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Presidential Address

A Cháirde,

Tá áthas orm fíor-chaoin fáilte fíorúil a fhearadh romhaibh go léir go h-Ollchruinniú Chinnbliana an Chumainn. Is mó rud a tharla sa t-saol ó bhuaileamar le chéile i Mí na Márta na bliana seo chaite, agus tá súil agam gur tháinig sibh go léir slán ón ngéarchéim sláinte a bhuaíl an tír is an domhan ó shoin.

While many well intentioned plans to celebrate our Golden Anniversary have been scuppered, it is still valid to mark our 50 years in existence. The basic question remains. Has Cumann na mBunscol made a difference? Undoubtedly, yes! While the work and role of the múinteoir is unrecognisable from 1971, the importance of the teacher within today's recovering, diverse and modern Ireland is probably more important than ever now.

We have a unique working network: active from Mizen to Malin, in big, small, co-ed or single sex, urban rural or suburban environments. Táimid i lár an aonaigh i ngach cineál scoile. However, I ask you to be aware that the return to the working Organisation we had pre-Covid will not be easy. There is a huge challenge ahead to get as active, and as organised as we were, again. The new reality in schools and society will be akin to a whole new beginning.

This "New Order" will entail further Co-operation and Partnership with CLG, but I know how easy it can be to underestimate the work and influence of Cumann na mBunscol, so I earnestly hope that the bigger picture will prevail. We will always have bumps on the road, but as in all families, the greater good should be the defining factor. Mar a deir an sean-fhocal, "ní neart go cur le chéile."

Molaim agus guím gach rath ar bhúr saothar. Aithním an t-am agus an dua a chuireann sibh isteach sa Chumann agus táim ag tnúth leis an lá go mbeimid i bhfochair a chéile arís.

Beir bua,
Mairead Ní Cheallacháin
Uachtarán, Cumann na mBunscol



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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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The National Committee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
5. 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.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9. (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.
12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed.
13. 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.



Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting



Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: Saturday 7th March 2020 at 11.00 am.

Venue: Anner Hotel, Thurles Co Tipperary.

Present: An Coiste Náisiúnta, County and Provincial Delegates

Apologies: John Manley, Tim O Byrne, Micheál Mac Thiarnáin.

Welcome of Delegates

Cathaoirleach Liam Magee welcomed all delegates and thanked them for their work throughout the year. He called on Cathaoirleach Cumann na mBunscol Co. Thiobraid Arann Paddy Kelly to address the meeting.

Mr Kelly stated how much a privilege it was to host the AGM of Cumann na mBunscol. He was loud in his praise of all Tipperary delegates who worked so hard to organise this event. He also thanked Tipperary County Board for its support both on and off the field and the attendance of Liam Sheedy at the awards ceremony the previous evening was a source of pride for all Tipperary GAA supporters. He thanked Liam for his words of encouragement to everybody involved in Cumann na mBunscol. Finally, he welcomed Coiste Náisiúnta and hoped that the AGM would be successful.

1. Adoption of Standing Orders

Proposed by Brendan Rice (Dún), Seconded by David Collins (Corcaigh).

2. Minutes

Minutes of AGM 2019

The minutes of 2019 AGM were read and adopted. Proposed by Brian Treacy (Fermanagh), Seconded by Cyril Mannion (Gallaimh)

Minutes of August Meeting 2019

The minutes of August Meeting 2019 were read and adopted.

Proposed by Paddy Kelly (Tiobraid Arainn), Seconded by Liam Walsh (Corcaigh).

3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report by secretary Gary Farrell

4. Address of Chairperson

Bernadette Ryan Chairperson opened her address. Cathaoirleach Liam Magee addressed the meeting. He thanked Coiste Cumann na mBunscol Thiobraid Árann

for the wonderful effort put in to making the annual awards ceremony of the previous evening and the AGM on Saturday such a huge success. Liam acknowledged the huge historical significance of being in Thurles, the town that produced the seminal moment that was the founding of the GAA some 134 years previous. The Cathaoirleach heaped praise on the teachers of all schools in promoting Gaelic games. It was due to the passion and dedication of all teachers, male and female, that Gaelic games were the games of choice for primary school children.

Liam also referred to the events of 1920 in Croke Park and how sacrifices made by our forefathers ensured the freedom all supporters now enjoy in watching our games. Liam told all present that Cumann na mBunscol will be fully included in any commemoration of the events of Bloody Sunday. The commemoration will be respectful and considerate of all.

The Cathaoirleach emphasised again the autonomous nature of Cumann na mBunscol – we do however promote Gaelic games and no other sports. He stated that we as an organisation are therefore vital to the promotion and development of Gaelic games in each of our counties. He added we must however also acknowledge that appropriate support and assistance from the GAA helps with this.

Congratulations were extended to Uachtarán Tofa Labhrás Mac Carthaigh and hope was expressed that he would be able to attend the 50th anniversary of the founding of Cumann na mBunscol, planned for March 2021. Liam hoped that all units would support the celebrations by sponsoring a table at the anniversary dinner. The celebrations would reflect on the past, celebrate the present and motivate for the future. There would be no National Awards Ceremony in 2021. The AGM in 2021 would be held in Croke Park and revert to a rotational basis in 2022.

Liam thanked Allianz, represented by Alan Black, as very generous sponsors of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta. He was able to report that the equipment licence which was needed to begin distribution of Allianz /Cumann na mBunscol equipment would be ready for 2021. He asked all counties to use the Allianz name in all reports, to tag@AllianzIreland, hashtagAllianz@cnmb and to use the new Allianz boards in all photos.

Liam had special mention for PRO Joe Lyons who had taken the role to a new level. He said that the Awards Night continues to be a great success. It was



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an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of counties and schools both on and off the pitch. He thanked Cornmarket for their continued support and he congratulated all award winners. Thanks also were extended to the INTO for its continued sponsorship of the very popular GAA/INTO Mini Sevens. Gerry O' Meara had taken on the role of Mini Sevens Officer since 2018 and its smooth running was down to Gerry's attention to detail. The staff of Croke Park were also praised for their Trojan work on those eventful six Sundays where so many boys and girls get to live their dreams.

Development Officer Tim O' Byrne was unable to attend the AGM as he was on duty at the national handball finals in Cavan. Cathaoirleach Liam Magee paid tribute to Tim for his dedication to handball nationally.

Cathaoirleach Liam Magee paid immense tribute to Jim Fennelly who was stepping down after 10 years service on National Committee. Jim had served as Development Officer 4 years, Central Council 5 years and his last year was given to assistant secretary. Liam placed significant emphasis on Jim's role as Central Council delegate. A role that was both lonely at times and difficult as a result. However, at all times Jim represented the core principles of Cumann na mBunscol at all meetings of Ard

Comhairle.

5. Secretary's Report

Secretary Gary Farrell congratulated Tipperary for its management of the awards ceremony and its organisation of the AGM. He was loud in his praise for Coiste Thiobraid Árann securing Liam Sheedy as guest speaker at the awards ceremony. Liam inspired all teachers present in their work as coaches of our national games in every primary school in the country. Gary offered the condolences of the National Committee to central council delegate Tomás O hAinfeín on the recent passing of his mother.

Gary also congratulated Jim Fennelly who had completed 10 years service on National Committee. Gary directed delegates to secretary's report in booklet and in a wide reaching report he covered the following events of the year:

- Motions AGM 2019
- General Meeting August 2019
- Allianz Sponsorship
- Handball
- Mini 7s
- Website
- Annual Awards
- Cornmarket Sponsorship





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- 50th anniversary celebrations
- Child protection and Garda Vetting

The secretary's report was proposed by Michael Delaney (Tiobraid Árann) and seconded by Brendan Rice (Dún).

6. Treasurers Report

In the absence of treasurer Micheál Mac Thiarnáin, Cathaoirleach Liam Magee presented the annual financial statement to delegates.

The report summarised income and expenditure of two accounts. The national committee account showed a small deficit while the Croke Park account was used for the sole purpose of distributing grants to counties. The report referenced current assets and liabilities and showed a small reduction on the net current assets figure compared to the previous year.

Killian O Reilly Port Láirge expressed disappointment that Allianz had reduced the sponsorship figure from €100,000 to €90,000, He pointed out that insurance premia had risen across the country for all schools. Liam Magee responded by telling the delegates that it would be very difficult to find a replacement sponsor. He was positive about the support Allianz had given Cumann na mBunscol over the years and that the 2021 commemoration of 50 years in existence was an opportunity for Allianz to help even more. Killian O Reilly also referred to the €68,000 grant from Central Council to Cumann na mBunscol. He felt it was a very small contribution in the context of the €55 million surplus reported in the financial report at GAA Congress. In summary he felt that both Allianz and the GAA got immense value for their financial contributions to Cumann na mBunscol.

Tony O' Farrell Corcaigh added that Allianz contributed €100,000 at a time when no other sponsor was on board. He was very positive about Allianz and Cumann na mBunscol partnership suggesting that much progress had been made with the partnership over the years. However, he did note that the grants to counties were down due to the reduction in Allianz sponsorship.

The treasurer's report was proposed by Tony O Farrell (Corcaigh) and seconded by Frank Reidy (An Mhí).

7. Development Report

The development report in the booklet covered many aspects of Tim O Byrne's role. Among these were greater links with LGFA, Go games, The Respect Initiative, Mini Sevens Website and InTouch Magazine, Awards Night

and finally Insurance.

Leas cathaoirleach Fidelma Sheridan informed delegates that a meeting was held with Rounders and that greater encouragement in inter county participation was planned.

The development report was proposed by Killian O' Reilly (Port Láirge) and seconded by Tadhg Kenny (Ath Cliath).

8. PR Report

PRO Joe Lyons brought delegates through his report which covered social media in general but Twitter in particular which had 2500 followers to date. All 32 counties were active on Twitter. Joe felt that the games activities and awards material in local newspapers was important. That Intouch magazine with 40,000 copies monthly and Twitter were also very effective means of communicating the message of Cumann na mBunscol. Inter county players were also contributing positively to the profile of Cumann na mBunscol. The special commemorative book to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of Cumann na mBunscol was well on its way in terms of planning but it now needed photographs from all counties. Joe acknowledged the assistance that Ciaran Crowe was to the project and he thanked him for his support. Paddy Kelly Tiobraid Árann thanked Joe Lyons for his work and was very happy to see that Cumann na mBunscol was moving with the times and getting the important message out. Ghabh Rosena Jordan buíochas do Joe as ucht an sár obair a rinne sé sna blianta anuas agus ghuigh sí gach rath air san oifig mar leas rúnaí sa todhcaí.

The PR report was proposed by Dave Collins (Corcaigh) and seconded by Colm Hanafin (Ciarraí).

9. GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report

Mini Sevens officer Gerry O Meara referred to his report in the booklet and highlighted that a review was conducted in August 2019. The review had received no submissions to amend or change the format of the mini sevens so on balance the review committee recommended to National Committee that there be no change to the existing format. Gerry outlined the procedures and closing dates for the 2020 Mini Sevens. He informed the meeting that parents' email addresses would be sought and used as a stronger means of communication with parents. The Young Whistlers for 2020 would come from Limerick



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Offaly, Sligo, Down, Dublin and Cork. The next Mini sevens review would be in 2023.

Peter Donnelly (An Doire) asked if the national committee had any concerns in relation to Mini Sevens and Covid 19 virus. Cathaoirleach Liam Magee indicated that it was early days but that the situation would be monitored in line with best practice.

The Mini Sevens report was proposed by Pat Mc Givern (Uladh) and seconded by Breda Cleary (Port Láirge)

10. Election of Officers

Cathaoirleach directed delegates to page 27 of the official booklet and the list of nominations. It was proposed that Pat Mc Givern, Edward O Riordan and Gerry O Gara be appointed as tellers in the event of an election.

The Cathaoirleach referred to all nominees for election to the various officerships. Manas O Domhnaill (Dún na nGall) indicated he was not standing for the position of PRO. This left only one candidate for the position John Manley (Tiobraid Árann).

Two nominees declared inclusion for the position of central council delegate, Manas O'Domhnaill (Dún na nGall) and Tomás o hAiniféin (Ciarraí)

It was proposed by Paddy Kelly (Tiobraid Árann) and seconded by Brendan Rice (An Dún) to elect en bloc the following candidates to their respective positions:



Uachtarán	Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin, Corcaigh
Cathaoirleach	Liam Mac Aoidh, Fear Manach
Leas –Cathaoirleach	Fidelma Sheridan, An Chabhán
Rúnaí	Gary Farrell, Ard Mhacha
Leas-Rúnaí	Joe Lyons, Luimneach
Cisteoir	Micheál Mac Thiarnáin, Liatroim
Oigigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	John Manley, Tiobraid Árann
Oifigeach Forbartha	Tadhg Ó Broin, Port Láirge
Oigigeach Seachtar an taobh	Gerry O Meara, Baile Átha Cliath

The election to the position of Central Council was then conducted. Cathaoirleach outlined clearly to all delegates the procedure for election. On calling the name of each delegate with voting rights he/she would approach the appointed tellers for ballot paper. The names were cross checked and the total poll was established.

Following election, the Cathaoirleach Liam Magee announced the result:

Tomás o hAiniféin (Ciarraí) 40
Manas O Domhnaill (Dún na nGall) 21

Mánas O Domhnaill congratulated Tomás o hAiniféin on his election to Central Council. He thanked those who voted for him. Tomás o hAiniféin expressed his gratitude to the delegates who voted for him and placed such trust in him. He thanked Jim Fennelly for his work as iar oifigeach to Central Council and stated that the relationship established between the GAA and Cumann na mBunscol during his office made the job much easier.

Aon ghnó práinneach eile:

Leas Cathaoirleach Fidelma Ní Shiordáin dealt with organisational details in relation to the Golden Jubilee of Cumann na mBunscol. She covered accommodation cost, entertainment and the involvement of individual counties in filling tables for the event. She invited delegates to forward suggestions to the secretary Gary Farrell.

Uachtarán Mairead Ní Cheallacháin spoke about the



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national constitution of Cumann na mBunscol. A review committee would be formed and one delegate per province would sit on the committee. The Uachtarán indicated that the constitution required very little change but that strengthening of the values of Cumann na mBunscol would be central to the terms of reference in any review. The work on this review would begin immediately and be ready for the August meeting 2020.

Paddy Kelly (Tiobraid Árainn) informed delegates that a pack was available for collection and he thanked the many sponsors who helped to create the packs. Paddy also thanked the hotel for its wonderful handling of all aspects of the weekend.

Gary Farrell informed delegates that an email would issue to all counties about booking of hotel for golden jubilee celebration in March 2021.

Edward O Riordan (Cathaoirleach Cumann na mBunscol Laighin) paid tribute to the Trojan work of the National Committee and to Cumann na mBunscol Thiobraid Árainn for its excellent organisation of the Awards and AGM.

Ní raibh aon ghnó práinneach eile agus mar sin dúnadh an chruinniú le buíochas agus gach dea ghruí do chách.

Gary Farrell
Runai, recording secretary.





Secretary's Report

I would like to begin my report by firstly thanking Cumann na mBunscol Tiobraid Arainn, for their wonderful welcome and hospitality at our AGM and Awards last year, 2020. It was a fantastic weekend thoroughly enjoyed by us all, and little did we all know on that evening what the impact of a little known virus would have on all our lives.

AGM 2020:

After election, Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Membership was as follows:

Uachtarán	Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin, Corcaigh
Cathaoirleach	Liam Magee, Fear Manach
Leas –Cathaoirleach	Fidelmha Sheridan, Co Cabhán
Rúnaí	Gary Farrell, Ard Mhacha
Leas-Rúnaí	Joe Lyons, Luimneach
Cisteoir	Mícheál Mac Thiarnáin, Co Liatroim

P.R.O.

John Manley, Tiobraid Arainn

Central Council Delegate

Tomás Ó hÁinfeín, Ciarraí

Development Officer

Tadhg Ó Broin, Port Láirge

Mini-7's Officer

Gerry O Meara, Baile Átha Cliath

Motions 2020

No Motions were brought forward.

Allianz Sponsorship

Cumann na mBunscol wish to express our gratitude to Allianz for their continued financial support during this difficult period. Our funding from Allianz depends on Counties using the Allianz Logo and name as well as the specific hashtags when using twitter. We are constantly looking for new ways to promote and develop this 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.





Secretary's Report



Handball

Tim O Byrne is our National Handball Facilitator. I would like to thank him for his work in this area. Unfortunately, Tim has been unable to continue this work during this his final year on our committee. I would like to thank Tim for his service to Cumann na mBunscol and wish him all the very best for the future.

Website

We are currently in the process of re designing our website. We look forward to launching our website in the near future as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Any information for inclusion on the website can be submitted directly to the site or to our P.R.O John Manley at duallans@gmail.com. Our Twitter account also continues to grow. This was evident during our Activity Week in June. I would encourage all Counties to get involved and submit their P.R. Material for inclusion on our Website. John has a Cumann na mBunscol page in our Intouch Magazine every month and is always looking for new material. The profile of our organisation is continually promoted by John and on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like thank John for all his work.

Cornmarket Insurance

Joe, Liam and I held a Zoom Meeting with Lisa Kelly and Orla Casey from Cornmarket on the 18th August 2021 to discuss our future relationship. Cornmarket are very keen in continuing with their sponsorship and in growing our partnership in the years ahead.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Preparations for our 50th Year have thus been put on hold as a result of Covid 19 Restrictions. The new committee will discuss the way ahead and how our celebrations will unfold. However, I would like to thank Joe Lyons and Ciaran Crowe who continue to work away on the much anticipated book on the History of Cumann na mBunscol. I would like to thank all counties that have engaged with Joe and Ciaran to date and encourage all counties to do so.

Cumann na mBunscol Activity Week:

I would like to congratulate all our schools who got involved in our first ever National Activity Week. It was a tremendous success. Many thanks to our PRO, John Manley, who coordinated the week's events as well as ensuring that via his promotion of the week on twitter we gained national recognition for our work.

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.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to thank our Chairperson, Liam and fellow officers, Mairead, Tomás, Fidelma, Tim, Michéal, John, Joe, and Gerry, for their support, dedication and work ethic. They work incredible hard to ensure that the work of Cumann na mBunscol Nasuinta is carried out in a professional and efficient manner.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't take this opportunity to single out our chairman Liam Magee. Liam has been a member of National Committee for the last 10 years and unfortunately, has served his time on the Coiste. Liam has been an exceptional leader with a distinctive strategic vision for our organisation. He has been passionate about promoting and improving the work of Cumann na mBunscol at all levels and he leaves secure in the knowledge that our organisation is in a very strong position as we celebrate 50th years in existence. We wish Liam well in the years ahead.

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 during this difficult time.

I am thoroughly enjoying my role as rúnaí. It has been a privilege to get to know so many of you throughout the past two years and I look forward to continuing to represent you as I believe that Cumann na mBunscol is an organisation that truly works to ensure that all the children in our schools choose gaelic games as their first choice of games.

Gary Farrell Runaí
Secretary's Report



Treasurer's Report (AIB Account)

Cumann na mBunscol (AIB Account) Profit & Loss Account
Year ending 31 August 2020

	9 months to 31-Aug-20 €	12 months to 31-Oct-19 €
Income		
INTO Sponsorship	10,000.00	23,000.00
Allianz Sponsorship	65,000.00	90,000.00
Cornmarket Sponsorship	10,000.00	10,000.00
All Ireland Tickets	-	152,640.00
National Awards Income	4,013.87	7,032.07
Mycro Sponsorship	-	3,000.00
GAA Games Development Funding	68,000.00	68,000.00
	157,013.87	353,672.07
Expenses		
Allianz PR Grants	20,300.00	34,100.00
Grants to Counties	63,600.00	87,000.00
Publications & Website	153.75	153.75
Handball	1,100.00	
National Awards	16,768.03	19,233.88
Insurance Cover	8,134.69	8,197.26
Committee Travel	5,573.00	11,408.00
Committee Meals & Accommodation	3,750.80	11,500.70
All Ireland Tickets	-	152,640.00
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets	-	3,420.00
AGM	4,150.25	5,810.75
50 Year Celebration	-	861.00
Phone & Postage	-	337.15
Accounting	608.85	596.55
Bank Charges	257.46	154.17
Mini Sevens	-	23,000.00
Affiliation fees	300.00	300.00
Sundry	300.00	3,214.05
	124,996.83	361,927.26
Excess income over expenditure	32,017.04	(8,255.19)



Treasurer's Report (AIB Account)



Cumann na mBunscol (AIB Account) Balance Sheet As at 31 August 2020

	2020 €	2019 €
Current Assets		
Debtors	68,000	68,000
Prepayments	75,000	29,000
Cash at Bank and in hand	139,757	211,340
	282,757	308,340
Current Liabilities		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	-	-
Accruals	87,000	144,600
	87,000	144,600
Net Current Assets	195,757	163,740
Capital Account		
Brought Forward	163,740	171,995
Surplus/Deficit for the year	32,017	(8,255)
	195,757	163,740





PRO's Report

The past twelve months have challenged us in ways we could never have imagined. Nevertheless, there have been some memorable highlights from the past year.

With most of our activities put on hold as a result of Covid19, we have had to devise new ways to keep our games in the spotlight. We have been able to achieve this as a result of the unwavering commitment of so many. Our teachers throughout the country have made effective use of social media channels to stay connected with their pupils in a bid to keep them all active throughout multiple Lockdowns and post Lockdown. Teachers have posted skills challenges and videos which have kept our young pupils active and engaged throughout this challenging period.

The GAA Primary Skills initiative offers a bank of skills resources for all schools and it was wonderful to see so many of our schools engaging with this during and after each Lockdown.

The various 2020 Bloody Sunday commemoration events held in November 2020 saw schools from different parts of the island engaging with different initiatives in an appropriate manner as we sought to honour some notable Gaels from the past.

Our inaugural Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week which was held between June 14th and 18th 2021 was a resounding success with hundreds of schools from all over Ireland engaging with the different activities provided on our menu for the week! We sincerely thank all the current inter county stars and former Allianz Cumann na mBunscol players for all their help in adding to a week that will live long in the memory.

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week was held to coincide with 50th anniversary of Cumann na mBunscol. To mark this special landmark, we are producing a special book which will reflect on the work of Cumann na mBunscol across the 32 counties during the past fifty years. Two notable Cumann na mBunscol volunteers Joe Lyons and Ciarán Crowe have been working diligently behind the scenes as they hope to bring yet another exciting project to fruition. We couldn't wish for two better people to lead this project.

Social Media is definitely changing the way we market our games. Many schools across Ireland now have their own Twitter accounts which enable them to share news about various Allianz Cumann na mBunscol activities and events on a daily basis. Our National Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Twitter account serves as a central platform where news on all the different GAA events taking place in primary schools





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all over the entire island can be communicated to and shared with many primary schools all over the country. Good links have been maintained between the different provinces and also between neighbouring counties. Social media allows us to keep an eye on how all our close neighbours operate in their own counties which may ultimately raise standards around the country. We look forward to the day when our games resume again so that we can bask in the glory of County Final Days once more.

Our national sponsor Allianz continues to provide invaluable financial assistance and it has been very pleasing to see so many of the different Coiste in Ireland tagging @AllianzIreland and tweeting with the hashtag #AllianzCnmb when promoting events. We must continue to do this at every opportunity when our games resume. The use of the word Allianz when writing about Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is vitally important. I would urge each county to ensure that every time Cumann na mBunscol is mentioned, in an email or article, the word Allianz precedes it. We do not want to lose Allianz as our sponsor.

The work being done all over Ireland with regard to Public Relations is very impressive. The county and provincial PROs are working diligently to promote the work of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. They are doing a fantastic job of selling our product to the public. Counties must also



continue to promote our games in local newspapers and on local radio at every opportunity when our games resume once more. Most radio stations are only too happy to do features in advance of County Finals. Local radio stations are only too happy to attend county finals and to produce shows/features on them following these events.

I sincerely thank all the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol PROs across Ireland who submitted material to local media outlets on a regular basis during what was a very challenging school year in 2020/2021. I also want to thank them for devoting time and energy into spear-heading their county's PR activities thus far in 2021. We continued to receive great exposure in the different counties' GAA Yearbooks in 2021 which reflects so well on the Trojan efforts of all our different coistí across the province. National Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is very grateful for all their hard work, time and dedication.

I hope 2021 will see a return to playing activities for all our schools. With 2021 being the 50th Anniversary of Cumann na mBunscol, it would be fitting that we return to some sense of normality which a return to the playing fields will provide us with. I wish all counties well with their submissions for our 50th Anniversary Publication. I wish Joe Lyons and Ciarán Crowe well with this and I have no doubt they will produce another superb publication given all their recent successes. At this time, we also remember our departed colleagues who have gone to their eternal rest.

I would like to thank all my fellow officers for the support they have given to me in my role this year. I wish everybody well for the 2021/2022 school year.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Le meas,
John Manley

National Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week

National Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week took place from June 14th – 18th. The main purpose of this week was to mark and honour the 50th anniversary of National Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week.

We had a massive response across the whole country with hundreds of schools participating in a hugely successful week. Daily activities were set in hurling, camogie, gaelic football, handball and rounders by some prominent inter county stars such as Kerry Footballers David Clifford & Sean O'Shea, Dublin Ladies Footballer Aoife Kane, Limerick hurler Nickie Quaid, Tipperary hurler Padraic Maher, Cork Camogie Captain Linda Collins, Cavan camogie star Orla Smith, Cavan Rounders Stars Lindsey Reilly & Damien McArdle plus Cavan's World Champion Handballer Paul Brady.



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There was huge engagement on social media with these daily activities. The Kerry Footballers video received almost 35,000 impressions on Twitter. Many schools produced their own videos which included a mix of interviews, games and skills competitions.

Our menu of activities proved very popular with schools participating in skills challenges, recreating famous match scenes, interviews with teachers, art competitions, jersey days and much more. Our participating schools were so grateful to participate in something tangible in the absence of our competitions.



Our National Chairman Liam Magee was interviewed by two of his Primary 7 pupils from St Columban's PS

Cumann na mBunscol 50th Anniversary Publication

Cumann na mBunscol as we know it was founded in 1971 and will mark 50 years in existence next year. Although the current pandemic has put many events on hold, Cumann na mBunscol plans to compile and publish a book to mark the development of Gaelic Games in primary schools over the course of the last half century.

Joe Lyons and Ciarán Crowe have agreed to take on this task. Both have been involved in Cumann na mBunscol for well over 30 years. Joe is currently a member of an Coiste Náisiúnta and Ciarán is PRO of Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh. They are joint editors of The Green and White, a magazine which is produced 3 times each year and delivered to every primary school in Limerick city and county. The magazine was first produced in 1996 and has won numerous awards. They have also compiled two hardback publications, At Last, an account of Limerick's All-Ireland victory of 2018 and 20/20 Vision, Hurling and Limerick, which looked at how the game of hurling and approaches to it have evolved. It also provides a statistical record of Limerick League and

Championship games since 1918.

'Although Cumann na mBunscol as we know it is only in existence since 1971, Gaelic Games have been played on an organised basis in primary schools for over a century,' according to Joe. 'Sciath na Scol has records of inter schools hurling finals in Cork going back to 1901 while other counties can trace their activities back to the early years of the last century.'

Gary Farrell, Rúnaí of Coiste Náisiúnta, has sent an e mail to all counties asking them to fill in a template which Ciarán and Joe believe will kick-start their work.

'We are asking people involved in Cumann na mBunscol to use this Covid-induced downtime to source information on Cumann na mBunscol in your county or province. There may be members of the first committee from the 70's who are still available to provide information.'

It is intended that the publication will be a high-quality, hardback, A4 size book. Every county and province will feature as well as famous players in their primary schooldays. Other aspects of the book would include features on the Cornmarket/Roadstone Awards, INTO Mini Sevens etc. 'It is a massive undertaking and will not come cheaply, but, if done properly, it will be a fitting testimony to half of century of work in the promotion of Gaelic Games,' according to Joe. 'Our first priority is to start gathering information and I know that there are people all over the country who will help us. Obviously, such a project comes at a high cost and if anybody can identify a suitable sponsor, we would be glad to hear from you.'

All information can be emailed to Ciarán and Joe at cumannambunscol50th@gmail.com



Joe Lyons and Ciaran Crowe



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GO RED for CORK

ALLIANZ Sciath na Scol Chorcaí were proud to join with Cork GAA and Marymount Hospice calling on people to GO RED for Cork to mark the 30th anniversary of Cork winning the GAA double in 1990.

As well as marking an outstanding athletic achievement for the county, the initiative raised much needed funds for Marymount Hospice. It also served to keep Gaelic Games to the forefront in our schools, especially with no on-field activity i láthair na h-uaire.

To get involved, the people of Cork were asked to Go Red on the 16th September – either through wearing the jersey, red clothing or accessories or to “red up” their school, (remote) office, home or car – and then donate to the campaign through an online campaign link.

Speaking at the launch, Cork hurler and concept originator, Conor Cahalane said:

“I knew that Marymount were really suffering due to Covid-19 cancellations and I also wanted to help push the significant achievement of the Cork GAA players of 1990. Winning the double is something very special that doesn’t happen very often and we need to celebrate it.”

Kevin O’Donovan, Cork County Board CEO, said he was delighted to give a socially distanced welcome to the 1990 players from both teams to Páirc Uí Chaoimh to help launch the campaign.

“1990 was an iconic year for Cork GAA and still stands as an unmatched high-water mark in Gaelic Games nationally. We think it will bring some much-needed joy and a bit of nostalgia as we look forward to the return of our county teams over the coming weeks.”

Jerry Walsh RIP – Sciath na Scol Chorcaí

It was with a heavy heart that we recently learned of the passing of our esteemed Sciath na Scol Leas Uachtarán, colleague and friend Mr. Jerry Walsh. Jerry died peacefully, in the company of his family, on 13th June, 2020.

Fágann a imeacht scamall dubh an bhróin orainn go léir go raibh aithne ar an laoch misniúil seo.

Jerry had a private family funeral, in accordance with current guidelines. His passing will be sorely felt in Sciath na Scol, as well as Cumann na mBunscol nationally. Jerry gave many years of long and loyal service to the promotion of Gaelic Games in Primary School since he began teaching in Scoil Réalt na Maidne, Ballypéhane, in the late 1960’s. He was the winner of the Pat Trainor Award at our National Awards in 2015.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Connie, his children Maurice, James and Anne Marie and all his extended family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal dílis.



Jerry Walsh receives the Pat Trainor Award in 2015



Cumann na mBunscol Cornmarket Awards Presentations 2020





Nominations for National Committee AGM 2021



Uachtarán

Maireád Ní Cheallacháin (Corcaigh)

Cathaoirleach

Joe Lyons (Luimneach)

Leas- Cathaoirleach

Fidelma Sheridan (An Chabhán)

Runaí

Gary Farrell (Ard Mhacha)

Leas Runaí

Micéal Mac Thiarnáin (Liatroim)
Gerry O Meara (Baile Átha Cliath)

Cisteoir

Liam Breathnach (Corcaigh)
Brian Treacy (Fear Manach)

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

John Manley (Tiobraid Árann)

Toscaire Ard Comhairle

Tomás Ó hÁinfeín (Ciarraí)

Oifigeach Forbartha

Micéal Mac Thiarnáin (Liatroim)
Manas Ó Domhnaill (Dún na nGall)
Gerry O Meara (Baile Átha Cliath)

Oifigeach Mini 7's

Micheal MacGabhann (Baile Átha Cliath)
Manas Ó Domhnaill (Dún na nGall)
Bernie Ryan (Sligeach)
Brian Treacy (Fear Manach)





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Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous National Federation of Primary School Teachers promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to its 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** 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”.

- 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:

- Preparing and submitting an annual budget.
- Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
- 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

- Coaching
- Seminars
- 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 Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in Boys’ and Girls’ Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating



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- D** 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
 - (1) 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 and to 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'.



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*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.
2. (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.
(b) An Coiste Náisiúnta must also give 14 days written notice of the Special General Meeting.
3. 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

1. 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.
2. 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.
4. 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.
6. The Cathaoirleach shall see that the rules of the organisation are enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
7. 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.
8. 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.
 - (iv) The financial year for Cumann na mBunscol units is from the 1st September – 31st August
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



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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.

4. 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 liase 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.



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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 Náisiúnta to the Provincial AGM, in the absence of the National President.
 18. Provincial status is to be granted to GB.
7. (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.

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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
7. Decisions of Cumann na mBunscol may be appealed to 'An Coiste Gearán' within the County. The decision of An Coiste Gearán will be final.
11. Each county shall formally adopt a constitution, a copy of which shall be forwarded to An Coiste Náisiúnta for ratification.
12. 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

1. 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.



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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.
3. 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.
5. 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.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9. (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.



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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.

4. 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.

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

* Sanctions

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.
4. Failure of a County to furnish a secretary's report. Withholding of grants and tickets.
5. 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.
6. Failure of County / Provincial units to honour obligations to sponsorship agreements. Withholding of sponsorship monies.
7. Failure to comply with/implement the Constitution. Withholding of grants and other benefits.
8. Failure to comply with/implement National Policy. Withholding of grants and other benefits.



Insurance Certificate



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10th September 2021

For the attention of: Liam Magee
Insured Name: Members ftb, Cumann na mBunscol
Policy: Public Liability Insurance.

Dear Liam,

I confirm a Summary of your Cover is:

Allianz p.l.c will indemnify Cumann na mBunscol in respect of sums which they shall become legally liable to pay for damages arising out of accidental

- (a) Bodily injury to any person
- (b) nuisance
- (c) Loss of damage to material property occurring during the period of insurance and arising out of and in course of all Cumann na mBunscol activities.

The limit of indemnity is €6,500,000 (€5,000,000) any one Event.

Cover is subject always to Terms, Definitions, Extensions, Exclusions, Conditions and and Endorsement of the Policy currently in force issued by Allianz p.l.c.

All incidents or events likely to give rise to a claim under this Policy must be notified to Allianz p.l.c. immediately irrespective of the view as to the validity or otherwise or such claim or prospective claim.

Yours sincerely,
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