



**OISÍN CLG**  
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# **Miontuairiscí an Chruinniú Ginearálta Bliantúil 2011**

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2011**

### **An Domhnach 27ú Samhair 2011**

### **Sunday 27th November 2011**

#### **Leithscéalta/Apologies:**

Monica O'Neill & Paddy McIlhatton

#### **Paidreacha ar son na baill atá marbh/Prayer for deceased members**

The AGM opened with a prayer for deceased members, with special remembrance of Oisín Club Trustee Charlie McAllister.

The Minutes of the last AGM were read and adopted, proposed by Vincent Harvey and seconded by Padraig McIlwaine.

#### **Abair a bhaineann le/Matters Arising:**

The Treasurer confirmed that in the past Oisín's clg received a percentage income from Kearneys of Oisín clg clubwear sold but since Kearneys began operating business through gaakit.com, this no longer applies. Regarding day to day running expenses Conor Mackle confirmed that the Fund Raising Committee did not meet during 2011. The Chairman praised Hugh McIlwaine and David Burns for increasing funding by selling additional tickets on The Glenariffe Road side of the glen realising a total of £1900. Hugh McIlwaine explained that the only area now not covered for selling lottery tickets was 'Charlie's Caravan Site'. Vincent Harvey felt that there can be a lazy attitude in the club when it comes to selling lottery tickets.

The Chairman queried if we should increase the lottery revenue. Hugh McIlwaine felt that the club should hold one 'big event' for fundraising. The Chairman suggested 'A Night at The Races'. Stephen Kelly felt that this will overlap with 'Friends of Glenariffe' fundraising. The Treasurer stated that the lottery income is enough at present to cover day to day costs. The Senior 'Player's Player of The Year' award was discussed. The Chairman expressed his concern that there can be too many awards presented. He stated that The Senior Player's Player of the Year was recognised by way of The Alex O'Boyle trophy and that the manner in how this was chosen was thrashed out many times in the past. The Chairman also confirmed



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that a special meeting was arranged following the AGM regarding this. The meeting was held on 16th January 2011 and no representative or members of the Senior Team attended to discuss this matter.

## **Tuarascáil an Rúnaí/Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary recognised the good team spirit both on and off the field and the many club and interclub meetings held during 2011, Scór na nÓg participation, planning approval for the Glenariffe Oisín Community Centre, continuous fundraising by the 'Friends of Glenariffe' Group, progression of The Club Maith application, the possibility of club integration with the Hurling Club and the Girls Gaelic Football Club, importance of Child Protection rules being adhered to, increase in Public Relations activity and the nomination of five senior players to county team trials. The Secretary also congratulated the Girls Gaelic Football Club and the Juvenile hurlers on their success in 2011. The Secretary stated the importance of a Coaching Plan and Club Development plan being addressed in early 2012. The Secretary thanked her colleagues and everyone who assisted, for their commitment and hard work during 2011.

## **Tuarascáil an Chisteora/Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer read the club's accounts for year ending 31st October 2011. The Chairman thanked Gerry for his diligence looking after club funds. He said that it was heartening that the expenditure on hurls and hurling balls has not increased. John Robbin Assistant Treasurer asked it would be beneficial financially if all old hurls in the glen were given to the club to be spliced etc. and used again. The general consensus was that as hurlers have their own style of hurl they would not agree to it. Treasurer's report was proposed by John Robbin and seconded by David Burns.





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### **Óráid an Chathaoirligh/Chairman's Address:**

The Secretary's Annual Report usually gives a very comprehensive resume of the year's activities and on the presumption that her report today will follow that of previous years I have decided to confine my address to expressing my personal observation on the current situation within the club.

First I would like to touch upon the Senior Teams performances. Despite being relegated the team produced a number of fine performances and much of their hurling was a joy to watch. The main failing was their inability to sustain momentum for the full sixty minutes of the games. Shane, who undertook the position of Manager, despite initially not having the support of all the players, gave great commitment to the job and as far as I could see won over any wavers and certainly progressed a number of the younger players.

On the administration side I am happy that the committee discharged their duties with due diligence with Maggie our secretary shouldering the main burden of the work. I would like to express my thanks to all of them and I know no offence will be taken if, together with Maggie I also single out Hugh my Vice Chairman who gives huge support to me.

It is always a disappointment that so few club members attend General Meetings as more support in decision making would be welcomed by the committee. At General Meetings reports are given by Sub-Committees and only by your attendance at these meetings can you be properly informed and not influenced by hearsay which often distorts the true facts.

While on the subject of sub committees, the number of which has increased, these play an increasing important part in the running of the club affairs and while of necessity they have a decision making role, it should be emphasised that they are under the overall control of the main committee and important decisions must be sanctioned at General Meetings of the club.

The work involved in applying for Club Maith accreditation is well advanced and 'The Friends of Glenariffe' are making really good progress raising funds for the proposed new development, it is rather unfortunate that some club members are not committed to the project and I have heard statements that some people claim not to know much about it.



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There is no excuse for this as there have been many discussions at various meetings which have been open for all to participate in. If there are a sizeable number of club members who have reservations about the project they should request a special meeting to discuss the matter.

I will conclude my address by touching on the important subject of Child Protection. Everyone who has participated in Child Protection Courses is aware that accusations can be made on sometimes very feeble grounds. I had to deal with one such situation this year and fortunately what could have been a very unpleasant and embarrassing situation for the club was resolved by diplomacy and common sense. There is no guarantee that other situations could be resolved by these means and I would remind those involved with young people to be vigilant.

Our club is strong and vibrant and we can all look forward to a further year of progress. The festive season is fast approaching and I would like to wish all club members a Happy and restful Christmas. The hard work will recommence soon thereafter.

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Niall Wheeler  
Club Chairman  
Dec 2011



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### **Toghchán Oifigigh/Elections of Officers:**

Before Officer's were elected Stephen Kelly voiced his concern that the club was canvassing for new members because the Nomination Forms issued prior to AGM had 'names of officers who were still standing' omitted.

The Secretary confirmed that everyone who said was standing had their names printed on the nomination forms and that she was very happy that she was following rules and protocol. The Chairman reminded Stephen that he had already stated that he would stand down as Chairman should someone show interest as did Hugh McIlwaine Vice Chairman.

### **Secretary Juvenile Committee Notes:**

Monica reported that she will not be standing

### **Child Protection Officer Notes:**

Monica reported that she will not be standing

### **Senior Manager Notes:**

Johnny Mulholland and Raymond McDonnell nominated. Raymond McDonnell elected. John Robbin said that two people willing to take the position should be commended

### **Junior Manager Notes:**

Johnny McIntosh reported loss of 17yr old -19yr old players and voiced the importance of this age group having an ownership. John Robbin asked where the 2008 All Ireland Feile Winners were as this is now their age group! The Chairman said that if possible they should not be allowed to drift away.

### **U8/U6 Manager Notes:**

Regarding the new juvenile club structure, Padraig McIlwaine and the new coaching team agreed to meet with the secretaries regarding administration.



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## Club Officers

CHAIRMAN:  
Niall Wheeler

VICE CHAIRMAN:  
Hugh McIlwaine

SECRETARY:  
Margaret McToal

ASST. SECRETARY:  
Kenny McCormack

TREASURER:  
Gerry Cosgrove

ASST. TREASURER:  
John Robbin

CLUB REGISTRAR:  
Anne Marie O'Boyle

P.R.O.:  
Michelle O'Toole

CULTURAL OFFICER:  
Mairead McMullan

GIRLS GAELIC FOOTBALL MANAGER:  
Pauline McIntosh elected

CHAIRPERSON JUVENILE COMMITTEE  
Paddy McIlhatton

SECRETARY JUVENILE COMMITTEE:  
Juvenile group to appoint a secretary

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER:  
Position not filled at AGM

PLAYER'S REPRESENTATIVE:  
Mickey Gettens

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:  
Johnny McIntosh

DELEGATES TO COUNTY:  
Niall Wheeler & Hugh McIlwaine

DELEGATES TO NORTH ANTRIM:  
Hugh O'Connor & Stephen Kelly

COACHING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:  
Johnny McIntosh

SENIOR MANAGERS:  
Raymond McDonnell

JUNIOR MANAGER:  
Niall O'Connor

MINOR MANAGER:  
David Burns

U16 MANAGER:  
Eddie Haughey

U12/U14 MANAGER:  
Kevin O'Connor

U8/U10 MANAGER:  
Padraig McIlwaine

U6 MANAGER:  
Chris Ward



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### **Molta/Recommendations:**

If a sponsor for the club pays for anything the committee should not ask or try to collect the bill or a copy of the bill.

The Chairman asked at the AGM if whoever recommended this was present to help explain. The recommendation was not understood.

### **Gnó Eile/Other Business:**

Results of the Annual Community Survey were read by Kenny McCormack. The results will also be presented at a stakeholders meeting in the near future. Kenny explained that although the response was less than expected it was constructive and that we could certainly learn from it. Randal McDonnell explained that he can only submit information onto the website if it is forwarded to him.

The Chairman said it is easy to criticize the website but we must send articles to Randal. Padraig McIlwaine hopes that match reports will be advertised on the website in future, this being part of the Coaching Structures Programme. Kenny McCormack explained the advantages of having Facebook as being the best communication tool for receiving immediate information, promotes the club, is easy to maintain, the GAA recommend it and it is free but needs to be monitored. The draw for two free tickets to The Annual Awards Dinner Dance took place. The winner was Mairead McAuley Páirc an Óir.

The June 2011 Club Constitution was formally adopted.

Feis na nGleann was discussed and agreed that Oisín clg would host the 2012 Feis na nGleann. The Chairman asked that a letter is sent to the Feis na nGleann committee to formally request this.

Membership, fees, and amalgamation with the Girls Gaelic Football Club was debated at great length. The Chairman explained that The Girls Gaelic Football Club is a great asset and must be recognised. Many options were discussed. Johnny McIntosh agreed to bring facts and figures to the next general Meeting to help make a decision.

Stephen Kelly asked for the update position regarding telephone masts being erected in the



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club grounds. The Chairman update the meeting by reporting that Telecommunication Systems are sourcing possible sites and asking clubs to sign over rights to the project. No decision has been made with Oisín clg.

This concluded the 2011 AGM



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