth running of both adult and under-age games programmes. With the support of a committed team of referees and club venues they delivered an ever expanding programme of games.

Growing the games programme is critical to the development of Gaelic Games in Offaly. Our players at adult and under-age level need a consistent games programme that provides certainty around scheduling. Improving the games programme is not without its challenges. However we must work together to find the correct balance of games for all. We need our clubs to understand the benefits of an expanded games programme. We accept at times the scheduling might be busy for some players but the programme is designed for the benefit of the greatest number of players. Congratulations to all of the teams that participated in all Championships and Competitions and particularly to the winners at all levels. Collecting the silverware can make all the efforts worthwhile but there are always runners-up and clubs should be very proud of the levels of participation being achieved in very difficult circumstances.

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Level/Award	Championship/Competition	Cup/Trophy/Shield	2021 Winners	Relegated Teams
	Senior Football Championship	Dowling Cup	Tullamore	Bracknagh
	Senior B Football Championship	Bob Carr Cup	Clara	Ferbane
Adult Football	Intermediate Football Championship	Bill Kelly Cup	Clonbullogue	Kilcormac/K
Championships	Junior Football Championship	Corn Tomás Ó Cuinn	Tullamore	Clara
	Junior B Football Championship	Andy McCormack Cup	Durrow	<del>-</del>
	Junior C Football Competition	(No Name)	Daingean	=
	U20 Football Championship	James Guinan Cup	Tullamore	-
	Division 1 Football League	Casey Memorial Cup	Tullamore	-
Adult Football	Division 2 Football League	Tom Bracken Memorial Cup	Tubber	-
Leagues	Division 3 Football League	Pat Direen Cup	Rhode	=
	Division 4 Football League	Kenny Malone Cup	Clara	-
	Division 5 Football League	(No name)	Tubber	-
	Senior Hurling Championship	Sean Robbins Cup	St. Rynaghs	Drumcullen
	Senior B Hurling Championship	Michael Verney Cup	Clodiagh Gaels	Shinrone
Adult Hurling	Intermediate Hurling Championship	Michael Keary Cup	Birr	Kinnitty
Championships	Junior Hurling Championship	James Clarke Cup	TBC	-
	Junior B Hurling Championship	Brendan Doyle Cup	Carrig & Riverstown	-
	U20 Hurling Championship	Corn Phadraigh S. Úí Theacháin	Kilcormac/K.	=
	Division 1 Hurling League	Pat Carroll Cup	Coolderry	-
Adult Hurling	Division 2 Hurling League	Shane Ryan Cup	Clodiagh Gaels	-
Leagues	Division 3 Hurling League	Loughnane (Oil) Cup	Carrig & Riverstown	-
	Division 4 Hurling League	Tim Egan Cup	Carrig & Riverstown	-
	Minor Football Championship	Corn Naomh Mhuire	Edenderry	=
	Minor B Football Competition	Pat Colgan Memorial Cup	Cloghan	-
	U15 Football Championship	Corn An Bhr. Ó Murchú	Cloghan	-
	U15 B Football Competition	Fr. Doran Memorial Cup	St. Manchans	-
Under-Age Football	U15 C Football Competition	Shield	Gracefield	_
Championships/ Competitions	U15 D Football Competition	Shield	Tullamore	-
	U13 Football Championship	Offaly Association (Birmingham) Cup	Ferbane/Belmont	-
	U13 B Football Competition	Sonny Conway Memorial Cup	Rhode	-
	U13 C Football Competition	Shield	Edenderry	<del>-</del>
ŀ	U13 D Football Competition	Shield	Gracefield	
	Minor Hurling Championship	Fórsa Cosanta ÁitFCA Cup	Kilcormac/K.	_
ŀ	Minor B Hurling Competition	Kenneth Buggy Cup	Ferbane/Belmont	
ŀ	U15 Hurling Championship	Birr No. 1 Cup	St. Rynaghs	_
Under-Age Hurling	U15 B Hurling Competition	Peter Fox Cup	Clara	=
Championships/ Competitions	U13 Hurling Championship	Corn Uí Chaoimh	Kilcormac/K.	
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ł	U13 C Hurling Competition	Shield	Gracefield	
}	U13 D Hurling Competition	Shield	CRC Gaels	
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Under-Age Football League Competitions	U13 Football Club League	Shield	St. Vincents	-
	U13 B Football League	Shield	Shamrocks	-
nder-Age Hurling	U13 Hurling Club League	Shield	DSK	<del>-</del>
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eague Competitions	U13 Dual Club Hurling League  Adult Club of the Year	Fr. McWey Cup	ТВС	

The Leinster Clubs Championships are progressing at present and we wish all representatives the very best at their respective grades. It is a great honour to represent your County and leads to exciting adventures for the Clubs involved.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

As a result of the ongoing public emergency caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, Special Emergency Circumstances continue to exist which make it impracticable to conduct the affairs of the Association in accordance with the rules. Accordingly the period of Special Emergency Circumstances continues to operate as per rule 3.64 T.O. 2021.

We have endeavoured to continue the administration of the County as close to normal as possible holding County Committee and Management Meetings online. In an effort to streamline the administration of the County and improve overall governance we implemented a series of initiatives in early 2021, including,

- Comprehensive Meeting Packs to compile all meeting information into one file.
- Use of Share Point as a repository for all Meeting Minutes, Bye Laws etc.
- The use of MS Forms for the collection of information including Club Officer details and applications for exception permissions etc.

As we move toward 2022, we will continue to improve the administration function and capacity of the County. In so doing we aim to ease the burden of Club Officers, who give so much to the Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the efforts on the Offaly GAA Management Committee and their work for the County throughout the year. The detailed reports set out in the Sub-Committee Reports section of this document are testament to the hard work carried out in 2021. In particular, I would like to recognise the work of Martin Cashen and Brendan Minnock, over many years, as they both finish their current terms on the Management Committee.

#### **Operations Manager**

Tom Moloney retired from the role of Operations Manager in July of this year. Tom made a very significant contribution to Offaly GAA during his tenure and on behalf of all Offaly Gaels I would like to express our thanks to

Tom and wish him and his family all the best in the future.

We aim to appoint a new Operations Manager early in the new year following the completion of a competitive selection process.

In the interim, Christy Todd is fulfilling the duties of the Operations Manager in a voluntary capacity and we thank Christy for stepping in during this period.

#### **Coaching & Games**

Our full time Coaching and Games staff continue their work across the County. Dave Hare left the staff earlier in the year to take up a role in Dublin and was replaced by the very able Conal Mahon. We continue to expand our staff across the County based on the GPO model. It has already been successfully rolled out in Edenderry and Birr/Drumcullen/Seir Keiran. Currently we are advertising for six more full time GPO's to fill positions with Clubs. Enormous preparation work has been completed by interested clubs with the support of our full time staff. 2022 promises to be an exciting year as we get more staff on the ground to push on coaching and games initiatives.

It is worth noting that many Clubs continue to strive toward best practice in relation to Coaching and Games and it was positive to see clubs initiate Nursery Programmes in 2021. Work will continue in 2022 to encourage the best standards in Club coaching.

#### **Match Ticketing**

Over the past two seasons we have moved to online ticketing for the vast majority of our fixtures. This has proved extremely successful and I wish to recognise the work of our Finance Committee and our Treasurer's Dervill Dolan and Sineád Daly for their commitment to the success of the project. In addition, I would like to thank all volunteers that operate gates for the County on a regular basis and to the Clubs for their support with the transition to cashless games.

I would also like to acknowledge the patience and understanding shown by our sponsors, former players, former members of Management and our supporters in general in relation to access to tickets when attendances were restricted.

#### Bord na Móna O'Connor Park & Faithful Fields

Outside the periods of lock-down, when we were instructed by Central Council to keep our facilities completely closed, both O'Connor Park and Faithful Fields witnessed huge levels of activity. Grounds staff at both locations should be suitably proud

of how the grounds were presented at all times.

Extensive works were carried out on one of the pitches at Faithful Fields this summer with the aim of making it more resilient for winter training.

Congratulations to Jim Kelly, Mick Hensey and all the team at O'Connor Park for their short-listing for the County Pitch of the Year Award.

In relation to OCP Lease, this issue continues to be addressed. Offaly GAA wrote to Tullamore GAA, with proposals to settle the OCP rent dispute for 2020 and 2021. We are awaiting a response from Tullamore GAA in this regard.

#### **Sponsorship & Fundraising**

A Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee was set up to consider funding options for Offaly GAA. Some initial work was undertaken by the Committee which helped with additional fundraising and sponsorship income during the year. We are very grateful to all our sponsors and to all those people who supported our fundraising initiatives during the year.

In addition to our existing generous sponsors we raised monies through the Grand Canal Walk, in conjunction with the Clubs of Offaly, and we were delighted to announce our partnership with Shane Lowry this year. The widespread coverage and goodwill for both of the above set the tone for a successful summer and we aim to build on these projects in the coming years.

I would also like to acknowledge the work and commitment of Club Faithful over many years. The Offaly Association in Dublin must also be thanked for their contributions in 2021 and their very successful Golf Classic held in aid of Offaly GAA.

If we are to provide the best preparations for our teams will be need to deliver sustainable financial supports for the County.

#### Club Support

Offaly GAA can only ever be the sum of its parts and in this regard the 41 Clubs of Offaly are each important cogs in the machine. Without the army of volunteers in each and every club, the GAA would not exist and would not operate as successfully. Every volunteer should be very proud of their contributions.

I am acutely aware of the mammoth efforts of Club Officers across the County and their on-going commitment to the promotion of the games. It has been a testing time of late for Club Officers, but each time they respond to the challenges before them. We look forward to working in partnership with our Clubs and Volunteers in the year ahead to continue the drive toward on-going success for our County. Sustaining high performance for our County teams can only be achieved through the development of our players at Club level. Therefore it is imperative that each Club strives to raise their own standards and the Officers of the County Board are here to assist in this regard.

I would like to express thanks to the Clubs of Offaly for aligning their respective Financial Year and AGM timetable to meet the requirements of the latest rule changes. Consistency on timing of administration issues like the above will allow us to further streamline administrative processes and improve preparations for the year ahead.

#### Scór Sinsir

I would like to acknowledge the work of Michelle Hogan and the Cultural Committee and their promotion of Scór. The delayed 2020 competitions were held this year and Offaly was well represented in the All Ireland Finals. Birr, Ferbane and Edenderry represented the County with distinction and both Ferbane and Edenderry came way with All Ireland Titles. Comhghairdeas libh go léir!

#### In Memoriam

Over the past 12 months Offaly GAA suffered the loss of four former County Board Officers.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2021, Belmont's Tony Cassidy passed away. Tony served two periods as Bord na nÓg Chairperson, from 1996 to 1999 and again in 2003 & 2004, he also served as Youth Officer in 2002 & 2003.

Later that month on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tony's good friend, Martin Heffernan of Tullamore who held the post of Bord Na nÓg Secretary from 1998 to 2004, passed away.

The day after Martin died Offaly lost another great servant in Birr's Jimmy Hogan, Jimmy was Offaly GAA treasurer or Assistant Treasurer from 1991 to 2019 and also served as Leinster Council delegate from 2000 to 2005.

Later in the year on November 26<sup>th</sup>, Martin Minnock of Shamrocks who was Assistant Secretary from 1992 to 2002 went to his eternal reward.

All of the above also served on many committees over the years and made an enormous contribution to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Uibh Fhailí.

Also during 2021, a number of administrative stalwarts, who showed great commitment to Offaly GAA in their roles on various committees, passed away. Most notably John Glennon (Rhode), Tommy Kenny (Belmont) and Tony Robinson (Kinnitty).

In these difficult Covid times the GAA fraternity, in Offaly, did not get the opportunity, we would have liked, to express fully our appreciation the contribution these men made to the administrative affairs of Offaly GAA. It is therefore, important that we remember them and any club administrators who died in the past year, on the occasion of County Convention.

#### **FORGING AHEAD**

It remains a goal of the Management Committee to complete the 'Offaly Way Forward' Strategic Plan for the County in 2022. A significant amount of research into the baseline status of GAA in the County has been completed. The next phase will see further consultations and reinforcement of the goals and objectives of the plan.

The initial consultations that were carried out online in late 2020 and the early part of 2021 were very informative and a wide range of issues were discussed.

These consultations allowed the Steering Group to agree the five pillars of the plan, that will deliver the goal of an *'Unrivalled GAA Experience'* in County Offaly. The five pillars will be further refined in 2022.

#### 1. Sustainable Club Coverage

A sustainable network of Clubs providing positive entry points to the Gaelic Games family by maximising participation & provision of excellent facilities

#### 2. Vibrant Games Programme

A defined calendar of games via Club & Schools providing meaningful participation for all levels

#### 3. High Performance Pathway

Provide clear pathway for high performers to excel at County level

#### 4. Financial Stability

Our Clubs and County Board are financially stable with robust governance procedures in place

#### 5. Respected Brand

The Offaly brand is synonymous with success and excellence on & off the field The delivery of the five pillars will ensure that Offaly

GAA provides a participant centred structure. The player experience will form the core of all interactions between supporting administrative bodies. The positive change will be driven by honest, courageous and passionate leadership on and off the field.

Already elements of the plan are being implemented in going about our day to day business of running the affairs of the County, however 2022 will see an acceleration of the interactions with our Clubs and Schools as they will be the key drivers of change on the ground. We believe the army of volunteers at grassroots level can affect the most change. Progress will be delivered by implementing a whole series of small improvements and we propose a series of Club Clinics in 2022 that will help in this regard.

On reflection, 2021 was a very positive year on the field of play with all teams achieving their goals with the U20 Footballers achieving the ultimate goal. The move up the divisions will be challenging for our footballers and hurlers but they are working hard to meet the challenge and seeking to consolidate their positions at a higher level. We wish them and all teams the very best in 2022.

Finally I would like to thank everyone that has helped me in my first year in the role as County Secretary. I have received wonderful support from volunteers across the County, my colleagues on the Management Committee, Leinster Council and from Croke Park full time staff.

Le gach dea-mhéin

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Rúnaí an Coiste Chontae



Sub-Committee Reports

## **Coiste Airgeadais**

Author: Brendan Jennings

Cathaoirleach: Brendan Jennings (Cumann Peile Naomh Raghnach) Runaí: Dervill Dolan (Cumann An Clarach)

#### Committee:

Paul Craven (Cumann Cill Chormaic/Cill Aictí)
Padriag Egan (Cumann An Dún)
Tony Flanagan (Cumann An Tulach Mhór)
Brian Flynn (Cumann An Feár Bán)
Eamon Phelan (Cumann Baile Sceannach/Cill an Bhile)
Kevin Roe (Cumann An Clarach)
Sineád Daly (Cumann Peile Naomh Raghnach)

The committee was supported by Tom Moloney, the Operations Manager, who retired in July 2021 and we would like to thank Tom for his work and support. Christy Todd is presently managing the operational duties on an interim basis and we thank Christy for all his work and support. Offaly GAA recorded a surplus of €197,969 for the 11 Months ended 30th September, 2021. This is a significant improvement on the 2020 results where we recorded a Deficit of €259,983. The detailed audited financial statements for 2021 are attached with this report.

Results by Area	2021	2020
County Committee - Surplus/(Deficit)	€387,431	(€40,547)
O'Connor Park - (Deficit)	(€118,751)	(€167,907)
Faithful Fields (Deficit)	(€70,711)	(€51,529)
TOTAL - Surplus	€197,969	(€259,983)

Some of the key movements in the financial accounts for 2021 include;

- Increase in Gate Income (net of match day costs) of €109,527.
- Increase in Covid Type supports (SI, CC, Government) of €56,184.
- Increase in Fundraising Income of €168,110.
- Increase in Sponsorship Income of €68,686.

- Significant savings on Coaching Wage costs and Cúl Camp coaching costs as Leinster Council and Central Council were in receipt of wage supports.
- The County Team Administration costs increased by €72,928.
- Increased pitch upgrade costs in The Faithful Fields of €55,000.

The Balance Sheet at 30th September 2021 shows an improved position with a Net Current Asset position of €47,505 reflecting a significant improvement compared to a Net Current Liability position of €96,966 in October 2020.

The surplus achieved in 2021 has helped Offaly GAA address the 2020 deficit. We must continue to focus investment towards improving the structures around our county teams and also focus on infrastructural improvements, to ensure further success for our county teams at National level.

Our Clubs and communities have experienced a difficult period over the past two years. We wish to acknowledge the continued commitment of our clubs to deal with their own financial challenges and their continued support to the County in its challenges. The Grand Canal Walk fundraiser saw the Clubs and County come together to raise over €209,000 to support the Clubs and County during 2021. Thanks to all our Clubs for their continued support.

On the governance side, the Committee recommended changes to our existing terms of reference and terms of reference were approved for a new Audit and Risk Committee. The Management Committee will appoint the members to the new Audit and Risk Committee in the new year.

During 2021 Central Council appointed Ticketmaster as their new online ticketing system service provider. The new provider has two platforms, one which supports Intercounty Games (Archtics) and a second (Universe) for Club games. Offaly GAA introduced the new ticketing system and it is now fully up and running for our games. The ticketing system provides greater control and security managing our gate income. Thanks to all our clubs, supporters and volunteers for your support operating the new ticketing system. A Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee was set up to consider funding options for Offaly GAA. Some initial work was undertaken by the Committee

which helped with additional fundraising and sponsorship income during the year. We are very grateful to all our sponsors and to all those people who supported our fundraising initiatives during the year.

Thanks also to Leinster Council and Central Council for their support which is very much appreciated.

Finally, we would like to thank the Offaly GAA Management Committee for all their support during the year. Again, members of Management did not claim honoraria and other expenses in an effort to help support the County during this difficult financial period.

On the field of play, 2021 was a good year for Offaly GAA and we are grateful to all our teams, supporters and volunteers who have contributed to our success on and off the field.



Sub-Committee Reports

## Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisí

Author: Seamus Ó Murchú

Cathaoirleach: Seamus Ó Murchú (Cumann An Ród)
Runaí: Christy Todd (Cumann Baile Uí Chomáin)

#### Committee:

Joe Higgins (Cumann An Tobar)

Dave Coffey (Cumann Biorra)

Carina Carroll (Cumann Baile an Maor)

Eamon Dunican (Cumann Erin Rovers)

Eamon Phelan (Cumann Baile Sceannach/Cill an Bhile)

Damian Brazil (Cumann An Rachra)

Padraig Keating (Cumann An Daingean)

2021 proved to be a roller coaster year for the Competitions Control Committee. Covid-19 had a major impact on our 2021 games programme. The welcome progress of some underage teams in the 2020 Leinster Championships, the subsequent deferral of the concluding stages of these championships to 2021, along with the deferral of the concluding stages of some 2020 Offaly championships to 2021, presented numerous

challenges for the Competitions Control Committee. Adversity can have a positive affect sometimes and this was the case in Offaly GAA in 2021. It was a difficult year for the dual player and in particular the dual player on a county panel or panels and they should be commended for their dedication and commitment. It was also an extremely challenging year for clubs, independent teams, referees, club players, team management and everyone involved in the preparation of club teams and pitches. Their support and cooperation was really appreciated. The County Committee and Management Committee were also very supportive during the year.

The Competitions Control Committee prepared Disciplinary Reports in respect of 146 infractions at adult and underage games in 2021. The number of infractions by members of team management, particularly at underage level, was a cause for concern. This issue should be addressed by Clubs and Independent Teams in advance of the commencement of the 2022 games programme.

There were no adult league competitions in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, 91 Teams participated in the 2021 adult football and hurling league competitions, with 5 Divisions in football and 4 Divisions in hurling. Due to time constraints and the non-availability of county players in most cases, these competitions proceeded without relegation and semi-finals. They were all completed before the championships commenced.

The 2021 adult championships proceeded in a shorter timeframe than originally expected, due to Covid-19 restrictions. The restricted timeframe also resulted in the exclusion of guarter-finals in the senior hurling championship, which was unfortunate but necessary, due to the five-team groups and the requirement to have the championship completed in advance of the 2021 Leinster Club senior hurling championship. Unfortunately, the three bottom teams in the junior hurling championship conceded their Round 5 games. This resulted in a requirement for four teams to play-off in order to decide on two out of the four semi-final places. The option of including relegation in the 2022 junior hurling championship might prevent teams, no longer in contention, conceding their final Round games. All eleven adult championships are scheduled to be completed by the last weekend in November or first weekend in December.

The 2021 underage programme of 512 fixtures, including outstanding 2020 fixtures, concluded on the second last weekend in November 2021. This programme consisted of league and championship fixtures. Very positive

feedback has emanated from the practice of playing the majority of these fixtures on a Wednesday evening (U15), Saturday morning (Minor) and Sunday morning (U13). Club Membership, Registration of Players and Playing Eligibility must be in accordance with the GAA Official Guide (Part 1), County Committee Bye-Laws and County Committee Regulations. Compliance with these Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations is the responsibility of Club and Independent Team Officers and it should not be necessary for the Competitions Control Committee to have to adjudicate on issues of non-compliance, by any Club or Independent Team.

Club venues with floodlights played a major role in the delivery of our 2021 adult and underage games programmes and I would like to acknowledge their support and cooperation.

There were significant challenges in delivering the 2021 games programme, at adult and underage level, and I would like to extend a sincere thanks to all members of the Competitions Control Committee: Joe Higgins, Dave Coffey, Carina Carroll, Eamon Dunican, Eamon Phelan, Damian Brazil, Padraig Keating and Christy Todd.

Finally, on behalf of the Competitions Control Committee, I wish to extend sincere congratulations to the U20 footballers on their Provincial and All-Ireland successes, the senior hurlers on their Christy Ring Cup and Division 2 hurling successes, the senior footballers who were promoted to Division 2 of the Allianz Division 2 Football League and all other County teams on their very competitive performances during the year.



Sub-Committee Reports

## Coiste Éisteachta

Author: Padraig Ó Meara

**Cathaoirleach:** Pauric Pierce (Cumann Ráithin) **Runaí:** Padraig Ó Meara (Cumann An Clarách)

#### Committee:

Joe O' Brien (Cumann Druim Culleann) (Resigned in October)
Mary Dooley (Cumann Baile Sceannach/Cill an Bhile)
Eamonn Mahon (Cumann An Rachra)
Claire Brady (Cumann Fear Bán)
Paul Sheeran (Cumann An Daingean)

The remit of the Hearings Committee is to endeavour at all times to make decisions correctly, within rule and without favour, based on the evidence presented by both the appellant and the CCC. The County Hearings Committee does not seek to be seen as a defender of referees, committees or players. The role of the County Hearings Committee is to assess the evidence put before it in an impartial manner and to adjudicate on the disputed facts or interpretations in dispute. Sometimes, depending on the specific circumstances of each case and the evidence presented, the members of the committee are left with very difficult decisions to make but at all times everyone on the Hearings Committee strive to be fair and honest in arriving to their decision under the guidance of the Treoraí Oifigiúil. Each case was treated with the respect and privacy that it deserved.

Coiste Eisteachta Uibh Fhailí presided over approximately 28 cases throughout 2021. This was double that of 2020. There seems to be a much higher rate of non-acceptance of proposed penalties compared to several of our neighbouring Counties. It is very concerning the rise in the number of infractions reported for the abuse of match officials and some heavy suspensions were upheld on foot of referees' reports, in some instances they felt physically threatened, this is totally unacceptable and it is up to Club's, Club Officials, Club mentors and players to start accepting responsibility for their actions before, during and after games and not come in to hearings trying to defend the indefensible. It is regrettable that once again we must note some individuals who

have been sent off and reported for some of the most serious offences are still reluctant to accept that they have done wrong and they are not prepared to take responsibility and accept the penalty that is imposed. When any member/unit feels our decision was incorrect, they then have the right of appeal to the Leinster Hearings Committee. We fully respect this, irrespective of the outcome of any appeal. This year two decision's taken by our committee was the subject of an appeal to the Leinster Council Hearings Committee. One appeal was unsuccessful and the other was sent back to Coiste Eisteachta for reprocessing. It is worth bearing in mind with regard to an individual or club seeking a hearing that if the request is received outside the three days allowed, the committee has zero discretion in this regard and cannot accommodate any such hearings outside the time frame allowed, there was a further two cases based on this that could not be heard.

Coiste Éisteachta Uibh Fhailí strongly recommend that all Club Secretaries should obtain a copy of the current Treoraí Oifigiúil and acquaint themselves with the rules of the Association, and those pertaining to the procedures of Coiste Éisteachta. The Hearings Committee is obliged to act on rules in the Official Guide and will apply those rules accordingly. It is always the policy of the committee that if any individual member of the committee has any conflict of interest whatsoever that they step down for that particular hearing. All parties who seek a hearing also are given the right to object to any sitting member of the committee before a hearing commences.

I would like to once again thank all referees' for correctly phrasing infractions on their reports with the assistance and training of the referees committee. I would like to thank Christy Todd for the use and opening of the meeting rooms at Bord Na Mona O'Connor Park, sometimes at very short notice at various stages during the year. I would like to sincerely thank all the members of Coiste Eisteachta during 2021 for their dedicated service to the Association in Offaly on a voluntary basis. Their time and patience in ensuring that Appellants get a fair hearing and their willingness to attend meetings at short notice must be commended. This committee has spent many hours meeting throughout the year which sometimes is not noted but they provided a valuable service to our Association in 2021.



Sub-Committee Reports

## Coiste na nÓg

Author: Debbie Uí Scolaí

**Cathaoirleach:** Carina Carroll (Cumann Baile an Maor) **Runaí:** Debbie Scully (Cumann Páirc De Grás)

#### Committee:

Garech Doorley (Cumann Biorra)
Keith Screeney (Cumann Cill Chormaic/Cill Aictí)
Paul Dillane (Cumann Tulach Mhór)
Philip Kelly (Cumann Clodiagh Gaels)
Ollie Bryant (Cumann Na Shamróga)
Tomás Flaherty (Cumann Peile Naomh Raghnach)
Richard Dolan (Cumann Seir Keiran)
Willie Melia (Cumann Cluain Bolg)
Elaine Kelly Dunne (Cumann Cill Cluain Feart)
Martin Cashen (Cumann An Charraig & Baile Uí Lachnáin)

The Coiste na nÓg Chairperson and Committee are appointed by the Management Committee. The roles and responsibilities of the Committee are set out under Bye Law 4(iii). Coiste na nÓg operate within the parameters of this Bye Law and had representations on the CCC, at Management Committee and worked closely with Coaching and Games.

#### Objectives for 2021

- Assist Clubs with a smooth and successful return to play following Covid 19 disruption in 2020
- Provide an extended season to Juvenile Players with meaningful Competition
- Provide additional support and training to Club Officers on Foireann
- Run Information Nights for Clubs

The first meeting of the Coiste na nÓg Committee was held via MS Teams on 24.01.2021 and saw the appointment of new Members Richard Dolan, Debbie Scully and Ollie Bryant.

Championship/Competition outstanding from 2020 had to be completed before the 2021 Fixtures Plan could commence.

On the 22nd April Coiste na nÓg held a very successful Club Information Night Via MS Teams. Speakers on the night gave an overview of the plan for the County and development going forward. In particular, the implementation of structures in Clubs, which would follow The Offaly Way was highlighted by the County Secretary.

A Furter Club Information night was held in June with a focus on Communication in Clubs, Player Injury Funds and Winter Training Plans for Clubs. Both nights were well received and further assistance to Clubs was given where requested.

Thankfully there was no major disruption to games this year due to Covid 19 and with the Co-operation of Clubs and the tireless work of the CCC the fixtures plan was executed successfully.

#### **Winter Leagues**

For 2021 plans were put in place for 3 Winter Leagues which would extend the playing season for Juveniles across the County. Coiste na nÓg together with Ballinamere GAA and Tullamore GAA provided the Jerry Conway Memorial Tournament, The Jack Wyer Memorial Tournament and the Super 7's. All Tournaments were well received by Clubs and the uptake was excellent. The Super 7's Has been completed and the Jerry Conway and Jack Wyer are in the Final stages of the tournaments.

#### Feile 2021

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 Feile 2021 didn't take place in its normal format. At the August meeting of Coiste na nÓg it was decided to honour the qualifying agreement made that the 2020 "A" Final winners would represent the County in the draw for the National Exhibition Day, we were unsuccessful in securing a place at the exhibition.

Finally, the Coiste na nÓg Committee would like to thank Clubs for their continued support throughout the year. It is important also to thank all the Referees and Match Officials who officiated at all Juvenile games across the County during the year and those who gave up their time for the Winter Leagues also. Many thanks to the CCC for their tireless and efficient management on fixtures. This is my 5th and final report as coaching officer for Offaly GAA it has been a challenging but hugely rewarding period since 2017.



#### Sub-Committee Reports

## **Coaching & Games**

Authors: Martin Cashen / Liam O'Reilly

As County Coaching Officer and Chairperson of Coaching and Games I am pleased to present my report in a very different and challenging year that is 2021. Coaching and Games have overall responsibility for the delivery of coaching and games programmes for boys in both Hurling and Football throughout the County. This has been achieved through working closely with all our stakeholders including Parents, Clubs, Schools, Coaches, and Coiste Na Nog.

Included on the Offaly Coaching and Games subcommittee are Vinny Claffey, Colm Quinn, Matt Connor, Brian Darby, Joe Erritty, Elaine Kelly Children Officer, Carina Carroll Chairperson Coiste Na Nog and Jim Troy.

Coaching and Games staff include Liam O Reilly [Games Manager], Michael Cleary, Conal Mahon and our GPOs Mairead Daly & Adrian Clancy.

The formal reporting structures requires me to report to the executive of Offaly County Board and I wish to thank all the people who have served on the executive board for their support since 2017.

Our <u>Vision</u> is to foster and develop in youth players a desire to maximise their potential so they may progress to play Adult Games at both Club and County level. Within that vision we want our youth players to have an enjoyable development experience which in turn will help to promote a lifelong association with the G.A.A.

Our <u>Mission</u> is to develop our youth players [both as individuals and sports players] through providing opportunities to develop both knowledge and skills which will empower them to embrace the challenges that they will encounter along the Player Pathway journey.

Our **Commitment** is to ensure that our youth players will have exposure to professional Coaching for both individual and personal development. The programme of Coaching will focus on Technical Skills, Physical Development, Tactical Awareness and Behavioural Skills of the individual player where the focus will be heavily weighted towards Clubs.

The work of Coaching and Games is underpinned by National Policy and guidelines on the Coaching and Games Model of implementation. We are committed to a programme of Club visits, Schools coaching including Primary & Secondary, Coach Education, Games Opportunities, Camps and the Co-Development Squad project. The Hurling and Football Development Plans and the Player Pathway policy provide the operational direction for all our work with youth coaching and talent development.

Coaching and Games work with our Primary School to provide coaching within the schools. This has been a challenge to implement with the delays on appointments of our GPOs and the unavailability of suitable coaches. Our GPOs of Mairead Daly and Adrian Clancy deliver coaching on a weekly basis with our GDAs delivering primary school coaching on a smaller scale. Leinster Council have now advertised for the expansion of the GPO model and that is most welcome in Offaly. In order to meet demand for primary school coaching we have now employed 4 coaches in a part time capacity it is hoped to increase that number and for 2022 our target is to reach out to every school in the county.

Coaching and Games plan and Co Ordinate the Club Go Games blitzes every year to ensure every child can play the quota of Gaelic games as recommended by Croke Park. Liam O Reilly along with a committee of Colm Cummins, Carina Carroll, Emmet Scully, Joe Kilmurray, Pamela Nugent, James Corrigan, Mark Sammuels, Liam Cullinan, Paul Dillane work closely to implement & deliver the programs of games. A program of 18 weeks of fixtures, 36 games per week and over 1,423 players were catered for each week. The total numbers of games provided in 2021 was 1,026.

Coaching and Games are tasked with the safe implementation of the now traditional Kellogg's Cul Camps at Club Venues across the County. As participation levels continue to increase the project creates an opportunity for fun and games for the children while creating an employment opportunity for young qualified Coaches from within the county. In total 27 camps were held, over 80 coaches were employed during the 2021 Cul Camp season and the total number of children participating was 2,919 that was an increase of 1,793 kids from last year. A new camp was added with Ballyskenagh/Killavilla hosting their first ever Cul Camp and the return of our inclusive camp demonstrates our commitment to total inclusion within the GAA.

Coaching and Games are committed to serving the Clubs of Offaly in the areas of both Child/Youth Coaching and Coach Education for adults in both codes. Under the TURAS Player Pathway programme we remain committed to the implementation of a standard and coherent coaching philosophy that supports the long-term development and retention of players at club, school and at County level. We have strengthened this coaching model with the development and implementation of our own Offaly Skill Assessment and progression model from Age 6 to 17 in both codes. This identifies the age appropriate skills, measures individual progress and challenges both Players and Coaches in a positive way.

Coaching and Games have overall responsibility to coordinate and implement the Talent Academy model for Under 14, 15 and 16 boys in both codes each year. This is achieved with the help and support of volunteer Club Coaches who continue to give of their time and expertise in the interest of youth development in our County. Our policy is to maximize the Number of boys with each squad and develop them to become better Club players primarily. We have developed a Charter and Code of best practice for both Players and Coaches alike. In conjunction with this Talent Development model we host Skills Workshops for coaches, and these are open forums to all coaches working at Club Level within the County. The National Talent Academy fixtures resumed during the summer of 2021 but due to the volume of club games we were not able to fulfil the early fixtures. All squads have now returned during the Autumn and because they have lost more than a year of development, we now need to make up for lost time particularly in the area of player athletic development.

Coaching and Games remain committed of the Co Strategic Plan 'The Offaly Way Forward'

At the end of a very challenging year thanks to the C&G Staff, Clubs and Co Board for your continuous support as we look forward to new challenges and opportunities in 2022.

On a personal level I as coaching officer wish to thank my club Carrig & Riverstown and the Offaly County committee for giving me an opportunity to give something back. I wish to thank everybody for your support and loyalty over the past five years. Together we have achieved a lot and the county has a bright and positive future I wish my successor Carina Carroll every success.



#### Sub-Committee Reports

## PR Communications / Marketing

Authors: Brendan Minnock

#### Social/Digital Media

Offaly GAA has a strong presence across all Social Media channels, with a steady increase in followers throughout 2021.



**32,200** Followers *twitter.com/Offaly\_GAA* 



**13,000** Followers facebbook.com/OfficialOffalyGAA



**9,300** Followers instagram.com/officialoffalygaa

There was a focussed drive to maximize coverage of all GAA activities in the county and capitalise on positive stories during the year. These included (but were not limited to):

- U20Success Leinster & All-Ireland Titles
- Senior Hurlers Christy Ring Cup Victory
- Senior Footballers Promotion
- Minors in two (2020) Leinster finals
- Grand Canal Walk Fund-raiser
- Shane Lowry Partnership
- Carroll's of Tullamore 30 year sponsorship

Video clips and interviews have proven to be particularly popular, with some featured goals from club games achieving in excess of 100,000 views across the various platforms.

Club managers, players and officials were always very co-operative when asked for interviews, photos, etc., which allowed for the successful roll-out of P.R.-related initiatives.

The P.R. committee benefited hugely by being able to call on the social media expertise of Adam Harte and Ciara Spain, and the expertise of photographer Sinead Toolan.

Meanwhile, the Offaly GAA website has been regularly updated with news stories. It has a fully integrated Fixtures & Results section, and a user-friendly link for

ticket sales.

#### **Programmes / Team Sheets**

Team sheets were produced for all Senior & Senior B Championship group games, and numerous knock-out games at other adult and under-age grades. These were provided free of charge to supporters at the venues. Many of them were published online also.

With crowds permitted to attend games for most of 2021, it allowed for the production of more match programmes, which hopefully will be expanded further when attendances return to pre-pandemic levels.

Local journalists regularly provide content for programmes, while statistical information from Patrick Donegan and Pat Teehan has been invaluable.

#### Bord na Móna O'Connor Park

The large volume of games at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park – both inter-county and club – means that considerable work is required behind-the-scenes to ensure the print, radio and broadcast media are properly accommodated.

The P.R. committee is able to call on several people to assist with the various duties, including P.A. annoucements, scoreboard, etc. Many thanks to Eamonn Cusack, Oisin Cusack, Bill Kavanagh, Aidan Doyle and all others who help out.

#### Live / Deferred Streaming

The long-delayed 2020 Senior and Senior B hurling finals were streamed live in August, via an in-house service, 'Faithful TV'. Some inter-county games were also streamed live through 'Faithful TV' in 2021, before the restrictions on crowd numbers were lifted.

Since then, it was decided not to stream club championship games 'live', but instead provide a deferred showing of games in both codes. Offaly GAA has benefited from the availability of professional cameramen, expert commentators and others with technical know-out, especially Ray Bell.

#### **Presentation Events**

Due to Covid-19, it was not possible to present the 2020 Player of the Year awards. A date has been fixed to present the 2020 and 2021 Awards in early January in conjunction with the sponsors, Bridge House Hotel, if Covid-19 guidelines allow.

#### **Presentation Events**

Our local newspapers and Midlands Radio continue to provide extensive and excellent coverage of Gaelic games, for which Offaly GAA is very thankful. All these outlets were very supportive of all our activities throughout the year.

Offaly GAA also has a positive working relationship with members of the national media, whether they are covering our games or attending inter-county matches in Tullamore, and we wish to thank them also.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who assisted me during the past two years, as P.R.O., including members of the Management Committee and the P.R./Marketing sub-committee, plus many others.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience. As I also served as P.R.O. from 2008 to 2010 inclusive, I am obliged to step down from the role having completed five years, but I look forward to assisting my successor in every way possible next year.



Sub-Committee Reports

## **Cultural Committee**

Author: Michelle Ní Ógain

#### Scór 2020

Due to the ongoing situation with covid it has only been possible recently to finish the Scor Sinsir from 2020. The Leinster Final took place on the 23rd of October in Gibbinstown, Co. Meath. Offaly were represented in the following competitions.

Rince Foirne: Birr Bailead Ghrupa: Ferbane Traith na Gceist: Edenderry

Both Birr and Ferbane were defending the titles they won in 2019 and Edenderry were representing Offaly for the 1st time in Scor.

The standard of competition on the day was of the usual high standard and when the results were announced

Offaly's 3 representatives were victorious on the day. They now go on to represent their clubs, county and and provence in the All-Ireland Final on the 20th November in the Air-Dome CLG Chonnacht Claremorris Co. Mayo.

#### **All-Ireland Final 2020**

The 2020 Scor Sinsir reached its conclusion with the All-Ireland final held in Claremorris on Saturday 20th November. Three offaly clubs represented their County and Province on the day. Following a day which saw competition of the highest standard Offaly emerged with 2 All-Ireland titles with Ferbane retaining their All-Ireland title in the Ballad Group and 1st time participants Edenderry emerging with a comprehensive victory in the Traith na gceist. The Birr team put up and outstanding performance in Rince Forine and came up just short. This was a wonderful day for Offaly Scr and leave us in a very strong position as we enter the 2022 season.

#### Scór 2022

Following recent National Scór meeting a decision was made to start the Scor 2022 season with Scór na Nog. The coiste hope this will now give certainty regarding the future of Scór. Once a decision is made regarding National and provisional finals then a date can be made regarding Scór in Offaly.

#### Scór on Line Webinar

The national Scór Committe recently held an online webinar in each county to try and get more clubs involved in Scor and hopefully this was beneficial to clubs who haven't been involved in Scor for a while to get back involve in again.

#### Club of the Year

Kilcormac-Killoughey

Finally I would like to thank all the clubs who have kept our culture alive within their clubs and hope to see more clubs getting involved in 2022. I would like to thank the Offaly Cultural Committee and County Board for their help and support in promoting Cultural and language and look forward to another successful year in 2022.



Sub-Committee Reports

#### Children's Officer

Author: Elaine Kelly-Dunne

2021 has been both a very positive and challenging year in Offaly GAA from a Children's Officers perspective and I would like to start by extending a huge thank you to all those in their clubs who have taken on the role.

Statistics speak for themselves, and it is evident from the figures recently received from Croke Park that Offaly GAA clubs have taken their Child Protection responsibilities seriously and are ensuring that all who work with our underage players have been vetted, safeguarded and have received coaching qualifications.

Earlier this year an audit was carried out by Croke Park to assess the risks associated with our underage structures across the country. While the audit brought with it some difficulties, it served well in highlighting the core areas within our association that need more focus and enables us to provide the best and safest environments for our children to grow and development their GAA skills. With all of the above taken into consideration Offaly GAA are committed to providing our clubs with all the resources necessary to maintain best practices and standards within our county. It is hoped that in 2022 we will provide even more safeguarding and coaching qualification courses, both online and face to face.

Throughout the year, several issues that clubs need to be continuously mindful of. One of these was the issue of **disrespectful & abusive language both on the field and towards match officials** in our games.

All clubs should have a **zero-tolerance approach** in this area and all team mentors and club committees should be aware of the procedures in place to deal with the issue if it arises. We, the adults, need to lead by example so that our young people see that there is no place for this type of behaviour in our National Games.

The issue of **negative side-line behaviour** by coaches and onlookers was also raised. In the current climate where Child Protection is paramount and anxiety in young people is becoming all too prevalent this is completely unacceptable. The responsibility lies with clubs to ensure that the highest standards of behaviour during games are set and maintained, and that players,

coaches and supporters are aware of these.

Sport is intended to be primarily fun and as the adults involved, we need to promote a **positive side-line culture** 

Sport when working with underage players" and the "Guide to Maintaining appropriate levels of behaviour in our work with children and young people". These are available at the Safeguarding course and also online at:

http://gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-welfare-and-protection/

Looking forward, as part of the Offaly GAA Development Plan we will be holding workshops with all the clubs, on a more personalised basis. It is hoped to identify any club issues around children protection and structures associated. In doing this it will enable us to offer and provide additional resources to our clubs and assist in their further development.

To conclude, I would like to commend the clubs for their continuous hard work with our underage setups and for maintaining a high level of compliance with our ever-evolving structures. The last two years in particular have challenged us all greatly but the will to succeed, persevere and adapt has served our youth extremely well

A special word of thanks to all who have supported me in this role especially our tutors and Games Coordinators for their help in up skilling our coaches and mentors under some serious constraints. Finally, to all the Children's Officers across Offaly, thank you for your continued efforts



Sub-Committee Reports

## **Health & Wellbeing Committee**

Author: Liam Hackett

This time last year as I prepared the 2020 report I ended by thanking all who participated in the Health & Wellbeing structures and supports during the year and looked forward to working with all clubs during a healthier and safer 2021. But as we now know we are still living through this pandemic and dealing with associated challenges and stresses which face us daily within our families, communities, and clubs.

Due to ongoing challenges and restrictions of the COVID -19 pandemic the County Health and Wellbeing Committee work was severely curtailed during 2021 and planned initiatives both nationally and at county level were put on hold, affording us little or no opportunity to develop the County Committee further as most current committee members are either involved in front line work or actively involved with their communities and clubs in COVID -19 Support. However, we did do our best to engage with Clubs and to contact their Healthy Club Officers, but response was very disappointing.

The Committee during 2021 had representation on two virtual Provisional Meetings and in person attendance at the National forum which took place on November 13th in Portlaoise. The area of focus for this year's Forum was the development of a CHWC Training Module and the plan for facilitation of the Healthy Club Officer Training by the National Health and Well Being Committee going forward. There will be a new definition of CHWC Role which will put more focus on the committee to support the enhancement of the HWC project by assisting clubs both currently in the program and those who are not. Applications for Phase 5 Club recruitment closes on 5th December. From next year Healthy Club achievement levels will be introduced i.e., Gold, Silver, Bronze and Foundation. All existing Healthy Clubs will have Foundation Level.

The GAA Healthy Club Annual Conference took place virtually on Saturday 30th October 2021 and the recording of the conference can be viewed on GAA Healthy Club Conference October 30th, 2021 - YouTube. Feedback from this conference is an important part of the aims of the Healthy Club Project and is considered

when developing the focus of the National Forum.

Finally thank you to all who participated in the Health & Wellbeing structures and supports during the year and we look forward to working with all clubs during a healthier and safer 2021.



Associate Bodies Report

## **Offaly Handball**

Author: Caoimhín Mac Cúaigh

Handball had yet another year of hardship as a result of Covid with the game not being played until late October due to restrictions. Unlike our other Gaa games handball is primarily an indoor sport and with the high levels of the disease in the community and the greater risk of catching Covid in an enclosed environment we had no national or provincial championships in 2021.

In early November Leinster Handball held a one-day tournament in various venues across the province involving three grades. We had representation in two of them with Conor O'Brien playing in the A and Cathal McNamee playing in the B. Conor reached the semi-final but lost out to Dublin in his match. Cathal had better success with him reaching the final, but it wasn't to be as Wexford proved too strong on the day and he had to settle for silver.

Covid has slowed so much of our development progress that we had built up in the last number of years. We are hopeful that we can continue working in the schools in the new year with some schools already signed up to a training program in 2022, at primary level. In 2021 we had intended to roll out a handball training initiative for secondary schools, the first of its kind in the country, but again Covid has put this on hold.

With Covid having a negative impact on our sport all that we can hope for is that this pandemic abates, and handball comes out on the right side of it.



## **COUNTY CONVENTION NOMINATIONS 2022**

POSITION	OUTGOING	NOMINATIONS	NOMINEE'S CLUB
Chairperson	Michael Duignan	Michael Duignan	Durrow
Vice Chairperson	James Murphy	James Murphy	Rhode
Secretary	Colm Cummins	Colm Cummins	Edenderry
Assistant Secretary	Christy Todd	Christy Todd	Ballycommon
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan	Dervill Dolan	Clara
Assistant Treasurer	Sinead Daly	Sinead Daly	St. Rynagh's (F)
P.R.O.	Brendan Minnock*	Padraig O'Meara	Clara
Central Council Representative	Paddy Scales	Paddy Scales	St. Rynagh's (H)
Leinster Council Representatives (2)	Dolores Slevin Joe Higgins	Dolores Slevin Joe Higgins	Kilcormac/Killoughey Tubber
Cultural Officer	Michelle Hogan	Michelle Hogan	Birr
Coaching Officer	Martin Cashen*	Carina Carroll	Ballinamere

#### Note:

The Planning and Training Officer, the County Safety and Facilities Officer and the Children's Officer shall be appointed by County Convention following a recommendation by the outgoing County Committee.

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes that the Officer has served five years either consecutively or cumulatively as per Rial 3.11 (b) T.O 202



#### **COUNTY CONVENTION MOTIONS 2022**

#### **BYE-LAW MOTIONS**

Amend/include the following Bye-Laws (Amendments/Additions highlighted in red)

**MOTION No. 1** 

**CAPPINCUR GAA CLUB** 

#### (7) ATTACHMENT TO FIRST CLUB

In accordance with Rule 6.4 (c) T.O 2021 A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence or where he has other relevant connection with a particular club as defined by 6.3 (b) (i) T.O 2021. If a player wishes to become a member of the Association, by joining a club, outside of the catchment area of his permanent residence, he or the club must submit to the County Secretary, evidence of his entitlement to do so.

#### **MOTION NO. 2**

#### **OFFALY GAA COUNTY COMMITTEE**

#### (1) COUNTY CONVENTION (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O. 2021)

- 1.1 County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10, shall elect/appoint Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11 and Delegates in accordance with Rule 3.12 following nomination in accordance with Rule 3.13:
  - Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Planning & Training Officer and a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee.
  - It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and one representative on Central Council.
- 1.2 A person nominated for any of the above elected positions shall, 10 days before Convention following a request from the County Secretary, confirm in writing their willingness or otherwise to seek or not seek election.
- 1.3 Rule 3.11 (b) (2) shall not apply to the office of Treasurer.
- 1.4 Before publication of Convention Motions submitted in accordance with Rule 3.14 these shall be examined by the Management Committee. Motions considered out of order should be returned to the submitting Unit indicating reasons and affording an opportunity to re-submit.

#### (2) COUNTY COMMITTEE (Rules 3.18 to 3.19 T.O. 2021)

The County Committee shall consist of the Officers elected/appointed pursuant to Bye-Law No. 1, the Two Provincial Council representatives, and the One Central Council representative, (elected pursuant to Bye Law No. 1 above who shall be ex-officio members), one named delegate from each affiliated club, the County Referees' Administrator, County Safety and Facilities Officer, the Coiste na nÓg Chairperson, one named representative each from the County Primary Schools Committee, the County Post Primary Schools Committee and the County Handball Committee.

(3) In accordance with Rule 3.20 and subject to Rules 3.21 and 4.2 T.O. 2021 the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions shall be as detailed therein and in these Bye-Laws where appropriate. The membership of each shall be determined as follows: All members of sub-committees shall be named.

- (a) Management Committee: It shall consist of the Officers, the Coiste na nÓg Chairperson and representatives to Central and Provincial Council.
- **(b)** Competitions Control Committee: It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and three other members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, a named representative of Coiste na nOg, a named representative of the Finance Committee, one Fixtures Analyst together with the County Referees' Administrator (who shall vote only on the appointment of Referees).
- (c) Fixtures Analysts As per Treorai Oifigiuil
- (d) Hearings Committee: It shall consist of a Chairperson and six other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (e) Safety and Facilities Committee: shall have six members including the County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be the Chairperson and a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.20 (v) T.O. 2021.
- **(f) Referees' Administration Committee:** It shall consist of the County Referees' Administrator and five other named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (g) Coaching and Games Development Committee: It shall consist of the County Coaching Officer, as Chairperson, Games Development Manager (who shall act as Secretary), and eight other named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (h) Cultural Committee: It shall consist of the Officer for Irish Language & Culture, as Chairperson and four other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (i) Public Relations/Marketing Committee: It shall consist of the County Public Relations Officer, as Chairperson and four other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- **(j) Youth Committee:** It shall consist of five named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary) nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- **(k) Finance Committee:** It shall consist of eight named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary) nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (I) Information Technology Committee: It shall consist of the County Public Relations Officer and three other named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary) nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (m) County Teams' Management & Panels' Committee: The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee/Player Relationships and as approved by Árd Chomhairle from time to time and shall be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (n) Health and Wellbeing Committee: It shall consist of the Children's Officer and four other named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (o) Planning and Training Committee: shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and

#### County Planning Committee.

- (p) Audit and Risk Committee: shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member
- (4) In accordance with R. 3.19 (I) T.O. 2021 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as set out in these Bye-Laws:
  - (i) County Post-Primary Schools Committee. It shall be responsible for the promotion of the aims of Cumann Luthchleas Gael in all Post-Primary Schools in Offaly through the preservation and promotion of Gaelic Games and pastimes. It shall encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic Games, as is possible. This Committee shall be appointed annually, by the County Committee and shall include a representative of each affiliated Post-Primary School, a representative of the County Coaching and Games Development Committee and an Officer of the County Committee. The County Chairperson shall nominate the Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee.
  - (ii) Coiste Na nóg. The promotion of underage club activities, for minor grades and below, shall be controlled by a SubCommittee of the County Committee to be known as Coiste na nOg.
    - (a) Coiste na nOg shall promote underage club activities, for minor grades and below, except where the County Bye Laws provide otherwise. It shall make recommendations to the Competitions Control Committee for arrangements for all Competitions and/or Championships of underage football and hurling up to and including the Minor grade
    - (b) Coiste na nOg shall consist of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary, who shall be appointed at the first meeting of the County Committee each year following a nomination from the Management Committee. One representative from each of Cumann na mBunscol, County Handball Committee, County Camogie Committee (non-voting), County Ladies Football Committee (Non-Voting) and one representative from each club's underage sub-committee or where clubs combine to form an Independent Underage team one representative from that team (one representative to represent all underage teams up to and including the Minor grade). The Coaching Officer and Children's Officer elected and appointed respectively at County Convention shall act ex officio on Coiste na nOg.
    - (c) Coiste na nOg Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Coaching Officer and Children's Officer shall be responsible for the day to day running of the affairs of Coiste na nOg.
    - (d) Coiste na nOg shall hold a minimum of four meetings each year.

#### (5) PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Permanent Residence is defined in Rule 6.3 T.O 2021 with the following exception:

To meet the requirement of permanent residence, a player must be residing at his current address for at least 16 weeks, on the date of application to transfer. In such cases the onus of proof of new permanent residence shall be on the applicant for transfer.

### (6) OTHER RELEVANT CONNECTION

Rule 6.3 T.O. 2021 sets out criteria considered to constitute "Other Relevant Connection" with a particular Club.

#### (7) ATTACHMENT TO FIRST CLUB

In accordance with Rule 6.4 (c) T.O 2021 A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence or where he has other relevant connection with a particular club as defined by 6.3 (b) (i) T.O 2021

#### (8) TRANSFERS

Transfers within the County shall be dealt with in accordance with R. 6.5 (a) T.O. 2021

Applications for transfers, within the county, shall be submitted on a duly completed official transfer application form. All Such applications must be submitted to the County Secretary prior to the first meeting of the County Committee each year, which shall be held in January, and no further applications will be considered after that date.

Such application shall not be granted unless the player is in permanent residence in the Parish in which his new club is located (Regulation No. 43 - Catchment Area - permitting), is opting for his First Club or has "Other Relevant Connection with a particular Club as defined in sub-section (b) (i) of Rule 6.3. T.O 2021

The Competitions Control Committee shall process and make initial decisions on all applications for Transfer and Permission to Play within the county. Such decisions shall reflect the ethos of the Association as outlined in Riall 6.1.TO. 2021 and give due consideration to the negative effect, if any, it may have on the player's First club.

#### (9) GRADING OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS

Requests for regrading of teams shall be accepted by the County Secretary, not later than the January County Committee meeting.

In accordance with Rule 6.20 (a) T.O 2021 The County Committee shall retain the right to make the final decision on an application for Regrading by a Club.

By the final County Committee meeting prior to the championships commencing each year, clubs with two or more adult championship teams, must submit a list of players to the Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee.

The list shall contain the Championship status, of each player, at the end of the previous Championship year and their proposed status for the current year.

The list shall name a minimum of 18 players for the highest grade of Championship and a minimum of 15 for each subsequent grade, excluding the Club's lowest grade. The names for each grade of championship must comply with Riail 6.19 T.O. 2021

In order for players to be officially regraded to a lower level, they must be named at that level. Each Clubs list is subject to examination by the Competitions Control Committee, who may at their discretion make additions or amendments to the names listed.

In Accordance with Rule 6.20 (b) T.O 2021 a Player aggrieved by a decision on his application for Regrading shall have the right of appeal to the County Hearings Committee whose decision shall be final.

#### (10) AFFILIATION

In accordance with Rule 3.2 (C) T.O. 2021 Entry fee for Championship shall be  $\leq$ 80 for each adult team and  $\leq$ 8 for each under-age team.

#### (11) INTER COUNTY PLAYERS AVAILABILITY TO CLUBS

In accordance with Rule 6.22 (A) T.O. 2021. The period of time during which Senior Inter-County Players shall not be expected to fulfil Inter-Club Championship Fixtures prior to Inter-County Championship Games, in the same Code, shall be as follows 6 days (144 hours) for County Senior, U-20 and Minor Championship knockout games.

#### (12) PLAYING RESTRICTIONS (Rule 6.8 T.O. 2021)

Subject to the Exceptions hereunder, the Parish Rule shall be in force for all grades.

#### **Exceptions**

- (a) (In accordance with R. 3.19 (n) T.O. 2021 and Rule 6.8, Exception (1) (a) or (b).): Where there is no under-age team in a Parish (including Minor & U20), a player in that Parish, may play with an Independent Team within the County which shall not bear the name of an adult Club within the County.
- (b) In accordance with Rule 6.8 (c) T.O. Where there is no adult football team in a Parish, a player from a hurling Club,

in that Parish, may play with a football team, and vice versa, within the County.

**Note:** Applications for Exceptions shall be processed by the County Competitions Control Committee and approved by the County Committee each year. All applications for Exceptions shall, be submitted, on duly completed application forms, to the Committee, by the relevant Club, Secretary seven clear days (168 Hours) in advance of the 1st meeting of the County Committee each year for all adult (incl. U-20 grades), and seven clear days (168 Hours) in advance of the February meeting of the County Committee for all grades up to an including Minor.

## **Financial Statements**

for the 11 month period ended 30 September, 2021

Offaly County Committee

Gaelic Athletic Association

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Offaly County Committee, Gaelic Athletic Association for the period ended 30 September 2021 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. 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".

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Association as at 30 September 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the period then ended;
- have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA) Ethical Standard, and the provisions available to small entities, in the circumstances set out in Note 8 to the financial statements, 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 ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the Committee Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate: or
- the Committee Members' have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Association'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.

#### Other information

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

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.

#### Other Matters

In our opinion, based on the audit work undertaken in the course of the audit:

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we considered were necessary for the purposes
of our audit;

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

- In our opinion proper accounting records have been kept by the Association: and
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

#### Respective Responsibilities

#### Respective responsibilities of Committee Members and Auditors

As explained more fully in the Treasurers' Report, the Committee Members are 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 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 Association'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 intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Responsibilities of Auditors for the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: <a href="http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description">http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description</a> of auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

Our report is made solely to the Association's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Association'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 Association and the Association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Michael Casey
For and on behalf of

**BCA Tax & Business Consultants Limited** 

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors

Tullamore Co. Offaly

Date: 29 November 2021

Offaly County Committee, O'Connor Park & Faithful Fields Income and Expenditure Account for the 11 month period ended 30 September 2021

	€ 2021	€ 2020
	(11 months)	(12 months)
INCOME		
Offaly County Committee	1,221,560	718,886
O'Connor Park	247,497	249,452
Faithful Fields	96,480	59,480
Total Income	1,565,537	1,027,818
EVENDENDE		
EXPENDITURE Official Country Committee	834,129	759,433
Offaly County Committee O'Connor Park	366,248	417,359
Faithful Fields	167,191	111,009
Total Expenditure	1,367,568	1,287,801
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	197,969	(259,983)

The financial statements were approved by the board on 29 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Treasurer: Lead of Supplain

Secretary: Ela 8 Commun

Income and Expenditure Account for the 11 month period ended 30 September 2021

	Schedule	€ 2021	€ 2020
		(11 months)	(12 months)
INCOME			
Gate Receipts	1	237,184	89,085
Commercial Income	2	207,653	155,890
Income from Associates Bodies	3	373,915	302,011
Other Income	4	291,931	171,900
Coaching and Games Development	9	110,877	-
Total Income		1,221,560	718,886
EXPENDITURE			
Match Expenses	5	97,214	33,898
County Teams' Administration Expenses	6	683,318	610,390
Interest and Bank Charges		606	3,863
Administration Expenses	7	52,991	68,700
Grants and Subscriptions	8	-	5,832
Coaching and Games Development	9	-	36,750
Total Expenditure		834,129	759,433
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		387,431	(40,547)

The financial statements were approved by the board on 29 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Treasurer: Seail & Substain

Secretary: El & Comerce

O'Connor Park Income and Expenditure Account for the 11 month period ended 30 September 2021

	Note	€ 2021 (11 months)	€ 2020 (12 months)
INCOME		(11 1110111115)	(12 1110111115)
Rents for Matches		12,785	15,883
O'Connor Park Development Fund	5	148,202	148,202
O'Connor Park Shop and Misc		1,510	2,567
O'Connor Park Signage		36,000	34,800
Central Council/Sports Ireland COVID-19 Grant	is	49,000	48,000
Total Income		247,497	249,452
EXPENDITURE			
Rent and Rates		73,634	67,644
General Repairs and Upkeep of			
Grounds and Equipment		51,265	79,764
Other Expenses		15,466	32,273
Insurances		1,667	10,003
Depreciation	2	197,549	198,052
Loan Interest		26,667	29,623
Total Expenditure		366,248	417,359
Operating Deficit		(118,751)	(167,907)
(Deficit) for year		(118,751)	(167,907)
Statement of Non-cash Movement			
(Deficit) for year		(118,751)	(167,907)
Addback: Depreciation		197,549	198,052
<b>Deduct:</b> O'Connor Park Development Fund		(148,202)	(148,202)
Adjusted Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(69,404)	(118,057)
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The financial statements were approved by the board on 29 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Treasurer: Least Substain

Secretary: Eu 8 Commun

Faithful Fields Income and Expenditure Account for the 11 month period ended 30 September 2021

	Note	€ 2021	€ 2020
INCOME		(11 months)	(12 months)
Faithful Fields Development Fund	6	55,480	55,480
Faithful Fields Sponsorship		20,000	-
Faithful Fields Fundraising		21,000	-
Central Council/Sports Ireland COVID-19 Gran	ats	-	4,000
Total Income		96,480	59,480
General Repairs and Upkeep of			
Grounds and Equipment		109,404	48,721
Other Expenses		1,112	1,447
Insurances	0	834	5,000
Depreciation	2	55,841	55,841
Total Expenditure		167,191	111,009
Operating Deficit		(70,711)	(51,529)
(Deficit) for year		(70,711)	(51,529)
Statement of Non-cash Movement (Deficit) for year		(70,711)	(51,529)
Addback: Depreciation		55,841	55,841
<b>Deduct:</b> Faithful Fields Development Fund		(55,480)	(55,480)
Adjusted (Deficit) for year		(70,350)	(51,168)

The financial statements were approved by the board on 29 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Treasurer: Kearl of Subplain

Secretary: Ela 8 Commu

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2021

	Notes	€ 2021 30/09/2021	€ 2020 31/10/2020
FIXED ASSETS		00/00/2021	01/10/2020
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	9,473,749	9,727,265
		9,473,749	9,727,265
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and Prepayments		285,094	208,578
Prize Bonds		381	381
Bank Balances		12,607	62,771
Total		298,082	271,730
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals		250,577	368,696
Total		250,577	368,696
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		47,505	(96,966)
Capital Employed		9,521,254	9,630,299
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUND			
Accumulated Fund	4	43,702	(270,640)
Long Term Loans - O'Connor Park Redevelopm	ent	1,456,485	1,559,817
Long Term Loans - Refinancing		166,247	282,620
O'Connor Park Redevelopment Fund	5	5,351,181	5,499,383
Faithful Fields Development Fund	6	2,503,639	2,559,119
		9,521,254	9,630,299

The financial statements were approved by the board on 29 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Treasurer: Mail & Substain

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the 11 month period ended 30 September 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### HISTORICAL COST CONVENTION

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention

The format of presentation is in accordance with the standard format recommended by Cumman Luthchleas Gael

#### DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated to write off fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The rates applied are:

Office Buildings 20% straight line
Equipment 20% reducing balance
New Stand/Faithful Fields 2% straight line

#### AMORTISATION

The O'Connor Park Redevelopment Fund and the Faithful Fields Development Fund are being released to the Income and Expenditure account, in line with the related assets. The funds are therefore amortised at 2% straight line.

#### 2. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Office Furniture &Equipment	Office Building	Faithful Fields	Grounds Equipment	New Stand & Terrace	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€
COST						
At 1 November 2020	12,310	24,329	2,792,027	201,595	9,763,297	12,793,558
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	
At 30 September 2021	12,310	24,329	2,792,027	201,595	9,763,297	12,793,558
DEPRECIATION						
At 1 November 2020	11,679	24,329	212,955	190,449	2,626,881	3,066,293
Charge for the year	126	-	55,841	2,283	195,266	253,516
At 30 September 2021	11,805	24,329	268,796	192,732	2,822,147	3,319,809
NET BOOK VALUES						
At 30 September 2021	505	-	2,523,231	8,863	6,941,150	9,473,749
At 31 October 2020	631	-	2,579,072	11,146	7,136,416	9,727,265
3. CONTINGENT LIABI	LITIES			€ 2021	€ 2020	
Offaly GAA has guaranteed the fo	ollowing amounts	;				
St. Rynaghs GAA Club				-	813	
Clonbullogue GAA Club				11,559	17,508	
Killeigh GAA Club				12,080	18,020	
Edenderry GAA Club				74,667	84,350	
Birr GAA Club				17,837	23,764	
Balance at end of year				116,143	144,455	

4. ACCUMULATED FUND	€ 2021	€ 2020
Balance at beginning of period Surplus/(Deficit) for year :	(270,640)	(10,657)
Long Term - Refinancing Credit (incl. prior years)	116,373	-
County Committee	387,431	(40,547)
O'Connor Park	(118,751)	(167,907)
Faithful Fields	(70,711)	(51,529)
Balance at end of period	43,702	(270,640)
5. O'CONNOR PARK REDEVELOPMENT FUND	€ 2021	€ 2020
Balance at beginning of period	5,499,383	5,647,585
Transfer to income and expenditure	(148,202)	(148,202)
Balance at end of period	5,351,181	5,499,383
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6. FAITHFUL FIELDS DEVELOPMENT FUND	€ 2021	€ 2020
Balance at beginning of period Grants	€ 2021 2,559,119 -	€ 2020 2,580,149 34,450
Balance at beginning of period		2,580,149
Balance at beginning of period Grants Contributions	2,559,119 - -	2,580,149 34,450
Balance at beginning of period Grants Contributions Transfer to income and expenditure	2,559,119 - - (55,480)	2,580,149 34,450 - (55,480)
Balance at beginning of period Grants Contributions Transfer to income and expenditure  Balance at end of period  7. CONTRA ITEMS  The following amounts collected from clubs were remitted to the appropriate a Registration Fees	2,559,119 - - (55,480) 2,503,639	2,580,149 34,450 - (55,480)
Balance at beginning of period Grants Contributions Transfer to income and expenditure  Balance at end of period  7. CONTRA ITEMS  The following amounts collected from clubs were remitted to the appropriate a Registration Fees Players Injury Scheme	2,559,119 - - (55,480) 2,503,639	2,580,149 34,450 - (55,480) 2,559,119 €
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Balance at beginning of period Grants Contributions Transfer to income and expenditure  Balance at end of period  7. CONTRA ITEMS  The following amounts collected from clubs were remitted to the appropriate a Registration Fees Players Injury Scheme Public Liability and Property Insurance	2,559,119 - - (55,480) 2,503,639	2,580,149 34,450 - (55,480) 2,559,119 € - 12,732
Balance at beginning of period Grants Contributions Transfer to income and expenditure  Balance at end of period  7. CONTRA ITEMS  The following amounts collected from clubs were remitted to the appropriate a Registration Fees Players Injury Scheme Public Liability and Property Insurance  The following amounts received from associated bodies were distributed	2,559,119 - - (55,480) 2,503,639	2,580,149 34,450 - (55,480) 2,559,119 € - 12,732

### 8. APB Ethical Standards - Provisions Available for Small Entities

As a small entity under the provisions of the APB in relation to Ethical Standards, we engage our auditor to provide assistance with the financial statements preparation and tax compliance services.

Schedules to the Financial Statements for the 11 month period ended 30 September 2021

SCHEDULE 1	€ 2021	€ 2020
	(11 months)	(12 months)
GATE RECEIPTS	,	,
Senior Football Semi-Finals	-	3,745
Senior Hurling Semi-Finals	-	3,745
Senior Football Final	-	3,785
Senior Hurling Final (2020 Final)	8,500	-
Season/Weekend Tickets	17,088	14,366
Other Matches	211,596	63,444
* See schedule 5 for 'Matches' related expenses	237,184	89,085
SCHEDULE 2	€ 2021	€ 2020
	(11 months)	(12 months)
COMMERCIAL INCOME	,	,
Sponsorship	171,421	122,735
Royalties	36,300	31,130
Programme Income (Net of expenses)	(68)	2,025
	207,653	155,890
	€ 2021	€ 2020
SCHEDULE 3		
	(11 months)	(12 months)
INCOME FROM ASSOCIATED BODIES		
Central Council		
National League Shares/Grant	35,000	21,876
Commercial Income (Croke Park)	60,000	80,000
Administration Grant	27,500	30,000
Senior Panel Travel Grant	65,391	11,995
Central Council/Sports Ireland COVID-19 Grants	173,624	118,440
Provincial Council		
Team Expenses	-	8,500
Administration Grant	10,000	11,200
Other	2,400	20,000
	373,915	302,011

Schedules to the Financial Statements for the 11 month period ended 30 September 2021

SCHEDULE 4		€ 2021	€ 2020
		(11 months)	(12 months)
OTHER INCOME AND F	FUNDRAISING		
League Income		14,200	-
Club Affiliation Fees		9,058	9,646
Club Levy		100,500	100,500
Lotto (Net of expenses)		14,098	18,564
Fundraising		150,182 2,048	3,072
, ,	Faithful TV (Net of expenses)		20,704
Miscellaneous		1,845	19,414
		291,931	171,900
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SCHEDULE 5		€ 2021	€ 2020
		(11 months)	(12 months)
MATCH EXPENSES			
League Expenses		10,350	-
Medals and Trophies  Match day expenses		20,257	5,863
	/enue Rental Club	30,932	13,019
	Ficketing Costs	15,380	6,473
	Referee Expenses	11,360	4,782
	Field Marking	6,335	2,666
	Floodlights	2,600	1,095
		97,214	33,898
SCHEDULE 6		€ 2021	€ 2020
SCHEDULE 0		(11 months)	(12 months)
COUNTY TEAMS ADMI	NISTRATION EXPENSES	(11 1110111115)	(12 1110111115)
Catering	MOTRATION EXI ENGLO	98,327	94,923
Players Travelling Exper	nses	94,801	64,438
Team Administration Exp		246,950	190,308
Buses and Accommodat		10,603	13,327
Sportsgear, Equipment,	Gym and Laundry	145,732	155,627
Medical Expenses include	•	76,014	83,595
Players Injury Insurance	for County Teams	9,965	10,317
Fines		926	(2,145)
		683,318	610,390

Schedules to the Financial Statements for the 11 month period ended 30 September 2021

SCHEDULE 7	€ 2021	€ 2020
	(11 months)	(12 months)
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	,	,
Printing, Stationery and General	9,124	14,072
Postage and Telephone	3,814	5,832
Wages and PRSI costs	24,437	32,672
Audit Fees	4,920	4,920
Accountancy Fees	2,568	3,690
County Convention and Other Meetings	960	770
Leinster Convention and Congress Expenses	-	1,801
Expenses of County Board Officers including Honoraria	-	2,330
Depreciation	126	158
Advertising and IT Support	2,874	2,455
Complimentary/Sponsors Tickets	4,168	-
	52,991	68,700
SCHEDULE 8	€ 2021	€ 2020
	(11 months)	(12 months)
GRANTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PROMOTIONAL		
Presentation Dinners	-	4,205
Gaeltacht Scholarships	-	1,000
Scor	-	627
	-	5,832
	C 2024	C 2020
SCHEDULE 9	€ 2021	€ 2020
	(11 months)	(12 months)
COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT		
Hurley Helmet Scheme	(969)	15,064
Coaching Scheme Contribution(Development Squads)	651	(2,090)
Coaching Expenses	1,861	3,319
Coaching Staff Wages	2,986	33,011
Easter Camp	-	(753)
Summer Camp	(115,048)	(42,844)
Referees Expenses	-	223
School Coaching Expense	(358)	30,820
	(110,877)	36,750

