



OISÍN CLG
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Tuarascáil an Rúnaí/Secretary's Report 2011

Fáilte chuig Cruinniú Ginearálta Bliantúil dhá mhíle is a haon déag de Cumann Oisín Lúthcleas Gael agus go raibh maith agaibh as teacht.

Welcome to the Cumann Oisín Lúthchleas Gael 2011 Annual General Meeting and thank you all for coming.

On reflection of the past year I am happy to report that the club had a successful year in relation to team spirit both on and off the field, in cultural issues, public relations, planning, fundraising, and coaching and games development. I would be confident in saying that 2011 holds the record for the number of club and interclub meetings held by Oisín CLG in any year. I would challenge any club of our size to match this.

Endless meetings were held in the clubrooms and in member's homes throughout the parish by the Executive Committee and club members, Juvenile Committee, Hurling Teams, Girls Gaelic Football Team, 'Friends of Glenariffe' Team, Development Group and The Club Maith Team and the many project groups formed following the Creating Sustainable Club Coaching Structures Programme. Meetings were held by us all with one intention and that was to improve 'all things Oisín' and indeed we have.

I start to write my report having just returned from the Scór na nÓg County Finals in Dunloy and how proud I was to see children of our club in Glenariffe representing Oisín CLG with their culture, instrumental music and song. Not only does the GAA promote and control national games it also encourages national ideals and Gaelic culture in the people of Ireland. Oisín CLG had been absent from Scór participation for over 30 years. Their 2011 participation is one prime example of the result of the meetings I have just mentioned namely the Club Maith meetings. It is a credit to the children and their teachers Sylvia McKavanagh and Christine McSparran on reaching the finals.

It would be negligent of me not to praise our Cultural Officer Mairead McMullan who agreed to The County Cultural Officer's request, to act as quizmaster on stage at the Scór na nÓg County Finals using her knowledge of Irish History and fluency in Irish Language. The club thanks you Mairead for promoting Oisín CLG in this role. We will endeavour to actively sustain



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the Irish language, Irish dancing, music and song and other aspects of Irish culture alongside you. Scór Sinsir/Senior Scór takes place in February 2012 and I wish all the participants fun and success.

Regarding Public Relations, club matters were published during the year on the village notice board, parish bulletin and our eagerly awaited monthly club newsletter, the club website, local press and in Club Call in The Irish News. I want to thank Michelle O'Toole for her dedication and commitment to the club and for ensuring that Oisín CLG are promoted locally and further afield. It is planned for 2012 to have teams assigned to report on juvenile and senior matches. The club shows a lot of interest also in Facebook. This type of communication, only if properly administered, will also promote club activities.

The club's stationery has been updated and will be printed for use at the beginning of 2012. Club promotion demands a lot of work and I stress that the PRO is assisted with a structured committed team for 2012. Public perception of the club requires this also. I encourage 'short term' volunteers to come forward at events to provide feedback and information for the PRO to help with the many duties involved in this role. Like many roles in the club the work cannot continue to be left to one person.

A Club Development Plan is required. Club Maith requests this and every club is expected to have one. As a club we must answer these questions - Where are we now? Where do we want to be? How do we get there? How will we know? A written plan is anticipated and I am satisfied that as a result of hard work and the many meetings held in 2011 we all have our homework done. Work on the written plan will start early 2012 in preparation for the submission of the Club Maith portfolio to Ulster Council. Different members of the club will be approached for their help related to their role in the club and I trust that you will all lend a hand.

The same applies to a Club Coaching Plan and I congratulate our recently appointed Coaching Officer Johnny McIntosh. I wish him and his mentors and coaches success on the field and ask for their support in preparing the structured coaching plan in early 2012.

I take this opportunity to welcome Kenny McCormick into the club as Project Manager following the Creating Sustainable Club Coaching Structures Programme recently held in the primary school. Like many other volunteers he has already undertaken many tasks linked to the project



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and club and I thank him for his time and commitment. Personally I thank Kenny for assisting me with the new club stationery and the recent Annual Community Surveys. Communication within the club and with the community presents a problem and this will be addressed in 2012.

Club Maith accreditation must not be underestimated. It plays a very important role in receiving funding for the proposed Glenariffe Oisín Community Centre. The Club Maith team of which I am a member are approximately 85% through the application. Our projected date for submission is 29th February 2012. I thank my Club Maith team members for their devotion to achieving accreditation. Hopefully the Club Maith logo can be added to the club's stationery used in 2013. If so a celebration party may be on the agenda for everyone in the club. The portfolios are available today in the clubrooms for viewing, with care.

Regarding the Glenariffe Oisín Community Centre I can confirm that planning permission was granted in 2011 and that Fern Major is currently sourcing funding. I thank the Development Group for their dedication to the provision of new facilities and hope that they can advance with their project in 2012.

The 'Friends of Glenariffe' continue to raise money for the much needed improved facilities. In November 2010 their bank balance was £45,000. I congratulate and extend my thanks to 'The Friends of Glenariffe' group for their commitment and hard work during 2011 having raised a further £22,000. The current balance is £67,000. The group's target is £200,000. The next major fundraising project is the 'Big Draw' which will be launched at the Dinner Dance on Friday 2nd December 2011. Usual marquee and smaller fundraising events are planned for 2012. I wish them luck and ask that everyone in the club offers 'The Friends of Glenariffe' their full support and assistance. Considering the current economic climate a concerted effort from the club is required.

As a club we have a responsibility to protect our children and to foster an approach to our games that is based on goodwill and mutual respect. Oisín CLG has adopted this approach and has enjoyed a year of playing in blitzes, games, challenge matches, and competitions. Juvenile Mentors and all coaches are required to have Child Protection Certificates and Access NI clearance. I thank Monica O'Neill Secretary of the Juvenile Committee who worked on this during 2011 by holding courses to ensure that those working with children are



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qualified to do so. I plead to those working with children to ensure that they are adequately covered. It is an individual responsibility as well as a club responsibility. This is nonnegotiable.

Club Integration promotes the amalgamation of all Gaelic Clubs into one overarching GAA club. With this in mind and as we have two codes, Hurling and Girls Gaelic Football this process may materialise in the near future. An integration plan will be required. Oisín CLG will require an integrated club structure. Discussions on this are imminent.

The Girls Gaelic Football Team has been successful winning the U14 South West League. U16 Team reached the semi final of the Championship and members have attended U13 & U15 County Development Squads. Their mentor Pauline McIntosh must be thanked and congratulated for her success and dedication to the girls. The Hurling Club will continue to assist Pauline with her promotion of not only Juvenile Girls Gaelic Football but with Gaelic for Mothers and Others.

The juvenile hurlers also had success in 2011. The U14B team won the North Antrim Feile B Trophy and proceeded to the All County Feile B Final. They also qualified for the Ulster U14 Division 6 Final. The U6, U8, & U10 Teams had a very successful year taking part in various competitions and blitzes and the U10s reached the championship final. The future looks good thanks to our enthusiastic mentors and coaches.

I am reading this report thinking of our five Senior Hurlers who, as we speak, are in Casement Park on trials for the Senior County Team. It is a credit to them to be nominated and to all their mentors throughout their hurling career in Oisín CLG. I wish them all success. The Senior Team may have been relegated to Division 2 but competing against clubs big in numbers is a tall order. We are respected as being the best small club in the skill of the game something of which I personally am proud of. Having no less than five nominated for Senior County Team trials speaks volumes.

I thank Shane the Senior Manager for his support during 2011 and extend my best wishes to the 2012 Senior Manager. I hope that our Senior Team's stay in Division 2 is a short one. To our Senior Hurlers I see your loyalty to your managers and club. I know you wear the jersey with pride and I personally can acknowledge the time you put into training both in and out of season. I thank you sincerely.



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I wish to thank David Burns for his assistance with secretarial duties and all my fellow committee members, club officers, sub committees, team mentors, referees, club delegates, the primary school and Fr. White for their assistance and support during 2011. I thank the many hardworking members behind the scenes. A good club will only function well having hard working individuals and our club is blessed. This can only help with our objectives being achieved in 2012

Our Chairman and leader Niall Wheeler with his good manners and respect for me in my role as club secretary is exceptional. I thank you Niall for this and look forward to working with you in the future. I value your management and direction and hope that everyone in the club appreciates your integrity and fairness.

Agus chun chríochnú, gúim gach ra ar bhainisteoireacht, ar choistí, agus ar fhorine i nda mhíle is a dó dhéag.

And finally I wish our management, committees and teams success in 2012.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh

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27th Samhain 2011



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