

CUMANN LÚTH-CHLEAS GAEL

PÁDRAIG PEARSES G.A.A. CLUB



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

Ballymacward Hall, Sunday November 29th



A.G.M. AGENDA

- 1. Opening of Meeting and Adoption of Standing Orders.**
- 2. Secretary's Report.**
- 3. Financial Report.**
- 4. Chairman's Address.**
- 5. Motions.**
- 6. Election of Officers, Members of Executive Committee, & Team Managers.**
- 7. A.O.B.**
- 8. Membership.**

STANDING ORDERS

In order to carry out the meeting without delay the following standing orders will be observed:

1. The proposer of a Resolution or of an amendment thereto may speak for five minutes.
2. A member speaking on a resolution, amendment or report may not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a resolution or an amendment may speak for a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other member can speak a second time on the same resolution or amendment.
4. The Chairman 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 member may, with the consent of the Chairman move "that the question be now put" after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the agenda, except by the consent of a majority equal to two thirds of those present and entitled to vote: i.e. paid and registered members of the club.

SENIOR HURLING PANEL 2015



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members

It is my pleasant duty to present to you a report on the activities of the club for 2015. Looking back on an eventful year we can reflect on some great performances both at Adult and Juvenile levels.

PITCHES/FACILITIES

The final part of the pitch realignment was completed in February and I would like to thank all who helped out both with physical work done and advice given throughout the process. Once again thanks to **Martin Kilkenny** for his work with erecting and maintaining the nets at the back of the goalposts. Thanks to **Gerry Murphy** for his ongoing input into pitch maintenance and clubhouse upkeep. I would also like to thank **Noel Burke** for his input into the upkeep and use management of Gurteen Pitch.

Thanks, to all who used the pitch and facilities during the year, for their co-operation and understanding when space became congested on occasions. Going forward both pitches need to be utilised to the optimum.

JUVENILE COMMITTEE

Thanks to **Dorothy Scarry** Secretary and **Anthony Kenny**, Chairman and Coaching Officer, for their Trojan work at juvenile level throughout the year. Their work ethic and organisational skills were second to none. Together with parents, managers and selectors they ensured that the young players of the club got maximum benefit from their involvement. *Moll an óige agus tiocfaidh siad*. Thanks to the parents for their involvement in getting the juveniles to training and matches and also for their off the pitch support both financially and in providing refreshments as required.

FINANCE

Financially 2015 proved to be a year in which our club finances were eaten into. Both our Lotto jackpots were won in the space of a week in the month of January and immediately weekly income from ticket sales plummeted. The '250 Club' continues to be our main source of income but with increased costs on day to day running it is not enough to cover all expenses. In order to progress at all levels it is essential that the club is able to provide and access facilities required to achieve targets laid out at the beginning of each year. There were a number of fundraisers during the year which the treasurer will go into in more depth in his report.

Our big fundraiser during the year was our Race Night which was held in Ruane's Glentane on November 7th. It proved to be a resounding success. Thanks to all who sold horses and helped get in sponsorship. Thanks to all who sponsored races and all who attended on the night.

Club membership fees have been maintained the lowest level for many years. Following lengthy discussion at Executive Committee level it was decided that there should be an increase in fees and therefore we are putting a motion before you which I urge you to support.

Thanks to our Treasurer **Shane Ruane** for his professionalism throughout the year in looking after the finances of the club. He has been meticulous in keeping the books balanced and ensures that the weekly Lotto Draws are conducted in a professional manner. Thanks also to all committee members who collect tickets weekly at the various venues and assist at the draws. Thanks to all the publicans who facilitate and promote the Lotto throughout the year.



Oisín Flannery in U15 B1 Final v Ballinasloe in Duggan Park

SENIOR HURLING TEAM

Having retained Senior status for 2015 the senior panel and their new management team, of **Martin Tierney, Tom Kenny** and **Martin Campbell** along with Trainer **Kevin Molloy** began training in early January. Huge commitment and dedication was given by all to ensure that the team's potential was reached. In the league we lost to Tynagh/Abbey-Duniry and Kilnadeema/Leitrim, beat Killimordaly and drew with Portumna.

The championship draw saw us in the group with Clarinbridge, Ardahan, Gort, Athenry and Kiltormer. In the first two games of the championship we had great wins over Clarinbridge and Ardahan and following an eight week break we were defeated by Gort. Then there was an eleven week break before meeting Athenry and Kiltormer in the final group games. Good wins in both set up a Quarter Final meeting with neighbours Sarsfields on the 11th October. However a semi final place was not to be and Sarsfields went on to win the Semi and contest the Final. Thanks to Management and Players for all their efforts throughout a long and protracted championship season.

JUNIOR 'B' HURLING

Many of the Junior B panel put the same time and effort into training as the senior players, which is imperative if we are to succeed at both levels. In the league we wins over Meelick-Eyrecourt and Ahascragh/Fohenagh and got a W/O from Killimor. We had wins in the championship over Killimor and Kilconieron but with a number of players being used at senior level we had defeats to Kinvara, Mountbellew/Moylough, Cappataggle and Tynagh/Abbey-Duniry. Thanks again to aforementioned Senior management.

JUNIOR 'C' HURLING

Our Junior 'C' played a total seven games and qualified for a Shield semi final which was postponed on number of occasions and due to the recent deterioration in weather conditions management felt it prudent not to play taking into consideration matters of Health and Safety. Thanks to management team of **Noel Burke, Adrian Queeney** and **Niall Murray** for their input throughout the year.

U-21 HURLING

Our U-21's got a walkover from Cois Fharraige in their first match and were beaten in their second game by Killimordaly. Thanks to Manager **Sean Hardiman** and his selectors **Shane Raftery, Kerrill Hardiman** and **Cormac Ward**.

MINOR HURLING

Our Minor hurlers played three games in the championship losing to Abbeyknockmoy, Michael Cusacks and Cappataggle. Well done to **Manager Anthony Kenny** and his selectors **Padraig Byrnes** and **Paul Scarry** for the work put into this small group of young players.

U-8 HURLING

The U8s/U6s had five Go Games and they had close on twenty training sessions in 2015 commencing in March and ending in October. Thanks to Manager **Paul Hogan**, assisted by **Micheál Kelly, Dermot Lydon** and **Larry Hillary**.

U-10 HURLING

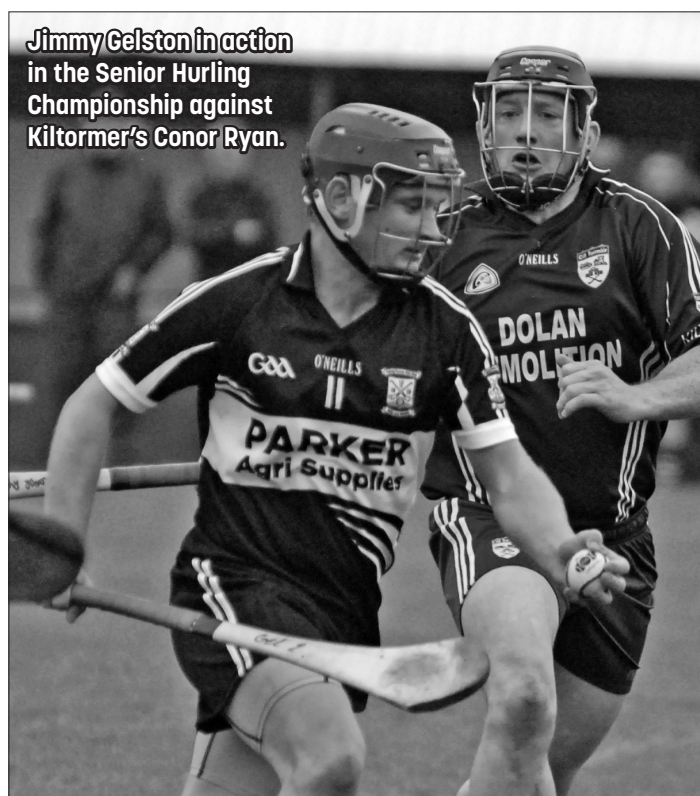
The U10s did very well this year in the East Galway League winning all their games and reaching the final. They were defeated by Meelick-Eyrecourt in extra time in Cappataggle. The U10s went on to compete and win all their games in the annual Garda Tournament in Mountbellew in late September. It wrapped up the successful year for our U10s. Thanks to **Martin Scarry, Eddie Mitchell, Sean O'Neill** and **Micheál Kelly** for all their work with this group

U-10/U8 FOOTBALL

U10s, U8s were introduced to football as part of our training sessions this year, with emphasis on basic skills. Games were played against Mountbellew and Ballinasloe with the players enjoying it. The U10s took part in the Gertie Kelly Tournament in Kilconnell in September, playing five games and giving a good account of themselves. Thanks to Manager **Adrian Queeney** along with hurling mentors for their input.

U-12 HURLING

The U12s competed in the new style U12 championship with great success winning five games along the way reaching the Group 6 County Final to be defeated by a strong Ballygar side. Thanks to the Management Team of **Eddie Mitchell, Martin Scarry, Sean O'Neill** and **Niall Skehill** for all their work with this team



Jimmy Gelston in action in the Senior Hurling Championship against Kiltormer's Conor Ryan.

All-Ireland Féile Panel 2015



U-14 HURLING

Our U14s showed their continued hunger for success by remaining undefeated against Michael Cusacks, Leitrim Kilnadeema, Mullagh, Ahascragh/Fohenagh, Kiltormer, Sylane and Killimor. They beat Killimor in the semi final to reach the final against Michael Cusacks in Ballinalsoe. They made easy work of their U14 title winning well after a tight first half against a strong Michael Cusack's team.

It was the club's first year competing in the Justin Cheever's Cup. Our U14s under their committed manager **Mick Carr** and his mentors **Des McCabe**, **Declan Moran** and **Anthony Kenny** remained undefeated throughout the weekend winning their group games against Gort, Kiltormer and Liam Mellows, semi final against Ballygar in Craughwell and finally beating Kilconieron in the Justin Cheevers Cup Final in Athenry thus qualifying for Féile na nGael in Antrim. Loughgiel were our Host Club for Féile and their welcome and hospitality throughout the weekend will live long in the minds of all who travelled.

We defeated Brigids of Dublin and McQuillans of Ballycastle and lost to Loughgiel in the group stages and therefore qualified for the quarter final against Harps from Laois. Our playing weekend was to end that afternoon as Harps overcame our lads and went on to contest the Division 1 semi final.

U-14 FOOTBALL

In the League our U14 team were undefeated meeting Clonbur, Menlough, Kilconly and Cortoon along the way and completed their success by winning the U14 League final against Kilconly on a cold wet evening in Corofin. These young footballers were beaten by Cortoon Shamrocks in the quarter final in the U14 Championship. We competed in

the U14 Football Féile for the first time in 2015 and qualified out of the group and reach the Féile Final in Tuam Stadium. Unfortunately we were beaten in extra time and in sudden death by Kilconly. Thanks to Manager **Des McCabe** and Selectors **Mike Carr** and **Declan Moran** for their input.

U-15 HURLING

Success continued under **Mick Carr** and his management team. After beating Mullagh and Sarsfields and losing to Ballinasloe in the group stages, they beat Carnmore in the semi-final and were victorious in the final against Ballinasloe on a cold October evening.

U-15 FOOTBALL

Our U15's are still competing in the League. They have beaten Kinvara, Caltra, Killarerin and Headford so far and these young lads are looking likely to reach yet another final in 2015. Thanks, once again, to Manager **Des McCabe** and mentors **Mike Carr** and **Declan Moran**.

U-16 HURLING

After an initial loss to Skehana, our U16's went on to defeat Ballinasloe, Sarsfields and Ballinderreen to compete and win the quarter final against Michael Breathnach's. They were however beaten in the semi-final by St Thomas'. Thanks to **Mike Carr**, **Des McCabe** and **Declan Moran** for their work with this team.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

After an opening league win away to 2014 championship winners Meelick-Eyrecourt our junior footballers proceeded to go undefeated in the league before proceeding to the knockout stages setting up a semi final against Milltown. (Not played at time of going to print).

In the championship Mountbellew/Moylough proved too strong in the North Board quarter final played in Kilconnell and so dumped our footballers out of championship contention at the first hurl. While disappointing on the day a number of footballers made their championship debuts which will stand to them in 2016 no doubt.

Overall while getting knocked out in the first championship game our footballers can take satisfaction out of our strong league run playing with minimal numbers at all stages. Other positive points include the introduction of a number of new players in 2015 along with a few more making a welcome return to football after time away.

Many thanks to **Adrian Queeney, James Clancy and Noel Burke** for their work throughout the year. Special thanks to **Leo Morrissey** for looking after the administration end of all football affairs.

CLUB PLAYERS AT COUNTY

Congratulations to, **Ronan Flannery** at U15, **Dean Reilly** and **Oisin Flannery** in the Tony Forristal, **Jack Barrett** in the Sonny Walsh, **Ronan O'Neill** at U-17 and **Cyril Donnellan** at Senior.

SPONSORSHIP

To our many sponsors throughout the year at both Adult and Juvenile level we are extremely grateful and appreciate your contributions. To our main team sponsors **Parker Agri Supplies** at senior and **Bobby Hynes & Sons Agri** at juvenile we say thank you. We wish also to acknowledge **Ballymacward Hall Committee** for their generous support throughout the year.

CAMOGIE

Thanks to all managers and players for their co-operation during the year and best wishes in 2016. Congratulations to **Niamh Kilkenny** on getting an All-Star award.

SCHOOLS

Thanks to all the teachers in the various schools locally for their continued work in promoting our games and facilitating the Coaching Programmes into the schools.

GENERAL

I would like, on behalf of the club, to express our deepest sympathy to all our members who suffered bereavements during 2015. Congratulations to all who got married and to all who had new arrivals.

I wish acknowledge the co-operation we received from Hurling, Football and County officials throughout the year. Thanks to all Referees, Match Officials, Groundsmen and Stewards throughout the county. Thanks to our Delegates **Tom O'Grady** (County), **John O'Grady** (Hurling) and **Noel Burke** (Football).

Thanks to **Margaret Kilkenny, Martin Campbell, Helen Raftery** and **Eoghan Barrett** for their Medical assistance throughout the year.

Thanks to all the "Mammies", **The Hall Committee, Ruane's Glentane** and all who helped with refreshments after Challenge Games and Training Sessions.

Thanks to **Mary Bellew** for washing the adult jerseys throughout the year and to all who looked after the various Juvenile jerseys.

Thanks to our **Executive Committee** and various sub-committees, who attended meetings, often at short notice, for their contributions and help throughout the year ensuring the smooth running of club affairs.

A special word of thanks to all Players from Juvenile to Senior for their commitment to the club throughout the year both on and off the pitch. Also thanks to Parents, Wives and Partners for sacrifices made in pursuit of our ambitions.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow officers for their huge input into the day to day running of the club.

At Juvenile level I must single out our Secretary **Dorothy Scarry** for her passion in promoting all things at juvenile level. From attending juvenile meetings, making sure Pearses are well represented, to arranging all activities from U6 to U16, she carries out all her duties with enthusiasm and zest. Thank you Dorothy.

Thanks to my Assistant Secretary **Leo Morrissey** who looked after the administration of the Football side of the club. He was also Insurance Officer and he took care of all financial issues in relation to injury claims by players.

Thanks to **David Cunniffe** who has brought professionalism to the PRO's position that will never be surpassed. From underage to senior he has detailed reports and photos of the big matches, club functions etc. up on the club website as soon as they happen, keeping all our supporters throughout the world up to date with all activities, including weekly Lotto results. Thanks also for designing the various banners throughout the year for putting this report together.

Shane Ruane continues to bring his financial expertise to his role as Treasurer making sure that all monies, coming in and going out, are accounted for in an efficient and transparent manner, as reflected in his Treasurer's Report. Together with his assistant **Oliver Laheen** they continue to run the weekly lotto in a smooth, well organised manner.

Last but not least I want to thank our Chairman **Tom O'Grady** for his continued leadership, integrity and commitment to the ongoing growth of Padraig Pearses GAA Club. He has given, for many years and continues to give his true and honest opinion in achieving these goals.

2016 CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS

2015 Club Role	2015 Name	Nominations for 2016
Chairman	Tom O'Grady	Tom O'Grady
Vice-Chairman	Tomás Kenny	Tomás Kenny Adrian Queeney Tom Kenny Martin Campbell
Secretary	Martin Bellew	Martin Bellew
Assistant Secretary	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey Paul Bellew Martin Campbell
Treasurer	Shane Ruane	Shane Ruane
Assistant Treasurer	Oliver Laheen	Oliver Laheen Paul Bellew David Gilligan
Juvenile Chairman	Anthony Kenny	Anthony Kenny
Juvenile Secretary	Dorothy Scarry	Dorothy Scarry
PRO/Webmaster	David Cuniffe	David Cuniffe
Coaching Officer	Anthony Kenny	Anthony Kenny Martin Scarry
Oifigeach na Gaeilge	Doireann Úi Scarraigh	Doireann Úi Scarraigh
Health & Wellbeing Officer	Cyril Donnellan	Cyril Donnellan
Scór Officers	Sinéad Kilkenny/Ann Ward	Sinéad Kilkenny Ann Ward John Raftery
Children's Officer	Eoghan Barrett	Eoghan Barrett Martin Scarry
Hurling Committe Delegate	John O'Grady	John O'Grady
Football Committee Delegate	Noel Burke (Not seeking re-election)	Leo Morrissey
Insurance Officer	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey Paul Bellew Cormac Ward
Registrar	Martin Bellew	Martin Bellew Martin Campbell

MOTION

The Executive Committee proposes: Adult player's membership be set at €50. This applies to all players that are 18 years and over who will be playing in the adult grades of hurling and football. For 2016 this covers Senior, Junior B and Junior C. Non playing Adult membership to remain at €20. Juvenile membership (17 years and under) be set at €20. Where there are three or more juvenile members in a family the membership will be capped at €50. *Please note. Players that are members of the '250 Club' must pay an additional €30 before the registration deadline in 2016



U14 Football League Champions

Captain Shane Hynes accepts the Cup from Pádraig Coyne (Coiste Peil na nÓg)



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U15 B1 HURLING CHAMPIONS 2015



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