

Pádraig Pearses GAA Club



Mór mo Ghloir

Padraig Pearses G.A.A. Club Annual General Meeting 2018

CUMANN LÚTH-CHLEAS GAEL



Sunday, November 25th • Ballymacward Hall



AGM Agenda

- 1. Adoption of Standing Orders.**
- 2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.**
- 3. Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.**
- 4. Consideration of the Financial Statements**
- 5. The Chairperson's Address.**
- 6. Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.**
- 7. Notices of Motions and Any Other Business.**

Standing Orders

- 1. The proposer of a Motion or Resolution or an Amendment thereof may speak for 5 minutes, but no more than 5 minutes.**
- 2. A member speaking to an Amendment or Motion or Resolution must not exceed 3 minutes.**
- 3. The proposer of an Amendment or Resolution may speak for a second time for 3 minutes before a vote is taken but no other member may speak a second time to the same Amendment, Motion or Resolution.**
- 4. The Chairperson may at any time when it is felt a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer for a reply and when it is given a vote must be taken.**
- 5. A Member 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. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter on the agenda, except by the consent of the majority equal to two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.**

Secretary's Report

A chara,

Ba mhaith liom an tuairisc rúnaí a thabhairt duit le haghaidh an bhliain 2018.

SENIOR HURLING

The year started in early January for our senior hurlers under new manager Shane Cusack from Loughrea and his selectors John Raftery, Paul Scarry, David Kelly, Padraig Byrnes, Padraic Raftery and David Gilligan (in the early part of the season). They played 6 challenge matches in the lead up to their first championship game. In early April, they played Ardrahan and won by four points, followed by a defeat in the second game against Athenry. A break in championship followed until the end of June and in the interim they played several league games and challenge games. The championship resumed leading to wins against both Abbeyknockmoy and Moycullen. This set up a winner take all game with Tynagh/Abbey-Duniry where the lads came up short by four points. As a result of this they had to play Clarinbridge in the Senior crossplay the following Sunday. There were three shots to win the game at the end of normal time but unfortunately nothing converted. Ultimately the lads went down by 5 points in extra time. At the time of writing the senior hurlers also have a league final still to play against Cappataggle by virtue of going undefeated throughout their league campaign. The season promised a lot but ultimately the two big championship games determined our final standing. Thanks to the players and their management team for their commitment attitude and application throughout the season.





JUNIOR 'A' FOOTBALL

Our Junior A footballers began their year playing in the Division 7 football league. They went through this full league campaign only suffering one defeat to Tuam Stars. It culminated in a league final versus Menlough. The lads came out on top in what proved to be a tough battle and as a result they will play Division 6 football next year. After this they then went on to play in the North-board Championship in the Junior A Division. They played and won their three group games versus Dunmore McHales, Glinsk and Athenry, which earned them a semi-final place against Monivea which they won by 5 points. The met and defeated Corofin in the North-board Championship final. They were two well matched teams but the lads won easily in extra time. This guaranteed our Junior A footballers' promotion to the Junior Championship for next year. Fr Griffins/Éire Óg winners of the West-board Championship were to be their opponents in the county final. This final took place in Duggan Park on Friday the 26th October under lights but unfortunately Fr Griffins/ Éire Óg came out on top on the night. It was a disappointing end to an otherwise successful year however the footballers' goals to get promoted in both league and championship were achieved. Many thanks to their manager James Clancy and selectors Noel Burke and Padraig Hillary.

JUNIOR 'B' HURLING

Our Junior B team finished second in their championship group following a win over Annaghdown a draw with Ahascragh-Fohenagh and a loss to Portumna while Kiltormer conceded the points. This qualified them for the Preliminary Quarter Final which they lost by 2 points to eventual champions Ballinderreen. Thanks to the Junior B team and their management team of Paul Scarry, Adrian Queeney, Pádraig Byrnes and John Raftery for their efforts throughout the year.

U-21 HURLING

The Under 21 championship commenced in late October with a home game which didn't go our way against Annaghdown. The U21s are due to play Skehana-Mountbellew-Moylough in the coming week in their next group game. Thanks to Adrian Queeney, Pádraig Byrnes and Paul Scarry for working with this age group.

MINOR HURLING

The minors were challenged with numbers during the year at training and for key games. Despite this they got to the quarter final stages where they were defeated by St Thomas'. Thanks to Ian Murphy, Colm Raftery and Enda Cuniffe for putting in their time and commitment into these young players.

UNDERAGE TEAMS

Our Under 16 panel performed with great heart and managed with limited numbers to reach a shield final losing out to Portumna.

The Under 15s started off on Tuesday the 7th of August with a development tournament in Loughgeorge. They beat Michael Cusack's and Loughrea before losing to Castlegar in the final game. They started off their championship against Ardahan. After a titanic battle they were on the losing side in a game which no one deserved to lose. Abbeyknockmoy were next up and eventually pulled away in the second half to win by five. They were defeated by a strong Kilconieron team in the final group game and ended up in the shield which they lost out to Michael Cusack's.

The Under 14s had a busy year starting with the county u 14 championships losing in the final to a strong Abbeyknockmoy outfit. The club hosted the annual county Féile at the pitch in April where we competed with Ballygar, Skehana, Portumna and Killimor. Killimor were by far the strongest team at the pitch that day and progressed on well in the county Féile weekend. The national Féile was held across Connacht clubs this year and we were paired with Tuam, Na Fianna, Laois and Patrick Sarsfields from Belfast. The club hosted the latter and new cross-border friendships were forged with the lads and their families from Belfast. Our U14s lost in the semi-final stages of the All-Ireland Féile to Roscommon Gaels after a great tussle. A great and busy weekend was had by all. Thank you to all the families who hosted children during the Féile weekend. Our Under 13s had another successful year and this group built on their U12 title gained in 2017 to play at the B grade this year. There were memorable matches played, particularly the semi-final and replay against Moycullen. The U13s were victorious in the U13 final over Ballinderreen on August 11th.

It was a very successful year for the under 12 hurlers who as group winners in September met and beat

Ballinderreen in the Under 12 Final on a score line of 4-6 to 2-2. On the lead up to the final our under 12s had played a total of 8 games winning all games convincingly. Games played and won included both championship and challenge beating teams well above their division including groups 1, 2 and 3. The year was a huge success also for this cohort of players in Under 12 football with great numbers turning out for all the games and a huge effort shown. The lads had silverware to show for it as well, and thankfully claimed the shield after beating Craughwell in Ballymacward on a score line of 4-7 to 1-9. Overall the under 12 footballers had 9 games winning 7 and losing only 2. The most notable of the wins was when they beat a Corofin team, in Corofin, after a huge comeback in the second half. The future will no doubt be bright for this young team in both codes as they progress through their age groups.

Our Under 10 s had another great year in 2018. A panel of 25 very eager young players played exceptionally well throughout the year winning the vast majority of their games. Thanks to all the parents for all their support and especially for the support and attendance of all players at training and matches from March to October. Our Under 8s played twelve games and our Under 6s played four games during the year with great progress and potential being made. A lot of skill has been developed during the year. Great credit has to go to the parents for their encouragement and support.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to our coaches and mentors who continuously volunteer their time and effort into developing the skills and team-play of our young hurlers and footballers. There are many crossovers with coaches and selectors across our underage teams. As a result some of the following men have given their time to 3 or 4 underage teams in Pearse's this year (you know who you are and thank you). Thank you to **Tony Walsh, Niall Skehill, Martin Scarry, Eddie Mitchell, Declan Lawless, Sean O'Neill, Larry Hillary, Kevin Ryan, Micheal Kelly, Paul Hogan, Dermot Lydon, Gary Lally, John Lally, Adrian Queeney, Niall Barrett, Anthony Kenny, Johnny Barrett, Aidan Kilkenny and Pádraig Hillary.**

END OF YEAR JUVENILE CELEBRATIONS

The juvenile end of year celebration for 2018 will be held in Ballymacward Hall on Sunday, December 2nd at 6pm. It is an evening where we celebrate our very youngest player to the oldest and their coaches and parents. This year we have the honour of having the Galway Minor winning manager Jeffrey Lynskey and players as our special guests, three of whom we are so proud to call our own. All members and the community are encouraged to attend the hall on this evening to mark a great year for our juvenile side of the club.



CÚL CAMP

Cúl Camp was held from July 9th to 13th at the pitch and was attended by 119 children. These great numbers meant that County Coaching and Games had to organise an extra coach for the week for Ballymacward which to the delight of the children turned out to be our own Ronan Flannery. Fearghal Flannery, Cathal Kitt and Jack Barrett visited Cúl Camp with the Bob O'Keeffe Cup and Corn Michael Hogan Celtic Challenge Cup on the final day. Autographs, penalty shoot outs, the new Cúl Camp gear and ice-cream rounded off an excellent week of hurling and camogie both coaching and weatherwise.

SCHOOL-CLUB LIAISON

Thanks to the local primary and secondary schools for their partnership in promoting Gaelic codes in their schools in the past year. Congratulations to St. Cuan's College on their All Ireland success in 2018.

A goody bag was delivered into Gurteen N.S. and Ballymacward N.S filled with sliotars, footballs, hurlys and a couple of helmets in October. This annual gift was acknowledged by both thankful principals as being important in supporting all children attending our local primary schools access GAA games. I also want to congratulate Mr Walsh and Ms Ward in Gurteen N.S. on their recent wedding.

COUNTY PLAYERS

Well done to all who represented the club at County level: **Fearghal Flannery** at senior, **Dean Reilly, Oisín Flannery and Jack Barrett** at Minor (U17) and **Cathal Kitt and Jack Barrett** at U17 (Celtic Challenge) and **Ethan Lally** at U15. Congratulations to the Galway Minor team on their All-Ireland success and the Galway U17s in their Celtic Challenge win. Also congrats to **Darragh McCabe** (U16) on his Ted Webb success. Well done to Cormac Ward, Cyril Donnellan and Brendan Egan who were involved with Galway backroom teams in the 2018 campaign.

SPONSORSHIP/ FACILITIES

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

Thanks to our senior team sponsors **Finnerty Sports Care** and to our junior football sponsors **Ruanes, Glentane**. Thanks also to **Oliver Laheen Plant Hire** for sponsoring senior management tops.

A special thanks to **Bobby Hynes Agri & Sons** who sponsored the Féile tops, **James Clancy** who sponsored Féile togs and **Martina Donnellan** who sponsored the Féile socks for the lads. Thanks also to St. Cuan's College, Holy Rosary College Mountbellew and Mountbellew Fitness Centre for the use of their facilities throughout the year when needed.

CAMOGIE

Thanks to **Pearses Camogie Club** for their co-operation during the year. I would like to congratulate them, on behalf of the club, on their very successful year in juvenile camogie and also maintaining their senior status for 2019. Best wishes and congratulations to the founding members, past and current players and also to the past and current officers of the camogie club on their upcoming 40th anniversary in 2019.

PITCH

Many thanks to **Noel Burke** for his time that he puts into co-ordinating the pitch and dressing room use and maintenance in Gurteen. Thanks to James Clancy and Niall Barrett for helping when needed in Ballymacward pitch. Thanks to Aidan and Martin Kilkeny for taking care of the nets at the pitch. A special thanks to **Frank Finn** who has put great effort into maintaining the clubhouse and grounds in Ballymacward. Thanks to TUS co-ordinators of both Gurteen and Ballymacward pitches for their support of our applications also. Thanks to our volunteer grass cutters in Ballymacward and also to Thomas Nutley for volunteering his time and equipment at the pitch when needed again this year.

DEVELOPMENT

The club got awarded a LEADER grant of just over €29,000 in October towards a lighted walkway around the perimeter of the pitch. A second grant application for a lighted training area, astro-turf and wall ball has also been made by the executive committee to the Sports Capital Fund. Many thanks to the development sub-committee who worked on this. Thanks especially to Maeve Parker and Noel Carr for their QS and engineering expertise and the time given especially by Maeve Parker drawing up plans and preparing planning applications. Thanks also to all the voluntary organisations in the parishes that wrote letters of support for our LEADER application.

FINANCE

Our club Lotto remains our main source of income and thanks to those that support it in the 250 club and by buying weekly tickets. Thanks to the lotto agents who promote the lotto in their businesses. Thanks to all involved in promoting and organising the Last Person Standing Fundraiser and here in particular David Gilligan deserves a mention. Also thanks to those on the executive that co-ordinated the distribution and collection of the All-Ireland ticket raffle draw especially Adrian Queeney, Rose Kelly and Shane Ruane. Thanks to David Cuniffe for co-ordinating online sales.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Last year's annual end of year get together was held on the 23rd December in Ruanes, Glentane. Our 1967 team were honoured for their great achievements on the field that year. Our footballers were also presented with their medals from their successful 2017 campaign.

GENERAL

I would like, on behalf of the club, to express our deepest sympathy to all our members who suffered bereavements during 2018. We especially remember our past club officer Pete Hillary who passed away this September.

Thanks to Fr Ray Sweeney for the support he gives to all in our club. Congratulations to all who got engaged, who got married and to all who had new arrivals.

Thanks to all who helped with the provision of baked goods and catering at club events and also to those that assisted preparing the pitch for both the county and national Féile. A special thanks to the many people that washed jerseys etc. across all age groups and codes during the year. It is greatly appreciated by the club.

Thank you to Eddie Mitchell who volunteered his medical assistance across the age groups at juvenile during the year and also for our senior team and to Aoife Dempsey who provided first aid in early challenge games. Thanks to Aoife Lally who volunteered her time to provide physio and medical for our Junior Footballers.

Thanks also to clubman and referee Gerard Dwyer who gave up his time to referee many of our juvenile games.

Thanks to ball boys Oliver Laheen and Dara Scarry for their work ensuring that very little sliotars were lost at senior training sessions or games during the year.

Thanks to Martina Donnellan for her juvenile match reports. Indeed her journalism skills have made her a household name as far away as Moycullen it was reported at a recent executive meeting.

Thanks especially to the parents, players and executive members who have supervised hall discos on the club's behalf this year. I would especially like to thank Rose

Kelly and Martin Mc Donagh who have supervised an exceptional amount for the club in 2018. We are working through lists that could volunteer doing the same and may be calling on you soon to help us out on one night.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thanks to our **Executive Committee** and lotto, club development, finance, fundraising and juvenile sub- committees, who attended meetings, often at short notice, for their contributions, interest and help throughout the year ensuring the smooth running of the club.

On behalf of the club, I wish to 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 Raftery (Hurling), Leo Morrissey (Football) and Martin Scarry (Juvenile Hurling). Thanks to Noel Treacy, who represented Galway as Connacht delegate, for all the Connacht Council updates.

A special word of thanks to all our players for their commitment to the club throughout the year. Also thanks to their families and partners for their understanding and their re-organisation of many planned events, days and nights out that had to be changed, at often short notice, to suit training or play fixtures.

Thanks to Juvenile Secretary **Rose Kelly** and Juvenile Chairman **Martin Scarry** for all their tireless work with running the juvenile side of the club. Thanks also to Féile Officer Martin Barry for his work liaising with Patrick Sarfields, Belfast and thanks to Children's Officer Maura Carr O'Dea for ensuring that all host families were garda vetted for Féile and

also for organising the accommodation with all the host families and visiting players and coaches.

Thanks to our excellent Assistant Secretary **Leo Morrissey** who looked after all the administration of the football side of the club and was also our club's football delegate. Leo was also our Insurance Officer and he diligently and promptly took care of all financial issues in relation to injury claims by players as well as sourcing information needed by the club during the year. Thanks to **David Cunniffe** who as club PRO promotes and brings reports of all club activities to a wide-reaching audience on social media. Thanks also to David for his photography and graphic design work for club events, fundraisers, lotto and reports.

I personally want to thank **Martin Bellew** for the support given to me in my novice year as club secretary. Thank you, Martin, for your guidance with all that isn't in the GAA manual on how to be a club secretary! and also thank you for your work as Club Registrar. Thanks to **Shane Ruane**, our Treasurer, for all his work with the club finances, club lotto and in preparing the submission for our recent grant applications. Thanks to our Chairperson, **Adrian Queeney**, for all the work he does in his role and also behind the scenes making sure the club runs smoothly and effectively. I also want to personally acknowledge the encouragement, assistance and leadership both our club Treasurer and club Chairperson have shown to me this year. **Thank You.**

Is mise le meas,

Doireann Uí Scarraigh

DOROTHY SCARRY

Rúnaí CLG Pádraig Mac Piarais

18/11/2018

PÁDRAIG PEARSES SPORTS FACILITIES

- 1** **PHASE 1:** LIGHTED WALKING TRACK
- 2** **PHASE 2:** LIGHTED TRAINING AREA
- 3** **PHASE 3:** HURLING WALL
- 4** **PHASE 4:** ASTRO & PITCH DEMARCATION



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Motions

NONE

Pádraig Pearses GAA Club Nominations 2019



POSITION	OUTGOING 2018	NOMINATION 2019
Patron	Tim Byrnes	Tim Byrnes
President	Johnny Murphy	Johnny Murphy
Vice-Presidents	Fr Ray Sweeney, Seán Dwyer, Paul Ryan, Noel Treacy, Paddy Hillary	Fr Ray Sweeney, Seán Dwyer, Paul Ryan, Noel Treacy, Paddy Hillary
Chairman	Adrian Queeney	Adrian Queeney Niall Barrett
Vice-Chairman	Niall Barrett	Niall Barrett
Secretary	Dorothy Scarry	Dorothy Scarry
Asst Secretary	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey John Lally
Treasurer	Shane Ruane	Shane Ruane
Asst Treasurer	Paul Bellew	Paul Bellew
Juvenile Chairman	Martin Scarry	Martin Scarry
Juvenile Secretary	Rose Kelly	Rose Kelly
PRO	David Cuniffe	David Cuniffe
Irish Cultural Officer	Ann Ward	Ann Ward
Coaching Officer	Martin Scarry	Martin Scarry Cormac Ward
Health & Wellbeing Officer	Cyril Donnellan	Cyril Donnellan
Hurling Committee Delegate	John Raftery	John Raftery
Football Committee and Coiste Peil na nÓg Delegate	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey John Lally
C. Iomána na nÓg Delegate	Martin Scarry	Martin Scarry
Children's Officer	Maura Carr-O'Dea	Nominated from Exec. Committee directly as per GAA regulations
Insurance Officer	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey Paul Hogan
Registrar	Martin Bellew, John Lally	Martin Bellew, John Lally

