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# Cruinniú Cinnbhliana

Ostán Páirc Shligigh, Contae Shligigh | Dé Sathairn 9ú Márta 2019







Sligo

### **Presidential Address**

It is my honour to welcome you all here to Sligo for our 2019 Annual General Meeting. I thank the local committee for all their hard work in preparation for this weekend and for the warm welcome we have received.

The philosophy of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is to promote, in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment, the national games of Ireland within Primary Education. It works across a full spectrum of Gaelic games, i.e. boys and girls football; hurling; camogie; rounders and handball as well as also promoting athletics in some counties.

Almost 3000 primary schools all across Ireland take part in our activities. These schools range in size from just a few pupils to 1,000 or more pupils and can vary greatly in terms of their settings and the scope and quality of their facilities, both sporting and educational. However, they all work tirelessly to promote Gaelic Games in their schools - that are getting busier each year.

In the not so distant past, GAA clubs, particularly those based in rural areas, had little problem in ensuring that they had a conveyor belt of youth feeding into the club's adult teams. Basically in those good old days any child with an interest in sport had just one avenue to go down, namely the local GAA club. The GAA had a captive pool of new blood waiting in the wings. But the GAA need to realise times have changed in recent decades. New vistas, new opportunities have seen old certainties of the past discarded. There is a big wide world out there beyond the parish boundary and the GAA club is just one of several sports options in the market place.

Therefore, never was the work of all Allianz Cumann na mBunscol units and primary teachers more important than it is today in the promotion of Gaelic Games. The work of the National Committee, local committees and primary school teachers can never be under estimated and should never be taken for granted. Without this wonderful dedication, from so many teachers, Gaelic Games would not be in the strong position it is today and Gaelic games would not be the game of choice in our primary schools.

I thank Allianz for their generous sponsorship, assistance and advice during the year. We especially appreciate the help and support of Mr Alan Black who is our contact in the organisation. The fact that Allianz back us financially and recognise us in their television advert shows what a fantastic organisation we have.

Thanks also to Cornmarket who once again sponsored our National Awards.

To conclude I thank all my fellow officers on the National Committee for their work and dedication to their roles in the last year. Once again we had to deal with challenges this year and a lack of respect from some within the GAA.

I thank our outgoing chair, Bernie Ryan, for both her leadership and dedicated service to the National Committee over the last 10 years. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Bernie well in the future.

Finally, I hope you all have a memorable couple of days in the Yeats county and have a successful Cumann na mBunscol season in each your counties.

Mise le meas Liam Mag Aoidh Uachtarán, Cumann na mBunscol



To make Gaelic Games the games of choice for Ireland's Primary School Children





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## **Standing Orders**

- 1. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
- Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than the last Friday in January.
- All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
- The National Committee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
- Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
- 6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
- 7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
- All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
- (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.

(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.

- **10.** The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than three minutes.
- **11.** The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than three minutes.

- No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed.
- The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases.
   2 minutes maximum.
- 14. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
- **15.** The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
- 16. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
- 17. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business " and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
- 18. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
- **19.** The chairman may at his discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
- 20. The chairman may at his discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
- **21.** The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
- 22. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.





#### Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: Saturday 10th March 2018@ 11.00am Venue: The New Park Hotel, Kilkenny. Present: An Choiste Náisiunta, County Delegates, Pat Culhane (Croke Park).

#### Welcome of Delegates

Bernadette Ryan, Chairperson Allianz Cumann na mBunscol, welcomed all delegates and thanked them for their work all year.

#### **1. Adoption of Standing Orders**

Proposed by Frank Reedy (Wexford), Seconded by Edward O'Riordan (Leinster).

#### 2. Minutes

#### Minutes of AGM 2018

Bernie invited everyone to read the minutes Proposed by Cyril Mannion (Galway), Seconded by Damian Ruddy (Down).

#### **Matters Arising**

Typo in AGM Minutes 2016. Apologies from Wexford not in minutes.

#### **Minutes of September Meeting 2018**

Proposed by Manus O'Donnell (Donegal) County, Seconded by David Dillion (Sligo).

#### 3. Correspondence

Mairead O'Callaghan thanked everyone for coming. She paid tribute to Kilkenny for organization and great night and in particular to Jim Fennelly and the Kilkenny Committee for their preparations. She also thanked Brian Cody for his attendance and his inspiring speech in support of the excellent work of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. Mairead highlighted the standard of the projects submitted for the awards and the great excitement there was during the announcement of winners. She thanked teachers for putting projects together and to the judges for giving off their time to ensure all projects received valuable and meaningful judging. Mairead thanked Allianz and Alan Black for their continued sponsorship of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol.

Mairead went on to say that she was disappointed and upset from the letter received from Tom Ryan re our accounts and that this would be discussed later in the meeting.

#### 4. Address of Chairperson

The chair welcomed all the delegates to Kilkenny and thanked them for their presence. She thanked Cumann na mBunscol Co Chill Chainnigh for hosting an excellent night. Bernie thanked Jim Fennelly for his work and the Kilkenny teachers for their attendance at the awards. She thanked Brian Cody for his excellent input and positive motivational words that would inspire us all to do great things. Bernie thanked the staff of the New Park Hotel for their warm welcome and excellent service.

The chair noted that the awards night was a celebration of the life of Cumann na mBunscol in all our counties. She thanked the judges – John Hughes, Rosenna Jordan and John Boyle. She also thanked Cornmarket for their sponsorship and Michael Pitt for his attendance.

Bernie stated that the awards were only the tip of the iceberg of the work that goes on in our schools coordinated by Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. Social media has given us a glimpse of the sheer volume of work being undertaken by volunteer teachers. She stated that we are now in a world that champions volunteers and we have many winners in Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. Bernie thanked Allianz for their continued sponsorship and support of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol and thanked the new link person – Alan Black for his work.

Bernie thanked the people she worked with on National Committee and stated it was an honour to work with them. No task was ever too large – they are a true example of excellence in volunteerism. At times it is hard to remember these people are full time teachers and principals in their own schools.

In the light of all that, Bernie noted, it was a huge disappointment to receive a letter from Tom Ryan this year re our "account". She noted with disappointment the hurt on the faces of her fellow volunteers when the letter blocking access to the money and expenses was read. The issue of finance would be addressed at the finance section and it was important that our AGM be allowed to continue.

Bernie noted that we have a very good product here – we work hard at volunteer level and we have no other agenda other than to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our schools.

Bernie echoed the words of Brian Cody – "We aim to be that teacher that gave children the opportunity to play the game – to make friends – to be part of a team" Finally Bernie stated that despite all the best efforts



to keep focus on our games and to develop positivism around volunteers we have been brought back again to discuss the issue of our money.

#### **Child Protection**

A Child Safeguarding Statement which was put in place using guidance from templates being used in our National Schools was read out and ratified. The statement would be forwarded to all coisti and it was recommended that the Statement be ratified at local level. The importance of Garda Vetting for all members was highlighted. Any teacher who had kept up their Teaching Council Registration would be vetted. Northern Schools would be under SNI. Each committee was to check annually that all officers are vetted.

#### 5. Secretary's Report

Mairead informed delegates of her report on Pages 10/11 of AGM Booklet.

Mairead thanked everyone for their work throughout the year and paid tribute to members of the National Committee for their hard work.

Proposed by Ruairi Walsh (Limerick), Seconded by Colm Pilkington (Clare).

#### 6. Treasurers Report

The treasurer, Micheál Mac Thiarnáin presented the treasurer's report which was printed on Pages 12/13 of AGM Booklet.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Neil Reilly (Mayo), seconded by Aine McGrath (Sligo).

Question from Killian O'Reilly Waterford re first he had heard of different accounts. Bernie explained history of accounts and that it had been a motion at a previous AGM to open a second account.

Tony O'Farrell (Cork) reiterated that it had been agreed to open a second account and felt this had been a necessary requirement to ensure bills were being paid etc. He said that we were an honourable organisation who wanted to pay our bills and that we had always been open and transparent.

Brian Tracey (Fermanagh) asked what level of access did we have to the €200,000 in the Croke Park Account -Liam Magee said we had no access to it other than when bills etc. were paid on our behalf. Brian outlined that surely that was Cumann na mBunscol money and that







we must have control and access to it.

Pat McGivern (Ulster) asked what was the benefit of the second account, as it was putting our grant of  $\leq 68,000$  from the GAA and other benefits in jeopardy. Bernie explained that we were still in negotiating stages.

Jim Fenelly explained that we would use diplomacy with Tom Ryan. Fidelma Sheridan (Cavan) said that cheques need to be payable to Cumann na mBunscol or we lose ownership of our organisation. Tony O'Farrell said we need clarification.

Peter Donnelly (Derry) asked has there been any conversation with Croke Park on how we could create a trail that money lodged to Croke Park is accessed by ourselves more readily in a flexible arrangement.

Liam Magee explained history of agreements from 2008 and how Croke Park ended up managing our accounts.

Pat McGivern that he was an officer when cheque book was handed over to Croke Park. The reason why cheque book was handed over was because Croke Park were taking control of Secondary Schools, third level, handball etc. and Cumann na mBunscol was asked if they do the same – not forced.

Paddy Kelly (Tipperary) we want all money in our own account with benefits – this is the least GAA can do to recognize the amount of work we do on a daily basis. Important that we get a decision and move on with what we are about – promotion of Gaelic games in our schools.

Brother Dormer outlined that it had been decided to hand over accounts before any misappropriation of funds became apparent. Tomas asked at what AGM was this decision made and Brother Dormer confirmed that it wasn't made at an AGM. John Byrne (Meath) proposed that any decisions of this nature must be made at an AGM. Pat McGivern feared that we would lose our status re position on Central Council, Grants, INTO etc. if we don't accept Croke Park rule. Manus O'Donnell suggested speaking directly to the new President. Noel Power (Kilkenny) said the GAA would fall apart without schools promoting Gaelic games. Tony O'Farrell proposed to mandate committee to meet Croke Park and tell them what we want. Bernie outlined that no deal would be agreed without coming back to delegates at EGM.

#### 7. Development Report

Tim O'Byrne presented the development report which was printed on Pages 14/15 of AGM Booklet. Tim added point that development of handball was progressing well.

Development Report was proposed by Breda Cleary (Waterford) and Seconded by Manus O'Donnell (Donegal).

#### 8. PR Report

Joe Lyons gave a very comprehensive report as presented on Pages 16/17 of AGM Booklet. He outlined that the work of Cumann na mBunscol is breath taking.

The PR Report was proposed by Aodan Wrenn (Tipperary) and Seconded by Niamh O'Dea (Limerick).

The cathaoirleach praised Joe for the amount of PR work he continued to do to promote the great work that is ongoing in schools.

#### 9. GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report

Gerry O'Meara presented his GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report as presented on Page 18/19 of AGM Booklet. He thanked committee members, Brother Dormer and





Croke Park Officials for their help and assistance. He thanked An Uachtarán of the GAA, Camogie President and Ladies' Football President for being present at the games and spending time talking to the children and getting photographs taken. He also thanked INTO, Young Referees, the Barbara Ward Centre and the four Dublin Managers for their support at each of the days.

Pat McGivern (Ulster) complimented Gerry for all his hard work in ensuring the days were memorable for all the children.

The GAA INTO Mini 7s Report was proposed by Pat McGivern (Ulster) and Seconded by Cyril Mannion (Galway).

#### 10. Election of Officers

Officers were elected on block.

Proposed by Tony O'Farrell Seconded by Brother Dormer

#### 11. Motions

#### Motion 1

That Cumann na mBunscol adopt the provisions of the Children First Act 2015 & The Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 published on 2nd October 2017 & the



Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools – Guide for Schools by DENI on 24th April 2017. (Coiste Naisiunta)

Proposed by Aodan Wrenn (Tipperary) Seconded by Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin (Cumann na mBunscol)

#### Passed

Agreed that Chairperson and Secretary be the Designated and Deputy Designated Officers of Cumann na mBunscol National Committee

#### Motion 2

That Standing Orders Rule 1 which states 'A Standing Orders Sub Committee comprising of the Provincial Chairmen and Secretaries or their reps shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for presentation at the AGM be amended to read, 'A Standing Orders Sub Committee comprising of the Provincial Chair or Secretary or their Nominee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for presentation at the AGM'

Proposed by Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin (Cumann na mBunscol) Seconded by Pat McGivern (Ulster)

#### Moladh

2018 Bliain na Gaeilge Molann an Choiste Náisiúnta go ndéanfaidh gach aonaid a ndicheall imeachtaí Gaeilge a chur chun cinn i rith na bliana.

Passed

This ended the business of the meeting.

Gary Farrell Leas Runai, recording secretary.



# Minutes of General Meeting September 2018



Date: Saturday 15th, September 2018 Venue: St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra

#### **Opening Address:**

The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming all delegates to the St Patrick's College Drumcondra and thanked them for use of their facilities and for lunch. She thanked David Gough for his help in arranging the meeting.

Bernie thanked Alan Black from Allianz for his great attention to detail when working with Cumann na mBunscol and highlighted that it was still very important that we continue to use Allianz in our PR work.

Bernie explained to all that the important issue to be discussed today was current relationship with the GAA – this would be discussed in detail later in the meeting.

#### Mini 7s:

Gerry O Meara presented overview of this year's exhibition games. The games have taken place over 4 Sundays with 240 children taking part. Gerry thanked GAA President, John Horan, for his support and attendance in meeting all the children as well as the President of the Camogie Association and Ladies Football. He also thanked Mairead, Liam, Joe and Croke Park Staff for all their work during the summer. Gerry also outlined that we had received great coverage in national papers. Gerry highlighted some issues but felt overall the series went really well.

There was a discussion over age limits especially for counties doing skills based selection. All of this will be looked at in review next year.

Bernie thanked Gerry for his hard work and efforts in planning and preparing for each round of mini games. This was seconded by Westmeath Delegate.

#### **PR's Report:**

Joe Lyons presented the PR Report. Highlighted the monthly page in the INTOUCH and encouraged all members to keep sending him articles and photographs that could be used in INTOUCH or Website. Joe highlighted great PR on twitter and explained the use of the new #AllianzCnmb and @AllianzIreland

#### AGM 2019:

Bernie outlined details of AGM to be held in Sligo on the 8th/9th March 2019 and explained that all details would be sent out to all counties in due course.





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#### Awards 2019:

Gary Farrell circulated awards booklet and highlighted new Category for Irish Speaking Schools and changes to prizes per category.

#### **Croke Park Finance Issue**

Bernie gave outline of negotiations / correspondence to date with Tom Ryan re: Finance Issue. Liam then presented a comprehensive outline of finance issue going back to 2008.

There was a lot of discussion from the floor re lack of respect shown by GAA for the work of Cumann na mBunscol. General agreement that autonomy cannot be compromised.

Strong views voiced opposing grants/tickets to county boards – show lack of trust and respect for work we do on a daily basis in promoting Gaelic games.

#### Vote taken on each point of Tom Ryan's Proposal:

- 1. Defeated
- 2. Defeated
- 3. Passed
- 4. Defeated
- 5. Defeated

- 6. Passed
- 7. Defeated pending clarity
- 8. Passed GAA only
- 9. Defeated

#### Following proposals agreed

1. Meath delegate – Write to Sport's Council to seek clarity on their grant allocation and if this can be payable to Cumann na mBunscol directly

2. During the period of negotiations money owed for tickets to be paid for out of Croke Park No 1 Account (Fermanagh Delegate)

 Write letter to Tom Ryan to propose a meeting with Committee and his team to continue discussions
 Write to John Horan to highlight annoyance of delegates at his remark to Cumann na mBunscol Officer as discussed above.

Bernie thanked everyone for their contribution to discussion. Also thanked everyone for coming and wished them a safe journey home.

Meeting ended at 1.30pm

Gary Farrell (Recording Secretary)





## **Secretary's Report**



Is mór an onóir dom, mar Rúnaí Náisiúnta Chumann na mBunscol, an tuairisc seo a chur ós bhur gcomhair inniu. Gabhaim buíochas libh go léir as ucht an tacaíocht agus an comhoibriú a thug sibh dúinn i rith na bliana seo chaite

#### Ollchruinniú Chinnbhliana 2018

Bhi an t-Ollchruinniú Chinnbhliana in Ostán Páirc Nua, Cill Chainnigh, ar an Satharn 10ú Márta,2018. Sincere thanks to Cumann na mBunscol, Co Cill Chainnigh for their wonderful welcome and hospitality. All outgoing officers were elected unopposed. The following motions were passed.

#### 1. Motion 1

That Cumann na mBunscol adopt the provisions of the Children First Act, 2015 & The Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 published on 2nd October 2017 & the Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools- Guide for Schools by DENI on 24th April 2017. (Coiste Náisiúnta)

#### 2. Motion 2

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#### Moladh

#### 2018 Bliain na Gaeilge

Molann an Choiste Náisiúnta go ndéanfaidh gach aonaid a ndícheall imeachtaí Gaeilge a chur chun cinn i rith na bliana.

Unfortunately County grants were unavailable as we had not received them from CLG. It was noted from the Treasurer's Report that sufficient funds were in the account to pay the grants but there was a failure by CLG to issue them. This resulted in a very heated and robust discussion. Coiste Náisiúnta was mandated to seek a meeting with CLG immediately and convey our dissatisfaction with this situation. Delegates expressed their frustration with this on-going scenario. Again it was reiterated that we are an autonomous body of Primary School Teachers whose mission statement is to "Promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our Primary Schools".

### General Meeting Saturday September 15th 2018 – St Patrick's College of Education, Drumcondra.

At our General Meeting in September a number of issues were discussed and decided upon. The following is a synopsis of the decisions taken.

A Draft Agreement proposed by Tom Ryan Ard Stiúrthóir CLG at a meeting with John Costigan (Liaison Officer) and Jim Fennelly our Central Council delegate was presented to delegates for discussion.

Following a frank, candid and lengthy debate this document was overwhelmingly rejected. Delegates were very angry at the lack of trust and respect shown to Cumann na mBunscol. It was felt that the work we do as volunteers to promote our Gaelic games and Culture is not appreciated and is taken for granted. Numerous delegates mentioned the fact that the GAA appear to forget that we are an autonomous body and have our own Constitution. It was decided to (again) request an urgent meeting with the GAA. (This meeting was subsequently arranged for the weekend of October 19th, 2018.).

Joe Lyons PRO gave a very comprehensive report and reiterated that the following information be passed on to all County PRO's .

When sending reports of finals etc to newspapers, please use the term Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. If schools or counties are using Twitter, please use hashtag #AllianzCnmb and tag @AllianzIreland Allianz Representatives would like to attend Cumann na mBunscol finals in Counties. When counties have organised their dates for finals please e mail these details to Joe Lyons PRO and he will inform Allianz. email : joegreenandwhite@gmail.com

Gary Farrell (Rúnaí Cúnta) gave a presentation on our Annual Awards. Two new categories have been added to commemorate the(1) INTO for 150 years ag fás agus (2) Bliain na Gaeilge.

Gerry O Meara (Mini 7's Officer) gave a detailed report on Mini 7's for 2018. As usual all went well under Gerry's guidance and children, parents and teachers were most appreciative.

Clarification was asked re GAA 5 Star Flag being promoted by the GAA in our schools. This isn't a Cumann na mBunscol initiative and doesn't refer to our work . It is a GAA initiative undertaken by Pat Culhane, Coaching and Games, CLG.



# **Secretary's Report**

I would like to thank David Gough (CNMB Áth Cliath) for organising the venue for our General Meeting, Míle Buíochas

#### Meeting with CLG 19-10-18, Croke Park

Coiste Náisiúnta met with Tom Ryan Ard Stiúrthóir CLG and John Costigan (Liason Officer) in Croke Park on Friday 19/10/18.

Tom Ryan indicated that we had 3 areas of concern to discuss

- 1. Governance
- 2. Finance.

3. Development of Gaelic Games in our Schools

On the matter of Governance Coiste Náisiúnta pointed out that we were an autonomous body with our own constitution. Teachers promote Gaelic Games voluntarily and very often at their own expense and time. CLG seem to be unaware that most Cumann na mBunscol teachers are not members of the GAA. When questioned if either of them had read our constitution. The answer was in the negative.

As regards Finance the Ard Stiúrthóir told us that CLG would pay all outstanding bills and grants and that we could keep going with our own account. We should look at the best model for financial reporting and responsibility that would be in agreement with everybody.

Development of Games in Primary Schools. Cathaoirleach, Bernie Ryan gave a brief outline of all the work we do to promote Gaelic Games. Teachers feel their work is undervalued and there appears to be a complete lack of trust towards us. There is little or no consultation on matters relating to playing and promoting Gaelic Games in our schools by the GAA. It is in the best interests of us all that a positive relationship is nurtured and developed between our organisations. Negative comments towards Cumann na mBunscol seem to be the norm at CC meetings and there is no acknowledgement of our work at Congress. John Costigan said that he had the highest regard for teachers and he valued the marvellous work being done at Primary level. He said that the future of the GAA was based on Cumann na mBunscol promoting our games and we should consolidate a good working relationship between our 2 organisations. It was suggested that a small delegation from both organisations arrange to meet in the future to discuss these matters.

#### Motions Review Committee

Thanks to the following who reviewed the motions for

today's AGM. Joe Lyons and Tomas Hanifin (Munster) Edward O Riordan and Gerry O Meara (Leinster) agus Manus Ó Domhaill (Ulster)

#### **Allianz Sponsorship**

Cumann na mBunscol wish to express our gratitude to Allianz for their continued financial support. Our funding from Allianz depends on Counties using the Allianz Logo and name. Please ensure the words Allianz Cumann na mBunscol are included in all match reports and photographs when using local and digital media. Alan Black is now our Liaison person and we are delighted to be working with him. We have met with Alan on numerous occasions during the past year and as a result of our discussions we are delighted to announce that Allianz will continue to sponsor us in the future. We are constantly looking for new ways to promote and develop that sponsorship. It gives us all a great feeling of satisfaction when we hear the name Cumann na mBunscol mentioned in the Allianz Advertisement on our televisions.

#### Handball

Tim O Byrne is our National Handball Facilitator. I would



like to thank him for his work in this area. The National Handball Exhibition Games were held on Saturday March 2nd , in Kingscourt, Cavan. Míle Buiochas do gach duine a ghlac páirt.



## **Secretary's Report**



#### Mini 7's

Míle buiochas do Gerry O Meara (Mini 7's Officer) and to the hard working goalpost crew from Cumann na mBunscol, Baile Átha Cliath. Buiochas do Gearóid agus a fhoireann fresin ó CLG. On behalf of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta I would like to express our thanks to the I.N.T.O. for their continued sponsorship of our Mini 7's games. Joe Killeens, Uachtaran (I.N.T.O.) John Horan (C.L.G) Marie Hichey (L.G.F.A) and Kathleen Woods (Camógaíoch) represented their Associations in Croke Park on all the days concerned



#### Website

Our website is www.cnmbnaisiunta.com Any information for inclusion on the website can be submitted directly to the site or to our P.R.O Joe Lyons at joegreenandwhite@gmail.com. Our Twitter account continues to grow. I would encourage all Counties to get involved and submit their P.R. Material for inclusion on our Website. Joe has a Cumann na mBunscol page in our Intouch Magazine every month and is always looking for new material. The profile of our organisation has increased substantially since Joe has become PRO and on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like thank Joe for all his work.

#### **Annual Awards**

Cumann na mBunscol would like to express our gratitude to Cornmarket for their continued sponsorship of our National Awards. Cornmarket has proudly supported and sponsored Cumann na mBunscol since 2009. The top entries in all categories will be presented with their awards in conjunction with our AGM in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo on Friday March 8th, 2019. Míle Buíochas do Fidelma Sheridan and John Hughes for helping us with the assessment of all the projects that were shortlisted.

Child Protection and Garda Vetting: Coiste Náisiúta would like to remind all units of the importance of these issues. As previously indicated all Cumann na mBunscol Officers should be Garda Vetted. Garda vetting is now a legal requirement and all Cumann na mBunscol units have to comply with the law. The Department of Education and Science have issued a circular on this topic. Please familiarise yourself with this document. The situation is the same in the 6 Northern Counties. ALL PERSONNEL MUST BE VETTED.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our Chairperson, Bernie and fellow officers, Tomás, Liam, Jim, Tim, Michéal, Gary, Joe ,and Gerry, for their support, dedication and work ethic.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't take this opportunity to single out our Cathaoirleach Bernie Ryan (Sligeach). Bernie has been a member of our National Committee for the last 10 years and unfortunately, has served her time on the Coiste. I have had the privilege of working with her for the last 5 years. She has been an outstanding Cathaoirleach. Bernie has always put Cumann na mBunscol first. As Cathaoirleach, Bernie has been the face of Cumann na mBunscol. She has been highly organised, professional, capable and dedicated in dealing with all matters concerning Cumann na mBunscol. Bernie has never let it be forgotten that we are an autonomous body of teachers, who voluntarily promote Gaelic Games and Culture in our Primary Schools. She made my job as secretary very easy. She will be sadly missed.

Finally, I would like to thank all the teachers in every County and Province for their tremendous work, time and dedication in promoting Gaelic games and Culture throughout the Country.

This is my last report as Rúnaí. The last 5 years have been both eye opening and interesting. The mechanics of the GAA never cease to amaze me. I am grateful to you all for allowing me the opportunity to represent you.

Míle buíochas daoibh go léir agus rath Dé oraibh sa bhliain atá romhainn amach.

Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin, Runaí



#### Cumann na mBunscol (AIB Account) Profit & Loss Account Year ending 31 October 2018

|                                     | 12 months<br>to 31-Oct-18<br>€ | 12 months<br>to 31-Oct-17<br>€ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Income                              |                                |                                |
| INTO Sponsorship                    | 23,000.00                      | -                              |
| Allianz Sponsorship                 | 100,000.00                     | 100,000.00                     |
| Cornmarket Sponsorship (2018)       | 10,000.00                      | -                              |
| Cornmarket Sponsorship (2017)       | 15,000.00                      | 15,000.00                      |
| All Ireland Tickets                 | 104,160                        | 104,000.07                     |
| National Awards Tickets             | 4,673.21                       | 2,818.26                       |
| Mycro Sponsorship                   | 3,000.00                       | 3,000.00                       |
|                                     | 259,833.21                     | 224,818.33                     |
| Expenses                            |                                |                                |
| GAA - Sponsorship forwarded         | -                              | 15,000.00                      |
| Grants to Counties (2017)           | 52,000.00                      |                                |
| Grants to Counties (2018)           | 28,750.00                      |                                |
| PR Grants (2018)                    | 37,550.00                      |                                |
| Publications & Website              | 153.75                         |                                |
| National Awards Ceremony Costs      | 18,685.04                      |                                |
| Insurance Cover                     | 8,142.71                       |                                |
| Committee Travel                    | 12,415.30                      |                                |
| Committee Meals & Accommodation     | 6,984.04                       |                                |
| All Ireland Tickets                 | -                              | 104,000.00                     |
| AGM                                 | 4,653.25                       |                                |
| Phone & Postage                     | 319.55                         |                                |
| Accountancy                         | 350.55                         |                                |
| Bank Charges                        | 121.31                         | 51.57                          |
| Mini Sevens (INTO cheque forwarded) | 23,000.00                      |                                |
| Affiliation Fees                    | 300.00                         |                                |
| Sundry                              | 29.52                          | 150.00                         |
|                                     | 193,455.02                     | 119,201.57                     |
|                                     | CC 270.40                      | 10F <u>616 76</u>              |
| Excess income over expenditure      | 66,378.19                      | 105,616.76                     |



# Treasurer's Report (AIB Account)



#### Cumann na mBunscol (AIB Account) Balance Sheet As at 31 Oct 2018

|                              | 2018<br>€  | 2017<br>€  |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Current Assets               |            |            |
| Debtors                      | -          | -          |
| Prepayments                  | 26,000.00  | -          |
| Cash at Bank and in hand     | 235,294.99 | 120,616.80 |
|                              | 261,294.99 | 120,616.80 |
| Current Liabilities          |            |            |
| Bank Loans and Overdrafts    | -          | -          |
| Accruals                     | 89,300.00  | 15,000.00  |
|                              | 89,300.00  | 15,000.00  |
|                              |            |            |
| Net Current Assets           | 171,994.99 | 105,616.80 |
| Capital Account              |            |            |
| Brought Forward              | 105,616.80 | (12.10)    |
| Surplus/Deficit for the year | 66,378.19  | 105,628.90 |
|                              | 171,994.99 | 105,616.80 |
|                              |            |            |





#### Cumann na mBunscol (Croke Park Account) Profit & Loss Account Year ending 31 October 2018

|                                   | 12 months<br>to 31-Oct-18<br>€ | 12 months<br>to 31-Oct-17<br>€ |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Income                            |                                |                                |
| GAA Games Development Funding     | 68,000                         | 68,000                         |
| National Awards Ticket Income     | -                              | 1,880                          |
| Cornmarket Sponsorship            | -                              | 15,000                         |
| Financial Income                  | -                              | -                              |
| Accruals written off              | 1,077                          | -                              |
|                                   | 69,077                         | 84,880                         |
| Expenses                          |                                |                                |
| Allianz P R Grants (2017)         | 43,750                         | -                              |
| Grants to Counties (2017)         | 40,750                         | -                              |
| Grants to Counties (2018)         | 64,000                         | -                              |
| Handball                          | 1,109                          | 1,453                          |
| National Awards                   | 1,150                          | 20,187                         |
| Insurance Cover                   | -                              | 7,670                          |
| Committee Travel                  | -                              | 8,872                          |
| Committee Meals & Accommodation   | 1,967                          | 9,198                          |
| Complimentary All Ireland Tickets | 2,560                          | -                              |
| All Ireland Tickets               | 104,160                        | 2,720                          |
| AGM                               | -                              | 5,344                          |
| Phone & Postage                   | -                              | 378                            |
| INTO Congress                     | -                              | 222                            |
| Cornmarket cheque not presented   | 15,000                         | -                              |
| Sundry                            | -                              | 300                            |
|                                   | 274,446                        | 56,345                         |
| Excess income over expenditure    | -205,369                       | 28,535                         |



# Treasurer's Report (Croke Park Account)



### Cumann na mBunscol (Croke Park Account) Balance Sheet As at 31 Oct 2018

|                                 | 2018<br>€ | 2017<br>€ |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Current Assets                  |           |           |
| Debtors                         | <u>-</u>  | -         |
| Intercompany with Ard Comhairle | 66,429    | 209,225   |
| Cash at Bank and in hand        | -         | -         |
|                                 | 66,429    | 209,225   |
|                                 |           |           |
| Current Liabilities             |           |           |
| Accruals                        | 65,643    | 3,068     |
|                                 | 65,643    | 3,068     |
|                                 |           |           |
| Net Current Assets              | 787       | 206,157   |
|                                 |           |           |
| Capital Account                 |           |           |
| Brought Forward                 | 206,157   | 177,622   |
| Surplus/Deficit for the year    | (205,369) | 28,535    |
|                                 | 787       | 206,157   |



## **Treasurer's Report** (Cumulative Profit & Loss Statement)

| Cumann na mBunscol (Cumulative Profit & Loss Statement<br>Year ending 31 October 2018 | Cumann na mBunscol<br>Account<br>€ | Croke Park<br>Account<br>€ | Cumulative<br>Amount<br>€ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | 22.000.00                          |                            |                           |
| INTO Sponsorship  | 23,000.00                          | -                          | 23,000.00                 |
| Allianz Sponsorship   | 100,000.00                         | -                          | 100,000.00                |
| Cornmarket Sponsorship (2018)   | 10,000.00                          | -                          | 10,000.00                 |
| Cornmarket Sponsorship (2017)   | 15,000.00                          | -                          | 15,000.00                 |
| All Ireland Tickets   | 104,160.00                         | -                          | 104,160.00                |
| National Awards Tickets   | 4,673.21                           | -                          | 4,673.21                  |
| Mycro Sponsorship   | 3,000.00                           | -                          | 3,000.00                  |
| GAA Games Development Funding   | -                                  | 68,000.00                  | 68,000.00                 |
| Accruals written off  | -                                  | 1,076.55                   | 1,076.55                  |
| Expenses  | 259,833.21                         | 69,076.55                  | 328,909.76                |
|   |                                    |                            |                           |
| Allianz P R Grants (2017)   | -                                  | 43,750.00                  | 43,750.00                 |
| Allianz P R Grants (2018)   | 37,550.00                          | -                          | 37,550.00                 |
| Grants to Counties (2017)   | 52,000.00                          | 40,750.00                  | 92,750.00                 |
| Grants to Counties (2018)   | 28,750.00                          | 64,000.00                  | 92,750.00                 |
| Publications & Website  | 153.75                             | -                          | 153.75                    |
| Handball  | -                                  | 1,109.00                   | 1,109.00                  |
| National Awards Ceremony Costs  | 18,685.04                          | 1,150.00                   | 19,835.04                 |
| Insurance Cover   | 8,142.71                           | -                          | 8,142.71                  |
| Committee Travel  | 12,415.30                          | -                          | 12,415.30                 |
| Committee Meals & Accommodation   | 6,984.04                           | 1,967.00                   | 8,951.04                  |
| All Ireland Tickets   | -                                  | 104,160.00                 | 104,160.00                |
| Complimentary All Ireland Tickets   | -                                  | 2,560.00                   | 2,560.00                  |
| AGM   | 4,653.25                           | -                          | 4,653.25                  |
| Phone & Postage   | 319.55                             | -                          | 319.55                    |
| Cornmarket cheque not presented   | -                                  | 15,000.00                  | 15,000.00                 |
| Accountancy   | 350.55                             | -                          | 350.55                    |
| Bank Charges  | 121.31                             | -                          | 121.31                    |
| Mini Sevens   | 23,000.00                          | -                          | 23,000.00                 |
| Affiliation fees  | 300.00                             | -                          | 300.00                    |
| Sundry  | 29.52                              | -                          | 29.52                     |
|   | 193,455.02                         | 274,446.00                 | 467,901.02                |
|   |                                    |                            |                           |

(205,369.45) (138,991.26)

66,378.19

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Excess income over expenditure



# Cumann na mBunscol Cornmarket Awards 2019

#### Catagóir 1 Pat Trainor Awards

#### Jim O Riordan (Wicklow)

#### **Catagóir 2 Public Relations**

- Corcaigh
   Baile Atha Cliath
- 3. Ard Mhacha, Ciarraí

Highly Commended - Fear Manach, Port Lairge

#### **Catagóir 3 County Publication**

- 1. Luimneach
- 2. Corcaigh
- 3. An Mhí

#### Catagóir 4 Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture

1. St Mary's Parish PS, Lú

- 2. Herbertstown NS, Luimneach
- 3. Kilcoole NS, Cill Mhantáin

### Catagóir 5 Cur chun cinn an Chultúir Ghaelaigh agus na gCluichí Gaelacha

- 1. Gaelscoil na bhFál, Aontroim
- 2. Gaelscoil Na Cruaiche, Maigh Eo
- Catagóir 6 INTO 150th Anniversary
- 4. Children har NC, Dellicharana i Luimmer
- 1. St Joseph's NS, Ballybrown, Luimneach 2. Kilcoole PS, Cill Mhantáin
- 3. Fermanagh Cumann na mBunscol

#### Catagóir 7 Small School of the Year

- 1. Roan St Patrick's PS, Tir Eoghain
- 2. Kilbehenny NS, Luimneach
- 3. St Joseph's PS, Tipperary Town, Tiobraid Arann

#### Catagóir 8 Large School of the Year

- 1. St Teresa's NS, An Longfort
- 2. Kilcoole PS, Cill Mhantáin
- 3. Creevy NS, Dún na nGall





## **Development Report**

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol - A Unique Brand

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol has a presence in practically every parish in Ireland through the local school. Each unit of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol elects its own committee which in turn will run its own competitions. Down through the years international research has suggested that children's sporting development is best facilitated through participation in small sided, conditional games where full participation is ensured. Intensive competition at a young age can be counter-productive as a large proportion of children experience failure in a very competitive structure. Well organized competitive structures have traditionally been the mainstay of Cumann na mBunscol activities throughout the country. Over the years we have changed our competition structures by considering how best we can cater for the needs of all children. We are achieving our aim to have Gaelic Games the games of choice for Irish Primary School Children.

It is important to remember that Cumann na mBunscol's central role in the development of Gaelic Games has been established and is very much sustained by the voluntary contribution of countless teachers throughout the county. Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is the brand name for Gaelic Games within Primary Schools. However we must acknowledge that without the voluntary effort the games would quickly cease to occupy a place in the hearts and minds of our primary school children. To ensure that our energy is being used to best advantage, it is crucial that we continually examine our practices so that they evolve and develop to meet the changing needs of the children in our care. well as Hurling, Football, Camogie, Ladies Football both indoor and outdoor games, we also promote Athletics, Rounders, Handball, School Quizzes, Project work etc. Cumann na mBunscol is unique when one considers that the vast majority of teachers involved are not affiliated to particular clubs, their interest is solely in helping children reach their full potential both on and off the field of play. Children regardless of race, creed, colour, gender or ethnic background are welcome to participate in all activities associated with Cumann na mBunscol. Looking back I am reminded of the Roadstone Awards night in the Lyrath Hotel Kilkenny when our Former President Mary Mc Aleese while in office gave a tremendous speech in recognition of the great work and force for good that Cumann na mBunscol has been and I quote her:

"There is a proverb which says, those who drink the water should remember with gratitude those who dug the well".

Year after year we gather in Croke Park for the All Ireland Finals and there we relish the great showcase of our native games. We must remember therefore the role of Cumann na mBunscol and its teachers who from sheer love of our culture and passion for our sporting heritage, volunteer their time, skill and enthusiasm to introduce thousands of pupils not just to Football, Camogie, Hurling, Handball and Rounders, but to who they are and who they might become. For many boys and girls that introduction changes their lives.

It is also fitting that Nioclás Ó Braonáin Iar Uachtaráin Chumann Luthchleas Gael writing to commemerate the 125 year of the GAA should say that "Cumann na mBunscol continues to play a vital role in our association



Cumann na mBunscol is not only about Gaelic Games. As



## **Development Report**



providing us with a presence in primary schools across the country both in the classroom and especially in the school yards and playing fields."

#### 2021 Our 50th Anniversary

Yes as teachers, we are very proud of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol and what it stands for. We will continue to promote and foster our national games in all Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated area in line with National Policy of Cumann na mBunscol and Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment, therefore making Gaelic Games the games of choice in our primary schools whilst emphasising participation for all. In two years 2021 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Cumann na



mBunscol Naisiunta the greatest sporting organization in Primary schools and we should plan how best to celebrate what will be a great occasion. I'm sure we can bring out a publication giving all counties an opportunity to tell their story and the numerous inter-county stars who began playing games at Cumann na mBunscol level. A publication about Cumann na mBunscol will not be possible without the assistance of many so it will need to be planned well in advance.

### Cumann na mBunscol Handball National Exhibition Games 2018

Again this year I had the pleasure to attend the National Handball Exhibition Games held over the February Mid Term in Kingscourt County Cavan. One can only watch in amazement the skill of both boys and girl, and their fitness levels. Speed agility, endurance, flexibility, and also bilateral coordination all come into play. All games were highly entertaining. What makes Handball great is that, all you require is a ball and a wall. I would encourage schools to open a One Wall Court either in their school hall or against a school wall. Hand ball is a fantastic game, the physical benefits are endless and of course it is a very enjoyable and hugely entertaining and a fully inclusive sport.

#### Cumann na mBunscol

Before I sign off this report I would sincerely like to say thank you to our Chairperson, Bernadette Ryan who leaves the National Committee after our AGM as her term of office is up. She has led Cumann na mBunscol through some difficult times, it wasn't easy at times being a Principal with all that entails, and being the Chair of the National Committee. She has been outstanding in her work and commitment and has put many long hours in ensuring that all details were seen to. Her contribution to Cumann na mBunscol has been enormous and will not be forgotten. I wish her well and look forward to meeting her in the future. Bernadette thank you.

#### At Last---Limerick's Long Wait is Over.

Finally I had the pleasure to be present with some members of the National Committee at the Granary Library, Michael Street, Limerick on Wednesday 5th December for the Launch of "At Last .... Limerick's Long Wait is Over". Limerick Bainisteoir John Kiely launched the book. The Authors of the book being two very well-known figures in Cumann na mBunscol. I congratulate both our own National PRO Joe Lyons and his fellow county man Ciarán Crowe on such a wonderful publication. The book is packed with insights and anecdotes. It is a riveting account of what the players, their families, the management, the backroom team and the county board did from the beginning of the year to All - Ireland Final Day and beyond. If you ever wondered what it takes to compete and succeed at the highest level, it is a must read. So again I congratulate Joe and Ciarán for the magnificent detail within the book and I'm sure in time it will be regarded as a historical document.

#### Tim O' Byrne,

Development Officer, Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta.



## **PRO's Report**

Is mór an pribhléid domsa an tuaraisc seo a chur os bhúr gcomhair ag ár gcomhdháil bhliantiúil anseo i Sligeach. Táim buíoch an deis seo a fháil chun cur síos ar mo chuid oibre i rith na mbliana. It is my great privilege to report to our Annual General Meeting as Oifigeach Chaidrimh Poiblí on our Coiste Náisiúnta. The role of PRO is to showcase the work of teachers throughout the country who invest so much of their time, talents and energy to ensure that the boys and girls in our schools are given the opportunity to play Gaelic Games.

The nature of Public Relations has changed fundamentally over the course of the last decade. Social Media is ever present and immediate. Cumann na mBunscol recognises this. In two short years, our Twitter account has attracted almost 1,700 followers. Almost all of the 32 Cumann na mBunscol county units now operate their own Twitter accounts. Information on all events is readily available, ranging from minute-by –minute accounts of County finals to notice of last minute changes of venue or cancellations. Many schools are active on Twitter and complement the work of their local Cumann na mBunscol units.

#### Website & Social Media

Our website www.cnmbnaisiunta.com provides another avenue through which news can be disseminated. I appreciate the help I receive from officers throughout the country who send me material for the website and Twitter. The written word is not redundant however. The standard of entries in the Public Relations category of the Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards bears testimony to the unstinting work of teachers throughout the country promoting our activities and, by extension, the support and backing of our sponsors Allianz.

#### In Touch Magazine

As Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí, Cumann na mBunscol is fortunate to have a page in In Touch each month to promote Cumann na mBunscol and to keep INTO members updated on our activities. During the past year, the Cumann na mBunscol page was used to highlight the Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards, the INTO Mini Sevens and several other landmark events in our calendar. An article on the career of Tadhg Kenny, winner of the Pat Trainor Award in 2018, was very well received by many readers who know Tadhg and his work over decades of involvement in Cumann na mBunscol. Over the course of the past four years, I have received nothing but encouragement and courtesy in my dealings with Press Officer Peter Mullan and Lori Kealy. Peter retired last year while Lori retired at the end of January 2019. I wish them well and look forward to continuing our excellent relations with Peter's successor David Geary and Síne Friel.





## **PRO's Report**

#### Allianz

Undoubtedly, the Allianz television advertisement featuring Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh and specifically mentioning Allianz's support for Cumann namBunscol has captured the public imagination like few others. The reputation and image of both Allianz and Cumann na mBunscol are enhanced by virtue of their association with each other and the work we do as an organisation. Alan Black of Allianz has been a great friend to Cumann na mBunscol and we are fortunate to enjoy such a good relationship with our flagship sponsors. The Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards are a wonderful showcase for our work. The presence of Brian Cody at the awards in Kilkenny last year gleaned much media attention. Aside from thousands of hits on Twitter, a feature in In Touch, and coverage in countless provincial papers, the Awards also featured in the Primary Planet publication.

#### **INTO GAA Mini Sevens**

The INTO GAA Mini Sevens, played on six of the most high profile occasions in the sporting calendar, are covered in every provincial paper, thanks in no small way to the excellent photos generated by Sportsfile. The presence of primary teachers such as Nickie Quaid and Richie English (Limerick), Michael Dara Macaulay (Dublin) and Orla Finn (Cork) on successful All-Ireland winning teams reflects well on our profession especially as the intercounty stars are active in Cumann na mBunscol.

#### Allianz

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol operates on several levels, National, Provincial, County and local. All are of vital importance and, in each county and province, teachers are promoting and publicising the activities of Cumann na mBunscol. While I hold the office of National PRO, the reality is that there are teachers in every county in Ireland generating positive publicity for our work. Twitter accounts are generating positive publicity for our activities on a daily basis. Provincial papers in Clare, Laois and Tipperary produce special supplements covering Cumann na mBunscol finals while Allianz and The Evening Herald have long been cooperating to issue supplements on the Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park. Other counties have followed suit.

Local radio is another area that provides significant coverage of our affairs. It is of vital importance to this organisation that Allianz Cumann na mBunscol continues the high level of coverage that currently exists.

I urge all involved in promoting our games at school or county level on Twitter to tag @AllianzIreland and use the hashtag #AllianzCnmb

In conclusion, I wish to place on record my appreciation of the help and encouragement I have received from all my colleagues on the Coiste Náisiúnta over the past four years. I am indebted to the teachers who send me material for our website, Twitter accounts and In Touch columns.

Rath Dé oraibh go léir. Seosamh Ó Laighin





# GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report

This is my third report as Mini Seven's Coordinator and I would like to try something different. I have received many letters, cards, texts and emails from players, parents and teachers over the past few months recalling their great day in Croke Park. They sum up for me what the Mini Sevens means to so many people and long may it continue. I have included a sample in this report and where better to start than with a young Limerick girl who played in Croke Park on August 19th on All Ireland Final Day - a day Limerick people will never forget.

Thanks so much for organizing the Mini 7s in Croke Park on All Ireland Hurling Final Day. It was beyond my wildest dreams to play for Limerick in Croke Park on the day Limerick won the All Ireland for the first time in 45 years. I will never ever forget the amazing day I had on the 19th August. Thanks for looking after me so well and especially for organizing all the photos and for sending them on to us. Up Limerick!!!

Órla Ryan, Caherelly National School, Limerick.

Another Limerick boy played in Croke Park on All Ireland Football Sunday – September 2nd. Tom Ryan from Oola showed us that Limerick can also play the big ball and may even take on 'The Dubs' in 2019!

'Gerry and all at Cumann na mBunscol Sport. Many thanks for the amazing opportunity you gave to Tom on 2nd September 2018. He loved the day and made great friends. It was an amazing day for us parents as well. Many thanks

Bridget Ryan Bob, Oola Limerick

PS A special thanks to Br. Dormer for his continuing support and encouragement'

### This next note from Ciara Ryan, Convent of Mercy, Naas sums up the day very well:

'Gerry! Hi it's me Ciara Ryan I wanted to thank you for giving me the huge opportunity to coming to the 19th of August to Croke Park. I had a wonderful time that day from the very second we met in The Barbara Ward Centre, then walking to Croke Park, changing into our gear and feeling like real senior hurlers about to play an All-Ireland. Then to play on the pitch itself, hearing the crowds shout for you- it was amazing! Then to conclude going back to the very start, the letter you sent me. I loved it. The comments were really kind. Thank you -I'll never forget the day. PS Our teacher, Mary Coughlan is a great camogie trainer

Ciara'

Those of you reading carefully will have noted the surnames of the three players- Ryan- a great Tipperary name- I'm sure there are Tipp connections with all three!!!!.

Our Young Whistlers also enjoyed the day as expressed by Diarmuid Corcoran from Ballindeee National School in Bandon, County Cork. 'Dear Mr. O' Meara My name is Diarmuid Corcoran from Ballindee National School. I am writing to thank you for the experience of refereeing at half time in the Minor Game at the All Ireland in Croke Park.. I love the jersey, socks and shorts that I got when I refereed. I will always remember it. I really hope to return to Croke Park in the future to play there if I am lucky enough Yours sincerely,

Diarmuid Corcoran'

A note from Liam who celebrated his birthday with us on the day Tyrone played Monaghan:

To Mr. O' Meara

Thank you for the opportunity to play in Croke Park at half time during the Monaghan-Tyrone match. I just like to say thank you for making it the greatest day of my life. If you were wondering I'm the kid you sang Happy Birthday to from Carlow. It was the best day ever! Thank you very much From Liam

Finally Ciardha Mc Carthy from Barryroe National School, Cork wrote:

I am writing to say a big thank you for the great experience I had on All Ireland Hurling Semi Final on Sunday 29th July. I was proud to represent my school team. (A lot of them were there to cheer me on)

I hope I have inspired all the younger girls in my school to keep training and to dream of playing in Croke Park one day Dreams do come true: 'Mine did!' Thank you for everything Ciardha

#### Enough of looking back!

Mini Sevens 2019 will start in Croke Park on the weekend of July 27th / 28th at Hurling Semi finals. The Football Semi Finals will take place on Saturday/ Sunday 10thy/ 11th August While both finals will be played on Sunday August 18th ( Hurling) and Sunday September 1st (Football)

Our Young referees this year will come from the following counties:

Hurling / Camogie: Clare, Roscommon and Cork Football Boys & Girls: Louth, Armagh and Dublin The 2019 allocations are included with this report The 5 extra provincial places: Ulster: Boys' Football Munster: Girls' Football Leinster: Camogie Connacht: Hurling

Closing date for entries is Friday May 10th 2019 Please send details tominisevens2019@gmail.com

Thanks Gerry O' Meara Mini Sevens Officer, Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta



### CUMANN na mBUNSCOL INTO/GAA



Respect Exhibition Go Games Allocations for Mini 7's 2019

| County    | Girl's Football | Boys Football | Camogie | Hurling | Total |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---------|---------|-------|
| Clare     | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Limerick  | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Cork      | 3               | 3             | 3       | 3       | 12    |
| Waterford | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Tipperary | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Kerry     | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Munster   | 5               | 0             | 0       | 0       | 5     |
| Galway    | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Mayo      | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Sligo     | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Roscommon | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Leitrim   | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Connacht  | 0               | 0             | 0       | 5       | 5     |
| Donegal   | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Monaghan  | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Cavan     | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Fermanagh | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Armagh    | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Tyrone    | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Derry     | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Antrim    | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Down      | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Ulster    | 0               | 5             | 0       | 0       | 5     |
| Dublin    | 6               | 6             | 6       | 6       | 24    |
| Meath     | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Louth     | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Wicklow   | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Wexford   | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Westmeath | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Kilkenny  | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Offaly    | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Laois     | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Carlow    | 2               | 1             | 1       | 2       | 6     |
| Kildare   | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Longford  | 1               | 2             | 2       | 1       | 6     |
| Leinster  | 0               | 0             | 5       | 0       | 5     |
| London    | 1               | 1             | 1       | 1       | 4     |
| Total     | 60              | 60            | 60      | 60      | 240   |



# Nominations for National Committee AGM 2019

#### Uachtaráin

Liam Mac Aodha (Fear Manach) Maireád Ní Cheallachain (Corcaigh)

#### Cathaoirleach

Seosamh Ó Laighin (Luimneach) Liam Magee (Fear Manach) Séamus Ó Fionnalaigh (Cill Chainnigh) Tomás Ó hÁinféin (Ciarraí)

#### Leas- Cathaoirleach

Mairéad Ní Cheallachain (Corcaigh) Tadhg Ó Broin (Port Láirge) Séamus Ó Fionnalaigh (Cill Chainnigh) Eabhard Ó Riordain (Ath Cliath) Fidelma Sheridan (An Chabhán)

#### Runaí

Gary Farrell (Ard Mhacha) Gerry O Meara (Baile Átha Cliath) Séamus Ó Fionnalaigh (Cill Chainnigh) Declan Ward (Uibh Fhailí) Manas Ó Domhnaill (Dún na nGall)

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#### Cisteoir

Michéal Mac Thiarnáin (Liatroim)

#### Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

Joe Lyons (Luimneach) Declan Ward (Uibh Fhailí)

#### **Toscaire Ard Comhairle**

Liam Magee (Fear Manach) Mairéad Ní Cheallachain (Corcaigh) Seosamh Ó Laighin (Luimneach) Tomás Ó hÁinféin (Ciarraí)

#### Oifigeach Forbartha Tadhg Ó Broin (Port Láirge)

Oifigeach Mini 7's Gerry O Meara (Baile Átha Cliath)





## Motions 2019

#### Motion 1

That the financial year for Cumann na mBunscol units run in line with our school year.ie. Beginning of September to the end of August.

(Coiste Náisiúnta agus Corcaigh)

#### Motion 2

Where tickets are allocated from Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta as a result of a student from a particular school taking part in a half time game, the tickets are to be strictly designated for the teachers/trainers involved in training the school teams.

#### (Uibh Fhailí)



#### Motion 3

That the officership of CC delegate and Mini Sevens be amalgamated into one position.

#### (Corcaigh)

#### Motion 4

That a sub Committee be established by the incoming Coiste to review our Constitution.

#### (Coiste Náisiúnta)

#### **Motion 5**

That our introduction/ mission statement to our Constitution which states .. "Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an Educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary School's Committees. The philosophy of Cumann na mBunscol shall be to promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the game of choice in our Primary Schools'

#### be changed to read

"Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous National Federation of Primary School Teachers promoting Gaelic Games in an Educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary School's Committees. The philosophy of Cumann na mBunscol shall be to promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the game of choice in our Primary Schools

#### (Coiste Náisiúnta)

#### Motion 6

That Section A of our Constitution which states

"The Federation of Primary Schools Gaelic Games shall be known as "Cumann na mBunscol' The National Logo of "Cumann na mBunscol " shall be The "Cumann na mBunscol' logo.

All business pertaining to "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be carried out under this name and/or under the Cumann na mBunscol logo.

#### Be amended to read

"This Federation shall be known as "Cumann na mBunscol.' The National Logo of "Cumann na mBunscol "shall be The "Cumann na mBunscol' logo. All business pertaining to "Cumann na mBunscol "shall be carried out under this name and/or under the Cumann na mBunscol logo.

(Coiste Náisiúnta)

#### Moladh

That national cumann na mBunscol meet with representatives from Croke Park to ensure that a Cumann na mBunscol half time Game is played during the Joe McDonagh Cup final.

(Uibh Fhailí)





Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees. The philosophy of Cumann na mBunscol shall be to promote Gaelic games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our Primary Schools.

A The Federation of Primary Schools Gaelic Games shall be known as "Cumann na mBunscol". The National logo of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be The" Cumann na mBunscol" logo".

All business pertaining to "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be carried out under this name and/or under the "Cumann na mBunscol" "logo".

- B Schools with GAA affiliations in other countries may be accepted as associate members on application to the National Committee and subsequent approval.
- C Cumann na mBunscol adopts the provisions of the Children First Act, 2015 & The Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 published on 2nd October 2017 & the Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools- Guide for Schools by DENI on 24th April 2017. All our members must be vetted. Teachers are vetted through the Teaching Council/Safeguarding NI. Retired teachers should ensure their vetting is kept in date.
- D The aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be:

(1) To promote and foster our national games, Boys' Football, Girls' Football; Hurling; Camogie; Handball and Rounders, Athletics and cultural activities in all the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas, in line with National Policy of Cumann na mBunscol and Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

(2) To promote and foster a positive attitude towards our national games among teachers, pupils, parents and all involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the primary education system.

(3) To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games

the games of choice in our primary schools whilst emphasising participation for all.

D The function of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be:

(1) To provide a means for the expression of the collective opinion of its members on matters affecting the interests of Gaelic Games in the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas. To this end Cumann na mBunscol shall endeavour to align ourselves to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, its policies and national programmes.

(2) To provide a means whereby talks and negotiations can take place with the relevant Departments of Education and other bodies to promote the aims and interests of "Cumann na mBunscol".

(3) To establish and administer funds for the general administration of the organisation under the aegis of the GAA and provide financial assistance to affiliated areas by:

a. Preparing and submitting an annual budget.

b. Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.

c. Using the Cumann na mBunscol logo in franchising arrangements with business and industry to help raise funds.

(4) To provide advice to members on the best ways of promoting Gaelic Games in Primary Schools.

(5) To endeavour to raise standards in all affiliated areas by

- a. Coaching
- b. Seminars
- c. Publications.

(6) To identify weaknesses with the co-operation of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies and endeavour to rectify them.

(7) (a) To organise and administer a National





D Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in Boys' and Girls' Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final days.

(b) To organise a National Skills programme in individual schools in Hurling and Camogie.

(8) To organise and administer National Handball skills programmes, culminating in a National Handball Skills Exhibition in a suitable venue.

(9) To operate and maintain an insurance policy so that cover can be provided for officers and members of committees of "Cumann na mBunscol" while organising and promoting the games/activities.

E The philosophy of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be:

To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our primary schools.

- F Constitution: "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be constituted as follows:
  - (1) Annual General Meeting
  - (2) General Meeting
  - (3) Special General Meeting, if required
  - (4) National Committee
  - (5) Provincial Councils
  - (6) County Schools Committees
  - (7) Associate Members
  - (8) Members

#### \* Annual General Meeting

- (a) The A.G.M. shall be the supreme governing body of the organisation but shall not be involved in the running of local units.
- (b) The AGM shall be held in the month of February or March at a suitable venue chosen by the National Officers.
- (c) The AGM shall consist of
  - The National Officers
    - (2) Two delegates from each county
    - (3) Two delegates from each Provincial Council
    - (4) Two delegates from each affiliated area

(d) The hosting of the AGM shall rotate between the four provinces.

#### The Business of the AGM shall be:

- (1) Welcoming of Delegates
- (2) Minutes
- (3) Matters arising from Minutes
- (4) Correspondence
- (5) Address of Chairperson
- (6) Secretary's Report
- (7) Treasurers' Report
- (8) Other Reports as necessary
- (9) Elections
  - President.
  - Chairman.
  - Vice-Chairman.
  - Secretary.
  - Assistant Secretary
  - Treasurer.
  - P.R.O.
  - Development Officer.
  - Delegate to Central Council.
  - GAA/INTO Mini 7's Co-ordinator
  - (a) Provincial Delegate Leinster.
  - (b) Provincial Delegate Ulster
  - (c) Provincial Delegate Munster.
  - (d) Provincial Delegate Connaught.
- (10) Motions
- (11) Addresses of invited Speakers
- (12) Any Other Notified Business (In writing/email andto be with the National Secretary two weeks before the AGM)

N.B. In the event of a Province not being represented on An Coiste Náisiúnta a provincial delegate can be elected at the AGM.

N.B. Every third year the Annual General Meeting will consider a review presented to it by a sub-committee of Cumann na mBunscol on the organisation of the 'Mini-Sevens'. Proposed changes will be voted in and if successful, will come into effect for the following years 'Mini-Sevens'.



#### \*Special General Meeting

- 1. A special General Meeting may be called by An Coiste Náisiúnta or by the special written request of 12 or more County/Provincial Coisti stating the reason for such a meeting.
- (a) On the receipt of 12 or more written requests for a Special General Meeting, the National Secretary must inform the Chairman who will call a meeting within 14 days.
- The Special General Meeting shall consist of

   (a) The Officers of Cumann na mBunscol
   (b) Two delegates from each affiliated County
   (c) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.
   (d) Two delegates from each affiliated area
   (non-voting).
- 4. Business of Special General Meeting.

The only business that will be discussed at the meeting is the business requested as the reason for calling the meeting.

- \* Officers and National Committee
- All members of the National Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM. All officers may hold office for a maximum period of five years.
- All members of the National Committee are limited to two consecutive maximum terms of office, but not in the same office.

A member may however seek office again after a minimum of one year's break.

- 3. The National Committee shall carry out the business of Cumann na mBunscol between Annual General Meetings. They shall meet regularly and attend to all current business.
- The National Committee may appoint sub-committees as required to assist them with a current task or problem.
- 5. The National Committee may accept units from other countries on approval of application for

associate membership of Cumann na mBunscol.

- The Cathaoirleach shall see that the rules of the organisation are enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
- In an event of the enforced absence of the Cathaoirleach, the Leas-Chathaoirleach shall preside over the meetings and act in all cases as Cathaoirleach.
- All sub-committees set up by the National Committee will be chaired by another member other than the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.
- **9.** The Assistant Secretary shall minute all meetings and ensure that a copy of the minutes be available for the next meeting.
- **10.** All routine correspondence with affiliated areas shall be done by the Secretary.
- **11.** All correspondence with the GAA, State Departments and Public Bodies shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the other bodies.
- **12.** (a) The National Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses

(b) The Treasurer, in conjunction with Accounts Department Croke Park shall be responsible for

(i) The maintenance of proper financial records.(ii) An annual audit of the accounts.(iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

**13.** The PRO shall in consultation with the other officers:

(a) Take every available opportunity to publicise the work of Cumann na mBunscol and to ensure that Gaelic games are promoted as the games of choice in our primary schools.

(b) Ensure that the 'Aims and Objectives' of Cumann na mBunscol be protected and





advanced in dealing with outside agencies.

(c) Prepare all National Press Releases on behalf of An Coiste Naisiunta, Cumann na mBunscol.

**14.** The Development Officer shall in consultation with the other officers:

(a) Endeavour to raise standards in all counties by holding seminars, coaching courses, issue publications and liase with relevant bodies in pursuit of this objective.

(b) Identify weaknesses and with the help of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies seek to rectify them.

- **15.** The delegate to Central Council will in consultation with the other officers promote the interests of Cumann na mBunscol at Central Council and endeavour to promote Primary School games at all times.
- **16.** The remaining members of the National Committee shall be the President, Assistant Secretary and if necessary Provincial delegates.
- **17.** A Provincial Delegate will be a full member of the National Committee with full voting rights.

#### **Provincial Councils**

- 1. Provincial Councils shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol".
- 2. An Annual General Meeting of each Provincial Council will be held annually. This AGM is to be attended by the President of Cumann na mBunscol or his/her nominee from An Coiste Náisiúnta.
- **3.** The Provincial Secretary must inform the National Secretary of the venue and date of the Provincial AGM.

(a) Provincial Councils shall meet at least three times annually.

(b) The Provincial AGM is to be held before the National AGM.

- Those entitled to vote at this meeting shall be the elected provincial officers and two delegates from each county.
- 5. Those entitled to speak at this meeting shall be the elected officers and either of the two delegates from each county.
- 6. Invited guests may speak at the invitation of the Provincial Council.
- 7. Delegates must attend a minimum of two out of three meetings.
- 8. At this meeting the delegates will elect officers and a committee to run the affairs of the Provincial Council between Provincial Annual General Meetings.
- **9.** The Minutes of the Provincial AGM must be sent to the National Secretary within a month of the Provincial AGM.
- **10.** The annual financial statement must be sent to the National Treasurer within a month of the Provincial AGM.
- **11.** Failure to send either the minutes or annual financial statement within a month of the Provincial AGM shall result in sanctions.
- **12.** This committee shall promote the aims of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games within the Province.
- 13. Each Provincial Council will liaise with An Coiste Naisiunta and the Provincial Councils of the GAA and other relevant bodies and endeavour to generate funds for the promotion and development of Cumann na mBunscol activities in that Province.
- 14. Two delegates from each Provincial Council will attend the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.

- **15.** An annual written report shall be presented to An Coiste Náisiúnta.
- 16. (a) The Provincial Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses(b) The Treasurer, shall be responsible for

(i) The maintenance of proper financial records.(ii) An annual audit of the accounts.(iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

- **17.** Each Provincial Committee will notify and invite a delegate from An Coiste Naisiunta to the Provincial AGM, in the absence of the National President.
- 18. Provincial status is to be granted to GB.

#### **County Schools Committees**

- 1. Each County Schools Committee shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
- 2. A General Meeting of each County Schools Committee will be held annually. Each County Schools Committee must meet at least three times annually, including the AGM.
- **3.** All Primary Schools in the County will be sent written notification of that meeting.
- Elections will be held at this meeting and Officers and a Committee will be appointed to run the affairs of Cumann na mBunscol in that affiliated area between meetings.
- This committee shall promote the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games in their County in line with National Policy.
- **6.** This Committee shall adjudicate on all activities of Cumann na mBunscol within the County.
- Decisions of Cumann na mBunscol may be appealed to 'An Coiste Gearán' within the County. The decision of An Coiste Gearán will be final.

- (a) An Coiste Gearán should be elected at the AGM. Members of 'An Coiste Gearán' should not be officers or members of the Committee within the County.
- **8.** (a) The County Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses

(b) The Treasurer, shall be responsible for

(i) The maintenance of proper financial records.(ii) An annual audit of the accounts.(iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

- **9.** A statement of Accounts must be forwarded to the National Treasurer annually.
- **10.** Two delegates from each County will attend the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
- **11.** Each county shall formally adopt a constitution, a copy of which shall be forwarded to An Coiste Náisiúnta for ratification.
- Each County Coiste shall adopt a code of practice in line with any of the following: GAA Code of Practice in Youth Sport or DES / DENI guidelines on Child Protection.
- **13.** When affiliating to Cumann na mBunscol annually, teachers and B.O.M./B.O.G. agree to be bound by the rules of Cumann na mBunscol.
- 14. County committees shall accept correspondence only from the school through the Chairperson, the principal or the designated teacher.

#### **Standing Orders**

 A Standing Orders sub-committee comprising of the Provincial Chairmen or Secretaries or their nominee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for presentation at the AGM.





- 2. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
- Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of County Coistí, Provincial Council or An Coiste Náisiúnta and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than four weeks before the AGM.
- 4. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
- Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
- 6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
- 7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
- All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
- (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.

(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.

- **10.** The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than two minutes.
- **11.** The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than two minutes.

- 12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed. No speaker shall speak for more than two minutes.
- **13.** Each delegate shall register and each speaker shall identify themselves, name and unit.
- **14.** The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
- **15.** Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
- **16.** The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
- **17.** In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
- 18. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business" and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
- 19. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
- **20.** The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
- **21.** The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.

- **22.** The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
- **23.** Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM.
- 24. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.

#### \* Grievances and Complaints in all matters

- 1. Grievances and complaints in regard of matters within an area will be settled within that area.
- 2. Each County will have a constitutionally elected Coiste Gearán to deal with appeals arising from decisions of the County Coiste.
- 3. Complaints, Objections and Counter Objections:

Any complaints or objections must be lodged with the Runaí Chontae in writing within 3 days of the game. The Runaí informs the other party who also has 3 days to respond in writing.

The matter can then be dealt with by the Coiste Chontae. The decision will then be conveyed to both parties. Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the Coiste may appeal in writing to the Runaí Chontae Cumann na mBunscol within 3 days. This appeal will be heard by the Coiste Gearán.

 Coiste Gearán: This is an appeals body.

> A minimum of 5 are elected to this committee at the A.G.M. No member of the Officer Board of Coiste Chontae, Cumann na mBunscol or anybody who has heard the original objection may sit on An Coiste Gearán. No member of the Coiste Gearán may consider any appeal involving their own school. The Coiste Gearán may call all interested parties. A quorum of 3 is necessary to hear all appeals. The decision of the Coiste Gearán is final and binding.

(a) Grievances, complaints and objections dealing with issues outside County Jurisdiction will be dealt with by the National Committee and that decision will be final.

- Sanctions will be taken against any Coiste, National, Provincial or County or any member for the following reasons:
  - bringing the organisation into disrepute,
  - failure to implement National Policy.

#### \* Sanctions

or

- 1. Misuse of organisational funds. Automatic Disassociation.
- 2. Conduct unbecoming a member of 'Cumann na mBunscol'. Automatic Disassociation.
- **3.** Failure of a County to furnish a statement of accounts. Withholding of grants and tickets.
- Failure of a County to furnish a secretary's report. Withholding of grants and tickets.
- Failure to hold an A.G.M. plus relevant meetings and two additional meetings. Withholding of all monies and tickets due to that County / Provincial Coiste.
- Failure of County / Provincial units to honour obligations to sponsorship agreements. Witholding of sponsorship monies.
- Failure to comply with/implement the Constitution.
   Witholding of grants and other benefits.
- Failure to comply with/implement National Policy.
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## **Insurance Certificate**



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