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Nominations

Chairperson	Micheál Martin (CLG Naomh Eoin-Na hÓglaigh)
Vice-Chairperson	Bobby Goff (CLG An Gleann-Baile Bearna)
Secretary	Michael Hennessy-Cullen (CLG Cumann Uí Ratháille)
Assistant Secretary	Andrew Egan (CLG Baile Dáithí-Cúl Mo Choda)
Treasurer	Andrew Nolan (CLG Na Sairséalaigh)
Coaching Officer	Tom Cousins (CLG Cill Mhór)
Oifigeach Gaeilge & Cultúr	Tony Dempsey (CLG An Gleann-Baile Bearna)
Public Relations Officer	Colm Lambert (CLG Naomh Aodháin-Fearna)
Children's Officer*	Des Croke (CLG Naomh Máirtín)
Planning and Training Officer*	Kevin Doyle (CLG Naomh Pádraig)
Leinster Council Representatives (2)	Cathal Byrne (CLG Baile Uí Cheog) PJ Howlin (CLG Feannaire na Dubh Tíre)
Central Council Representative (1)	Dermot Howlin (CLG Banibh-Baile Mhiota)
Delegates to attend Annual Congress (3) (excluding Chairperson & Secretary)	Andrew Egan (CLG Baile Dáithí-Cúl Mo Choda) Bobby Goff (CLG An Gleann-Baile Bearna) John Kenny (CLG Coill De hÓra) Liam Curtis (CLG Baile Uí Cheog) Tony Dempsey (CLG An Gleann-Baile Bearna) Andrew Egan (CLG Baile Dáithí-Cúl Mo Choda) Bobby Goff (CLG An Gleann-Baile Bearna) David Tobin (CLG CLG Cill Rúis-Easca Mhór) Dermot Howlin (CLG Banibh-Baile Mhiota) John Kenny (CLG Coill De hÓra) Mary Foley (CLG Aillí na Buffairí) Michael Hennessy-Cullen (CLG Cumann Uí Ratháille) Micheál Martin (CLG Naomh Eoin-Na hÓglaigh) Tony Dempsey (CLG An Gleann-Baile Bearna)
Delegates to attend Leinster Convention (5)	

**Recommended by outgoing County Committee for appointment*

Standing Orders

- 1) The proposer of a Motion or an Amendment may speak for not more than five minutes when making the proposal. He/she may speak a second time and for not more than three minutes before a vote is taken.
- 2) A delegate seconding or speaking to a motion or an Amendment may speak once only and must not exceed three minutes. A maximum of two delegates from any one club shall speak on any one motion.
- 3) The Chairperson may, at any time they 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.
- 4) A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairperson, move "that the question be put" after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- 5) Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda except by the consent of the majority equal to two-thirds of those present and voting.
- 6) A speaker to the Secretary's Report or to any other general discussion shall not exceed three minutes on any one topic.



Miontuairisci Comhdhail Bhliantuil 2021

Held on 13ú Nollaig 2021 on Microsoft Teams.

I lathar: Do bhí Micheál Ó Martín mar Cathaoirleach ag an gcruinniú seo.

Leithsceil: CLG Clúnaí

Prayers for the deceased members offered by Bishop Ger Nash.

Standing orders adopted on proposal of Brian Mac Dónaill and seconded by Sean Ó Coirc.

Miontuairisci Comhdhail Bhliantuil 2020 adopted on the proposal of Maire Ó Nualláin and seconded by Maolmhuire Ó Dúghaill.

Tuascáil an Runaí was adopted on the proposal of Séamus De Faoite and seconded by Gearóid Mac an Bheatha.

Tuarascálacha na bhFochóistí adopted on the proposal of Séamus Ó Muireasa and seconded by Brian Ó Maolmhuidh.

Máire Ní Foghlú outgoing Leinster Council Rep addressed convention on her role in Leinster and her time serving on Coiste Bainistí for the past 15 years as PRO and Assistant Secretary and thanked the many people who helped her over the years. Cathaoirleach, Micheál Martin expressed his appreciation on behalf of Coiste Bainistí and all delegates for the great service Máire has given to Wexford. Cate Ní Donnchadha also thanked Máire for her great work over the years in her various roles.

Seosamh Ó Síocháin stated that there are serious issues accruing on our side-lines in regard to abuse towards referees from team mentors and officials, Seosamh reiterated that in a time where it is increasingly hard to recruit new referees this behaviour from our side-lines will not encourage members to take up the

whistle and it is an issue, he hopes that we will see a serious improvement in for 2022. Cathaoirleach, Micheál Martin stated this issue will be looked at seriously in the new year.

Daithí Tóibín (Safety and Facilities Officer) gave a brief outline for the planned upgrades of Chadwicks Wexford Park with the main works being the installing of Floodlights and associated works, irrigation system for the pitch, extension of dressing rooms, upgrading of the disabled and press areas. Daithí gave a breakdown of costs and timelines for the works outlined.

George Ní hEosa gave a presentation on the works of the Demographics taskforce and its findings. Cathaoirleach thanked George and all his committee for their work which is of vital importance for our clubs going forward into the future and also stated that a full presentation will be presented to delegates at our February County Committee meeting.

Tuascáil an Chisteora adopted on the proposal of by Brian Ó Maolmhuidh and seconded by Séamus Ó Muireasa There was total income €2,185,164, expenditure €1,179,103, with a surplus of €1,007,511.

An Cathaoirleach thanked Aindriú Ní Nualláin and stated it was great to see him back fit and healthy after a challenging year for him health wise. An Cathaoirleach also thanked Seosamh Ó Síocháin, Séamus Ní Maoltuille and Daithí Ní Ruaidh for all their hard work during the year and all volunteers who helped on match days.



Election of Unopposed Officers: All nominees who were unopposed were ratified on the proposal of Brian Ó Maolmhuidh and seconded by Máirín Ó Dúghaill.

- Chairperson – Micheál Martin
- Vice-Chairperson – Bobby Goff
- Secretary – Michael Hennessy Cullen
- Assistant Secretary – Andrew Egan
- Treasurer – Andrew Nolan
- Coaching Officer – Tom Cousins
- Oifigeach Gaeilge & Cultúr – Tony Dempsey
- PRO – Colm Lambert
- Children's Officer – Des Croke
- Planning and Training Officer – Kevin Doyle
- Central Council Rep – Dermot Howlin

An election was required for Leinster Council Rep – Cathal Byrne and PJ Howlin were elected.

Motions:

- Motion 1 Carried
- Motion 2 Carried
- Motion 3 Carried
- Motion 4 Carried
- Motion 5 Carried
- Motion 6 Carried
- Motion 7 Carried
- Motion 8 Carried
- Motion 9 Carried
- Motion 10 Deferred
- Motion 11 Carried
- Motion 12 Withdrawn

Cathairleach, Micheál Ó Martín, in his address thanked officers, team mentors, clubs and all who supported during the year. He congratulated all winners during the year and spoke of our County teams and squads, gave credit to everyone in Wexford GAA that made it possible to play the club championships. He also spoke of:

- Strategic Plan
- Coaching & Player Development (Launch of Wexford Way Document)
- Player Retention
- Sponsors
- Media
- Finances
- Cairde Loch Garman

In conclusion, he expressed his sympathies to all members who lost loved ones during the past year, Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hainmeacha.

The meeting was closed with Amhrán na bhFiann.

Mícheál ÓhAonghusa Cuilín
Runaí Chontae

Miontuairisci Comhdhail Speisialta

Held on 5ú Aibreán 2021 in the Riverside Park Hotel.

I lathar: Do bhí Micheál Ó Martín mar Cathairleach ag an gcruinniú seo.

Leithsceil: Andrew Nolan, Tom Cousins, Kevin Waters, Conor Wickham, John William Rowe

Standing orders adopted on proposal of Antoin Ó Díomasaigh and seconded by Sean Ó Coirc.

The motion to amend the U18 Exception part of Bye Law 14 of CLG Loch Garman Bye-Laws 2022 was passed.

Mícheál ÓhAonghusa Cuilín
Runaí Chontae



Rúin 2022

Motions to remove or to amend an existing Bye-Law must be carried by three-fifths of those present, entitled to vote and voting. All other motions must be carried by a simple majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting.

Motion 1 (Coiste Contae)

That, Bye Law 17 of CLG Loch Garman Bye-Laws 2022 be amended to the following:

17. Age Grades

Adult:

A Player shall have celebrated their 18th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year.

Under Age Grades:

In both hurling and football, league-based championships shall be organised for the following age grades:

Under 18:

To be structured on a divisional basis with at least Premier, Roinn 1 and Roinn 2 Divisions.

Under 16:

To be structured on a divisional basis with at least Premier, Roinn 1 and Roinn 2 Divisions.

Under 14:

To be structured on a divisional basis with at least five divisions, Roinn 1 to Roinn 5.

Under 12:

To be structured on a divisional basis with at least five divisions, Roinn 1 to Roinn 5.

Motion 2 (Coiste Contae)

That Riail 7.5 (b) T.O. 2022 be amended to remove the maximum Term of Suspension to read as follows:

Where a minimum Suspension is prescribed in relation to an Infraction, the Council or Committee-in-Charge shall have due regard for the gravity of Infraction in each case. Where appropriate, the Council or Committee-in-Charge shall impose additional Match Suspension(s) or a longer Term of Suspension and shall provide reasons for the imposition of a penalty in excess of the minimum. In exceptionally serious cases the penalties of Debarment from playing or Expulsion may be imposed.

Motion 3 (Coiste Contae)

That Riail 7.2 (b) – Category VI and 7.2 (c) – Category Va T.O. 2022 be amended to increase the minimum Term of Suspension for assault on a match official to 2 Years (730 days) and to 4 Years (1,460 days) for a Repeat Infraction and that the definitions for a Repeat Infraction be updated accordingly.

Motion 4 (Coiste Contae)

That the restriction on tabling motions to revise Playing Rules in Riail 3.40 (d) T.O. 2022 be set aside temporarily for Congress in 2024 to allow the Standing Committee on Playing Rules to bring forward proposals to Congress in 2024 so as to simplify and streamline the Playing Rules of Hurling and Football.



Motion 5 (Coiste Contae)

That the section of Riail 6.17 – Age Grades T.O. 2022 in respect of Inter-County U20 (Hurling) be amended as follows to remove the restriction on players playing both Inter-County U20 Hurling Championship and Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship:

Under 20 (Hurling): A player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st and his 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

Such a player may only play in either the Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship (Tier 1) or the Inter-County U20 Hurling Championship in each seven-day period (Friday morning to the following Thursday night). Coming on as a substitute constitutes playing a game.

Motion 6 (Coiste Contae)

That the section of Riail 6.17 – Age Grades T.O. 2022 in respect of Inter-County U20 (Football) be amended as follows to remove the restriction on players playing both Inter-County U20 Football Championship and Inter-County Senior Football Championship:

Under 20 (Football): A player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st and his 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

Such a player may only play in either the Inter-County Senior Football Championship (Tier 1 or Tier 2) or the Inter-County U20 Hurling Championship in each seven-day period (Friday morning to the following Thursday night). Coming on as a substitute constitutes playing a game.

Motion 7 (Coiste Contae)

That Bye Law 2 (k) – Finance Sub Committee of CLG Loch Garman Bye-Laws 2022 be amended to remove a representative from the auditors as a member of the committee with the amended rule to read as follows:

It shall consist of the County Chairperson, County Secretary, County Treasurer, and **four** others nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. It shall consist of seven members.

The rest of the Rule is to remain unchanged.

Motion 8 (Coiste Contae)

That Bye Law 12 – Transfers within the County of CLG Loch Garman Bye-Laws 2022 be amended to reflect the change decided at Congress 2022 that the words “Under 12 Grade or Over” be replaced by “any grade” with respect to the definition of First Club as set out in Riail 6.3 T.O. 2022.

Motion 9 (Coiste Contae)

That the Wexford Town Inter-Club Transfers section of Bye Law 12 (2) of CLG Loch Garman Bye-Laws 2022 be amended as follows:

Subject to the Exceptions below, or unless otherwise exempted by the CCC, a player, including both underage and adult, must continue as a member of the Wexford Town Club of which they were a member on **1 November 2022**. This clause will remain in force until **1 November 2025**.

The rest of the Bye-Law remains unchanged by this motion.



Motion 10 (CLG Na Crosa Beaga/Baile Uí Mhurúin)

That Riail 6.17 – Age Grades T.O. 2022 be amended to read as follows:

CLUB

Adult:

A Player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year.

Under Age Grades

A County shall determine its internal Under Age Grades for competition purposes within the parameters of Under 21 down to Under 11, **subject to the stipulation that competitions at Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 must take place within each County together with one further underage competition above the Under 18 grade...**

The rest of the Rule is to remain unchanged.

Motion 11 (CLG An Gleann-Baile Bearna)

That the U18 Exception section of Bye Law 14 of CLG Loch Garman Bye-Laws 2022 be amended as follows:

U18 Exception

An U18 player (first year out of U17 Grade) **will have free grading in the adult championship until the knockout stages and their status will be determined by playing in a championship grade in the knockout stages of that championship.**

This exception permits the player to play in only one grade of championship in each code in each seven-day period (Friday morning to the following Thursday night). Coming on as a substitute constitutes playing a game.

For example, if an U18 player plays in the Junior B grade for their club's second team on Friday night, they can play again in the Junior B grade on the following Wednesday night (this may occur if there are back matches to be scheduled). However, this player may not play for their club's first team during this seven-day period.

A player availing of this rule who plays for a club's first team may not play, at any stage, with a club's third team for the remainder of the championship year pursuant to Riail 6.20 T.O. 2022.

A player availing of this rule who plays for a club's second team may not play, at any stage, with a club's fourth team for the remainder of the championship year pursuant to Riail 6.20 T.O. 2022.

The rest of the rule is to remain unchanged.

Motion 12 (CLG Baile Uí Cheog)

That Bye Law 14 of CLG Loch Garman Bye-Laws 2022 be amended to add the following:

Independent Teams as provided for under Riailacha 3.19(n), 6.3 and 6.8 T.O. 2022 shall play in the Highest Division only.



Motion 13 (CLG Naomh Mhuire Rosláir)

That every Club shall field at least one Hurling Team at Under 7 and/or Under 9 Age Grade and that every County shall organise hurling games on the 'Go Games' model for Under 7 and Under 9 Age Grades. Clubs shall be deemed exempt from this rule by their County Committee in the following circumstances:

- (i) any Exclusively Football Club that can demonstrate that it's Under 7 and/or Under 9 Players are afforded Hurling at an Exclusively Hurling Club or Dual Code Club;
- (ii) any wholly Adult Club that can demonstrate that its obligations under this Rule are met by an appropriate Juvenile Club; or
- (iii) any Club that, by sheer demographics, can demonstrate it does not have the numbers to comply.

Penalty for Breach: Fine of €250 for the first year of non-compliance by any Club, with the fine to double for each consecutive year of non-compliance.

Notes: *This proposed Rule should be read in conjunction with Rule 6.27 Under 13 and Younger Age Grades "Go-Games". It is suggested that this Rule be inserted into Section 6 Games & Competitions of the Official Guide.*

Other Rules Affected: *None. For the avoidance of doubt this proposed Rule does not impact, nor is it impacted by, Rule 6.4 (d) Attachment to First Club.*

Tuarscáil an Runaí

Once again it is a great privilege and honour to write this report on the activities within the county in the last 12 months. Although this is my second report as Rúnaí Coiste Chontae Loch Garman, it is my first having completed a full year in the role and I really have seen first-hand the full workings of the Association from attending my first National Congress to all our Inter County and Club games and everything else in between.

It has been a very busy year both on and off the pitch for Wexford GAA as we had a full programme of games both at Inter County and Club level and also the infrastructure works that are part of our strategic plan which are being undertaken in Chadwicks Wexford Park, Halo Tiles Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence and St Patricks Park.

I also must acknowledge and thank all our great volunteers both at Club and County level for their continued work and dedication without which we simply couldn't operate as an Association.

County Teams

Senior Hurling

Our Senior Hurlers began their year under the new management of Darragh Egan in the Walsh Cup. An opening round win against Laois and a very entertaining draw against Kilkenny saw us reach the final which was held in Croke Park but unfortunately it was the Dubs who came away with the spoils on the night.

Next it was onto the Allianz Hurling League where we welcomed the current All-Ireland champions Limerick to town and with a great atmosphere in Chadwicks Wexford Park we eventually came away with a hard-fought win by a goal. We followed that with wins against Clare, Galway, Offaly and Cork which seen us top Division 1A with maximum points and helped us secure a place in the semi-final against neighbours Waterford, unfortunately a heavy loss on the day seen us exit the league at the semi-final stage.

Attentions quickly moved onto Championship and an opening round game against Galway in Chadwicks Wexford Park. With minutes to go it didn't look likely that we would get anything from the game, but a great finish saw us snatch a draw.

A one-point loss at home to Dublin and a win and draw versus Laois and Westmeath respectively setup a must win game against Kilkenny in Nolan Park to remain in the championship. On a night to remember in Kilkenny the Wexford men came away with a four-point win but it was only good enough for 3rd place in the group and into the Preliminary Quarter-Final.

A comprehensive win against Kerry down in Tralee setup another Quarter Final versus Clare. During several stages of the game it looked like we were going to come away with the win, but a great Clare comeback saw us eventually lose by three points and so with it came an end to our year. Overall, there was huge positives to take in what was Darragh's first year in charge, with many new faces added to the squad, we all will look forward with hope for the team in 2023.

Senior Football

The Senior Footballers started the year in O'Byrne Cup action. A comprehensive win versus Laois in the first game was unfortunately followed by losses to Wicklow and Meath respectively which saw Wexford bow out at the group stage.

The start of the Allianz football league saw us host Sligo in the opening round. In a game that could of went either way we eventually lost by two points. There were wins versus London away and Waterford at home and a draw against Carlow to come but ultimately losses to Cavan, Tipperary and Leitrim saw us finish in 6th place in the division and we remain in division 4 for 2023.

The Leinster Championship was up next and a home game versus Offaly. After a great



performance from the team we came away with a three-point win and setup a home game once again versus Dublin. In 2021 there was a limit on crowd attendance when Dublin visited Chadwicks Wexford Park, so it was great this time around to have no limit on attendances. Ultimately the Dubs proved to be much stronger on the day and ran out comfortable winners.

The first year of the Tailteann Cup saw us drawn to play Offaly in the preliminary round, both teams were familiar with each other at this stage having met a few weeks previous in the Leinster Championship, but it was the Offaly men who would come away with the spoils this time around with a one-point win.

This would turn out to be Shane Roches last game in charge of the team as he stepped down as manager later in the year due to family commitments. I would like to thank Shane and his backroom team for their committed work to Wexford football and I'm sure we will see Shane involved again at some stage in Wexford football in the not-too-distant future.

The appointment of John Hegarty as Senior Football Manager is a step of continuity in keeping a Wexford man at the helm. John lined out for over a decade with the Wexford footballers and has won County titles both as a player and manager in the county. We wish John and his backroom team well for 2023 and I would encourage all our supporters to make a concerted effort to support our footballers and their new manager.

U-20 Football

Our U-20 footballers started their year competing in the Andrew Corden Cup which is a development league and helps preparations for championship. Wins versus Tipperary and Carlow and a loss to Waterford in the group stages of the competition saw us reach the final where we would play Carlow again but this time, however, Carlow would come out victorious and claim the cup.

The Leinster championship saw us play Longford in Parnell Park where a very good Longford outfit proved too strong on the night

and this in turn saw an end to the year for our U-20s.

David Murphy stepped down later in the year as manager. David and his management team have done great work with the team over the last two years and I'm sure we will see David involved again with Wexford teams in the future.

U-20 Hurling

The U-20 hurlers started their championship campaign away to Westmeath and came away with convincing victory. Next up was another away game – this time Laois were the opponents and after a titanic tussle Wexford held on for a one-point win. This set up a semi-final against Dublin in Chadwicks Wexford Park which would prove to be another tight affair with another one-point victory for the Wexford men.

The final pitted us up against old foes Kilkenny, where we would this time be at the wrong side of a one-point loss, but the team showed great battling qualities to get themselves into a position in the dying seconds to nearly draw the game. A last-ditch effort for a point went inches wide and with it saw the end of the U-20 campaign.

Overall, Keith Rossiter and his management team should be happy with their first year in charge as three wins and a narrow defeat to the eventual All-Ireland champions can be seen as great foundations to build on in 2023.

Minor Football

Our Minor Footballers played in a round robin series in Leinster that included both Carlow and Wicklow, unfortunately we lost both games in the series which saw us exit Leinster but were into the Seamus Heaney Cup where we played Laois in a Semi-Final and won by the minimum to reach the final where a strong Meath outfit ran out eventual winners.

Minor Hurling

The Minor hurlers also played in a round robin series in Leinster that included Dublin and Kilkenny, first up saw a great win away to Dublin but a loss to Kilkenny saw us into the quarter finals instead of the semis. An away game to Laois was next and despite being



down to 14 men for nearly all the second half Wexford still found themselves winning deep into injury time but a last-minute goal from Laois saw them through and Wexford exit in the harshest of ways.

Many thanks to all Managers, Selectors and Backroom personnel, too numerous to mention of all our county teams. It was a very busy year which requires huge commitment and dedication from all those involved for which Wexford GAA is grateful of the time given by all.

Club Championships

The Pettitt's Senior hurling championship got underway on the 28th of June with a full round of games midweek as this was necessary in order to finish both hurling and football in the 16-week period that we had to complete the championships and have representation in the provincial championships.

There were some great games served up in the championship and every game was hotly contested this was especially evident in Group A as going into the last round of games only Naomh Éanna were assured of a place in the Quarter Finals and every other team had a chance of still making the knockout stages and in fact the bottom team at that stage Faythe Harriers secured a Knockout spot with a win over Cloughbawn.

There is only one team we can really think of though when we talk about the 2022 Pettitt's Senior Hurling Championship and that is Ferns St Aidans as they made history in claiming their first ever Wexford Senior title, what great colour their supporters brought to Chadwicks Wexford Park that sunny day in August and what a great score from Jonny Dwyer to seal the win.

The Dominic Smith Expert Electrical Senior Football Championship got underway the 26th of August. The 2021 champions Shelmaliers looked once again the team to beat as they went 5 from 5 in the group stages and impressive wins in the quarter and semi-finals set them up for a chance to retain their title but Castletown lay in waiting and were in no mood to let that happen and fully deserved

their victory which also saw them go as outright leaders on the Roll of Honour with 12 senior titles. One can only think of the late Joe O'Shaughnessy and how happy he would have been to see his beloved club lift the Seamus Keevens Cup but I'm sure he was looking down on the men in Maroon that day.

Oulart-The Ballagh returned to senior ranks at their first attempt with a win against Taghmon-Camross in the Courtyard Ferns Intermediate Hurling decider. In the Ashdown Park & Amber Springs Hotels Intermediate Football Final, St. Mogue's Fethard came out on top against district rivals Horeswood to see them promoted back to the Senior ranks.

Meanwhile in the Joyce's Expert Intermediate A Hurling Championship, Horeswood keep rising the grades as they saw off the challenge of Liam Mellows in a hard fought battle while the Whizzy Internet Intermediate 'A' Football title was won by Adamstown after a three point victory over Cloughbawn who lost their second final in a row.

In the Junior Championships, Davidstown-Courtnacuddy got the better of Glynn-Barntown after a replay to claim the Permanent TSB Junior Hurling Championship while Monageer-Boolavogue defeated Sarsfields in the Enniscorthy Farm Systems Junior Football Championship.

Buffers Alley (Football) and Clongeen (Hurling) were also worthy winners in the Junior A competitions, overcoming Shelmaliers and Ballyhogue respectively.

The Permanent TSB Junior B hurling winners were Glynn-Barntown and the Enniscorthy Farm Systems Junior B Football champions were Oulart The Ballagh.

In the inaugural Panda U-19 hurling championships there were wins for Buffers Alley in the Premier, St Brigid's Blackwater in Division 1, Duffry Rovers Division 2 and St Marys Rosslare in Division 3. At the time of writing the Panda U-19 Football championship are still ongoing.



While much debate surrounds this age grade and when is the right time to play it we can't lose sight of the importance of the grade between minor and adult and a consensus must be found to make sure we cater for these players and try improve player retention in our county.

It takes a huge effort to run the championships and I would like to thank everyone who has given their time and effort to see the smooth running of our games, we also thank all clubs who made their venues available for games throughout the year.

Facilities

Once again Michael Lynch has to get great recognition for the great work and service he carries out in St Patricks Park with such an extremely busy programme of games that the ground caters for with Adult, underage, Ladies and Camogie fixtures all taking place there. A Thank you to all stewards who helped at venues for the games under the guidance of Dave Ormonde.

John Kehoe was appointed as Head Groundskeeper and Facilities Manager for Wexford GAA earlier in the year and has the pitch at Chadwicks Wexford Park in great order for every game, with Seamus O'Brien keeping the Halo Tiles Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence in top shape.

Wexford GAA TV

Wexford GAA TV is going from strength to strength each year and is providing a top-class service for supporters to enjoy our games live wherever they are in the world, while the weekly preview shows or discussions around the latest topics in the county are proving to be a big hit also. This would not be possible without the expert work of Finbar Flanagan and Lar Sutton and also Peter Mernagh and his team of commentators.

CCC/Fixtures

Having now served over a year on the CCC Fixtures Committee I have a better understanding of the complexities of running our games and how much cooperation is needed from everybody involved to see the smooth running of all our competitions.

Special thanks must go to the members of the CCC/Fixtures Committee Bobby Goff (Chairperson) Marion Doyle, Seamus Whelan, Joan Furlong, Justin Browne, John O'Neill, Seamus Kennelly and Gabriel Wade for their tireless work during the year. Please see report from John O'Neill (Fixture Analyst) for a more comprehensive breakdown of games.

The four Districts ran their Junior B competitions and once again provided a great programme of games for these players. I would like to thank all the District Officers and in particular the secretaries and chairperson for their work.

Discipline

Discipline has once again been a huge topic within our county this year and unfortunately is getting worse rather than improving which is of huge concern. We all have responsibility when it comes to discipline be it from the stands on our side-lines or the players that take the field.

Although there has been a huge drive on recruitment of referees this year we are still on a similar number of referees within the county as last year and who can blame someone not wanting to take up the whistle if the threat of abuse is so probable be it verbal or physical. I implore all our members to think before you react to a decision during a game as all our attitudes must change or we simply won't have anyone to referee our games in the future.

I would like to thank Chairperson, Aidan O'Leary, Secretary, Joe Sheehan, and the other committee members for dealing with all disciplinary matters in an efficient manner. Their full report is available as part of Tuarascálacha na bhFochoistí.

On the refereeing side, I would like to thank Denis Cadogan and Seamus Whelan and all their committee for their assistance in appointing, educating and assisting referees on match days during the year. All our match officials are valuable to our fixtures programme, and I also thank them for their time and dedication.

I would like to thank chairperson, Margaret Doyle, secretary, Eddie Nangle and all the members of the Hearings Committee for their contributions and making themselves available whenever the situations arose and to ensure that rules and procedures are properly followed and ensuring that the GAA's Disciplinary Code is implemented in a fair and efficient manner. The full report on their work is available as part of Tuarascálacha na bhFochoistí.

"Respect the Ref" Workshops

In response to the unacceptable behaviour that happened towards our referring officials during the year, all clubs were asked to hold a "Respect the Ref" workshop to carry out a self-assessment of the Clubs conduct of their players, mentors, parents and supporters towards match officials.

All clubs held workshops within the requested timeframe with 1,124 attendees. There were 53 different actions, that clubs committed to take in respect of the conduct of their players, mentors, parents and supporters towards match officials.

Across the various stakeholder groups, the main actions that clubs proposed to undertake were:

- Brief all stakeholders on the Code of Conduct and Code of Behaviour through meetings, handouts and social media.
- Promote the message of respect to players at all training sessions and games and to promote the same message on every match notification via messages or social media to mentors, parents and supporters.
- Formal club disciplinary procedures based upon the Code of Behaviour and An Treoir Oifigiúil to be set out and embedded in the culture of the club.
- Annual workshops in the club with a referee to speak with players, mentors and others regarding the rules of the game and an open Q&A.
- Improve and increase signage in clubs for with the "Give Respect, Get Respect" message

Wexford GAA has commenced a research project with Dr. Daniel Regan, a senior research fellow in UCD. The goal of the Safety, Order & Respect of Referees Trial (SORRTit) is to completely reduce the highest categories of physical and verbal abuse. This requires a culture, ethos and process reset. Dr. Regan's work focuses on optimising measurement of people's behaviours and combining this with behavioural interventions to generate change.

Finance

We delivered a net surplus of €652k for the year ended 30 September 2022. This operating surplus was utilised to invest €438k in upgrades to Chadwicks Wexford Park. Wexford GAA continues to be on a sound financial footing which is essential given the upcoming investments of €4 million into infrastructure projects, and €1 million into Games Development & Coaching as outlined in our Strategic Plan.

Again, an extraordinary effort went into the Model County Draw this year. Our annual repayment relating to the development of Halo Tiles Wexford GAA COE was met and the clubs themselves benefited as a result of their retained sales.

I would like to thank all involved in the smooth and efficient running of the draw and, in particular, acknowledge the work of our co-ordinators Joe Sheehan, Joe Tully, John Hanton and Liam Roche.

2023 will bring continued financial challenges with the economic impact of inflation and the uncertainty as a result of the war in Ukraine. It is important to note that given the planned investments, we cannot afford to be complacent and must continue to work hard fundraising and managing costs.

I would like to thank Micheál Martin, Andrew Nolan and Joe Sheehan for their work throughout the year in relation to the county's finances which is positively reflected in our financial statements.



Halo Tiles Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence

Wexford GAA were delighted when we received notification that planning had been granted for the addition of two new pitches, a training area, and the development of an entrance from the N11 at the Halo Tiles Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence.

Works have started on the new pitches and will be available for use later next year while works on the new entrance from the N11 will happen in the new year. Professional Architectural Services have been sought in regard to the proposed extension to the Dressing Room Building along with associated siteworks.

It is hoped to finalise agreement with Wexford Camogie and Wexford LGFA in 2023 on a Memorandum of Understanding in respect of Halo Tiles COE so as to provide a single base for all the elite teams in the count.

Chadwicks Wexford Park

Chadwicks Wexford Park has been a hub of activity this year in regard to our planned infrastructure upgrades. Initial pitch maintenance works including re-seeding goal mouths, verti-draining, sanding and overseeding was completed in early May which then led to the installation of the new irrigation system while also laying down an Astro-Turf area along the side-line in front of the main stand.

The pitch was back in action by early July for our club games and has been in excellent condition all year, especially for our county finals as all winning captains complemented the condition of the pitch in their speeches.

Works on installing floodlights began in early November, it is expected that the light poles will be erected in December. The lights will be commissioned, and concourse lighting installed, the first game under floodlights in Chadwicks Wexford Park will be a Walsh Cup game on 21 January 2023 and will include a host of significant events to mark the occasion. Special mention and thanks must go to Dave Tobin as Safety and Facilities Officer and his

committee for the work on these projects so far.

Wexford GAA received €200,000 from the GAA County Capital Infrastructure Grants which will go towards the works carried out this year along with funds from Wexford GAA's Infrastructure Development Fund.

Facilities and the pitch at the venue are maintained and monitored by John Kehoe, David Ormonde, Bobby Goff and many more people, thanks to all who have contributed to the process.

Coaching

On the coaching front it was another busy year for everyone involved and this area is the most important because if we fall behind in coaching, we will suffer in the years to come on the pitch which as a County is our main aim to strive for excellence both at Club and County level.

The Go Games programme this year was very successfully, this is where our stars of the future will learn the fundamentals of the games and where first and foremost it is about fun, enjoyment, and participation this should never be forgotten. I would like to thank the Go Games Committee for all their work throughout the year.

A huge amount of games was played in the U-13 to U-17 grades this year and massive credit must go to the Coiste na nÓg committees led by John Kenny for organising it in such an efficient manner. These grades are still about development of our young players, and I would encourage parents and mentors to not lose sight of this as player retention is one of the main issues we face as an organisation into the future, this is especially the case for rural clubs as the findings of the Demographics task force committee led by George Hussey emphasised to clubs earlier in the year.

As was stated in last year's report, our Cúl Camps continue to be a success with over 6,000 attendees over our 45 venues. Thank you to all the Camp Co-ordinators and 130 coaches that were involved to fulfil the



massive demand this year and to James Flynn who led the way in organizing the camps over a six-week period.

Wexford GAA leads the way in regard to inclusion and this can be seen first-hand with our first ever Cúl Camp in partnership with Down Syndrome Wexford held in the Faythe Harriers GAA pitch and our now annual ASD Kelloggs CÚI Camp which was once again in Chadwicks Wexford Park.

Our inclusion camps allow children with autism and their siblings attend a camp that is tailored to their needs. Over 200 children took part this year which was an increase on the number who took part last year.

I would like to thank Down Syndrome Wexford, Wexford Sports Partnership and Cottage Autism Network Wexford for their continued help and support. Finally, occasions such as these camps would not be possible without the volunteers and staff, who give their time to ensure a safe, fun & inclusive camp. We wish to say thank you and well done.

I must give great credit to our Coaching Officer Tom Cousins as he has put in a huge amount of work, time and commitment to the role over the last two years and for that I would like to thank him. We are sad to see Tom step down from the role as he is a huge asset to Wexford GAA but hopefully in the future Tom will be back involved at some level. For a more comprehensive breakdown of coaching please see Tom's full report available as part of Tuarascálacha na bhFochoistí.

Wexford GAA High-Performance Plan for Hurling

The Wexford GAA High-Performance Plan for Hurling was launched earlier this year. Its vision is to develop MODEL players, coaches and teams to consistently achieve success at the highest level. The mission is to create a high-performance environment where sustained success can be achieved, alongside a progressive approach to player and coach development and participation.

The existing structure of our Games Manager, Ray Harris, together with our GDAs and GPOs will continue to have their present responsibilities in respect of participation and the Model Academy.

Declan Browne has been appointed as Director of Athletic Performance. Declan is the Programme Director for the MSc Strength & Conditioning in South East Technological University. Through our partnership with SETU, Declan's responsibilities within his current role have been changed to include his responsibilities as Director of Athletic Development within our High-Performance Plan for Hurling.

Niall Williams has been employed as our Coach & Player Development Manager (Director of Hurling) as part of our High-Performance Plan for Hurling.

Niall has numerous qualifications including a Certificate in Sports Coaching and a MSc. in Coaching & Exercise Science. Niall, who has recently moved to live in New Ross, spent ten years as a GPO with Dublin GAA and has been the Coach Education and Development Officer for the Camogie Association for the past four years. He also has a wealth of coaching experience across multiple codes at all levels and, most recently, with St. Martin's who were narrowly beaten in this year's county final.

Integrated Athletic Development Programme

The vision for the Integrated Athletic Development Programme is to implement a coherent approach towards the area of strength and conditioning in Wexford for youth footballers and hurlers.

The mission is to work with clubs and post primary schools to develop the physical literacy skills of adolescents in Wexford.

Eoin Devine O'Grady has been employed as a GDA with responsibility for the implementation of the Integrated Athletic Development Programme. Eoin has a BSc. in Sports Science and a MSc. In Strength & Conditioning. He has worked previously as an S&C Coach with Carlow GAA in respect of



strength and conditioning programmes for youth players and has spent the last five years as a GDA in Longford GAA with responsibility for performance coaching.

Deceased Members

Over the past 12 months, we have sadly lost many gaelers who have contributed massively to Wexford GAA over the years. Seamus Barron sadly passed away during the year a former All Ireland winning player in hurling at Minor, U21 and Senior and was also part of the management team of the 1996 All Ireland winning team. John Rossiter who many people would have associated him with all things refereeing within the county also went to his eternal rest. Martin O'Connor who sadly passed away in a tragic farming accident during the year and was serving as Duffry Rovers Chairman at the time.

We remember all associated with Wexford GAA who passed away during the year and the many involved in Wexford GAA and the wider GAA community who lost family members also.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a hainmeacha Dhílis.

Buíochas

As I conclude my report, I would like to thank all the members of An Coiste Bainistí for their support during the year a special mention and thanks to Micheál Martin, County Chairperson, Gavin O'Donovan, CEO/Operations Manager, and Bobby Goff, County Vice-Chairperson as they were always only a phone call away whenever I needed a question answered.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our staff. In the office, Marion Doyle, Bernie Donovan and Erica Cunningham and in the coaching section, Ray Harris, Games Manager, our GDAs Anthony Masterson, JJ Doyle, James Flynn and Eoin Devine O'Grady and all our GPOs for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

I would like to thank all our club secretaries and chairpersons and our members who put in endless hours of work into their clubs and without this voluntary effort we would simply not function as an organisation.

I would also like to thank:

- All our various Corporate Partners and Sponsors
- District Officers & County Committee Members
- Chairpersons and Members of the many Sub Committees
- Coiste na nÓg officers
- Andrew Nolan, County Treasurer and James Flood and his gatemens
- Dave Ormonde & his team of Stewards
- Managers, Selectors and Backroom Teams of all our County Teams & Squads
- All our referees, linesmen and umpires
- Our grounds men John Kehoe, Michael Lynch, Seamus O'Brien and John Nolan
- Staff at Croke Park & Leinster Council
- Chief Superintendent Denis Ferry, Superintendent Jim Doyle, Inspector Graham Rowley and Sergeant Denis Murphy and all locally based members of An Garda Síochána
- Bríd Quigley & Pat Murphy for their assistance on match days
- Pat Kavanagh & The Corish Park Residents for their cooperation
- Auditors Martin & Ruairi Quigley
- Games Development Staff
- Local Press & Radio and in particular Liam Spratt, Gerry Forde, Alan Corcoran and Alan Aherne.
- All Wexford GAA TV Contributors in particular Lar Sutton, Finbar Flanagan, and Peter Mernagh.

Mícheál ÓhAonghusa Cuilín

Runaí CLG Loch Garman



Roll of Honour 2022

2022 Hurling Championship Winners

Pettitt's Senior Hurling Championship	Ferns St. Aidans
The Courtyard Ferns Intermediate Hurling Championship	Oulart-The Ballagh
Joyces Expert Wexford Intermediate A Hurling Championship	Horeswood
Permanent TSB Junior Hurling Championship	Davidstown-Courtnacuddy
Permanent TSB Junior A Hurling Championship	Clongeen
Permanent TSB Junior B Hurling Championship	Glynn-Barntown

2022 Football Championship Winners

Dominic Smith Expert Electrical Senior Football Championship	Castletown
Amber Springs & Ashdown Park Hotels Intermediate Football Ch.	St. Mogue's Fethard
Whizzy Internet Intermediate A Football Championship	St. Abban's Adamstown
Enniscorthy Farm Systems Junior Football Championship	Monageer-Boolavogue
Enniscorthy Farm Systems Junior A Football Championship	Buffers Alley
Enniscorthy Farm Systems Junior B Football Championship	Oulart-The Ballagh

Enniscorthy Electrical Wholesale All County Hurling League 2022

Division 1	Rathnure St. Anne's
Division 2	Oulart-The Ballagh
Division 3	Shelmalier
Division 4	Glynn-Barntown
Division 5	Naomh Éanna

EBS Mortgages Wexford All County Football League 2022

Division 1	Shelmalier
Division 2	Horeswood
Division 3	St. John's Volunteers
Division 4	Castletown
Division 5	HWH Bunclody

Panda U19 Hurling 2022

Premier	Buffers Alley
Division 1	St Brigid's Blackwater
Division 2	Duffry Rovers
Division 3	St. Mary's Rosslare

Panda U19 Football 2022

Premier	To be completed
Division 1	Castletown
Division 2	Davidstown-Courtnacuddy



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Coiste Chontae Loch Garman

Financial Statements

for the period ended 30th September 2022



Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman
Year Ended 30th September 2022

Report of Management of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman

Coiste Bainistí CLG Loch Garman presents its annual report together with audited financial statements of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman for the twelve months ended 30th September 2022. The comparative figures throughout this report are for the eleven month period ended 30th September 2021.

Principal activities

Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman is the governing body for the Gaelic Athletic Association in County Wexford. The principal activity of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman is the development and promotion of Gaelic games as a principal component of Irish identity and culture.

As well as developing and promoting the games in the county, Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman is responsible for the preparation of the Wexford inter county teams and the operation of club championships, leagues and various other competitions at all levels.

Results

The results for the year as set out in the Income and Expenditure Account show an operating surplus of €848,807 (2021: €1,006,511) and a net surplus after depreciation of €652,119 (2021: €828,317). This operating surplus was utilised to invest €437,780 in upgrades to Chadwicks Wexford Park together with repayments on the existing loan on Halo Tiles Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence of €123,280. The remainder of the surplus from 2022 will be utilised in the planned investments in Chadwicks Wexford Park and Halo Tiles Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence during 2023.

Events since the period end

No significant events occurred since the balance sheet date, which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Books and records

Coiste Bainistí is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman. The books and accounting records of the board are maintained at Chadwicks Wexford Park, Clonard Road, Wexford.

Auditors

The auditors, Martin Quigley & Co, have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

Micheál Ó Mairtín (Cathaoirleach)

Andriu Ó Nualláin (Cisteoir)



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Statement of Responsibilities of Coiste Bainistí

Coiste Bainistí is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish Law regulations.

Coiste Bainistí is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman and of the surplus or deficit of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman for that year. In preparing those financial statements Management is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reason for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Board will continue in operation.

Coiste Bainistí is responsible for ensuring that Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman, enable at any time the assets, liabilities and financial position of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable the financial statements to be audited. Coiste Bainistí is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman

Micheál Ó Mairtín (Cathaoirleach)

Andriu Ó Nualláin (Cisteoir)

Date: 1st December 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman for the year ended 30th September 2022 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the Republic of Ireland, in conjunction with the accounting policies.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman as at 30th September 2022 and of its surplus for the period then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the Republic of Ireland and the accounting policies stated in the financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Board in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish auditing and Accounting Supervisory authority (IAASA) and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- Management have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Board's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

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

Respective Responsibilities of Management Committee and Auditors

As described in the Statement of Management's responsibilities, management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal controls as they



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determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: https://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf. This description forms part of our audit report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibility

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

Ruairí Quigley
For and on behalf of

Martin Quigley & Co
Chartered Accountants &
Registered Auditors
100 North Main Street
Wexford

Date: 1st December 2022

**Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman
Year Ended 30th September 2022****Income and Expenditure Account**

		2022		2021	
	Schedule	€	€	€	€
Income					
Gate Receipts	1	831,157		508,664	
National League Shares	2	157,293		28,000	
Commercial and Fund-Raising Income	3	1,126,923		772,563	
Other Income	4	431,928		388,317	
Income from Associated Bodies	5	406,249		307,571	
Government Funding	6	-		180,499	
			2,953,550		2,185,614
Expenditure					
Match Day Costs	7	234,259		121,987	
County Teams Administration	8	955,752		518,457	
Maintenance of Grounds	9	266,299		131,386	
Financial Expenses	10	29,629		13,644	
Administration Expenses	11	357,043		242,996	
Grants/Promotional	12	9,780		5,000	
Coaching and Games Development	13	251,981		145,633	
			2,104,743		1,179,103
Operating surplus for the year			848,807		1,006,511
Depreciation of Fixed Assets			196,688		178,194
Net surplus for year			652,119		828,317

This operating surplus was utilised to invest €437,780 (2021: €1,679) in upgrades to Chadwicks Wexford Park together with repayments on the existing loan on Halo Tiles Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence of €123,280 (2021: €122,930). See note 14 for further details.

Micheál Ó Mairtín (Cathaoirleach)

Andriu Ó Nualláin (Cisteoir)

Date: 1st December 2022



Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman
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Income Schedules

	2022	2021
	€	€
Schedule 1 - Gate Receipts		
County Championship	602,239	391,636
Streaming Income	92,035	44,640
Season Tickets	84,641	50,744
Coiste na nÓg	45,683	17,765
Wexford District	1,529	1,345
New Ross District	1,420	893
Enniscorthy District	1,105	818
Gorey District	2,505	823
	<u>831,157</u>	<u>508,664</u>
Schedule 2 – National League Shares		
National League Share - Hurling	117,791	17,500
National League Share - Football	39,502	10,500
	<u>157,293</u>	<u>28,000</u>
Schedule 3 – Commercial and Fund-Raising Income		
Rent Received	101,836	58,300
Advertising & Signage	68,662	21,956
Supporters Club – Dublin Branch	21,121	10,000
Cairde Loch Garman Membership	30,768	19,646
Development Draw	180,428	181,347
Sponsorship, Commercial & Fundraising Income	724,108	481,314
	<u>1,126,923</u>	<u>772,563</u>
Schedule 4 – Other Income		
Club Affiliation Fees	53,555	42,247
Handball & Scór Affiliation	2,400	2,400
Coiste na nÓg Affiliation	22,900	23,465
Feile Entry Fees	3,260	2,476
Fines	12,070	6,250
Receipts – Programme sales	39,004	14,198
Summer Camp Income	209,788	218,796
Sundry Income	4,827	8,236
Interest received	23,724	9,849
Amortisation of Government Grant	400	400
Coaching Contribution Wexford County Council	60,000	60,000
	<u>431,928</u>	<u>388,317</u>



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Income Schedules (....continued)

	2022	2021
	€	€
Schedule 5 – Income from Associated Bodies		
Leinster Council – Teams Expenses	22,500	-
Leinster Council – Finalists Grant	1,000	-
Leinster Council – Games Development	20,000	-
Leinster Council – Office Administration	10,000	10,000
Leinster Council – Other Grants	6,000	-
Central Council – Match Day Grant	-	42,000
Central Council – Venue Expenses	-	15,000
Central Council – Teams Expenses	69,430	97,450
Central Council – Players Travel Expenses	47,319	50,621
Central Council – Grant	185,000	60,000
Central Council – Administration Grant	30,000	27,500
Central Council – TV Rights Grant	15,000	5,000
	<u>406,249</u>	<u>307,571</u>
Schedule 6 – Government Funding		
Wage Subsidy Scheme	-	180,499
	<u>-</u>	<u>180,499</u>



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Expense Schedules

	2022	2021
	€	€
Schedule 7 – Match Day Costs		
Medals & Trophies	25,376	17,791
Match Day Expenses	137,735	88,049
Streaming Costs	47,187	11,181
Garda & Security	23,961	4,966
	<u>234,259</u>	<u>121,987</u>
Schedule 8 – County Teams Administration		
Rent	4,500	4,500
Players Travelling Expenses	175,216	63,024
Teams Administration	339,135	229,725
Transport	37,063	1,000
Catering, Hotels & Overnights	244,420	100,681
Medical	8,302	11,428
Sports Gear & Equipment	141,716	99,354
County Players Injury Scheme	5,400	8,745
	<u>955,752</u>	<u>518,457</u>
Schedule 9 – Maintenance of Grounds		
Maintenance – Chadwicks Wexford Park	119,502	63,368
Maintenance – St. Patricks Park	58,233	19,517
Maintenance – Halo Tiles Wexford GAA COE	88,564	48,501
	<u>266,299</u>	<u>131,386</u>
Schedule 10 – Financial Expenses		
Bank Charges	21,055	3,204
Bank Interest	8,574	10,440
	<u>29,629</u>	<u>13,644</u>



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Expense Schedules (....continued)

	2022	2021
	€	€
Schedule 11 – Administration Expenses		
Staff Costs	192,802	137,751
Presentations & Donations	29,780	10,546
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	40,541	34,027
I.T. Costs	2,969	458
Convention & Congress Expenses	-	-
Expenses of County Board Officers	5,296	6,837
Postage & Telephone	9,449	11,087
Other Meeting Expenses	2,734	-
Audit	12,915	12,705
Professional fees	23,136	14,869
Miscellaneous	15,496	8,616
Tickets	21,925	6,100
	<u>357,043</u>	<u>242,996</u>
Schedule 12 – Grants/Promotional		
Handball	1,000	1,000
Cumann Camógaíochta	2,000	2,000
Ladies Football	3,000	2,000
Gaeltacht Scholarships	3,780	-
	<u>9,780</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Schedule 13 – Coaching & Games Development		
Community Employment Coaching Scheme	4,510	7,321
Games Promotion Officers	81,005	19,017
Games Development Expenses	44,748	6,494
Summer Camp Expenses	121,718	112,801
	<u>251,981</u>	<u>145,633</u>



Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman
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Balance Sheet
as at 30th September 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	€	€	€	€
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4		7,568,025		7,326,933
Current Assets					
Stocks		6,360		10,695	
Debtors	5	409,114		257,681	
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,729,213		1,624,496	
		<u>2,144,687</u>		<u>1,892,872</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors & Accruals	7	210,296		245,826	
Bank Loans	7	113,875		112,351	
Lease Creditor	7	-		11,106	
		<u>324,171</u>		<u>369,283</u>	
			<u>1,820,516</u>		<u>1,523,589</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities			9,388,541		8,850,522
Creditors after more than one year	8		(586,622)		(700,321)
Deferred Government Grant	9		(19,200)		(19,600)
Net Assets			<u>8,782,719</u>		<u>8,130,600</u>
Reserves					
Accumulated Fund	13		8,782,719		8,130,600
			<u>8,782,719</u>		<u>8,130,600</u>

Micheál Ó Mairtín (Cathaoirleach)

Andriu Ó Nualláin (Cisteoir)

Date: 1st December 2022

Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman
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Notes to the Accounts

1. Statement of compliance

These financial statements comprising the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes constitute the financial statements of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman for the financial year ended 30th September 2022.

Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman is an unincorporated association. The nature of the association's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Report of Management of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman.

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the accounting policies noted below and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS102").

Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman is considered to be a public benefit entity.

2. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the associations financial statements.

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with historical cost convention, the accounting policies noted below and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. The financial statements are stated in Euro which is the functional currency of Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman.

Disclosure exemptions for qualifying entities under FRS 102

FRS 102 allows a qualifying entity certain disclosure exemptions. Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman is a qualifying entity and has taken advantage of the below available disclosure exemptions for qualifying entities.

(i) Exemption from the requirement of FRS 102 paragraph 33.7 to disclose key management personnel compensation in total.

Gate receipts

Gate receipts are stated gross on a remittance basis before deduction of match expenses.

Grants

Grants receivable and payable are included in the Income and Expenditure Account in the year in which they are approved in principle.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current and non-current liabilities.

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Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including other receivable and cash and bank balances are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in income or expenditure. If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised the impairment loss is reversed. The reversal is such that the carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in income or expenditure. Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled; or substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party; or control of the asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions on the transfer.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets including trade receivable for goods sold to customers on short-term credit, are initially measured at the undiscounted amount of cash receivable from that customer, which is normally the invoice price, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost less impairment, where there is objective evidence of an impairment.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, less accumulated depreciation. Provision is made for depreciation on all tangible assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each asset over their estimated useful life on a straight-line basis, as set out below.

Land - Nil

Chadwicks Wexford Park – 2% Straight Line

Halo Tiles Wexford GAA COE – 2% Straight Line

Equipment -12.5% Straight Line

Development St Patricks Park -5% - 10% Straight Line

Employee benefits

Short term benefits

Short term benefits, including holiday pay and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

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2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Management Committee makes judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that were not readily apparent from other sources in the application of the Board's accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from the estimates.

Critical judgements

Management is of the opinion that there are no critical judgements (other than those involving estimates) that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Useful economic lives of fixed assets

Fixed assets comprising primarily grounds and fixtures and equipment represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. Management regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. See Note 4 for the carrying amount of fixed assets.

Impairment of other receivables

Management assesses loans and receivable on a continuous basis for any objective evidence of impairment by considering factors, including the ageing profile, the creditworthiness and the past collection history of each receivable. If the financial condition of these receivables were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.



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4. Tangible fixed assets

	Halo Tiles Wexford GAA COE €	St. Patricks Park Development €	Chadwicks Wexford Park €	Memorabilia €	Equipment €	Total €
Cost						
At 1st October 2021	4,491,647	119,890	5,680,985	8,524	256,232	10,557,278
Additions	-	-	345,014	-	92,766	437,780
At 30 th September 2022	4,491,647	119,890	6,025,999	8,524	348,998	10,995,058
Depreciation						
At 1st October 2021	674,239	98,243	2,226,362	-	231,502	3,230,345
Charge for the year	51,865	1,968	112,918	-	29,937	196,688
At 30 th September 2022	726,104	100,211	2,339,280	-	261,439	3,427,033
Net Book Values						
At 30 th September 2022	3,765,543	19,679	3,686,719	8,524	87,559	7,568,025
At 30 th September 2021	3,817,405	21,647	3,454,622	8,524	24,730	7,326,933

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Notes to the accounts

5. Debtors	2022	2021
	€	€
Debtors and prepayments	409,114	257,681
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6. Cash and cash equivalents	2022	2021
	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	395,370	1,014,377
Cash on deposit with Central Council	1,333,843	610,119
Total	<hr/> 1,729,213 <hr/>	<hr/> 1,624,496 <hr/>

The carrying amount of these assets approximate their fair value.

7. Creditors	2022	2021
Amounts falling due within one year	€	€
Bank loans and overdrafts	113,875	112,351
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	-	11,106
Creditors and accruals	210,296	245,826
	<hr/> 324,171 <hr/>	<hr/> 369,283 <hr/>

Creditors

The carrying amounts of creditors approximate their fair value due to the short-term maturities and nature of these instruments. The repayment terms of creditors vary between on demand and 90 days. No interest is payable on creditors.

Accruals

The terms of the accruals are based on underlying contracts.

Taxes and social welfare costs

Taxes and social welfare costs are subject to the terms of the relevant legislation. Interest accrues on late payments. No interest was due at the financial year end.

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8. Creditors	2022	2021
Amounts due after more than one year	€	€
Bank loans	586,622	700,321
	<u>586,622</u>	<u>700,321</u>

Allied Irish Bank hold a charge in respect of lands at Halo Tiles Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence as security for loan amounts outstanding.

9. Government Grants Deferred	2022	2021
Capital Grants Received and Receivable	€	€
At 1 st October 2021	<u>19,600</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Amortisation		
Amortised in financial period	<u>(400)</u>	<u>(400)</u>
Net Book Value		
At 30 th September 2022	<u>19,200</u>	<u>19,600</u>

Capital Grant funding of €20,000 was received from Sport Ireland during the year ended 30th September 2021 in relation to improvement works carried out at Wexford Park in 2019. This grant is being released to the Income & Expenditure account over the estimated useful life of the works completed.

10. Taxation

The Board is exempt from income tax under the provisions of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

11. Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no significant events affecting Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman subsequent to the balance sheet date.

12. Contingent Liabilities

Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman have guaranteed the following outstanding loan amounts at the 30th September 2022. These amounts relate to loans advanced to clubs from the GAA Development Fund.

Kilmore GAA Club	98,437.25
Clongeen GAA Club	36,390.40
Fethard St Mogues GAA Club	30,660.73
Ferns St. Aidans GAA Club	53,681.65
Oulart the Ballagh GAA Club	42,246.29
Shelmaliers GAA Club	323,855.85
St. Martins GAA Club	68,031.50
Ballygarret/Realt na Mara	73,256.85

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Notes to the accounts

13. Accumulated Fund

	2022	2021
	€	€
Balance 1 st November 2021	8,130,600	7,302,283
Surplus for the year	652,119	828,317
Balance 30 th September 2022	<u>8,782,719</u>	<u>8,130,600</u>

14. Cash Flow Reconciliation

Surplus for the year	652,119	828,317
Adjustments for depreciation & amortisation	196,288	177,794
Movements in Working Capital	<u>(182,630)</u>	<u>(9,518)</u>
Cash generated from operations	665,777	996,593
Less Capital Expenditure	(437,780)	(1,679)
Less Repayment of long term loan	(123,280)	(122,930)
Plus Capital Grant received	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Net increase in cash	104,717	891,984
Opening cash balance	<u>1,624,496</u>	<u>732,512</u>
Closing cash balance	<u>1,729,213</u>	<u>1,624,496</u>

15. Comparatives

Comparative figures have been regrouped where necessary on a basis consistent with the current year. The comparative figures throughout this report are for the eleven month period ended 30th September 2021.

16. Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no significant events affecting Coiste Chontae CLG Loch Garman subsequent to the year end.

17. Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved on 1st December 2022.



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Competitions Control Committee – Fixtures

I left the February Co Committee meeting with some trepidation on how we could run the two groups of six over such a short time frame, but with the help and cooperation of the Clubs, Referees, Gatemens, stewards and so many more, we got through without too many hitches.

The Leagues

The Leagues started in March with every second week of Football and Hurling, and as you will read from John O'Neill in his fixtures analysts report, we had less walkovers than in 2021. The leagues can be uncompetitive with no promotion or relegation, and you have team 3 playing team 5 with nothing to really play for. We need to develop the leagues as a competitive second competition.

The Championship

The most common complaint made on the split season is that the Hurling and Football are ran over eight weeks, with not even a mention of the leagues.

The big disappointment for me was the U19 Hurling championship with so many teams entering and then withdrawing and other clubs conceding walkovers with no concern for their opponents.

The only thing that remains is to thank everyone who has made this year a success, particularly the clubs who have given their facilities so willingly sometimes when they were playing at another venue at the same time, but a small minority of clubs forget that if other clubs didn't give their venues, they would not get their own games played.

The other unsung heroes are the four district committees who successfully ran a comprehensive Junior B games programme, and really only getting the crumbs from the table as regards dates to play fixtures, with midweek fixtures in adult and U19 and games on Friday nights. The Junior B championship is now where most 18-year-olds get regular games, I thank Joe, Ollie, Seamus and Michael.

The detailed report of all the leagues and championship games is written by our fixture's analyst John O'Neill and I would like to thank John for his great work

The last but by no means least people to thank are the County Chairperson, Micheál Martin, the media, People newspapers group and Southeast radio for the excellent coverage of our games, the staff in Chadwick's Wexford Park, particularly Marion and Gavin for all their advice and help during the year and John Kehoe who looks after the pitch and grounds so well. Michael Lynch and his Family and Dave Ormonde.

The CCC Committee who all have their own specific jobs, Justin Brown, John O'Neill, Michael Hennessey- Cullen, Marion Doyle, Joan Furlong, Seamus Kennelly, Gabriel Wade and Seamus Whelan the referee's administrator who with his committee definitely has the hardest job getting



all matches covered with referees and linesmen where possible. I ask every club to try and get at least one new referee. Finally, to anyone I forgot, thank you all.

Riobaird Mach Eochaidh
Cathaioileach CCC Loch Gorman

Fixtures Analyst's Report

League

There were 57 teams entered in the Football League comprising of 26 clubs which entered 1 Team, 14 clubs which entered 2 Teams and one club which entered 3 Teams . It began on Weekend of 12th March and ended on 12th June

Of the 3 entitled teams who did not enter 2 were from Div 4 (Junior Teams) with 1 from Div 5 (Junior A Teams) . Two of these were clubs 1st Teams and one their 2nd Team

In all 167 matches ,including 5 Finals, were scheduled to be played with 137 being completed giving a compliance rate of 82%. This compares with a compliance rate of 80.3% in 2021. Of the 137 played 66 ,that is 48%, were changed by clubs from the original fixture.

Of the 30 not played 22 were conceded with the remaining 8 Postponed and not refixed by the clubs involved. 6 of these were from Rd 1 due to inclement weather

60 Teams were entered in the Hurling League which began on the Weekend of 19th March and concluded on 19th June. Of these 25 Clubs entered 1 Team, 16 entered 2 Teams and one club entered 3 Teams

Including Finals 185 matches were scheduled to be played. 172 of these were completed with a compliance rate of 92.97%. This compares with a compliance rate of 90% in 2021. Of the 172 matches completed 99 or 57.5% were changed by clubs from the original fixture.

Of the 13 matches not completed 10 were conceded with 3 Postponed and not played

Championship

In football from Senior to Junior B 85 Teams competed in the championship. This was made up of 12 Teams in each Div from Senior to Junior , 11 Teams in Junior A, and in Junior B Wexford District 9 Teams , Enniscorthy District 5 Teams ,Gorey District 7 Teams, and New Ross District 5 Teams

In Hurling 98 Teams competed made up of 12 Teams in the Divs from Senior to Junior A , and in Junior B Wexford District 10 Teams ,Enniscorthy District 11 Teams , Gorey District 9 Teams and New Ross District 8 Teams . The breakdown of Clubs/Teams are as follows :

Football : 6 clubs with 3 Teams, 27 clubs with 2 Teams , 12 clubs with 1 Team

Hurling : 2 clubs with 4 Teams 13 clubs with 3 Teams 23 Clubs with 2 Teams 5 Clubs with 1 Team

The Football Championship began on 22nd April with Junior B matches in both the Wexford and Gorey Districts and finished with the County Junior B Final on 28th October. Senior to Junior A kicked off on Weekend of 27th August and was completed on the Weekend of 15th October. In all 191 matches were scheduled from Senior to Junior A and the County Junior B championship with 190 being completed with 1 match conceded.. A further 83 matches were scheduled in the District Junior B League sections with 66 being completed and 17 matches conceded.



The total number of matches scheduled over all Levels was therefore 274 with 256 being completed with gives a compliance rate of 93.43%

Gorey District got the Hurling Championship underway with the 1st round of Junior B on 1st April with the Senior to Junior A commencing with a mid-week round on 28th June. The Hurling Championship concluded with the Junior Final Replay and the Junior B Final on 20th August.

With 2 matches conceded 196 games were played out of a possible 198 from Senior to Junior A and including the County Junior B matches. A further 138 matches were scheduled in the District Junior B League Section with 113 being completed and 25 matches conceded.

Over all grades a total of 336 matches were scheduled with 309 being completed and 27 conceded. This gives a compliance rate of 92%

Summary Adult Competition (excluding U19)

Football Championship & League

Fixed	441 Matches	Played 393	Conceded 48	Compliance Rate 89.11%
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Hurling Championship & League

Fixed	521 Matches	Played 481	Conceded 40	Compliance Rate 92.32%
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Hurling and Football Combined

Fixed	962 Matches	Played 874	Conceded 88	Compliance Rate 90.85%
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U19 Championship

An u19 competition was chosen by clubs to bridge the gap between underage and adult and to help to improve player retention at this age level. It was proposed to run the U19 Hurling Championship mid-week during the adult Championship in July and August with the Football Championship to run from the end of October when both the Adult Football Championship and the underage u17 Championship concludes. Clubs taking part in both Championships , Hurling and Football, would be allocated a minimum of 4 matches in both codes .

Originally 29 clubs entered the U19 Hurling Championship and the grading for the Divisions ratified at the County Board meeting in June

This would have resulted in a total of 66 matches being fixed at this age group in hurling. Unfortunately 7 Clubs withdrew before the beginning of the competition leaving 22 teams remaining with a total of 40 matches to be fixed.

Of these 40 fixtures 27 were played with a total of 13 games conceded giving a compliance rate of 67.5% . If we take the original number of fixtures before the withdrawals i.e 66, we get a compliance rate of 41%

Of the 22 Teams who remained in the Championship 3 Teams did not fulfil any of their fixtures.

Of the remaining Teams 1 played 5 matches, 6 Played 4 matches, 5 played 3 matches, 3 played 2 matches and 4 played only 1 match . The 12 Teams who played less than the 4 matches promised was due to those teams either giving or getting walkovers.

From the above figures it would appear that an urgent and in-depth review is needed if this competition is to progress.

26 Teams have entered the U19 Football Championship which has not commenced at the time of writing. It will commence on the weekend of 5th November with a total of 59 matches to be



scheduled. Although this competition will be played during Autumn/Winter months it will also be played when no other GAA competitions are in progress. Hopefully with no other competitions being played will result in it running more successfully than the Hurling competition.

Summary Charts

Hurling					
	Scheduled	Played	Conceded	% Played	Remarks
Championship	198	196	2	99%	
District Champs	138	113	25	81.88%	
League	185	172	13	93%	
U20	40	27	13	67.50%	7 clubs that withdrew not included
Total	561	508	53	90.50%	

Football					
	Scheduled	Played	Conceded	% Played	Remarks
Championship	191	190	1	99.47%	
District Champs	83	66	17	79.51%	
League	167	137	30	82.03%	
Total	441	393	48	89.11%	

Hurling & Football Combined					
	Scheduled	Played	Conceded	% Played	Remarks
Championship	389	386	3	99.22%	
District Champs	221	179	42	80.99%	
League	352	309	43	87.78%	
U20	40	27	13	67.50%	7 clubs that withdrew not included
Total	1002	901	101	89.92%	

Seán Ó Néill
Anailísí Cluichí

Competitions Control Committee – Discipline

What more needs to be said about Disciplinary issues within Wexford GAA that has not already been said in the local, national and social media.

When will it STOP ?
Where will it STOP ?
Who will take action to STOP ?
How will it STOP ?

Is the number of cases of 200 cases this year an acceptable figure (the highest number of cases in all the years I have been Secretary of the County Discipline committee). A Summary of cases is detailed below.

With approx. 700 matches played across adult League and Championship this equates to approx. 20% of all matches (in some games there would be the occurrence of more than 1 Disciplinary issue).



We all know the difficulty in getting volunteers involved in our clubs and with teams but it should be borne in mind that these volunteers are representing the club and hence it is important that all volunteers are reminded of their responsibilities and behaviour on a regular basis.

We would ask all clubs to work hard in endeavouring to instil in their players, officials and mentors a greater responsibility with regard to discipline both on and off the field with respect for officials being a priority.

Clubs need to take control of this situation as it should not be forgotten that without referees and linesmen we would not be able stage our games and they are all deserving of respect whether you agree or not with their decision making.

The level of abuse is also leading to difficulties in the recruitment of new referees.

Our organisation needs a change of culture and attitude to discipline and this needs to start now, This change will only happen with the efforts of everyone concerned.

Let the journey begin now and there is no telling where it will end.

All cases were dealt with in a fair manner and suspensions proposed were at all times considered appropriate to the Infraction reported.

Category	ONE		THREE		FOUR		FIVE		OTHER	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Infractions	22	59	71	87	10	18	0	0	19	36

We would like to thank all clubs and referees for their co-operation throughout the year.

In addition to dealing with Breaches of Discipline the committee are also involved with CCC Fixtures committee in adjudicating on transfer requests both within the County and players seeking to transfer to Wexford clubs from other counties. In deciding on cases a lot of time consuming work is undertaken with regard to eligibility of the respective player.

The County Hearings committee have an important role to play in ensuring disciplinary penalties are fairly applied and consequently it is a committee with whom we have a close working relationship. We wish to acknowledge the work of Committee Chairperson Margaret Doyle, Secretary Eddie Nangle and the other members of the committee for their work during the past year.

We express our appreciation to our County Chairperson, Micheál, and our CEO/Operations Manager, Gavin O'Donovan for their support and help throughout the year.

Míle buíochas don na daoine atá ag obair san oifig i bPáirc Loch Garman go hairithe Bainisteoir Óibríochtaí Gabhán le haghaidh an cabhrú agus cúirtéis a thabhairt siad liom i rith an bliain, míle buíochas dóibh go léir.

I would like to acknowledge my fellow committee members under the Chairmanship of Aidan O'Leary, Mary Doyle, Kevin Doyle and Tossy Ryan, Andrew Egan and Brian Molloy for their diligence, fairness and impartial decision making when considering reported breaches of Discipline.

Seosamh Ó Síocháin

Runaí An Choiste Cheannais na gComortaisí Smachta

Hearings Committee

During the course of 2022, the Hearings Committee met on eight occasions, starting on 21st March, ending on 4th November. The committee, which has a membership of eight, recently rising to nine, dealt with 13 cases during the year. The average attendance at meetings was six.

The Hearings Committee deals only with cases who request a hearing, after a penalty has been initially proposed by CCC. Only about 10% of the cases dealt with by CCC are referred to the Hearings Committee – the remaining 90% accept the proposed penalty.

The first notable feature of this year's activity was the fall in the number of offences. In 2021, the total number of offences was 23; in 2020 only 7 cases were heard – the much reduced number of games due to Covid19. This year, after a full programme of games in both codes, the total number of offences heard was only 13.

Summary of Offences 2017 – 2022

	2022	2021	2020*	2019	2018	2017
Verbal abuse of match officials	4	3	0	3	3	1
Behaving in manner dangerous to opponent	3	2	1	3	2	0
Striking with minimum force	2	5	0	3	1	1
Pulling an opponent's helmet	1	0	3	0	0	0
Disruptive conduct by supporters	1	4	0	0	0	0
Striking with hand	1	4	1	2	0	0
Stamping	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	10**	5**	11	6	2

Notes:

*2020 figures were notably small due to the reduced number of games played.

** Other offences which did not appear in 2022 did appear in 2020, bringing that year's total to 7, and 2021, bringing that year's total to 23.

As can be seen from the accompanying list of the cases referred to Hearings during 2022, 'verbal abuse of match officials', especially referees, ranks first out of the 13 cases, with four such offences. The last six years – with the exception of 2020, which had none – have seen this offence appear two to three times on average annually and seeing it rise in 2022 to four, indicates a worrying trend. It would seem to fit in with the national figure, which has also been rising steadily. This has resulted in the recent national emphasis on giving respect to officials, especially to referees. Supporters, players and team officials all need to take on board the necessity of adopting such an approach to match officials, especially referees.

The offence 'behaving in a manner dangerous to an opponent' also sees a slight increase in numbers, 2019 being the last year in which the offence featured to the same extent. 'Striking with minimum force' shows a welcome decrease, falling from 5 to 2, with 'pulling on opponent's helmet' again appearing after a one-year absence. 'Disruptive conduct by supporters' as distinct from 'verbal abuse of officials' appeared only once, as did 'striking with hand' and 'stamping'.

Due to the compressed nature of both the hurling and football championships, with games on successive weekends up to county finals, it was necessary to call hearings meetings at very short notice. In order to allow the possibility of players or clubs taking their cases to Leinster Hearings before the following weekend's games, meetings were held as close as possible to the Wednesday or Thursday nights after the weekend games. This required the co-operation of club secretaries and other officials; we wish to acknowledge this co-operation. We would also like to recognize the



assistance of CCC officers and committee members, and the office staff in Chadwicks Wexford Park. Members of the Hearings committee itself should also be acknowledged in attending meetings, again at very short notice during the playing season.

Early in 2022, the committee lost John Rossiter, Oulart, a long-serving member, to illness. John served on the committee with distinction, his knowledge of the rules of the Association being both comprehensive and accurate. His service on the committee will be sadly missed.

May he rest in peace

Éamonn de Nóglá
Runaí Coiste Éisteachtaí

Leinster Council Representatives

Cathal Byrne

This was my third year as Comhairle Laighean Loch Garman representing Wexford as a Leinster Council Representative together with my colleague PJ Howlin. It is a great honour and I am very grateful for the support and trust you have placed in me.

This year saw a return to many of the normal Leinster Council activities following a return to normality after the pandemic. Meetings took place in Aras Laighean in Portlaoise, Co. Laois with discussions about changes to championship structures, fixture formats and coaching among other things taking place throughout the year. Of significance this year was the decision to approve an application to Kerry GAA to join the Leinster Minor and U20 Hurling Championships for 2023 on the basis they will play all their games at venues in Leinster.

The impact of Covid-19 on the Leinster Council finances was seen again during 2022 with all development grants frozen until 2023. However, after significant representations by both myself and PJ Howlin and our former colleague Mary Foley it has been confirmed that there will be a return of the Leinster Council infrastructure development grants in 2023.

I was privileged this year to be re-appointed by the County Chairman Michael Martin to represent Coiste Bainste on the Demographic Participation Taskforce alongside, George Hussey (Chair), Peter Mernagh, Liam Bowe and Mick Phelan. I fully believe that the Report of this Committee must form a key consideration of every Club's agenda for 2023.

On a final note, I wish to pay tribute to outgoing Comhairle Laighean Chairman Pat Teehan for his work in the role during his term. I wish the incoming Chairman and proud Wexford man, Derek Kent the very best of luck in his term as Comhairle Laighean Chairman.

I wish all our supporters, players, mentors, officials, referees and volunteers the best for 2023. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage if I can be of any assistance to you or your club.

Cathal Ó Broin
Ionadaí ar an Chomhairle Laigheann

PJ Howlin

As my first year as a Wexford GAA Leinster Council Representative I would like to start off by thanking all clubs who nominated me for this position in 2021 alongside my colleague Cathal Byrne. For me personally it's a great honour to hold this position'



The 2022 season on Leinster Council started unfortunately as 2021 ended with the familiar zoom meeting but finally by our 2nd meeting in March we were finally able to make contact with our fellow County Representatives in person.

Over the following meetings in Leinster GAA Headquarters in Portlaoise I had the privilege of bringing my Counties opinions and thoughts of some of the major discussions and decisions of the past year such as U-20 Development leagues, Leinster GAA Fixtures and format/Schedule, Leinster GAA Club championship proposals, Minor Hurling & Football formats for 2023, Pre-Season tournaments and U-20 Hurling & Football format for 2023

Finally I would like to wish our outgoing Leinster GAA Chairman Pat Teehan all the best as he ends his three year term and wish our very own Derek Kent who steps into the role of Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean in January

PJ Ó Húilín

Ionadaí ar an Chomhairle Laigheann

Central Council Representative

Reflecting on my third year as a member of Ard Comhairle, the experience of having face to face meetings and the opportunity of engaging with fellow members of Ard Comhairle was more than welcomed following the removal of Rule 3.64 (T.O) Special Emergency Circumstances operating where all meetings were on-line.

Representing Loch Garman is never taken for granted and I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent my county at Ard Comhairle level.

Nine meetings of Ard Comhairle during 2022;

25th Feb	2nd April	21st May	20th June	31st July	5th July
27th Aug	24th Sept	3rd Dec	(2023 - 28th Jan)		

Returning to face-to-face meetings has resulted in more debate and easier communication at meetings.

Some topics of interest and debate at Ard Comhairle during 2022;

- Agreed protocol for decisions to be taken by email
- Allianz National League finals to remain for 2023
- Smart Sliotar will be introduced for the Senior Championship in 2023
- Return to training date for Senior teams brought forward to Nov 24th
- Age Grades workgroup appointed and will result in a motion(s) to Congress in Feb 2023
- A detailed review of how the Emergency Powers during Covid-19 pandemic operated resulted in positive comments on how the Association used them
- A Workgroup has been established to review the role and responsibilities of Ard Comhairle chaired by Iar Uachtarán Christy Cooney
- Central Council agreed that Rules Advisory Committee should proceed with reformatting Official Guide - Part 1
- Directive issued by Central Council on the amendment to the transfer motion (6.5 (a) passed at Congress 2022 (if a transfer request sites child safeguarding as one of the grounds for the request)
- Central Council agreed to the staging of a rugby fixture in Pairc Ui Caoimh

Two serious problems has challenged the Association this year, a) the behaviour on occasions at our games is just not acceptable (not acceptable in society full stop!) and b) the issue highlighted in a Club Child Safeguarding Self-Assessment completing by all Clubs nationwide by parents over the lack of playing time for their children. Individually we all have control over these issues. I hope we reflect and change our practices and behaviours in the future.



On a personal note;

- As Cathaoirleach of the National Child Safeguarding Committee I would like to thank the clubs of Wexford for completing the mandatory Sport Ireland Child Safeguarding Self-Assessment and to mention in particular our Co Children's Officer Des Croke for his work in ensuring 100% completion by Clubs
- I would like to wish Deirc Ó Ceannt a successful three years as he assumes Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean early in 2023

As I said at the outset, it has been a huge honour for me to serve on Central Council and I would like to thank the Clubs for their continued support. I would also like to thank my fellow officers, Cathaoirleach Micheál, CEO/Operations Manager, Gavin, Runaí, Michael and the staff in Chadwicks Wexford Park for all their support and help during the year.

Buíochas

Diarmuid Ó Húilín
Ionadaí ar an Ard-Chomhairle

Children's Officer

We have come to the end of a year in which, thankfully, we were able to return to near normality. All members should be commended for their efforts to keep everyone safe during Covid 19.

I wish to thank all our club Childrens Officers for their work once again in dealing with a number of incidences which occurred during the year. Some of these involved selectors, players, parents, supporters and were dealt with successfully by our Childrens Officers. We always strive to resolve these issues at Club level where possible.

This year we returned to face-to-face courses. Over 300 club members completed Safeguarding 1 either on line or face-to-face during the year. We also completed a Safeguarding 2 and Safeguarding 3 course.

Thank you to all clubs for completing the Sports Ireland Self-Assessment.

Unfortunately, we did have a number of incidences of abuse of referees and officials during the year. This is a major problem now and everyone must make a great effort to ensure that this behaviour is stamped out going forward.

Once again, a reminder to clubs to ensure that everyone involved in coaching underage players must be Garda vetted and have completed a Safeguarding 1 and Foundation course – the guidelines and guidance from these courses are designed to help ensure that everyone involved has a positive and enjoyable experience.

Finally, thank you to Dermot Howlin and Barbara Ryan for facilitating Safeguarding courses and to Michelle and Kayleen in Croke Park for their help during the year.

Deasún Ó Chrocaigh
Oifigeach na Leanaí



Coaching Officer

It is with great honour that I present to you my Coaching Officer's Report for this year. I am very proud of what we have accomplished in 2022, and I have every confidence that with your continued support Wexford GAA will continue to grow, prosper and stay on the path pursuing both high participation and excellence.

Ar Aghaidh Linn le Chéile

As promised with our Strategic Plan, coaching is at the forefront of Wexford GAA. We have shown consistently that Coaching and Games is a priority in helping Wexford GAA continue to flourish and grow. As every coach and club will acknowledge, we set out each year to achieve and balance both participation and competition. We aim to be competitive throughout the year creating strong and skillful players, while creating an environment where our players will continue to play the game that we love. As Wexford GAA set out our plan we aim to give opportunities to clubs, players and coaches to grow and develop, both in terms of participation and performance. This combined leads to a thriving GAA scene in Wexford.

Go Games

This year we had a very successful Go Games campaign. We have had incredibly positive feedback from clubs following the 2022 campaign, which allowed us to gauge what it is that really works in terms of getting the most out of our young developing players. One influencing factor that is having a positive impact on these games is that there is no pressure put on the players to perform. Our Go Games committee have been forward thinking and showed great initiative, and I know from speaking with them that progression won't stop here. Thanks to the Go Games Committee of Dermot Ryan, Shane Ready, Darren Caulfield, Gary Curley and Ray Harris. We have a committee who are engaged and want the best for the entire county. Leading into 2023, they propose a number of deviations including the introduction of smaller sided games, more blitz days, referee education for coaches, more focus on skill execution and continued emphasis on the enjoyment of our games.

Youth Games (u13 to u17)

Firstly a huge well done to all players and coaches who put so much time into making our games so successful this year. A huge thanks to the families and club officers who helped facilitate and organise in getting teams on the field. I must give credit to the Coiste na nÓg committee and the CCC on creating a fantastic calendar of games culminating in some incredible finals. A special word of thanks to all the referees for their commitment throughout the year, who play such a pivotal part in our games calendar.

With a full year of games being completed, we now have time to reflect on how we can increase game time for our players, both in a competitive sense and also in terms of allowing all our players a chance to develop. Our year was successful, and yet we had some challenges. These challenges, from grading to developmental leagues, give us the opportunity to create solutions which put Wexford GAA in a stronger position going forward.

Additional Playing Opportunities

Whilst competition is hugely important, it should not be the only thing on which we measure success. As I have mentioned before, increasing participation is essential in building a solid foundation for years to come. I do acknowledge the importance of competition, but we are certain that we need additional tournaments and developmental leagues at key times of the year so that those able to play can play. We have continued to run additional tournaments at even age outside of championship structure. Rising Stars has been a huge success in providing bigger



clubs with an opportunity to field a number of teams at each grade. A big thanks to Paul Laffan for co-ordinating and liaising with all those clubs involved in this initiative, in what has been yet again a huge success.

Model Óg Development Squads

Wexford GAA Model Óg Academy 2022 included over 350 players from u13 to u16 playing Hurling and Football. We saw an incredible commitment by players, parents and coaches alike. With an emphasis in 2022 on widening our base of players, keeping them in our system for longer and developing the person in addition to the player, our squad players require a large volume of coaches. Credit to our Talent Development Leaders JJ Doyle (Hurling) and Anthony Masterson (Football) for their work in firstly recruiting coaches but also up-skilling coaches and being on the field on a weekly basis, all to ensure we get the best for our players.

The coaches have led the way across all grades through their high quality sessions and innovative thinking, with S&C being coordinated and implemented across all grades to provide continuity from year to year, and also to be able to focus on the specific code they are playing. In saying that, we are conscious that we have keep sight of where we are going in the future. We need to continue to prioritise the recruitment of these coaches, and that is where the input from clubs is so important.

In line with our plans to look ahead we currently have a review process of Academy Squads in Wexford GAA, focusing on where our current structures are in terms of Policy and Procedure, Athletic Development, Coaching, Access to Players, Dual Players and looking at how we can link schools, clubs and academy squads together.

Cúl Camps

Yet again, as we did back in 2021, we have surpassed our own expectations in terms of attendance and participation in our Cúl Camps. We had a total of 45 camps over a six week period, we had over 6000 children in attendance. Huge thanks to the very efficient and hard working James Flynn for organizing this year's camps. We have a fantastic team of full time staff (GPO's and GDA's) who have been incredible. Our staff are the corner stone in setting the standards in the camps for both fun and professionalism, a mantle that they are only too happy to carry.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of the club in underpinning a successful camp. It's not just about the use of your grounds, but it's the care and attention you pay those children before and after we run the camps. As a club, you also have a huge talent pool of new and young coaches who have been trained up and are ready to be utilized. This year we had 130 coaches, which ultimately allows us an opportunity to also develop the next generation of coaches in our clubs. I would challenge you, as clubs, to go out and seek those coaches and utilize them in your Go Games and underage teams. When you have such skilled and talented people on your own doorstep, use them.

Yet again, a highlight of our camps was our ASD Camp in Chadwick's Wexford Park. Thanks to our close link with Sports Active Wexford it allowed us to welcome over 200 children with autism, as well as their siblings, to a week of GAA in a safe and fun environment. Huge credit must go to Cottage Autism Network for their help, assistance and guidance. This camp also gives our top coaches a chance to come together and really showcase how inclusive Wexford GAA is. As promised last year, we set out to introduce more initiatives to spread inclusivity, we also had our first Cúl Camp in partnership with Down Syndrome Wexford- held in the Faythe Harriers GAA pitch. This was a huge success, and we will build on this in the future.



Coaching Projects 2022

Our coaches in Wexford GAA were involved in many more initiatives off the field too. Below is a sample of just some of the outreach work that has been carried out.

- Active Aging- Pole Activation in association with Sports Active Wexford.
- Wexford GAA Fittest Schools was a huge success again. We had over 60 teams participating, and this year we had the privilege of having teams of students also.
- Wexford Wellbeing Programme 2022 had the theme of 'Positivity' including initiatives such as Kick to Touch and Puc for Positivity

Conclusion

Finally, my sincere thanks to everyone that helped me during the year. To all my Coiste Bainistí members for your words of advice and support, all the full-time staff and the various committees who have done incredible work during the year. To both Mícheál Martin and John Kenny, a huge thanks for showing great leadership, as well as being so supportive, and for always having the best for Wexford GAA at heart. To Bobby Goff, for the guidance he gave me and always being available to help out. A huge thanks to Ray Harris, our Games Development Manager. The work that he, and all the aforementioned put in is incredible, not to mention their commitment and drive, and I know with Ray at the helm Wexford GAA Coaching Office we will continue to be a beacon of excellence.

As I step away from this role, I want to pay particular homage to all the volunteers I have encountered. From coaches to players and from gates people to club delegates. Whatever your role, you are the heartbeat of our organization. I have seen the passion that you all share for your football and hurling, and I know that if Wexford GAA is to progress we need to continue to harness that passion and move forward together. My time as Coaching Officer has helped provide me with an invaluable insight into the GAA which I hope I can bring back to my club and the future generations coming through. So finally, a big thanks to all of you and I wish you the very best in 2023 and beyond.

Le croí agus lámh,

Tomás Ó Cuisín
Oifigeach Cóitseála

Oifigeach Gaeilge & Cultúr

Tá áthas orm, mo bhuíochas a ghabhail le gach éinne a chabhraigh liom i rith na bliana cuis na Gaeilge agus ár gcultúra a chur chun cinn, go mormhór Coiste Scóir. Bliain i ndiaidh bliana bíonn buíon beag ag obair go diain ar son na teanga agus ar gcultúra – Coiste Scór.

I want to express a sincere “thank you” to the Scór Committee, a Committee which works tirelessly to promote an important aspect, a historic aspiration of the GAA – our culture, our language, - a Committee professionally led by Áine Kennedy, Chairperson and Karen Mernagh, Secretary. As the world increasingly moves towards becoming a global village, I believe, it's essential that we retain and expand our identity, the things which make us different – our culture. So! The Sóir programme provides an excellent opportunity to express and exhibit our uniqueness as a people; a distinct complement to our games. I love an Indian proverb – “it takes a village to rear a child”, Scóir na bPaistí is that village; again míle buíochas to Áine, Karen and their Committee. Thanks also to Gavin our CEO, Micheál our Chairperson, for their support in



the matter of Gaeilge and Cultúir, especially in promoting our Scholarship scheme for our young members.

Going forward, let's all work le chéile to give practical expression to promoting our language and our culture, which we inherited from generations past, not as owners, but more guardians. It's incumbent on us to pass it on to generations to come.

Ní neart go chur le chéile.

Antóin Ó Díomsaigh
Oifigeach Gaeilge & Cultúr

Safety and Facilities Officers Report

Introduction

In preparing the foregoing it is the inaugural report to be prepared by a Safety and Facilities Officer for Wexford GAA. This is due to the position of the Safety and Facilities Officer only coming into being in 2022 due to changes made at special congress in late 2021 to the GAA's Official Guide.

As defined by the GAA'S role description – 'The role of the Safety and Facilities Officer is to provide advice and support to the Clubs of the County and the County Committee on best practice in several key areas including Ground Health & Safety, Control of Property, Insurance and the development of Grounds and Facilities'.

As part of the rule changes made at special congress 2021 a 'Safety and Facilities Committee' must be established and chaired by the Safety and Facilities Officer to assist in the activities to be undertaken.

The GAA Planning and Officer Training department, based in Croke Park, held a Safety and Facilities Officer's induction on the 30th March 2022 via a 'Teams' meeting. At this induction the role of the Safety and Facilities Officer was outlined with the key areas of responsibilities identified and keynote speakers gave presentations of their specialised areas (such as Infrastructure finance, Health & Safety, Insurances, Sustainability).

The Key areas identified that the Safety and Facilities Officer and the Safety and Facilities Committee have responsibility for to give advice and offer assistance to clubs and the county committee were:

- Facilities & Infrastructure (advice and assistance to clubs on grounds and facility developments, loan application and approval process, grant applications)
- Property (advice and assistance on Trustee's and promote the GAA Corporate Trustee model for clubs)
- Insurance (advise and assist clubs on insurance required for infrastructure works)
- Sustainability
- Health & Safety

As Safety and Facilities Officer, I act as chairperson for the County Safety and Facilities Committee and liaise with the relevant personnel at Provincial Level, Central Level and with GAA Staff in Croke Park for advice, assistance and to implement various actions relating to the above areas of responsibility.

With the role of Safety and Facilities Officer being a new position in 2022 the role description, responsibilities and supports were not finalised at GAA Central Level and by Croke Park until mid-



2022. This did restrict activities and the implantation and roll out of information and supports to clubs and the county committee this year.

The position of the Safety & Facility Officer, under rule in the GAA's Official Guide, does not sit on the County Executive Committee. Advice from GAA Central Level advises that counties could decide through the counties by-laws to place the Safety & Facility Officer on the County Executive. Wexford GAA amended their by-Laws in 2022 to place the Safety and Facilities Officer on the County Executive Committee. In carrying out my duties as Safety and Facilities Officer I feel that the person acting in this position should be on the County Executive committee as they are responsible for areas that have a significant impact on the operations of both clubs and at county level.

Leinster GAA Planning & Physical Development Committee held an introduction meeting on 28th April 2022 in Leinster GAA Offices, Portlaoise. This meeting was attended by all Safety and Facilities Officer from Leinster. The meeting reviewed the role and responsibilities of the Safety and Facilities Officer as outlined previously in this report.

A further National Safety and Facilities Officers meeting was held on 29th September 2022 via 'Teams'. The main item on the agenda at the meeting was the introduction of the new GAA's National Health & Safety Officer, Patrick O'Brien.

In carrying out my duties as Safety and Facilities Officer in accordance with the responsibilities set out above additional responsibilities were undertaken due to Wexford GAA's ambitious infrastructure plans as set out in the Strategic Plan launched in 2021. Outlined in the following is a summary of the activities undertaken in the last 12 months in performing my role as Safety and Facilities Officer for Wexford GAA

Safety and Facilities Committee

As outlined in the GAA's official Guide a Safety and Facilities Committee was formed for 2022. The following was the committee members:

- Aidan O'Connor
- Bobby Goff
- Michael Murphy
- Owen Leacy
- Darragh Earle
- David Tobin (Chairperson)

An initial introduction meeting was held on 3rd March 2022 via 'Teams' and subsequent meetings and activities are outlined throughout this report.

The committees' activities in 2022 was restricted in some areas due to the role of the Safety and Facilities Officer being a new position in 2022 and information in relation to a role description, responsibilities and support information not issued from GAA central level until mid-2022.

Health & Safety

At the Safety and Facilities Officers induction event a presentation was given by a member (Emma Kelly) of the GAA's National Health & Safety Committee in relation to Health & Safety initiatives. Outlined was a pilot project called the 'Safe Club Initiative' held in a selected county (Monaghan) pre Covid by the GAA's National Health & Safety Committee. It is intended to expand the 'Safe Club Initiative' to other counties. The aim of the initiative is to get clubs to take a proactive approach to Health & Safety.

Any Wexford Clubs interested and willing to participate should contact myself.



Also presented was the GAA's National Health & Safety Committee's Strategic Plan in relation to Health & Safety it is intended that this document will act as an advisory resource to clubs and county committees in all areas relating to Health & Safety.

The overall aim of these health & safety initiatives is to reduce claims against the GAA's insurance cover which is resulting in increasing insurance premiums.

In relation to Health & Safety the Safety and Facilities Committee and the Safety & Facilities Officers responsibility are only to advise on the procedures, documentation and supports available from the various GAA units and not to act as a Health & Safety officer for clubs. It is clubs' responsibility to manage and implement Health & Safety matters in their grounds and facilities.

As outlined above the GAA have now appointed a National Health & Safety Officer as a member of the full-time staff, Patrick O'Brien was appointed to the role in September 2022.

Event Control and Management

Event Control and Management forms part of the responsibilities of the Safety and Facilities Committee. An Event Controller is required at all games with attendances more than 5,000. Bobby Goff acts as Event Controller for all games in Wexford Park and is assisted by many on big match days. On big match days in Wexford Park a significant number of Stewards are required to carry out duties to have safe operations during the event/games. Steward numbers are currently low in Wexford GAA and a steward training course will be held in January 2023 for all existing and new stewards. For big games to continue in Wexford Park a significant number of additional/new stewards will be required. Any person interested in becoming a steward should contact the Wexford Park Office.

Insurances

At the Safety and Facilities Officers induction event presentation was given by a member (Sinead Leavy) of the GAA's insurance department in relation to insurances and claims.

Advised was that claim pay-outs are increasing year on year with over two thirds of the pay-outs relating to non-GAA activity (with the exception being during COVID 19 when facilities were not being used).

Advice was given in relation to clubs that have third party organisations using club facilities. These clubs should inform the Croke Park insurance department of these activities, and the third-party organisations should have their own insurance cover.

An issue has arisen again this year in that some clubs undertaking infrastructure works (building/construction works) are not informing the Croke Park insurance department (Sinead Leavy / Ciara Clarke) that works are to be carried out. Clubs and county committee must inform the Croke Park insurance department of the works being undertaken and issue the relevant insurances from the contractors. Failure to do so has or may result in the facilities constructed not being covered by the property insurance cover.

Sustainability

The GAA's Sustainability Manager, Jimmy Darcy, presented the GAA's sustainability programme at the Safety and Facilities Officer induction event. A 'Green Club' initiative has been set up and pilot projects have been undertaken since 2021. The aim of the 'Green Club' initiative is to provide a tool-kit with practical case studies and expert advice for clubs and county committees to utilise.

Wexford GAA are in the process of setting up an expert committee in this area and a presentation will be presented at Convention outlining the programme.



Any Wexford GAA Clubs interested and willing to participate should contact myself.

Grant funding can be available for sustainability and energy upgrade works via the SAEI.

Infrastructure

The following was undertaken in relation to Infrastructure during 2022:

County Development

Halo Tiles Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence

A sub-committee was formed to carry out duties for the proposed developments at Halo Tiles COE, the committee members for 2022 were:

- John Morris
- Wally Byrne
- Anthony Neville
- Bobby Goff
- David Tobin

Planning Application

- Following receipt from An Bord Pleanála in November 2021 of a decision to refuse planning for the new entrance and additional pitches. Meetings were held with the Local Authority to review the project in relation to options for a redesign and new application.
- Consultation was held with local neighbours to agree and resolve any issues to allow a new planning application.
- Agreement was made to carry out works to the boundary of the site with the planting of hawthorn hedging. This work was carried out in January 2022 by Michael Eustace (AskmeLandscaping)
- A new Planning application was prepared for the project. A partial redesign was required for the new application and several meetings were held with the design team to agree the changes in the months of January, February and March. The new application was lodged in March 2022.
- Final Grant of Planning was received from Wexford County Council in June 2022

Overhead Power Lines

- Following the installation of the underground ducting in November 2021. The ESB were on site in the months of May and June to remove the overhead lines and place underground. The lines were removed in June leaving the site clear to install the three new playing pitches.
- It must be noted that the removal of these overhead lines was completed at minimal cost to Wexford GAA, with only the civil works to place the underground ducting a cost. Wexford GAA would not have been able to consider removal of these power lines without the prior agreement that was made by former County Board Chairman, Ger Doyle, with ESB Networks in the late 00's.
- Thanks to David Ormonde and Wally Byrne for the work in getting the project complete, both liaised with ESB Networks. Thanks to Seamus O'Brien who looked after ESB Networks on site with access and a compound area. Thanks to John Morris, Bobby Goff, Kevin Kehoe and his workers in getting the project complete.

Pitch Works Development

- Following receipt of the Final Grant of Planning and the removal of the overhead power line in June 2022 the project could move to construction stage.
- A Contract was agreed with Martin Kehoe Plant Hire Ltd to construct the 3nr. new playing pitches to the same specification of the existing pitches in Halo Tiles COE. The Contract amount is circa €570k including VAT. The contract includes for the installation of ducting for floodlights to the 3 nr. pitches.

- To agree a contract and commence on site significant detailed design works was carried out with site surveys complete, detailed drawings and specifications prepared, all relevant Health & Safety and Statutory requirements fulfilled.
- Construction works commenced in September 2022 and pitches are programmed to be seeded in late spring 2023 for use in late Autumn / Winter 2023.



Photos of pitch works at Halo Tiles COE.



Building Extension

- Completion of the additional 3 nr. new pitches will result in 7 nr. pitches in the centre of excellence. Currently there are 4 nr. dressing rooms on site which at present is not adequate. With the additional pitches and Ladies associations coming on board the additional dressing rooms will be required.
- The process to prepare a Design and a Planning Application for an extension to the existing building has commenced. With the procurement of a design team in process. It is programmed to have an application lodged in early 2023 to allow an application for a future sports capital grant application.

Pitches & Venue Facilities

- The pitches and facilities at the venue were kept in pristine condition at all times during the year by Seamus O'Brien his scheme worker (Derek Kearns) and now also by John (Bumpy) Nolan, thanks to all who have contributed to the process.
- John Kehoe, Wexford GAA Head Groundsman & Facilities Manager, now has an involvement in the venue but will have little worry with the job the men on site are carrying out.
- Only minor maintenance was required to the surface of the access road in 2022 and it has been in good condition all year.
- Annual pitch maintenance was carried out in spring 2022 with sand topdressing, verti draining and some overseeding carried out.

Sports Capital Funding

- Sport Capital grant allocation granted in 2015, the drawdown process is ongoing and in the final stages of the process. Thanks to Cathal Byrne who is managing the drawdown process and hopefully funds will be released soon.

Wexford Camogie & LGFA

- As outlined by Micheál Martin, County Chairman, engagement had been made in 2021 with the Wexford LGFA & Wexford Camogie Association in relation to involvement in the Halo Tiles COE expansion. LGFA were in agreement to be part of the plan in 2021.
- In 2022 meetings were held with Wexford LGFA and Wexford Camogie that I attended as Safety and Facilities Officer and Chairperson of the proposed development.
- It must be noted the when the planning application design drawings were being drafted in 2020 it was only intended to install 2 nr. new pitches at the Centre of Excellence. It gives me great pleasure now to know that the time and effort I volunteered to review the design and fit 3 nr. pitches into the expansion plans will now see a centre for all in the county.

Chadwick's Wexford Park

A sub-committee was formed to carry out duties for the proposed developments at Wexford Park, committee members were given specific sections of the proposed development works to be responsible for. The committee members for 2022 were:

- David Ormonde (pitchworks)
- Ibar Murphy (pitchworks)
- Bobby Goff (pitchworks)
- Derek Kent (Floodlighting)
- Owen Leacy (Building)
- David Tobin (Chairperson of all works)

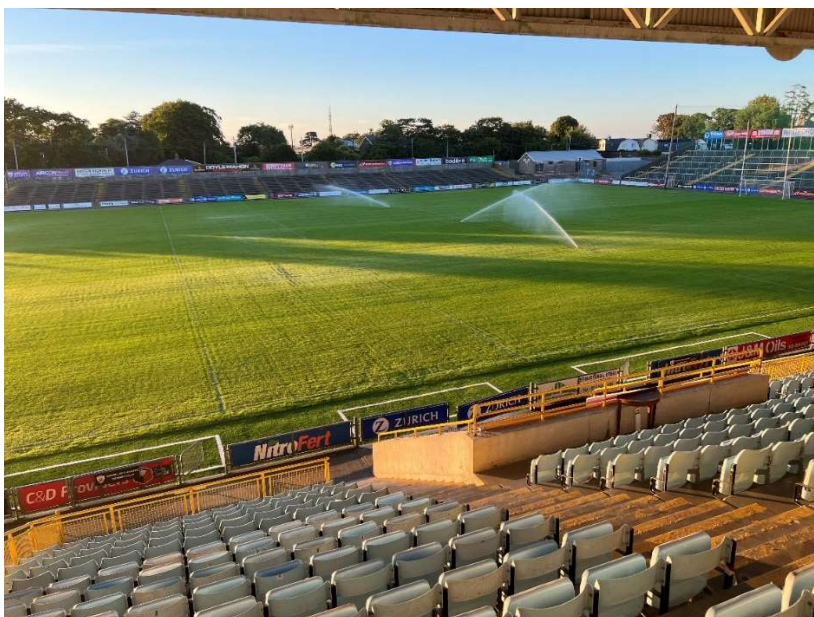
Pitchworks

- A scope of works was agreed to be carried out on the pitch following review of specialist report prepared by an Agronomist.

- The agreed scope of works included the following : installation of full pop-up irrigation system to the pitch, install Astro turf strip to the pitch side line at the dug-outs and over-seeding/sand dressing/maintenance works to the pitch surface.
- The programme for the works was agreed as following : commence works in May 2022 and complete in August 2022 with the pitch reopening for club championship games.
- Tender documents were prepared and issued for the irrigation system by Hayden Turf Care. Tender returns were received in April 2022.
- TSPI Ltd (Tim Collins) was appointed as the Main contractor for the irrigation works in May 2022.
- Works commenced in May 2022 and were completed in August 2022 on time for club games.
- Works comprised irrigation pipework installed to the perimeter of the pitch in the gravel track, irrigation pipework installed in the pitch by a minimal invasive method by stripping the topsoil in rolls for re-laying, 31nr. Sprinkler heads installed, perforated drainage pipe and pea gravel surround installed to all pitch pipework trenches, floodlight ducting installed to pitch perimeter trench, 3 nr. underground water storage tanks with total volume of 95 cubic meters, new well drilled and control room with controls.
- TSPI Ltd (Tim Collins) was the main contractor, however several local Wexford subcontractors were used by TSPI Ltd on the project mainly Gary Flood Landscapes for all civil works and O'Rourke Well drilling.
- Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd installed the Astro turf to the side-line
- Total spend on the Works was circa €235k including VAT.
- During the works significant time was inputted from Wexford GAA volunteers who managed the project during that very busy two months. Thanks to Bobby Goff and David Ormonde for the time invested and the lunch time meetings we had. Also, thanks to John Kehoe and the staff in Wexford Park for their involvement.



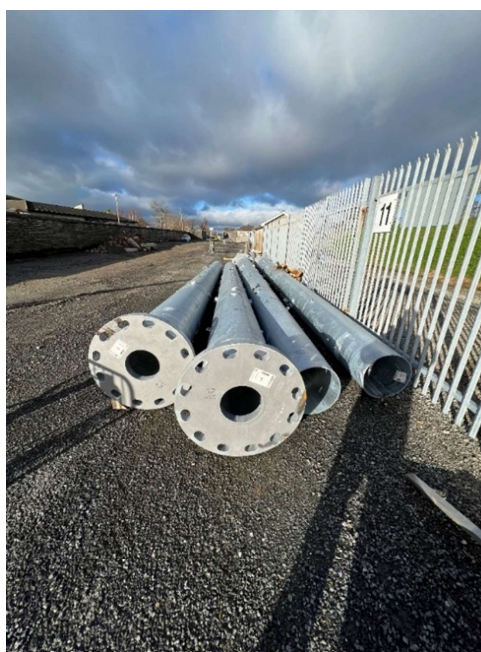
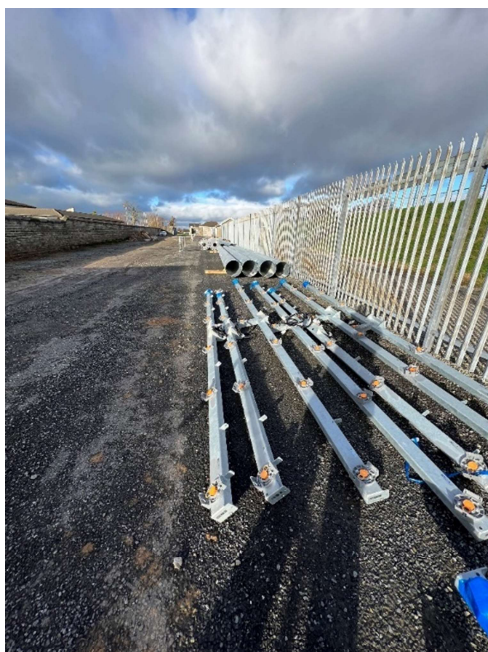
Photos of works at Chadwicks Wexford Park.



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Floodlighting

- Tender documents were prepared and issued for the floodlighting by G-MECH SERVICES LTD. Tender returns were received in May 2022.
- Following receipt of the tenders a programme of works for the proposed installation was established. It was agreed that the floodlighting would be installed and commissioned by the end of January 2023 with no works commencing on site until after club games were finished in late October 2022.
- MUSCO Lighting were appointed for the supply and installation of the floodlighting installation in July 2022 for the sum of circa €530k including VAT. The scope of works excluded column bases, ducting connections and concourse lighting.
- From date of order and payment of deposit MUSCO required a 14-week manufacture and delivery period of light columns and fittings.
- A site investigation was carried out to establish ground conditions for the column bases, this resulted in pile foundations required due to the poor ground conditions.
- Works commenced on the column bases in early November 2022 and bases were complete by the end of November 2022.
- MUSCO columns and fittings arrived on site week ending 25th November 2022 and works to assemble the fittings and columns has commenced.
- Lighting columns will be erected in mid December 2022
- Floodlighting installation will be commissioned in January 2023 ready for the opening night on the 21st January 2023
- Concourse lighting has been designed by G-MECH SERVICES LTD. and works are to commence on site December 2022.
- The floodlighting installation comprise of 4 nr. columns placed off each corner of the pitch circa 35 metres high, LED light fittings, 1000 lux installation, dimmer controls and special 'light show' controls. Lights will be powered by a generator.
- Total anticipated costs for the project will be in the region of circa €850 - 900k including VAT. Works are currently ongoing on site at the time of preparing this report. These costs include for floodlighting installation complete with civils works, concourse light and generator.
- Thanks to Derek Kent who has project managed the project for Wexford GAA (as a volunteer) and it gives me great pleasure that Derek accepted this role as it was Derek's initial idea to install the floodlighting.



Photos of floodlight works at Chadwicks Wexford Park.



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Dressing Room Extension & Press Box & Disabled Area

- In the scope of works in which the Grant of Planning was received in 2021 it included for extension to the existing dressing rooms, reconfiguration of the press areas and installation of a disabled toilet at first floor level at the disabled area in the stand.
- A decision was made to defer these works pending funding application through the IIP application.
- Toilets to the disabled area in the stand at first floor level is a priority and should be addressed in 2023.
- An Energy Audit has been complete for Wexford Park which is one of the initial steps in making a grant application for works under a SAEI grant.

Pitch & Venue Facilities maintenance

- John Kehoe was hired as the new Head Groundsman & Facilities Manager by Wexford GAA in 2022 and John has continued the excellent upkeep of the grounds this year.
- Pitch maintenance was carried out as part of the irrigation installation but additional works were carried out in early 2022 for the intercounty season and regular maintenance continued throughout the year.



- The stadium is now maintained by John Kehoe and his team of workers (John Nolan, scheme man John Shiel and other scheme men). It must be noted that Bobby Goff and David Ormonde have volunteered many hours of their free time to assist in the efforts to maintain and monitor the stadium. Special thanks to David Ormonde who is available at any time needed to assist in any matters or issues in the stadium, his efforts have been especially helpfully during the current year when significant infrastructure works have been carried out in the stadium.

St Patricks Park

A sub-committee was formed to carry out duties for the proposed developments at St Patricks Park. The committee members for 2022 were :

- Ibar Murphy
- Seamus Whelan
- Liam Curtis
- Bobby Goff
- David Tobin

Health & Safety Works

- Following issues raised at County Board meetings by delegates in relation to Health & Safety issues at the venue. A safety inspection audit was carried out by members of the Safety and Facilities Committee. This audit identified immediate hazards to be addressed.
- A scope of works was agreed to be carried out in relation to the safety inspection. Works consisted of the following : removal of organic growth and debris from the spectator banks, stone blinding installed to spectator banks, fencing to rear of spectator bank at laneway, removal of overgrowth to stand side and hardcore blinding to areas, concrete plinth to stand, clean to rear of goal and reducing the tree heights at the rear of the goal.
- Tender documents were prepared and issued to contractors. Tenders were received in April 2022.
- Dermot Neville was appointed for the safety works and works were carried out in April 2022.
- APB Treecare carried out the works to reduce the tree heights to the rear of the goals.
- Willie Power installed the fencing to the spectator bank
- All works carried out resulted in a total spend of circa €45k including VAT.
- I would like to thank all the St Patrick Park committee members above who managed the works on site when being carried out, they volunteered their free time to ensure the project was completed.

Dressing Rooms and Floodlights

- There are issues at the venue with the dressing room facilities with water supply and the shower systems in urgent need of upgrade.
- An Energy Audit was carried out in 2022 by a specialist consultant as part of the process to seek grant aid through a SAEI grant for upgrade of the lighting systems and the dressing rooms facilities. This process to seek this grant aid has proven to be slow and frustrating.

Pitch & Venue Facilities maintenance

- Thanks to Michael Lynch, the Lynch family and many others for their contribution to having the venue always available to host games or training.
- It should be noted that the pitch at St Patricks Park is exceptional as it hosts more games than most pitches and is always playable in the most extreme weather conditions.
- An issue has occurred in the last month in relation to access to the venue.



Photos of works at St. Patrick's Park.



Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan launched in 2021 outlined ambitious infrastructures plans, outlined below is an update on progress on the delivery of these projects :

- Chadwicks Wexford Park – Irrigation installation complete in 2022
- Chadwicks Wexford Park – Floodlighting installation in progress, completion January 2023
- Chadwicks Wexford Park – Dressing room extension and Press area/disabled area upgrade, awaiting IIP decision on application made in 2022
- St Patricks Park – Health & Safety works complete in 2022
- St Patricks Park – Dressing Room & Floodlight upgrade – grant application pending in 2022
- Halo Tiles COE – Planning lodged and final grant received for new entrance and pitches in 2022
- Halo Tiles COE – Pitch works commenced in 2022, completion Summer 2023
- Halo Tiles COE – Building Extension : design and planning application preparation in progress in 2022

Challenges exist in delivering the aims set out under infrastructure in the strategic plan. Challenges include funding requirements, Planning and the current pressures on the construction industry where price inflation is a major issue.

Funding / Grant Applications

Funding and Grant applications are available from various sources and applications have been mainly worked on by Micheál Martin, David Tobin and Gavin O'Donovan.

Croke Park Funding

- A presentation was made to the GAA's National Infrastructure committee on the 19th July 2022 via a 'Teams' meeting. The meeting outlined the proposed infrastructure works in the Strategic Plan. The meeting was attended by Micheál Martin, David Tobin and Gavin O'Donovan.
- Croke Park announced infrastructure grants for up to €250,000 for immediate infrastructure works to be carried out. An application process was open in September 2022 and Wexford GAA applied for funds based on the Wexford Park project. The application was complete by an online application by David Tobin assisted by Gavin O'Donovan.
- Wexford GAA were successful with the grant application and received €200,000.

Sports Capital Funding

- A meeting was held with the Sport Minister, Jack Chambers, in the Centre of Excellence in the Summer of 2022 where Wexford GAA made a presentation of their plans for the expansion of the Centre of Excellence.
- It is not known when the next application process will be open for sports capital funding both regional applications and Large-Scale applications. It is planned to have a planning application lodged for the building extension in the Centre of Excellence to allow a grant application be made for the project either Regional or Large-scale application when the process opens.

SAEI Funding

- As outlined previous this avenue of funding is being explored in St Patricks Park with initial steps in the process complete by Wexford GAA by registering with SAEI, Energy Audit complete and application in process.
- An Energy Audit has also been completed for Wexford Park.
- Grant funding is available for energy upgrade works up to a maximum of 50% of the capital cost of a project. Wexford GAA are setting up a special committee to explore Sustainability and this scheme may be utilised in any project identified. A presentation is to be made at county convention in relation to sustainability.

Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP) Funding



- Included in last year's Development Officers report was an item in relation to IIP funding application for the Centre of Excellence and that due to the refused grant of Planning that a significant funding opportunity was lost by Wexford GAA. In the 12 months since convention last year this funding scheme has got significant national publicity especially in the last six months with some high-profile projects receiving funding. This scheme has been a well-guarded secret by many in recent years.
- In early 2021 Micheál Martin and I began the process of compiling an application for the Centre of Excellence project. Significant hours were invested preparing the business plan and meetings with the agent and authorities on the process and application.
- Following the refused Planning in the Centre of Excellence an application was immediately prepared for the Wexford Park project and an application made by the necessary process. This application is going through the necessary procedures and late 2022 or early 2023 results will be known how successful the process has been.
- It must be noted that Wexford GAA would not be in the advanced position of an IIP application without the significant input of a member of the Wexford GAA wider community and thanks to them.

Wexford GAA Audit and Risk Committee

- Meetings have been held with the Wexford GAA Audit and Risk Committee to outline the process of procuring and carrying out the infrastructure works and answer and questions the committee have in relation to the projects.

Club Development

Leinster GAA

- Leinster Club Infrastructure Development committee interaction was limited with one meeting being held with the committee in 2022.
- Leinster GAA grant funding was limited to projects completed pre-covid and Leinster GAA have selected projects that will receive minor grant aid.
- Leinster GAA informed that grant funding for 2023 is pending and no decision will be made until next year.

Club Loan Applications

- All club loans over €15,000 require various levels of approval from the units within the GAA structures. It is the responsibility of the Safety and Facilities Officer to review the approval applications from clubs and bring to the county committee for assessment and approval. All of the below applications were reviewed during the year and assistance was given where needed.
- The GAA Development Fund was opened for loan application in 2022 with the following Wexford Clubs making applications :
 - Ferns St Aidan's
 - Davidstown Courtnacuddy
 - Kilmore
 - St James
 - Sarsfields
- Applications for approval to borrow from financial institutions was made by the following clubs:
 - Geraldine O'Hanrahans
 - Shamrocks
 - St Josephs
- Several clubs engaged for advice on various planned infrastructure projects proposed to club grounds. Projects were varied and ranged from concept design stage to construction completion.



Conclusion

In conclusion I will be the first person to serve Wexford GAA in the role of Safety and Facilities Officer and it has been a great honour to do so. It has been an extremely busy year with the infrastructure works being undertaken by Wexford GAA adding a significant workload to the role. Hours of unseen works are input with the end results taking time to be seen. The volunteered free time given by many people associated with Wexford GAA has been of great assistance to me during the year. The expertise given has saved Wexford GAA significant amounts and reduced costs on projects being delivered. However, it must be noted that the volunteer is a dying bread in the GAA and I hope the GAA act to keep these people who keep the organisation alive. As seen in my report projects are being delivered at county level by Wexford GAA and works should continue pending funding availability. With the split season at national level with intercounty fixtures complete in the first half of the year it now results in all intercounty teams preparing for their season from late November and in the winter months. This means floodlight training pitches are needed for all intercounty teams to prepare and with only two pitches lit in the centre of excellence and St Patricks Park pressure on the pitches is extreme. Clubs continue to develop and expand facilities within the county to provide the facilities needed to cater for the needs of their members resulting in Wexford Clubs having some of the best facilities in the country.

Thanks to all committee members, members of management, Wexford GAA staff, CEO/Operations Manager, the County Secretary, the County Chairman, clubs and individuals for their assistance during the year.

Daithí Tóibín
Oifigeach Forbartha

Coiste na nÓg

It is with privilege that I compile the secretary report having joined the Coiste na Óg committee in late July of this year.

Games Programme

The programme of underage commenced in March with minimal disruption throughout the year. As a committee, we would like to thank those who work so hard at scheduling our games for their huge commitment and great effort in organising such an extensive calendar of games. We have had an extremely successful year with 312 teams participating at various age levels and over 1000 games played. 95% of scheduled games were played. We also saw a surge of clubs introducing a nursery.

Some statistics for the year are outlined in the following tables:

Games 2022

Overall League Games scheduled	1,106
Total games played	1,052
Walkovers	56
Percentage -games played	95%
Percentage -walkovers	5.06%

*Participating Teams*

Grade	Code	Total
U13	Hurling	43
U13	Football	44
U15	Hurling	37
U15	Football	37
U17 Championship /League	Hurling	77
U17 Championship/League	Football	74
Total Participating Teams		312

Team(s) Withdrawn from the 2022 Championship: 2

Transfers

Year	Granted	Refused	Isolated Player Scheme
2019	26	4	20
2020	13	2	17
2021	15	2	13
2022	18	1	7

Discipline

As we can see from the table below there has been an increase in Category 3 incidents as it has doubled from the previous year however, we can see that Category 4/5 has had a significant decrease in incidents. This year has however highlighted that there is an issue with side-line behaviour towards officials and to a lesser extent towards opposing players. This year also saw all 49 clubs in Wexford take part in a Referees Workshop and the introduction of the 'Give Respect, Get Respect' handshake with referees and players before games. Since the workshops were conducted there has been a significant drop in complaints from referees. Clubs need to continue to be more proactive on discipline and build a culture of self-discipline by education of mentors, coaches, players and even supporters of their responsibilities when at games and coaching teams.

Disciplinary statistics are outlined in the following table:

Year	Cat III	Cat IV/V	Other Categories
2019	29	7	8
2020	22	6	10
2021	11	8	9
2022	22	3	9

Refereeing

There are 79 registered referees in Wexford of which 50 were available for use in the games programme. We as a committee are extremely grateful for the service these people provide as without them the games programme would not be possible.

There is continued focus on the recruitment of new referees. Expanding the numbers should be a priority to reduce the burden and pressures on the current resources. The refereeing resources Coiste have to utilise are the same people that adult, camogie, LGFA and other sports utilise.

Again, we need to emphasise the importance of 'Give Respect, Get Respect'. This problem was more evident at the younger age groups especially at the U13 age group. Bad behaviour was not only from team mentors but also from supporters attending these games.



Administration

Coiste na nÓg County Board meetings were held on 02-03-2022, 31-08-2022, 27-10-2022 and 17 Coiste Bainistí meetings were held during the year.

Conclusion

Thank you must be expressed to all Coiste Management members for their work and commitment throughout the year and also the Adult Board for the support given.

Coiste are also reliant on many more people to function and thanks to the administration staff in Wexford Park, Adult PRO, CCC members, various officers and officials, club of the year committee, gates men and women, stewards, media, clubs and the numerous people who carry out roles and get work done without any recognition . To any persons forgotten for thanks apologies but your efforts are not unnoticed.

Appreciation to Coiste na nÓg sponsor, The People Newspaper and for the reporting on our games.

To our outgoing Coaching Officer Tom Cousins who will retire from his role this month, Coiste na nÓg express thanks and appreciation for all the support, advice, direction and efforts during the year and previous years. We wish you all the best in the future and hope your knowledge will be available to Wexford GAA for many years to come.

Aoife Pearail

Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman



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