

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

Coiste Chontae Lú

**An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil**  
Annual Convention  
2024



Tuesday, 17th December 2024  
*Dé Máirt 17ú Nollaig 2024*



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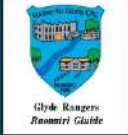
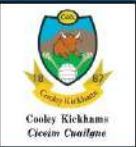


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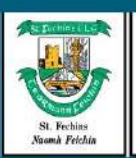
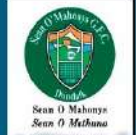
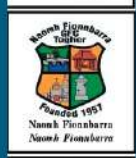


**WE ALL BELONG HERE  
IN THIS PLACE. AT THIS TIME  
WE BELONG NOT BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE OR WHERE WE COME FROM  
BEING HERE MEANS BELONGING  
BELONGING MEANS KNOWING YOU'RE PART OF A COMMUNITY  
A COMMUNITY THAT HAS A PLACE FOR ALL  
WHERE POTENTIAL IS NURTURED  
WHERE INDIVIDUALS BECOME TEAMS  
WHO HONOUR THE LEGACY OF THOSE WHO WENT BEFORE  
AND STRIVE TO BUILD A LEGACY OF THEIR OWN**

**SOME OF US PLAY  
SOME OF US USED TO PLAY. SOME OF US NEVER PLAYED**

**WE ALL BELONG  
BELONGING MEANS HAVING A VOICE  
MEANS BEING ABLE TO SAY WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT  
BEING LISTENED TO  
BELONGING MEANS RESPECTING EACH OTHER  
MEANS BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER  
ON THE PITCH. OFF THE PITCH  
BELONGING MEANS ROLLING OUR SLEEVES UP AND DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE  
WE ALL BELONG WHETHER IT'S OUR FIRST DAY OR OUR HUNDRETH YEAR  
WE ALL BELONG HERE BECAUSE THIS PLACE BELONGS TO US ALL**

**OUR GAA  
WHERE WE ALL BELONG**





## CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL COISTE LÚ

A Chara

Tionólfár an Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Lú ar an Uí Chonaill CLG, Castlebellingham ar an 17ú Nollaig 2024 ag tosnu ar 7.30 i.n.

Mise, le fíor-mheas

*Roibeard ó Duchonna*

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Rúnaí



Louth Under 17 Hurling Team 2024

Louth Senior Football Championship					
Year	Winner	Winning Captain	Year	Winner	Winning Captain
2024	St Mary's	Liam Jackson/Robbie Leavy	1955	St Mary's	Paddy Markey
2023	St Mary's	Kian Moran	1954	Stabannon Parnells	Tom Conlon
2022	St Mary's	R.J. Callaghan	1953	Naomh Mhuire	Jim Gavin
2021	Naomh Máirtín	Sam Mulroy	1952	Dundalk Gaels	Jack Regan
2020	Naomh Máirtín	Mick Fanning	1951	St Mary's	Seán Boyle
2019	Newtown Blues	Emmet Carolan	1950	Dundalk Young Irelands	Frank Fagan
2018	Newtown Blues	Andy McDonnell	1949	Stabannon Parnells	Tom Shearman
2017	Newtown Blues	Andy McDonnell	1948	St Mary's	Seán Boyle
2016	Seán O'Mahony's	Shane Brennan	1947	Dundalk Young Irelands	Jim Quigley
2015	St Patrick's	Paddy Keenan	1946	St Mary's	Jimmy Beirne
2014	St Patrick's	Ray Finnegan	1945	Dundalk Gaels	George McAdams
2013	Newtown Blues	Stephen Moonan	1944	Dundalk Young Irelands	Jim Quigley
2012	St Patrick's	Colin Goss	1943	St Bride's	Jack Treanor
2011	St Patrick's	Colin Goss	1942	‡ Dundalk Gaels	-
2010	Mattock Rangers	David Reid	1941	Dundalk Young Irelands	Nick Mulligan
2009	Mattock Rangers	Mark Brennan	1940	Dundalk Young Irelands	Nick Mulligan
2008	Newtown Blues	Ray Hughes	1939	Cooley Kickhams	Eddie Boyle
2007	St Patrick's	Paddy Keenan	1938	Dundalk Young Irelands	Seán Fitzsimons
2006	St Joseph's	David O'Donoghue	1937	Wolfe Tones	Mickey McKeown
2005	Mattock Rangers	Gerry Hanratty	1936	Newtown Blues	Gerry Keogh
2004	St Patrick's	Darren Kirwan	1935	Cooley Kickhams	Jim Murphy
2003	St Patrick's	Seán White	1934	Glyde Rangers	Jimmy Kelly
2002	Mattock Rangers	Donal Geraghty	1933	Newtown Blues	Jem Moonan
2001	Newtown Blues	Colm Nally	1932	Newtown Blues	Mick Bell
2000	Newtown Blues	Colm Nally	1931	Wolfe Tones	Mickey McKeown
1999	Stabannon Parnells	Nicholas Butterly	1930	Boyne Rangers	Nicholas Brady
1998	Clan na Gael	Gerry Curran	1929	Wolfe Tones	Nicky McKeown
1997	Stabannon Parnells	Ken Reilly	1928	Sarsfields	John McKenna
1996	St Joseph's	Enda McKeown	1927	Wolfe Tones	Frank Byrne
1995	St Mary's	Brendan Kerin	1926	Wolfe Tones	James Owens
1994	Stabannon Parnells	David Reilly	1925	Wolfe Tones	Frank Byrne
1993	Clan na Gael	Kevin O'Hanlon	1924	Clan na Gael	Peter Garland
1992	Clan na Gael	Peter Fitzpatrick	1923	Clan na Gael	Peter Garland
1991	Stabannon Parnells	Donal Murray	1922	Boyne Rangers	Hugh Byrne
1990	Cooley Kickhams	Brendan Burke	1921	‡ Boyne Rangers	Hugh Byrne
1989	Cooley Kickhams	John McDonald	1920	Geraldines	-
1988	Newtown Blues	Eugene Judge	1919	Drogheda Stars	Tom Burke
1987	Clan na Gael	Peter Fitzpatrick	1918	Dundalk O'Rahillys	Andy Tipping
1986	Newtown Blues	Dessie Callaghan	1917	Drogheda Stars	Tom Burke
1985	Clan na Gael	Benny McKeever	1916	Geraldines	Matt Conachy
1984	St Fechin's	Tommy Mulrey	1915	Geraldines	Matt Conachy
1983	St Fechin's	Tommy Mulrey	1914	Ardee St. Mochta's	Owen Mooney
1982	Geraldines	Pat Lynch	1913	Geraldines	Joe Johnston
1981	Newtown Blues	Davy Byrne	1912	Tredaghs	Jack Bannon
1980	Roche Emmets	Mickey Quigley	1911	Dundalk Young Irelands	Joe Mulligan
1979	Dundalk Young Irelands	Séamus Haughey	1910	Tredaghs	Jim Smith
1978	Cooley Kickhams	Martin McCarthy	1909	Tredaghs	Jack Carvin
1977	Cooley Kickhams	Michael Malone	1908	Dundalk Rangers	Patrick McCusker
1976	Cooley Kickhams	Peadar Gallagher	1907	Dundalk Rangers	Patrick McCusker
1975	St Mary's	Kieran Byrne	1906	Tredaghs	Jack Carvin
1974	Newtown Blues	Michael Leech	1905	‡ Dundalk Young Irelands	Joe Mulligan
1973	Cooley Kickhams	Terry Brennan	1904	Boyne Rovers	Tom Donegan
1972	St Mary's	Tom Rice	1903	Ardee Volunteers	Jimmy Hughes
1971	Cooley Kickhams	Harry McCarthy	1902	Drogheda Independents	Jack Carvin
1970	Newtown Blues	Danny Nugent	1901	Drogheda Independents	
1969	Newtown Blues	Frank Clarke	1900	Drogheda Independents	
1968	St Mary's	Barney Magennis	1899	No Championship	
1967	Newtown Blues	Matt Murphy	1898	Boyne Rangers	
1966	Newtown Blues	Liam Leech	1897	Boyne Rangers	-
1965	O'Raghallaighs	Noel McDonnell	1896	Drogheda Emmets	Jim Rice
1964	Newtown Blues	Paddy Leech	1895	Boyne Rangers	Michael Gibney
1963	Newtown Blues	Peter McKenna	1894	No Championship	
1962	Newtown Blues	Jimmy Mulroy	1893	No Championship	
1961	Newtown Blues	Frank Fagan	1892	No Championship	
1960	St Mary's	Johnny Ross	1891	No Championship	
1959	Clan na Gael	Benny Toal	1890	Drogheda Davitts	Bill Elliott
1958	Roche Emmets	Mick Brady	1889	Newtown Blues	James Mooney
1957	Oliver Plunketts	Terry Doolan	1888	Dundalk Young Irelands	Michael Carroll
1956	St Mary's	Paddy Markey	1887	Dundalk Young Irelands	Michael Carroll

<b>Louth Intermediate Football Championship</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Winning Captain</b>
2024	Dundalk Gaels	Dylan McKeown
2023	Roche Emmets	Glen Stewart
2022	Cooley Kickhams	Darren Marks
2021	St Fechin's	Conor Haughney
2020	St Bride's	James Costelloe
2019	Mattock Rangers	Adrian Reid
2018	St Mochta's	Darren McMahan
2017	O'Connells	Stuart Reynolds
2016	St Joseph's	Dáire Smyth
2015	Kilkerley Emmets	Shane Lennon
2014	Seán O'Mahony's	Pat O'Brien
2013	Geraldines	Jim McEaney
2012	O'Connells	Niall Conlon
2011	O'Raghallaighs	James Moonan
2010	Dundalk Young Irelands	Aaron Rogers
2009	Naomh Malachi	Aidan Murphy
2008	Dreadnots	Fergal McGuigan
2007	Dundalk Gaels	Aidan Delaney
2006	Naomh Malachi	Ronan Greene
2005	Geraldines	John Neary
2004	Dreadnots	Darren Malone
2003	Dundalk Gaels	Peter McGinnity
2002	Naomh Malachi	Micheál Daly
2001	Naomh Fionnbarra	Gerard Leonard
2000	Dreadnots	Paul Aspell
1999	Hunterstown Rovers	John McBride
1998	Seán O'Mahony's	Martin Connolly
1997	Roche Emmets	Gerard Craven
1996	Dundalk Young Irelands	Kevin Gorham
1995	Geraldines	Nicholas Browne (R)
1994	Lann Léire	Brendan Martin
1993	Hunterstown Rovers	Thomas Duff
1992	Seán O'Mahony's	Willie Crawley
1991	Dundalk Gaels	Robbie McCrave
1990	St Joseph's	David Mulligan
1989	Stabannon Parnells	Fiachra Bell
1988	Naomh Máirtín	Martin Morgan
1987	Dundalk Gaels	Davy McDonnell
1986	Dreadnots	Pádraig Califf
1985	Oliver Plunketts	Michael Rossiter
1984	St Patrick's	Diarmuid McArtain
1983	St Joseph's	Noel Murtagh
1982	Mattock Rangers	Damien Reid
1981	St Mochta's	Michael Byrne
1980	St Patrick's	Eamonn McCann
1979	Geraldines	Michael Lynch
1978	Kilkerley Emmets	Arthur Mulholland
1945	Clan na Gael	-
1944	Shamrocks (Drogheda)	-
1912	Geraldines	-
1911	Ardee St. Mochta's	-
1910	John Boyle O'Reilly's (Dundalk)	-
1909	Dundalk Rangers	-
1908	Boyne Emmets	-
1907	Cooley Kickhams	Charles P. Kearney

<b>Louth Junior Football Championship</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Winning Captain</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Winning Captain</b>
2024	Wolfe Tones	Dwayne Leavy	1963	O'Raghallaighs	Muckle McKeown
2023	Glyde Rangers	Brian Duffy	1962	Glyde Rangers	Joe Mackin
2022	Stabannon Parnells	Thomas Campbell	1961	Mattock Rangers	Ollie Geraghty
2021	Glen Emmets	Conor Grimes	1960	St Patrick's	Jim Byrne
2020	Naomh Fionnbarra	Hugh McGrane	1959	Hunterstown	Ollie Reilly
2019	Roche Emmets	Liam Dawe	1958	Newtown Blues	Jim Judge
2018	Dundalk Young Irelands	Cian Ó'Náraigh	1957	Roche Emmets	Jim McArdle
2017	Glen Emmets	Ronan Grufferty	1956	Darver Volunteers	Michael McDonnell
2016	St Kevin's	Liam Boylan	1955	Unknowns	Paddy Dooley
2015	Naomh Fionnbarra	Hugh McGrane	1954	Clan na Gael	Paddy Dixon
2014	Oliver Plunketts	Seán Brassil	1953	Walshestown Rovers	Larry Fay
2013	Hunterstown	Pádraig Matthews	1952	Naomh Mhuire (Drogheda)	Jim Gavin
2012	Glen Emmets	Stephen Healy	1951	Dowdallshill	Owen Rogers
2011	St Fechin's	Harry McArdle	1950	Dundalk Young Irelands	Harry Cumiskey
2010	Naomh Fionnbarra	Bernard Osborne	1949	St Bride's	Harry Devine
2009	St Mochta's	Gervaise Marron	1948	Glyde Rangers	Peter Woods
2008	St. Nicholas	Shane Downey	1947	Cooley Kickhams	Mick Callaghan
2007	Dundalk Young Irelands	Aaron Rogers	1946	Kilkerley Emmets	Tom O'Hare
2006	St Kevin's	Mark Boylan	1945	Owen Roe's	Oliver Mullen
2005	Dowdallshill	Vincent McKeivitt	1944	St Mochta's	John Byrne
2004	St Mochta's	Gervaise Marron	1943	Stabannon Parnells	John Lynch
2003	Dowdallshill	Ciarán O'Callaghan	1942	St Magdalene's	Ollie Halpin
2002	Na Piarasigh	Barry Magill	1941	Seán O'Mahony's	Anthony Rogers
2001	O'Raghallaighs	Kevin King	1940	St Bride's	Jack Treanor
2000	Annaghminnon Rovers	Brendan Pepper	1939	Geraldines	Tommy Thornton
1999	Dreadnots	Gerard Byrne	1938	Darver Young Irelands	Jim Cluskey
1998	John Mitchels	Des Halpenny	1937	Dundalk Young Irelands	Nick Mulligan
1997	Glen Emmets	Shane Black	1936	Clan na Gael	-
1996	Glyde Rangers	Michael McKeever	1935	Dowdallshill	Jim Tiernan
1995	St Mochta's	Anthony Meegan	1934	Cooley Kickhams	Jim Murphy
1994	St. Nicholas	Tim Murphy	1933	Dundalk Gaels	Arty Connolly
1993	Na Piarasigh	Paul Smyth	1932	Owen Roe's	Jimmy Mullen
1992	John Mitchels	Derek Breagy	1931	St Bride's	Peter Byrne
1991	O'Raghallaighs	David O'Neill	1930	Clan na Gael	Peter Garland
1990	Glyde Rangers	Paddy Kelly	1929	Glyde Rangers	Jimmy Kelly
1989	St Kevin's	John McGrane	1928	Castlebellingham GAA	-
1988	O'Connells	Gerry Fox	1927	Unknowns (Dromiskin)	Paddy Connor
1987	Hunterstown	Mickey Durnin	1926	Con Colberts	-
1986	Dundalk Gaels	Kevin Barry	1925	O'Mahony's	Jack Callan
1985	Lann Léire	Aidan King	1924	Castlebellingham GAA	Jack Lynch
1984	Oliver Plunketts	Mickey Matthews	1923	O'Mahony's	Pat Carroll
1983	O'Connells	Gerry Fox	1922	Clan na Gael	Peter Garland
1982	Seán O'Mahony's	Eddie O'Leary	1921	Boyne Rangers	Edward Corbally
1981	Oliver Plunketts	Frank Taaffe	1920	Geraldines	Joe Donnelly
1980	Naomh Máirtín	James Mullen	1919	Dundalk John Dillons	Atty Hanratty
1979	Naomh Malachi	Brendan Begley	1918	Dundalk O'Rahillys	Jimmy Martin
1978	Naomh Mhuire	Paul McKenna	1917	Dundalk Rangers	James Woods
1977	Dundalk Young Irelands	Gerry Nixon	1916	Cooley Kickhams	Josie Ferguson
1976	St Fechin's	Con Sands	1915	Hitchestown	Paddy Joe Butterly
1975	St Mochta's	Don Neary	1914	Stars	Tom Burke
1974	Seán McDermott's	Jim McLoughlin	1913	Dundalk Rangers	John Norton
1973	Seán O'Mahony's	John Finnegan	1912	Stars	Tom Burke
1972	St Patrick's	Seán Hanlon	1911	Funshog	James Reilly
1971	St Joseph's	Éamon Daly	1910	Ardee St. Mochta's	Jimmy McCann
1970	Dowdallshill	Billy Curran	1909	Geraldines	Joe McGuinness
1969	Glyde Rangers	Gerry Sheridan	1908	Dundalk Rangers	-
1968	St Kevin's	Benny Grogan	1907	Tredaghs	Denis Tenanty
1967	St Bride's	Gerry Kelly	1906	Stars (Drogheda)	Jim McKeown
1966	Geraldines	Frank Lynch	1905	Dundalk Rangers	Johnny Brennan
1965	St Fechin's	John Crosbie	1904	Tredaghs (Drogheda)	Tom Kelly
1964	Cooley Kickhams	John Woods			

# Louth Senior Hurling Championship

Year	Club
2024	St Fechin's
2023	St Fechin's
2022	St Fechin's
2021	St Fechin's
2020	Knockbridge
2019	Naomh Moninne
2018	Knockbridge
2017	Naomh Moninne
2016	St Fechin's
2015	St Fechin's
2014	Knockbridge
2013	Pearse Óg
2012	Pearse Óg
2011	Knockbridge
2010	Naomh Moninne
2009	Knockbridge
2008	Knockbridge
2007	Knockbridge
2006	Knockbridge
2005	Knockbridge
2004	Pearse Óg
2003	Knockbridge
2002	Pearse Óg
2001	Knockbridge
2000	Knockbridge
1999	Naomh Moninne
1998	Naomh Moninne
1997	Naomh Moninne
1996	Wolfe Tones
1995	Naomh Moninne
1994	Wolfe Tones
1993	Naomh Moninne
1992	Naomh Moninne
1991	Wolfe Tones
1990	Wolfe Tones
1989	Naomh Moninne

Year	Club
1988	Wolfe Tones
1987	Naomh Moninne
1986	Naomh Moninne
1985	Naomh Moninne
1984	Naomh Moninne
1983	Naomh Moninne
1982	Naomh Moninne
1979–1981	No Championship
1978	Naomh Moninne
1977	Null & Void
1976	Naomh Moninne
1975	Naomh Colmcille Ardee
1974	Naomh Moninne
1973	Naomh Moninne
1972	Clan na Gael
1971	Naomh Colmcille Ardee
1970	Clan na Gael
1969	Na Piarasigh Drogheda
1968	Na Piarasigh Drogheda
1967	Clan na Gael
1966	Naomh Colmcille Ardee
1965	Naomh Moninne
1964	Naomh Moninne
1963	Naomh Colmcille Ardee
1962	Naomh Colmcille Ardee
1961	Wolfe Tones
1960	Naomh Colmcille Ardee
1959	Wolfe Tones
1958	Naomh Colmcille Ardee
1957	Cuchullians
1956	Cuchullians
1955	Naomh Colmcille Ardee
1954	Wolfe Tones
1953	Erin's Own, Dundalk
1952	Erin's Own, Dundalk
1951	Erin's Own, Dundalk
1941–1950	No Championship





## Coiste Bainistíochta 2024

Chairperson: Sean McClean / Seán Mac Goilla Eáin - Hunterstown Rovers

Vice Chairperson: Colm Marry / Colm Ó Meáraí - St Brides

Secretary: Bob Doheny / Roibeard Ó Duchonna - St Kevins

Assistant Secretary: Dermot Clarke / Diarmuid Ó Cleirigh - Sean McDermotts

Treasurer: Aidan Berrill / Aodhan O'Berrill - Naomh Mairtin

Assistant Treasurer: Damien McCann / Damien Mac Anna - St Mochtas

PRO: Mark Byrne / Marcas O Broin - Naomh Mairtin

Childrens Officer: Tony Melia / Antoin Ó Maol Aodha - John Mitchels

Central Council Delegate: Fra Kieran / Prionsias Ó Ciaráin - Clan Na Gael

Leinster Council Delegate: Pat Toner / Padraig Ó Tomhnair - Dowdallshill

Leinster Council Delegate: Sean Carroll / Sean O Cearuill - Ardee St Marys

Cultural Officer & Healthy Club Officer: Yvonne Quigley / Aoibheann Ní Coigligh - Kilkenny Emmets

Planning & Training Officer: Padraig McDonnell / Padraig Mac Donaill - Geraldines

Safety and Facilities Officer: Colm Holmes / Colm Mac Thomáis - St Patricks

Demographics Officer: Declan Byrne / Déaglán Ó Broin - O'Connells

Coiste na nÓg Chairperson: Kevin Gordon / Caoimhín Mag Mhuirneacháin - Na Piarasigh-Blackrock

Club Representative: Jim Cussen / Séamas Cúisín - St Fechins

Club Representative: Des McDonnell / Deasún Mac Domhnaill - St Nicholas

Operations Manager: Francie McMullen / Prionsias Mac Maoláin



## Louth GAA Chairpersons

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year(s)</i>	<i>Club</i>
James Moore	1886	Dundalk Nationals
Thomas Smyth	1887	Dundalk Young Irelands
Fr. Arthur Smyth	1888	Togher
James Weldon	1889	Drogheda Gaelics
Tom Brannigan	1890	Drogheda Gaelics
No Convention	1891–94	—
Alfred Palmer	1895	Drogheda Commercials
John Corr	1896	Drogheda Emmets
Jim Carolan	1897	Dreadnots
John Landy	1898	Dunleer Emmets
No Convention	1899–1901	—
Larry Stanley	1902	Drogheda Independents
Pat McKeever	1903	Ardee Volunteers
Tom O'Connell	1904–06	Mountpleasant
Fr. John Mullen	1907–09	Cooley Kickhams
Joe Ward	1910	Dundalk Young Irelands
Jack Clarke	1911–12	Tredaghs (Drogheda)
Tom McNello	1913–15	Ardee St Mochta's
Denis Trainor	1916	Hearts of Oriel
Joe Ward	1917–20	Dundalk Young Irelands
Nick Butterly	1921–22	Hitchestown
Patrick Duffy	1923–24	Newtown Blues
Séamus Flood	1925	Clan na Gael
Christy Bellew	1925–27	Larks (Killineer)
Tom Burke	1928–31	Wolfe Tones
Séamus Flood	1932–38	Clan na Gael
Peter Woods	1939–41	Cooley Kickhams
James Jordan	1942–43	Geraldines
Fr. Paddy Downey	1944–45	Dundalk Gaels
James Jordan	1946	Geraldines
J. J. Matthews	1947–56	Newtown Blues
Jimmy Mullen	1957–61	St Dominic's (Drogheda)
J. J. Matthews	1962	Newtown Blues
Brendan Breathnach	1963	St Bride's
Joseph Reilly	1964–66	Parnells (Drogheda)
Seán Murray	1967–69	Oliver Plunketts
Nicky Marry	1970–76	St Bride's
Frank Lynch	1977–79	Geraldines
Paddy Kenny	1980–84	Dundalk Gaels
Jim Lennon	1985–87	St Mochta's
Paddy McGlew	1988–91	St Fechin's
John Lynch	1992	Geraldines
Peter Brannigan	1993–98	Clan na Gael
Terry Maher	1999–2001	Oliver Plunketts
Paddy McMahan	2002–04	Seán O'Mahony's
Paddy Oliver	2005–09	St Patrick's
Pádraig O'Connor	2010–14	St Patrick's
Des Halpenny	2015–19	John Mitchels
Peter Fitzpatrick	2020–23	Clan na Gael
Seán McClean	2024 -	Hunterstown Rovers



## ORDUITHE SEASAIMH DON CHOMHDHÁIL / STANDING ORDERS FOR CONVENTION

In order that the proceedings of the Convention be carried out without delay, the following Standing

Orders will be observed:

1. The proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment thereto may speak for 5 minutes, but no more than 5 minutes.
2. A delegate speaking to a Resolution or of a Amendment must not exceed 3 minutes.
3. The Proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment may speak a second time for 3 minutes before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairperson may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairperson, move "that the question be now put" after which when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Where the meeting considers it appropriate, a vote may be by secret ballot.
7. A speaker to a Report or to any other general discussion shall not exceed 3 minutes to any one topic.
8. Any motion seeking additions or amendments to Rules, Regulations etc must have a majority equal to that as outlined in the Official Guide of those present, entitled to vote.
9. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter on the agenda except by the consent of a majority equal to two thirds of those present, entitled to vote.
10. The Chairperson may change the order of items on the agenda with the support of a simple majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting.



**Dara McDonnell** (Naomh Mairtin)  
in action for the Louth Under 20s



## CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL COISTE LÚ - CLÁR OIBRE - AGENDA

1. Adoption of Standing Orders
2. Minutes of Convention 2023
3. Auditors Report and Statement of Accounts 2024
4. Secretary's Report
5. Chairpersons Address
6. Sub Committee Reports
7. Election of Officers
8. Consideration of Motions
9. Adoption of Bye Laws
10. Date of first County Board Meeting in 2025
11. Convention closed
12. Amhrán na bhFiann



Louth Senior Football - 2024 Leinster Senior Football Championship Finalists



## AINMNIÚCHÁIN (NOMINATIONS) 2024

### Cathaoirleach - Chairperson

Seán Mac Giolla Eáin - *Seán McClean* (Ragaire Baile Fiach) - Outgoing

**Nominated by:** Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada, Naomh Bríd, Clan Na Gael, O'Raghallaighs, Ciceams Chuailghne, Na Gearaltaigh

### Leas-Chathaoirleach - Vice Chairperson

Colm Ó Mearaigh - *Colm Marry* (Naomh Bríd) - Outgoing

Nominated by: Naomh Bríd, Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada

### Runaí - Secretary

Stíofán O'Murchú - *Stephen Murphy* (Naomh Mairtin)

Nominated by: Naomh Mairtin, Ragaire Baile Fiach

### Leas-Rúnaí - Assistant Secretary

Diarmuid O'Cleirigh - *Dermot Clarke* (Seán MacDiarmada) - Outgoing

Nominated by: Seán MacDiarmada, Ragaire Baile Fiach, Naomh Mairtin

### Cisteoir - Treasurer

Aodhán Ó Berrill - *Aidan Berrill* (Naomh Mairtin) - Outgoing

Nominated by: Naomh Mairtin, Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada, Clan Na Gael, Ciceams Chuailghne, Naomh Feichin

### Leas-Cisteoir - Assistant Treasurer

Damien MacCana - *Damien McCann* (Naomh Mochta) - Outgoing

Nominated by: Naomh Mochta, Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada

**Oifigeach na Gaeilge agus na Cultúir - Irish Language and Culture Officer** Aoibheann Ní Coighligh - *Yvonne Quigley* (Emmití Chill Choirle) - Outgoing

Nominated by: Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada

### Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí - Public Relations Officer

Roibeard Ó'Duchonna - *Bob Doheny* (Naomh Caoimhín)

Nominated by: Naomh Mairtin. Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada, Naomh Bríd, Clan Na Gael, Naomh Mhuire Áth Fhirdia

### Oifigeach Cóitseála - Coaching Officer

Pól Áiseabóid - *Paul Aspell* (Dreadnots Ceann Clochair)

Nominated by: Ragaire Baile Fiach



**Demographics Officer - Oifigeach Déimeagrafaic**

Déaghlán Ó'Broin - *Declan Byrne* - Uí Chonaill - Outgoing

Nominated by: Uí Chonaill, Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada

**Teachta don Ard-Chomhairle**

Seán Mac Giolla Eáin - *Seán McClean* (Ragaire Baile Fiach)

Nominated by: Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada, Na Gearaltaigh

**Teachta Chomhairle Laighean (2) - Leinster GAA Delegate (2)**

Pádraig Ó' Tomhnair - *Pat Toner* (Cnoc Dubhdaill) - Outgoing

Nominated by: Cnoc Dubhdaill, Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada, Naomh Bríd, Naomh Mhuire Áth Fhirdia

Seán O'Carroll - *Sean Carroll* (Naomh Mhuire Ath Fhirdia) - Outgoing

Nominated by: Naomh Mhuire Áth Fhirdia, Ragaire Baile Fiach, Seán MacDiarmada

**Delegates to Congress 2024 (2) - Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí, Ard Chomhairle (2024) attend as per rule**

Roibeard Ó'Duchonna - *Bob Doheny* (Naomh Caoimhín)

Aodhán Ó Berrill - *Aidan Berrill* (Naomh Mairtin)

Pádraig Mac Mathúna - *Paddy McMahan* (Seán Ó Mathúna)

Déaghlán Ó'Broin - *Declan Byrne* (Uí Chonaill)

**Delegates to Leinster Convention (4) - 2 \* Comhairle Laighean Delegates (2024) attend as per rule**

Roibeard Ó'Duchonna - *Bob Doheny* (Naomh Caoimhín)

Aodhán Ó Berrill - *Aidan Berrill* (Naomh Mairtin)

Damien MacCana - *Damien McCann* (Naomh Mochta)

Prionséas O Ciarain - *Fra Kieran* (Clan Na Gael)

Pádraig Mac Mathúna - *Paddy McMahan* (Seán Ó Mathúna)

Déaghlán Ó'Broin - *Declan Byrne* (Uí Chonaill)

Diarmuid O'Cleirigh - *Dermot Clarke* (Seán MacDiarmada)



## NÁ RÚIN 2024

### **Motion 1:**

Age Grades;

"The primary age grades for juvenile club matches in league and championship return to u14, u16 and u18.

*Newtown Blues*

### **Motion 2:**

That Divisions 3A and 3B be amalgamated into a single division, to be named Division 3. The format for the 2025 season will consist of one round of 13 games, with all teams competing against each other. After these 13 games, Division 3 will be split into two sections, Division 3A (top half) and Division 3B (bottom half), with each section competing separately.

The team finishing top of Division 3 after one round of 13 games wins the Division 3 League and are promoted to Division 2. The teams finishing 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th after one round of 13 games will play semi-finals (2nd v 5th) and (3rd v 4th) and a final to decide who plays against the team finishing 2nd from bottom in Division 2 in a Division 3/Division 2 promotion/relegation play-off.

The teams finishing 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th after one round of 13 games will play semi-finals (8th v 11th) and (9th v 10th) and a final to decide the Division 3B trophy winners."

*Na Piarsaigh-Blackrock*

### **Motion 3**

'That no Throw in Time for any Adult League or Championship football fixtured on a Saturday be scheduled to start before 6pm. If there is an exceptional circumstance where the CCC feel this may be required, the CCC must contact and seek agreement from BOTH clubs involved in the fixture before scheduling or publishing.

*Dundalk Young Irelands*



Club Delegate Votes - 80		County Board Delegate Votes - 40	
Ardee St Marys	2	Gabriel McKenny	1
St Patricks	2	Thomas McCann	1
Newtown Blues	2	Damien Martin	1
Naomh Mairtin	2	Michael Boylan	1
Geraldines	2	Eugene McCartney	1
St Mochtas	2	Seamus McGahon	1
St Fechins	2	Jim Cussen	1
Dreadnots	2	Anthony Murphy	1
St Josephs	2	Thomas Dooley	1
Cooley Kickhams	2	Andy Quinn	1
St Brides	2	Colm Smith	1
Roche Emmets	2	Aidan Reilly	1
Dundalk Gaels	2	Joe Carroll	1
Hunterstown Rovers	2	Noel Carrie	1
St Kevins	2	John Grimes	1
Clan Na Gael	2	Niall Weldon	1
Glen Emmets	2	Joe Hursen	1
Stabannon Parnells	2	Brian Reynolds	1
O'Raghallaighs	2	Danny O'Brien	1
Dundalk Young Irelands	2	Kieran Maguire	1
Kilkerley Emmets	2	Paddy Clarke	1
Mattock Rangers	2	Terry Donegan	1
Sean O'Mahonys	2	Pat O'Brien	1
Glyde Rangers	2	Alan Finlay	1
O'Connells	2	Aidan Murtagh	1
Oliver Plunketts	2	Brian Carrig	1
Wolfe Tones	2	Patrick Fanning	1
Na Piarasigh-Blackrock	2	Stephen Murphy	1
Cuchulainn Gaels	2	Brian Elmore	1
Dowdallshill	2	John Kerr	1
John Mitchels	2	Gerry Matthews	1
Naomh Fionnbarra-St Annes	2	Martin Crosbie	1
Naomh Malachi	2	Peter Rooney	1
St Nicholas	2	Alan Gregory	1
Sean McDermotts	2	Kevin Carroll	1
Lannleire	2	David McGeough	1
Annaghminnon Rovers	2	Alan Finnegan	1
Westerns	2	Frank Scriven	1
Knockbridge HC	2	Sean Byrne	1
Naomh Moninne	2	Maurice Murphy	1

## COUNTY CONVENTION VOTING RIGHTS

17.12.2024

County Board Officers Votes - 16		
Cathaoirleach	Sean McClean	1
Leas Cathaoirleach.	Colm Marry	1
Rúnaí	Bob Doheny	1
Leas Rúnaí	Dermot Clarke	1
Cisteoir	Aidan Berrill	1
Leas Cisteoir	Damien McCann	1
O.C.P	Mark Byrne	1
Teachta Ard Chomhairle	Fra Kieran	1
Comhairle Laighean	Pat Toner	1
Comhairle Laighean	Sean Carroll	1
Oigigeach Pleanála agus Oiliúna	Padraig McDonnell	1
Oifigeach Leanaí	Tony Melia	1
Oifigeach Gaeilge	Yvonne Quigley	1
Oifigeach Cóiseoireachta & Cluichí	Stephen Murphy	1
Oifigeach Sábháilteachta & Áiseanna	Colm Holmes	1
Oifigigh Déimeagrafaic	Declan Byrne	1
Committee Reps Votes - 3		
County Handball Board	John Kelly	1
County Post-Primary Schools	Paul Gallagher	1
Cumann na mBunscol	Fiachra Bell	1
Club Delegate Votes		80
County Board Delegate Votes		40
County Board Officers Votes		16
Committee Reps Votes		3
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>139</b>





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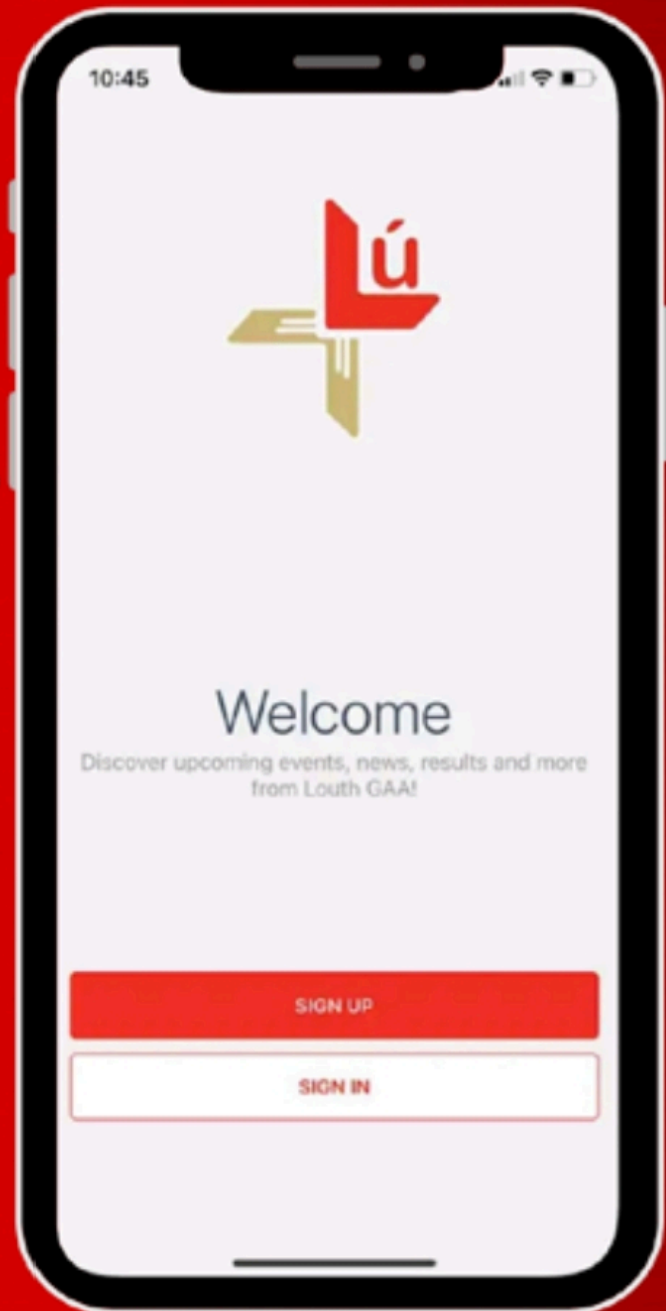
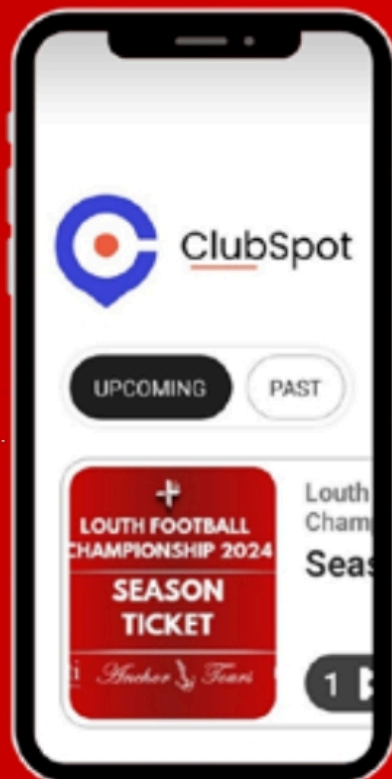
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## Miontuairiscí na Chomhdhála 2023

**1.0** An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Lú was held on Monday 12th December 2023.

(i) Peadar Mac Giolla Phádraig (Cathaoirleach) presided at the Annual Convention of Coiste

Chontae Lú held on the 12ú Nollaig 2023 in the Protection and Prosperity Louth GAA Training Centre. Also, in attendance were:

Cathaoirleach - Peadar Mac Giolla Phádraig	Teachta Ard Chomhairle - Peadar Mac Giolla Phádraig
Leas Cathaoirleach - Peadar Sabhaois	Comhairle Laighean - Colm Ó Mearraigh
Runai - Roibeard Ó Duchonna	Comhairle Laighean - Daibhead Mac Ruairi
Leas Runai - Prionsias Ó Ciaráin	Oifigeach na nOg - Diarmuid Ó Cleirigh
Cisteoir - Aodhan Ó Berrill	Oifigeach Pleasála agus Oiliuna - Daibhead Mac Raghallaigh
Leas Cisteoir - Damien Mac Cana	Uachtarain Oin - Padraig Mac Mathuna
Oifigeach Gaeilge -	Uachtarain Oin - Padraig Fearuil
O.C.P - Marcas Ó Broin	Coiste na nóg - Caoimhín Mag Mhuirneacháin
Oifigeach Oiliuna - Brian Mac Eafarcaigh	Coiste Iomana - Muiris Ó Murchú
Cumann Reiteoiri - Peadar Sabhaois	Cholaistí Lú - Pól Ó Gallchóir
	Ionadaí an Chlub - Sean O Cearuill & Ronan O Broin

Club	Co. Committee Member	Delegates
Bholf Toin	Padraig Ó Fainín	Micheal O Ceallaigh, Peadar Mag Ráine
Ciceim Cuailgne	Antaine O Cuinn	Briain Ó Raifeartaigh, Néill Ó Brádaigh
Clan na Gael	Néill hUallachain	Pól Mac Cathail Riabhnaigh, Barra Ó Cuilinn
Cnoc Dubhdail	Seán Mac Giolla Cearr	Peadar Ó hAodha, Padraig Tomhair
Dreadnots Ceann Clochair	Antaine O Murchú	Padraig Califf, Donna Ní Duinn
Droichead an Chnoic	Sean O Broin	Gabhann O hEochaigh
Eire Og Dun Dealgan	Ciaran Mag Uidhir	Gearoid Mac Nic, Padraig Mag Uidhir
Emmiti Cill Choirle	Padraig O'Cleirigh	Adrian Ó Conalláin
Emmiti an Ghleanna	Seosamh Hursen	Frainc Ó Cearúlláin, Siobhán Ní Donnchú
Emmiti de Roiste	Aodhan O Raghallaigh	Ailein Ó Conaill, Aoife Ní Bhaird
Gaeil Cuchulainn	Briain Ó hlomna	Ruairí Mac Uaid
Gormaithe Baile Nua	Damien Ó Máirtín	Gillian Ní hAirt, Seán Nuinseann
Lannleire	Daibhead Mag Eochaidh	Aodhan Ó Doinn
Na Gearaltaigh	Eoghan Mac Cartaine	Briain Mac Eafartaigh, Coilm Gearlann
Na Gaeil Dun Dealgan	Seosamh Ó Cearúill	Ciaran Ó Cuileagáin, Seán Mac Cana
Na hIartharaigh	Frainc de Scribhin	Peadar Ó Máirtín
Na Piarasaigh/An Charraig Dhubh	Stiofan O Murchú	Peadar Ó Beaglaoich, Daibhead Ó hAghartaigh
Naomh Caoimhin	Seán Ó Gréacháin	Barra Ó Braonáin, Paula Ní Seáin
Naomh Brid	Colum Mac Gabhann	Antaine O hEochaidh, Seosamh Mac Cionaoith
Naomh Feichin	Seamus O Cuisin	Aodhán Ó hUaine, Sean Mac Fhíobhuí
Naomh Fionnbarra-Naomh Anna	Máirtín Mac an Chrosáin	Tómas Mac Uilín
Naomh Mairtin	Mícheál Ó Baíolláin	Stíofán Ó Murchú, Neil Ó Cuanan
Naomh Malachi	Peadar Runaigh	Ronan Ó Liongsigh, Aodhan Mac Ardail
Naomh Mhuire Ath Fhirdia	Gaibriél Mac Cionaoith	Mícheál Runaigh, Sean O Cearuill
Naomh Mochta	Pól Ó Muireartaigh	Breandán O Broin, Donncha Mac Ardail
Naomh Moninne	Muiris O Murchu	Seosaimhín Mag Uidhir, Carl Ó hÉafaigh
Naomh Nicolas		Padraig Ó Cléirigh, Deasún Mac Dónaill
Naomh Padraig	Tómas Mac Cana	Sorcha Mac An Déanaigh, Maria Ní Faoite
Naomh Seosamh	Seamus O hEochaidh	Darren Ó Fionnagáin, Antaine Ó Dochartaigh
O`Raghallaighs		Dónall O Broin, Sinéad Ní Ruagáin
Oilibhear Pluinthead	Aonghus O hEochaidh	Mícheál Mac Mathúna
Parnells Tigh Beannain	Briain Mac Ránaill	Antaine Brioscú, Seosamh Cliontún
Ragairi Annachminnon	Ailéin Ó Fionnagáin	Gearoid Piobart, Una Piobart
Ragairi Baile Fiach	Nollaig Carrie	Ailís Ní Toirealaigh, Seán Mac Giolla Eáin
Raonairi Gluide	Ailéin Ó Fionnalaigh	Seamus O Cearuill
Raonaithe Máiteoige	Toirealach Ó Donnagáin	Aodhan Ó hAilpín, Barra Mac an Ghallóglaigh
Sean Mistéal		Antaine Ó Máille, Maighréad Ní Giolla Chóimthe
Sean Mac Diarmada	Caoimhín O Cearuill	Donncha Mac Cuarta, Fearghal Ó Finn
Sean O Mathuna	Padraig Ó Broin	Éamann Ó Dúghaill, Tracey Ní hAnracháin
Ui Chonaill	Aodhan O Muircheartaigh	Antaine Ó Gnímh, Daibhead O Broin



Registration to Close at 8pm - Adopted on a proposal of Tomás Mac Cana seconded P. Ó Ciarain

### **OPENING OF CONVENTION**

Cathaoirleach welcomed all delegates & guests to Convention 2023.

### **ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Standing Orders adopted on the proposal of Prionsias Ó Ciarain (Leas Runai) seconded by Seán Mac Giolla Cearr (Cnoc Dubhdaill)

### **MINUTES OF CONVENTION 12th DECEMBER 2022**

Minutes of Convention 12-12-22 adopted on the proposal of Antaine Ó Máille (Sean Misteal) seconded Néill hUallachain (Clan na Gael)

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurers Report was discussed – As per Report – Proposed by Tomás Mac Uilín (Naomh Fionnbarra-Naomh Anna).  
Seconded by Mícheál Runaigh (Naomh Mhuire A. Fhirdia)

### **SECRETARYS REPORT**

Secretary's Report was discussed under the various headings.  
Adopted on proposal of Seán Ó Gréacháin (Naomh Caoimhin), Seconded by Prionsias Ó Ciarain (Leas Runai)

### **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sub Committee Reports as per Convention Booklet were presented to clubs and discussed.

CCC Report – As per Report

Discipline

Competitions

Competition Structures

**Coiste na nÓg Report** – As per Report

**Children's Report** – As per Report

**Coiste Iomana Report** – As per Report

Underage Hurling

POC Fada

**Planning and Training Report** – As per Report

**Health and Wellbeing** – As per Report

**Safety and Facilities Report** - As per Report

**Referees Administrator Report** - As per Report

**Hearings Report** - As per Report

All Sub-committee reports were Adopted on proposal of Peadar Runaigh (Naomh Malachi) and seconded by Briain Ó hIomna (Gaeil Cuchulainn)

### **CATHAOIRLEACH'S ADDRESS**

CHIEF TELLER

Paddy Donnelly was selected as chief teller on proposal by Roibeard Ó Duchonna (Runaí) and seconded by Prionsias Ó Ciarain (Leas Runai)



LOUTH GAA CONVENTION MONDAY DECEMBER 12th 2023 - NOMINATIONS

**Cathaoirleach – Chairperson**

Peadar Mac Giolla Phadraig - Peter Fitzpatrick (Clan Na Gael) – Outgoing - Nominated by - Clan Na Gael

Sean Mac Ghiolla Eain - Sean McClean (Ragaire Baile Fiach) - Ragaire Baile Fiach, Naomh Nicholas, Naomh Mairtin, Cicéim Cuailgne, Sean MacDiarmada, Na Gearaltaigh, Gormaithe Baile Nua, Emmíti an Ghleanna, Raonaithe Máiteoige.

**Leas Cathaoirleach - Vice Chairperson**

Peadar Sabhaois - Peter Sage (Sean O Mathuna) – Outgoing - Nominated by - Sean O Mathuna

Diarmuid O'Cleirigh - Dermot Clarke (Sean Mac Diarmada) Nominated by Sean Mac Diarmada

Colm Ó Mearaigh - Colm Marry (Naomh Bríd) Nominated by Naomh Bríd

Stiofan O Murchú - Stephen Murphy (Naomh Mairtin) ) Nominated by Naomh Mairtin, Cicéim Cuailgne, Emmíti an Ghleanna

Deaglan Ó Broin - Declan Byrne (Uí Chonaill) Nominated by Uí Chonaill

**Runaí – Secretary**

Roibeard Ó Dochanna - Bob Doheny (Naomh Caoimhín) – Outgoing - Nominated by: Naomh Caoimhín, Clan Na Gael, Sean Mac Diarmada, Naomh Bríd

**Leas Rúnaí - Asst. Secretary**

Proinsias O Ciarain - Fra Kieran (Clan na Gael) – Outgoing - Nominated by: Clan Na Gael, Emmítí de Róiste, Emmíti Cill Choirle, Na Gearaltaigh, Cicéim Cuailgne, Raonaithe Máiteoige, Emmíti an Ghleanna, Naomh Moninne, Naomh Feichin, Gormaithe Baile Nua, Droicead An Cnoic

Diarmuid O'Cleirigh - Dermot Clarke (Sean Mac Diarmada) - Nominated by: Sean Mac Diarmada

Deaglan Ó Broin - Declan Byrne (Uí Chonaill) - Nominated by: Uí Chonaill

**Cisteoir - Treasurer**

Aodhan Ó Berrill - Aidan Berrill (Naomh Mairtin) - Outgoing - Nominated by: Naomh Mairtin, Cicéim Cuailgne, Sean MacDiarmada

**Leas Cisteoir - Asst. Treasurer**

Damien Mac Cana - Damien McCann (Naomh Mochta) - Outgoing - Nominated by: Naomh Mochta, Sean MacDiarmada

Deaglan Ó Broin - Declan Byrne (Uí Chonaill) - Nominated by: Uí Chonaill

**Oifigeach Gaeilge Cultúr - Irish Language Cultural Officer**

Aoibheann Ní Coighligh - Yvonne Quigley (Emmití Chill Choirle) - Outgoing - Nominated by: Clan na Gael, Sean MacDiarmada



**Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí - Public Relations Officer - No Nominations**

**Oifigeach Cóitseála - Coaching Officer**

Stiofan O Murchú - Stephen Murphy (Naomh Mairtin) - Nominated by Naomh Mairtin

**Oifigigh Déimeagrafaic - Demographics Officer**

Deiric Breatnach - Derek Walsh (Sean Mac Diarmada) - Nominated by Sean Mac Diarmada

Deaglan Ó Broin - Declan Byrne (Ui Chonaill) - Nominated by Uí Chonaill

**Teachta Ard Chomhairle - Central Council Delegate**

Peadar Mac Giolla Phadraig - Peter Fitzpatrick (Clan Na Gael) - Outgoing - Nominated By: Clan na Gael

Proinsias O Ciarain - Fra Kieran (Clan na Gael) - Nominated By: Uí Chonaill

Padraig McDonnell (Na Gearaltaigh) - Nominated By: Na Gearaltaigh

**Teachta Comhairle Laighean (2) Leinster Council Delegate**

Colm Ó Mearaigh - Colm Marry (Naomh Bríd) - Outgoing - Nominated By: Naomh Bríd, Sean MacDiarmada, Droichead An Cnoic

Pádraig Ó Tomhnair - Pat Toner (Cnoc Dubhdaill) - Nominated By: Cnoc Dubhdaill, Sean MacDiarmada

Proinsias O Ciarain - Fra Kieran (Clan na Gael) - Nominated By: Clan na Gael, Emmití de Róiste, Emmití Chill Choirle, Na Gearaltaigh, Raonaithe Máiteoige, Naomh Moninne, Uí Chonaill, Gormaithe Baile Nua, Droichead An Cnoic.

**Delegates to Congress 2023 (2) Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí, Ard Chomhairle (2022) attend as per rule** Aodhan Ó

Berrill - Aidan Berrill (Naomh Mairtin) - Nominated By: Sean Mac Diarmada

Peadar Sabhaois - Peter Sage (Sean O Mathuna) – Outgoing - Nominated by - Sean O Mathuna

Padraig Mac Mathúna - Paddy McMahon (Sean O Mathuna) - Nominated By: Sean O Mathuna, Naomh Mhuire Áth Fhirdia, Cnoc Dubhdaill, Naomh Bríd

Deaglan Ó Broin - Declan Byrne (Ui Chonaill) - Nominated By: Uí Chonaill

Proinsias O Ciarain - Fra Kieran (Clan na Gael) - Nominated By: Clan na Gael, Raonaithe Máiteoige, Ui Chonaill, Gormaithe Baile Nua, Droichead An Cnoic

**Delegates to Leinster Convention (4) (2 \* Comhairle Laighean Delegates 2022) attend as per rule**

Aodhan Ó Berrill - Aidan Berrill (Naomh Mairtin) - Nominated By: Sean Mac Diarmada

Padraig Mac Mathúna - Paddy McMahon (Sean O Mathuna) - Nominated By: Sean O Mathuna, Naomh Mhuire Áth Fhirdia, Cnoc Dubhdaill, Naomh Bríd

Damien Mac Cana - Damien McCann (Naomh Mochta) - Naomh Mochta, Sean MacDiarmada

Deaglan Ó Broin - Declan Byrne (Ui Chonaill) - Nominated By: Ui Chonaill, Sean Mac Diarmada

Proinsias O Ciarain - Fra Kieran (Clan na Gael) - Nominated By: Clan na Gael, Emmití de Róiste, Raonaithe Máiteoige, Naomh Moninne, Uí Chonaill, Gormaithe Baile Nua, Gormaithe Baile Nua, Droichead An Cnoic



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Number of Voting Delegates in attendance – 124

Chief Teller: Paddy Donnelly

The following Officers were elected for 2023-2024

Cathaoirleach/Chairperson - Seán Mac Ghiolla Eain - Sean McClean (Ragaire Baile Fiach)

Leas Cathaoirleach/Vice Chairperson - Colm Ó Mearaigh - Colm Marry (Naomh Bríd)

Rúnaí/Secretary - Roibeard Ó Duchonna (Bob Doheny) - Naomh Caoimhin

Leas Rúnaí/Assistant Secretary - Diarmuid O'Cleirigh - Dermot Clarke (Sean Mac Diarmada)

Cisteoir/Treasurer - Aodhán Ó Berrill (Aidan Berrill) - Naomh Mairtín

Leas Cisteoir/Asst. Treasurer - Damien Mac Cana (Damien McCann) - Naomh Mochta

Oifigeach Gaeilge/Cultúr-Irish Language/Culture Officer - Aoibheann Ní Coigligh (Yvonne Quigley) - Emmiti Cill Choirle

OCP/PRO - No Nomination

Oifigeach Oiliúna/Coaching Officer – Stíofán O Murchú - Stephen Murphy (Naomh Mairtin)

Teachta Ard Chomhairle/Central Council Delegate - Proinsias O Ciarain (Fra Kieran) - Clan na Gael

Teachta Comhairle Laighean (2)/Leinster Council Delegate

Pádraig Ó Tomhnair - Pat Toner (Cnoc Dubhdaill)

Delegate to Congress 2024

Aodhán Ó Berrill - Aidan Berrill (Naomh Mairtin)

Páidín Mac Mathúna - Paddy McMahon (Sean O Mathuna)

Delegates to Leinster Convention

Daimian Mac Cana - Damien McCann (Naomh Mochta)

Aodhán Ó Berrill - Aidan Berrill (Naomh Mairtín)

Padraig Mac Mathuna - Paddy McMahon (Sean O Mathuna)

Proinsias O Ciarain - Fra Kieran (Clan na Gael)

(Appointed) Oifigeach na nÓg/Childrens Officer - Antaine Maille (Tony Melia) – Sean Mistéal

(Appointed) Sláinte agus Folláine Cathaoirleach /Health and Wellbeing Chairperson - Aoibheann Ní Coigligh (Yvonne

Quigley) - Emmiti Cill Choirle



All Motions will be held over for the first meeting in January 2024.

Bye Laws were Passed. Proposed by Proinsias O Ciarain - Clan na Gael and Seconded by Seán Mac Giolla Cerr (Cnoc Dubhdail)

Prayers were recited.

Convention was closed

Cathaoirleach - **Seán Mac Giolla Eáin** - 17ú Nollaig 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Runaí - Roibeard Ó Duchonna - 17ú Nollaig 2024 \_\_\_\_\_



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## COISTE CHONTAE LÚ VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Mickey Fegan, former Kilkenny Emmets player

Anne Reilly, Stabannon

Peter Coyle

May Gaskin, Castlebellingham

Andy Kieran, Castlebellingham

Oliver Kane Galway formerly Castlebellingham

Paddy Callan, Ardee St Marys

Francie Higgins, Ardee

Seamus Curtis, Sliabh Breagh, Ardee

Majella Sands, Lambtown, Ardee

Joey Ruddy, Ardee

Oliver Halpenny, Ardee

Agnes Halpenny (nee Callaghan)

Thomas Tallon, Clogherhead

Geraldine Boyle (née Shields)

Stephen Lawless, Dunleer

Maureen Grace, Dunleer

Brendan McEvoy, Dunleer

Alice Hanratty

Betty Agnew

Margaret Byrne

Ray Sweeney

Finbarr "Benji" Riordan

Paul Kirwan

Tom O'Brien

Hugh McParland, Dowdallshill

Willie Black, Dundalk

David Morgan

Dean Matthews.

Fr Tommy McNulty cc Cooley

Anne-Marie O'Reilly

Eamonn McKenna

Anne Judge

Josephine Smith

Anne Reilly

Peter Drumgoole, Dundalk

Alec McClean, Annagassan

Rose McNamee

Stephen Ross

Michael Smyth

Rosaleen Woods

Johnny McDonnell.

Tom Maguire, Omeath

Martin Floyd

Margaret Clerkin

Kathleen O'Reilly

Nancy Byrne

Kate Keenan

Michael McBride

Ann Nugent

Ann Nugent

Mary Holland

Jimmy Sheelan

John Taaffe

David Lane

Liam Dunne

Joe Needham

Kitty Durnin

Marie Floyd

Frankie McGeown

Joe Berrill

Breda McCrave

Anne Sloane

Patsy Bannon, Castlebellingham

Tom Treadwell, Drumcar

Ann Ebbs, Castlebellingham

Peter McBride, Ashbourne and Formally of  
Castlebellingham

Hugh Murphy, School Lane, Dunleer

Kevin Little, Stephenstown

Archie Hinfey, Gyles Quay

Mary Taggart, Haggardstown

Patsy Carroll, Drogheda

Sinead Gill, Cooley

Damien Doyle, Dundalk

Bernadette O'Hanlon, Dundalk

Sally Reid, Collon

Bernard Rafferty

John Doyle, Cedarwood Drive

Tommy O'Sullivan

Pascal Floyd, Tullyallen

Bill Burke, Seafeld Lawns

Mick Halliday, DKIT

John Keenan

Claire Hanlon

Anthony Mcshane

Lily Smith, Arden and Knockbridge

Mary McCullough, Dromin

Brian Dempsey, Drumconrath

Bronagh Brennan, Dunleer

Gerry Lennon, Louth Village

Teresa Gaskin

Mary Tuite, Haggardstown

Eamonn Carroll, Dundalk.

Paddy O'Connor Dundalk formerly  
Castlebellingham, Honourary President of St.

Joseph's GFC

Henry J Casey London formerly Williamstown

Kilsaran



- Colette McGahon  
 Carol McGahon (London)  
 Seamus o Shea  
 Paddy Holmes  
 Vera Rodgers  
 Brendan Kinsella, Dunleer  
 Sean Ward - Drogheda  
 Jimmy Hand - Honouary President of Naomh Fionnbarra/  
 St Annes  
 Pauline O'Rourke  
 Marie Begley, Dundalk  
 Briega Dixon  
 Delia Boyle  
 Noel Minto  
 Ita Roddy, Ardee  
 Mary Cunningham, Ardee  
 Mary Matthews, Doylesfort Road, Dundalk, wife of  
 former Na Piarasigh player Paul Matthews  
 Margaret Kirk, Ballaverty, Riverstown, Dundalk  
 Anna O'Shea, Gaultrimstrand, Riverstown  
 Teasy (Teresa) O'Shea, Gaultrimstrand, Riverstown,  
 Dundalk  
 Paul McKeown, Blackrock  
 Gerard (Gerry) Carney  
 Tom Harrison, Mountain Park, Carlingford  
 Mary Woods O'Connell Dunleer formerly Kilsaran  
 Tom McDermott RIP a former officer of St. Patricks GFC  
 Clare Ansbro, Cloonmore, Tuam, Galway  
 Tony Smyth Drogheda  
 Mick Arthur, Cappocksgreen, Ardee, Louth  
 Majella Keenan, 35 Cherrybrook, Ardee, Louth  
 Joan Baylon, John St., Ardee  
 Eta Roddy, Sliabh Breagh, Ardee  
 Zara Murphy, The Priory, Westcourt, Drogheda and  
 Newtown Blues  
 Owen Gray  
 Billy Marks  
 Carmel Daly  
 James McArdle  
 Helen Litchfield, Kilkerry  
 Tommy Wood  
 Andrew Malone Williamstown Castlebellingham  
 Bernard Rennick Dundalk formerly Castlebellingham  
 Brigid Dullaghan Braganstown Castlebellingham  
 Esther Kiernan Mullinscross Kilsaran  
 Eamon Dunne, Geraldines GAA Club  
 Alice Kelly Kildare formerly Castlebellingham  
 Joe Watters Dundalk  
 Maura Clancy  
 Monica Fearon  
 Pat Goss  
 Paddy Holmes  
 Pat Muckian  
 Tom McDermott  
 Harry O'Connor  
 Luke Sharkey  
 Irene McNamee, Knockbridge  
 Philly Farrell, Knockbridge  
 Shay Torris, former Lann Leire chairman  
 Marian Gorham (née Larkin)  
 Cassie (Catherine) Gallagher (née Mc Caughley)  
 Lee-Jay Kavanagh Quinn  
 Lorraine Daly, Rathbrist, Tallanstown  
 Patsy Lennon, Rathbrist, Tallanstown  
 Noreen Daly, Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown  
 Kevin Commins, Ardee  
 Olive McCabe, Ardee  
 Peggy Hillard, Ardee  
 Peter Gorman, Ardee  
 Padraig McKenny, Ardee  
 Lorna McGuigan, Bavan, Omeath  
 Patrick Matthews, Smarmore  
 Anton Mooney, St Fechins  
 Mick O'Neill, Annagassan  
 Bertie Dullaghan  
 Des Byrne - Former Stabannon Parnells Player  
 James Blayney  
 Terry Carroll, Beechgrove Terrace, Drogheda  
 Jim Sullivan, Moneymore, Drogheda  
 Pat (Tony) Walsh, Waterford (Full back on the 1965  
 Joe Ward Cup winning team).  
 Kitty Hoey  
 Breen (Brian) Brady, Slane Road, Drogheda  
 Pat McCartney, Ardee  
 Phil Carroll  
 Rose English  
 Annette Callan, Ardee  
 Eamon O'Brien  
 May Mulholland  
 Sean Matthews, Dreadnots  
 Jimmy Maguire, Honouary President of Dundalk  
 Young Irelands  
 Gerry McKenna, Haggardstown  
 Mark (Maxi) McAllister



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## Coiste Chontae Lú

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND OTHER INFORMATION FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

#### Management Committee

Sean Mc Clean (Chairperson)

Colm Marry(Vice-chairperson)

Dermot Clarke(Assistant secretary)

Aidan Berrill (Treasurer)

Damien McCann (Assistant treasurer)

Mark Byrne (Public relations officer)

Fra Kieran (Central council delegate)

Pat Toner (Leinster Delegate)

Sean Carroll (Leinster Delegate)

Stephen Murphy(Coaching officer)

Padraig McDonnell (Development officer)

Declan Byrne (Demographics Officer)

Colm Holmes (Safety and Training Officer)

Yvonne Quigley (Irish Language and Cultural Officer)

Kevin Gordon (Coiste na Nog Chairman)

Des McDonnell (Football clubs rep)

Jim Cussen (Hurling Club rep)

Tony Melia (Children's Officer)

#### Secretary

Bob Doheny

#### Solicitors

James H.Murphy & Son, Francis Street, Dundalk Co. Louth.

#### Bankers

Bank Of Ireland, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

#### Auditors

FLC Frank Lynch & Co, 28-31 Seatown Place, Dundalk,Co.Louth.



## Coiste Chontae Lú

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The Management Committee present their annual report and the financial statements for the year-ended 30th September 2024.

#### Reporting Entity

Coiste Chontae Lú is an unincorporated Association.

#### Principal Activities

The principal activity of Coiste Chontae Lú is the promotion and development of Gaelic Games in Louth.

#### Business Review/Results

The surplus for the year after providing for depreciation and amortisation amount to €70,888. The detail of the financial results for the year are set out on pages 10-22.

#### Analysis of Income

The total Income for the year amounted to € 1,528,198 (2023 €1,199,777).

#### Analysis of Expenditure

The total expenditure for the year amounted to € 1,457,310 (2023 €1,301,688).

#### Balance Sheet

Coiste Chontae Lú has net assets of € 1,116,835 (2023: €1,045,947) at the end of the year.

#### Future Development

Coiste Chontae Lú have commenced the building of a new stadium at Marshes Upper, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

#### Post Balance Sheet Events

No significant events occurred since the balance sheet date which requires disclosures in the financial statements.

#### Principal Risks and Uncertainties

There are a number of potential risks and uncertainties which could have a significant impact on Coiste Chontae Lú's long-term performance. Coiste Chontae Lú's Management Committee review existing risks and identify new risks on quarterly basis. Suitable controls are put in place and action plans are established to mitigate risks. These risks and uncertainties and the related controls and plans are monitored by the County Audit & Risk Committee on a regular basis and reported to the Management Committee.



**Books and Records**

The Management Committee is responsible for ensuring that proper books and accounting records are kept by the County Board. The Management Committee have appointed appropriate accounting personnel to ensure compliance with those requirements. The books and accounting records are maintained at Darver, Co.Louth.

**Statement of Relevant Audit Information**

Each of the persons who are members of the Management Committee at the time when this Management Committee Report is approved has confirmed that:

\* so far as the Committee Member is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware, and

\* the Committee Member has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a member of the Management Committee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

The auditors, FLC Frank Lynch & Co. have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

Signed on behalf of Management Committee

*Asdhán O'Beauid*

**TREASURER**

*Seán Mac Gallagáin*

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**



Coiste Chontae Lú

**STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

The Management Committee is required to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the County Board and the surplus or deficit of the County for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Management Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures from those standards being disclosed and explained in the notes to the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the County Board will continue its activities.

The Management Committee is responsible for ensuring adequate accounting records are kept which correctly explain and record the transactions of the County Board and enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the County Board to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the County Board and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Management Committee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the organisation and financial information included on the County website. Legislation in Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of Management Committee

*Adhán O'Connell*  
TREASURER

*Seán Mac Galla Éire*  
CHAIRMAN

DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024





## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

Coiste Chontae Lú

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Coiste Chontae Lú GAA County for the year ended 30 September 2024, which comprise of Income and Expenditure Account, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Reserves, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council (FRS 102).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Coiste Chontae Lú as at September 30, 2024, and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We are independent of the County Board in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that managements' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the County Board's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of management with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

Coiste Chontae Lú

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### Other information

Management are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Respective responsibilities

#### *Responsibilities of management for the financial statements*

As explained more fully in the management's responsibilities statement set out on page 6, management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management are responsible for assessing the County Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the County Board or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

Coiste Chontae Lú

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*Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority's website at:

[http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8fa98202dc9c3a/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8fa98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

Our report is made solely to the County Board members, as a body, in accordance. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the County Board's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the County Board and the members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Francis Lynch FCA FCCA – Registered Auditor

**FLC FRANK LYNCH & CO.**

Chartered Certified Accountants & Statutory Auditors

Avoca House

28 - 31 Seatown Place

Dundalk

Co Louth

Republic of Ireland

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024



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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Income & Expenditure Account			
<u>Income</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	Actual 2024 €	Prior Year 2023 €
Gate Receipts	1	449,794	309,034
Commercial Income	2	228,464	203,417
Income from Associated Bodies	3	419,315	375,319
Fundraising Income	4	183,298	74,705
Other Income	5	247,327	237,302
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,528,198</b>	<b>1,199,777</b>
		2024	2023
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Match Day costs	6	161,135	181,323
Team Administration	7	884,044	852,535
Upkeep of Grounds	8	177,207	165,015
Coaching & Games	9	42,097	2,909
Administration Costs	10	106,820	65,940
Financial expenses	11	42,674	16,307
Grants & Promotional	12	35,414	9,740
Depreciation		7,919	7,919
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>1,457,310</b>	<b>1,301,688</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>70,888</b>	<b>(101,911)</b>

Signed:

*Asdhán O'Brien*

TREASURER

DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

*Seán Mac Galla E*

CHAIRMAN



Coiste Chontae Lú

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Statement of Comprehensive Income			
	<i>Note</i>	FY2024 €	FY2023 €
Turnover	4	1,528,198	1,199,777
<b>Gross Profit</b>		1,528,198	1,199,777
Administration expenses		(1,444,158)	(1,287,039)
<b>Operating (loss) / profit</b>		84,040	(87,262)
Interest payable and similar expenses	6	(13,152)	(14,649)
<b>(Loss) / profit for the financial year</b>		70,888	(101,911)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u>70,888</u>	<u>(101,911)</u>



Coiste Chontae Lú

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Statement of changes in reserves
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	€
<b>At 1 October 2022</b>	1,147,858
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>(101,911)</u>
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	<u>1,045,947</u>
At 1 October 2023	1,045,947
Surplus /(Deficit) for the year	<u>70,888</u>
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<u>1,116,835</u>



Coiste Chontae Lú

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Statement of Financial Position			
	Note	2024 €	2023 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	7	8,317,383	8,124,964
Investments	8	327,184	12,184
		<u>8,644,567</u>	<u>8,137,148</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock	9	10,248	9,400
Debtors	10	425,706	293,229
Cash at the bank and in hand	11	306,035	758,612
		<u>741,989</u>	<u>1,061,241</u>
Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)	12	<u>(1,013,687)</u>	<u>(830,351)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>(271,698)</u>	<u>230,890</u>
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>		<u>8,372,869</u>	<u>8,368,038</u>
Creditors: (amounts falling due after more than one year)	13	(191,918)	(279,876)
Deferred Income – Grounds Development		<u>(7,064,116)</u>	<u>(7,042,215)</u>
<b>Net Assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>1,116,835</u>	<u>1,045,947</u>
<b>Capital Reserves</b>			
Accumulated reserves c/f		1,045,947	1,147,858
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period		<u>70,888</u>	<u>(101,911)</u>
		<u>1,116,835</u>	<u>1,045,947</u>

Signed:

*Asdhan O'Connell*  
TREASURER

DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

CHAIRMAN

*Seán Mac Giolla*



Coiste Chontae Lú

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Statement of Cash Flows			
	<i>Note</i>	2024	2023
		€	€
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Operating profit for the financial year		70,888	(101,911)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		7,919	7,919
Decrease/(increase) in inventories		(848)	(2,250)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		(132,477)	(30,608)
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables		117,279	226,153
Net cash from operating activities		<b>62,761</b>	<b>99,303</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(200,338)	(116,218)
Investments		(315,000)	-
Net cash from investing activities		<b>(515,338)</b>	<b>(116,218)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Net cash used in financing activities		-	-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(452,577)</b>	<b>(16,915)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		758,612	775,527
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<b>306,035</b>	<b>758,612</b>





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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

### Statement of Compliance

The entity financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council. The entity financial statements comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

### 1. General Information

Coiste Chontae Lú is a sports organisation in which the registered office and principal place of operation is Louth. The organisation is responsible for the development and oversight of Gaelic games in Louth.

#### Currency

The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the Association in Louth GAA.

### 2. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of preparation of financial statements:

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the organisation's accounting policies."

#### Gate Receipts

Gate Receipts are reflected on a cash receipts basis.

#### Going concern

The entity financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In assessing going concern management has considered budgets and forecasts for the foreseeable future and the impact of severe but plausible downside scenarios. Management is satisfied that the use of the going concern basis is appropriate.

#### Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the financial year end date. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are translated at the rate of exchange at the date of the valuation. All foreign exchange differences are taken to the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings

#### Government Grants

Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to the Income and Expenditure Account at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of grant is included in creditors as deferred income.



Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the same period as the related expenditure.

#### **Revenue recognition**

Revenue is derived from gate receipts. Sponsorship, Provincial and Central Council contributions, affiliations fees, entry fees and fundraising activities. Income is recognised when it is capable of reliable measurement and the principal risks and rewards of ownership have passed to the organisation. Income from gate receipts and fundraising activities is recognised on the date of the activity.

Income from sponsorship, Provincial and Central council contributions, and affiliation fees are recognised in accordance with the individual agreements.

#### **Financial instruments**

The organisation only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

#### **Borrowing costs**

All borrowing costs are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are incurred.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	20% Straight line
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The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the income and expenditure account.

The Board's grounds, including Darver and Drogheda, are currently not depreciated. It is the Board's practice to maintain the grounds in proper operating condition by regular maintenance and upgrading as required. Accordingly, the board considers that the lives of the grounds are so long and residual value so high that any depreciation is immaterial. The policy is reviewed by the Board on an annual basis.

#### **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Full provision is made for obsolete and slow-moving items.



#### **Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment

#### **Cash**

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty.

#### **Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Provisions for liabilities**

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the organisation a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are charged as an expense to Income and Expenditure account in the year that the organisation becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the Statement of financial position date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties. When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Statement of financial position.

### **3. Judgement in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The officers consider the accounting estimates and assumptions below to be its critical accounting estimates and judgements:

#### **Useful life of tangible fixed assets**

Long-lived assets represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The management committee regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives the board officers consider physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. The net book value of Tangible Fixed Assets subject to depreciation at the financial year end date is €8,317,383 (2023 €8,124,964)

#### **Allowance for impairment of debtors**

The organisation estimates the allowance for doubtful trade debtors based on an assessment of specific accounts where the Management Committee has objective evidence comprising default in payment terms or significant financial difficulty that certain customers are unable to meet their financial obligations. In these cases, judgement used was based on the best available facts and circumstances including but not limited to, the length of the relationship.

#### **Accruals**

The organisation has accruals recorded in the Statement of Financial Position and this is reviewed monthly by the organisation. Estimates on the accruals is based on the most reliable evidence at the time the estimates are made. These estimates take into consideration the cost or income directly relating to events occurring subsequent to the reporting date to the extent that such events confirm



conditions existing at the end of the reporting period.

<b>4. Turnover</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2023</b>
	€	€
Gate Receipts	449,794	309,034
Commercial Income	228,464	203,417
Fundraising	183,298	74,705
Other Income	666,642	612,621
	<u>1,528,198</u>	<u>1,199,777</u>

<b>5. Employees</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2023</b>
Staff costs consist of:	€	€
Wages and Salaries	44,281	108,331
Social security costs	3,815	17,444
	<u>48,096</u>	<u>125,775</u>

The average number of employees during the year:	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2023</b>
	No.	No.
Coaching and Games	3	4
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

<b>6. Interest payable and similar expenses</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2023</b>
	€	€
Bank loans and overdrafts	13,152	14,649
	<u>13,152</u>	<u>14,649</u>

#### **7. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<u>New Site</u>	<u>Darver Grounds</u>	<u>Drogheda Grounds</u>	<u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>					
At 1 October 2023	1,829,581	5,736,241	539,705	154,188	8,259,715
Additions	338	200,000	-	-	200,338
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	<u>1,829,919</u>	<u>5,936,241</u>	<u>539,705</u>	<u>154,188</u>	<u>8,460,053</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 October 2023	-	-	-	(134,751)	(134,751)
Charge for the year	-	-	-	(7,919)	(7,919)
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(142,670)</u>	<u>(142,670)</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 30 September 2023	<u>1,829,581</u>	<u>5,736,241</u>	<u>539,705</u>	<u>19,437</u>	<u>8,124,964</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>1,829,919</u>	<u>5,936,241</u>	<u>539,705</u>	<u>11,518</u>	<u>8,317,383</u>



### 8. Investments

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
G.A.A. Croke Park – Savings Deposit	315,000	-
G.A.A. credit scheme	1,143	1,143
Share in Drogheda G.A.A Grounds Co. LTD	1,016	1,016
Prize Bonds	10,025	10,025
	<u>327,184</u>	<u>12,184</u>

### 9. Stock

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Gear and equipment	10,248	9,400
	<u>10,248</u>	<u>9,400</u>

### 10. Debtors

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Due from provincial council	109,378	72,823
Other Debtors	199,657	111,350
Due from Central Council	84,746	97,950
Trade Debtors	31,925	11,106
	<u>425,706</u>	<u>293,229</u>

### 11. Cash in Bank and in hand

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Float Control Account	400	400
Cash in bank and in hand	305,635	758,212
	<u>306,035</u>	<u>758,612</u>


**12. Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)**

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Creditors	568,894	388,117
Accruals	28,082	14,000
Tax creditors	18,766	23,828
Loan - Leinster Council	11,428	11,428
Due to Central Council	168,638	185,809
Stadium Seats Fundraising	217,879	207,169
	<u>1,013,687</u>	<u>830,351</u>

**13. Creditors: (amounts falling due after more than one year)**

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Bank Loans (Note 14)	191,198	279,876
Development fund	5,188,246	5,188,246
Fund : Trustees Louth GAA	49,192	52,472
Deferred Income- Croke Park Grant	644,847	619,666
House Draw Funds	1,181,831	1,181,831
	<u>7,255,314</u>	<u>7,322,091</u>

**14. Bank Loans**

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Analysis of the maturity of loans given is as follows:		
<b><i>Amounts due within one year</i></b>		
Bank Loans	152,609	101,727
	<u>152,609</u>	<u>101,727</u>
<b><i>Amounts due between 1 and 2 years</i></b>		
Bank Loans	38,589	101,727
	<u>38,589</u>	<u>101,727</u>
<b><i>Amounts due between 2 and 5 years</i></b>		
Bank Loans	0	76,422
	<u>0</u>	<u>76,422</u>

**15. Capital Commitments**

Coiste Chontae Lú have commenced the building of a new stadium at Marshes Upper, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Louth GAA Stadium CLG has been incorporated to manage the construction of the stadium. Aidan Berrill is an officer of this company.

Coiste Chontae Lú have signed a contract to replace the floodlights at Darver, Co. Louth in the sum of €536,122. It is expected that Grants to the value of € 341,255 will be received.



## 16. Contingent Liability

The outstanding balances on loans advanced to clubs from the GAA Development Fund where guarantees were given by Coiste Chontae Lú amounted to €248,980.

## 17. Government Grants

<b>Agency:</b>	<b>Sport Ireland</b>
<b>Government Department:</b>	<b>Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaelteacht, Sport and Media</b>
Department Grant Programme: SI Energy Grant	
<b>Purpose of the Grant:</b>	Contribution the uplift in energy costs
<b>Grant Term:</b>	Year-ended 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Grant taken to income in current financial statements:	€4,256
Grant received in the current year:	€4,256
Grant outstanding at end of current financial year:	€0
Grant income to be deferred to following period:	€0
Capital grant:	N/A
<b>Restriction on use:</b>	Promoting the growth and recovery of club memberships and Networks.

Government funding issued directly to the County Board (TBC by County Board).

## 18. Taxation

Coiste Chontae Lú is a listed sporting body who have been granted tax exemption under Section 235 of Taxes Consolidation act 1997. Coiste Chontae Lú is fully tax compliant.

## 19. Related Party Transactions

Ard Chomhairle, Cumann Lúthcleas Gael is the governing body of the Association. It governs and administers the national competitions that Coiste Chontae Lú participate in. It administers grant funding (Infrastructure & Revenue), state funding, insurance cover and the injury fund on behalf of the units of the Association.

Provincial Council CLG governs and administers provincial competitions that Coiste Chontae Lú participate in. It administers grant funding to the units of the Association in the province. There are additional governing functions reserved to the Provincial Council and Central Council under the Official Guides.

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The County Committee is the governing and controlling body of all the affairs within the county and including competitions that the clubs participate in.

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
The net transactions (to)/from CLG related parties:		
Central Council	259,890	255,907
Provincial Council	60,000	8,600
	<u>319,890</u>	<u>264,507</u>

## 20. Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved for issue by the Coiste Chontae Lú on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.





Coiste Chontae Lú

SUPPORTING SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Schedule No.	<u>Income Schedules</u>	Actual 2024 €	Prior Year 2023 €
<b>1</b>	<b>Gate Receipts</b>		
	Football championships	391,702	245,004
	Hurling championships	7,016	6,935
	Season Ticket Sales	13,950	-
	Underage Games	11,286	14,342
	Streaming Income	25,840	42,753
	<b>Total</b>	<u>449,794</u>	<u>309,034</u>
<b>2</b>	<b>Commercial Income</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	Sponsorships	209,584	188,732
	Program Income	13,849	12,197
	Other	5,031	2,488
	<b>Total</b>	<u>228,464</u>	<u>203,417</u>
<b>3</b>	<b>Income from Associated Bodies</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	National League shares	99,425	110,812
	Team Expenses: Provisional Council	60,000	8,600
	Team Grants: Central Council	259,890	255,907
	<b>Total</b>	<u>419,315</u>	<u>375,319</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>Fundraising income</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	Race Day	72,148	-
	Walk Way Income	22,466	45,012
	Royalties	55,911	18,425
	Raffles	13,235	2,731
	Other Fundraiser	19,538	8,537
	<b>Total</b>	<u>183,298</u>	<u>74,705</u>



<b>5</b>	<b>Other Income</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	Club Levies	22,502	18,173
	Club Contribution	102,615	88,633
	Club Fines	2,500	2,890
	Rental Income	34,265	44,968
	Referees Fees	85,445	82,638
	<b>Total</b>	<u>247,327</u>	<u>237,302</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Match Day costs</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	Referees Expenses	77,447	92,116
	Medal & Trophies	14,365	30,025
	Venue Hire	37,338	37,108
	Match expenses & stewards	16,668	13,243
	Programme costs	15,317	8,831
		<u>161,135</u>	<u>181,323</u>
<b>7</b>	<b>Team Administration</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	Player Mileage	80,525	138,321
	Team Manager & Selectors	183,040	149,264
	Backroom team personnel	30,400	25,856
	Meals / catering / nutrition	131,150	115,346
	Travel & Accommodation	61,717	60,282
	Gear & equipment	160,819	186,164
	Facility Hire	108,628	94,560
	Medical	127,765	82,742
		<u>884,044</u>	<u>852,535</u>


**7a) Team Administration (by Team)**

	2024				2023
	Snr Football	Snr Hurling	U20 / U17 / Development	Total	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
Player Mileage	52,765	27,510	250	80,525	138,321
Team Manager & Selectors	119,200	35,900	27,940	183,040	149,264
Backroom team personnel	14,840	13,662	1,898	30,400	25,856
Meals / catering / nutrition	76,079	28,610	26,461	131,150	115,346
Travel & Accommodation	21,439	14,978	25,300	61,717	60,282
Gear & equipment	65,317	25,554	69,948	160,819	186,164
Facility hire	107,163	1,465	-	108,628	94,560
Medical	77,611	20,861	29,293	127,765	82,742
	<u>534,414</u>	<u>168,540</u>	<u>181,090</u>	<u>884,044</u>	<u>852,535</u>

<b>8</b>	<b>Upkeep of Grounds</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	Light & Heat	39,422	45,018
	Grounds Maintenance	133,015	110,275
	Insurance	1,174	1,357
	Rates	3,596	8,365
		<u>177,207</u>	<u>165,015</u>
<b>9</b>	<b>Coaching &amp; Games Development</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	Coaching Expenses	598,884	648,483
	Coach Grants & Summer Camps	(556,787)	(645,574)
		<u>42,097</u>	<u>2,909</u>
<b>10</b>	<b>Administration Expenses</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	Wages & Salaries	60,843	33,622
	Postage, Printing & Stationary	13,882	9,780
	Telephone & IT costs	5,450	6,017
	Audit & Accountancy fees	7,300	7,300
	Legal & Professional	3,075	-
	Meeting expenses	15,230	9,385
	Miscellaneous	1,040	(164)
		<u>106,820</u>	<u>65,940</u>



<b>11</b>	<b>Financial Expenses</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	Bank & Interest charges	1,717	1,658
	Loan Interest	13,152	14,649
	Fundraising Costs	27,805	-
		<u>42,674</u>	<u>16,307</u>
<b>12</b>	<b>Grants &amp; Promotional</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		€	€
	College Scholarships	7,695	7,725
	Sponsorship Costs	27,719	2,015
		<u>35,414</u>	<u>9,740</u>



## Tuarscáil an Runaí

My term of County Secretary draws to a close this evening. It was a great honour and privilege to hold the position and one I will look back on with great pride.

Something that must always be acknowledged is the work that all our great volunteers both at Club and County level do, without their dedication we simply couldn't operate as an Association. The GAA need to look the challenges of being a volunteer going forward to ensure volunteers are there to take these roles.

When I look back at my five years as Secretary, overall, it was an enjoyable experience and forever grateful to the Clubs of Louth to trust me and supporting me in the last five years.

A very Special thanks to my Family, My wife Sandra and my Children, Evan, TJ, Katie and Conor for your unwavering support in the last five years.

In the committee rooms I got to work with some brilliant people and made some great friends. I would like to thank them all for their dedication to Louth GAA and continued success going forward. I don't like to single out any individual or group but this time I feel it would be unjust if I didn't mention the 2024 Management Committee which is one of the hardest working committees I have been involved with. You all took on with a job last December and you delivered. I wish you all the very best of luck in 2025 as you continue your great work for Louth GAA.

On the field I got to enjoy some great times and memories that will last forever. Two Leinster Final appearances and double promotions in the National Leagues by our Senior Footballers, Two Lory Meagher Cup wins by our Senior Hurlers, Under 20 Leinster Football Final appearance and some great days from our Under 17 Football and Hurling teams. Been given the opportunity to work alongside some brilliant management teams and see all our players compete at the highest level in our games. But most of all we had a great time.

To our Chairperson, Sean. "You, my friend, are a real gem. Your hard work and dedication to get the job done, paired with that infectious positive attitude, create such a significant difference in our team dynamic. Sean's dedication and commitment to Louth GAA is outstanding. He works tirelessly behind the scenes for the benefit of Louth GAA and all our clubs. He is always willing to take on any task or attend any meetings throughout the year' he is passionate about Gaelic Games and ensuring our games are enjoyed widely within our County. Big thank you for being such a powerful force among us." I wish Sean continued success in the coming years.

**Finance:** Our Treasurer Aidan Berrill, it was a pleasure to work with you since 2020. Your role as Treasurer is one of the most difficult and challenging roles in the association. With more and more emphasis on finances now and with the high rise in costs of running inter county teams it becomes more difficult each year.

**Operations:** I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Operations Manager Francie McMullen for all your help and support throughout my five years. It takes a lot of work to ensure that Louth GAA wheel keeps moving forward and Francie is always there to ensure everything runs smoothly.

**Fundraising** will be a big part of Louth GAA going forward and in 2024 we saw the return of the Louth GAA Race-day for the first time in 20 years. The work that the Wee County Race Day Committee of Damien McCann, Colm Marry, Aoife Clare, Sean Geeney, Jim Byrne, Aidan Connor, and Pat Toner done was outstanding. In a packed out Fairyhouse racecourse on Saturday October 12th we all had a fantastic day and we look forward to 2025.



**CCC:** It is important to acknowledge the work of the CCC who govern our fixtures and discipline. They have the most challenging task, and they work very hard to try assisting every club with their various requests.

As is a common occurrence, it seems now every year we have some incidents of poor discipline or behaviour on our pitches and sidelines. What does stick out in the Committees' Reports, is that there are more incidents of abuse towards officials from our sidelines than from the players on the pitch. While this attitude from our sidelines keeps occurring, we will continue to struggle to recruit the required referees to maintain the programme of games we currently have. We all have a responsibility when it comes to discipline – be it from the side-lines or the players that take the field.

I would like to thank Chairperson, Sean Carroll Secretary, Stephen Murphy, and the other members of CCC for dealing with all fixtures and disciplinary matters in an efficient manner.

**Coiste na Óg:** Chairperson Kevin, Secretary, Dermot and all the committee. The job of administrating over 800 games across all levels is outstanding. A job that is taking for granted that it will be done but when you see what goes on behind the scenes is truly remarkable. It is clear to see that the future of Juveniles games program is in safe hands. With a motion going to the floor at convention to change the age grades back to even ages, this will bring different challenges to our fixtures programme. One that I have no doubt that the committee will face head on. I see the reasoning behind this motion coming to the floor as the retention of players at the age of 18 is very important and Clubs cannot continue to see players at this age drop off and give up our games.

**Coiste Éisteachta:** A special word of thanks to the committee members, Chairperson Michael Boylan, Secretary Gerry Stewart and John Kieran (Legal), Joe Whyte, Ronan Lynch, Gerard O'Hare, Dermot Plunkett, Paddy Clarke, Padraig Califf, Shane Darcy, Thomas McQuillan, Tom Dooley.

**Coaching and Games:** Thanks to Stephen Murphy our Coaching officer and for the committee members endeavour and hard work in overseeing the massive commitment in coaching made by the board and our clubs.

The work of Pierce Caherty, Head of Games, and the Coaching & Games Development Staff and the GPOs is greatly appreciated. Pierce has been a top-class addition to Louth GAA. Pierce and his Staff do outstanding work in raising the standards of coaching within the county and to continue to increase the participation rates. The appointment of Gavin Devlin has being huge and one that we will benefit from going forward. Gavin is one of the finest coaches this country has seen and we in Louth are so lucky to have Gavin joining a team that includes Barry Teather and Ciaran Sloan, two more coaches who are among the best around.

Coaching within the county is so important at both Club and County level as it's the work and development that is happening now with our underage players that will ultimately decide the quality of those players that take the field for our county teams in the future. The main areas for this work are following:

- Coach Development
- Underage Games Programme
- Go Games
- Athletic Development
- Secondary School Programme
- Cúl Camps



**PR & IT:** Mark Byrne, A man who has taken his role to a new level over the last five years. Well done Mark on an excellent job you and your team have done. Keeping all our Gaels up to date on what is happening in the world of Louth GAA. As you complete your five great years, thank you very much and I wish you very well in your next chapter.

**Children's Officer:** The Children's Officer Position is a very difficult job and with Dermot Clarke and now Tony Melia holding this Role, thank you very much for the great work that you both have carried out.

**Child Safeguarding:** The focus of Louth GAA should be to increase participation in our games.

Our motto should be "As many as possible, as long as possible, in the best environment possible"

To achieve this, "Above all else we must continue to ensure that children who play Gaelic Games do so in a safe and enjoyable environment."

GAA National Children's Office performed a risk assessment audit in April 2023, this audit was part of the best practice adopted by the GAA and sister organisations. The audit was carried out across Ireland and Britain. The report highlighted "we should recognise with appreciation that much has been achieved at Club and County level in recent years." For that we thank the clubs and especially the Children's Officers who play such a vital role within our clubs.

There is much to be proud of including, Louth clubs have recruited many new coaches in 2024, coaches who had not previously been involved with the club. A high number of coaches completed the Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games (ICGG) in Louth in this year. The focus of all these courses is ensuring we are providing the right environment for juvenile members.

Unfortunately, the report highlights some areas where we can improve further. While I want to be clear, the level of alleged issues reported is not high in context to the levels of activity, we must continue to strive for improvements. A single issue is one more than we must strive for.

**Refereeing:** My thanks to Referees administrator David Fedigan and all our club referees, from our juvenile Games referees all the way to those who handled our Senior Championship finals. The simple truth is the games at all levels are not possible without our referees.

With the new split season, it has been a very busy few months for our referees and I must commend them for their dedication. 2025 will bring much more focus as the motions brought to Special congress have all been passed and will come into play in 2025. I would encourage all our members to get up to speed on the new rules as this will be a challenge for all.

**Irish Language and Cultural:** Thank you to Yvonne for your hard work and dedication to the Irish language and Culture in the Wee County. Scór was a big success again this year and I would encourage more clubs to participate in 2025.

**Health and Wellbeing:** This is an area that is so important in our association. Within our Clubs and among our members. Yvonne Quigley and the committee continue to do outstanding work in Louth GAA. The All-Star Program is one of the most successful aspects of the Healthy Club in Louth, other initiatives include the Silent sideline and the Health Club program.

Thank you very much Yvonne, an outstanding worker and friend who carries out both roles very professionally.



**Officers and Sub-committees:** “I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our Officers and sub-Committees for their unwavering commitment to ensuring Louth GAA operates efficiently. Your hard work truly creates a positive atmosphere that makes Louth GAA a better place to be.”

**Protection and Prosperity Louth GAA Training Centre:** I would like to thank Jason Hoey and all the staff in Darver for the professionalism and the support and welcome they have afforded me over the last five years. We have a Training centre who many other counties would love. The number of hours that is put in, in ensuring the centre is kept in fantastic condition is remarkable.

Pat Toner has taken on the role of Chairperson of the committee and he and Jason are carrying out brilliant work in ensuring the Centre is kept in great condition.

**Clubs:** A very special word of thanks to all our Clubs. Especially to the Club Secretaries, Thank you for all your support over the last five years. Thank you for everything you do. I want to express my sincere gratitude for all that you done to support me as County Secretary, your Club and Louth GAA. Your hard work, professionalism, and positive attitude are truly appreciated, and we are lucky to have you all as administrators.

**Local Media:** Thank you all our local media for your continued coverage of our games.

We have good relationships with our local media members because we need them. Yes, we rely on journalists for valued coverage, but also for information, guidance and greater insight into what’s going on in our association. Thank you to LMFM, Drogheda Independent/The Argus, Dundalk Democrat and Louth and Proud for your brilliant coverage of our games.

**Stadium:** After a lot of hard work and dedication we finally will see our new stadium commence in 2025. The stadium committee of Sean McClean, Aidan Berrill, Dermot Clarke, Colm Holmes, Tom Dooley, John Horan, Niall Earskin, Justin Travers have carried out twelve months of hard work to get the stadium project back on track. We now will see Louth Gaels getting a place we can call home. This is a long time coming and hit some bumps on the way but we are nearly there and this is a project we all look forward to see come to fruition.

**Central Council/Leinster GAA.** Thanks to the staff of both Leinster Council and Croke Park for their help during the year. I want to particularly thank Julie Quinn, Patricia Clear, Hannah Horan, and Michael Reynolds in Leinster GAA for all their support during my term as Secretary.

Thank you to Derek Kent for his support and leadership as the Chairperson of the Leinster GAA Council.

Likewise, thank you to Teresa Rehill, Lorena Kelly, Fergal McGill and Bernard Smith. Your support has been instrumental to completing the operations of Louth GAA.

Thank you to our Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan and Uachtarán Jarlath Burns for their leadership centrally.







## Louth LGFA

Thank you to the outgoing officers and committee of Louth LGFA, A lot of great work done over the last number of years in developing LGFA within Louth.

The very best of luck to Amanda Lane (Hunterstown Rovers) who has taking over as Chairperson for 2025. I had the pleasure of working with Amanda over the last five years as Secretary of her Club and I have no doubt Amanda will bring all her experience and knowledge to the job.

The very best of luck to the LGFA Officers, committee and Clubs in 2025.

**Integration:** The historic integration of the GAA, Camogie Association, and Ladies Gaelic Football Association is set to take effect from 1st February 2027, marking a new era for Gaelic games. This decision, ratified at the GAA's Annual Congress, underpins a shared commitment to equality, inclusivity, and progress for all codes under a unified structure.

Facilities, finance, fixtures, human resources, membership and player welfare are some of the headings in which THE GAA, CAMOGIE Association and LGFA have announced February 2027 as the proposed date for full integration between the three organisations. While it seemed at the time a long way off, we are now just over 24 months away from the proposed date and the question being asked is how close are we from full Integration to happen. We in Louth GAA are full supportive of this happening and we continue to work towards this. Like most Counties the facilities in our clubs in Louth are second to none, the one piece that we will all struggle for is Playing pitches. There is quite a few Clubs with or in the process of having a second pitch, there is still quite a few clubs with just one. When you look at the three associations in Louth, fixture programmes together you would wonder where do we fit them all in. Club pitches in Louth are at their max and open seven days a week to fulfill the fixtures and that is not including training, challenge games etc.

Over the next few weeks, we hope to get all three committees to meet and put a fixture plan in place. Fixture Alignment A single organization will better manage scheduling, reducing fixture clashes and enabling dual players to participate in multiple codes without conflict and will ensure all Clubs can plan at the start of the year and ensure there is no issues with dates, venues, referees etc.

### *Commitment to Progress*

Louth GAA remains fully committed to supporting the integration process, working collaboratively with stakeholders at all levels. By adopting a transparent and inclusive approach, we aim to ensure a seamless transition that benefits players, volunteers, and supporters alike.

This landmark integration represents a collective step towards a brighter, more inclusive future for Gaelic games, and Louth GAA is proud to contribute to this transformative journey.

**Cuimhne na Marbh:** Sadly, during the past year, a number of our friends and colleagues have moved to their final resting places. The GAA is indebted to so many people who gave so freely of their time and expertise and these people will continue to be remembered by our clubs and our members long after they have left us.

To all our members who suffered bereavements, I want to convey my sincere sympathy.



## Intercounty Scene

### **Senior Football**

Ger Brennan started his tenure as manager in Ashbourne on a damp Saturday night against our neighbours Meath in the O'Byrne Cup. Although suffering a six-point defeat, Ger gave several players their debuts which was what this competition is for. Following defeat, we then played Westmeath in the Shield competition and a win put us in the final and one that give us a win over Wicklow in Dowdallshill and set us up for the National League.

Our opening round game in the Allianz Football league was against another neighbour, Armagh in the Athletic Grounds. In what was an excellent performance we were very unlucky to be beaten by the minimum in a wholehearted performance. Next up was Cork in Ardee and our first two points on the board with the help of two goals by Ciaran Keenan and Ciaran Downey. An outstanding performance by Niall McDonnell was the highlight.

Defeat in round three to Meath in Navan in a disappointing performance with so many missed chances was followed by our third defeat by a single point in Ardee against Cavan. With a host of missed chances and the concession of two slack goals, performances were good.

Next up was a trip to the North West with a game against Donegal. Once again, we look back and was a game we could have won and a goal scored by Donegal that no doubt should have been disallowed was the difference. With two games remaining there was no more room for error as relegation was a possibility. This team have a great attitude and facing Fermanagh in Ardee was a must win. And that they did with a 24-point win with 2-5 coming from the boot of our Captain Sam Mulroy in an outstanding team display.

Our final round game was against Kildare in Netwatch Dr Cullen Park. A win was required and a 1-2 from the outstanding Ryan Burns went a long way in ensuring we play Division two football in 2025.

On to the Championship, and what another fantastic season we had. Following a win over Wexford in Portlaoise with were back again in a Leinster Semi-final in Croke Park. A win over Kildare had us back in a second Leinster semi final in a row and one that the county looked forward to. Up against a strong Dublin team we will have regrets because this is a game we could have won. We played some excellent football throughout. We as a County are now in the Top 8 teams in the Country and that is a place we earned and will stay.

Thank you to Ger and his entire backroom team of Niall Moyna, Peter Dooley, David White, James McCarten, Barry Teather, Steve Williams, Paddy Hogan, James Downey, Niall Sharkey, Josh Ward, Naoise Leonard, Michael Fanning, Aaron Roche, Ferdia McKeown, Aine Breen, Andrew Barry.

### **Senior Hurling**

Under new Management for 2024 with Trevor Hillard in charge, several players from 2023 panel were unavailable for 2024 and Trevor brought new players into the panel for the first time. A win over Monaghan in the opening round was our only win in the league but we certainly had some very competitive games in this division. With the structure changing for 2025 we will now play in the new Division 4.

In the Nicky Rackard Cup, another win over Monaghan proved vital as this win kept us in the competition for 2025 and avoiding relegation. Once again, we had some very competitive games and this will hold us in good stead heading into 2025.

Thank you to Trevor and his backroom team of Paddy McArdle, Diarmuid Murphy, Eimear Kelly and Donal Ferris.



### ***Under 17 Football***

An excellent year for this group of players and very unlucky not to reach the Leinster Minor final when suffering a one-point defeat to Longford in Pearse Park.

Thank you to Johnny Clerkin and his backroom team for a great year.

### ***Under 20 Football***

This was the best year in a while for this age grade as we reached the Leinster Final. Some outstanding displays throughout the season and who will forget the win over Dublin in Parnell Park in the semi-final and with just a 6-day turnaround for the final it was always going to be a tough ask to get over the line.

Thank you to Fergal Reel and his backroom team for an excellent year.

### ***Under 17 Hurling***

A Brilliant year for our Under 17 hurlers in the Celtic Challenge. Wins over Cavan, Longford, Monaghan and Leitrim saw us qualify for the Final of the Corn Michael Feery and winning on a scoreline of 1-18 to 3-8 over Monaghan.

Congratulations to everyone involved with this Team.

### ***Club scene***

In the 2024 Louth Senior Football Championship, Ardee St. Marys achieved a remarkable feat by completing a three-in-a-row victory. They showcased their talent throughout the journey no more so than in the final held in Haggardstown, where they defeated Naomh Mairtin to secure their 3rd championship title in succession. Following their success in Louth, Ardee St. Marys advanced to the Leinster Senior Club Final, further highlighting their strong performances throughout the season. Unfortunately, they fell short to a phenomenal Cuala side boasting many All-Ireland winners. On the other hand, St. Brides faced challenges and ultimately lost their senior status, which means they will compete in the Intermediate grade for the 2025 season.

In the 2024 Intermediate Club Championship, Dundalk Gaels made a strong comeback after their relegation from Senior in 2023, winning the Seamus Flood Cup against Hunterstown Rovers in a thrilling final replay at the Darver Centre of Excellence. Their determination and skill was on full display as they secured the championship overcoming many difficult opponents along the way. Meanwhile, Glyde Rangers, who had claimed the junior championship in 2023, faced a tough championship group and were ultimately relegated from the Intermediate ranks.

In the 2024 Junior Championship, Wolfe Tones made history by clinching the Christy Bellew Cup, emerging as the champions against John Mitchels. Both teams started the Championship as significant outsiders but defied expectations by defeating major contenders along the way, including Oliver Plunketts, Lannleire, O'Connells, and Naomh Fionnbarra. Both teams remarkable journey showcased the huge strides been made at clubs across the county to rise up the grades.

St Fechins completed a four in a row of Senior Hurling Championship titles with a win over Knockbridge. In a difficult year for the Club with the untimely passing of their Senior Hurling Manager Niall McEaney in 2023, The got about their business in a usual manner and played some excellent hurling throughout and unfortunately lost out to Liam Mellows in the Leinster Junior Hurling semi-final last weekend.



## All-Stars

What an outstanding achievement for Louth GAA with the nominations of four of our Senior Football Team for PwC GAA All-Stars. Prior to 2024 we only ever had two nominations in Paddy Keenan and John O'Brien but following another great year and probably our best in quite a while to receive four nominations was remarkable. A massive well done to Craig Lennon, Sam Mulroy, Donal McKenny and Tommy Durnin on your nominations.

When the All-Star Team was announced for 2024 and to see a Louth player named was brilliant. Congratulations to Craig Lennon on receiving an All-Star.



## Football Review Committee

Firstly, I would like to commend Jim Gavin and the FRC which included our very own Colm Nally for their all their hard work over the last number of months.

The expertise and experience that were bought together by Jarlath Burns to join the Committee meant that the proposals that were put to, and passed by Special Congress last weekend have been well thought out and their impacts carefully considered.

While not everyone will agree with all the proposals, nobody should question the effort the Committee has put into their deliberations to get the proposals to this point and their attention to detail in delivering what will hopefully be key improvements to football. The committee meet many stakeholders and the final proposals that went before Special Congress will hopefully be key improvements to football.

I believe the time is right for change. There is no escaping the fact that attendances at intercounty games have decreased noticeably in recent years and without change we may see a further decline in the levels of interest in Gaelic football.

The changes will bring a fresh excitement to the League as we see how our coaches and players adapt to the rules and how they implement them in tandem with their own game plans and styles to deliver positive outcomes for their own teams.



### ***Social value of Gaelic games worth €2.87 billion to Irish society***

A comprehensive analysis of the economic impact of Gaelic games and a measurement of its Social Value and Social Return on Investment has produced a landmark report, the first of its kind in Irish sport.

This independent analysis of Gaelic games activity by international experts has found that the Social Value of Gaelic games is estimated to be worth at least €2.87 billion to Irish society.

The Social Return on Investment study shows that for every one euro invested in Gaelic games, the benefit returned to society is at least €2.30 and could be as much as €3.96.

The GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association commissioned Sheffield Hallam University's Sport Industry Research Group, who are pioneers in the economics of sport and sport's wider social impacts. Assisted by colleagues in Manchester Metropolitan University and Ulster University, they have spent the last 13 months working on this project.

It is based, in part, on the analysis of national, provincial, county and more than 500 club accounts from across Gaelic games and establishes for the first time the economic impact of Gaelic games activity across the 32 counties, and the Social Value of the work of more 1,600 clubs which are led by volunteers. It is also the first time in Irish sport that a report of this detail has looked at the totality of impact from economic to social value to specific major events.

Analysis of the social value of Gaelic games activity estimates that an input or spend to produce Gaelic games of €1.244 billion, resulted in outcomes valued to Irish life worth €2.87 billion.

- €31.06 million for Health,
- €556.48 million for Subjective Wellbeing,
- €1.224 billion for Social Capital, and
- €1.056 billion for the replacement cost of volunteering.

Detailed event impact assessment of major provincial finals shows that the

- 2024 Ulster SFC Final was worth €1.5 million to the town of Clones and in total €2.1 million to County Monaghan.
- 2024 Munster SHC Final was worth €3.2 million to the town of Thurles and €4.5 million to County Tipperary.

A Satellite Account for Sport extracts its values from the System of National Accounts. The Satellite Account for Gaelic games reveals that:

- Consumer spending on Gaelic games is €377m, which equates to 7.8% of the sport industry;
- Gross Value Added attributable to Gaelic games is €710 million (8.7% of the sport industry);
- Employment generated by Gaelic games is 10,600 FTE (9.8% of the sport industry);
- Total economic activity attributable to Gaelic games is €1,619 million (10.2% of the sport industry);
- Government receives €192.6 million in direct and indirect taxation from Gaelic games.



Lead researcher, Professor Simon Shibli, said: “This report shows that Gaelic games is good for the economy and good for society.

Uachtaráin CLG Jarlath Burns said: “For the first time the Association has been able to secure facts and figures that confirm what we have always known – that Gaelic games activity makes an enormously positive impact on society through our involvement in communities, and that this in turn, benefits the economy all across the island.

“In a broad sense, it shows that investment in sport matters and that it is something beneficial. For the last 140 years the GAA has been making this contribution to Irish life and to economic activity. This landmark report will enable our Association to position ourselves so that we continue to make this positive impact through our work with clubs and communities and I thank Professor Shibli and his team for their research.”

Brian Molloy, Uachtaráin, An Cumann Camogaíochta, added: “We welcome the publication of this report which allows us to measure the value of the work done by volunteers in clubs and counties across Ireland. The popularity and increased participation in camogie, hurling and football is there for all to see. Now, so too, is the positive impact of our games, not only in terms of mental and physical health, but in economic terms too.”

Mícheál Naughton, Uachtaráin LGFA stated: “This report shows that involvement in Gaelic games is important for the health and wellbeing of people and also illustrates that the work of our clubs and our Associations is important for the economic health of Ireland too. I look forward to seeing this analysis build a strong future for the continued growth and development of our games.”

**Finally**, we remember the people who give some much to Louth GAA. Our Volunteers, Club workers, Club officers, Referees, Managers/Coaches, Parents/Guardians, Media and most of all, THE PLAYERS. Thank you for all you give to the GAA and especially Louth GAA.



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### Gambling in the GAA: Raising Awareness and Taking Action

Gambling has emerged as a significant issue within the GAA, impacting not just players but also communities. Among elite inter-county athletes, the problem is particularly pronounced, with higher gambling rates compared to the general population.

### The GAA's Response

The GAA has prioritised addressing this issue through initiatives such as the Stop Before You Just Can't Stop campaign. Supported by the Gambling Awareness Trust and Problem Gambling Ireland, this campaign educates on the risks of problem gambling and offers resources, including access to professional help via ProblemGambling.ie. Since 2018, the GAA has prohibited betting firm sponsorships for competitions, teams, or facilities, a strong stance prioritising the health of players and members over financial partnerships.

### Research Findings

Recent studies reveal concerning trends among elite inter-county players:

- **High Participation Rates:** 79% reported gambling, with 4.8% classified as problem gamblers—well above the 0.8% in the general population.
- **Vulnerability Factors:** Problem gamblers were predominantly male, with early exposure to gambling (under 16 years old) and mobile app usage identified as key risk factors.
- **Cultural Challenges:** Players have acknowledged a pervasive gambling culture, compounded by personal susceptibility and accessibility to gambling platforms



## Broader Impacts

Gambling issues extend beyond players to affect families and communities. Many players have shared their struggles with addiction and concerns about gambling on matches within the sport itself, highlighting the need for cultural change.

## Addressing the Issue

The GAA recognises the need for a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to tackle this issue effectively. Key steps include:

1. **Proactive Education:** Campaigns and workshops targeting athletes, families, and clubs.
2. **Policy Strengthening:** Continuing the ban on gambling sponsorships and ensuring young people have restricted access to gambling.
3. **Support Services:** Enhancing access to counselling and treatment programs for affected individuals.

## Conclusion

The GAA has taken commendable strides in addressing gambling within its organisation. However, this remains an ongoing challenge requiring collective action. By fostering awareness, promoting healthy habits, and offering robust support systems, the GAA aims to combat the harmful impact of gambling and safeguard the well-being of its players and community.



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