

# COUNTY CONVENTION CLÁR 2021

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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 2020.

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 2020.
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

Name	Clubs		Co. Board Officers (15)	
	Convention Delegates	Co. Board Delegates		
Ballinagar	1	1	Paurig Gallagher	Michael Duignan
Ballinamere	1	1	Collette Waters	James Murphy
Ballycommon	1	1	Gerry Gannon	Pat Horan
Ballycumber	1	1	Vincent Minnock	Christy Todd
Ballyfore	1	1	Mary Dunne	Dervill Dolan
Ballyksnenagh/Killavilla	1	1	Kevin Tuohy	Eamon Phelan
Belmont	1	1	Jimmy Cahill	Paddy Scales
Birr	1	1	John Irwin	Brendan Minnock
Bracknagh	1	1	Ciarán Groome	Joe Higgins
Cappincur	1	1	Niall Minnock	Colm Cummins
Carrig & Riverstown	1	1	Paul King	Elaine Kelly Dunne
Clara	1	1	Padraig O Meara	Michelle Hogan
Clodiagh Gaels	1	1	Des Dunne	Martin Cashen
Clonbullogue	1	1	Leo Dempsey	Carina Carroll
Clonmore Harps	1	1	Willie McNamee	Brian Gavin
Coolderry	1	1	Colman Hogan	
Crinkill	1	1	Des O'Brien	
Daingean	1	1	James Keating	<b>Committee Reps. (4)</b>
Doon	1	1	Pauric Egan	Cumann na mBunscol – Tom Naughton
Drumcullen	1	1	Peter Lyons	
Durrow	1	1	Paul Fox	County Post Primary Schools
Edenderry	1	1	Keith McGuinness	Niall Lynch
Erin Rovers	1	1	Eamon Dunican	Referee's Administrator – Damien Brazil
Ferbane	1	1	Noel Clarke	
Gracefield	1	1	Padraig O Meara	County Handball Committee
Kilclonfert	1	1	David Kelly	Kevin Cooke
Kilcormac/Killoughey	1	1	Paul Crevan	
Kinnitty	1	1	Ger Coughlan	
Lusmagh	1	1	Michael Troy	
Raheen	1	1	John Hackett	
Rhode	1	1	John Kilmurray	
Seir Kieran	1	1	T J Dooley	
Shamrocks	1	1	Roger Molloy	
Shannonbridge	1	1	Jim Killeen	
Shinrone	1	1	Michael Cleary	
St Brigids	1	1	Michael Casey	
St Rynagh's F	1	1	Sean Clancy	
St Rynagh's H	1	1	Gerry Quirke	
Tubber	1	1	John Moran	
Tullamore	1	1	Tom Martin	
Walsh Island	1	1	Jim Mahon	
<b>Total (142)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>		<b>19</b>

- Notes:**
1. Example of Club Voting Rights: Ballinagar Club has 2 votes, if Paurig Gallagher and the 1 County Convention Delegates are present.
  2. Proxy not allowed for a Co. Board Delegate who is unable to attend.

## MIONTUAIRSCI COMHDHAIL CINN BLIANA 2020

The 2019 Offaly County Convention was held in O'Connor Park, on Tuesday 10th December 2019 with Tomas de Brion presiding.

The following club delegates were present:

<b>Ballinagar:</b>	P. Gallagher J. Pierce Mick Dunne	<b>Ballinamere:</b>	C. Waters Ollie Kelly Pat Cleary	<b>Ballycommon</b> :	Frank O'Brien J. Mahon D Scally
<b>Ballycumber:</b>	G. Kelly D Daly E Larkin	<b>Ballyfore:</b>	Teresa Groome Breda Jones G Dunne	<b>Ballyskenagh</b> <b>/ Killavilla:</b>	E. Phelan K Tuohy A Franks
<b>Belmont:</b>	T.Kenny J. Cahill R Liddane	<b>Birr:</b>	D Coffey D. Bolger W Rigney	<b>Bracknagh:</b>	Ciaran Groome J Lawlor A Dempsey
<b>Cappincur:</b>	P. Corrigan N Minnock M Daly	<b>Carrig &amp; R:</b>	P King P Connaghton D Hoctor	<b>Clara:</b>	B. Gavin P. O'Meara D Dolan
<b>Clodiagh Gaels:</b>	D. Dunne M. Shiel D Beatty	<b>Clonbullogue</b>	L. Dempsey B O'Neill	<b>Clonmore</b> <b>Harps:</b>	W McNamee J Foy D Connell
<b>Coolderry:</b>	M. Hanley P. Ryan C Hogan	<b>Crinkle:</b>	D. O'Brien J.Hogan D Ward	<b>Daingean:</b>	Padraig Keating James Keating Vickie Keating
<b>Doon:</b>	M Moran S Egan	<b>Drumcullen:</b>	P. Lyons T Ryan D Horan	<b>Durrow:</b>	T. Hensey P. Fox T McDermott
<b>Edenderry:</b>	W. Ford K McGuinness D Farrell	<b>Erin Rovers:</b>	E. Dunican Frank Kenna P Carroll	<b>Ferbane:</b>	C Brady G Dignan Ollie Daly
<b>Gracefield:</b>	P. Maher J Scully C O Reilly	<b>Kilclonfert:</b>	Elaine Kelly Dunne B. Spillane D Kelly	<b>Kilcormac/K.:</b>	N Slevin J Mahon P Craven
<b>Kinnitty:</b>	M Carry M Bergin Tony Carroll	<b>Lusmagh:</b>	J Duffy M. Troy J Troy	<b>Raheen:</b>	J. Hackett R. Garry L Boland
<b>Rhode:</b>	E Hickey J Kilmurray C. Swords	<b>Seir Kieran:</b>	TJ Dooley R Dolan A O'Neill	<b>Shamrocks:</b>	G Buckley L Mooney B. Minnock
<b>Shannonbridge</b>	Tony Rohan Damien Brazil J Killeen	<b>Shinrone:</b>	Michael Cleary B Feighery J Raleigh	<b>St. Brigids:</b>	M Casey L Molloy R Scally
<b>St.Rynaghs (F):</b>	O Clancy T Flaherty J Daly	<b>St. Rynaghs</b> <b>(H):</b>	K Flannery G Quirke D Martin	<b>Tubber:</b>	J. Moran E Murphy J Higgins
<b>Tullamore:</b>	T Martin Alo Lawlor V Smyth	<b>Walsh Island:</b>	J. Mahon L Corcoran A Mulhall		

**Also present were:** , T Byrne, P Horan, J Higgins, M Dunne, B Flynn, J Hogan, N Kavanagh, J Moloney, J Murphy, D Slevin, N Gleeson, M Cashen, P Pierce, P Scales, G Maher,

**Apologies:** Post Primary Schools

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the 2019 County Convention were accepted on the proposal of D O'Brien, seconded by A Lawlor.

## **TELLERS**

Following a proposal from D O'Brien which was seconded by C O'Reilly, Pat Teehan, Eamon Cusack and Tony Flanagan were appointed tellers. An Cathaoirleach thanked them for making themselves available.

## **STANDING ORDERS**

Standing orders, listed on Page 1 of the Convention booklet, were accepted on the proposal of C Waters, seconded by A Mulhall.

## **SECRETARYS REPORT**

The Secretary's Report was accepted on the proposal of E Dunican seconded by C Waters.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The sub-committee reports were accepted on the proposal of E Dunican seconded by C Waters.

## **AUDITORS REPORT**

The Auditors Report was presented by Michael Casey (Byrne Casey & Associates) and was accepted on the proposal of P Lyons and seconded by P Maher. Following the presentation Michael responded to a number of queries from delegates. An Cathaoirleach thanked Michael and for his comprehensive presentation of the 2019 accounts. He also thanked Treasurers J. Hogan and B Flynn who were supported by T Moloney

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Michael Duignan was elected. Outgoing Chairperson Tommy Byrne congratulated Michael and wished him every success in the position. He is available to Michael for whatever help/support that he may need. He thanked the delegates saying that the delegates have spoken and he is fine with their decision.

Michael Duignan stated that he was humbled and honoured to have been elected Chairperson of Offaly GAA. He thanked the clubs who nominated him and the delegates who voted for him. He thanked Tommy Byrne for his work with Offaly GAA. He now wants to unite Offaly GAA.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following Officers were appointed/elected:

Chairperson	Michael Duignan
Vice Chairman	James Murphy
Secretary	Pat Horan
Assistant Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan
Assistant Treasurer	Vacant
Central Council Delegate	Paddy Scales
PRO	Vacant
Leinster Council Delegates	Joe Higgins/Brian Gavin
Development Officer	Vacant
Culture Officer	Vacant
Coaching Officer	Martin Cashen
Children's Officer	Vacant

## **CHAIRPERSONS ADDRESS**

Tommy Byrne thanked all the volunteers across the county and all the members of the sub committees. He acknowledged the role of Club Faithful and in particular Padraig Egan and Katie Keogh. He feels that there is a need for more support for Club Faithful as the recent AGM had a very small attendance. He also acknowledged the team managers and inter county players that he has worked with over his term in office. He thanked the support staff in O'Connor Park and Faithful Fields. He congratulated the winners of all competitions in 2019. He thanked the members of the outgoing management committee. He stated that it was now about Offaly uniting and moving forward and that will need everybody to unite behind the County Board.

## **CLUB OF THE YEAR**

An Cathaoirleach presented the Juvenile Club of the Year to Kilcormac Killoughey, Justin Graham returned thanks on behalf of the club. An Cathaoirleach presented the Senior Club of the Year to Bracknagh, John Lawlor returned thanks on behalf of the club. An Cathaoirleach presented Scor of the Year Club to Seir Kierans.

## DELEGATES TO LEINSTER CONVENTION

The following delegates were appointed to attend the 2019 Leinster Convention: M Duignan, P Horan, P O'Meara and C Groome.

## DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONGRESS

The following were delegates were appointed to attend the 2019 Annual Congress: M. Duignan, P Horan, E Dunican and L Molloy. Proposed O Daly seconded B Spillane

## MOTIONS

Motions section 1 to 12 were adopted – Proposed P Lyons Seconded E Dunican. St Rynaghs motion to add head injury to blood injury was adopted Proposed Gerry Quirke Seconded T Carroll. This motion will now go to Congress.

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## CONCLUSION

Jan County Board meeting will be 7th Jan 2019

Culture Officer	Vacant
Coaching Officer	Martin Cashen
Children's Officer	Vacant
Development Officer	Vacant

## MOTIONS

The Bye Law 10 motion to bring the listing of players to 15 for second/their team – adopted. Motion to be clarified for the bye laws – meeting agreed for County Board to get this done.

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### Conclusion.

## 2020 SECRETARY'S REPORT

I am delighted as Runaí Contae Uíbh Fháilí to present my 3rd annual report to County Convention here tonight, detailing the activities that took place on and off the field under the auspices of CLG Uíbh Fháilí during the year 2020.

My report is in three section. The first a brief synopsis on activities of county and club teams in the Allianz National Leagues and Leinster Championships, the second section is on county board activities off the field and the final section is a general commentary on other issues that arose during 2020.

## COUNTY TEAMS ACTIVITIES

### Senior Football

Our Senior Football team under John Maughan had a difficult league campaign but managed to rally with two good wins and a draw at the end of the league to retain their Div. 3 status for 2021.

They lost their first game by 7 point to Cork 0-20 to 0-12 game but bounced back a week later with a draw against Longford at O Connor Park Longford 0-10 to

Offaly's 0-10 . They won their next game to Louth by 2-10 to 2-13 in The Gaelic Grounds. Their next game was Leitrim where Offaly secured victory with a 2-16 to 0-14 scoreline. They lost their next 2 games at home to Down by 0-09 to 0-17 at O'Connor Park and travelled to Semple Stadium for game against Tipperary but lost to the score of 0-16 to 1-16. At O Connor Park they lost out to Derry in their last game in O'Connor Park by 1-10 to 1-12. To their credit they remained in Div. 3 football for 2021.

In the O'Byrne Cup they had 3 wins , beating Louth by 1-16 to 1-10 and Wexford by 2-12 to 1-7 and near neighbours Laois by 1-17 to 2-12

In the Leinster Championship, they were drawn against Carlow at O'Connor Park and had a very good win and went on to the play Kildare in Portlaois and finished on the losing side after a great performance and could have progressed if we were lucky enough to convert one of the 3 goal chances we had. It was a pleasure to have worked with them all year.

On behalf the County Board I like to thank John and his backroom team and players for their commitment to Offaly.

#### **U 20 Football**

In the U20 Football Championship Offaly beat Louth in Dunleer by 2-6 to 0-9 and went on to play Kildare in Quarter Final and losted out narrowest of margins by 1-7 to 0-9. In the Liam Connor Cup Offaly finished 2nd to Clare in the League, Won against Wicklow 4-10 to 0-12 Limerick by 4-16 to 0-9 but lost to Clare 1-12 to 0-6 so in the Liam Connor Final they beat Clare by 4-7 to 3-7 in the final

#### **Minor Football**

Was cancelled due to Covid-19 and my report ón Minor Football was finalized.

#### **Senior Hurling**

Our Senior Hurlers finished 3rd in the Allianz National Hurling campaign in 2020, beating Meath in St Brendans Park by 0-26 to 1-21 and then losted to Kerry 2-11 to 0-14 followed by beating Mayo away by 5-29 to 1.13. Michael Fennelly's men won their next game against Wicklow by 4-29 to 2-14 and then drew their last game to Antrim by the scoreline of 2-14 to 0-20. In the Christ Ring they were to play Kildare in the first round but due to a Covid -19 positive case they had to give Kildare a walkover.

Travelled to Newry to play Derry and came away with a good win 0.33 to 1.15 and progressed to Semi Final Meeting with Down again in Newry but came away on the losing side after been 4 points up and was awarded a penalty which we converted but strangely it was not awarded and the rest is history. Thanks to Michael Fenelly and his backroom team and the players too.

#### **U 20 Hurling**

Our U20 hurling team had a good win against Westmeath by 2-22 to 3-9 the the Covid-19 restrictions came into place and the competition was suspended.

#### **Minor Hurling**

Our Minor Hurler had a very good win against Laois in the first round by 2-18 to 0-12 in St Brendans Park only for the competition suspended due to Covid-19.

#### **Players and Managers**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all county players, managers and selectors and team secretary's for their efforts during the year and I also wish to thank all members of back room teams for their work and

dedication to Offaly GAA. As we are about to enter into a new season I wish all new managers and selectors the very best of luck in 2021 and look forward to working with you.

**On Fixtures:** I'd like to say well done to James Murphy and Christy Todd and the CCC and Carina Carroll at underage for all their hard work and hours spent in getting fixtures played and were very unlucky not to have all fixtures completed only for the 3 week lockdown

#### **Senior Football**

In Senior Football, Rhode won the Dowling again in a close contested final against a gallant Tullamore Team by 1-9 to 1-7

#### **Intermediate Football**

In the Intermediate Football Champion St Rynagh's had a great win against Kilcormac-Killoughey by 0-9 to 1-4

#### **Senior Hurling**

St Rynagh's and Kilcormac-Killoughey reached the Final but was cancelled due to Covid-19.

#### **Intermediate Hurling**

Coolderry and Shirone reached the final but was also cancelled due to Covid-19

#### **Referees**

without you we could not have our games and I'd like to thank you all for your dedication and especially to Damien Brazil and his committee and for progressing the standards. Congrats to all County Final Referees. Well done to our inter County referees who were always available when called upon.

#### **Coaching and Games**

well done to all the GDAs Michael Cleary, Dave Hare and Ollie Walsh led by Liam Reilly.

#### **County Board**

The County Board is the controlling body of all the affairs of the association within the County and consists of club delegates and officers. A number of special meetings with club chairpersons and secretaries also took place during 2020 to see if we could improve the running of our games. I would like to thank all clubs and their officers for their help and support throughout the year. and in particular I want to thank all volunteers that assisted in any way with the running of Offaly GAA during 2020. If we did not have volunteers we would not be able to exist and the County Board of Offaly takes a lot of dedication and time from our Operations

Manager and Members of the Management Committee to run this organisation. I look forward to your continued support in 2021. I would like to congratulate all clubs on taking part in our championships and competitions and in particular clubs that won titles 2020 as outlined below.

Competition	Winner	Runner Up
Senior A Football	Rhode	Tullamore
Senior B Football	Durrow	Gracefield
Intermediate Football	St Rynaghs	Kilcormac/Killoughey
Junior A Football	Daingean	Tullamore
Senior A Hurling	TBD	
Senior B Hurling	TBD	
Intermediate Hurling	TBD	
Junior A Hurling	TBD	
U20 Hurling	TBD	

Competition	Winner	Runers Up
Minor A Hurling	Kilcormac/Killoughey	Ballinamere/Durrow
Minor B Hurling	Na Fianna	Ferbane/Belmont
U15 A Hurling	TBC	
U13 A Hurling	Drumcullen/Clareen	Kilcormac/Killoughey
U13 A Shield Hurling	Na Fianna	Tullamore
U13 B Hurling	Kinnitty/Lusmagh	Clara
U13 B Shield Hurling	Ferbane/Belmont	Gracefield

#### Management Committee

I would like to thank our Operations Manager Tom Moloney and especially Christy Todd for all there help during the year , to the members of the management committee for their work throughout the year. A special word of thanks to our PRO Brendan Minnock who worked very hard in getting media attention for our games

#### O'Connor Park

I would like to thank all those that helped with the running and up keep of O'Connor Park, programme sellers, stewards and especially Jim Kelly who always takes pride in how the pitch looks on match days.

#### Bord na Móna Faithful Fields

Special Thanks to Christy Todd and his staff for the continued involvement in the running of the facility. Faithful Fields always looks in tip top condition. It's a wonderful facility to have and the envy of many a county.

None of this could have been done without the generous support of the various sponsors and Businesses and the support of Offaly people everywhere

#### General

Well done to all the Camogie and Ladies Football teams both at club and county level. We now have closer links with both associations and wish them well in 2021. To all our Sponsors thanks for your continued support

and to the Carroll Family. Carroll's Cuisine must be the longest Sponsor in the Country and has stayed loyal to us through the good and the not so good years.

Murt Connor Walsh Island and Aidan Fogarty St. Rynagh's entered the Offaly GAA Football Hall of Fame at this year's Awards Night Sponsored by Bridge House Hotel on January 19th 2020 . Joining a long list of illustrious players who have played for the Faithful County.

Well done to all winners on the night.

I would like to thank all county board delegates, officers, members of sub-committees, staff, media, supporters club, Cumann na mBunscoil, and the staff Comhairle Laighean and Croke Park for all of their help and assistance throughout the past year.

2020 was year that we all want to forget and due to Covid 19 it was strange to have to hold meetings on line and carry out the proper procedures to keep all our players and backroom staff safe. I like to thank our Covid Officer Colm Cummins for all his help with the clubs getting them through a very difficult year.

Finally I would like to thank my own family for their support and to the family and friends of those who passed away during the year I would like to extend my sympathy.

Pádraig Ó'hOrain  
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## OFFALY HANDBALL REPORT 2020

This year has obviously been a very disappointing one due to Covid particularly for Handball as it is an indoor sport.

The Leinster 40x20 championship did however start in January and most of our players got off the mark and were progressing well in the competition reaching the provincial semi-final stages before all matches were cancelled due to the pandemic. Unfortunately, the 40x20 season could not be continued due to the lockdown so the 2020 championship will be recorded as having not taken place.

With restrictions easing in the summer months Handball returned with the 60 X 30 championship being given the green light. It would be the singles competition only, with all matches being played behind closed doors. This brought further challenges such that the CCCC had to limit the number of competitions being run so as to comply with government guidelines. This resulted in only the 60x30 Senior and Minor grades being played on an open draw format.

David Hope represented Offaly in the Senior open and made great strides in reaching the quarterfinal stage only to be defeated by the eventual All Ireland winner and number one seed Robbie McCarthy.

While our own players didn't get to play much Handball in 2020 both Offaly clubs hosted plenty of fixtures over the course of the championship. The senior championship was played over a five-week period with both venues hosting games in the opening three rounds. The Crinkle venue was the busier of the two with both the senior and minor quarter and semi-finals being played there.

As Croke Park Handball Centre was unavailable due to its use as a covid test centre Crinkle was bestowed the honour of hosting the finals. It was an historic occasion as it was the first time that all four finals were held in the same venue on the same day and a great privilege for Offaly and Crinkle to host such a prestigious event. This was further enhanced by the fact that two local men Conor O'Brien and Kevin Cooke refereed all four finals.

With regard to Handball development, we were to roll out a coaching program within secondary schools in the county but that has been put on hold due to the pandemic. We did however manage to do some coaching in primary schools earlier in the year which was well received and hopefully we can expand on this in 2021.

Our county's level of success and development of the game would not be possible to achieve or maintain without the continued financial support of Offaly GAA. On behalf of Offaly Handball Board, I would like to acknowledge this support and offer them our sincerest thanks for their valued contribution.

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Kevin Cooke  
Caoimhín Mac Cúaigh  
Cathaoirleach OHB

## Cumann na mBunscol Uíbh Fhailí report for 2020 Offaly County Convention

As with every club and organisation in the country, 2020 was a very different year for our organisation. When schools closed in March, we were only a week out from the start of our spring football and hurling competitions. Unfortunately, from then until the summer holidays, we had no Cumann na mBunscol activities.

Once schools re-opened in September, the national executive sent guidance that there should be no Cumann na mBunscol activities until January 2021 at the earliest. Schools and teachers are doing their utmost to keep children safe in pods and class bubbles so mixing groups and classes, as well as playing games against other schools was deemed to contradict the safety efforts being done in schools. So we await further guidance on whether or not we will have games in 2021.

Prior to the school closures in March we did have a subsidy scheme for schools to buy footballs and sliotars. We had over 20 schools purchase gear at a very competitive rate, which signals the great work being done in schools.

We also had, in conjunction with Offaly GAA, a huge response to the 2020 Hurl and Helmet Scheme. 20 schools availed of the scheme in which Offaly GAA offer a substantial subsidy on gear and Cumann na mBunscol Uíbh Fhailí offer a further subsidy. Thanks to all at Offaly GAA and in particular, GDA Michael Cleary for all his help in organising this scheme.

Unfortunately, that was the height of our activities this year. We hope that 2021 sees the return of our competitions, which are often the highlight of our children's time in school. We often hope to see a return of our skills competition, our children competing at half time in inter-county games and all the other Cumann na mBunscol activities.

I want to thank our committee for their continued hard work despite the lockdown and in particular our treasurer Niall Larkin and our Chairman Sean McCann.

Mise le meas,

Tom Naughton



## 2019 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance Committee Report 2020.

A new finance committee was formed in January 2020 after the 2019 Convention. The membership of the committee comprised, Brendan Jennings (Chair) Dervill Dolan (County Treasurer), Paul Craven, Padraig Egan, Tony Flanagan, Brian Flynn, Eamon Phelan, and Kevin Roe. The committee is also supported by our Operations Manager Tom Moloney.

One of the first tasks of the committee was the finalisation of the 2020 budget. The budget which was subsequently approved by the management committee projected a breakeven position for the county for 2020. The largest part of our budget being allocated to County Teams running costs including Players Travel expenses, Sports gear, Physiotherapy, Catering, and team administration expenses.

The committee agreed a schedule of work for the year which included regularly monitoring the financial position of the County, a review of costs, a review of our sources of income and a number of other items. A schedule of meetings was also agreed for the year. Early into the year COVID-19 became a significant issue and as a result our focus as a committee was on the close monitoring of income sources and expenditure commitments and a regular review of our evolving financial position.

Our financial outturn for the year is significantly different from that which was planned at budget time.

Our overall result for the year was a deficit of €259,983. The County normally runs a deficit for the first few months of the year, so our finances were at their lowest when Covid-19 hit. Based on a number of financial projections prepared during the year the deficit could have been significantly higher were it not for the tight management of costs and cash flows and the significant support of Central Council/Sport Ireland for which we are very grateful. We are also grateful for the continued support provided by the Leinster Council during the year.

The key reasons for the deficit include: a reduction in gate receipts of €269,985, and a substantial reduction in Income from Associated Bodies of €285,890. This reduction in income was somewhat alleviated by the income support measure provided by Central Council/Sports Ireland Covid-19 Grants of €170,440.

The committee oversaw the selection of an external service provider for the introduction of an online ticketing system in July 2020. Initial feedback is that the system worked well. However, we did not get the full benefit of the system for the season as attendances at games was severely restricted. The use of the online ticketing platform can generate benefits for the County including, reduction in cash handling and greater security and control over gate income. The system also benefits our supporters who can easily access tickets in an efficient and modern way. The system will be reviewed by the committee as we plan for the 2021 season to see how we can further enhance its use and effectiveness for Offaly GAA.

The committee has also commenced work on the replacement of the scoreboard in Bórd Na Mona O'Connor Park which is past its useful life. We have engaged with external providers and plan to acquire the new scoreboard in early 2021.

On the cost side we did not expend as much as projected with savings in County Teams Administration costs of €147,685 and additional savings in administration expenses and other areas. Central Council/ Sport Ireland provided direct support for County Teams Administration

Expenses for the League and Championship in late 2020. That support continued to be provided post year end towards the finalisation of the 2020 Championship. Central Council also set up a new app to pay travel expenses directly to the players.

This has also been a difficult period for our Clubs who continued to support the County through the payment of levies and other fees while at the same time managing their Clubs on much reduced resources. In addition, our Clubs provided great support in their communities during a challenging year.

We would like to thank our sponsors who continued to support Offaly GAA during this exceedingly difficult period. Their continued support will be especially important as we try to rebuild the financial position of the County in the year ahead to enable us to invest in our coaching and games and to support our County teams.

We are also incredibly grateful to all our supporters and volunteers who have contributed in many ways during the year.

### Coiste na nÓg:

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

### The Committee for 2020:

Chairperson: Carina Carroll  
Secretary: Kieran Horan  
Committee: Willie Melia, Richard Dolan, Ger Keys, Keith Screeney, Jimmy Grennan, Garech Doorley and Philip Kelly.

### Main Objective outlined for 2020:

- In 2020 the committee intended to prioritise to have all clubs and the players to the forefront of our activities and planning.
- The committees' aim was to provide more matches for every football & hurler across all grades.
- For this to be achievable, the committee would need the support of our clubs & coaches and to buy into new proposed structures and groupings for all competitions.
- The games program planned for 2020 was to ensure every player plays at least 13 matches per code.

2020 saw a **Master Fixture Plan** agreed and put in place, which set about having initial leagues dates starting in March for U-13, U-15 and U-17 football and hurling. June & July it was anticipated that U 13 league would be completed and August U-15 & U-17 would be completed.

Championship, it was planned to start Round 1 on Monday March 30th for U-17 football and Round 1 for U-13 hurling

Wednesday April 1st to start Round 1 for U-15 hurling  
Friday April 3rd start Round 1 for U-17 hurling and Round 1 for U-13 football

Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 pandemic it played havoc on all plans when it came to league and championship football and hurling competitions.

There was some let up in August, September and some of October which saw players and coaches return to the

playing fields under tight Covid restrictions and guidelines.  
Post Covid lock down brought about many changes in structures and game fixtures. It brought many challenges and in fairness it worked very-well. Clubs were very understanding and cooperative. Very few clubs (2 only) looked to push out games and any changes made in fixtures meant games were brought forward and not pushed out.

## 2020 Underage Championships & Competitions

### Current Position:

U13 Hurling championship & competitions completed.

U17 Hurling championship & competitions completed.

U17 Hurling A Shield Final-TBC

U15 Hurling championship at semi-final stages.

U15 A hurling shield final-TBC

U15 B Hurling competition at round 4  
(5 rounds in total, SF & Final-TBC)

U15 Football championship at round 4  
(5 rounds in total, SF & Final-TBC)

U17 football championship & competitions @ semi-final stages.

U13 Football championship & competitions @ semi-final stages.

### 2020 Underage Leagues

17 league matches ( U13, U15 & U17) played of a possible 77.

Leagues started prior to lockdown in March are considered null & void.

CCC Provisional Plan – 11/10/20

Underage championship & competitions to resume when Government & GAA Guidelines allow.  
(Level 2 required for underage fixtures).

### Féile 2020:

It was planned as follows,

- Féile Football to be run over the weekend Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th of April respectively.
- Féile Hurling to be run over the weekend Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd of May respectively.
- Competition to be in Faithful fields.
- All cancelled due to Covid 19

The Coiste na nÓg Committee would like to thank all for their assistance and help throughout 2020.

A special thank you to Carina, Christy and the CCC for their trojan work in getting over all the challenges presented to them when it came to re-structuring of fixtures on a constant basis over the past months.  
We look forward to your continued support in 2021

## OFFALY COACHING AND GAMES ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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 2020. 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 is 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 and Jim Troy all former Offaly players.

Coaching and Games staff include Liam O Reilly [Games Manager], Dave Hare [Performance G.D.A] Michael Cleary and Ollie Walsh.

- Our **Vision** 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 **Mission** 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. The Co Board executive agrees on local policy and Clubs retain an opportunity to participate at local forums and Co Board meetings. We are committed to a programme of Club visits, Schools coaching, Coach Education and the Co-Development

Squad project.

The Hurling and Football Development Plans and the Player Pathway initiative provide the operational direction for our work with youth coaching and talent development.

Coaching and Games staff are involved in providing both Skills and Physical training in Secondary Schools across the Co. We organize First and Second year Junior Games and Blitzes in both codes together and helping to manage teams participating in Colleges competition. We work with Transition year student on Future Leaders Programmes, train some as young referees and utilise their skills in conjunction with their clubs on the Primary School project.

Our staff are committed to G.A.A coaching in all Secondary Schools across the County including Birr, Banagher, Colaiste Choilm, Killina, Kilcormac, Clara, Oaklands, Edenderry, Tullamore College & Ferbane Secondary Schools. Covid 19 restrictions and associated school closures greatly reduced our opportunities to engage fully in 2020.

Liam O Reilly has overall responsibility for the Co Secondary School Project.

Coaching and Games had embarked on a new Primary School initiative in September 2019 in conjunction with Schools, Clubs and Leinster Council. We had five qualified and trained coaches delivering the Primary School Curriculum of Physical education in over 40 schools across the County. After Christmas 2019 this project was still operating and was proving very successful. Unfortunately, Covid 19 hit and the project had to be put on hold.

January to March NS coaching staff were working with 28 National Schools during this period with over 4,328 children getting coaching weekly.

Our permanent fulltime staff have been working in the National Schools and during a six week period before Halloween staff worked with over 2,287 children on a weekly basis.

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, Liam Cullinan, Paul Dillane & Ollie Walsh set up a survey to collect data on the number of players each club had and were planning to host Go Games at every age group but due to Covid 19 this did not happen & by the time we got a chance to start playing again it was decided to revert back to u7/9/11. Again, fixtures were hard hit with restrictions.

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. This year proved to be a very different year with new and demanding challenges, our Games Manager Liam O'Reilly along with staff planned and structured the camps in a safe environment. In total 23 out of 25 camps were due to be hosted but due to local lockdown we lost a further 6 camps, over 80 coaches were employed during the 2020 Cul Camp season and the total number of children participating was 1,660.

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 Football and Hurling. Under the TURAS programme we are 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. In appreciating that Coaching and Education is central to player development the continuous delivery of the TURAS project is a priority for Coaching and Games. 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 Staff continue to deliver Child Safeguarding, Youth Resistance Training and both Foundation, Award 1 & Award 2 Coaching Courses in both Hurling and Football across the County. Due to Covid 19 our early season plan had to be changed and this led to the C&G staff creating a series of online Webinars for players & coaches, online Football & Hurling Foundation. These proved to be very successful with high attendance throughout the series.

Coaching and Games have overall responsibility to coordinate and implement the Talent Academy or Development Squad model for Under 13, 14, 15 and 16 boys in both codes each year. This can only be done 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. The Project was first to fall victim to Covid restrictions in 2020 when a decision was made to stop our Annual programme of coaching. 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 to all coaches working at Club Level within the County. We hope the model resumes in early 2021 as we must make up for lost ground and especially our Thirteen-year-old boys as 2020 should have been their introduction year to a higher level of performance.

Coaching and Games have commenced working with Colm Cummins Co Development Officer and his steering committee of the Co Strategic Plan 2020 "The Offaly Way Forward". Coaching and Games have been proactive in creating and implementing positive change over the past no of years and that will now continue in developing the Co Strategic Plan. We are committed to the process of consultation with all our partners so that the Plan examines fully what has been achieved and identifies what's still required to improve performance across all the Themes within Offaly G.A.A. Strategic Plan.

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 2021.

Martin Cashen. (Offaly Coaching Officer)  
Liam O Reilly (Offaly Games manager)  
November 24th, 2020

### **An Coiste Eisteachta Uibh Fhailí Hearings Committee**

Coiste Éisteachta Uibh Fhailí met on approximately 15 occasions throughout 2020.

The decision-making may, on some occasions, involve difficult circumstances and situations but Coiste Éisteachta always strived to be fair and honest. Each case is different and needs to be treated by all with the respect and privacy it deserves. 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 one decision taken by our Committee was the subject of an appeal to the Leinster Council Hearings Committee. This appeal was unsuccessful.

The role of the County Hearings Committee isn't understood by all. It is not an Appeals Committee, that is the function of the Leinster Council. 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. Working within a time frame brings pressure to all involved, from the claimant, defendant, referee to the County Hearings Committee members. As match suspensions are now in place, where appropriate, this puts a time constraint on a hearing request in that it may have to be dealt with in a very short period. In order for a hearing to take place all parties must understand that nothing can be done without a referee's report. We acknowledge all those who co-operated for those urgent hearings to take place. 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.

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. 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. Even worse is that in some such instances team managers, and indeed Club Officers are fully prepared to attempt to defend the indefensible.

I would like to thank all referee's for correctly phrasing infractions on their reports with the assistance and training of the referees committee. I would like to thank Tom Moloney for the use and opening of the meeting rooms at Bord Na Mona O'Connor Park sometimes at very short notice and also The Court Hotel for the use of meeting rooms to allow correct social distancing protocols at various stages during the year. I would like to sincerely thank all the members of Coiste Eisteachta during 2020 for their dedicated service to the Association in Offaly. Their time and patience in ensuring that Appellants get a fair hearing and their willingness to attend meetings at short notice must be commended.

## **The 2020 Coiste Eisteachta Committee were:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Pauric Pierce (Raheen)

**Runaí:** Pdraig Ó Meara (Clara)

### **Committee:**

Joe O' Brien (Drumcullen)

Mary Dooley (Ballyskenagh)

Eamonn Mahon (Shannonbridge)

Claire Brady (Ferbane)

Paul Sheeran (Daingean)

## **COMPETITIONS CONTROL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

Government and GAA Covid-19 Restrictions had a major impact on the 2020 Offaly GAA club fixture programme. Following receipt of the GAA approved timeframe for completing 2020 adult club championships, the Management Committee confirmed that the 2020 championship structures, approved in November 2019, could not be completed within the allowed timeframe. In accordance with a decision by An Coiste Bainistíochta (17/6/20) revised adult club championship structures, recommended by the Competitions Control Committee, were approved.

At the time of finalising this Report, four adult championships were completed – senior football, senior B football, intermediate football and junior football. No games were allowed from 21st October 2020, for a period of 6 weeks, due to Covid-19 restrictions. A revised Fixture Plan for completing the outstanding 2020 championships in 2020/2021 was issued to all clubs. However, the plan is conditional on the level of Government and GAA restrictions in place from December 1st 2020 and inter-county championship activity. At the end of September 2020 it was agreed not to proceed with the 2020 adult Hurling and Football League Competitions, having considered:

- Concerns regarding the increase in Covid-19 cases.
- Prioritising the completion of all 2020 adult and under-age championships.
- The withdrawal of a number of teams.

There were seventeen games played in the underage league competitions before the Covid-19 restrictions resulted in the termination of these competitions. The only underage championships completed were U13 and U17 hurling. Reluctantly, the concluding stages of all other underage championships were deferred until 2021.

Disciplinary Action was initiated by the Competitions Control Committee, in respect of eighty cases to date in 2020, arising from competitions and games. All cases have concluded, with one exception, where a Hearing was requested but is not urgent.

The Competitions Control Committee extends thanks to

all clubs and in particular clubs with floodlit facilities for their cooperation and understanding during the year.

Thanks also to all referees who officiated at our games during the year. While there is a limited pool of referees available the help and support received from the Referee's Administrator along with the Referee's Committee, ensured there were sufficient referees available for all fixtures.

A special work of thanks for excellent service to Offaly GAA in 2020 to all members of the Competitions Control Committee: Joe Higgins, Dave Coffey, Carina Carroll, Eamon Dunican, Eamon Phelan, Damian Brazil, Pdraig Keating and Christy Todd.

Seamus Ó Murchú

Cathaoirleach, Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS/ MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2020**

### **Live Streaming & Deferred Coverage Of Club Games**

With the vast majority of club fixtures held either behind closed doors or in front of severely restricted attendances this year, Offaly GAA made a concerted effort to live stream as many games as possible.

This was a significant logistical undertaking co-ordinated by our Operations Manager, Tom Moloney. A total of 55 games were streamed live through the www.247.com platform and this required organising cameramen, commentators, co-commentators, facilities at venues, etc. On one occasion, four Senior Football games were broadcast the same evening, and most weekends several games were on offer to our supporters for only €5 each.

Offaly GAA promoted these games extensively through our website and social media channels. The assistance from clubs with this undertaking, in order to ensure all supporters became aware of the service, was second to none. In turn, the reaction from GAA followers at home and abroad was extremely positive.

For the county football final, the production included an hour-long build-up which was an ambitious undertaking and, once more, several people stepped up to the mark to assist. Viewing figures were very impressive for this game and, indeed, for all our county finals.

In addition, all these games were made available to watch through the deferred service on Faithful TV, along with a selection of other matches which were not part of the 'live' package.

### **Social Media & Website**

Social media is a crucial tool in our efforts to promote our activities, and this year it was especially important to keep supporters informed of what was taking place both on and off the field.

By building on the work of previous P.R.O.s, our social media channels now have a large following, which continues to grow: almost 29,000 followers on Twitter, nearly 10,000 followers on Facebook and over 4,500 followers on Instagram.

Very few counties matched Offaly's video content this season, with 'Goals of the Week' clips proving particularly popular, while pre and post-match interviews with managers also gained a large audience, and this is something we intend to develop further.

One of the many highlights was the famous penalty shoot-out in the Senior Football semi-final between Tullamore and Ferbane, and Jack Fogarty's goal in the Senior 'B' football final, which was viewed approximately 400,000 times across all social media platforms. Special mention must go to Adam Hart of Birr who came on board to make this idea a reality, as his technical skills were invaluable.

Most of our programmes and team sheets were presented on social media in a professional manner, which benefited supporters watching from home.

It was very pleasing that club managers and players obliged when asked to assist with videos and photographs and hopefully this awareness of the need to promote Offaly GAA in a positive light will continue into the future. The majority of Offaly GAA Clubs are also very active on social media and it has become a necessary tool to get our message out.

The official Offaly GAA website was also updated constantly during the year with news stories. The members of the C.C.C. ensured that all fixtures and results were updated promptly on the website, which was also used to sell tickets for club games through our partnership with Future Ticketing.

### **Match Programmes**

Before the coronavirus forced the shut-down of our games, match programmes were produced for National League games and the small number of inter-county games which took place at other grades. Thanks to all our inter-county management teams for their co-operation in supplying panels in a timely manner.

Team sheets were printed for all Senior and Senior 'B' club fixtures and again the co-operation from the competing clubs, and the clubs which hosted the games, is much appreciated.

For the county football finals, it was decided to run with a slimmed-down programme incorporating four county finals which took place over the one weekend. The expertise and support by Brosna Press was invaluable.

### **Media Coverage**

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 games and other 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.

### **P.R./ Marketing Committee & External Support**

In addition to the P.R.O., Brendan Minnock, the P.R. marketing committee consisted of Alan Walsh, Eamonn Cusack, Aisling Fennin and Sinead Toolan, who each contributed to different sections.

There is a wide range of duties including P.A. announcer, programme selling, match reporting, social media updates, photography, etc. (The list may not be endless, but it is extensive). Thanks to everyone on the sub-committee and also all those who helped with the jobs listed above who were not actually on the committee.

### **Other Events**

During the lockdown the Offaly hurlers and management came up with the idea of an online variety show for charity. This proved to be a massive success and a lot of people rolled up their sleeves to ensure it went off smoothly. Well done to everyone!

There was also a positive turn-out of PROs at the Training Event organised by the Development Officer, Colm Cummins, and it is intended to offer further training to PROs in 2021.

### **Player Of The Year Awards**

The Player of the Year awards held in conjunction with the Bridge House Hotel was again a resounding success last January.

The County Board are in communication with the sponsors to see if and when the event can be staged in the new year. It is not possible to go ahead with it as normal in early January both due to Covid-19 restrictions and the fact that all our finals are not completed. Clubs will be updated as soon as possible.

Brendan Minnock  
PRO

## CULTURAL OFFICERS REPORT 2019/2020

### Committee:

Michelle Hogan (Cathaoirleach), Damien Martin (Runai), Eamon Flynn, Francis Teehan, John Scanlon

This year will go down as an usual year in Scor Season with Scor finishing at the Leinster Final stage of Scor Sinsuir due to Covid. There was a change to the Traith Na gCeist competition format this year with the winner of the County Final qualifying for the Leinster Final previous years the winner automatically qualified for the All-Ireland.

Scor season started off with Scor Na Nog and there was 13 Clubs represented in different competitions with some clubs participating in Scor after an absence from this competition. The winners are outlined below. The Leinster semi-final was held in Birr and Offaly had 2 representatives qualifying for the Leinster Scor Final Kilcormac-Killoughey Club in Rince Foirne and the Raheen Club in Traith na gceist. The Leinster Final was held in the TLT Concert Hall in Drogheda Co. Louth. There was jubilation when the winners were announced and Kilcormac Killoughey had retained the title they won the year before in the Rince Foirne. Offaly's other representative in the final was Raheen in the Traith Na gCeist and they were very unlucky not to qualify for the All-Ireland final but they can be very proud for the way they represented both themselves, their club and county in the Leinster final. The All-Ireland final was held in INEC in Killarney, Co. Kerry. The standard of competition on the day was of the highest order and while offaly did not come home with any title this group of girls from the Kilcormac-Killoughey club can be very proud of their excellent performance on the day. This was great achievement to get to 2 all-ireland finals in a row and with most of this group of girls underage for next year the future is looking bright for them.

Next up was Scor Sinsuir and 8 clubs were represented across the different competitions in our County Final and the winners are outlined below. The Leinster Semi-final was held in Clonroche Community Centre in Wexford. Offaly had 4 representative on the day Birr in Rince Foirne. Solo Singing - Peter Keane St. Rynagh's Club, Recitation Eamon Franks - Shinrone Club and Ballad Group: Ferbane Club, with 2 winners on the day going forward to the final in each competition Offaly had 2 winners Birr in the Rince Foirne and Ferbane in the Ballad Group. Offaly's other representative in the final was Edenderry in the Traith Na gCeist. The final was scheduled to take place in the Solstice Theatre in Navan Co, Meath on the 22nd of March but then with no warning everything came to a conclusion due to Covid 19. The County Final winners were as follows:

	<i>SCOR Na NOG</i>	<i>SCOR SINSIR</i>
<i>Figure Dancing</i>	<i>Kilcormac-Killoughey</i>	<i>Birr</i>
<i>Solo Singing</i>	<i>Caitlin Minnock - Shamrocks</i>	<i>Peter Keane St. Rynagh's</i>
<i>Recitation</i>		<i>Eamon Franks Shinrone</i>
<i>Instrumental Music</i>	<i>Kinnitty</i>	-----
<i>Ballad Group</i>	<i>Kilcormac-Killoughey</i>	<i>Ferbane</i>
<i>Question Time</i>	<i>Raheen</i>	<i>Edenderry</i>

The number of Clubs that took part in Scor may have decreased from the previous year but the talent on display in both Scor Na Nog and Scor Sinsuir can be seen by numerous titles we have achieved in both Scor Na Nog and Scor Sinsuir in both Leinster and All-Ireland Finals. It would be great to see more clubs taking part in Scor.

Thank you to all the clubs who put tremendous effort every year taking part in Scor and to their mentors who put their time and efforts into maintaining the success of Scor in Offaly. We would like to thank Marian Hall Birr and St. Ryangh's GAA Club the use of their facilities to host both Scor Na Nog and Scor Sinsuir, O'Connor Park Tullamore who hosted the Traith Na gCeist in Scor na Nog and Scor Sinsuir.

During the year Offaly Scor lost one of its stalwarts of Scor with the untimely passing of Betty Moran from the Tubber GAA club. Betty was huge promoter of Scor in both her Club and Offaly. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam Dheilis.

Finally following a recent National Scor Meeting it was decided to finish off the Scor Sinsuir 2020 which is down to Provisional Final stage when it is feasible to do. Hopefully this will be in 2021.

A National Scor Meeting was held virtual on 22nd of October, to discuss the future of Scor and how to keep it alive during these unusually time. The following was the outcome

1. It was decided to finish the Senior Scor for 2020 when it is feasible to have people at it. All the provenience are down to the final stages and when it is safe to resume same it will finish out the Senior Scor 2020.
2. It is hope to have on line workshops and run another virtual scor through facebook with both present and past scor participants getting involved. Update re upcoming programmes to be issued ASAP.
3. Cathaoirleach Aodan O'Braonan said that he would be writing to all County boards (which you should have received by now) informing them that they proposed that the roll of Cultural and Irish Officer have 2 people. Cultural Officer would be responsible for Scor and the Irish Officer for prompting the Irish Language within the County.

The reason behind this was that the Cultural and Irish officer was only interested in either Scor or Irish and it was hoped that splitting the role it would keep both Scor and the Irish Language alive in the county

Meeting concluded.

Michelle Ni Ogain  
Cultural officer

## **HEALTH & WELLBEING COMMITTEE REPORT 2020**

At the beginning of 2020 little did we think what an unprecedented year in all our lives it would turn out to be with the gigantic challenges and stresses which faced us as families, community and clubs as we still live through the Covid -19 Pandemic. We now all know how to wash our hands properly, fill in health questionnaires and contact trackers and with social distancing and face masks now the norm. 'Normal' days are still in some time in the future.

Due to challenges and restrictions of this COVID -19 pandemic County Health and Wellbeing Committee work was suspended during 2020 and many planned initiatives cancelled, affording us little or no opportunity to develop the County Committee further as the majority of current committee members are involved in front line work and others actively involved with their communities and clubs in COVID -19 Support.

I would like the opportunity at this point to thank all the volunteers who assisted with the Community Response Program which was championed by our County Chairman Michael Duignan, in association with Local Authorities and which has provided support to all our communities across the county during this difficult year.

The Committee did have representation on 2 Provisional Meetings and 2 National Zoom forums which took place during the year and the message from these meetings was the same with to regard to the HW work undertaken

by clubs nationwide all of which were related to supporting communities through this pandemic and also highlighting the associated challenges and stresses that went with the implementation and management of restrictions. Stress Management in the coming year will be high on the priority list of initiatives of the National Health and Wellbeing Committee in 2021.

The National Orientation Day for clubs who have been selected to take part in Phase 4 of the Healthy Clubs project did take place on Saturday the 1st of February 2020 just prior to the pandemic. Offaly have now 7 Clubs involved in the Healthy Clubs Projects.

Social inclusion and Community Initiatives remain an important part of the aims of the Healthy Club Project.

As we live through this pandemic, we are fortunate to be part of a GAA Community which binds us together for the greater good and wellbeing of all our members and wider community. We hope that we will all stay safe and healthy, and look forward to a time when we can return to enjoying our national games and community activities as we know them

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

Liam Hackett  
Chairperson Offaly Health & Wellbeing Committee.



## PLANNING AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Development Officer Colm Cummins

The work of this committee involves the delivery of advice to clubs in the area of physical development and club planning. In addition to advice on grants and loan applications the Committee also organises Club Officer Training. Covid-19 was a major disruption to the normal activities of the Committee, however, we were in a position to advise on protocols relating to the safe return to play and in conjunction with very supportive Club Officers, ensured the majority of our games were played.

### Covid-19 – A Safe Return to Play

A large part of the Committees work in 2020 was focussed on advising Club's on the safe return to play. We acted in an advisory role for the protocols for dealing with suspected and positive cases of Covid-19 within clubs. We wish to congratulate Offaly Clubs on their dedication in getting teams of all ages back on the playing fields and the efforts of already over-stretched Club Officers, to ensure the overall safety of their members. Whilst this was time consuming and at times stressful work, it was worth it to see our games being safely played and everyone that played their part in that should be very proud of their input.

### Facilities Development

A number of clubs are currently in the process of completing significant capital projects. In very challenging circumstances these clubs must be congratulated for their persistence and enthusiasm to deliver on behalf of their membership. The coming years will be difficult in terms of accessing finance but some Clubs have already commenced planning for purchases and developments. The Planning & Physical Development Committee will be here to assist and we encourage clubs to make contact early in the process.

### Leinster Council Grants & Sports Capital

In January 2020, a total of 11 Offaly Clubs shared an allocation of €77,400 in Leinster Council Grants. Unfortunately Leinster GAA has indicated that there will be no grants programme for 2021, with some uncertainty beyond that too.

In some good news, the Government recently announced a significant allocation for Sports Capital Funding for 2021 and we expect that programme will open soon. We would encourage clubs to commence the preparatory work required in order to make a solid application.

### Club Officer Training

In February, on foot of a survey of Club Officers, it was established that there was a significant level of new Club Officers in the County. Almost 50% of all Club Officers were in their role for 2 years or less. In conjunction with Eoghan Tuohey, National Officer Development Coordinator, we arranged Officer Training for the roles of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer & PRO.

We wish to thank the Staff & Management of the Tullamore Court Hotel & The Bridge House for facilitating the hosting of these events. There was an excellent attendance at the events and the opportunity for learning was embraced by the Officers. In total the following received training;

Chairpersons	38
Secretary	37
Treasurer	30
PRO	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>

### Health & Safety

As Club grounds were closed during the first lockdown, Leinster GAA Infrastructure & H&S Committee highlighted the opportunity for Clubs to carry out Health & Safety Inspections at their grounds. A request was issued to clubs and a number of Offaly Clubs used the quiet time to carry out a full Risk Assessment of their grounds. The importance of maintaining good records on Health & Safety Risk Assessments cannot be underestimated.

### Legal Title to Land & Vesting of Interest

Issues in relation to legal title to land only arise when clubs act to seek grant funding or purchase/sell some ground. During the lockdown Leinster GAA sought to establish the legal position of each club and a survey on legal title was issued to Offaly Clubs. There was a very good response rate and this is another important area that clubs should ensure that their affairs are fully up to date, especially ensuring that all Trustees are alive and well.

### Offaly Way Forward – A Strategic Plan for Offaly

In January, we commenced the process to develop a Strategic Plan for the County. A number of Steering Group meetings were held and significant momentum had been created. Four Regional Forums were planned for the 19th, 21st, 26th & 28th March respectively, however as Covid-19 struck, our forums were cancelled and it was decided to put the plan on hold until we had some clarity around a developing situation.

Following the interruption of Covid-19 and working to manage a safe return of the games, our Committee turned our attention to the plan again. The Steering Group has been reestablished and significant progress is being made again. There will be consultations throughout December and in January 2021 a series of Focus of Groups will work in teams to put the 'meat on the bones' of the plan. We expect to be in a position to publish the plan in early April.

### Development Officer – Colm Cummins

**Committee** – Kieran Horan, John Moran, Paul O'Kelly, Toni Ryan, Carina Carroll, Garech Doorley, Cormac Ginty, Miriam O'Callaghan, James Condron, Liam O'Reilly, Tom Maloney

## 2020 COUNTY CONVENTION – NOMINATIONS

POSITION	OUTGOING	NOMINATIONS	NOMINEE'S CLUB
Chairperson	Michael Duignan	Michael Duignan	Durrow
Vice Chairperson	James Murphy	James Murphy	Rhode
Secretary	Pat Horan	Pat Horan Colm Cummins	St Rynagh's H Edenderry
Assistant Secretary	Christy Todd	Christy Todd	Ballycommon
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan	Dervill Dolan	Clara
Assistant Treasurer	Eamon Phelan	Eamon Phelan	Ballyskenagh/Killaville
P.R.O.	Brendan Minnock	Brendan Minnock	Shamrocks
Central Council Representative	Paddy Scales	Paddy Scales	St Rynagh's H
Leinster Council Representatives (2)	Brian Gavin Joe Higgins	Brian Gavin Joe Higgins Dolores Slevin Eamon Phelan	Clara Tubber Kilcormac/Killoughey Ballyskenagh/Killaville
Cultural Officer	Michelle Hogan	Michelle Hogan	Birr
Coaching Officer	Martin Cashen	Martin Cashen	Carrig/Riverstown

The Development Officer Nomination Colm Cummins to be ratified at Convention  
 Cultural Officer Nomination Elaine Kelly Dunne to be ratified at Convention

### 2020 COUNTY CONVENTION MOTIONS

#### BYE-LAW MOTIONS

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

- (1) **COUNTY CONVENTION (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O. 2020)**
  - 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 Development 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 (Include the following) 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. 2020)**  
 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, 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. 2020 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:
- (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 (Replace) ~~four~~ 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, (Include) the 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) **Planning, Physical Development and Safety Committee:** It shall consist of the County Development Officer, as Chairperson and five other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
  - (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.
  - (l) **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.
- (4) In accordance with R. 3.19 (I) T.O. 2020 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 Sub-Committee 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, Secretary, ~~(Delete) Assistant Secretary, P.R.O.~~, 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), ~~(Delete)~~ (Include) 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, ~~(Delete) Assistant Secretary, P.R.O.~~ 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 2020 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. 2020 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 2020 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 2020

#### **(8) TRANSFERS**

Transfers within the County shall be dealt with in accordance with R. 6.5 (a) T.O. 2020 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 2020

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. 2020 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 2020 The County Committee shall retain the right to make the final decision on an application for Regrading by a Club.

By March 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 2020

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 2020 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. 2020 Entry fee for Championship shall be €80 for each adult team and €8 for each under-age team.

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

In accordance with Rule 6.22 (A) T.O. 2020. 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) (New Bye-Law – 2020 Regulation) PLAYING RESTRICTIONS (Rule 6.8 T.O. 2020)**

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. 2020 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 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the County Committee each year for all adult (incl. U-20 grades), and seven clear days (168 Hours) in advance of the ~~(Replace) March~~ February meeting of the County Committee for all grades up to an including Minor.

Cumann Baile Coimín

#### **Bye law Motion**

**Amend Bye-Law No. 10 to read:**

#### **(10) 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 2019 The County Committee shall retain the right to make the final decision on an application for Regrading by a Club.

By the final County Board 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 CCC.

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 **2019**

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 CCC, who may at their discretion make additions or amendments to the names listed.

In Accordance with Rule 6.20 (b) T.O **2019** 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.

Cumann Baile na Maor

Bye law Motion

**Amend Bye-Law No. 10 to read:**

**(10) GRADING OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS**

- THE MOST SENIOR ADULT TEAM PARTICIPATING IN CLUB COMPETITIONS MUST SUBMIT A LIST OF 18 PLAYERS WHO CAN ONLY PARTICIPATE IN THE MOST SENIOR COMPETITION INVOLVING THAT CLUB.
- THE NEXT TEAM IN THE CLUB MUST ALSO SUBMIT A LIST OF 18 PLAYERS 3 OF WHICH (WHO MUST BE NAMED) CAN ROTATE BETWEEN BOTH THE SENIOR & SECOND TEAMS.THIS TEMPLATE TO CONTINUE FOR ALL TEAMS EXCEPT THE LOWEST AFFILIATED TEAM..
- THIS WILL APPLY TO ALL ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS IN OFFALY.

Cumann Naoimh Brid

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31st October, 2020



**OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE**  
Gaelic Athletic Association





# 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 YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Offaly County Committee, Gaelic Athletic Association for the year ended 31 October 2020 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 31 October 2020 and of its income and expenditure for the year 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 YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

- 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: [http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_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.

  
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Michael Casey

For and on behalf of

**BCA Tax & Business Consultants Limited**

Chartered Accountants &

Statutory Auditors

Tullamore

Co. Offaly

Date: 08 December 2020

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Offaly County Committee, O'Connor Park & Faithful Fields Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2020

	€ 2020	€ 2019
<b>INCOME</b>		
Offaly County Committee	718,886	1,159,745
O'Connor Park	249,452	345,469
Faithful Fields	59,480	64,872
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,027,818</b>	<b>1,570,086</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Offaly County Committee	759,433	987,423
O'Connor Park	417,359	411,923
Faithful Fields	111,009	134,514
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,287,801</b>	<b>1,533,860</b>
<i>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</i>	<i>(259,983)</i>	<i>36,226</i>

The financial statements were approved by the board on 08 December 2020 and signed on its behalf by

**Treasurer:**

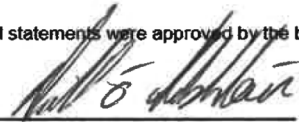
**Secretary:** Paulraig Ó Laoir

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association  
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2020

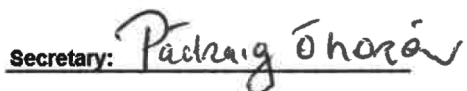
	Schedule	€ 2020	€ 2019
<b>INCOME</b>			
Gate Receipts	1	89,085	359,070
Commercial Income	2	155,890	180,121
Income from Associates Bodies	3	302,011	469,461
Other Income	4	171,900	151,093
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>718,886</b>	<b>1,159,745</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Match Expenses	5	33,898	17,462
County Teams' Administration Expenses	6	610,390	758,075
Interest and Bank Charges		3,863	3,531
Administration Expenses	7	68,700	91,973
Grants and Subscriptions	8	5,832	4,877
Coaching and Games Development	9	36,750	111,505
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>759,433</b>	<b>987,423</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>		<b>(40,547)</b>	<b>172,322</b>

The financial statements were approved by the board on 08 December 2020 and signed on its behalf by

**Treasurer:**



**Secretary:**



OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association  
 O'Connor Park Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2020

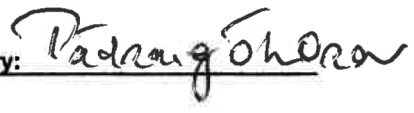
	Note	€ 2020	€ 2019
<b>INCOME</b>			
Rents for Matches		15,883	107,419
O'Connor Park Development Fund	5	148,202	148,202
O'Connor Park Shop and Misc		2,567	20,608
O'Connor Park Signage		34,800	69,240
Central Council/Sports Ireland COVID-19 Grants		48,000	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>249,452</b>	<b>345,469</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Rent and Rates		67,644	68,594
General Repairs and Upkeep of Grounds and Equipment		79,764	71,307
Other Expenses		32,273	31,984
Insurances		10,003	10,000
Depreciation	2	198,052	198,749
Loan Interest		29,623	31,289
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>417,359</b>	<b>411,923</b>
<b>Operating Deficit</b>		<b>(167,907)</b>	<b>(66,454)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>		<b>(167,907)</b>	<b>(66,454)</b>

**Statement of Non-cash Movement**

Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(167,907)	(66,454)
<b>Addback:</b>		
Depreciation	198,052	198,749
<b>Deduct:</b>		
O'Connor Park Development Fund	(148,202)	(148,202)
<b>Adjusted Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>	<b>(118,057)</b>	<b>(15,907)</b>

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**Treasurer:** 

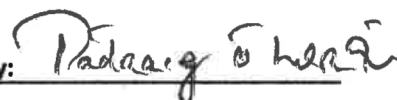
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**OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association**  
**Faithful Fields Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2020**

	Note	€ 2020	€ 2019
<b>INCOME</b>			
Faithful Fields Development Fund	6	55,480	54,791
Faithful Fields Shop and Misc		-	10,081
Central Council/Sports Ireland COVID-19 Grants		4,000	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>59,480</b>	<b>64,872</b>
<b>General Repairs and Upkeep of Grounds and Equipment</b>			
Other Expenses		48,721	73,092
Insurances		1,447	1,320
Depreciation	2	5,000	5,000
		55,841	55,102
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>111,009</b>	<b>134,514</b>
<b>Operating Deficit</b>		<b>(51,529)</b>	<b>(69,642)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>		<b>(51,529)</b>	<b>(69,642)</b>
<b>Statement of Non-cash Movement</b>			
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>		<b>(51,529)</b>	<b>(69,642)</b>
<b>Addback:</b>			
Depreciation		55,841	55,102
<b>Deduct:</b>			
Faithful Fields Development Fund		(55,480)	(54,791)
<b>Adjusted Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>		<b>(51,168)</b>	<b>(69,331)</b>

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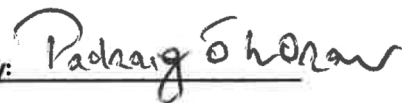
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OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association  
Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2020

	Notes	€ 2020	€ 2019
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	9,727,265	9,953,516
		9,727,265	9,953,516
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and Prepayments		208,578	284,752
Prize Bonds		381	381
Bank Balances		62,771	670
<b>Total</b>		<b>271,730</b>	<b>285,803</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors and Accruals		368,696	155,914
<b>Total</b>		<b>368,696</b>	<b>155,914</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>(96,966)</b>	<b>129,889</b>
Capital Employed		9,630,299	10,083,405
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>			
Accumulated Fund	4	(270,640)	(10,657)
Long Term Loans - O'Connor Park Redevelopment		1,842,437	1,866,328
O'Connor Park Redevelopment Fund	5	5,499,383	5,647,585
Faithful Fields Development Fund	6	2,559,119	2,580,149
		9,630,299	10,083,405

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## 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
	€	€	€	€	€	€
<b>COST</b>						
At 1 November 2019	12,310	24,329	2,764,227	201,595	9,763,297	12,765,758
Additions	-	-	27,800	-	-	27,800
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 October 2020</b>	<b>12,310</b>	<b>24,329</b>	<b>2,792,027</b>	<b>201,595</b>	<b>9,763,297</b>	<b>12,793,558</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>						
At 1 November 2019	11,521	24,329	157,114	187,663	2,431,615	2,812,242
Charge for the year	158	-	55,841	2,788	195,266	254,051
<b>At 31 October 2020</b>	<b>11,679</b>	<b>24,329</b>	<b>212,955</b>	<b>190,449</b>	<b>2,626,881</b>	<b>3,066,293</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUES</b>						
At 31 October 2020	631	-	2,579,072	11,146	7,136,416	9,727,265
At 31 October 2019	789	-	2,607,113	13,932	7,331,682	9,953,516

## 3. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

	€ 2020	€ 2019
<i>Offaly GAA has guaranteed the following amounts</i>		
St. Rynaghs GAA Club	813	4,959
Clonbullogue GAA Club	17,508	23,879
Killeigh GAA Club	18,020	24,383
Edenderry GAA Club	84,350	80,883
Birr GAA Club	23,764	29,550
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>144,455</b>	<b>163,654</b>

<b>4. ACCUMULATED FUND</b>	<b>€ 2020</b>	<b>€ 2019</b>
Balance at beginning of period	(10,657)	(46,883)
Surplus/(Deficit) for year :		
County Committee	(40,547)	172,322
O'Connor Park	(167,907)	(66,454)
Faithful Fields	(51,529)	(69,642)
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>(270,640)</b>	<b>(10,657)</b>

<b>5. O'CONNOR PARK REDEVELOPMENT FUND</b>	<b>€ 2020</b>	<b>€ 2019</b>
Balance at beginning of period	5,647,585	5,795,787
Transfer to income and expenditure	(148,202)	(148,202)
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>5,499,383</b>	<b>5,647,585</b>

<b>6. FAITHFUL FIELDS DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>	<b>€ 2020</b>	<b>€ 2019</b>
Balance at beginning of period	2,580,149	2,636,930
Grants	34,450	(4,450)
Contributions	-	2,460
Transfer to income and expenditure	(55,480)	(54,791)
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>2,559,119</b>	<b>2,580,149</b>

#### **7. CONTRA ITEMS**

The following amounts collected from clubs were remitted to the appropriate authorities	€
Registration Fees	-
Players Injury Scheme	-
Public Liability and Property Insurance	85,681
The following amounts received from associated bodies were distributed	€
Leinster Council Development Grants	-
Leinster Council Club Championship	4,750

#### **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.

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<b>SCHEDULE 1</b>	<b>€ 2020</b>	<b>€ 2019</b>
<b>GATE RECEIPTS</b>		
Senior Football Semi-Finals	3,745	15,608
Senior Hurling Semi-Finals	3,745	20,826
Senior Football Final	3,785	41,463
Senior Hurling Final	-	43,836
Season/Weekend Tickets	14,368	27,348
Other Matches	63,444	209,989
	<b>89,085</b>	<b>359,070</b>
<b>SCHEDULE 2</b>		
	<b>€ 2020</b>	<b>€ 2019</b>
<b>COMMERCIAL INCOME</b>		
Sponsorship	122,735	138,171
Royalties	31,130	31,142
Programme Income (Net of expenses)	2,025	10,808
	<b>155,890</b>	<b>180,121</b>
<b>SCHEDULE 3</b>		
	<b>€ 2020</b>	<b>€ 2019</b>
<b>INCOME FROM ASSOCIATED BODIES</b>		
<b>Central Council</b>		
National League Shares/Grant	21,876	58,285
Commercial Income (Croke Park)	80,000	185,000
Administration Grant	30,000	30,000
Team Expenses	-	19,002
Senior Panel Travel Grant	11,995	24,735
Central Council/Sports Ireland COVID-19 Grants	118,440	-
<b>Provincial Council</b>		
Team Expenses	8,500	13,500
Games Development Grant	-	78,050
Administration Grant	11,200	15,000
Other	20,000	45,889
	<b>302,011</b>	<b>469,461</b>

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<b>SCHEDULE 4</b>	€ 2020	€ 2019
<b>OTHER INCOME AND FUNDRAISING</b>		
League Income	-	14,800
Club Affiliation Fees	9,646	8,746
Club Levy	100,500	98,800
Lotto (Net of expenses)	18,564	12,518
Fundraising	3,072	-
Faithful TV (Net of expenses)	20,704	3,247
Miscellaneous	19,414	12,982
	<b>171,900</b>	<b>151,093</b>

<b>SCHEDULE 5</b>	€ 2020	€ 2019
<b>MATCH EXPENSES</b>		
League Expenses	-	3,700
Medals and Trophies	5,863	9,232
Match day expenses	28,035	4,530
	<b>33,898</b>	<b>17,462</b>

<b>SCHEDULE 6</b>	€ 2020	€ 2019
<b>COUNTY TEAMS ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Catering	94,923	107,414
Players Travelling Expenses (Payable by Central Council - Sept '20)	64,438	116,493
Team Administration Expenses	190,308	218,550
Buses and Accommodation	13,327	22,869
Sportsgear, Equipment, Gym and Laundry	155,627	176,769
Medical Expenses including Physiotherapy	83,595	107,066
Players Injury Insurance for County Teams	10,317	11,688
Fines	(2,145)	(2,774)
	<b>610,390</b>	<b>758,075</b>

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<b>SCHEDULE 7</b>	<b>€ 2020</b>	<b>€ 2019</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Printing, Stationery and General	14,072	8,693
Postage and Telephone	5,832	7,456
Wages and PRSI costs	32,672	53,084
Audit Fees	4,920	4,920
Accountancy Fees	3,690	6,212
County Convention and Other Meetings	770	-
Leinster Convention and Congress Expenses	1,801	2,725
Expenses of County Board Officers including Honoraria	2,330	6,247
Depreciation	158	197
Advertising	2,455	2,439
	<b>68,700</b>	<b>91,973</b>

<b>SCHEDULE 8</b>	<b>€ 2020</b>	<b>€ 2019</b>
<b>GRANTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PROMOTIONAL</b>		
Presentation Dinners	4,205	160
Handball Board	-	820
Gaeltacht Scholarships	1,000	(3,180)
Cumann na mBun Scoil	-	2,000
Scor	627	5,077
	<b>5,832</b>	<b>4,877</b>

<b>SCHEDULE 9</b>	<b>€ 2020</b>	<b>€ 2019</b>
<b>COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT</b>		
Hurley Helmet Scheme	15,064	(2,680)
Coaching Scheme Contribution(Development Squads)	(2,090)	78,221
Coaching Expenses	3,319	4,004
Coaching Staff Wages	33,011	78,551
Easter Camp	(753)	(3,944)
Summer Camp (inc EWSS Rebate Grant €20,453)	(42,844)	(61,131)
Referees Expenses	223	150
School Coaching Expense	30,820	18,334
	<b>36,750</b>	<b>111,505</b>





