



Cumann Pheadair Naofa C.L.G.



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Minutes of 2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting Tuesday 9th **November 2021**

ATTENDANCE

Larry Byrne (Cathaoirleach), Anne McCormack, Feargal McCormack, Hugh Carr, Donal McCormack, Helen Carvill, Colette Lock, Shane Lavery, Aisling McGivern, Paul McKibben, Eoin Magennis, Gerry Gray, Kieran Grant, Shane Carr, Micheal Moore, Hubert Shannon, John Daly, SORCHA Carty, Katrina Kernan, Mike Barnett, Thomas Daly, Brigid Carr, James Heaney, Christy Carr, Sean O'Hare, Colm Rice, Noreen Kelly, Steven Robertson, Stephen Robinson, Brendan Rice, Liam Howlett, Carmel McGrath, Gerry O'Neill, Sean Mallon, Kelly Mallon, Conor D'Arcy, Ronan Magee.

The webinar was hosted by Caroline Preston, PKF-FPM and at the outset, Chairman Larry Byrne expressed appreciation to PKFFPM for hosting the webinar.

APOLOGIES

None.

A minute's silence was observed for all Club members, relatives and friends who passed away since the last AGM. May they rest in peace.

The minutes of the AGM 2020 were proposed by Feargal McCormack and seconded by Shane Lavery. Standing orders were proposed for adoption by Donal McCormack and seconded by Gerry Gray.

The Club Constitution 2B was adopted and proposed by Feargal McCormack and seconded by Aisling McGivern. Before commencing the meeting, webinar host Caroline Preston (Business Development Manager, PKF-FPM Accountants) explained the process of the running of the AGM via the webinar.

TURASCÁIL AN RUNAÍ SECRETARY'S REPORT

Copies of the Secretary's Report along with the copies from the Sub Sections reports were posted on the Club website ten days in advance of the AGM. Webinar Co-Ordinator Caroline Preston shared the screen with attendees and shared the Secretary's Report on the screen for all attendees to view. Club Secretary, Daniel Bird outlined the key factors in this year's Secretary's Report and invited comments from those in attendance.

At the outset, the Secretary highlighted the unprecedented year which we were all experiencing as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic and the significant impact the pandemic has had on our community and the GAA activities in the Cumann Pheadair Naofa St. Peter's GAA Club, Warrenpoint 2 Club. It was noted that from the end of year reports prepared by each sub section that it was evident that the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted

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every aspect of Club life from games to administration, to Club events, Social Club, Cultural activities and the Healthy Club Project.

“Post AGM 2020 the newly elected Senior Committee met for the first time on the 10th November 2020. I can't speak highly enough about this group of people, volunteers, who on top of an already busy life agenda, take on huge responsibilities and decision making on behalf of the club. I never fully understood the complexity of the work of an Executive Officer until I took on this role and I am humbled to have been part of such a great team, who, over the past year have taught me so much.

2021 has been a year like no other in many ways, unprecedented times, training pods, zoom training sessions and health questionnaires became the norm for all. It was a challenging year given the circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The pandemic has had a significant impact on our community and the impact on the GAA club cannot be underestimated and in that regard I must commend the COVID-19 Response Team comprising of Colette Lock, Aisling McGivern, Gerry O'Neill, Paul McKibben, Anne McCormack, Hugh Carr and Brendan Rice. The Covid 19 Response Team co-ordinated messages, prescription collections, newspaper deliveries, dog walking and delivery of hampers and played a significant role bringing assistance and support to people who were unable to leave their home or who were self-isolating. Following on from this, Cumann Pheadair Naofa launched our Christmas Appeal in 2020 in memory of Teddy Boyle aimed at ensuring that no one went without, during a very hard and different festive season. A year on the committee is still very much active helping those in the community and this wouldn't have been possible without the generosity, kindness and support from our local businesses, members and community.

As we reflect on the past year we express sympathy to the families of our members and supporters who have died. We especially remember our Social Initiative Co-ordinator and former player Michael Carr. May they rest in peace.

In respect of Covid-19, I thank Paul McKibben who made sure that all best practice policies as recommended by the Northern Ireland Executive and the GAA, had been fully implemented by the Club. Paul McKibben organised the COVID protection at our fields i.e., signage, sanitizers.

Even during the second lockdown Cumann Pheadair Naofa was a constant in our members lives-

The culture and band section kept our members entertained with a successful virtual Christmas concert, this was linked with the ballad groups (junior & adult) from Scor, the senior instrumental group and the band section. Thanks to Carmel McGrath, Conrad Madden, Hugh Carr and Meabh McArdle for organising the event. In addition the Club Scor section participated in a St Patricks day event run by Harbourside radio and showcased our dancers on a global stage.

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In January the Healthy Club section were busy organising the 'Ulster GAA- Every Step Counts' challenge, a very successful event with over 70 people registering and kept our members active during a difficult part of the year. The proactive integration of the health and wellbeing fitness programme was in keeping with the club mantra to operate for the whole of family for the whole of life.

Even though our games were at a standstill, our games and coaching committee were hard at work making sure that once our games would begin that our coaches were fully up to speed. Liam Howlett attended the Ulster GAA Coaching Development programme and Sean O'Hare completed an Ulster GAA stats Award. The committee also created Athletic Development and Injury Prevention videos which were posted on the club's social media and helped our players and coaches prepare for the season ahead. Over 50 of our coaches / aspiring coaches (across all codes) enrolled on the Dual Foundation coaching course, this was a tremendous success, thanks to Liam and his Games and Development team for hard work and future proofing our teams for years to come.

Monday 12th April 2021 became a synonymous day in the lives of our members- with 'Return to Play', a day that everyone in the club was looking forward to. It was fantastic to see from the first weekend of Return to Play our fields and facilities were filled with players and coaches enjoying the sport they love.

In underage football it is encouraging to see significant increases in playing numbers, particularly in the youngest age groups and the growing girl's section. In terms of competition, it was a strange year with the lack of tournaments and the tighter schedules, but we had some success from the U11 boys winning a league and the minor girls who have an upcoming championship final. Thanks to Brendan Rice who organized another successful Cul Camp, this year being particularly hard with COVID-19 measures and the organization of club coaches. We thank Brendan for all of his hard work, it's great to see big numbers returning each year.

The Premier Reserve football team had a good year reaching the Premier Reserve Championship final for the first time since 2012, this was a significant achievement considering the number of senior games across a short period of time and carefully juggling players across our senior, seconds, and thirds teams. Our senior footballers performed well in the Corn An Duin, they reached the final and were beaten by a strong Kilcoo team. A standout moment for the year was the winning of our first ever Down All County League Division one title in the Clubs history, a fantastic achievement and it's still hard to believe this is our first title. Hopefully this year's league success will bring momentum and inspiration to our squad for the 2022 season as we look to win the Senior Championship for the first time since 1953.

This year marked the 10th anniversary since the introduction of Ladies Football in the club. There is no doubt that the sport is going from strength to strength in Warrenpoint and with the numbers we are seeing coming through, we can be confident that ladies' Gaelic football

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will continue to grow in Warrenpoint. This is due to the hard work of so many who have contributed as coaches, mentors, and administrators across all these years.

The senior ladies had a strong year reaching the league final which they were narrowly beaten by Castlewellan. In the Championship the senior ladies had great victories over East Belfast and St Michaels but failed to reach the later stages of the 'A' Championship. They did however contest the 'B' Championship final and ran out with a comfortable victory.

Thanks to Shane Carr, Paul McKibben, Mike Barnett and the rest of the football committee for their support this year.

The Camogie section have gone from strength to strength and it's really encouraging to see strong numbers in this section not only in player numbers but also in coaches and mentors. This year we had 120 players and 24 coaches and it must be noted that 13 of these coaches completed the Camogie Caman Get A Grip Foundation Course, this was the first time that this course was held in Cumann Pheadair Naofa. Thanks to Helen and the committee for their hard work in pushing Camogie in the club, we really have seen the positives this has had across the year, well done!

The Hurling section have also made massive strides at underage. The Summer Hurling week boasted over 130 players each day making it one of the biggest Hurling weeks the club has had. The senior Hurlers have had a brilliant season so far. Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Junior Hurling Championship was postponed to July 2021. They managed to get to the final but were narrowly beat by Balella however it wasn't long until the seniors had another crack at the Championship. In October they have won their first two games and now progress to the semi-finals next week- good luck to the senior hurling management. The Hurling committee recently set up a Halloween Poc Fada event which was held in Moygannon, thanks to Conor Keenan for organising. I'd like to commend the efforts of Paddy and Ben Lock for taking on after school hurling training in St Dallans, its efforts like these that we see helps generate new hurling players into our club. Thanks to Colette Lock, Declan Doyle, Gerry O'Neill and the rest of the Hurling Committee for their help this year.

This year Cumann Pheadair Naofa established an exciting and new initiative called 'GAA for All'. Whilst GAA Clubs provide participation opportunities for all children, irrespective of ability, Warrenpoint's 'GAA for ALL' is a specially tailored, bespoke programme designed for children with additional needs who may not be in a position to take part in a typical team game. The focus of the programme is to assist participants with ball skills (across all GAA codes), exercise and most importantly, fun and inclusion in a safe, child-centred, and friendly environment. Since our launch date at the beginning of July 2021, numbers participating continue to grow each week drawing children and their families not just from Warrenpoint, but from the surrounding areas too. We are very proud to be the first club in Down to start this initiative and there is no doubt that in 2022 that this will grow even more. Thanks to Declan and Helen Carvill for spear heading this idea. Undoubtedly, the success of this bespoke programme is down to the wonderful commitment and dedication from our own volunteer club coaches and Minor ladies' players who help plan, coordinate and deliver the weekly sessions.

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With regards to Handball Declan Doyle is Chair of the County Handball Committee. The pandemic has placed constraints on handball over the past year and we look forward to a new handball season with the promise of greater handball participation in the club.

We are very lucky with the personnel in our local Primary Schools for promoting and coaching our national games - Thanks to Mrs Una Farrell, Principal of St. Dallan's Primary School for her co-operation, Brendan Rice GAA Co-ordinator, St. Dallan's PS Mrs Noreen Kelly and to Brigid Carr the Club/School Liaison Officer who all back up the great work that is being done at juvenile level in the club in all our field sports.

Cumann Pheadair Naofa referees continue to fly the flag and are one of a few clubs who supply referees in all codes. Congratulations to Brendan Rice who refereed his third All Ireland Ladies Senior Football Championship Final at Croke Park. In addition, Brendan officiated this years Down Senior Championship. Well done to Michael Moore who refereed an Ulster Minor Championship earlier in the year. Ben Lock and Oisín Ruane, U17 hurlers, have started a hurling referee's course and hopefully will be completed in 2022. It's great to see that we are building referees for the future and I would like to thank all our referees in the club, without them we will have no games.

I must also note that Ben Lock, one of 37 young Gaels across Ulster to complete the prestigious Ulster GAA Young Leaders Programme 2021 - well done Ben.

2021 was another very busy year in the pitches and facilities. Throughout the season many maintenance issues arise, and we are fortunate to have people on call. Thanks to Paul McKibben, Martin McGreevy and Pat Healy for their help at various times. Particular thanks to all team mentors who tidy up after their games and training sessions. A massive 'thank you' to Gerry Gray for the work he does day and daily to keep Pairc Liam Uí Ír in such excellent condition.

Thanks to Brendan Rice, Social Club Co-ordinator assisted by a hardworking team for the co-ordination of the club bar and the numerous social events that took place in the back yard. With the restrictions easing our social bar flourished. Most Saturday nights the back yard was used for lotto, birthday parties and various events, was great to see our back yard being utilised and our members enjoying themselves again.

In respect of Finance and Fundraising Club Treasurer Shane Lavery ably assisted by Assistant Treasurer Micheal Moore have done an excellent job in ensuring that all financial matters within the club have been managed correctly and efficiently. A club of this size requires a significant amount of finance to meet the requirements of fielding over 30 teams across all codes and the associated costs.

The club lotto grows from strength to strength. Thanks to Brendan Rice for his co-ordination of the club Lotto. We are fortunate to have a very committed team of Lotto sellers who have delivered a record performance over the past twelve months. Thanks to the great Davy Duffy who assists with the weekly Lotto Draw. Thanks also to James Heaney for his co-ordination of the Down Clubs Draw, as a fundraising exercise the Down Clubs Draw

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continues to be one of the most attractive and best options for us to raise funds. Many thanks also to Donal McCormack who meticulously looks after the player injury scheme, his knowledge and expertise in this area is indispensable.

Cumann Pheadair Naofa Communications and ICT was massively important during the lockdown. Our social media platforms were key and our main source for disseminating information and communication during this period and appreciation is expressed to Club PRO Aisling McGivern for the well-co-ordinated, timely, concise and informative posts. Thanks Aisling and Assistant PRO Conor Darcy.

Appreciation is also expressed to our club Registrar Colm Rice and assistant Registrar Hugh Carr who successfully implemented the new Foireann registration system. Foireann will become the new norm in 2022 and hopefully the teething problems will be fixed that registration will be a much easier process for our members.

Thanks to Anne McCormack who has excelled in her first year as the Club Development Officer. Anne represented the club in various online webinars over the past year including 'Club Inclusion by the GAA', 'Engaging volunteers and recruiting' and 'Young Volunteers in Sport'. A lot of work has been done behind the scenes in the review of the current Club Maith process, for example ensuring that the Child Safeguarding Statement is fit for purpose, the club organisational chart and Roll of Honour have been updated, and many more. Anne oversaw the review of over 120 Safeguarding and Child Protection certificates this year ensuring that all our coaches were compliant. This is an important role in our Club and I thank Anne on behalf of our members for her hard work this year. Cumann Pheadair Naofa continue to maintain excellent governance across all sections and all codes.

It can be fair to say that 2021 has finished with a massive high with the news we were all waiting for being announced on the 20th October; full planning permission approved for the Our Vision Project. The proposed development comprises a new practice pitch with goals, ball stops and dugouts, on the former Pony Field, a walking track, amenity areas, internal road, improvements to the existing car park, boundary fencing, a two-storey pavilion incorporating changing rooms, toilets with meeting rooms and improvements to existing entrance to the Rostrevor Road. This project would not have happened if it wasn't for the strong leadership of Feargal McCormack. Feargal has led the way from the start, his commitment and drive has been unbelievable, and we can't thank him enough. Thanks to the Our Vision Focus group members Gerry Gray and Hugh Carr. I'd like to also thank the Our Vision Project Patrons with their exceptional ongoing support, commitment, and generosity. 2022 will be an exciting year as we now look to proceed with the ground works stage of the project.

Finally, I would sincerely like to thank all the members on the Senior Committee over the past year for their constant support and guidance. It has been a huge honour and a privilege to be part of this team. Unfortunately, I am unable to commit to continue in this post as Secretary for 2022, but I have enjoyed the past year and I wish my successor all the best. May we continue to build on the work of 2021 and make 2022 an even better year for the 'Blues'!"

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The Secretary's Report was proposed by Aisling McGivern and seconded by Larry Byrne. Sub sections reports were proposed by Feargal McCormack and seconded by Donal McCormack.

TUARASCAIL AN CHISTEOIRA (TREASURER'S REPORT)

Club Treasurer Shane Lavery presented the Cumann Pheadair Naofa financial statements for the period ending 30 September 2021. The financial statements and commentary on the Cumann Pheadair Naofa accounts were shared on the webinar screen.

OVERVIEW

In reviewing the Income and Expenditure account it is noted that the total income was £231,212 (inclusive of bar sales and rental income) and that excess income over expenditure was £81,761. What appears to be one of our more successful years financially it must be pointed out that the senior committee agreed upon a decision to finance our loans for the OV development through operational funds as well as our existing loan with Bank of Ireland. This means we must cover £3,728 per month in order to breakeven, close to £45k per year profit is needed going forward for us to stay on top of the capital commitments and run operations smoothly. So given the above £81k profit shown in the P&L you will see the major change this has had is in the development fund account which was replenished with operational income to bring it in line with the deferred income already received, and in fact our bank balance dropped by almost £20k on the previous year.

BALANCE SHEET

The income from 'Our Vision' can be seen in the Balance Sheet. The Development Account as at the year end had over £238k with the Deferred Income the same – there is no longer a difference between these as mentioned above, loans are to be repaid through operational funds going forward. Our other fixed assets continue to be carried at a revised balance as at September 2017 with no depreciation as it is believed they are a conservative figure. Stock includes both Merchandise (£3,000) – this includes stock purchased for Christmas orders, and Bar Stock (£4,000). We have maintained a positive bank balance, which is important to keep steady for our operational costs and now the capital commitments as mentioned above, Our debtors include membership from the Foireann platform that was not requested until after the year end. There was also some sponsorship and lotto income due in. From the prior year our prepayment with our bus provider was whittled down and used in total. Creditors include the lotto jackpot at the year end, which stood at a record £5,700. A few other creditors included O'Neills relating to Christmas purchases, and bus services.

PROFIT AND LOSS

Membership continues to rise, and again we recorded a record high of membership uptake. A few factors in this will include the demographics of the town attracting new families towards the club. Our PR on social media and in the local press is excellent and we attract new member this way also. We play games at all codes throughout the club, many more women are involved at all ages in both LGFA and Camogie and the new GAA for All has

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attracted members from different backgrounds. Down draw took a slight dip this year, but continues to be of vital importance to our club and to the county. It is our most significant fundraiser that we do during the year and has been the case many years, many thanks to James Heaney in overseeing the logistics of the down draw sales. Lotto over the past few years has come on in leaps and bounds due to a handful of enthusiastic lotto sellers and helpers. The fact that the lotto jackpot went twice during the course of the last year just shows how well it is performing with net income of almost £46k, we thank our lotto co-ordinator Brendan for his hard work and to all those who help on a regular basis. There were several activities that normally occur in a year that did not happen this year, we would hope these are to return in the coming year which will help us increase our income. These include operation transformation, the annual breakfast, increased use of hall and increased gate receipts for more home games played. Merchandise Sales increased, in line with O'Neills merchandise purchases as seen. Paul McKibbens expertise sees merchandise increasingly becoming another important source of revenue for the club. It is also vital we see the youth and the public wearing our gear around the town and the wider area to attract members and help push our club forward. We thank Paul, ably assisted by a few others, for their huge effort in this area. More Covid grants were received this year, among other small grants. Our reliance on these grants should not be sustained however, and we would expect to see this source of revenue decrease over time, but we will continue to apply for grants that we deem us applicable for in the future. Gift Aid was claimed this year for two periods as we finalised the claim to go hand in hand with OV claims which all went through successfully. We will continue to claim gift aid on a yearly basis on the suitable donations we receive. Player Injury has finally fallen to an acceptable level, some policies were passed in terms of insurance claims and differing physio rules to help keep this cost down and to return our insurance bill to a lower level. Not all player injuries is covered by insurance and quite often these become an expense to the club. Transport has increased as games got under way again this year, we would expect this to increase further but have controls in place to keep the costs down and not to return to similar costs of a few years ago. Games and Development decreased due to a number of factors. The seniors had a shortened campaign unfortunately. We also benefitted from some cost savings with reduced use of St marks meaning no additional hours needed paid for, communications were stream lined and cost effective. They do remain our core activity and we would expect these to be of similar costs going forward. Insurance was up significantly due to the fact we were classified onto the highest band of insurance due to our previous claims in recent years, we have controls in place that will hopefully see this come down over the years. Down County Board gave a 50% reduction on fees across most codes and registrations, we expect this to return to normal levels this year. Bank Charges and Loan Interest are still being covered by operational funds The bar reopened half way during the year and some great functions have been had, it is an important focal point of the club in many ways and would encourage its use as often as we can.

SUMMARY

The decision to cover our loans through operational funding means renewed effort is going to be needed to raise funds through our core activities (membership, down draw, and lotto) but it may be needed that some sort of fundraiser on an annual basis or several smaller ones

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a few times throughout the year will be the focus. The next challenge we face financially will be the procurement of the field, making sure we get the best deal for our members whilst ensuring we can comfortably meet our financial commitments.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Helen Carvill and seconded by Aisling McGivern.

ORAIÐ AN CATHAOIRLEACH (CHAIRMANS ADDRESS)

Club Chairman, Larry Byrne addressed the members outlining his pride in Cumann Pheadair Naofa in these unprecedented times. He noted the strangeness of hosting our AGM virtually and thanked Caroline Preston for her excellent work in acting as Club Webinar.

"It's been a year since our last AGM and the election of a new senior committee, and I don't think I am alone in wishing that we weren't still talking about Covid-19, its impact on our club and wider community. It's still here and it's still going to affect the club's fortunes for a while yet.

But I am bringing up the pandemic first of all simply to highlight the work done by the committee and the Covid-19 Response Team. Colette Lock, Gerry O'Neill, Aisling McGivern, Hugh Carr, Brendan Rice, and Paul McKibben, as well as others who stepped up to do everything from walk dogs to deliver hampers. It's not an exaggeration to say they saved Christmas with the Appeal last year for some of the vulnerable and less well-off in the community, and their tireless work - that's still going on today - goes above and beyond what is expected.

I have always said that the success of Cumann Pheadair Naofa should not just be measured by trophies and results on a playing field: It's playing a role in the community that makes an elite GAA club. And many of you listening today are the reason why Cumann Pheadair Naofa - in my opinion - has a higher standing than ever before. You should all be proud of the difference you have made in unprecedented times.

As we reflect on the last year, I would like to just take a second to pay respects to club members and supporters who have passed away in the last year. In particular, we remember former player and social initiative co-ordinator Michael Carr. May they all rest in peace. Despite the challenges of lockdowns and Covid restrictions, the club ensured that the show went on. In that long winter lockdown, we saw virtual concerts and initiatives like the 'Ulster GAA- Every Step Counts' by the Healthy Club section. The work of our coaches during this time should also be commended. They strove to make sure we weren't idle and fully fit and prepared for the return to action.

The big day came on 12th April, with 'Return to Play'. It was encouraging to see so many youngsters, particularly among the girls' section come out of that long winter to join our club. I think everyone was just happy to see us back with balls and hurls again, but the fact we saw our numbers swell was something I am grateful for.

Once we got back in the swing of things, we picked up from where we left off - delivering some fantastic results on the pitch. The sweetest moment of all, of course, came at 25 past 8 exactly on Friday 3rd September when we saw Ryan Boyle lift the Down ACFL Trophy. It's been a long time coming and we came so close before. But I think the best I can say about it

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is this: It wasn't a surprise. And I think those of you who have worked so hard front and back, and behind the scenes over the years knew that eventually we would get there. It's deserved success for Ryan Boyle (NAME some other players and coaches), but it's also YOUR success.

Right up and down the levels of the club, we have seen progression, success and near misses. Showing the depth of our senior talent, the Senior Reserves reached the Premier Reserve Championship final, narrowly losing out to Kilcoo.

We are also seeing progression in Ladies football. And ten years after the section was founded, I think we can continue to point to a bright future. The Senior Ladies also narrowly missed out on a league title, and they were unlucky in the Championship. But congratulations to all involved for winning the 'B' Championship.

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A month after the Senior Footballers confirmed that the club's present is in good hands, we got more confirmation that our future success is being built. On 20th October, full planning permission was approved for the Our Vision Project. The proposed development comprises a new practice pitch with goals, ball stops and dugouts, on the former Pony Field, a walking track, amenity areas, internal road, improvements to the existing car park, boundary fencing, a two-storey pavilion incorporating changing rooms, toilets with meeting rooms and improvements to existing entrance to the Rostrevor Road. This project would not have happened if it wasn't for the strong leadership of Feargal McCormack. Feargal has led the way from the start, his commitment and drive has been unbelievable, and we can't thank him enough. Thanks to the Our Vision Focus group members Gerry Gray and Hugh Carr. I'd like to also thank the Our Vision Project Patrons with their exceptional ongoing support, commitment, and generosity. 2022 will be an exciting year as we now look to proceed with the ground works stage of the project.

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numbers of people who have steered the club through one of its most difficult times. What we have all faced in the last 20 months or so has been hugely difficult, but you have all met that challenge head on – giving your time, effort, money and patience to keep the club not just afloat, but thriving.

I think it's a sign of our club's health that I probably missed a few people to thank. Apologies for that, but it demonstrates just how many people are putting the effort into building our vision for Cumann Pheadair Naofa. However, I do just want to finish by giving a special mention to Daniel Bird. Daniel is stepping down after a year as Club Secretary. It's a tough – and sometimes, thankless – job, but Daniel has been incredibly hard-working, professional, and diligent in his duties. Thanks to all for a successful year, and let's hope we can build for more success in 2022!"

Club Chairman Larry Byrne welcomed the Committee for 2020/2021 and wished every success.

TOGHAI DH NA nOIFIGÁ (ELECTION OF OFFICERS)

The following were elected:

Cathaoirleach (Chairman) Larry Byrne, Leas Cathaoirleach (Deputy Chairman) Paul McKibben, Runaí (Secretary) Donal McCormack and Leas Runaí (Assistant Secretary) Daniel Bird

Senior Committee to follow up:

Cisteoir (Treasurer) Shane Lavery,
Leas Cisteoir (Assistant Treasurer) Micheal Moore
Claraítheoir (Registrar) Colm Rice
Leas Claraítheoir (Assistant Registrar) Hugh Carr
Oifigeach Chaidreamh Poiblí (PRO) Aisling McGivern
Oifigeach Cultúrtha (Cultural Officer) Carmel McGrath
Oifigeach Forbartha (Development Officer) Anne McCormack
Baill na n-Imreoirí (Players Representative) James Heaney

Baill Eile (Additional Members): Christy Carr, John Daly, Helen Carvill, Conor D'Arcy, Gerry Gray, Colette Lock, Feargal McCormack, Meabh Mc Ardle, Gerry O' Neill, Brendan Rice, Hubert Shannon.

Trustee Eoin Magennis was thanked for conducting the Election of Officers. Club Chairman Larry Byrne welcomed the Committee for 2021/2022 and wished every success.

TAILLE BÁILL (MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2022)

Club registrar Colm Rice proposed that the membership fee for 2022 will not change.

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The proposed registration for fees for 2022 were as follows:

- Infant player (U5)- £40
- Youth player (U7 to U9)- £80
- Youth non player- £40
- GAA for All- £40
- Adult player- £195
- Adult non player- £50
- Family- £140
- Family Plus (includes Down Club Drawn & lotto)- £280

The proposal received 100% endorsement from all present at the AGM.

RUIN (MOTIONS FOR CONGRESS)

There were no motions tabled for the 2021 AGM.

BUANNA EILE (OTHER BUSINESS)

Caroline Preston, PKF-FPM was thanked for her excellent management and overseeing of the virtual AGM webinar which was deemed a tremendous success. Members were thanked for their participation in the second virtual Club AGM. There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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