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Ostán Citywest, Teach Sagard, Conntae Baile Átha Cliath  
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Dublin



# ANN UNSCOL



## Presidential Address

A Cháirde,

Is mó rud a tharla sa t-saol ó bhuaileamar le chéile i Mí na Márta dhá bhliain ó shin in Durlas Éile ach is dóigh liom gur féidir linn a rá anois go bhfuil áthas ar an uile dhuine go bhfuil furmhór srianta na pandéime curtha dinn againn faoi dheireadh.

There seems to be light emerging from the darkness of the Covid tunnel, and it's great to be looking forward to getting out playing games again, but I fear it may take longer than we imagined to get up to our previous activity levels. Because of this, I warn 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.

But I think our professionalism, enthusiasm and leadership skills will stand to us in encouraging those among us who may be less than committed, as we strive to provide games structures for the children in our care.

This new reality will entail further co-operation and partnership with CLG, but while we may justifiably feel that our work may have been previously under-estimated, we must work together from this new beginning. There will always be road-bumps on shared journeys, but the greater good should be the defining factor. Mar a deir an sean-fhocal, "ní neart go cur le chéile."

While Covid derailed many well intentioned plans to celebrate our Golden Anniversary, it is still important to mark our first 50 years in existence. While the work of the múinteoir is unrecognisable from 1971, the role of the teacher in today's recovering, modern Ireland, is probably more important than ever now.

Tugaimís faoin gcéad gcaibideal eile do Chumann na mBunscol le fonn agus le chéile. Aithním an t-am agus an dua a chuireann sibh le cur chun chinn na gcluichí Gaelacha, agus gura fada buan toradh bhúr saothar.

Beir bua,  
Mairead Ní Cheallacháin  
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 2021 Annual General Meeting



## Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

**Date:** Saturday 25th September 2021 at 11.30 am.

**Venue:** Moran's Red Cow Hotel, Dublin.

**Present:** An Coiste Náisiúnta, County and Provincial Delegates. John Murphy representing Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

**Apologies:** Gerry O' Meara who was unable to attend. John Manley who attended but had to leave early. Coiste Phort Láirge whose delegates were not in a position to attend.

### Welcome of Delegates

Cathaoirleach Liam Magee welcomed all delegates and thanked them for their work throughout a year like no other. He requested that the report of the National PRO be taken after the Chairperson's address. This was agreed.

### Adoption of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach requested that Standing Orders be adopted. This was agreed.

Proposed: Tony O' Farrell (Sciath na Scol, Corcaigh)

Seconded: Niamh O' Dea (Luimneach)

### Minutes

#### Minutes of AGM 2020

The minutes of AGM 2020 were adopted.

Proposed: Br JL Dormer (Luimneach)

Seconded: Brendan Rice: (An Dún)

### Correspondence

There were no matters arising and no correspondence had been received.

### Oráid an Chathaoirligh

Cathaoirleach Liam Magee opened his address by paying tribute to outgoing Oifigeach Forbartha Tim O' Byrne (Port Láirge) who was leaving after a decade of service on Coiste Náisiúnta. Liam said that he could not recall Tim missing a meeting during his ten years on the Committee. He paid tribute to Tim for his dedication to his role as Development Officer with special mention of his work in the promotion of handball. He thanked Tim for his long service to Cumann na mBunscol and his words of wisdom in times of difficulty. He wished Tim many years of happiness in retirement.

Uachtarán Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin (Corcaigh) made a presentation to Tim on behalf of the delegates.

The Cathaoirleach Liam Magee said that the 2021 AGM was taking place six months later than scheduled due

to the Covid pandemic. The last 18 months had been difficult times for many but especially for schools. He thanked all county Coistí for their understanding and dedication in such difficult times. The Cathaoirleach thanked the many teachers who had continued to promote Cumann na mBunscol in difficult and challenging circumstances. Cumann na mBunscol Week from June 14th to 18th had been an outstanding success. Special mention was made of the work of PRO John Manley (Tiobrad Árann) in coordinating Cumann na mBunscol Week. The week would now become an annual event. Many intercounty stars in football, hurling, ladies football and camogie had given of their time to record skills challenges and interviews as had top players in GAA Rounders and Handball.

The Cathaoirleach said that 2021 was significant also in that it allowed us to recall the events of 1971 when Cumann na mBunscol was founded as a National organisation. It was noteworthy how many stars of today recalled their primary school days and the influence and dedication of their teachers. This dedication enabled Cumann na mBunscol to carry out its stated objective to make Gaelic Games the games of choice of children in primary schools. Liam thanked all teachers involved in Cumann na mBunscol and spoke of the influence in the early days of his career of Aidan Cox, St Michael's BNS who had encouraged him to become involved in Cumann na mBunscol. He spoke of the work of unsung heroes like Mary McGovern who had contributed so much in the cause of Gaelic Games. The Cathaoirleach recalled how Tyrone footballer Brian McGuigan, son of the legendary Frank McGuigan, spoke of the influence of Bertie Foley of Cumann na mBunscol in Tyrone. The Cathaoirleach said that there were challenges ahead. The Constitution was due to be revised before the AGM in 2022. He said that he had enjoyed his ten years on Coiste Náisiúnta and made firm friends.

Liam then announced that the winner of the Pat Trainor Award for 2021 was Dermot Keane (Muigh Eo).

Tony O'Farrell (Sciath na Scol Corcaigh) congratulated Liam on his service to Cumann na mBunscol and made special mention of his work dealing with officials in Croke Park.

### PRO's Report

John Manley presented his PRO's report. He said that the past twelve months had challenged us in ways we could never have imagined. Nevertheless, there were some memorable highlights from the past year. Teachers





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have posted skills challenges and videos which have kept our young pupils active and engaged throughout this challenging period. The Official GAA Primary Skills initiative offers a great 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 to honour some notable Gaels from the past.

The 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 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 which was founded in 1971.

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 Cumann na mBunscol activities and events on a daily basis. Our National Cumann na mBunscol Twitter account serves as a central platform where news on all the different GAA events taking place in primary schools all over the entire island can be communicated to and shared with many primary schools all over the country.

The PRO paid tribute to the PROs in county and provincial units who continued to promote Cumann na mBunscol and its main sponsor Allianz at a time when there were no playing activities. He said that 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.

The report of the PRO was proposed by Dave Collins (Sciath na Scol, Corcaigh) and seconded by David Dillon (Sligo).

## Secretary's Report

Rúnaí Gary Farrell presented the Secretary's Report. He covered many topics including AGM 2020, the Allianz sponsorship, Cornmarket sponsorship, Handball, Child Protection and Cumann na mBunscol Week. The Cumann na Bunscol website is being updated and the new website will be in operation shortly. He paid tribute to outgoing officers Liam Magee and Tim O'Byrne for their outstanding work.

The Secretary's Report was agreed.  
Proposed: Michael Delaney (Tipperary)  
Seconded: Niamh O'Dea (Luimneach)

## Treasurer's Report

Cisteoir Micheál Mac Thiarnáin presented the Treasurer's Report to the meeting. He made a number of comments.





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There were no INTO Mini Sevens in 2021, thus there was no grant from the INTO. There were no playing activities and the grant from Allianz had been reduced from €90,000 to €65,000.

Pat McGivern (Tír Eoghain) asked if the Allianz grant would be restored to €90,000. Liam Magee said that he hoped it would but it would depend on when playing activities resume.

Jim Fennelly (Cill Chainnigh) welcomed the grant of €68,000 from Croke Park and asked about the subsidy for helmets and hurleys and if it would be paid in 2022.

John Murphy (Central Council) was unable to give a definite answer.

Tony O Farrell (Sciath na Scol, Corcaigh) said it was great to see just one set of accounts in operation.

Paddy Hardy (An Dún) complimented an Coiste Náisiúnta and said it was pleasing to see the account had carried over a surplus of €32,000 in contrast to a deficit of €8000 in 2020.

Cathaoirleach Liam Magee paid tribute to Micheál on his work as Treasurer for the past five years. He also paid tribute to Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan for agreeing to allow Cumann na mBunscol to hold its own account and run its own affairs.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

Proposed: Liam Breathnach (Sciath na Scol, Corcaigh)

Seconded: Mickey Quinn (Tír Eoghain )

## Election of Officers

Two positions were contested. Oifigeach Forbartha and Mini Sevens Officer.

Micheál Mac Thiarnáin did not contest Oifigeach Forbartha.

Gerry O Meara did not contest the position of Leas Rúnaí.

Three Tellers were appointed: Dave Collins (Sciath na Scol, Corcaigh), Mickey Quinn (Tír Eoghain ) and David Dillon (Sligo).

## Torthaí

Oifigeach Forbartha:

Gerry O Meara (Átha Cliath) 37

Mánas Ó Domhnaill (Dún na nGall) 6

Mini Sevens Officer:

Brian Treacy and Micheál Mac Gabhann did not stand.

Bernie Ryan (Sligo) 31

Mánas Ó Domhnaill (Dún na nGall) 14

The other positions were not contested and were filled en bloc.

Uachtarán Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin, Corcaigh

Cathaoirleach Joe Lyons, Luimneach

Leas-Cathaoirleach Fedelma Sheridan, Co Cabhán

Rúnaí Gary Farrell, Ard Mhacha

Leas-Rúnaí Micheál Mac Thiarnáin Co Liatroma

Cisteoir Liam Breathnach, Corcaigh

P.R.O. John Manley, Tiobraid Arainn

Central Council Delegate Tomás Ó háinfeín, Ciarraí

Development Officer

Gerry O Meara, Baile Átha Cliath

Mini-7's Officer Bernie Ryan, Sligeach

Proposed: Jim Fennelly (Cill Chainnigh)

Seconded: Niamh O'Dea (Luimneach)

Incoming Cathaoirleach Joe Lyons made a presentation to Liam Magee on behalf of the Coiste Náisiúnta to mark his ten years as a member of National Committee. He said that Cumann na mBunscol owed a huge debt of gratitude to Liam for his outstanding work as Treasurer, Uachtarán and, for the past two years, as Cathaoirleach. He thanked Tim for his work over many years, at county, provincial and National level. Joe welcomed Liam Breathnach and Bernie Ryan on to the new Coiste. He said that, following 18 months of inactivity, Cumann na mBunscol is facing into challenging times as we aim to return to pre-Covid levels of activity. He said that the club-school link will be vital in this regard and that, during Lockdown in 2020, Cumann na mBunscol had put a lot of time and effort into establishing good practice in this area. However, since July 2020, nothing had happened. He also said that he looked forward to working productively with Croke Park to promote Gaelic Games in schools. Good relationships depend on respect. He said that teachers know what will work best in schools and what is needed in schools.

In conclusion, he appealed to delegates to submit any information they have for the 50th publication to cumannnambunscol50th@gmail.com.

He thanked all delegates for their attendance and looked forward to meeting again at AGM in March 2022.

The meeting ended at 1 p.m.



# Secretary's Report

I would like to begin my report by thanking the Red Cow Hotel Dublin for their support and efforts in assisting us with our AGM in September 2021.

## AGM 2021

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

Uachtarán	Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin, Corcaigh
Cathaoirleach	Joe Lyons, Luimneach
Leas-Cathaoirleach	Fedelma Sheridan, Co Cabhán
Rúnaí	Gary Farrell, Ard Mhacha
Leas-Rúnaí	Mícheál Mac Thiarnáin Co Liatroma
Cisteoir	Liam Breathnach, Corcaigh
P.R.O.	John Manley, Tiobraid Arainn
Central Council Delegate	Tomás Ó hÁinfeín, Ciarraí
Development Officer	Gerry O Meara, Baile Átha Cliath
Mini-7's Officer	Bernie Ryan, Sligeach

## Motions 2021

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.

## Website

We are currently in the process of finalising our new 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](mailto: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







# Secretary's Report

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 to thank John for all his work.

## Cornmarket Insurance

I thank Cornmarket for their continued support and sponsorship. They have also committed sponsorship for our new book. I thank Orla Casey from Cornmarket with whom we have a great relationship. Orla continues to be very supportive of our work.

## 50th Anniversary Book

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.

## 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, Joe and fellow officers, Mairead, Tomás, Fidelma, Michéal, Wille, John, Bernie, 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.

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.

We are all delighted that we are able to resume our activities and we look forward to an eventful spring and summer term of Gaelic Games throughout the country.

Gary Farrell Runaí  
Secretary's Report





# Treasurer's Report (AIB Account)

Cumann na mBunscol (AIB Account) Profit & Loss Account  
Year ending 31 August 2021

	12 months to 31-Aug-21 €	9 months to 31-Aug-20 €
<b>Income</b>		
INTO Sponsorship	-	10,000.00
Allianz Sponsorship	65,000.00	65,000.00
Cornmarket Sponsorship	-	10,000.00
All Ireland Tickets	-	-
National Awards Income	-	4,013.87
GAA Games Development Funding	-	68,000.00
	65,000.00	157,013.87
<b>Expenses</b>		
Allianz PR Grants	18,800.00	20,300.00
Grants to Counties	57,700.00	63,600.00
Publications & Website	153.75	153.75
Handball	-	1,100.00
National Awards	-	16,768.03
Insurance Cover	6,089.00	8,134.69
Committee Travel	1,852.00	5,573.00
Committee Meals & Accommodation	370.00	3,750.80
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets	1,260.00	-
AGM	350.00	4,150.25
Accounting	605.00	608.85
Bank Charges	288.00	257.46
Mini Sevens	-	-
Affiliation fees	300.00	300.00
Sundry	-	300.00
	87,767.75	124,996.83
<b>Excess income over expenditure</b>	( 22,767.75)	32,017.04



# Treasurer's Report (AIB Account)



## Cumann na mBunscol (AIB Account) Balance Sheet As at 31 August 2021

	2021 €	2020 €
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	65,000	68,000
Prepayments	-	75,000
Cash at Bank and in hand	193,789	139,757
	258,789	282,757
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accruals	85,800	87,000
	85,800	87,000
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	172,989	195,757
<b>Capital Account</b>		
Brought Forward	195,757	163,740
Surplus/Deficit for the year	(22,768)	32,017
	172,989	195,757
Balance of #2 account at 31/08/2021	3,848	





# PRO's Report

The past twelve months has continued to challenge us in different ways. 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 Official GAA Primary Skills initiative offers a great 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.

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 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 hope to produce 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 Cumann na mBunscol activities and events on a daily basis. Our National Cumann na mBunscol Twitter account serves as a central platform where news on all the different GAA events taking place in primary schools 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 coming weeks 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 sponsors.

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

**Cumann na mBunscol**

**Cumann na mBunscol 50th anniversary publication**

Cumann na mBunscol is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021 and will mark the occasion with a special publication. The publication will celebrate the history of Cumann na mBunscol and the role it has played in the development of Gaelic games in primary schools across the country. The publication will also feature a special section on the work of Cumann na mBunscol during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Huge honour for two former Doon CBS pupils**

Two former pupils of Doon CBS, Jack Ryan and Jack Lyne, have been named as the first and second runners-up in the 2021 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week. Jack Ryan was named as the first runner-up and Jack Lyne as the second runner-up. Both pupils were members of the Doon CBS team during their time at school.

**School spotlight – Kilcoole Primary School**

Kilcoole Primary School (KPS) is a member of the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol network. The school has a long history of promoting Gaelic games in primary schools. KPS has a strong tradition of participation in Gaelic games and has achieved many successes over the years. The school is proud to be a member of the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol network and to promote Gaelic games to its pupils.

**GAAs Learning Portal**

The GaAs Learning Portal is a new online resource for primary schools. It provides a range of resources for teachers and pupils, including lesson plans, worksheets, and videos. The portal is designed to support the teaching of Gaelic games in primary schools and to provide a central hub for all Gaelic games resources.

**Value an Age-Old Tradition**

It is a great honour for both pupils, Jack Lyne, Doon CBS and Doon CBS to be named as the first and second runners-up in the 2021 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both pupils and their schools. We congratulate them on their achievement and wish them all the best for the future.



# PRO's Report



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 Cumann na mBunscol PROs across Ireland who submitted material to local media outlets on a regular basis during what was a very challenging year once more. I also want to thank them for devoting time and energy into spear-heading their county's PR activities during 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 welcome the recent update with regard to a resumption of our games from March 1st; we have all waited patiently for the day our school teams get back on the pitches playing the games they love.

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 year ahead. Below are some additional highlights the past twelve months.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.  
Le meas,  
John Manley  
Dualla N.S. & PRO National Allianz Cumann na mBunscol

## The Green & White Magazine

Congrats to all involved with the Green & White Magazine. The magazine recently marked their 25th anniversary with a special 25th anniversary issue of their superb publication. The Green and White magazine was

launched in Autumn, 1996. From the outset, the focus of the magazine has been on Cumann na mBunscol activities in Limerick and County. The readers are young Limerick GAA players and fans. But, of course, their parents, big brothers and sisters, teachers and others are also regular readers (falling into the "young at heart" category, no doubt!) There are three issues each year. That's a new issue every school term. 5,000 copies of each issue are sold. Most are sold, at cost price, directly to Limerick GAA clubs. Clubs, in turn, arrange for the distribution of the magazines through their local schools. This has proved an excellent means of fostering and/or enhancing a strong school/club link. They also have a very active Twitter account @LimerickGAAzine which received a staggering 3.1 million views in 2021.



## National Allianz Cumann Na Mbunscol Week June 2021

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





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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. There was huge engagement on social media with these daily activities. The Kerry Footballers video received almost 35000 impressions on Twitter. 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.

### Content for Cumann na mBunscol 50th Anniversary Publication

Sincere thanks to all counties that have submitted content for our 50th Anniversary Publication to Ciarán Crowe and Joe Lyons at [cumannambunscol50th@gmail.com](mailto:cumannambunscol50th@gmail.com). We have had a fantastic response from most counties and look forward to the publication of this eagerly anticipated book.



Tipperary's Paudie Maher was one of many stars who helped during Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week







# Development Report



My name is Gerry O' Meara, a Tipperary native, teaching in Dublin. Last year at our AGM in Moran's Red Cow Hotel, I was elected as Development Officer for Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta, having served the previous five years as the Mini Sevens Officer.

What development has taken place since you might ask? To be honest, very little on this front as we dealt with the pandemic. Coiste Náisiúnta met regularly during this past year – all via Zoom. We discussed ways of promoting our activities during the pandemic through social media, website and with a very successful Cumann na mBunscol week in May last year. All that said, it has been a struggle.

There now seems to be light at the end of the tunnel and as I write we await NPHE's meeting on February 17th and news hopefully of the lifting of some school restrictions from February 28th. Progress has been made in that the Coiste has its first face to face meeting on Friday 18th with talk of games resuming - Mini Sevens, Handball etc. on the agenda.

The role of the Development Officer at national level has been synonymous with the promotion of handball. While I am no expert by any means on handball, I will continue to promote and develop the game in the schools where possible. Already I have spoken with Daraigh Daly in Croke Park and we are looking at a National Handball Day in early April. The new facility in Croke Park may be available to us and that in itself would be a great incentive for all to be involved. The provincial units are also starting to organise their competitions for March. This is progress as there were no handball finals since February 2020.

I would like to expand the role of the Development Officer to include other ways of promoting and developing Gaelic Games and culture throughout the primary schools of Ireland. I would like to open up a discussion with county Coistí to see how we, as a national committee, could help in improving, promoting and developing the sports of football, hurling, camogie, rounders and handball in schools throughout the country.

I intend to set up a forum at some stage to identify a number projects for us to work on over the next 4 years. We need to plan for the next 4 years by assessing the current situation and then prioritizing key areas for development. Our targets must be measurable and we

need to work with all county units to achieve success. By sharing the workload, delegating duties etc., I think we can as our strategic plan stated: 'Make Gaelic Games the choice game of all primary school children' I am willing to work with officers in the counties, to identify problems or areas for improvement and see how we can resolve these issues.

Some ideas are needed from you in your county and schools.

How can Coiste Náisiúnta Cumann na mBunscol help you in the promotion of Gaelic games in the schools in your county?

Some ideas may be:

- An online survey of priorities for each county Coiste
- Enhancing the role of the provincial committees
- Cultural events – Scór, quiz competitions etc.
- Develop communication structures with P.R.O.s
- Twinning projects with other counties
- Cumann na mBunscol in London and abroad
- New initiatives re. inclusion- special schools
- Wheelchair hurling relaunch
- An teanga – Gaeilge agus Cumann na mBunscol
- New awards Cumann na mBunscol awards/recognition for schools
- Work on school club links
- Recruitment of new teachers to CNMB activities
- Liaising with Colleges of Education
- A section on our new website re. development
- Min Sevens – continuation and improvements if needed
- Organize more blitz/ fundays
- Young Whistler Programme
- Coaching seminars for teachers
- Promote Rounders

The list could go on. Thank you for reading this. If you have suggestions, ideas or need any assistance, please contact us on Coiste Náisiúnta and we will help.

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Le meas,  
Gerry O' Meara  
Development Officer  
Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta  
February 2022



# Nominations for National Committee AGM 2022

## Uachtarán

Maireád Ní Cheallacháin (Corcaigh)

## Cathaoirleach

Joe Lyons (Luimneach)

## Leas- Cathaoirleach

Fidelma Sheridan (An Chabhán)

## Runaí

Gary Farrell (Ard Mhacha)

## Leas Runaí

Michéal Mac Thiarnáin (Liatroim)

## Cisteoir

Liam Breathnach (Corcaigh)

## Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

John Manley (Tiobraid Árann)

## Toscaire Ard Comhairle

Tomás Ó hAiniféin (Ciarraí)

## Oifigeach Forbartha

Gerry O Meara (Baile Átha Cliath)

## Oifigeach Mini 7's

Bernie Ryan (Sligeach)







# Motions 2022



## Motion 1

Motions to the Provincial AGM, which shall be in the name of a County Coiste and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the Provincial Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.

(Fear Manach)

## Motion 2

All nominations for positions on the Provincial Committee which shall be in the name of a county Coiste and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the Provincial Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.

(Fear Manach)

## Motion 3

Copies of the agenda for the Provincial AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to the Provincial committee shall be circulated to the county Coiste in that province at least 7 days before the AGM.

(Fear Manach)

## Motion 4

The provincial secretary must inform the National Secretary of the venue and date of the Provincial AGM at least three weeks in advance of the meeting. (amend Rule 3 Provincial Councils)

(Fear Manach)







## Pat Trainor Award

Dermot Keane initially taught in Cloonliffen NS in South Mayo. Following his tenure in Cloonliffen NS, he returned closer to home and was appointed principal of The Neale NS in 1989. After a fruitful twenty-three year term as principal, he retired in June 2012 bringing an end to a stellar career in which he was held in very high regard and respected by the surrounding communities of Cong, Cross, The Neale and Ballinrobe. Having enriched the school with his enthusiasm for sports, he ensured that a proud sporting tradition permeated The Neale NS. This was evident in the many team successes in Cumann na mBunscol competitions the school achieved during his time as principal. The magnificent example he set and the impact he made is still present to this day.

Dermot's passion for Gaelic games has been a dominant aspect throughout his life. As a competitor, he plied his trade with The Neale GAA club and was a member of the football team who were favourites in the 1983 Junior County Final. Unfortunately they narrowly lost to Achill in a thrilling replay. Furthermore, he represented St. Patrick's College while he was an undergraduate. In recent years, he served as cathaoirleach of Ballinrobe GAA club. The family tradition continues to this day as a son of his is currently a panellist on their intermediate team.

Dermot was also a central figure in the establishment and development of Moytura hurling and camogie club that was set up in 2006. This was just another example of Dermot's passion for the development of Gaelic games in the community. The club was named after the nearby townland of Moytura near the village of Cross which, according to mythology, was the venue of the first ever recorded hurling match between the Tuatha Dé Danann and The Fir Bolg on the eve of the Battle of Moytura in 3303BC. It was the first ever game of hurling played and is featured in the Croke Park Museum.

Dermot was for many years a stalwart of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Mhaigh Eo and is a very worthy recipient of the Pat Trainor Memorial Award for Lifetime Contribution to Cumann na mBunscol. He served in various roles with Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Mhaigh Eo, as secretary with Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Chonnacht and spent eleven years on Allianz Cumann na mBunscol National Committee (three years as PRO, three years as Treasurer and five further years as Secretary). Dermot was highly respected in each role



and brought great organisational skills and enthusiasm to everything he was involved in. His dedication and commitment to promoting Gaelic games and culture often extended to his involvement with GAA clubs in his local area as outlined above.

Tá an coiste iontach brodúil as an sár-obair atá déanta aige agus na blianta fada a chaith sé linn mar oifigeach agus go mór mhór mar chara. Go raibh sláinte agus fad saoil aige!

Cumann na mBunscol Mhaigh Eo



# Tribute To Eamonn Ryan



When Eamonn Ryan departed this world in the early days of 2021, we could not have anticipated the huge outpouring of grief at the news of his untimely passing. But then, maybe we should have, because it is only now we can identify the huge legacy he left behind, as it seems that everybody he met on the path of life will testify to wonderful qualities, regardless of where or how they intersected. This is not about honours garnered or Championships won. When we mention Eamonn Ryan, we are talking about one of the supreme sports coaches of any era, as well as being one of Nature's Gentlemen. Though mild of manner at all times, that benign and pleasant demeanour also masked a steely resolve allied to fine attention to detail and planning. To list Eamonn's sporting Achievements would hardly do him justice, but it is worth recalling that when he took the helm with the Cork Ladies footballers, what he inherited was a ragbag outfit that had never won anything. Zero! Zilch! And the upward curve that he forged for them, took them from being nonentities and no-hopers, to the supreme Queens of their Sport within 10 years. We would also acknowledge his abilities as a footballer who played on the "40" for Cork in the All Ireland Final of 1967, who coached the Cork Footballers to a rare Munster Championship in 1983, as well as the man who masterminded Na Piarasaigh's break-through in the Cork Senior Hurling Championship.

But I would consider his achievements with his own alma mater, Watergrasshill N.S, where he returned to teach, to be truly phenomenal. He piloted this small rural school to successive Sciath na Scol victories and promotions, to eventually win the Premier Roinn A and County Shield, against academies with over 1,000 pupils, who would all have to yield to Eamonn's well-drilled charges. An intensely private, yet public figure, Eamonn Ryan left a positive mark everywhere he set his hat. His holistic approach to coaching was ahead of its time, as in his eyes, sporting achievement went hand-in-hand with personal development. The litany of past players who contributed to the recent TG4 tribute, "The Master", displayed the lasting affection they had, and still have for their ex-coach, and this respect brightly coloured the narrative. To quote Rena Buckley. "A good coach can change a game: a great coach can change a life".

Bhí sé d'onóir againn gur shiúil Eamonn inár measc. Bhí sé de phribhléid againn a chuid oibre a mholadh, a mheas agus a cheiliúradh. Ach thar aon nídh eile a dhéarfáir, is féidir a bheith cinnte ná sárófar a shaothar go deo arís.

Ár míle buíochas, a Mháistir.





# Tribute To Francis Lagan

After the untimely death in November 2021 of Doire Cumann na mBunscol member Francis Lagan, Michael O’Kane reflects on the great impact Francis has on the development of our games in Co. Derry.

Francis Lagan - a leader who touched the lives of so many and displayed high standards of moral conviction, friendship and care for everyone he met. In essence, he was a giant of a man. First and foremost, he was a family man. He was the beloved husband of Louise, principal in St. Finlough’s PS, Glack. He was a devoted father of Rose, Alice, Beth and Frank and he was a dutiful son to his father Brian and his late mother Mary. His sisters Róisín, Maura, Anne and Brenda had a loving brother who was always there to help them with anything that was needed.

I first met Francis as a student at St. Patrick’s College Maghera and although he was a couple of years ahead of me, he always took the time to stop to check in and say hello to those in younger year groups. So many people can relate to this, whether it was his friends, his club mates, the people he met through the SMA Fathers at Dromantine or the educational community across Ireland, Francis was always there for advice, guidance and encouragement.

Francis studied to be a teacher at St. Mary’s in Strawberry Hill and it was at this time that he met his future wife, Louise. After a few years in London they settled back at home and Francis secured a post in St. Mary’s PS, Draperstown and immediately began his commitment to the continued development of the GAA. He took many sessions with the children of the school and forged strong links with parents and members of the local Ballinascreen club. He became a permanent fixture at Cumann na mBunscol competitions around the county and was always relied upon for his help in the smooth running of the games and events.

In September 2014, Francis began a new role of principal of St. Mary’s Primary School in Gortnaghey. What an impact he had in the lives of the children of Gortnaghey and Drum! As well as upgrading the school facilities and leading the school successfully through ETI inspections, he gave the children of St. Mary’s PS, Gortnaghey the opportunity to excel through Gaelic Games. The list of the children’s achievements could fill out the rest of this tribute, but it should be mentioned that the boys and girls won every competition in front of them over Mr Lagan’s 4 year spell as principal. North Derry hurling, football and camogie championships, Castle Cup titles and all- county titles were a hallmark of life in St. Mary’s Gortnaghey. On the sideline he was a source of calm and guidance for his young players as they performed to the very best of their abilities. I was regularly on the opposite sideline to Francis during games and I can freely admit that it was very difficult to outwit him on the tactical front. Indeed, on the days of the Doire Cumann na mBunscol competitions,

Francis and his guidance and leadership skills were always sought out by principals and teachers who wanted a quick word with him during the hustle and bustle of those great days. Francis was an integral part of the running of the various competitions as over his time in Gortnaghey he rose to the position of secretary of the North Derry Cumann na mBunscol Board.

After 4 years at St. Mary’s Gortnaghey, Francis moved on to become principal of St. Mary’s Primary School Glenview in Maghera in the autumn of 2018. This was a tremendous honour for him and a role for which he was held in the highest of esteem. The school was also a big part of his local GAA club, Watty Graham CLG Glen. He immediately set himself personal and strategic targets in the role to ensure the very best care for the children and staff in the school. Whilst every day he worked collegiately with staff in ensuring high standards of learning and teaching, he set his sights also on the development of the school facilities. This culminated in the building of world class facilities including a reading room, ICT suite, a third Learning Support Centre in the school and a 3G pitch equipped with floodlights. The opening of the pitch was exactly 3 years after he became principal of St. Mary’s and his role in this epitomised his desire to do the very best for his school and local community. It was wonderful as it coincided with his beloved Glen club winning their first ever Derry Senior Football Championship the same weekend.

I often drive past the school and whilst feeling very sad on the loss of a great friend, I reflect on the fantastic legacy he left behind for the children of his school.

Doire Cumann na mBunscol were privileged to have Francis as a member of their committee. On many a Sunday at Derry National League games, you would have seen him along with Peter Donnelly, Moira O’Kane, Danny Quinn and John McCormack organising the half time games at venues all around the county.

Over the next few months as our games resume after the pandemic, our competition days will inevitably have a sense of loss around them as we remember the great man and what he did for the children of his schools and also how he helped and guided us all in Co. Derry and further afield.





# Tribute To Francis Lagan



*Francis (on left) at Cumann na mBunscol AGM in Tipperary in March 2020*



# An Coiste Náisiúnta Constitution

**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 liaise 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 liaise with An Coiste Naisiunta and the Provincial Councils of the GAA and other relevant bodies and endeavour to generate funds for the promotion and development of Cumann na mBunscol activities in that Province.
14. Two delegates from each Provincial Council will attend the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.



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15. An annual written report shall be presented to An Coiste Náisiúnta.
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(b) The Treasurer, shall be responsible for
  - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
  - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
  - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
17. Each Provincial Committee will notify and invite a delegate from An Coiste Naisiunta to the Provincial AGM, in the absence of the National President.
18. Provincial status is to be granted to GB.

## County Schools Committees

1. Each County Schools Committee shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
2. A General Meeting of each County Schools Committee will be held annually. Each County Schools Committee must meet at least three times annually, including the AGM.
3. All Primary Schools in the County will be sent written notification of that meeting.
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.
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.
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 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.





# An Coiste Náisiúnta Constitution



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.

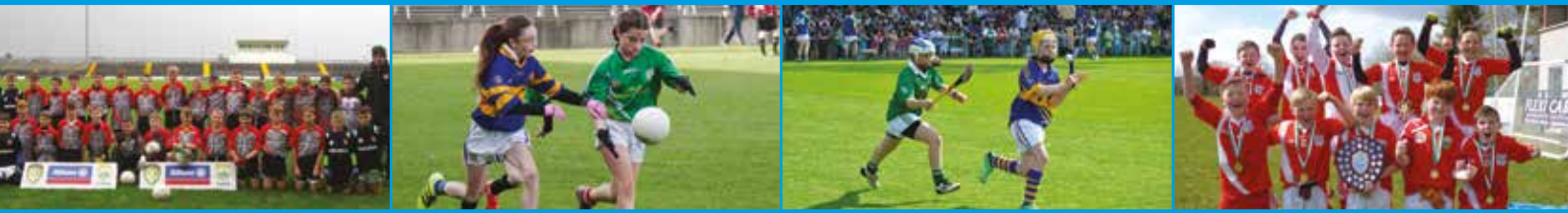
A minimum of 5 are elected to this committee at the A.G.M. No member of the Officer Board of Coiste Chontae, Cumann na mBunscol or anybody who has heard the original objection may sit on An Coiste Gearán. No member of the Coiste Gearán may consider any appeal involving their own school. The Coiste Gearán 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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15th February 2022

For the attention of: Joe Lyons

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 all 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 or damage to material property
- occurring during the Period of Insurance and arising out of and in the course of all Cumann na mBunscol activities.

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Yours sincerely,

*Sarah McDonnell*

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# Cumann na mBunscol, Caoga Bliain ag Fás

Work is at an advanced stage on ‘Cumann na mBunscol, Caoga Bliain ag Fás’, a publication that will celebrate half a century of endeavour in the promotion of Gaelic Games by teachers in primary schools throughout Ireland and beyond. Dar ndóigh, teachers were immersed in Gaelic Games long before 1971. Sciath na Scol can trace its history to the establishment of ‘Cork County School Shields’ on May 13th, 1903, at No.7 Cook Street, Cork. Cumann na mBunscol Baile Átha Cliath will celebrate its centenary in 2028. Other counties can tell a similar tale. However, it was not until 1971



Tom Garry addresses a meeting of An Bord Eadar Chathrach

that the movement was established as a national body, rather than a disparate group of committees. The name given to the body founded in 1971 was An Bord Eadar Chathrach. Five counties, Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Waterford were represented at a meeting in Dublin on the weekend of the All-Ireland football final in that



Sciath na Scol group

year. Minister Michael O’Kennedy T.D. had announced the setting up of the first Sports Council, known as COSAC, ( Comhairle Spóirt Agus Caitheamh Aimsire) in 1971. A national sporting body could apply for funding and this doubtless was a factor in the establishment of An Bord Eadar Chathrach. A meeting of an Bord in September 1972 was told that a grant of £600 had been received from COSAC. Each of the five affiliated county Coistí was allocated £100 while the remaining £100 was allocated to a central fund.

An Bord Eadar Cheatharach was known as Bord Luthchleas Gael na mBunscoileanna from 1977 until a motion to change its name to Cumann na mBunscol was formally adopted at the AGM in 1991.

It is impossible to estimate the number of children who have participated in Gaelic Games in our primary schools in the course of the past half-century. For many, it was the first step on the road to fame and glory. For others, it may have been the only time they enjoyed the benefits of organised sport. For all, boys and girls, Cumann na mBunscol in its various iterations has afforded children a chance to play with their schoolmates, to enjoy playing our native games and to



learn lessons for life as part of a team. Teachers, too, have derived great satisfaction and enjoyment from their involvement in Cumann na mBunscol. Our lives have been enriched by the hours spent encouraging and enabling children to play Gaelic Games and by the friendships we have made along the way. Many of the people involved since 1971 are imithe ar slí na fírinne but their work lives on.



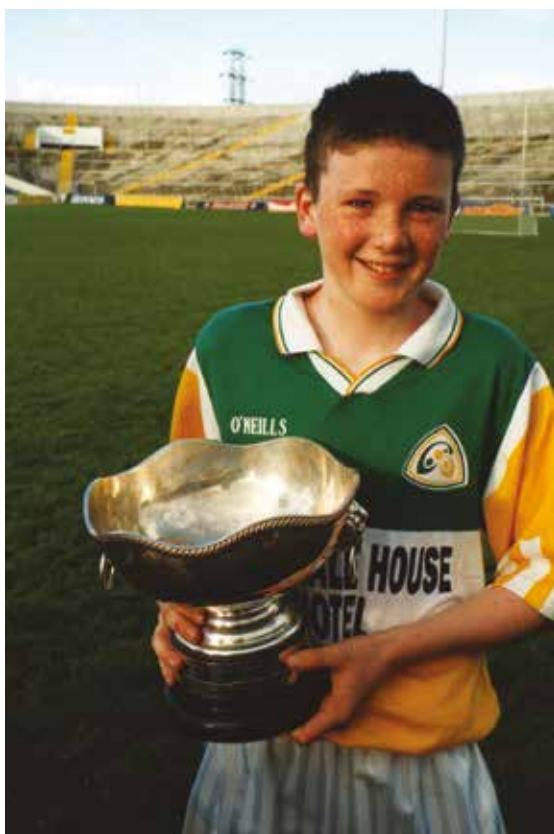
# Cumann na mBunscol, Caoga Bliain ag Fás



Seán Hart, Paul Doyle and Gary Farrell of Armagh Cumann na mBunscol with Joe Lyons, Coiste Naisiunta



Tim O Byrne accepts an award on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol Phort Lairge from GAA President Seán Kelly



Declan Hannon captained West Limerick to win the Mackey Cup in 2005



AGM 2007 Ulster delegates



Frank Reidy (Meath) with Tadhg Kenny and Gerry O'Meara (Dublin) at AGM 2007





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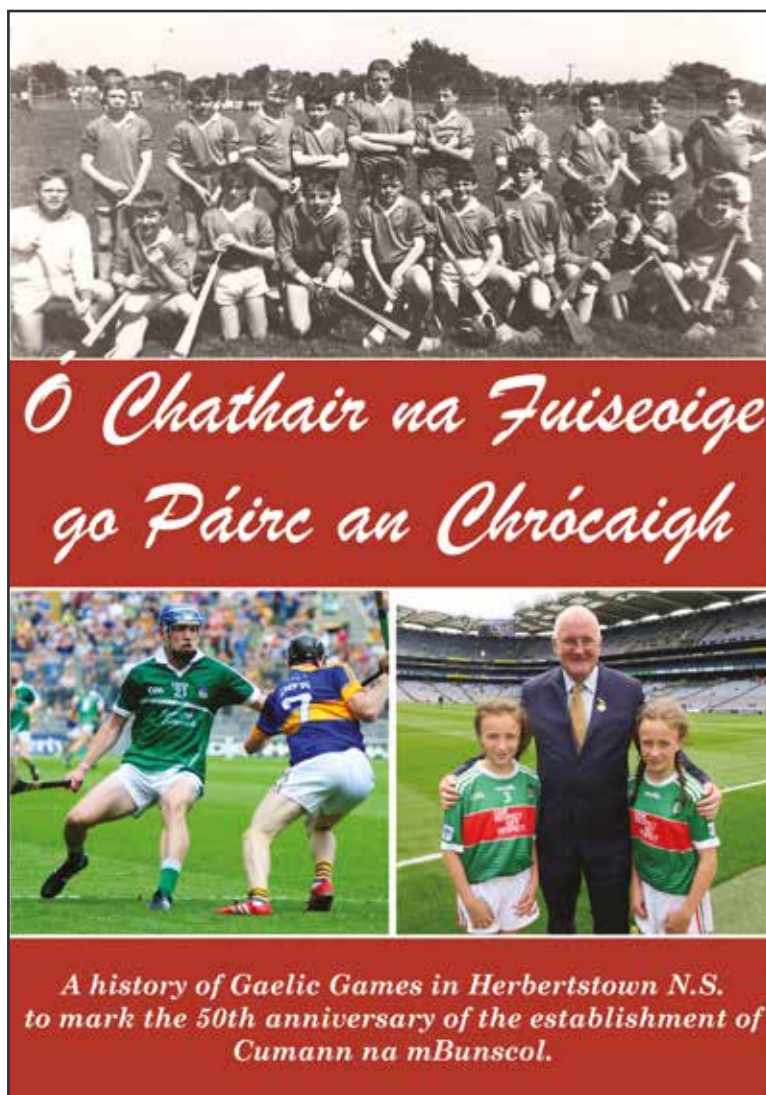
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# Ó Chathair na Fuiseoige go Páirc an Chrocaigh



In South Limerick, Michael Fitzgerald of Herbertstown NS decided to use the Lockdown break to good effect. He compiled a history of Gaelic Games in the school called Ó Chathair na Fuiseoige go Páirc an Chrocaigh. Among the attendance at the launch was former pupil JJ Bresnan who won an All-Ireland minor hurling medal with Limerick in 1958. Herbertstown NS has a proud record of activity on the field and has tasted national success at the Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards.





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