

CUMANN LÚTH-CHLEAS GAEIL

PÁDRAIG PEARSES G.A.A. CLUB



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Ballymacward Hall, Sunday November 27th



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.

SENIOR HURLING PANEL 2016



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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Once again it is my pleasant duty to present to you a report on club activities in this historic year of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the club. On review it was a very busy year both on and off the pitch.

SENIOR HURLING

Once again the Senior Team was managed by **Martin Tierney** and his selectors **Tom Kenny**, **Martin Campbell** and **Anthony Kenny** with **Kevin Molloy** the Trainer. Group training began early in January with players anxious to improve on last year's performance.

In the league group games we played three games losing to Castlegar and beating Kiltormer and Carnmore all of which were played off in one week from the 12th to the 17th March!! We narrowly missed out in going through on score difference.

In the Championship we were grouped with Portumna, Craughwell, Cappataggle, Ardahan and Liam Mellows.

We got off to a good start beating Ardahan in the first round but defeats to Craughwell and Liam Mellows and Portumna followed. We defeated Cappataggle in the last match to qualify for the Preliminary Quarter-Final where we were beaten by Tommy Larkins.

Thanks to Management for their professional approach all year and to all the players who made the commitment in their efforts towards achieving the panels' potential.



Ronan O'Neill in
Minor Championship
action v Portumna



Mike Denver
performing
at our 50th
Celebrations

JUNIOR 'B' HURLING.

In Junior B we were grouped with Ballinderreen, Craughwell, Oranmore-Maree, Menlo Emmetts, and Moycullen, losing only one group game. We beat Mountbellew/Moylough in the Quarter-Final and Killimordaly in the semi-final after a replay. We were beaten by Kinvara in the final. Thanks again to Senior Management and **Johnny Mullins** who also helped with this panel.

U-21 HURLING

We were grouped with Kinvara, Abbeyknockmoy, Ballindereen, and Kiltormer. We beat Kiltormer in the first game and were beaten by Kinvara, who topped the group. Thanks to Senior Management who also managed this panel.

MINOR HURLING

The Minors were grouped with Cappataggle, Portumna, St. Thomas' and Carnmore, qualifying for the semi-final where they were narrowly beaten by Craughwell. Thanks to Manager **Cormac Ward** and selectors **John Raftery** and **Ronan Bellew**.

JUNIOR 'C' FOOTBALL

Our Junior footballers beat Claregalway in the North Board Quarter-Final, defeated Glenamaddy after a replay in the North Semi-Final and beat Oranmore-Maree in North Board Final. They went on to beat Naomh Anna Leitir Móir in the County Final.

They had a great run in the league also. They were in a group of ten which they topped to reach the final against Claregalway which, at time of printing, has not been played

Well done to Manager **Adrian Queeney**, and his selectors **James Clancy** and **Noel Burke**. Thanks also to **Leo Morrissey** who looked after the administrative side of all things football throughout the year.

JUVENILE COMMITTEE

Once again thanks to **Dorothy Scarry**, Juvenile Secretary, and **Anthony Kenny** Juvenile Chairman for their tireless efforts at juvenile level. Thanks to **Martin Scarry** for his work as Coaching Officer. Thanks all who helped with juvenile teams. Thanks to all the parents for their co-operation and support throughout the year.



JUVENILE REPORT 2016

(Courtesy of Dorothy Scarry, Juvenile Secretary)

HURLING

A total of 12 U6's and 23 U8's this year came to training on Sunday morning from February to October. Several games were played against local teams throughout the summer ending with a 5 game blitz for the U8's at the Connacht Centre of Excellence in Began. The lads played excellently in all games winning the majority of them.

Our U10s played 10 games throughout the year starting with a trip away to Na Piarasigh in Limerick and also ending their playing year with a tournament in Began Mayo. They had an excellent year remaining unbeaten throughout.

Our U12s won six games and drew one out of eight group matches to reach the semi- final against Abbeyknockmoy who won the match in extra time. This was an excellent run by a very young but determined team.

The U13s played in a number of highly entertaining and closely fought matches in Gurteen pitch where they qualified for the semi- final playing Meelick-Eyrecourt and were victorious. The U13s went on win the B1 final against Cois Fharraige. This team played excellent hurling throughout the year and were deserving champions.

The U14s won three and drew one out of their 5 group games and reached the U14C Quarter-Final where they defeated Annaghdown. The U14s were defeated by Sylane in the semi-final. The Féile competition was held in Tuam this year. The U14s played excellent hurling and were victorious against St. Thomas's, Tuam and Abbeyknockmoy and only losing out to Portumna by a point. Portumna went on to win the group.

The U15s Championship ran in Sept/Oct. They won their group which included Kilconieron, Cappataggle & Tynagh Abbey- Duniry and followed this by a big Semi-Final win over Ballygar before losing to Loughrea in the B County final.

The U16s played and were successful against Ballinasloe, Oranmore-Maree, Tommy Larkins, Ragoon- Newcastle and

Kilconieron in their group games losing only to Ardrahan. The 16s beat Michael Cusacks in the semi -final and lost the County B final to Ardrahan.

FOOTBALL

A very young U12s team took their first foray in competitive football playing Oranmore-Maree, Kinvara and Headford. They showed great skill and enthusiasm losing narrowly in their games. The U16s were successful against Clarinbridge, St James and Loughrea and losing to Headford and Oranmore-Maree in the Division 2C league.

Thanks to a committed and dedicated club executive for their help throughout the year. Thanks to all parents for their continued support. A special thanks also to the juvenile mentors who give so much of their time coaching our youth: **Michael Carr, Des McCabe, Declan Moran, John Mullins, Michael Kelly, Paul Hogan, Adrian Queeney, Paul Feeney, Dermot Lydon, Niall Barrett, Martin Scarry, Eddie Mitchell, Niall Skehill, Larry Hillary, Sean O'Neill and Sean Moran** for their efforts and dedication throughout the year. Thanks also to the parents who have helped out on many mornings. A special note of thanks to **Noel Burke** for keeping Gurteen pitch in such good condition.

CLUB-SCHOOL LIAISON

As has become an annual practice in the club, sports equipment was given to the schools in the parish during the year. It was gratefully accepted by the school principals. Also as part of the promotion of the Irish language in the club, 20 specially designed Irish language PE display signs were sent to the local national schools. Part of the promotion of our club's 50th birthday celebration was a poetry and art competition which was held for all juveniles in the club attending local schools. Many thanks to the teachers in both Ballymacward N.S. and Gurteen N.S. for taking it on board with such enthusiasm and flare. Certificates of participation were given to all children and prizes given to the winners on the 23rd of February at the club birthday celebration in Ballymacward Hall. Thanks to Ballymacward Hall Committee for making the club available for many juvenile events during the year.



Galway Team for Inaugural
Fr Nick Murray Memorial Cup

SCÓR NA NÓG

Scór na nÓg was held in the Raheen Woods last December. Pádraig Pearses were represented at it by a talented troop of dancers, musicians and a promising young quiz team. Scór Sinsir was also held in Athenry and Pádraig Pearses were victorious in the ballad group section and runners up in the quiz in February. The ballad group went on to represent Galway in the Connacht Scór.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATIONS

Our annual end of year presentation was held last weekend in Ballymacward Hall. **Cyril Donnellan** presented county medals to the U13s, U15s and U16s and certificates of participation to the U6s, U8s and U10s. Thanks to the parents who assisted in preparing the hall and making and serving refreshments.

PITCHES

Thanks to **Liz and Galway Rural Development** for all their support during the year especially during preparation for The Big Weekend. Thanks to **Seamus Geraghty** for pitch and clubhouse maintenance throughout the year.

The pitch was treated for weeds early on in the year and as a result the surface has improved immensely. Thanks to **Noel Burke** for all his work in looking after Gurteen pitch.

CLUB 50th CELEBRATIONS /1916 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Thanks to the sub committee set up in August 2015 to organise the programme of events to celebrate both the 50th anniversary of the founding of the club and the 1916 celebrations. All the events from Comórtas na nÓg in January to the "Big Weekend" in May were a resounding success due in no small way to trojan work carried out by so many volunteers.

CLUB PLAYERS AT COUNTY

Well done to all who represented the club at County level: **Cyril Donnellan** at senior, **Ronan Bellew** at U-21, **Ronan O'Neill** at minor, **Conor Fahy** at U17, **Ronan Flannery** at U16, **Oisín Flannery**, **Dean Reilly**, **Jack Barrett** at U15, **Darragh McCabe** and **Mark Hennelly** at U14

SPONSORSHIP

Thanks to our main team sponsors **Parker Agri Supplies** at senior and **Bobby Hynes & Sons Agri** at juvenile.

Thanks to **Ballymacward Hall Committee** for their generous financial support and their continued co-operation in making the hall available as required throughout the year.

As part of the 1916 celebrations we were invited by **Na Piarasigh of Limerick** to play them at U10, U13 and Senior. We travelled to Limerick on Saturday 27th February and an enjoyable day was had by all.

Also as part of the 1916 Celebrations we played in a football tournament, under 1916 rules, organised by **Mellows College** Athenry as part of their weekend celebrations.

We also hosted Brothers Pearse GAA club from Huddersfield in August, as part of their 1916 Celebrations, and played them in a football game in Ballymacward. I would like to thank **Ollie Walsh** Secretary Brothers Pearse for his input.

As part of our own 50th Celebrations we hosted Galway v Wexford in Senior Hurling for the inaugural **Fr Nicholas Murray Cup**, which was won by Galway with a number of our own club players taking part.

Thanks to all who sponsored the many events during our celebrations and to all who sponsored our fundraising events also.



Pearses and Co. Board Officials, Referee, Galway and Wexford Managers and Captains before the inaugural Fr Nick Murray Cup.

Tomás Flannery in Senior
Championship action against
Gareth Heagney (Portumna)



CAMOGIE

Thanks to Pearses Camogie Club for their co-operation during the year.

SCHOOLS

Thanks to all who promote our games in both national and secondary schools locally.

FINANCE

Going forward in 2017 the club faces very challenging times financially. There will need to be more fundraising done just to cover day to day running costs.

The Lotto remains our main source of income but needs to be promoted better to get maximum benefit from it.

We ran a Race Night again recently and it was very disappointing the support received from those getting maximum benefit from the club. With a little effort we could easily have doubled the income from the night.

GENERAL

I would like, on behalf of the club, to express our sympathies to all our members who suffered bereavements during 2016

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 **Paul Bellew** (County), **John O'Grady** (Hurling), and **Leo Morrissey** (Football).

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

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.

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.

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

Thanks to **David Cuniffe** who continues to bring reports of all club activities to all on social media. From underage to senior he has detailed reports and photos of all the big games, club functions etc. up on the club website as soon as they happen, keeping all our supporters at home and throughout the world up to date with all activities, including weekly Lotto results.

Thanks to **Shane Ruane** in his role as Treasurer, especially in the running of the weekly Lotto at the various venues, for collecting envelopes, and distributing posters.

Last but not least I want to thank our Chairman **Tom O'Grady** for his many years of service to the club and wish him well in the future.

2017 CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS

2016 CLUB ROLE	2016 NAME	NOMINATIONS FOR 2017
Chairman	Tom O'Grady	Tom Kenny, Anthony Kenny, Adrian Queeney
Vice-Chairman	Adrian Queeney	Adrian Queeney, Micheál Kelly, Tom Kenny, Martin Scarry, Martin Bellew, Tom O'Grady, Martin Tierney, Eddie Mitchell.
Secretary	Martin Bellew	Leo Morrissey, Paul Bellew, Martin Scarry, Martin Campbell, Martin Bellew
Assistant Secretary	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey, Tomás Kenny, Paul Bellew, Sinéad Kilkenny, John Lally
Treasurer	Shane Ruane	Shane Ruane, Paul Bellew, Adrian Queeney, John O'Grady
Assistant Treasurer	Paul Bellew	Paul Bellew, Shane Ruane, Paul Scarry, Oliver Laheen, Leo Morrissey, Seán O'Neill
Juvenile Chairman	Anthony Kenny	Anthony Kenny, Tom O'Grady, Noel Burke
Juvenile Secretary	Dorothy Scarry	Dorothy Scarry, Paul Bellew
PRO	David Cuniffe	David Cuniffe
Coaching Officer	Martin Scarry	Martin Scarry, Cormac Ward, Anthony Kenny
Oifigeach na Gaeilge	Doireann Úi Scarraigh	Dorothy Scarry
Health & Wellbeing Officer	Cyril Donnellan	Cyril Donnellan
Scór Officers	Sinéad Kilkenny, Ann Ward, John Raftery	Sinéad Kilkenny, Dorothy Scarry, John Raftery
Children's Officer	Eoghan Barrett	
Hurling Committee Delegate	John O'Grady	John O'Grady, Martin Tierney
Football Committee Delegate	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey, Noel Burke, John Lally
Insurance Officer	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey, Martin Tierney Paul Bellew, John Lally
Registrar	Martin Bellew	Secretary, Martin Bellew, Leo Morrissey, Tom O'Grady, Eddie Mitchell, John O'Grady, Tomás Kenny, Martin Scarry, John Lally

MOTIONS

1. That Oifigeach na Gaeilge and Scór Officer is merged into one role, as per GAA Handbook. **(Dorothy Scarry)**

2. That Pádraig Pearses GAA Club make an annual contribution, to Ballymacward & Gurteen National Schools and also St Cuan's and Holy Rosary College, of Hurleys, Sliotars and Footballs. **(Michael Bodkin)**

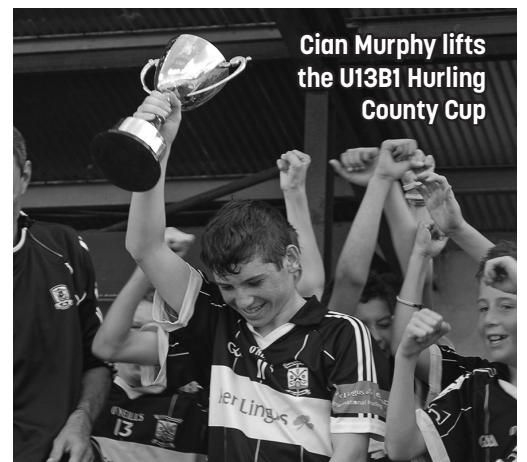
U13 B1 HURLING CHAMPIONS 2016



Cyril Donnellan in Senior Championship action against Joe O'Leary (Ardrahan)



1916 Football Re-enactment @ Teagasc, Athenry



Cian Murphy lifts the U13B1 Hurling County Cup