



**CRUINNIÚ BLIANTÚIL 2023
(Miontuairscí)**

30th November 2023 @ 8pm

(1) Failtiú

An Cathaoirleach, Damian Kenny, welcomed the members to the meeting and called the meeting to order.

Fritheadh léithsceál ó: list of apologies

- None

In attendance:

Willie Fallon
Caitriona Minogue
Richard Fitzmaurice
Mary Healy
Michael Hannon
Donal Power
Neil Doyle
Aidan Kenny
David Storey
Niall Colgan
Philip Bourke
Eimear Lowry
Carol McCarthy
Pat Monaghan
Lauren Waters
Oisín Taylor
Conor Kavanagh
Mark Byrne
Michael Geoghegan
Paudie O'Sullivan
Conleth Fay
Tom Mulryan
Ciara McCabe
Orlaith O'Brien
John Leonard
Danny Harrington
Humphrey Kelleher
Thomas Johnston

Gareth O'Halloran
Frank Lynch
Brian Connaughton
Mark O'Donnell
Tony Larkin
Damian Kenny
Adrian Kavanagh
Mark Grant
Liam Burns
Mark Byrne
Micheal McElwain

(2) Adoption of Standing Orders

The Standing Orders were adopted proposed by Willie Fallon and seconded by Aidan Kenny.

(3) Miontuairiscí

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting which took place on 17th November 2022 were adopted by David Storey proposer and Conor Kavanagh seconder.

(4) Ag eirí as na miontuairiscí

No questions or comments arose from the minutes of the 2022 AGM

(5) Chairperson's Address

The Chairperson thanked the following people for their help throughout the year:

- GroundForce
- Eileen Bernard & Michael Hannon for organising the club lotto
- Mary Healy and Eileen Bernard for work in the club shop
- Micheal McElwain for organising the pitch coordination
- All the club sponsors, especially Neil Doyle and Bedford Consulting
- Ronan McDonald for his time as club GPO
- Willie Fallon for attending County Board meetings
- Carol McCarthy for her work as Chairperson of the Ladies Football section
- Gerry Carthy for his work as Chairperson of the Camogie section
- Clíodhna O'Connor for her work on the Women's AGC
- Marcus Fitzmaurice, Michael Hannon, Adrian Kavanagh, Lauren Waters and Andrew Rittweger for their invaluable work and help on last year's Executive committee

The Chairperson highlighted some of the successes on the field:

- Senior Hurlers
- Féile Teams
- The U15 Ladies Football team
- Divisional wins and finals for more Underage teams
- Strong representation from the Cumann an mBunscoil

Off the field the Chairperson described the various developments that have taken place. New lights on the All Weather, New pumps for the waste and water services.

The Chairperson welcomed all newcomers to this year's executive and all new volunteers to various roles within the club.

The Chairperson briefly described the setting up of a hearings committee.

The Chairperson stated that there are over 1,700 people on the playing side.

The Chairperson welcomed the establishment of the Green Club in 2023

He said he was looking forward to 2024 and the challenges that lied ahead. Some of the challenges that lie ahead off the field include:

- Finances
 - Tighter finances due to the cost of inflation
 - A delay in the loan drawdown has held up spending
 - Lack of reserves
 - Limited range of financing and an increase in fundraising needed
- Facility
 - Expense required on Clubhouse and externally
 - Waste issues
 - Anti-social behaviour
- Personnel
 - Lots of work for a small amount of people
 - Volunteers required
- Data
 - Need a link between ClubForce and Foireann

On Field Challenges include:

- Greater consistency in teams
 - Emphasis on coaching
- Management and Coaching of teams

The Chairperson outlined the plan ahead. There is an operating plan for 2024, and a High-Level 3 year plan too. Works to take place on the upgrade to Development & Facilities throughout the club. An increase in Community and Communications

required too. Need greater visibility with an emphasis on environmental issues through Green Club.

He finished by thanking everyone, especially those in attendance.

(6) Secretary's Report

Adrian Kavanagh issued his secretary's report. He highlighted how this was his final AGM as secretary. He thanked all the various Chairpersons, Treasurers and Executive Committee members he has worked with throughout his 10 year tenure. He thanked all the mentors and teams he has interacted with. He felt it was a privilege to serve as secretary of Naomh Mearnóg. He wished incoming secretary, Micheál McElwain, well in his role as new secretary of Naomh Mearnóg.

(7) Consideration of Financial Statements including Auditors Report

Michael Hannon issued his Treasurers report. He thanked all the various sponsors, including Neil Doyle of Bedford Consulting. He thanked Eileen Bernard for all her work, especially with the club lotto.

Michael highlighted the tough financial strain placed on the club. Costs have increased all round. He highlighted, as an example, that last year the interest rate was 0.5% and this year it is 5%.

Conor Kavanagh questioned whether the increase in subscriptions received didn't represent the fees and affiliations increase paid out.

Michael Hannon explained that the Camogie increase was unexpected. He described how on the Juvenile Boys side the increase is based on the increased number of teams. It works out at €60 per player for an U8 boy but €30 per player for an U16 player. Michael also explained that as a dual player on the ladies side it is over €100 per player.

Willie Fallon asked an explanation for "Other Expenses".

Michael couldn't give an answer at the meeting and would revert to Willie in due course.

Conor Kavanagh asked if there was any progress on Solar panels.

Damian Kenny advised that the "Green Club" is looking into it

Willie Fallon thanked everyone who has looked after the club accounts and described it as very professional for an amateur organisation.

(8) Section Reports

Richie Fitzmaurice spoke on behalf of the Men's Adult Games Committee. He explained that the Senior Hurlers wanted to play the Divisional playoff but couldn't due to the progress in the Leinster Championship. He congratulated the Senior Hurlers on a great year. Richie explained that there is a player pathway being developed to bring minor players into the adult grade. He advised that Senior players would help coach minor teams.

Mark Byrne spoke on behalf of the Women's Adult Games Committee. He explained that the non-availability of adult players is a big issue. He explained the commitment isn't there. He felt a successful season would help everything. He said a lot of money being spent but return not necessarily being replicated by the players.

Conor Kavanah asked if there could be a better promotional drive when adult teams get to a final. He suggested an investment in flags for the village for the next time we reached a final. He also suggested that we need more visibility for home matches.

(9) Consideration of Motions

Motion #1

It is proposed to increase the Club Executive to 19 members, this increase is permitted under clause 7.1 of the GAA Club Constitution.

Proposer: Damian Kenny

Secunder: Frank Lynch

No comments from the floor. Motion PASSED

Motion #2

That the annual subscriptions be increased by 5% for 2023 and the introduction of a capitation fee of €10 per member (subject to a maximum cap of €30 per family membership).

Proposer: Gareth O'Halloran

Secunder: David Storey

No comments from the floor. Motion PASSED

(11) Election/Appointment of Officers and Executive Committee Members/Club President

The following Officers to the Executive Committee were elected:

Role	Name	Proposer	Seconded
Chairperson	Damian Kenny	Gerry Harrington	Michael McElwain
Vice Chairperson	David Storey	Brian McGrath	Martin Kenny
Secretary	Micheal McElwain	Stephen Enright	Ruairi Hayden
Assistant Secretary	Phil Bourke	Aidan Kenny	Richard McKeon
Treasurer	Gareth O'Halloran	Michael Hannon	Andrew Rittweger
Assistant Treasurer	Orlaith O'Brien	Mark O'Donnell	Garreth O'Halloran
Irish Language & Culture Officer / Groundforce	Pat Monaghan	Tony Larkin	Jackie Hughes
Community & PRO	Caitriona Minogue	Frank Lynch	Fiona Creane
Registrar	Aidan Kenny	Aiden Punch	Kevin Stafford
Child Welfare Officer	Eimear Lowry	Damian Kenny	Gearoid Coughlan
Ladies Football Juvenile Committee	Christine McNally	Ray Kehoe	Keith Halley
Adult Women's Games Committee	Mark Byrne	Carol McCarthy	Derek Redmond
Adult Men's Games Committee	Richard Fitzmaurice	Barry Nangle	Brendan Kennedy
Social Committee	Esther Hoban	Cliona Rafter	Kate Kelly
Player Representative (Male)	Oisin Taylor	Marcus Fitzmaurice	Stan Kinnane
Player Representative (Female)	Alex Daly	Carol Lambert	Mary Healy
Juvenile Boys Committee	Mark O'Donnell	Michael Miland	Luke Brennan
Camogie Committee	Mary Healy	Colum Delaney	Sinead Flynn
Health & Well-being Officer	Ciara McCabe	Lauren Waters	Caitriona Minogue
Ex-Officio			
Michael Hannon – Ex-officio and to continue on Finance Group and to attend Executives meetings in an advisory role as required			
Adrian Kavanagh – Ex-officio and to join meetings in an advisory role as required			

(12) Aon ghnó eile

Donal Power asked if the loyalty bonus for membership could be linked to the National Club Draw.

Mark O'Donnell gave a brief outline on how the National Club Draw was going to work this year. All members were expected to sell on average, 1.4 tickets per member. This would total 2,000 tickets and in turn raise €20,000 for the club.

Brian Connaughton asked if there was consideration for combining ages groups and have potentially 4 teams and a better spread of divisions rather than 2 teams and a wide spread of divisions.

Adrian Kavanagh explained how it was looked at before but probably not a possibility.

Damian Kenny said he would be led by the relevant section committees on their perspective on it.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the members for attending and declare the meeting closed.

Cathaoirleach Símithe:



Dáta: 07/12/2023