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Kilkenny



CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL



Presidential Address

It is my honour to welcome you all here to Kilkenny for our 2018 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 role of 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 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.

I pay tribute to those teachers who give up their time to organise Cumann na mBunscol competitions and events, as well as those who are officers and members of our various units. The work of these 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.

To conclude, I thank all my fellow officers on the National Committee for their work and dedication to their roles in the last year. I thank Allianz for their generous sponsorship, assistance and advice during the year.

We especially appreciate the help and assistance of Mr Alan Black our new contact in the organisation.

Ciaran Whelan who was our previous contact in Allianz for many years has moved to a new job. I thank him for all his support and assistance over the years and wish him well in his new post.

Finally thanks also to Cornmarket who once again sponsored our National Awards.

I hope you all enjoy your time in this historic city.

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.
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 2017 Annual General Meeting



Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: Saturday 11th March 2017@ 11.00am

Venue: The Killyhevin Hotel, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh.

Present: An Choiste Náisiúnta, County Delegates, Pat Culhane [Croke Park] and Niall Erskine [Coiste Bainistí Croke Park]

Welcome of Delegates

Brian Treacy on behalf of Fermanagh welcomed delegates to the county. He stated that it was both an honour and privilege for the county to host the National Awards and AGM. Brian paid tribute to the National Committee and stated that their dedication and work was appreciated by all delegates. He stated that as 2017 marked the 160th Anniversary of the opening of the world famous Belleek Pottery the Fermanagh Committee had commissioned a special commemorative plate from the pottery to present to each member of the National Committee. Brian stated that this was a small token to show appreciation for their tireless work on behalf of us all.

Bernadette Ryan, Chairperson Cumann na mBunscol, welcomed all delegates.

Adoption of Standing Orders

Proposed by Jim Dempsey [Wexford], Seconded by Brother Dormer [Limerick].

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Proposed by Cyril Mannion [Galway], Seconded by John Byrne [Meath].

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Proposed by Aodan Wren [Tipperary] County, Seconded by Collin Bell [Down].

Matters Arising

Killian O'Reilly Waterford asked question re was second account opened as mandated. Bernadette Ryan said it was. Two sets of accounts will be presented to next year's AGM.

Correspondence

Mairead O'Callaghan shared correspondence from Paddy Keane, thanking Cumann na mBunscol for the Pat Treanor Award and how much it meant to him.

Address of Chairperson

Bernadette Ryan Chairperson opened her address by highlighting that the Awards Ceremony of Friday Evening highlights the excellent work that goes on in all our schools. She paid a tribute to all teachers for their continued efforts in promoting the work of Cumann na mBunscol. She had received excellent feedback from new members in attendance last night.

She thanked our sponsor Cornmarket and in particular to Joe McLoughlin who attended the awards last night. She also thanked Ivan Ahern and Breda O'Driscoll for their support during the year.

Bernie also thanked Cumann na mBunscol Fermanagh on their work in preparing for the AGM. She also welcomed back previous members of the National Committee. She added that Cumann na mBunscol is a unique organisation where we promote all games. She added that like many other schools, her school was a better place for promoting the work of Cumann na mBunscol – building friendships, learning how to deal with winning and losing, promoting healthy happy children, understanding of our native country, participation in our National Games, welcoming of newcomer children.

Bernie reiterated what Peter McGrath has said at the Awards, thanking teachers for what they do for Ireland.

Bernie thanked Allianz and in particular Ciaran Whelan for their continued sponsorship of our work. She thanked all members of the National Committee for their hard work and in particular to Joe Lyons for his excellent work in promoting the work of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol via website, twitter and INTOUCH.

Bernie welcomed Pat Culhane to the AGM and thanked him for his support for the work of Cumann na mBunscol.

Secretary's Report

Mairead informed delegates of a very positive meeting that took place between committee GAA President: Aogan O'Fearghail; Director General Paraic Duffy; – explained that we reiterated that we were an autonomous body – Mairead explained that they were unaware that we also promoted athletics and basketball. We also explained the back drop of Cumann na mBunscol taking out our own insurance. Aogan also clarified that the Review Document was now dead in the water.

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



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Committee for their hard work.

Question asked by Sinead Ni Chréan Loinsigh [Wicklow] re Insurance Cover – Mairead confirmed Insurance covers us for all our activities.

Proposed by Sinead Ni Chrean [Wicklow], Seconded by Damian Ruddy [Down].

Treasurers Report

The treasurer, Micheál Mac Thiarnáin presented the treasurer's report. Liam Magee highlighted the reason why the meals and accommodation was higher than last year was that this year's included two September meeting bills. This was as a result of a 6 month delay in Croke Park paying the bill for the City West Hotel.

In response to a question asked by Danny Charlton [Mayo] re PR Grants, Micheál explained that these are scaled on the basis of submitted PR portfolios. Danny asked if there was a criterion for portfolios but Micheal explained that it was based on quantity and use of Allianz in articles and photos. Manus O'Donnell [Donegal] expressed concern that Donegal papers weren't putting in Allianz plus a lot of counties now putting PR online and that this was something that should be considered. Jim Fennelly outlined that Donegal should be asked the question why are they not

promoting Allianz in relation to Cumann na mBunscol but are doing it for Inter County Leagues.

Danny asked would it be possible to publish grants awarded to each county in the interest of transparency and as a benchmark for counties to aspire to. It was agreed that this would not be a problem.

Final question from Killian O'Reilly [Waterford] re What was the makeup of the accruals. Micheál explained that this was the grants.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Killian O'Reilly [Waterford], seconded by Colm O hAinifein [Kerry].

Development Report

Tim O'Byrne began by saying how refreshing it was to move on from talking about constitution and hear about what was happening in counties and provinces. He outlined that he did not believe Croke Park understood the impact and importance of the role schools play in promotion of Gaelic Games and that maybe we as a body had a responsibility to address this. Tim finished by speaking about the development of handball and the ball wall development.

Michael Weed [Donegal] asked the question re grants to Cumann na mBunscol from County Boards. Tim explained that he had surveyed counties in relation to this and had only received 8 replies – and that responses varied. He said he would attempt to gather further information.

Development Report was proposed by Jim Brady [Antrim] and Seconded by Ciaran Crowe [Limerick].

PR Report

Joe Lyons gave a very comprehensive report. He outlined that sport was happening in each month of the year. Outlined that most counties either have a twitter account or website but said his aim was to have all on twitter because with twitter we can all interact with each other.

Peter Donnelly [Derry] asked question re Awards and the possibility of being able to submit awards digitally. It was agreed that the Committee would look at this for 2018 Awards.

The PR Report was proposed by Peter Donnelly [Derry] and Seconded by Fintan Walsh [Munster].





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GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report

Gerry O'Meara presented his GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report. He thanked committee members, Brother Dormer and Croke Park Officials for their help and assistance. He thanked An Uachtaráin 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.

Danny Charlton [Mayo] 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 Danny Charlton [Mayo] and Seconded by Frank Reidy [Meath].

Central Council Report

Jim Fenelly gave a report to delegated highlighting that the main developments this year was the GPA Deal, Club Player Association and the issue of burn out with player at all age levels. He then finished by inviting everyone to Kilkenny for the AGM 2018.

Election of Officers

Officers were elected on block.

Proposed by Brother Dormer,
Seconded by Michael Weed [Donegal].





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Motions 2017

Motion 1

That a member of the Coiste Naisiunta shall serve as a representative of Cumann na mBunscol on the National Coaching and Games Committee. [Cumann na mBunscol, Luimneach agus Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan].

Proposed by Brother Dormer,
Seconded by Tim O'Byrne.

Passed

Motion 2

That all officers of Cumann na mBunscol Naisiúnta be serving teachers. [Scaith na Scol Contae Chorcaí].

Proposed by Tony O Farrell [Cork]
Seconded by Aodán Wrenn [Tipperary]

Defeated

Address by invited Guests

Niall Erskine addressed the meeting. Niall acknowledged the great work being done and the GAA is in a strong position as a result of work of all schools. Agreed that sometimes this work not recognized widely enough and that he would try and take steps to correct this. Thanked Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta for their work. He supported the idea of grants to County Committee's from County Boards and will push this idea at management level. Believed that guidance should be given to counties as to how they can assist the work of Cumann na mBunscol. Also recognised how difficult it will be for schools to promote the GAA All Ireland finals now that the dates have been brought forward.

AOB

Aodán Wrenn Tipperary suggested that more regular updates from Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta might be useful.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Gary Farrell

Leas Runai, recording secretary.





Minutes of General Meeting September 2017



Time/Date: Saturday, 16th September 2017

Venue: Croke Park Hotel

Opening Address

The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming all delegates to the Croke Park Hotel. She began by offering condolences to Tadhg Kenny – Cumann na mBunscol Ath Cliath – on the death of his wife Renee. Tadhg has assisted with INTO Mini 7s for many years.

Bernie also explained that Ciaran Whelan from Allianz had moved to a new job and has been replaced by Alan Black. Bernie thanked Ciaran for his great attention to detail when working with Cumann na mBunscol and wished him well in his new post. She continued that it was still very important that we continue to use Allianz in our PR work.

Bernie highlighted two important issues for delegates and county committees to be aware of; importance of each county having a Coiste Gearán – an appeals committee; importance of all members being aware of the work of Cumann na mBunscol – especially with new teachers coming on board.

Bernie thanked Micheál for the allocation of tickets to all counties.

Secretary's Address

The National Secretary, Mairead, addressed delegates. She reminded them of importance of all counties having rules governing competitions – especially with two teams from same school entering same competition – children cannot play in both teams. Mairead also advised that all committees should ensure that all committee members were Garda Vetted.

Mini 7's

Gerry O Meara presented overview of this year's exhibition games. The games have taken place over 6 Sundays with 240 children taking part. Gerry thanked GAA President, Aogan O'Fearghail, for his support and attendance in meeting all the children. He also thanked Mairead, Liam, Joe and Croke Park Staff for all their work during the summer. The Chair thanked Gerry for his hard work and efforts in planning and preparing for each round of mini games.

PR's Report

Joe Lyons presented the PR Report. He highlighted the monthly page in the INTOUCH and encouraged all members to keep sending him articles and photographs

members to keep sending him articles and photographs that could be used in INTOUCH or Website. He encouraged all counties to set up Twitter Accounts so that we could all link together – consideration to be given to have a generic hash tag.

Joe welcomed two guest speakers; Stephen Mone, Cumann na mBunscol Ard Mhacha, gave a presentation on 'Twitter for Beginners' and Shay Lawless, gave a presentation on good practice and guidelines to follow when using different social media platforms. Shay highlighted good website webwise.ie that offers good advice etc. Joe thanked both Stephen and Shay for coming along and for their excellent presentations. He also said presentations would be available to delegates.

AGM 2018

Jim Fennelly outlined details of AGM to be held in Kilkenny on the 9th/10th March 2018 and explained that all details would be sent out to all counties in due course.

Awards 2018

Gary Farrell circulated awards booklet and highlighted category 5 – Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture - submission in digital format only – as requested at AGM 2017. Gary also played a previous awards entry – a five-minute movie to demonstrate how easy this can be done.





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Provincial Unit Feedback

Each Provincial Unit was invited to update delegates on special initiatives within their respective provinces.

Connacht

Main initiative Rounders – Had introduced days with rewards – 450 kids involved over 3 days in non-competitive blitz in Co Mayo. As a lead on from this 18 schools took part in a more structured competition. Hope to build on this over the next few years.

Ulster

Outlined work in relation to Handball Development, Indoor Competitions in all four codes, Partnership with Irish News who produced a supplement on each Counties' Finals Day, Ulster Quiz Initiative and Half Time Games.

Munster

Munster carried out Primary Game Review – number of developments as a result; Waterford – handball/camogie; Cork – Indoor Hurling in rural areas; Tipperary/Clare – Indoor Hurling League; Kerry – 4/5 teacher school football plate competition to maximise participation; Limerick – hurling in 1/2 teacher schools. Munster also gave out grants to each school.

Leinster

Received €35,000 Euro from Leinster GAA with €30,000 going directly to counties. Main developments included focus on hurling in non-hurling counties, young whistlers programme, Games Days organised in Laois, Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford with 18 mini games organised across the province in all 4 codes.

The Cathaoirleach thanked everyone for their attendance and looked forward to meeting with them all again at our AGM in Kilkenny in 2018.

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.

Bhi an t-Ollchruinniú Chinnbhliana in Ostán Killyhevlín, Inis Ceithleann, Contae Fhear Manach, ar an Satharn 11ú Márta, 2017. Sincere thanks to Cumann na mBunscol, Co Fhear Manach for their wonderful welcome and hospitality. Our General Meeting was held in The Croke Park Hotel, Dublin on Saturday 16th September, 2017. An Coiste Náisiúnta met on 8 occasions since our last A.G.M. At our General Meeting in September we decided to concentrate on the promotion of our games through social media. We invited 2 Guest Speakers. Stephen Mone from Armagh gave a presentation on the use of Twitter and Seamus Lawless, Lecturer in ICT in Trinity College, enlightened us on how to use Facebook and other Social Media Apps to promote our activities. Both were excellent and very informative. Míle Buiochas Our Provincial Officers were also invited to attend and they gave a brief outline of their on-going activities in the promotion of our Gaelic Games and Culture. They were also invited to appraise the Motions for today's AGM on January 20th t 2018. Míle Buiochas do Gerry O Gara Connacht, Pat McGivern Uladh, Tomás O hÁiniféin Mumhan agus Gerry O Meara Leinster. This (2018) will be my last year as Rúnaí of Cumann na mBunscol. During my last 4 years as Rúnaí the same Counties have failed to attend our meetings. We are only asking Counties to attend 2 meetings a year.

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. Allianz are particularly looking towards the use of Twitter and we have requested a hash tag that we could all use. Ciaran Whelan was our contact in Allianz for many years. Ciaran has now left Allianz to pursue other job opportunities. Cumann na mBunscol would like to thank Ciaran Whelan for all his work and help throughout the years. Ciaran was always willing to offer us advice and as a former Cumann na mBunscol player himself was well aware of the amount of work, time and dedication teachers contribute to the promotion of our Gaelic Games and Culture. Alan Black is our now our new

Liaison person and we are delighted to be working with him. We have already met with Alan and as a result of our discussions we are looking at new ways to promote and develop our sponsorship together. I am sure that you have all seen the new Allianz Advertisement on our televisions linking Cumann na mBunscol as a partner with Allianz.in the promotion of our games. Absolutely brilliant!

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 February 24th in Kingscourt, Cavan. Míle Buiochas do ghach duine a ghlac páirt.

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. John Boyle Uachtaran (I.N.T.O.), Aogán Ó Fearghail (C.L.G), Marie Hichey (L.G.F.A) and Catherine Neary (Camógaíoch) represented their Associations in Croke Park on all the days concerned.





Secretary's Report

Website

Our website is <http://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 Magazine every month and is always looking for new material. The profile of our organisation has increased substantially 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. This year the top entries in all categories will be presented with their awards in conjunction with our AGM in the New Park Hotel, Kilkenny. Friday March 9th, 2018. Míle Buíochas do John Boyle, Rosenna Jordan and John Hughes for helping us with the assessment of all the projects that were forwarded.

Child Protection and Garda Vetting

Coiste Naisiúnta would like to remind all units of the importance of these issues. As previously indicated all Cumann na mBunscol Officers should be Garda Vetted since the end of 2017. 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.

Finance

At the time of writing an issue has arisen (again) with our finances. This matter will be discussed at our AGM.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our Chairperson, Bernie and fellow officers, Tomás, Liam, Jim, Tim, Michéal, Gary, Joe and Gerry, Our Coiste Bainistí representative Niall Erskine and Pat Culhane (Liaison Officer) for their support, dedication and work ethic. I would like to thank the thousands of teachers in every County and Province for their tremendous work in promoting our Gaelic games and Culture throughout the Country. I am beginning my fifth and final year as Rúnaí. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent you and I look forward to 2018.

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

Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin

Runaí





Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Profit & Loss account
Year ending 31 October 2017

	12 months to 31-Oct-17 €	12 months to 31-Oct-16 €
Income		
Allianz Sponsorship		100,000
GAA Games Development Funding	68,000	68,000
Mycro		3,000
National Awards Ticket Income	1,880	3,410
Cornmarket Sponsorship	15,000	15,000
Financial Income		915
Miscellaneous		
	84,880	190,325
Expenses		
Allianz P R Grants		40,500
Grants to Counties		91,000
Handball	1,453	1,548
Publications & Website		199
National Awards Ceremony Costs	20,187	18,889
Insurance Cover	7,670	6,986
Committee Travel	8,872	9,448
Committee Meals & Accommodation	9,198	10,871
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets*	2,720	2,920
AGM	5,344	4,803
Phone & Postage	378	355
INTO Congress	222	100
Bank Charges	0	0
Sundry Expenses	300	1,540
Mini Sevens	-	-
	56,346	189,158
Surplus for period transferred to Reserves	28,534	1,167



Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Balance Sheet As at 31 Oct 2017

	2017 €	2016 €
Current Assets		
Debtors	-	-
Intercompany with Ard Comhairle	209,225	309,123
Cash at Bank and in hand	-	-
	209,225	309,123

Current Liabilities

Bank Loans and Overdrafts	-	-
Accruals	3,068	131,500
	3,068	131,500

Net Current Assets	206,157	177,623
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Capital Account

Brought Forward	177,623	176,456
Surplus/Deficit for the year	28,534	1,167
	206,157	177,623





Development Report



KILKENNY

'Ducky' Michael Walsh [3rd May 1966 – 4th August 2016]

As we have our AGM in Kilkenny sometime referred to as the 'Marble City', it is only fitting, when promoting handball that I mention one of the greats of international Handball 'Ducky' Walsh. His achievements on the Handball court may never be equalled. He amassed an amazing 108 All-Ireland titles, four World titles, a Texaco Award and innumerable National, Provincial medals as well as a host of tournaments. He was a complete master of his craft. He won 38 Senior All-Irelands medals, including 13 Singles in a row, between 1985-97. He was the first Irish player to win a United States Underage Title and he graced the international handball stage for 35 years.

He took up the game as a nine-year-old on the outdoor, corporation courts beside St Canice's Church in Kilkenny City. He went on to win several underage All-Irelands and in 1984 won minor and junior grades and reached the 60x30 Senior Singles semi-final. The following year, at 19 he became the youngest ever "big alley" Senior Singles champion. He would go unbeaten for 13 years before finally losing a final and then returning to win three more. He won every honour in the game. He was a master craftsman on the court, and spent many lonely hours perfecting his touch.

He passed to his eternal reward at the age of 50. His death occurred after a short illness. On the official GAA Handball Website, Walsh was described as a tremendous competitor, a sportsman par excellence and an iconic figure whose loss has left the entire handball community numb with grief.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Cumann na mBunscol Handball Promotion

Handball is a fast paced, highly skillful, hugely entertaining and fully inclusive sport. The fitness benefits of the game are vast. Speed, agility, endurance, flexibility, and bilateral coordination all come in to play. What makes this game so great is that all you require is a ball and a wall ----- it's really that simple. There are enormous opportunities for the game to grow. A lot of clubs have built hurling walls and these can easily be used in the promotion of handball.

Handball can be played in singles and doubles. One – Wall Handball is the most fundamental form of Handball as it only requires a wall and a ball. It is also the fastest growing code of Handball. Due to its simplicity, it can be played indoor or outdoor.

Schools Registration

Schools that sign up can get exclusive offers on equipment and promotional items. Register your school with [www.gaahandball.ie/schools] for fantastic introductory offers on handballs. GAA Handball are subsidising cost of starter packs to help schools develop the game.

Latest School Craze - ONE WALL FOR SCHOOLS

Handball is the ultimate game. The physical benefits is endless and a very enjoyable activity. Handball is a fast paced, highly skillful, hugely entertaining and fully inclusive sport.

Coaching and useful resources

To help schools GAA Handball has developed several fantastic resources

The Fundamental Handball and 6 Weeks Lesson Plan will





Development Report

provide schools with an excellent platform to kick-start handball in schools.

National Development Officer: Darragh Daly,
01 8658649 or development.handball@gaa.ie



Fundamental Handball Coaching Manual

6 Weeks Lesson Plans

- [a] Beginners
- [b] Intermediate
- [c] Advanced

Handball can be incorporated into the school curriculum.

Benefits of Developing Handball

- Healthier and more active pupils
- Support from National Body
- School / Club link enhanced

School provides pathway for pupils to play and maintain involvement in sport outside of school

Promotion of the Game

Taster Days - Taster Days are fantastic opportunities to introduce Handball to large classes.

Lunchtime Leagues / Coaching - Lunchtime provides a perfect opportunity each day to get children playing Handball or Coaching.

Curriculum Coaching - Through the resource of the 6 Lesson Plans, drills, skills and techniques can be incorporated into the P.E. Curriculum.

After School Club - After School Clubs allow children progress their skills and develop, it can also be a link to a handball club.

Notice Board - Utilize the Notice Board to get information to a wider audience.

Build your own ONE WALL COURT

- Front Wall: 20ft Wide, 16ft High / Floor Court 20ft Wide, 34ft Long / Short Line at 16ft

Training Court

- Front Wall: 16ft Wide, 12ft High / Floor Court 16ft Wide, 25ft Long / Short Line at 11ft.

Since the launch in 2011 of the GAA Handball One-Wall Court for schools initiative, over 400 schools have built One Wall Handball Courts. The Initiative continues to be a massive success. Handball is a growing sport, why not get involved?

Is your school up for the Challenge?

If your school is interested in the excitement or the challenge of playing different codes of Handball, then don't hesitate to contact the National Development Officer Darragh Daly [Croke Park] who will give you all the help and encouragement you require.

Tim O'Byrne
[Development Officer]





PRO's Report



Is mór an pribhléid domsa tuarais a chur os bhúr gcomhair ar an obair atá déanta agam i rith na mbliana mar Oifigeach Chaidrimh Poiblí..

It is my great privilege to report to our Annual General Meeting on my activities as Oifigeach Chaidrimh Poiblí over the course of the last year. The role of PRO is multi-faceted. My remit involves showcasing 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. It is also my role to increase public awareness (a) of the work of Cumann na mBunscol and (b) of the value of the work done by members



of Cumann na mBunscol. The work of Cumann na mBunscol is of enormous value to the society in which we live. This is an age where many children, and adults, spend large portions of their lives in front of a screen, without human contact or company. The games, quizzes and sundry activities of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol enable children to live healthy, stimulating lives, making friends and learning lessons that will serve them well in later life. Social capital cannot be measured or quantified. However, Cumann na mBunscol, through the dedication and selflessness of its members, serves the children of the country exceptionally well. 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.

Website & Social Media

It is at National level that my task lies. The nature of Public Relations has changed dramatically in a short few years. The presence of Social Media ensures that events are reported as they happen. Digital media ensures that images are available instantly. In 2016, Cumann na mBunscol launched its own Twitter account @cnambnaisiunta. Most county units are operating successfully on Twitter. Our National account has approximately 900 followers, more than three times the number of followers we had a year ago. I am indebted to the counties and individual teachers who regularly send material to me. I also endeavour to make maximum use of our website www.cnmbnaisiunta.ie to publicise Cumann na mBunscol activities throughout the country. Even in the so-called close season of December and January, County Coistí are busy running quizzes, indoor blitzes and a range of activities. I am also delighted that so many counties provide me with material for the website. Material for website and Twitter can be emailed to me at joe.greenandwhite@gmail.com

In Touch Magazine

40,000 teachers receive a copy on In Touch every month from September to June. In Touch gives Cumann na mBunscol another avenue to inform teachers, highlight achievement and promote our endeavours. The In Touch magazine has afforded me the opportunity to promote such items as the INTO GAA Mini Sevens and our National Awards. It also gives Cumann na mBunscol another means of showcasing and promoting our activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Peter Mullan, Editor of In Touch, who retires at Easter. Peter has been a great help to me and a source of advice and encouragement.





PRO's Report

Cornmarket National Awards

The National Awards, sponsored by Cornmarket Financial Services, recognise the work of teachers in a range of areas, on and off the playing fields. These Awards are an ideal way of gaining valuable exposure for our work. Local achievements are the lifeblood of provincial newspapers. The Best School Awards, with a prize of a trip to Croke Park for the winning schools, are ideally suited to local newspapers and local radio, recognizing the achievements of the schools and its teachers while also showing the sponsors in a positive light.

INTO GAA Mini Sevens

The INTO GAA Mini Sevens, organised and coordinated by Gerry O Meara and his army of volunteers, is another area that garners vast amounts of media coverage. When a boy or girl from a small school lines out in Croke Park on Big Match Day, this is ideal material for local newspapers and radio.

Allianz

Allianz, as headline sponsors of Cumann na mBunscol, contribute significantly to our coffers. In return, teachers are exhorted to use the term 'Allianz' whenever they

report on Cumann na mBunscol activities. It is obvious that there is a huge amount of work going on all year round in the area of promotion of our national games. The print medium is the only medium that is measured but, in reality, it is but the tip of an enormous iceberg. Many county units have their own websites. Many counties produce fixtures booklets, match programmes or county histories peppered with use of the Allianz logo and branding. It is obvious that local media are provided with abundant coverage of the affairs of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. 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.

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 two 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

Feabhra 2018





GAA/INTO

Mini Sevens Report



Mini Sevens 2017 was again a huge success and one which I along with 252 primary school pupils, their families and teachers thoroughly enjoyed. During the school year 2016 - 2017 thousands of primary school children throughout the 32 counties represented their schools and families at mini sevens blitzes, competitions and skill days. Many started in September 2016 and finished in late April 2017. A word of thanks to all teachers in the schools, the county secretaries and committees for their great work in organizing these days. Each county ran its own selection procedure based on their allocation of places. More and more county units are now using skill based selection rather than a competition. This was also evident in the high standard of players on the days. Without this work, what happens in Croke Park over the six Sundays in August and September, could not take place.

Following these county selection processes 240 primary school pupils represented their school in Croke Park on All Ireland Semi Final and All Ireland Final Days in hurling, camogie, boys' football and girls' football. We started on August 6th – Tipperary v Galway and finished on September 17th with the All Ireland Football Final - Dublin v Mayo.

Each county receives a minimum of 6 places with Cork receiving 12 and Dublin 24. Each Province got 5 places

in a particular code, with London getting 4 places. Every county was represented on both Final Days. I wish to thank the county secretaries for their cooperation in getting the names in before the closing date. The excel format makes life easier for me and the staff in Croke Park.

As well as 240 children playing each year we have our young whistlers. This year the 12 children (6 boys and 6 girls) came from Galway, Carlow, Kerry, Cavan, Cork and Dublin. Again the standard of refereeing has improved tremendously. Many counties now run coaching seminars for young referees and these days in Croke Park give us an opportunity to see the good work going on in the area of refereeing throughout the primary schools.

As in previous years the Uachtarán C.L.G. , Aodhán Ó Fearghail, gave of his time to with us on each of the Sundays. I would like to wish him well as he steps down as Uachtarán and thank him personally for his kind words and commitment to Cumann na mBunscol over his three years. He met with the boys and girls, their parents and was available for photographs each day. We thank him for his time in what is a very busy schedule on match days in Croke Park. We also had presidents of the camogie, Catherine Neary and ladies football, Marie Hickey with us on their big days.





GAA/INTO

Mini Sevens Report

The INTO is our main sponsor. John Boyle, President of the INTO and Rosena Jordan ex-President of INTO were present to congratulate the players and their parents on their achievement of being selected on the day. We in Cumann na mBunscol are greatly appreciative of the commitment of the INTO to the Mini Sevens and would like to thank Sheila Nunan and Noel Ward for their continued financial support.



The Mini Sevens would not be the success they are without the large financial backing from Páirc an Chrócaigh. There is a huge outlay in financial terms for the six Sundays. Cumann na mBunscol would like to thank Ard Stiúrthóir, Pauric Duffy for his continued support. We wish him well in his retirement. I would like to personally thank Gearóid Ó Maolmhichíl, Michelle Harte and Michael Smith for their help and commitment in ensuring the success of our Mini Sevens and for their guidance and professional manner in which they handled everything. Gearóid and Michelle were always available to me and on hand to sort out problems for parents in relation to tickets, jerseys and many other queries. My colleagues in Cumann na mBunscol Ath Cliath deserve great thanks for their continued loyalty to the Mini Sevens over twenty five years and more. The four managers and twelve goalpost team were always available to ensure the smooth running of these days.

We are grateful to all the ladies who work in 'The Barbara Ward Centre'. This is where we meet every Sunday morning at around 10.30a.m. These ladies are so welcoming to parents, teachers and players. They provide us with refreshments which are really appreciated by all, particularly those who have travelled long distances. A word of thanks also to Denis Gorey and his catering staff downstairs in Croke Park for their lunches each day.

Thanks to all our National Committee. Uachtarán, Liam Magee, who met the parents each Sunday. Our P.R.O. Joe Lyons was always busy on website, Twitter, In Touch and in the media promoting our games over the summer months. Cathaoirleach, Bernie Ryan was always on hand also with advice and support. A special mention to Brother James Dormer, who attended on all Sundays and helped in numerous ways.

Finally can I thank our National secretary of Cumann na mBunscol, Mairéad O' Callaghan for her constant presence during the months leading up to the six Sundays and on the actual days. Mairead's knowledge and help made my job a very easy one.

This year, 2018, the format changes. Rather than take place over six Sundays, the mini sevens will now run over 4 weekends beginning on Saturday 28th July / Sunday 29th July – hurling and camogie. The football semi-finals will take place on weekend of August 11th and 12th. The All Ireland Hurling Final takes place on August 19th and the Football Final on September 2nd. These will be busy weekends but exciting to see how the new format works out.

We look forward now to Mini Sevens 2018. I would ask all county secretaries to ensure all applications are in by Friday May 4th. Please ensure all details - names, addresses, eircode (if possible), mobile numbers are correct and sent in as an excel format file. We will forward excel file to all secretaries after Easter holidays. Finally we received numerous emails, letters, cards, phone calls texts from parents mostly, but also from school principals and teachers, over the past few months. I even got a Christmas card from one player!! Thanks also to the parent who forwarded a lotto euro millions ticket - unfortunately not a winner but I live in hope!

The Mini Sevens means so much to families and schools that it is difficult to quantify. One parent wrote: "For my daughter to play in Croke Park on All Ireland Football Final day was a dream come true for her, all our extended family and school" All I can say is that long may it continue!!!!

Remember : Closing Date May 4th 2018



Nominations for National Committee AGM 2018



Uachtaráin

Liam Magee (Fermanagh)

Cathaoirleach

Bernadette Ryan (Sligeach)

Leas- Cathaoirleach

Tomás Ó hÁiniféin (Ciarraí)

Cisteoir

Michéal Mac Thiarnáin (Liatroim)

Runaí

Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin (Corcaigh)

Leas Runaí

Gary Farrell (Ard Mhacha)

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

Joe Lyons (Luimneach)

Oifigeach Forbartha

Tadhg Ó Broin (Port Lairge)

Toscaire Ard Comhairle

Jim Fennelly (Cill Chainnigh)

Oifigeach Mini 7's

Gerry O Meara (Baile Átha Cliath)





Motions 2018

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]

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"

[Coiste Náisiúnta]

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.





Cumann na mBunscol Cornmarket Awards 2018



Category 1 Pat Trainer Awards

Tadhg Kenny

Category 2 Public Relations

1. Áth Cliath
2. Corcaigh
3. Fear Manach

Category 3 County Publication

1. Luimneach
2. Áth Cliath
3. An Cabhán

Category 4 Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture

1. Liatroim
2. Corcaigh
3. Áth Cliath

Category 5 Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture

1. Scoil Ard Fhearta, Ciarrai
2. The Downs National School, Co An Larmhi
3. Darkley PS, Ard Mhacha

Category 6 School of the year

1. Christian Brother PS, Doon, Luimneach
2. Glenbeigh NS, Ciarrai
3. Gaelscoil na bhFál, Aontroim

Category 7 School of the Year

1. St Mary's NS Ballygunner, Port Láirge
2. Scoil Chualann, Cill Mhantain
3. Kilcoole PS, Cill Mhantáin
3. Loreto Senior Primary School, Áth Cliath





An Coiste Náisiúnta Constitution

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 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

- D 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 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.



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- D (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’.
- *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 Coists 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.



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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.
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



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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 Náisiúnta 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.



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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.

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.

(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.
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 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.
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.



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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.
22. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.



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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.



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Cumann na mBunscol
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17th February 2017

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Insured Name: Cumann na mBunscol

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



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