



COMHDHÁIL BHLIANTÚIL NA BLIANA

A Chara,

Cuirtear in iúl duit go dtionólfar an Chomhdháil Bhlíantúil san Munster Technological University Tralee 6 Mí na Nollag, 2021.

Rachfar sa chathaoir ar 7.30 i.n. leis seo gheobhair:

- Bun-orduithe i geóir na comhdhala.
- An Clár gnotha.
- Tuarascail an Runaí mar aon le Connaithe na d'Tuarascala ó Rúnaithe namBord Ceanntair.
- Na h-Ainmniucháin.
- Na Moltaí atá le cur fé bhraid na Comhdhala.

2021

Páirc Aibhistín De Staic, Trá Lí
Mí na Nollag 2021

Iarrtar ort bheith ann go tráthuil Mise,
le meas, Peadar Twiss, Runaí, C.L.G. Chiarraí

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BUN-ORDUITHE

In order that the proceedings of the Convention may be carried out without undue delay, the following Standing Orders will be submitted for adoption to the delegates at opening of the Convention.

1. The proposer of resolution or of an amendment thereto may speak for five (5) minutes, but not more than five (5) minutes.
2. A delegate other than the proposer of a resolution or amendment thereto, speaking to a resolution or an amendment may not exceed three (3) minutes.
3. The proposer of a resolution or an amendment thereto, may speak a second time for three minutes before the vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak a second time to the same resolution or amendment.
4. The Chairman may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer of the resolution to reply, after which a vote must be taken.
5. Any delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move; "That the question be now put", after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda, except by consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those in attendance and entitled to vote.

CHAIR - 7.30 PM.

CLAR GNOTHA

1. Adoption of Standing Orders.
2. Minutes.
3. Correspondence.
4. Consideration of Secretary's Report.
5. Consideration of Financial Report:
 - (a) Treasurer's Report
 - (b) Auditor's Report
6. Consideration of Sub-Committees Reports.
7. Election of Officers for 2022:
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Vice-Chairman
 - (c) Honorary Treasurer
 - (d) Assistant Treasurer
 - (e) Assistant Secretary
 - (f) Public Relation Officer
 - (g) Representatives on Munster Council
 - (h) Representative on Central Council
 - (i) Planning & Training Officer (by appointment)
 - (j) Oifigeach Cultúr & Gaeilge
 - (k) Coaching Officer
 - (l) Hurling Officer
 - (m) Children's Officer (by appointment)
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Chairman's Address.
10. Motions for consideration by Convention.
11. Latest date for acceptance of Affiliation Fees.
12. Such business as may arise and may be allowed by the presiding Chairman.

MÍONTUAÍRÍSCÍ NA COMHDHÁLA DEÍRÍDH (AR LINE) AR 9Ú NOLLAIG 2020.

Cathaoirleach Tadhg Ó Murchú presided at the Annual Convention of Coiste Chontae Chiarraí held Online, on Monday 9th December 2020.

Glacadh le Bun-Ordaithe na Comhdhála ar moladh Tomás Ó hAiniféin, Timmy Weir ag cuidiú leis.

Glacadh le míontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh, dár dháta 10ú Nollaig 2019, san Rose Hotel, Trá Lí. Ar mholadh Eamon Whelan, Matt O'Neill ag cuidiú leis.

Correspondence.

N/A

Tuairisc An Rúnaí

Glacadh le Tuairisc an Runaí ar mholadh Ger McCarthy. Patrick O Sullivan ag cuidiú leis.

Tuairisc An Chuntasóra agus Cursáí Airgeadais

The Treasurers and Auditor's report and the Balance Sheet were adopted, ar mholadh JoAnn Murphy, Liam Lynch ag cuidiú leis. Treasurer Tom Keane highlighted the main points of his report and invited any questions. Auditor Frank Stephenson took the delegates through the Balance Sheet. Both Treasurers (Tom Keane & Joe Crowley) were complemented on report.

Sub-Committee Reports

Consideration of various Sub-Committee Reports was given. All Sub-Committee reports were adopted, ar mholadh Patrick O Sullivan, Fionan Fitzgerald ag cuidiú leis.

Appointment of Development Officer

Liam Lynch was proposed for position of Development Officer on behalf of outgoing County Committee by Cathaoirleach Tadhg Ó Murchú, Tomás Ó hAiniféin ag cuidiú leis.

Appointment of Children's Officer

Bernie Reen was proposed for position of Children's Officer on behalf of outgoing County Committee by Cathaoirleach Tadhg Ó Murchú, JoAnn Murphy ag cuidiú leis.

Officers 2021.

Cathaoirleach

Leas Cathaoirleach

Runaí

Leas Runaí

Cisteoir

Leas-Cisteoir

Árd Comhairle

Comhairle na Mumhan

Comhairle na Mumhan

Oifigeach Cultúra

Oifigeach Forbartha

Tadhg Ó Murchu

Eamon Ó Faoláin

Peadar Twiss (full-time position)

Emma MacSuibhne

Tomás Ó Catháin

Seosamh Ó Crualaoich

Padraig O Suilleabhain

Sean Ó Laoire

Gearóid Mac Carthaigh

Criostoir Ó Cillin

Liam Ó Loingsigh



Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí
Oifigeach Oilíúna
Oifigeach Iomána
Oifigeach Leanaí

Leona Twiss Uí Bhriain
Toirealach Ó hUallacháin
Paidi Ó Duinnín
Berní Ní Rinn

Ar mholadh Tomas O hAiniféin, James Rochford ag cuidiú leis.

Appointment of Auditors.

Casey Stephenson Ltd. Certified Public Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm was appointed Auditors of the Board, ar mholadh Tadhg Ó Murchú, Tom Keane ag cuidiú leis.

Oráid an Chathaoirleach – Tadhg Ó Murchú

Introduction

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir a Chairde – Tá fáilte roimh na h-oifigi agus na thoscáirí chiug ár gceád gCrinniú anocht ar Líne.

Tonight, we near the end of 2020, one of the most difficult years ever experienced for everyone in so many ways.

This time last year we looked forward with confidence to 2020 and to successes both on and off the field.

The year started well but the Covid-19 Global pandemic we all know of only too well took a vice like grip of the entire country and has affected and continues to affect all our lives in so many ways.

I am very conscious tonight that this is the first every “Virtual” County Convention that was ever held in Kerry and I earnestly hope it will be the last.

The lack of face to face contact with you the delegates, the interaction and debate we can have when everyone is able to attend in person is sadly lacking using this means, but needs must and we live in hope and are upbeat about 2021 and things returning to some level of normality as we know it.

Consequently, I intend to keep my address as concise as possible and will endeavour to focus on the main events that happened during 2020, the achievements, successes and disappointments as well as looking forward to 2021 and what that might bring.

COVID-19 – The Global Pandemic

On Thursday 12th March, the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar announced from Washington that all Schools and colleges were to be closed as a result of the virus. From a GAA perspective this meant that all activity had to cease on the field resulting in all competitions both Club and intercounty being suspended. We were plunged into what was completely uncharted territory for all of us and something which we hope we will never have to experience again.

The disruption, inconvenience, fear and effect that this “Lockdown” has had on people is significant and many of the consequences have in my view yet to surface.

The one “positive” that emerged from this was our collective response as an Association to the effects of the virus and the resultant lockdown. As the largest community-based organisation in the Country our clubs responded with admirable intent and hit the ground running in responding to the needs of the most vulnerable in our society.



Numerous GAA Volunteers gave of their time in the delivery of groceries, medicines etc. and this has been acknowledged both Nationally and Internationally as one of the greatest examples of community-based action and volunteering anywhere in the World.

I also need to acknowledge the County wide Community Response forum led by Kerry Co. Council. As an Association we participated in this initiative along with many other organisations such as the Gardaí, the HSE, Kerry Volunteer Centre and many more. The GAA response and input in Kerry has been acknowledged as one of the key factors in the successful response to the issues.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank our own Covid-19 committee at County level under the Chairmanship of Liam Lynch.

I do think that we will emerge as a stronger, more focused and more united Association Post Covid-19.

Challenges and Concerns

This time last year I endeavoured to identify a few areas of concern, and how our response in dealing with these will ultimately define the GAA in Kerry in the years to come.

Population movements and the greater concentration of population in urban areas creates an obvious challenge to our Club structure and is a direct threat to the very existence of some Clubs and puts increasing pressure on larger Clubs.

A year has now passed, and it is crucial therefore that we recognise and acknowledge this change.

In that regard all our clubs completed an on-line survey to capture playing numbers etc.

Covid-19 delayed matters considerably but the new GIS on-line facility will go live early in 2021 and enable clubs to plan accurately for the future by identifying school numbers, school size, employment opportunities etc. and ultimately enable Clubs to make more informed decisions when planning for the future.

As a member of the Community Development, Urban & Rural Committee at National Level it is my responsibility along with the other committee members to capture the Data gathered and compile a set of recommendations for our County that will address the imbalance that currently exists. It is intended that these recommendations will be published in early 2021 and issued to all our Clubs for consideration.

This is our opportunity to embrace the challenges that face us, and our response will define our future successes both on and off the field in future years.

The other major issue facing the GAA in Kerry is the concentration of footballers from the East of the County on Inter County football teams relative to the Northern part of the County.

This is a direct result of change that has already happened and while our response to this issue was also delayed by Covid-19 it is something that can now be addressed after the Recommendations stemming from the data gathering exercise are issued in early 2021.

2020

The year just passed has been the strangest most unpredictable and challenging year for the GAA in living memory. It has highlighted in a stark way the Strengths and weaknesses of our Structures, what works well and what can be improved upon.



The work being carried out at Coaching and Games level in particular needs to be noted and the challenge continues to keep identifying and improving all of our players.

Earlier this year our GDA's worked closely with many of the Kerry ETB and other Secondary Schools in Kerry, a collaboration that worked extremely well and shows that such a joined-up approach is the future.

An opportunity exists I believe to challenge the Status Quo and explore the possibility of developing such collaborations further, increase the number of Coaches servicing both Clubs and Schools and ensure the GAA in Kerry has the absolute maximum penetration levels into all our Schools at Primary and in particular Post-Primary levels.

The commitment of Terence Houlihan as Coaching Officer, Donal Daly and all our GDA's is incredible and we owe them all a huge debt of gratitude particularly in the year just gone.

The integration of our coaching structures with Medical, Physiotherapy, Strength & conditioning and Nutrition continued in 2020 where Intercounty and Club thinking, and best practice were further aligned for the benefit of both.

John Sugrue – Kerry U-20 Manager

John Sugrue was appointed as Kerry U-20 football manager and worked extremely hard in Developing the Team during 2020. Having defeated Cork in the Munster Final in Austin Stack Park Kerry faced a long layoff because of Covid-19 and the All-Ireland Semi Final against Galway originally due to be played on St. Patricks day took place in October.

The long layoff and the unavailability of Five Players due to being identified as "Close Contacts" hampered the team's performance on the day and Galway went on to win the game and qualify for a Final against Dublin due to be played on 19th December.

In November John decided not to extend his original one-year term in Charge and on behalf of all involved in Kerry GAA I wish to thank John and his management team for all their efforts in such a challenging year.

Kerry Minor Footballers

We wish our minor footballers under manager James Costello all the very best in the Munster minor semi-final on Tuesday next at Austin Stack Park Tralee.

Kerry U-20 & Minor Hurlers

Our U-20 Hurlers played Cork in the Munster Championship and our Minor hurlers played Tipperary in the Munster Championship this year and both teams acquitted themselves very well.

A special word of thanks to both sets of Management teams for their work and effort in progressing hurling in the County at both levels.

Kerry Senior Hurlers

Our senior hurlers have progressed exceptionally well this year being defeated in the League final against Antrim and qualifying for the Joe McDonagh Final next Sunday in Croke Park.

Fintan O' Connor has now completed 4 years in charge as Kerry Senior Hurling Manager and has brought huge stability and a sound platform has now been created resulting in an All-Ireland Final appearance next Sunday.

We wish Fintan and the team all the very best in the final against Antrim.



Kerry Senior Footballers 2020

In the Strangest of years our Senior footballers won the 2020 Allianz football league in Austin Stack Park Tralee against Donegal. This was the first National title for many of our young players and I wish to congratulate both the team and management for this achievement.

No stone was left unturned in the team's preparation, but we exited the All-Ireland series at the Semi Final Stage of the Munster Championship at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on 8th November last.

The result was hugely disappointing for everyone but none more so than the Players and management.

Another hugely disappointing and concerning area for us as an Association and society as a whole is the advent and roll out of Fake news & untrue information presented in its many formats.

The erroneous WhatsApp Messages and subsequent Social Media furore that emerged in the weeks following our defeat had in our opinion the aim of damaging the reputation of players and management and it has to be said that the prevalence of fake news has increased with the rise of social media.

On behalf of the executive and those involved I wish to use our annual convention as the forum to publicly condemn all such actions and further confirm that all such messages are untrue, unfounded and erroneous in the extreme.

Our attention has already quickly focused on 2021 and ensuring that the team and management are given the best possible opportunity of success.

My thanks to the players and management for the enormous amount of time, work and effort put in during what was an incredibly difficult year in so many ways.

Currans

Covid-19 presented the Board with a window of opportunity to implement some of the most modern thinking and best practice in Pitch maintenance and development.

During the Summer lockdown 3 pitches were fully reseeded using an ultra-modern but little-known technique used by the GAA Centre in Abbottstown and many premierships clubs in England.

My thanks to the National GAA centre in Abbottstown and in particular the manager – Derry Enright for the continued access provided to us on best practice and innovation in pitch maintenance and development.

We hope to do a practical demonstration of this technique for all our Clubs in 2020 if restrictions are eased as the year progresses.

Governance, Finance & Fundraising

Every year Governance, finance and fundraising are fundamental components that contribute to the smooth operation of the board.

Fundraising opportunities were totally curtailed in 2020 and it is likely to be 2022 before any international fundraising activity will resume.

On the financial front we returned an operational loss this year but the financial discipline and prudence now in place has and will ensure that our systems are robust and capable of withstanding shocks such as that presented by Covid-19.



Kerry GAA Store

The Kerry GAA Store continues to be an important and reliable income stream for the board, and we thank all concerned with its continued success.

County Championship Structure

The County Championship Review Group were curtailed in commencing their review of the current structure because of Covid-19. This is further complicated by the uncertainty around the structure of the National Calendar both next year and subsequently.

We can say with a degree of certainty that a Split Season is inevitable, and this review Group under the Chairmanship of Terence Houlihan is about to commence engagement with all stakeholders in the near future.

Streaming

Despite some views to the contrary our primary responsibility to you – the Clubs is to you the clubs in ensuring that we maximise the revenue for our games.

The fact that people could not attend games this year propelled our plans for Streaming forward dramatically.

The decisions to Stream the games has proved hugely popular and ultimately any such decision has to ensure that the Board, the Clubs of Kerry and ultimately our players benefit from this.

Steaming proved to be a steep learning curve for all of us but overall, it has to be said that it was an extremely successful initiative. There were many learnings from the initiative, and I do see this as becoming the norm in the years to come even when crowds are permitted to attend games.

My sincere thanks to Leona Twiss and Emma Sweeney in particular who took responsibility for this initiative.

Sponsors

Our Sponsors - Kerry Group continue to be a tremendous support to the County and are our uninterrupted Sponsors since 1991.

I again wish to thank Frank Hayes in particular and to Edmond Scanlon, Kerry Groups CEO who continues to offer his friendship, support, help and advice since taking over as CEO.

Executive

This year we have no changes in our executive. I wish to thank each and every one of them for their dedication and commitment in what was an extremely fragmented and difficult year.

I also wish to thank you the Clubs for all your help, support and encouragement throughout 2020.

The Future

When reflecting on the year just passed and looking towards 2021 one is reminded of last sentence of the phrase coined by the former United States Secretary of Defence – Donald Rumsfeld.

“There are also unknown unknowns. There are things we don't know we don't know. And if one looks throughout the history of our country and other free countries, it is the latter category that tends to be the difficult ones”

If Covid-19 has taught us anything it is that there are many unknown unknowns. Our Challenge is to ensure that when such occurrences arise whether on or off the field that our structures at County and Club level are robust enough to withstand such eventualities.

I can say with confidence that every effort is being made to ensure that whatever challenges 2021 brings – these can and will be met head on and dealt with successfully.

Míle Buíochas agus Ciarraí Abú

Tadhg Ó Murchú

Cathaoirleach

Convention 2020 – Motions

No Motions received.

Motions relating to Fixtures to be debated at Co Committee Meeting (date to be confirmed), when national fixtures are confirmed

Latest Date for acceptance of Affiliation Fees – Mon 25 Jan 2021.

Date for 1st Meeting of County Committee in 2021 – Mon 25 Jan.

AOB

Matt O Neill highlighted discrepancy in Balance Sheet (page 42 Convention Booklet). Frank Stephenson undertook to check out. **See Appendix 1 - Subsequent Explanation & Clarification).**

The meeting then concluded.

Is mise
Peadar Twiss
Runaí

Appendix 1 – (Explanation & Clarification)

When closing off the 2019 accounts, the €100,000 Capital Sinking Fund reserve should have closed off and come forward as part of the opening balance at 1st November 2019. This would have matched off the closing balance at 31st October 2019 to the opening balance at 1st November 2019 in the capital account at a figure of €9,389,272. You will see this from the accounts (see below).

The transaction has no impact on the loss reported for 2020 which is €240,998.

Kerry County Board

Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2020 (corrections highlighted)

		€	2020 €	€	2019 €
Fixed Assets	Notes				
Tangible assets	5		18,789,928		18,812,885
Munster Council Grant			(1,581,287)		(1,614,231)
Central Council Grant			(1,141,907)		(1,165,697)
National Lottery Grant			(243,790)		(248,869)
Kerry Group			(960,000)		(980,000)
Sports Council Grant			(365,760)		(373,380)
Kerry County Council Grant			(116,651)		(119,081)
Development Grants Fitz Stadium			(2,458,339)		(2,509,554)
National Lottery Grant Fitz Stadium			<u>(669,537)</u>		<u>(683,486)</u>
			11,252,657		11,118,587
Current Assets					
Stocks	6	25,892		47,954	
Debtors	7	333,987		1,216,433	
Investments	8	16,786		16,786	
Cash at bank and in hand		768,234		1,009,780	
		1,144,899		2,290,953	
Current Liabilities	9				
Bank Loan		251,723		353,431	
Creditors & Accruals		<u>799,081</u>		<u>1,240,227</u>	
		1,050,804		1,593,658	
Net Current Assets			<u>94,095</u>		<u>697,295</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			11,346,752		11,815,882
Creditors: Loans falling due after more than one year					
Bank Loans	10	<u>2,191,228</u>		<u>2,426,610</u>	
			(2,191,228)		(2,426,610)
Net Assets			<u>9,155,524</u>		<u>9,389,272</u>
Capital Account					
Brought forward at 1 November 2019		<u>9,389,272</u>			9,026,792
Profit (Loss) for the year		(240,998)			239,480
Cairde Chiarraí Reserve		7,250			23,000
Capital Sinking Fund		-			100,000
		<u>9,155,524</u>			<u>9,389,272</u>

TUARASCÁIL AN RUNAÍ - CLG CHIARRAÍ 2021

Seo dhibh mo thuarascáil ar imeachtaí Cumann Lúthchleas Gael i gCiarraí i rith na mbliana 2021. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a gharbáil do gach éinne a chabhraigh liom i rith na bliana.

As we emerge from a second year of Covid interruptions, foremost in our thoughts is the wellbeing of all within our communities, families & friends who have lost loved ones, our healthcare workers who continue the battle against the virus, businesses that have struggled to survive, our thoughts are with you all.

For sports followers who have endured restrictions and delays to fixtures and competitions, it's good to be getting back to some sort of normality. It's great to see patrons once again attend our games. While in sport the focus is very much on the players & teams, a new appreciation of the sheer enjoyment of being able to attend games, meet up with friends, cheer on our team, has emerged that will have reinforced the importance of sport in the modern world & the debt we owe our volunteers at all levels and in all sports who ensure our games are played in a safe and happy environment for all to enjoy.

A year that began with great expectations for our Senior Footballers, came crashing down with an unexpected defeat to Tyrone in the All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final. A fixture affected badly by the impact of Covid, postponed on two occasions, Tyrone at one stage were on the brink of conceding the game and where, the final outcome was decided by one solitary point after extra-time, it will go down in the annals of the GAA. Not least for Kerry's great sportsmanship in ensuring the integrity of the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship of 2021 was upheld by agreeing to facilitate Tyrone with a second postponement. We salute Tyrone, they won the game on the field of play as it should be and congratulate them on going on to win the Championship.

For our players it was heartbreak re-visited after our shock exit to Cork in the 2020 Championship. We salute each and every one of them, their commitment, dedication, their brilliant skills and sportsmanship. We also pay tribute to Peter Keane, his Mgt. & Backroom team for their total commitment to the cause. We had everything but luck on our side, I have no doubt these players will be back in Croke Park in 2022, they are a credit to their families, Clubs & County.

When your County is eliminated from four major championships in the one year, all by one point, you know it's not really your year. This was Kerry's fate for 2021. In addition to losing to Tyrone in the Senior Championship, our (2020) Minors lost by one point to Derry in the All-Ireland Final (played in July 2021) our 2021 Minors lost to Cork in the Munster Championship by one point and our U20's suffered the same fate at the hands of Cork!



On the hurling front, our Seniors once again contested the Joe McDonagh Cup final, played in Croke Park before the Leinster Senior Hurling Final, but were defeated by a well drilled Westmeath outfit. At U20 & Minor level our hurlers did themselves proud putting up great performances in their respective Munster Championship games against Tipperary & Limerick.

Off the field, dramatic changes to our fixtures structure were ushered in by Congress, the most far reaching being the 'split -season' concept where, going forward inter-County activities will predominate in the first half of the year and Club activities get a free run in the second half of the year. While it looks good on paper, I worry about the condensed nature of the programme, the load on inter-county players particularly those involved with successful County & Club teams, is a particular concern.

The mood for change continued with a Special Congress in October, where a Motion in favour of a total revamp of the Provincial & All-Ireland Senior Football Championships was a matter for hot debate. While the Motion did not get the required support, I have no doubt changes are on the way on this front as well.

At local level, our competitions, despite severe restrictions due to Covid, were played off with great efficiency, with Kilmoyley successfully defending their Senior Hurling Championship title, while at the time of writing this report, our Senior Football Championship is down to the Final between great rivals Austin Stacks & Kerins O Rahillys. In the Club Championships, we eventually completed all the outstanding 2020 competitions, congratulations to all the winners. We had a very exciting and competitive 2021 Club Championship, with all the various championships now completed or down to the final stages.

Great credit is due to our clubs for their great commitment to getting games played despite the ongoing Covid situation.

On the Field

With Covid still continuing to dominate all our lives, the intercounty fixtures calendar for 2021 was very much based on 'best case scenario'. To be fair to the national & provincial CCCs they did an excellent job under the circumstances. The Allianz Football League Division 1 was reduced down to two groups of four, with Kerry grouped with Dublin, Galway & Roscommon with the top two in each Group qualifying for the Semi-Finals.

With no attendances allowed, it was strange times indeed for all involved, but at least the games were being played & TV cameras ensured fans were able to follow their team from afar.

Kerry got off to a blistering start beating Galway on a score of 4-21 to 0-11 in Rd. 1 played on Saturday 15th May in Austin Stack Park. Rd. 2 was an away fixture to Dublin, but due to a penalty imposed on Dublin by the CCCC, the game was played in Thurles. Dublin dominated the first half, but Kerry showed great determination in reeling back their opponents in the second half to secure a draw in the end of a very exciting game. Rd. 3 involved an away game to Roscommon played on 30th May, where Kerry ran out convincing winners on a score of 2-15 to 1-12.

With Kerry topping their Group, their reward was a home venue to Tyrone in the Semi-Final. Played in Killarney, the extraordinary saga that was to unfold between these great rivals later in the year, would have been hard to predict as Kerry simply over-ran their opponents, scoring an incredible 6-16 to Tyrone's 1-13.

As there was no time to play the Final against Dublin, the title was shared between both counties.

With the compressed nature of the fixtures programme, it was quickly on to the Munster Championship, with Kerry hosting Clare in Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday 26th June. Kerry overcoming Clare on a score-line of 3-22 to 1-11.

A visit to Thurles on Saturday 10th July to take on Tipperary in the Semi-Final was next up for Kerry. At this stage a limited attendance was allowed which was great to see. Kerry playing well within themselves eventually overcame their hosts, winning on a final score-line of 1-19 to Tipperary's 1-8.

A Munster Final in Killarney against neighbours Cork, usually signals summer weather and a capacity crowd. While the weather was fine, unfortunately the restrictions on crowd attendance meant a lot of disappointment for fans from both counties. Regardless, Kerry turned in a stellar performance, overcoming their opponents on a score of Kerry 4-22, Cork 1-9.

Munster Champions and Peter Keane's charges were looking good for a serious bid for the Sam Maguire Cup.

A semi-final meeting with Ulster Champions Tyrone, looked a serious challenge but nothing Kerry in their current form could not handle. But the clouds were gathering. First a Covid outbreak in the Tyrone camp, then a postponement of one week, then a further postponement by another week, all of a sudden this fixture seemed to take on a life of its own and all the time, Peter Keane & his charges trying to put all distractions to one side and focus on the job at hand.

With Kerry at this stage assuming the mantle of overwhelming favourites, it was hard not to believe further twists in this saga lay await, and so it proved. With Tyrone overcoming all their difficulties with Covid & playing with impressive style, Kerry had a battle on their hands. In fairness to our lads, they showed huge character to force the game into extra time, but with cramping affecting some of our key players and Tyrone scoring goals at crucial times, we found ourselves desperately trying to salvage a result. Not to be. When the final whistle was blown, Tyrone had made it through to the final, our All-Ireland dreams in tatters.

For the Kerry players and Management, to have come so close after so much disruption was heart breaking. Such in sport, but in the best traditions of Kerry GAA, we will dust ourselves down and challenge again in 2022. We are blessed with outstanding players and be assured; no stone will be left unturned in our bid for Championship glory in 2022.

Unfortunately, narrow defeats, were the order of the year, where Kerry football teams were concerned. Our U20's, drawn away to Cork in the Munster Semi-Final, suffered an agonising defeat on a score line of Kerry 3-11 to Cork's 3-12. Well done to all the



Players & Management team. It was a hugely disruptive campaign for team Manager Declan O Sullivan and his players, they managed the situation admirably and we look forward to seeing these players continue to develop & excel over the coming years.

On the subject of disruption, nobody suffered as badly as our Minors of 2020 & 2021. Huge credit to the team Management led by James Costello for the way they kept the show on the road. After the 2020 team overcame Roscommon in the delayed Semi-Final (played on Sunday 11th July in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick) on a score-line of Kerry 3-21, Roscommon 2-13, Kerry took on Derry in the Final played one week later in O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

What a game this turned out to be, brilliant scoring, super skills by players from both sides and yes same story, defeat by one point. Great credit to all involved, you did your families, your Club and your County proud & our congratulations to Derry on their fine victory.

No time to dwell for team manager James Costello though, as he faced old foes Cork in Páirc Uí Chaoimh in the Semi-Final of the 2021 Munster Championship on Friday evening 30th July. Yet another titanic struggle, yet another one-point defeat with Cork scoring 1-15 to Kerry's 1-14. What can one say? These young players will have many successful days ahead of them, but to lose another game by a single point was very hard to take.

On the hurling front, the Kerry Seniors started their campaign in the 2021 Alliance League Division 2A, on Sun 9th May with a home victory over Down on a score-line of Kerry 4-18, Down 0-19. Rd. 2 involved an away encounter against up & coming Offaly the following week. Offaly emerging impressive winners by 2-28 to 0-13.

For Rd. 3, played in Austin Stack Park on Sunday 23rd May, Kerry had a good win over Meath on a score-line of Kerry 1-24, Meath 0-24. Rd. 4 played on Saturday 5th June in the same venue, resulted in a comfortable win over Wicklow.

With Offaly the clear winners and no danger of relegation, Kerry's last Rd. game was away to Carlow, with the host team victorious on a score of 3-25 to Kerry's 0-14.

The Joe McDonagh Cup was always the main target for 2021 & a favourable draw in the Group stage, augured well for the Kingdom.

Game One, pitted Kerry at home to Down, whom Kerry had already defeated in the League. Played in Austin Stack Park on Saturday 26th June, Down pushed Kerry all the way, before we finally emerged winners by 6pts.

In our final Group game versus Meath played in Meath on Saturday 10th July, hopes were high that an in-form Kerry team would prevail and reach the Joe McDonagh Cup Final for the second successive year. Well, what drama awaited the Kingdom, with first the disappointment of losing to Meath and then the relief to have got through to the Final on scoring difference with the narrowest of margins separating the teams.

So once again Kerry Hurlers were on their way to Croke park, playing Westmeath as the curtain raiser to the Leinster Hurling Final on Saturday 17th July. Success was not to be however, as Westmeath put up a very impressive performance to claim victory by 2-28 to 1-24.

Our Kerry U20 & Minor Hurlers, once again competed in the Munster Hurling championship. Our minors took on the might of Tipperary in the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick on Wednesday 14th July. Putting up a terrific performance they eventually went down to a very classy Tipp side on a score of 2-27 to 1-14. Congratulations to Tadhg Flynn and his team Mgt. and all the Players for putting up a great performance. Seeing such talented players in action against top class opposition, bodes well for the future.

Two days earlier, on Monday 12th July, Kerry U20's hosted Clare in Tralee in Rd. 1 of the Munster Championship. Kerry matched their more esteemed opponents all the way but Clare eventually prevailed on a score of 2-20 to 0-15. Congratulations to Fintan O Connor team manager, his fellow Mgt. team and to all the Players.

Kerry Teams

Our thanks and gratitude to all the players for your commitment during the year. We are always very proud of our teams who represent the Kingdom. Your skills and sportsmanship make you a credit to the County. we look forward to seeing you back in action again next year.

My thanks to all our management teams who worked so hard during the year to ensure our teams were always very well prepared. In particular, ensuring the safety & wellbeing of all involved was of paramount importance, so many thanks to all our backroom personnel for your help and guidance.

A particular mention to both Peter Keane (Senior Football) & Fintan O Connor (Senior Hurling), both of whom completed their terms in charge this year.



For Peter & his management team of James Foley, Tommy Griffin & Maurice Fitzgerald, you have given mighty service to the cause, being unlucky in losing the All-Ireland Final of 2019 after a replay, and being desperately unlucky to miss out in both the 2020 and 2021 championship campaigns.

Peter Keane

To Fintan & your management team, you brought great enthusiasm, expertise and great success to the County over the five years you were with us and on behalf of everyone, a sincere thank you.

Fintan O'Connor



We take this opportunity to welcome new senior hurling manager Stephen Molumphy and wish him the very best of luck in his new role, while we welcome back Jack O'Connor as he takes charge of the Kerry Senior Football team. We wish Jack and his new management team the very best of luck for 2022.

Team Management 2021

Senior Football:	Peter Keane, Maurice Fitzgerald, Tommy Griffin & James Foley.
U20 Football:	Declan O Sullivan, Sean O Sullivan & John Galvin.
Minor Football:	James Costello, Pa McCarthy & Mark Fitzgerald.
Senior Hurling:	Fintan O'Connor, Mike Kelliher, Sean Maunsell & Eamon Fitzgerald.
U20 Hurling:	Fintan O'Connor, Mike Kelliher, Dermot Ryan & Eamon Fitzgerald.
Minor Hurling:	Tadhg Flynn, Timmy Hourigan, Kieran Dineen & Richard Gentleman.

Inter County Games 2021

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROINN 1 SOUTH

Round 1	15-May	Kerry	4-21	Galway	0-11
Round 2	23-May	Dublin	4-9	Kerry	1-18
Round 3	30-May	Roscommon	1-12	Kerry	2-15
Semi-Final	12-June	Tyrone	1-13	Kerry	6-16

MUNSTER GAA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final	26-June	Kerry	3-22	Clare	1-11
Semi Final	10-July	Tipperary	1-8	Kerry	1-19
Final	25-July	Kerry	4-22	Cork	1-9

GAA FOOTBALL ALL IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Final	28-Aug	Kerry	0-22	Tyrone	3-14
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ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE ROINN 2A

Round 1	9-May	Kerry	4-18	Down	0-19
Round 2	16-May	Offaly	2-28	Kerry	0-13
Round 3	23-May	Kerry	1-24	Meath	0-24
Round 4	5-June	Kerry	4-30	Wicklow	1-17
Round 5	13-June	Carlow	3-25	Kerry	0-14

JOE MCDONAGH CUP GROUP B

Round 1	26-June	Kerry	2-24	Down	1-21
Round 3	10-July	Meath	0-28	Kerry	1-21
Final	17-July	Westmeath	2-28	Kerry	1-24

EIRGRID GAA FOOTBALL UNDER 20 MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Final	15-July	Cork	3-12	Kerry	3-11
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MUNSTER GAA HURLING UNDER 20 CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final	12-July	Clare	2-20	Kerry	0-15
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ELECTRIC IRELAND GAA FOOTBALL ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

Semi Final	11-July	Roscommon	2-13	Kerry	3-21
Final	18-July	Derry	2-12	Kerry	1-14

ELECTRIC IRELAND MUNSTER GAA FOOTBALL MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Final	30-July	Cork	1-15	Kerry	1-14
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ELECTRIC IRELAND MUNSTER GAA HURLING MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final	14-July	Tipperary	2-27	Kerry	1-14
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Congratulations to the following:

- Peter Keane, his management team and players on winning 2021 Munster Championship & being joint winners of the Allianz Football League Div. 1 title.
- 2020 Minor Football All-Stars: Dara O'Callaghan, Oisín Maunsell, Paudie O'Leary & Keith Evans.
- 2020 U20 – Team of the Year selections: Sean O'Brien, Dan McCarthy & Ruairi O Beaglaoich.
- Dr. Crokes competing in this year's Senior Hurling Championship.
- Tralee Parnells representing Kerry in the Munster Junior Hurling Championship for the very first time.



- Kilmoyley on winning 2021 Senior Hurling County Championship & their 26th title in total.
- John Clifford (Laune Rgs) on being awarded the Presidential Medal for outstanding service to his Club.
- Joe McDonagh 2020 All-Stars, Tomas O Connor, Jason Diggins, Shane Nolan, Shane Conway & Daniel Collins.
- John Joe O'Carroll on being elected Congress Representative on GAA Management Committee in 2021 Congress.
- Players who announced their retirement this year after giving outstanding service to the County, Shane Enright, Tommy Walsh, Brian Kelly & Jonathan Lyne.
- Donal Barry, who produced the Kerry GAA online TV programme – 'The Waterbreak'.
- John Lenihan on his retirement as Fitzgerald stadium C.E. Supervisor & Event Controller.

Club Scene

2021 was very much a prelude to the 'split season' format that will come into full effect in 2022. With the Inter-County scene getting priority in the earlier part of the year, our own championships did not get started until August (Hurling) and September (Football).

This led to a very compressed season & meant reducing our Senior Football Championship to a straight knock-out, with Winner on the Day in play, while our Club championships & Senior Hurling Championship were run on more traditional formats. Nevertheless, we had some tremendous games, made all the more special with the return of our supporters as the Club season progressed. My sincerest thanks to the Clubs for the marvellous way they dealt with the congested fixture programme & the ongoing covid issues. You all did Kerry GAA and your local communities proud.

Congratulations to Kilmoyley on successfully defending their Garvey's SuperValu Senior Hurling Championship title, their defeat of Causeway in the Final ensures they top the Roll of Honour list, gaining their 26th title. It was great to see Dr. Crokes compete in this year's Senior Hurling Championship. A great boost for all who promote hurling in East Kerry region.

Our Football championship, at the time of writing is down to the Final, between great Tralee rivals; Austin Stacks & Kerins O Rahillys. What a tremendous compliment to the work being done in the Tralee area.

With a straight knockout format & Winner on the Day, this year's championship has generated great excitement and drama. From hot favourites East Kerry's defeat in the 1st Rd. to our first ever penalty shoot-out in the Senior Championship, supporters have really enjoyed all games. Two heart stopping Semi-Finals, with the Austin Stacks v St. Brendan's Board game (shown live on RTE) requiring another penalty shootout to decide the victors. A special word of thanks to both the Austin Stack Park Committee & Fitzgerald Stadium Committee for hosting so many of the games. The County is very lucky to have two outstanding venues at our disposal, particularly to take games at this time of the year.

The Kerry Petroleum Club Championships continues to enjoy tremendous support from both clubs & supporters alike. Introducing Quarter finals (Semi-Finals for the Senior Club championship) has ensured increased competitiveness in all the fixtures at the Group stages. While it is an intensive fixtures programme for all, especially for the teams who progress all the way through to the latter stages, the feedback from all involved is very positive. Congratulations to Austin Stacks who won the Senior Club title for the third time in a row. Also, to the various 2020 winners who had to wait until this year to savour their success, namely Spa (Intermediate), Ballydonoghue (Junior Premier), Annascaul (Junior) & Cromane (Novice).

With such a compressed season afforded the clubs, the CCC decided to go ahead with the Credit Union County Leagues (without intercounty players) during the early part of the year. Dividing the Divisions into two halves ensured the competitions were completed before the Club Championship started & this format was well received.

Once again, a feature of the Leagues was the number of 'B' teams taking part and fulfilling their games. In all only 3 league games were scratched where 'B' teams could not field, which is very impressive.

Following a Congress decision, the decision to drop the Minor grade down to U17, proved very successful. At last, our U17 players were afforded a quality games programme, not hindered by adult competitions. My complements to Coiste na nÓg for managing the changeover to the odd age grades so efficiently & special mention to our Coaching Officer Terence Houlihan who did a great job as co-ordinator for all the minor fixtures.

To fill the gap between U17 & Senior, and especially to cater for the U18/19 player, the CCC organised an U20 (football) & U21 (hurling) club league competition.



GAA President's Awards – John Clifford, Laune Rangers GAA Club

Specific weekends were ring-fenced to ensure no interference from other competitions would occur. Unfortunately, over 50% of the games were not played due to teams being unavailable to field. One is left wondering if the lack of games for this age group is overstated.

The reality is that most players in most clubs have plenty of games if they so wish, between playing with their A teams (clubs with small numbers) & their B teams (clubs with larger picks) in the County League and in Junior leagues organised by District Boards.

I would suggest that while the County should organise U21 championships involving the traditional Group teams and larger Clubs, the District Boards are best placed to organise Junior Leagues where 18/19-year-olds who are losing out at present can be catered for.

A good example of this, in 2021 was the Mid-Kerry Board who organised a 'B' League and a 'C' League, allowing entry to teams from other district Boards to compete & thus ensuring games for all players from 18 upwards.

Administration.

This Convention marks the completion of Tim Murphy's term as Chairman of the County Board. Tim has been one of the County's most outstanding chairmen and we take this opportunity to thank Tim & his family for the huge contribution he has made to the Board, first as Development Officer and more recently as Cathaoirleach. We wish Tim well, no doubt he will continue to make a contribution at the highest levels within the Association for years to come. Thank you, Tim, you have been a credit to your Club, Brosna and to Kerry.



Tim Murphy

With the impact of Covid, never was the financial wellbeing of the Board so well tested. As you will see from the Treasurers report, I'm happy to say we have come through the storm intact and in a good position going forward. The decision of the Board a couple of years back, to put more focus on generating extra income from commercial streams was very wise indeed. While the covid pandemic wiped out most of our traditional fundraising activities, our increasing revenue from the commercial side, buttressed the Board from the worst of the storm.

Our outgoing Chairman Tim Murphy must take huge credit for achieving such an outcome. He along with our Treasurer Tom Keane and our Finance Committee headed up by Michael John Kearney have managed the financial affairs of the Board in a way that deserves huge appreciation & credit from all involved in Kerry GAA.

This year sees the election of a new chairperson. We wish him the very best of luck and assure whoever it is, of our full support as they take on such an onerous responsibility.

To all my fellow Officers who carried out their work so diligently and with great commitment and expertise my thanks to all of you. Our Coiste na nOg, District Boards and all sub-committees, all rolled up their sleeves, to ensure we worked together to overcome the challenges that Covid has brought and as a Board, I believe we have emerged stronger and more than ready for the challenges ahead.



John Joe O'Carroll newly elected Trustee of the GAA

While our Chairman will be bidding adieu at this Convention, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back to the fold, former officer Maurice O Mahony who returns as our new Central Council Delegate. It would be hard to find a more suitable

person to represent the Board at Central Council, so congratulations & best of luck to Maurice.

South Kerry Hurling Board

While it was tremendous to see Dr. Crokes participating in this year's SHC and have Rathmore involved in Minor Competitions, the failure of the South Kerry Senior Hurling Board to function at all, during the year is not good enough. This needs to be urgently addressed and I would ask all the Clubs affiliated to the Board along with our own Hurling Steering Committee to ensure an active Board is put in place for 2022.

District Board & Group Teams in Senior Football Championship

With a new Chairperson assuming the leadership of the Board in 2022, I believe it offers an opportune time to set out a medium to long term strategy for District Boards and the involvement of Group teams in our SFC. While technically two different issues, I believe both are inextricably linked. Kerry GAA has a unique and very special system of games administration within the County, a system that has served us well and one that should be protected and enhanced. Sticking our collective heads in the sand is a sure way to hasten the decline of both.

I would suggest the Board set up a Sub-Committee to come up with a coherent strategy that makes sense for Kerry going forward. For too long we have been ducking some hard questions that need to be addressed regarding District Boards and the relative strengths of Group teams in the SFC. While history and tradition are very important and should never be underestimated, we should not leave those same qualities strangle us to death.

If we can agree on a clear strategy and approve same 'in principle' at County Committee level by end of 2022, at least then, Sub-Committees asked to review & make recommendations around competitions in the years ahead, will have clear guidelines on which to work with rather than at present, where different Committees are more or less left to their own devices.

I would see this as a particular challenge for members of the County. Committee, their role in representing the interests of their Clubs will always be an important function, but as members of the Kerry County Committee, they are charged with ensuring, the overall good of Kerry GAA. This should always be to the forefront of their deliberations.

Risk & Audit Committee.

At recent Special Congress, a decision that all County Boards, Provincial Councils & Central Council put in place a Risk & Audit Committee, is to be welcomed. In Kerry we have over the last few years built up what we would like to think is a very robust and sound financial control system. Nevertheless, an extra, independent group, keeping a watching brief on how we manage our financial affairs will further ensure that good governance continues to be adhered to.



Kerry Group

On behalf of the Board our sincerest thanks to Kerry Group for their continuous & very generous sponsorship of our County teams. A special thanks to Catherine Keogh who has succeeded Frank Hayes as head of Corporate Affairs. We look forward to working with Catherine for many years to come. Also thanks of course to Kerry Group CEO Edmond Scanlon, whose support for Kerry GAA is well known & greatly appreciated. We take great pride in the continued success of Kerry Group all over the world and wish the Company continued success into the future.

Other Sponsors

We are very grateful for the support we receive from our many sponsors. Each and every one, continue to make a valuable contribution to Kerry GAA and we urge all our members to support our sponsors in every way they can.

My thanks to Treasurer Tom Keane for his great work in securing such Sponsorship. As mentioned earlier, with Covid having such a detrimental effect on traditional fundraising activity, the support we get from our Sponsors has never been so important.

Thanks to O'Neill's Sports who kit out our various teams, for your very generous support and the great service you provide for all the teams. Special mention to Tony Towell CEO of O'Neill's, who despite his ardent support of his native Dublin, has always been a great friend of Kerry GAA.

Thanks to our Senior Football & Hurling Championship Sponsors, Garvey's SuperValu, in particular Tomás, Jim and all the Garvey Family.

Our thanks also to our other Competition sponsors namely Kerry Petroleum (Club Championships) Keane's SuperValu (Minor League & Championship) & our County League Sponsors, Chapter 23 of the Irish Credit Union.

Our thanks to Acorn Life who sponsor our U21 Championships. Unfortunately, we were not in a position to play these championships this year, but we look forward to their resumption in 2022.

I would like to acknowledge the following Sponsors:

- ❖ Atlantic Oils (who very generously stepped in to Sponsor our live steaming coverage this year)
- ❖ Paul Geaney Bar & Restaurant, Dingle who sponsors our Website.
- ❖ Lee Strand Milk.
- ❖ Horans Health Stores,
- ❖ Ivertec,
- ❖ Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee
- ❖ Brehon Hotel, Killarney
- ❖ Walsh Colour Print, Castleisland
- ❖ Counter Point Ireland/Ballygowan,
- ❖ Rose Hotel, Tralee.
- ❖ Greenway Health & Hygiene



We welcome new Associate Sponsors, Dingle Gin, Kellihers Toyota, Tralee, Ballyseedy Garden Centre, Ger Teahan (Salessense) & Kerry Co Council who kindly supported our Online 'Waterbreak' series.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Our sincere thanks to all for your continued support of Kerry GAA.

Fundraising

With limited fundraising opportunities to avail of, the Board decided earlier this year to raffle a house in a major fundraising drive. The 'Win a House in Killarney' fundraiser is currently ongoing with the draw scheduled to take place in Easter 2022. We would ask all to support this huge draw and spread the word among your friends and contacts.

Tickets cost €100 and with Christmas approaching, they would make a lovely gift for someone. Tickets can be bought online (see Kerry GAA Website) or purchased in various locations throughout the County such as County Board Office in Tralee & the Kerry GAA Store in Killarney. Hardcopy tickets also available for the Committee Members.

For the month of December, we are delighted to be linking up with Down Syndrome Kerry, where for any ticket bought during the month, a portion of the money goes to this charity.

While the House Draw is a once off fundraising event, I believe a County Development Draw involving both the County & the Clubs is the way to go to ensure a constant & regular stream of income for both County & Club.

My thanks to the Austin Stack Park Development Committee for their continued excellent work in raising revenue for the Tralee venue. Thanks also to the Fitzgerald Stadium Finance Committee for their continued support of the Killarney stadium.

Appointment of Senior Football Manager Jack O Connor.

Jack O Connor's appointment was ratified unanimously at a County Committee Meeting held on 4th October (Online), after a very thorough, transparent and well-established selection process. Attempts by some to discredit the process and question the integrity of the selection committee were appalling to say the least.

Why someone or some group of people would deliberately set out to tell lies and spread misinformation, target members of the selection committee in order to undermine their credibility, was quite shocking & disturbing. To those who acted in this way, you should be ashamed of yourselves. You were willing to discredit the good name of decent people, damage the proud name of Kerry GAA, because they happened to hold a different view to yours.

I am happy to have been part of that Selection Committee, to know that every single member acted honourably and with the sole intention of doing what, in their view, was best for Kerry. Even more impressively, they got on with their business and refused to engage in the circus that unfortunately others who should have known



better failed to digress from. My thanks again to you all. You did Kerry GAA a good service.

Bereavements

We offer our sympathy to the families of the following who passed away during the year. Gerry O Riordan, Joe Joe Barrett, Noel Lucey, Donie Sheehan, Frank Wallace, Donal Kelliher, Junior Murphy, Micheal Kerins, Jimmy Foley, Conor Heaphy, Patrick Corridan, Eddie A Walsh, John Moloney and all others who have lost a loved one since our last Convention.

Centre of Excellence – Official Opening

The official opening of the Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence is scheduled for Saturday 4th December 2021. We are delighted to have our new Uachtarán Larry McCarthy on hand to perform the official duties. The opening marks the culmination of many years of planning, fundraising, design and building, by so many people who had an ambition & determination to provide a fitting home for Kerry teams. To all those people, our thanks and appreciation. The Centre of Excellence is a credit to all and will stand as a fitting testament to Kerry GAA for many years to come.



Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence in Currans

Facilities in the County

While the official opening of our Centre of Excellence is an occasion of celebration, the GAA is not a body that tends to stay looking back for long. With ever increasing activity and demands on pitches in the winter/spring time of the year, particularly for training & match preparation, it is timely that the Board should consider the installation of a 4G pitch within the County. While the cost is considerable, the options such a facility gives is substantial.

I also welcome plans by the Austin Stack Park development committee to develop the terrace at the back of the goals on the Horan's side of the ground. This would bring the capacity of the grounds up to 15,000 which is an ideal size for most games.

Referees

At a recent meeting of the County Committee, the serious lack of referees available to officiate at our games was highlighted. It is imperative that every Club without exception provide the Board with an active referee. Our excellent Referees Committee will provide the supports, the training & the resources, but the Clubs must provide the personnel.

We are very close to reaching the situation where fixtures will not go ahead due to lack of referees. This will inevitably lead to complaints from those teams affected, but the time to act is now. I'm asking every club to step up to the plate and make it a priority to source a member willing to take up refereeing clubs should ensure your referees receive the status and respect they deserve.

From the Boards point of view, we will actively promote & encourage new people to take up refereeing. There will be no issue with providing the Referees Committee with the resources to train and support referees. However, should clubs fail to supply at least one active referee to the Board, there will inevitably be sanctions, whether that will be loss of home venue for leagues games or refusal to accept a club's affiliation or the abandonment of certain competitions, that's a matter for the County Committee to decide, but something will have to give.

I would urge all Clubs affiliated to the County Board to urgently review their situation with regard to referees and liaise with our Referees Committee, so remedial action can begin without delay.

As part of this concerted effort, I would ask every Club Management Committee to have a look at your own players/mentors/supporters and their behaviour towards match officials. There is no doubt the abuse levelled at referees at times can be a major contributory factor in the reluctance of people to take up Refereeing. Where clubs feel they need to address this, I would suggest putting together a code of conduct for all in the Club to adhere to.

Kerry GAA Store

The success story that has been our own Kerry GAA Store in Killarney has gone almost unnoticed for the last number of years. The Store has been an outstanding success and provides an important revenue stream to the County Board.

I would like to pay tribute to all who have ensured the Shop continues to grow from strength to strength. To Shop Manager Luke Quinn, all his staff, to John Joe O'Carroll & John O'Leary who are part of the management Committee & especially to chairman of the Shop Management Committee Liam Chute, our thanks and appreciation on doing a great job.

Kerry Golf Society

This year, Kerry County Board has come on board to formally support the Kerry GAA Golf Society. Organised entirely by former players, the Society provides a great opportunity to players who played at any level for Kerry, to enjoy regular golf outings & meet up with former teammates.

The Board is delighted to be associated with the Society and would like to thank Society Captain Vincent O'Connor and all involved for their great work.



Kerry GAA Golf Society Day Out in Beaufort

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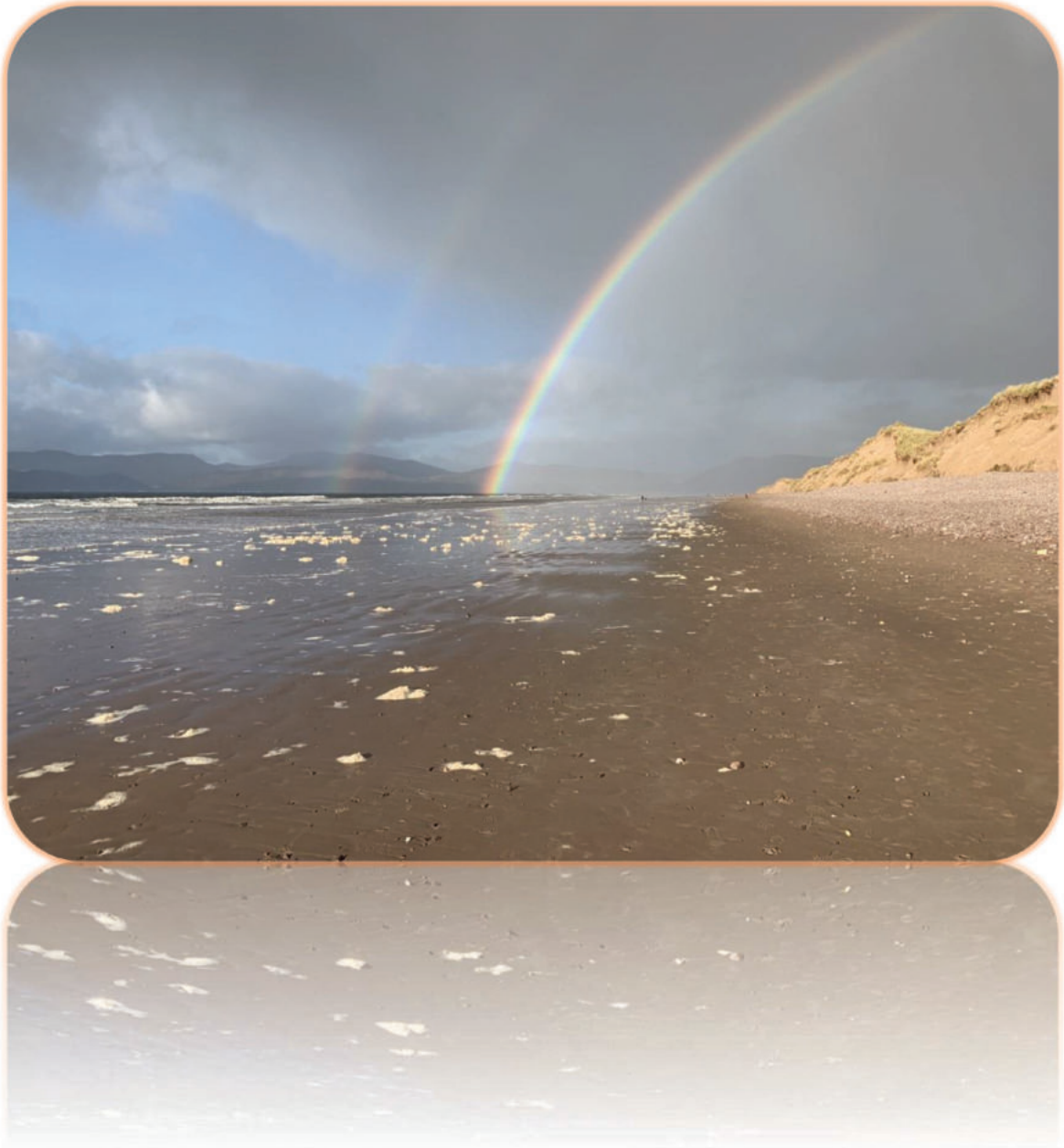
At the end of what has been another eventful year for the Board, I wish to thank the following:

- To the office staff in Austin Stack Park, Kate, Breda & Eileen
- To Austin Stack Park groundsman Ger O'Mahony
- Thanks to the Austin Stack Park Committee, Fitzgerald Stadium Committee and Chairman of Caherslee grounds Joe Wallace and Aileen & her staff in the Kerry Centre of Excellence.
- To all our Sub-Committees for their huge contribution towards the running and development of the Association within the County.
- To our excellent Coaching and Games Manager Donal Daly. Thanks Donal and to your fellow coaches for all your work in ensuring the participation and development of our young players is second to none.
- To Luke Quinn and his staff who look after our GAA shop in Killarney & had a very successful year despite of all the issues with Covid Restrictions.
- To our Clubs and District Committees for all your support and work. To the Club Secretaries for your great assistance to myself and all in the Office.
- To Kieran Leddy, John Brennan and all the staff at Munster Council.
- Thanks to all in Croke Park for your support and assistance during the year, especially to An tUachtarán Larry McCarthy, Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan, Ger Mulryan, Teresa Rehill, Fergal McGill & Bernard Smith.
- To our Referees, Gatemen and Stewards for doing a great job.
- To the Clubs and all your players & volunteers – wishing you the very best of luck for 2022.

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**YOU WILL NEVER FIND A RAINBOW IF YOU ARE
LOOKING DOWN!**

***BEST OF LUCK TO ALL KERRY TEAMS
FOR 2022.***

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FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

Last year when I reflected on our 2020 accounts, I spoke about the difficult decisions that would face us in 2021 with the remaining uncertainty of the pandemic and the effect it would have on our association, not only on the playing field but with regard to our finances.

There is not one single unit of our organisation that has not felt the sharp impact from the downturn in finance. Be it a club having to cancel club fundraisers, reduced ability in selling lotto tickets or even losing out on club gates. We have all had to rethink and adapt the best we can in a new way of doing things.

Despite all this I am delighted to be able to report to you this evening that with some heavy lifting and difficult decisions we will be reporting an operating cash profit of **€505K** compared to an operating cash loss of **€97K** from 2020.

A figure that appears even stronger considering that we are only operating on an 11-month year to bring our accounts in line with Croke Park's September 30th deadline and do not take into account many of the gate receipts from our county football and club championships.

However, despite a shorter year with only eleven months we have never worked harder to keep the financial account ship afloat with a daily "watch and see" brief especially in the uncertain times that remain with the shadow of Covid and, possible further lockdowns still looming large in our society.

Not unlike the difficulties that you have faced in your clubs with the abandonment of many fundraising initiatives, we too have lost many of our yearly events and have only one fundraising event running currently - The Win A House with Kerry GAA.

I would urge people to get behind the organising committee and try to do the very best that we can in the months that remain up to the end of April 2022 to make the most of it to deliver the finance that we will need to bedrock a lot of expense into the future.

Gate Receipts and Live Streaming Income

With the restructuring of the 11-month year along with the restrictions on attendances in the 2021 championships we have seen our normal steady gate receipts fall off the cliff. However, with the added revenue from our streaming services which continues to grow at a steady pace, returns an Income figure for **€226K**, marginally up on 2020 but this figure is still less than half of what we achieved in 2019 with a **€514K** returned just for gate receipts.

Central Council, National League and Provincial Share

Central Council Championship, National League, and Provincial share out has been reduced for a second year due to restrictions on attendances at games falling from **€402K** (2020) to **€362K** (2021)



Commercial Income

Our commercial growth has continued to build over the years and I am delighted to report that not only have we grown, fostered, and developed strong relationships with annual associate sponsors but the success story that has been the Kerry GAA store has really been a bedrock of our commercial income.

This year our store in Killarney has seen a net return for Kerry GAA of **€173K** with the new release of our commemorative jersey pushing this figure northwards. I want to thank Dr Richard McElligott for providing the contextual history behind the jersey which proved a real winner during the summer with young and old alike.

I want to commend Store Manager Luke Quinn and his staff who kept the show going with click and collect during the lockdown and I want to thank the GAA Store committee of Liam Chute, John O Leary, and John Joe Carroll for all their guidance throughout the year.

I want to thank Kerry Group for their continued support of Kerry GAA over the years and again in 2021 it was no different. We are very appreciative of having such a world market leader as our main sponsor.

We are also delighted to have many more associate sponsors who all play other vital roles in keeping our competitions going as well as vital links in supporting our games.

I want to thank all those involved with O Neill's, Garvey's SuperValu, Kerry Petroleum, Acorn Life Chapter 23 Credit Union, Keane's SuperValu Killorglin, Atlantic Oils, The Meadowlands, The Brehon Hotel, Lee Strand, Horan's Health Stores, Greenway Health & Hygiene, Walsh Print, Dingle Gin, Paul Geaney's Dingle, Kelliher's Toyota Tralee, Ballyseedy Garden Centre, Salessense, Ballygowan and Kerry County Council for supporting our online Water break championship programme which saw 113,00 people tune in over a ten week run.

There is no limit to the possible growth of commercial income, but we need to be mindful and acknowledge the continuous support of these sponsors who over the years have shown valuable financial support to Kerry GAA.

Fundraising

Even in the best of times the word fundraiser can draw a few groans but in these current times in which all events need to be Covid compliant it has proved very difficult for us to complete many of our annual events which are always so well supported.

In 2021 we saw the cancellation of the annual Night of Champions once again as well as a number of our other regular fundraisers.

It was with this in mind as well as the considerable mounting financial challenges approaching us for 2022 that we decided the run with the Win A House in Killarney with Kerry GAA under the chairmanship of Patrick O'Sullivan.

Over the last few months Patrick and his committee have been working hard in an exceptionally crowded area with many organisations running a number of high profile draws as well.

However, we all need to row in behind this draw as we need to get over the line and make it profitable considering that we do not have another fundraiser planned for the time being.

The prize is simply fantastic and the money at the end of the draw is simply crucial for Kerry GAA.

I would urge all Kerry GAA supporters near and far to get in behind this fundraiser.

Coaching and Games

Coaching & Games Development continues to provide high quality coaching to our clubs, schools, coaches and MTU Tralee. With eight full-time coaches employed, Donal Daly and his team provide the necessary coaching structures and support systems to ensure all our clubs and schools are provided with the highest coaching standards.

The growth in this sector has increased massively over the years.

Last year due to the restrictive nature of the lock down we saw a decrease in Cul Camp activity but luckily with the ease of restrictions through the summer months in 2021 we saw more participants allowed at the popular camps. This led to a total income of just over **€250K** up **€54K** from last year.

Apart from the good news of the financial increase it was great to see our fields back to activity with the next generation of players both in hurling and football taking to their local club pitches.

While the uncertainty of Covid still hung over these events, the constant backdrop of sanitizing and social distancing took place.

I want to thank all those who helped this year especially with providing the additional help when it came to ensuring Covid compliance.

Team Training Expenses

The continued savings in preparing teams since 2019 has simply been phenomenal. In 2019 Kerry GAA spent **€1.4M** on preparing our teams. This year it is **€730K**. Much of these savings has been down to the cooperation of team managers who like everyone else have had to tighten the belt when it comes to sharing a financial burden. We really have only been spending what we have been generating.

Much of this saving was made due to the shortened year with the GAA enforced closed season due to Covid with all our players having to train at home.

Even with this backdrop we featured in two Joe McDonagh Cup finals in the last 11 months along with a delayed All Ireland Minor Football Final.

We continue to monitor with a watchful eye areas in which we can make savings and have over the year spoken with managers to help us do this. In fairness our managers are appreciative of the difficult financial times we are in and last year helped us carry this burden to ensure we kept our heads above water.

With this in mind we will continue to invest in our players. We will not be found wanting as a Board in putting in place the best systems available so that our players across all the training groups receive the best not only in training but in all the additional supports that are now needed in bringing players onto the highest performance level so that we can compete with the best on the most important days of all.

Ground Maintenance

This year we continue to maintain our facilities with works totalling **€135K** being spent, down from the **€200K** that we spent last year in maintenance of our



grounds. These works are vital to maintaining the pitches that provide the training hub for all our county teams and development squads.

Along with this, It is our hope that we keep investing in all our five venues, MTU Tralee, Austin Stack Park, Fitzgerald Stadium, Currans and Caherseele as they remain vital resources in preparing teams as well as providing first class venues for our club games.

I want to thank Aileen Foley, Tom Lonergan and John Daly (Centre of Excellence), Tony O’Keeffe, Eamonn O’Sullivan, groundsman Ger O’Mahony and the Austin Stack Park committee for maintaining our facilities to the highest standards.

I also want to compliment Der Brosnan and his committee in Fitzgerald Stadium for similarly doing the same great work in Killarney.

This year we saw the retirement of John Lenihan and I wish to thank him and wish him all the best for the future.

I would like to welcome Theresa Anne O’Mahony to her new post at Fitzgerald Stadium. Meanwhile Joe Wallace continues to tackle his workload at Caherseele with great enthusiasm.

Kerry Supporters Club

Each year at this stage I get a chance to thank our wonderful Kerry Supporters Club who always help out with fundraising. Not unlike most things many of the events that they would help us out in were cancelled due to Covid. But regardless it is necessary to recognise their efforts and support both to the players and the wider Kerry GAA community.

Financial Expenses

Interest payable of €61K is detailed in Note 2 with **€57K** interest representing Bank Interest on our capital borrowings. Administration expenses of **€101K** are well reduced from the 2020 figure of **€187K**.

Bank Debt

Our Bank Debt as of 30th September 2021 is **€2.2M** however you will notice from our Balance Sheet that we presently have **€1.7M** in the Bank which shows a Nett debt of just over **€550K**.

It must be stated that this figure is for an 11-month calendar year which in any normal year would take the financial Income from our County football championships, which is not included. A figure of **€83K** is included from our successful County Hurling Championship which happened late in the summer.

If the 2021 Senior Football Championship gates figure was to be included, then we would be reporting a break-even figure to you this evening.

The Balance Sheet position has been further enhanced in the current year due to **€1.138M** of grants made up of **€830K** from Munster Council and the remainder from Croke Park. This funding from Croke Park has enabled us to make the contribution to the MTU project of **€550K** made up of **€250K** from Croke Park and **€300K** from the Board.

I also very much welcome Munster Council’s once off contribution of **€830K** to all six counties of Munster. These funds have been recycled back to counties after the very successful provincial championship over recent years.



Financial Challenges Ahead

As ever we will face financial challenges. Rather than see them as headaches, they must be seen as further opportunities for us to grow and develop our game with us delivering the best possible conditions for our players. It has always been my promise to ensure that we do all we can to help our players at both Hurling and Football and across all age groups to reach the pinnacle of their abilities.

For this to continue we will need a further phase of fundraising for our state-of-the-art centre of excellence in Currans. It might not be Croke Park but the dreams of winning start off here for many aspiring players across our county.

We will also need to push forward with the further development of Austin Stack Park in Tralee ensuring that more people are able enjoy a night-time game under lights by increasing its capacity.

Having brought in the universal online ticket scheme into Kerry, I am happy by the ability many supporters have shown in taking to the clean and efficient ticketing system. However there remains a few teething problems that will have to be dealt with into next year. The online system is here to stay but for those who find it difficult or out of their reach at the moment we will have to work on a solution to ensure that everyone can get a ticket.

Having spoken to many OAPs throughout the year, I am acutely aware of some small difficulties dealing online and I will endeavour to work on solutions into the New Year.

Next year due to a longer run-in period to train, each Inter County team expenses in all codes will see a substantial increase. There are headwinds in 2022 coming around the corner with extended seasons which will mean that more revenue will be needed earlier in the year to drive things forward. We can only drive on things so much by reducing areas of over runs but in my opinion no organisation should remain still and feel happy that balancing is just enough. We need to renew our effort and we should be challenged to do so as it too remains vital to success on the field of play.

It is also my opinion that we should be further reducing our debt when we have the ability to do so.

Still as we look to 2022, I urge us all to remain prudent with regards to spending while we still try and get our revenue income streams up to pre covid levels.

The biggest financial challenge of all will remain which is Covid and its restrictive nature. The very fact that we cannot say with any certainty when or if the pandemic will finish means that we must plan in a reactionary way.

Finance Committee

The committee under Chairperson Michael John Kearney meets on a monthly basis, to review the ongoing financial performance of the Board. The Board thanks all the committee members for the professional advice, support and financial oversight to enable the Board to prudently manage its accounts.

Personal

Finally, a special word of thanks to Tim Murphy, Peter Twiss and all my fellow officers for the continued help and support.



To Breda O'Callaghan and Kate Carroll in the office along with Aileen Foley, Tom Lonergan and John Daly in Currans thank you for your continued assistance when needed.

Also, as usual a very special thanks to Eileen Hartnett who continues to be a professional in everything that she does.

While the work that Christopher Murray, Frank Stephenson, Mike Griffin and Roisin Mulvihill do on behalf of Casey Stephenson LTD Chartered Accountants remains exemplary.

I also wish to thank our colleagues in Croke Park and Munster Council for their support and cooperation over the year. I also want to thank my colleague and Assistant Treasurer Joe Crowley for all his help throughout the year.

Finally, I want to wish all those that I met throughout the year the very best of luck. A lot of people help out in gates, stewarding, administration even down to those who are left clean our stands when the last supporter has departed. Not all Kerry legends get to wear the green and gold but there are many people out there that do a lot for us, and it is only right we remember them at the end of any year.

Mise le meas

Tomás Ó Catháin

Cisteoir Choiste Chontae Chiarraí

GATES & LIVE STREAMING 2021			
County Senior Football Championship			-
County Senior Hurling Championship			83,246
Senior Club Championship			22,381
U21 Football Championship			-
Minor Football Championship			7,117
Junior Premier Championship			29,693
Junior Football Championship			12,914
Intermediate Football Championship			42,487
Novice Football Championship			1,331
Inter/Minor/U21 Hurling			-
League			18,055
Other			9,641
		TOTAL INCOME	226,865



Kerry County Board

Accounts

for the period ended 30 September 2021



Kerry County Board

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Kerry County Board

We have audited the financial statements of Kerry County Board for the period ended 30 September 2021 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

This report is made solely to the members of the Kerry County Board. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board's members those matters we are required to state to them in the auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Kerry County Board and its members for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of County Board Committee and Auditors

The committee of Kerry County Board are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Ethical Standards for Auditors issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA).

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of; whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Board's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the committee; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Board as at 30 September 2021 and of its profit for the period then ended;
- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the Board were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.



Christopher Murray
for and on behalf of
Casey Stephenson Limited
Certified Public Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm
3 Day Place
Tralee
County Kerry

22 November 2021

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Income & Expenditure Account Account
for the period ended 30 September 2021

		2021	2020
		€	€
Income	Schedule A	2,393,998	2,091,649
Expenditure	Schedule B	(1,888,408)	(2,238,987)
Operating Profit / (Loss) before development fundraising schemes		505,590	(147,338)
Ticket Scheme		-	2,160
Cairde Chiarrai Scheme		2,000	7,250
Austin Stack Park Fundraising		77,200	10,080
Development Fundraising		-	6,039
Fitzgerald Stadium Fundraising		17,700	24,250
Profit / (Loss) after development fundraising schemes		602,490	(97,559)
Depreciation		(265,397)	(293,216)
Grant Amortisation		160,232	157,027
Retained Profit / (Loss)		497,325	(233,748)

Schedule A

Sources of Income

Schedule

Gate Receipts & Live Streaming Income	1	226,865	205,699
Central Council, National League & Provincial Share	1	362,755	402,237
Commercial Income	2	728,293	492,323
Fund Raising Activities	3	8,284	37,454
Other Income	4	194,062	199,070
Coaching & Games Development	5	368,513	452,628
Transfer Income	6	505,226	302,238
Total Income		2,393,998	2,091,649

Schedule B

Expenditure

Match Expenses	7	80,750	119,938
Team Administration Expenses	8	738,448	780,950
Upkeep & Maintenance of Grounds	9	184,427	317,221
Financial Expenses	10	60,963	78,434
Administration Expenses	11	111,553	186,527
Promotional Grants	12	9,113	28,055
Coaching & Games Development	13	178,989	370,085
Contra Payments	14	524,165	357,777
Total Expenditure		1,888,408	2,238,987

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	2021	2020
	€	€
<u>Schedule 1 - Gate Receipts & Live Streaming Income</u>		
County Championship S.F. Games	-	104,645
County Championship S.H. Games	83,246	35,034
Leagues & Other Championship Games	143,619	66,020
Total Gate Receipts & Live Streaming Income	<u>226,865</u>	<u>205,699</u>
National Football League	-	171,444
National Hurling League	-	11,656
Central Council Teams Expenses	353,255	217,137
Provincial Council Teams Expenses	9,500	2,000
	<u>362,755</u>	<u>402,237</u>
<u>Schedule 2 - Commercial Income</u>		
Sale of Sports Gear & Equipment	133,028	106,241
Austin Stack Park & Fitzgerald Stadium Advertising	7,500	18,050
Kerry Sports Wear	173,291	97,675
Commercial Sponsorship	354,474	140,357
Sport Ireland Funding	-	50,000
Croke Park Sponsorship	60,000	80,000
	<u>728,293</u>	<u>492,323</u>
<u>Schedule 3 - Fund Raising Activities</u>		
Golf Classics	8,284	27,130
Lotto & Car Raffle	-	10,324
	<u>8,284</u>	<u>37,454</u>

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	2021	2020
	€	€
<u>Schedule 4 - Other Income</u>		
Club Affiliation Fees	77,602	75,415
Rent Fitzgerald Stadium	35,678	38,789
Rent Centre of Excellence	12,184	12,633
Rent Caherslee	2,160	2,420
Rent Austin Stack Park	46,856	46,065
Rent of Office & Hall	19,582	23,748
	<u>194,062</u>	<u>199,070</u>
<u>Schedule 5 - Coaching & Games Development</u>		
Coaching Income	-	93,373
Summer Camps (Net of Gear Costs)	250,793	196,459
Hurling Development Grants	-	3,500
Coaching Wages Grant (Part Funded by Sports Ireland)	117,720	155,796
Football Development Grant	-	3,500
	<u>368,513</u>	<u>452,628</u>
<u>Schedule 6 - Transfer Income</u>		
Coiste Scor	-	460
Coiste na Nog	21,918	2,235
Other Match Tickets	150,950	10,130
Community Employment Scheme	332,358	289,413
	<u>505,226</u>	<u>302,238</u>

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	2021	2020
	€	€
<u>Schedule 7 - Match Expenses</u>		
Medals & Trophies	26,888	20,048
Other Games & Live Streaming Expenses	34,388	80,305
Referees	19,474	19,585
	<u>80,750</u>	<u>119,938</u>
<u>Schedule 8 - Team Expenses</u>		
Meals, Accom. & Travel Inter Co. Champ. Football	29,390	-
Meals, Accom. & Travel N.F.L.	15,073	46,861
Meals, Accom. & Travel U/20 Football	14,905	6,771
Meals, Accom. & Travel Inter Co. Champ. Hurling	34,927	4,947
Meals, Accom. & Travel N.H.L.	8,242	25,757
Meals, Accom. & Travel U/20 & Minor Hurling	1,116	490
	<u>103,653</u>	<u>84,826</u>
Training Expenses Senior Football	242,952	277,302
Training Expenses U/20 Football	30,009	54,984
Training Expenses Minor Football	50,372	31,805
Training Expenses Junior Football	-	4,002
Training Expenses Senior Hurling	154,005	156,116
Training Expenses U/20 & Minor Hurling	17,998	13,353
	<u>495,336</u>	<u>537,562</u>
Cost of Sports Gear & Equipment	11,782	12,592
Physiotherapy & Medical Expenses	121,277	139,070
Players Injury Insurance for County Team	6,400	6,900
	<u>139,459</u>	<u>158,562</u>
	<u>738,448</u>	<u>780,950</u>

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	2021	2020
	€	€
<u>Schedule 9 - Upkeep & Maintenance of Grounds</u>		
Upkeep of Grounds & Equipment	135,398	202,973
Caretaker Wages	11,960	32,061
Rates	(7,358)	30,458
Heat & Light	44,427	51,729
	<u>184,427</u>	<u>317,221</u>
<u>Schedule 10 - Financial Expenses</u>		
Interest Payable	57,803	73,863
Bank Charges	3,160	4,571
	<u>60,963</u>	<u>78,434</u>
<u>Schedule 11 - Administration Expenses</u>		
Wages & Salaries	34,293	81,809
Printing & Stationery	8,762	15,404
Postage & Telephone	14,907	16,721
Meetings & Seminars	390	2,690
County Convention Expenses	1,600	3,641
Congress Expenses	-	1,346
Expenses of County Board Officers & Sub Committees	37,394	45,102
Miscellaneous	14,207	19,814
	<u>111,553</u>	<u>186,527</u>

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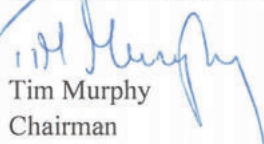
	2021	2020
	€	€
<u>Schedule 12 - Promotional Grants</u>		
Grants Schools, Colleges, Handball	-	3,000
Grants County and League Finalists	-	5,593
Other Grants	-	2,000
Promotional Expenses	9,113	17,462
	<u>9,113</u>	<u>28,055</u>
<u>Schedule 13 - Coaching & Games Development</u>		
Coaching Expenses	33,742	36,670
Other Games Development Expenses	835	5,484
Hurling Development	1,626	5,961
Football Development	1,098	7,474
Summer Camps	13,386	125,331
Wages	128,302	189,165
	<u>178,989</u>	<u>370,085</u>
<u>Schedule 14 - Contra Payments</u>		
Provincial & Central Council Affil. Fee	25,000	24,196
Scor	-	2,450
Community Employment Scheme	320,972	302,341
Coiste na Nog	21,633	18,555
Tickets	156,560	10,235
	<u>524,165</u>	<u>357,777</u>

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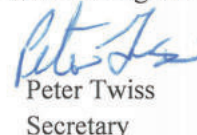
Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2021

		2021		2020	
		€	€	€	€
Fixed Assets	Notes				
Tangible assets	5	19,078,623		18,789,928	
Munster Council Grant		(2,365,872)		(1,581,287)	
Central Council Grant		(1,177,622)		(1,141,907)	
National Lottery Grant		(239,134)		(243,790)	
Kerry Group		(941,667)		(960,000)	
Sports Council Grant		(358,775)		(365,760)	
Kerry County Council Grant		(114,423)		(116,651)	
Development Grants Fitzgerald Stadium		(2,411,392)		(2,458,339)	
National Lottery Grant Fitzgerald Stadium		(656,751)		(669,537)	
		10,812,987		11,252,657	
Current Assets					
Stocks	6	-		25,892	
Debtors	7	400,177		333,987	
Investments	8	16,786		16,786	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	1,701,561		768,234	
		2,118,524		1,144,899	
Current Liabilities	10				
Bank Loan		354,973		251,723	
Creditors & Accruals		1,022,873		799,081	
		1,377,846		1,050,804	
Net Current Assets		740,678		94,095	
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		11,553,665		11,346,752	
Creditors: Loans falling due after more than one year					
Bank Loans	11	1,900,816		2,191,228	
		(1,900,816)		(2,191,228)	
Net Assets		9,652,849		9,155,524	
Capital Account					
Brought forward at 1 November 2020		9,155,524		9,389,272	
Profit (Loss) for the year		495,325		(240,998)	
Cairde Chiarraí Reserve		2,000		7,250	
		9,652,849		9,155,524	

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 22 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by


Tim Murphy
Chairman


Tom Keane
Treasurer


Peter Twiss
Secretary

Kerry County Board
Cash Flow Statement
for the period ended 30th September 2021

	2021	2020
	€	€
Reconciliation of operating operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities		
Operating	497,325	(233,748)
Depreciation	265,397	293,216
(Increase) / Decrease in Stocks	25,892	22,062
(Increase) / Decrease in Debtors	(66,190)	882,446
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors	223,792	(441,146)
Grant Amortisation	(160,232)	(157,027)
Net cash from operating activities	<u>785,984</u>	<u>365,803</u>
Cash Flow Statement		
Net cash from operating activities	785,984	365,803
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	(187,162)	(337,090)
Fixed Asset Additions	(554,092)	(270,259)
Central Council Grant	58,597	-
Munster Council Grant	830,000	-
Increase / (Decrease) in cash in the year	<u>933,327</u>	<u>(241,546)</u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds		
Increase / (Decrease) in cash in the year	933,327	(241,546)
Net funds at 1st November 2020	<u>768,234</u>	<u>1,009,780</u>
Net funds at 30th September 2021	<u>1,701,561</u>	<u>768,234</u>

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

- 1.1 **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Ireland in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The board has consistently applied all relevant accounting standards.

- 1.2 **Going Concern**

The World Health Organisation declared Covid-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020, causing huge impact on people's lives, families, communities, and businesses across the world. In line with the Irish Government's objective of mitigating the spread of Covid-19, the government of Ireland introduced restrictions on citizens and businesses. These restrictions include the temporary closure of many businesses and requesting all citizens to stay at home except in a limited number of permitted circumstances. In the intervening period the board have availed of the various Government wage subsidy schemes as operations have been substantially affected with income reduced in excess of 30% in comparison to normal trading. The officers believe that the board has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

- 1.3 **Income**

Income as stated in the financial statements derives from the provision of goods/services falling within the board's ordinary activities.

- 1.4 **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes prime cost, overheads and interest incurred in financing the construction of tangible fixed assets. Capitalisation of interest ceases when the asset is brought into use.

The board undertakes a review for impairment of fixed assets if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. To the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount, the fixed asset is written down to its recoverable amount.

- 1.5 **Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, as follows :-

Grounds & Pavilion	2% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	12.5% reducing balance
Motor Van	12.5% reducing balance
Plant & Equipment	Over 12 years

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1.6 Investments

Current asset investments are shown at cost less provision for impairments in value.

1.7 Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all expenditure incurred in the normal course of business in bringing the products to their present location and condition. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price of stock on hand less all costs to be incurred in marketing, distribution and selling.

1.8 Grants

Grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attaching conditions have been complied with. Grants towards capital expenditure are deducted from the cost of those fixed assets and released to the income and expenditure account in line with depreciation on the related assets. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the income and expenditure account as the related expenditure is incurred.

1.9 Leasing & hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives with the corresponding lease or hire purchase obligation being capitalised as a liability. The interest element of the finance lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2. Interest payable and similiar charges	2021	2020
	€	€
On bank current accounts	3,160	4,571
On loans	57,803	73,863
	<u>60,963</u>	<u>78,434</u>
3. Employment Costs	2021	2020
	€	€
Wages and salaries	601,276	421,188
Social welfare costs	62,320	40,466
	<u>663,596</u>	<u>461,654</u>

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3.1 Employees

The number of persons employed by the board during the year, analysed by category, was as follows :-

Number of employees	2021 Number	2020 Number
Administration	4	4
Caretakers	3	3
Coaches	8	8
Summer Camps	88	91
	<u>103</u>	<u>106</u>

4. Operating Profit

	2021 €	2020 €
Operating profit is stated before including :		
Depreciation of tangible assets	(265,397)	(293,216)
Grant Amortisation	<u>160,232</u>	<u>157,027</u>
	<u>(105,165)</u>	<u>(136,189)</u>

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Grounds & Pav'n €	Plant & Equip. €	Fixtures & Fittings €	Motor vehicles €	Trophies €	Total €
Cost						
At 1 November 2020	19,038,932	53,151	434,632	41,500	1,392	19,569,607
Additions	<u>550,000</u>	-	<u>4,092</u>	-	-	<u>554,092</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>19,588,932</u>	<u>53,151</u>	<u>438,724</u>	<u>41,500</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>20,123,699</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 November 2020	505,165	33,748	219,252	21,514	-	779,679
Charge for the period	<u>233,899</u>	<u>4,060</u>	<u>25,148</u>	<u>2,290</u>	-	<u>265,397</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>739,064</u>	<u>37,808</u>	<u>244,400</u>	<u>23,804</u>	-	<u>1,045,076</u>
Net book values						
At 30 September 2021	<u>18,849,868</u>	<u>15,343</u>	<u>194,324</u>	<u>17,696</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>19,078,623</u>
At 31 October 2020	<u>18,533,767</u>	<u>19,403</u>	<u>215,380</u>	<u>19,986</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>18,789,928</u>

The carrying amount of the Board's property, plant and equipment are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. An impairment loss is recognised when the carrying amount of an asset or its cash generation unit exceeds its recoverable amount. The Board have determined that an impairment provision is not necessary at this time.

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6. Stocks	2021	2020
	€	€
Finished goods	-	25,892

In the opinion of the board there are no material differences between the replacement cost of stock and the balance sheet amounts.

7. Debtors	2021	2020
	€	€
Debtors	400,177	333,987

Debtors refers to amounts repayable by various organisations and entities and have arisen as a result of the carrying on of the normal day to day activities of the Board.

8. Investments	2021	2020
	€	€
Investments	16,786	16,786

Investments relate to shares held in unlisted entities and are stated at cost. In the opinion of the Board the market value of these investments is not materially different from cost.

9. Cash and cash equivalents	2021	2020
	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	1,701,561	768,234

Included in cash and cash equivalents is €250,000 held in a deposit account which has specific conditions.

10. Creditors : amounts falling due within year	2021	2020
	€	€
Bank Loan	354,973	251,723
Creditors & accruals	1,022,873	799,081
	1,377,846	1,050,804

Creditors and accruals refer to amounts due to various organisations, entities and individuals and have arisen in the carrying on of the normal day to day activities of the Board. Deferred income of €250,000 is also included in creditors and accruals.

11. Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year	2021	2020
	€	€
Repayable after more than one year		
Bank Loans	1,900,816	2,191,228
	<u>1,900,816</u>	<u>2,191,228</u>

Bank borrowings are secured by way of Mortgage over Fitzgerald Stadium, Lewis Road, Killarney, County Kerry and legal charge over 48 acres at Crag, Currans, County Kerry.

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport have a charge over the property at Currans to the value of €300,000.

12. Capital commitments

At the balance sheet date the Kerry County Board have no capital commitments.

13. Post Balance Sheet Events

Loan payment of €482,076 has been paid after the year end. This pays off the scheduled repayments for Currans up to 31st December 2022.

14. Contingent Liabilities	2021	2020
	€	€
There was a contingent liability at the balance sheet date relating to Club loan balances outstanding at 30th September 2021, guaranteed by the Kerry County Board.	<u>277,558</u>	<u>288,307</u>

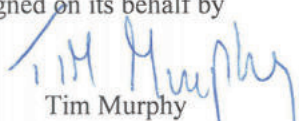
15. Ultimate Controlling Party

The ultimate controlling party of the Kerry County Board is Croke Park.

16. Analysis of changes in net debt	Opening balance	Cash flows	Closing balance
	€	€	€
Bank accounts	768,234	933,327	1,701,561
Bank loans	<u>(2,442,951)</u>	187,162	<u>(2,255,789)</u>
	<u>(1,674,717)</u>	<u>1,120,489</u>	<u>(554,228)</u>

17. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 22 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by


Tim Murphy
Chairman


Tom Keane
Treasurer


Peter Twiss
Secretary



MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2021



KILMOYLEY COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 2021



AUSTIN STACKS SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONS 2021



GNEEVGUILLA
JUNIOR PREMIER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2021



**CASTLEGREGORY
JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2021**



SPREADING THE WORD



EAST KERRY COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2021



BALLYDUFF COUNTY MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 2021





KERRY GAA COMMEMORATION JERSEY



In September 1924 as the poisonous atmosphere of the recent Civil War lingered, a young Kerry side entered Croke Park to contest the county's first All-Ireland final in nine years. It was a team formed from players who had been active on both sides of that tragic conflict in a county where the war's final weeks was framed by horrifying atrocities. Though deeply divided by ideology, men like John Joe Sheehy, Con Brosnan, Joe Barrett and Paul Russell backboned a side that would dominate Gaelic football like none before or none after for decades to come. In the process, they forged a unique legacy. United by the Kerry jersey, this team symbolised to many the part Gaelic games could play in helping to heal the wounds and reconcile a society still traumatised by conflict.

This jersey commemorates the team that became arguably the greatest Kerry has ever produced. Their story is complex but it has rightly endured - not simply because of what they won, but because of what they represented. The jersey features a 1929 picture of the side, captained by Joe Barrett, after the first of what would be Kerry's original four-in-a-row. The Irish phrase, *Mise Ciarraí*, signifies the unity the Kerry jersey has always promoted. The image of the Sam Maguire being lifted illustrates the role this team played in nurturing the county's unique record in Gaelic football. Finally, the gold band marks every year a Kerry side has won the senior All-Ireland championship.

Dr Richard McElligott



KERRY GOLF SOCIETY DAY OUT IN BEAUFORT





KERRY GAA SUPPORTING DOWN SYNDROME KERRY





THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES!

SHANE ENRIGHT, TOMMY WALSH, BRIAN KELLY & JONATHAN LYNE

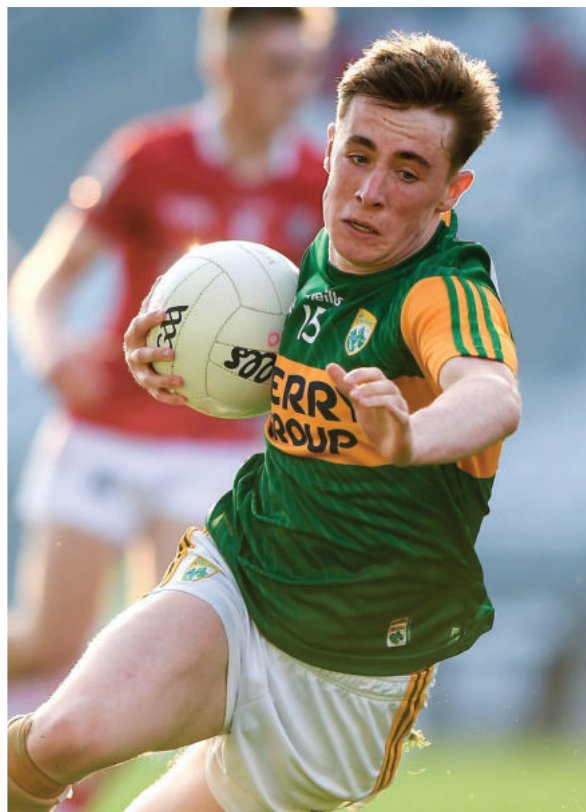




2020 MINOR FOOTBALL ALL STARS

DARA O'CALLAGHAN, OISIN MAUNSELL, PAUDIE O'LEARY & KEITH EVANS.





2020 U20 TEAM OF THE YEAR SELECTION

SEAN O BRIEN, RUAIRI O BEAGLAOICH & DAN McCARTHY.



COMPETITIONS CONTROL COMMITTEE 2021

Membership:

Chairperson:	Peter Twiss	Vice Chairperson:	Eamon Whelan,
Secretary:	Christy Killeen,	Management Rep:	Terence Houlihan,
Michael Sayers	Mid Kerry Board,		
Mairéad O Sullivan	Nth. Kerry F. Board,		
Michael Pigott	East Kerry Board,		
James Rochford	Kenmare Dist. Board,		
Patrick Brennan	South Kerry Board,		
Pat Dineen	Nth. Kerry Hurling Board,		
Diarmuid Ó Murchú	West Kerry Board,		
Kenneth Lenihan	St. Brendan's Board,		
John Kelly	South Kerry Hurling,		
John Slattery	Tralee District Board,		
Pat Sheehy	Referees Administrator.		
Christy Killeen	Fixtures Analyst.		

Brief:

Committee's principal function as per county bye-law Ch.3ii & Rule 3.20ii T.O. 2021 was to plan, facilitate and manage the smooth running of club fixtures schedule along with other associated responsibilities on behalf of CLG Ciarraí.

A limited / revised games schedule was drawn up for clubs due to prevailing covid 19 restrictions, as per "Fixtures Calendar 2021" and duly circulated via the Eolaire.



Kieran Donaghy's winning penalty in shootout to send Austin Stacks to County Final

Main focus of Fixtures calendar was ensuring our Club Players in Ciarraí got a regular games program with definitive dates, in addition to further games at District Board level.

Following competitions came under the committee's remit:

Football:

Senior County Championship
Senior Club Championship
Intermediate Club Championship
Junior Championship
Novice Championship
Minor County Championship
County Minor Leagues,
County senior League Div. 1
County senior League Div. 2
County senior League Div. 3
County senior League Div. 4
County senior League Div. 5
County senior League Div. 6
Under-20 League
** Under 20 County Ch-ship
** Junior Cups Competitions
County Junior Leagues – District Boards

Hurling:

Senior County Championship
Intermediate Championship
Junior Championship
Minor Co. Championship
County Minor Leagues
County League Div. 1
County League Div. 2
County League Div. 3
** Under 20/21 Co. Ch-ship

** Not played

Total Matches Football 453

Total Matches Hurling 119



Kerins O'Rahillys v Dr Crokes

Coronavirus:

Our usual comprehensive fixtures plan was severely curtailed by the prevailing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic and restrictions on all club games until June 7th 2021.

Thankfully as restrictions slowly lifted, a revised games program for the County Leagues was provided for club players following consultations with the clubs, later followed by a comprehensive championship schedule.

Challenging:

The Committee held 21 meetings hybrid and virtual and worked with some optimism, consulted with all stakeholders and coordinated a restructured games schedule for the whole county in conjunction with the Management Committee. On reflection the committee are relieved and pleased having achieved so much in the very tight window available during these unprecedented times and everchanging covid-19 environment.

Planning:

Following an assessment of existing restrictive environment, a process of consultative engagement while mindful of Government public health protocols and an emerging narrow window for club activity, the Competitions Control Committee endeavored to plan and coordinate an alternative but achievable games program of leagues and championship games for players and clubs – subject to ongoing Covid-19 and very limited time window.



Action from the County Hurling Championship Final

Competitions:

An abridged format five rounds for the County leagues was played during June and July with usual promotion / relegation applying, while an under 20 competition group format was trialed with stand alone dates during June, July and early August – however this new competition failed to fulfill its potential value.

Club championships for Senior, Intermediate, Junior Premier, Junior and Novice grades were competitive and of good quality, introduction of quarter finals proving a big success with club teams. Intermediate final yet to be played at time compiling report.

County senior championships in hurling completed and football final scheduled 5th Dec. were successively played within the very tight window with many fine games witnessed. A number of 2020 competitions was also completed within the pressurized time frame.

Intermediate and Junior hurling leagues and championships also completed on schedule.

Junior League competitions were taken on by the District Boards thus facilitating local midweek games.

The County Minor football & hurling leagues completed a revised suite of games while the Minor championships were also successively completed on schedule.

District competitions also severely impacted by covid-19 restrictions but good progress being made towards year end.

Acknowledgement:

CCC sincerely acknowledges the positive co-operation and enthusiasm of stakeholders, club administrators, district boards, players, referees and supporters, all expressing a deep understanding of the circumstances and restrictions while observing Government health guidelines and Covid-19 protocols. In absence of dressing room facilities etc. credit to all clubs and teams for their positive attitude and understanding.

Sportsmanship was generally very good, the few incidents which arose were dealt with promptly, the goodwill and co-operation of clubs, officials and players is acknowledged.

Looking forward:

Planning and drafting the 2022 Fixtures Calendar is our next task, curtailed somewhat at present due to many unknown details, awaiting national dates, split season model and the continuing impact of Covid 19 restrictions. Our Club championships plus County Hurling and Football championships continue to grow in popularity with players, clubs and patrons, thus placing enormous pressure on dates - but with the proposed GAA “split season” for 2022 curtailing available dates for our championships, some serious discussions and review is necessary on this issue.

An area of major concern is the number of referees available to officiate our schedule of games, many referees obliging volunteers are simply overburdened with our increasing schedule of games, with fixtures curtailment a distinct future



prospect, only solution is for all clubs to provide at least one referee for training and officiating of games!

Clubs are encouraged to audit their playing resources and plan accordingly for participation in 2022 competitions particularly B & C teams and Junior Competitions well in advance of entry dates.

Other tasks:

As usual much time was devoted to the processing of transfers, permission to play, declarations and derogation matters in the early months of 2021 particularly with urban clubs relating to our county bye-law Chapter 5 Rule 6.1 to 6.20 O.G. 2021. Disciplinary matters very few were promptly processed by committee.

Buiochas do:

- All clubs and officials for their co operation, assistance and understanding,
- All our match officials – referees, linesmen and umpires,
- The members of the CCC for their interest and genuine commitment ensuring a balanced fixtures schedule in difficult circumstances,
- Peter Twiss on his foresight and detailed planning of the fixture calendar,
- Leona Twiss PRO for her promotion of our games on all media channels,
- Terence Houlihan and Referee Committee for their assistance with Co. Minor Leagues fixtures and Refereeing matters respectively,
- All sections of the media – for their excellent coverage of our games including detailed fixtures and results.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

Criostóir Ó Cillín – Runaí



BUATHÓIRI AGUS NEASÓIRI NA gCOMORTAISÍ A D'IMRÍODH I mBLIANA			
CLUICHI 2021			
NA CRAOBH COMORTAISÍ			
PEIL	Buathóirí	Neasóirí	
<i>Sinsear</i>	Aibhistin de Staic or Ceirin O Raithille		15
<i>Sinsear na gClub</i>	Aibhistin de Staic	An Neidín	15
<i>Mionúir</i>	Ciarraí Thoir	Ciarraí Lar	22
<i>Idirmheánach</i>	Na Gaeil or Beaufort		33
<i>Soisear Príomh</i>	Gníomh Go Leith	Raonaithe na Sceillige	33
<i>Soisear</i>	Caislean Ghriaire	Fíodh Ros	30
<i>Noibhíseach</i>	An tSnaidhm/Doire Fhionan or Realt Na Mara or Maigh Mheain		
IOMÁINT			
<i>Sinsear</i>	Cill Mhaoile	Naomh Breandanaigh	16
<i>Mionúir</i>	Baile Dubh	Naomh Breandanaigh	7
<i>Minor Shield</i>	Crotta	Rath Mhor	5
<i>Idirmheánach</i>	An Tochar	Cill Gharbhain	10
<i>Soisear</i>	An Tochar	Dr Crocaigh	5
NA SRAITH COMORTAISÍ			
Peil Sinsear:			
<i>Roinn 1</i>	Daingean Ui Chuis	Ceirin Ó Raithille	32
<i>Roinn 2</i>	Naomh Mhuire	Baile Mhic Ealagoid	33
<i>Roinn 3</i>	Fanuithe na Leamhna	Emmetaigh	33
<i>Roinn 4</i>	Fíodh Ros	An Rinn Aird	32
<i>Roinn 5</i>	Aibhistin De Staic B	Cul	32
<i>Roinn 6A</i>	Gleann Fleisce B	Rath Mhor B	15
<i>Roinn 6B</i>	Tuath O Siosta	An Neidin B	13
<i>Roinn 6C</i>	Daingean Ui Chuis B	An Fhosadh B	16
Promoted to Div 1	Naomh Mhuire, Baile Mhic Ealagoid, Gníomh Go Leith		
Relegated to Div 2	Cill Cuimin, Lios an Phuca, Naomh Misteallaigh		
Promoted to Div 2	Fanuithe na Leamhna, Emmetaigh, Baile an Mhuilinn/Caislean na Mainge		
Relegated to Div 3	Piarsaigh na Dromoda, Dr Crocaigh B, Baile Ui Donnachu		
Promoted to Div 3	Fíodh Ros, An Rinn Aird, Raonaithe na Sceillige		
Relegated to Div 4	Ard Fhearta, Dubh Ath, Cill		
Promoted to Div 4	Aibhistin De Staic B, Cul, Realt na Mara		

Relegated to Div 5	An Coirean, Fionnuig, Lios Poil		
Promoted to Div 5	Gleann Fleisce B		
Relegated to Div 6A	Ceirín O Raithille B		
Promoted to Div 6A	Tuath O Siosta		
Relegated to Div 6B	Lios an Phuca		
Promoted to Div 6B	Daingean Ui Chuis B		
Relegated to Div 6C	Dairbhre		
Iomáint Sinnsear:			
<i>Roinn 1</i>	An Tochar	Mainistir Ó dTorna	26
<i>Roinn 2</i>	Mainistir Ó dTorna B	An Tochar B	13
<i>Roinn 3</i>	Mainistir Ó dTorna C	Na Niallaigh Crotta C	16
Peil Mionúir:			
<i>Division 1</i>	Fanuithe na Leamhna	Gleann Gleisce	9
<i>Division 2</i>	Ard Fhearta	Dr Crocaigh	9
<i>Division 3</i>	An Neidin	Maigh Mheain	9
<i>Division 4</i>	Fiodh Ros	Emmetaigh	9
<i>Division 5</i>	Cnoc na gCaiseal/Brosnach/Dubh Ath	An Rinn Aird/Naomh Mhuire	9
<i>Division 6</i>	Rath Mhor	Na Gaeil	9
<i>Division 7</i>	Cnoc na hEaglaise	Gleann Beith-Gleann Carthaigh/Realt na Mara	9
<i>Division 8</i>	Corra	Gníomh Go Leith	9
<i>Division 9</i>	Teampall Nua/Tuath O Siosta/An tSnaidhm/Doire Fhionan	Spa	9
<i>Division 10</i>	Tairbeart	Naomh Seanain	9
<i>Division 11</i>	Fanuithe na Leamhna B	Raonaithe na Sceillige/Dairbhre	9
Iomáint Mionúir:			
<i>Division 1</i>	Baile Dubh	Baile Ui Thaidhg	11
<i>Division 2</i>	Mainistir Ó dTorna	Tra Lí Parnells	10
		TOTAL GAMES PLAYED	572

HEARINGS COMMITTEE 2021

The Hearings Committee sat on 12 occasions in 2021 and made decisions on 22 individual hearing requests.

This year was very different for the Hearings Committee due to the restriction on indoor gatherings. All our hearing meetings bar one were held via Zoom, this presented its own difficulties due to unreliable internet connections in some areas.

Nevertheless, with the cooperation of the CCC's, the Clubs, the Appellants and the Hearings Committee Members we were able to facilitate every hearing request.

All decisions made by the Hearings committee were accepted by the participants with no decision being appealed to a higher body.

On behalf of the committee, I wish to thank everyone who took part in the disciplinary process for their patience and understanding during the year.

*Mise le meas,
Sean de Barra,
Runaí*

Hearing Committee: Liam A Ó Gugain (Chairman), Michael O'Sullivan (Vice Chairman), Sean Barry (Secretary), Willie O'Connor, Tom O'Sullivan, Pat O'Connor, Martin Leane, Brendan McCarthy, Thomas Brennan, Tom Kelleher, Alan Kennelly.



Kerry supporter looks on with a pair of binoculars during the Allianz Football League Division 1 South Round 1 match between Kerry and Galway at Austin Stack Park in Tralee,

REFEREES COMMITTEE 2021

Committee:

Chairman:	Eamon O'Sullivan
Secretary:	Jer Lynch
Co-Ordinator:	Mark Griffin
Administrator:	Pat Sheehy
County Board Delegate:	Bart Moriarty

Tutors: Muiris Ó Súilleabháin, Pat Sheehy, Eddie Barret, Jer Lynch
Assessors: Aidan Mangan, Peter Lyons

A Chathaoirleach, a Rúnaí agus a cháirde go léir,

On behalf of the referee's committee, I wish to thank all those who officiated at games at all levels over the last six months. Covid presented many challenges to all involved in games and while we are not out of the woods yet, we can hopefully look forward to a more regular season in 2022.

Elsewhere in this report the problems and challenges going forward are clearly laid out. This is not just a Kerry problem as Munster Council C, E.O. recently warned that a referees' shortage could lead to games having to be postponed.

I wish to sincerely thank the committee officers for the enormous effort put in over the past 5 years. I can honestly say that their time, commitment and attention to detail reflected very well on the GAA in the county. It was a pleasure to work with them and I salute Pat Sheehy, Mark Griffin and Jer Lynch on a job well done.

At a recent meeting with C.C.C. officers the committee presented a number of recommendations and these will be discussed with the clubs and Coiste na nÓg in the New Year.

*Is Mise,
Eamonn Ó Súilleabháin
Cathaoirleach Coiste na Réiteoirí*

Is é seo mo thuarascáil ar an obair atá déanta sa bhliain 2021 ag Coiste na Reiteoirí i gCiarraí.

Games

By the time the final whistle is blown in the final game of the 2021 GAA season the Referees Committee will have appointed referees to over 650 games, including the 11 which ran over from the 2020 season. We are now in our 9th year without a game being cancelled due to not having a referee. This, though, it must be said, has been the toughest season by far. To say we are papering over the cracks is an understatement.

This past year we used 64 referees in football competitions and 26 referees in hurling. Of the 26 hurling referees 9 of these were from outside the county. However, it must be noted, that a lot of these referees contributed to 5 games or

less. We have a very solid pool of about 25-30 referees that we can depend on week in week out. However, after this, we become stretched.

This year we had to appoint referees from outside the county for hurling league games and I'm afraid that this is going to be the norm going forward. This will come at a cost, **and who will pay for it???**

Hurling

We are struggling to recruit hurling referees and our pool is small. To let you know how bad things are, if either Kilmoyley, Lixnaw or Causeway are playing Ballyduff, there are only 2 neutral referees available, one of whom works outside the county. This is at all levels and is unhealthy for both the clubs and the referees themselves. I would like to thank the referees from outside the county who have helped us enormously, in hurling this year. Special thanks to Mike Sexton, (Bruree) who officiated in all 3 final group games on one weekend, when over 40 referees in Munster were unavailable. Mike has been most helpful to the Committee, especially over the past 5 years.

Recruitment

Every year we are asked to write a report for convention and every year we mention recruitment. It must be at this point that the clubs stop reading. It is not acceptable for a club to say, "Sure why would you want to become a referee anymore"? To give you some figures, this year we appointed over 149 referees for 4 clubs, and they have provided us with referees for 4 games. We have provided 22 other clubs with 359 referees and they have provided referees for 17 games. Ballyduff are one saving grace, officiating at over 70 games, mostly hurling. I dread to think where we would be without them. There probably wouldn't be much hurling played!!!

It is now time for the heads to come out of the sand when it comes to providing referees. We are very close to informing the C.C.C. that we cannot provide a referee for a certain game and therefore it can't be played. It will be the clubs that are not providing referees that will suffer first, regardless of the division. **CLUBS HOLD THE SOLUTION...ACT NOW, NO REFEREE NO GAME.**

Coiste na nÓg:

With the new age grades being introduced this year it was decided, in conjunction with the Coiste na nÓg board led by Tommy Cronin, that at U11 level the home club referee would take charge of these games to help with the smooth running of the competitions. This proved to be a very successful venture and it's hoped to continue with this going forward. To help clubs to accomplish this we ran courses in various districts to train people to enable them to referee up to u11 grade only. Many thanks to Mags Evans and Reggie Griffin who were a great help this year at Coiste na nÓg level to the Referees committee.

National Referees.

Brendan Griffin and Séamus Mulvihill are on the National Referees Panel, and both officiated at National League and Championship in 2021. Congratulations to Brendan who officiated in Croke Park and also took charge of the Munster U20 Football Final between Cork and Tipperary.

Provincial Referees.

On the Intercountry scene Kerry referees continue the long tradition of representing the county with distinction. Peter Curtin, Pádraig O'Sullivan, Eamon Moran and



Brian Fleming are on the Munster Referees Panel. Hopefully 2022 will see them in more action as games were curtailed due to covid in 2021.

The Kerry Referees Committee will be nominating new referees to the Munster Referee panel. The more exposure and training these young referees get the better as they will raise the standard within the county.

Tutors:

Thanks to our Referee Tutors for 2021, Múiris Ó Súilleabháin, Pat Sheehy, Eddie Barret and Jer Lynch

Assessing:

I would like to thank Aidan Mangan for his continued assessment of referees. His feedback is greatly appreciated by the referees and has helped improve their standards in officiating.

County Administrator:

Pat Sheehy attended the monthly meetings both in Limerick and Croke Park to help with the development of referees.

Buíochas:

On behalf of the referee's committee I would like to thank outgoing Chairman Tim Murphy for his support over the past 5 years. When we needed to meet him he met us and gave us his time. He placed a lot of trust in the Referees Committee to do our jobs, and was always appreciative of the job we were doing.

All the officers have served their five years on this committee. All have given a 100% and more in unprecedented times. This experience amounts to years of accumulated and shared knowledge which is shared widely within the GAA Community, in Kerry.

Also, we would like to thank all referees and the sometimes forgotten heroes of our games, the umpires, for their time and commitment given to Kerry GAA both in Football and Hurling and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Sympathy:

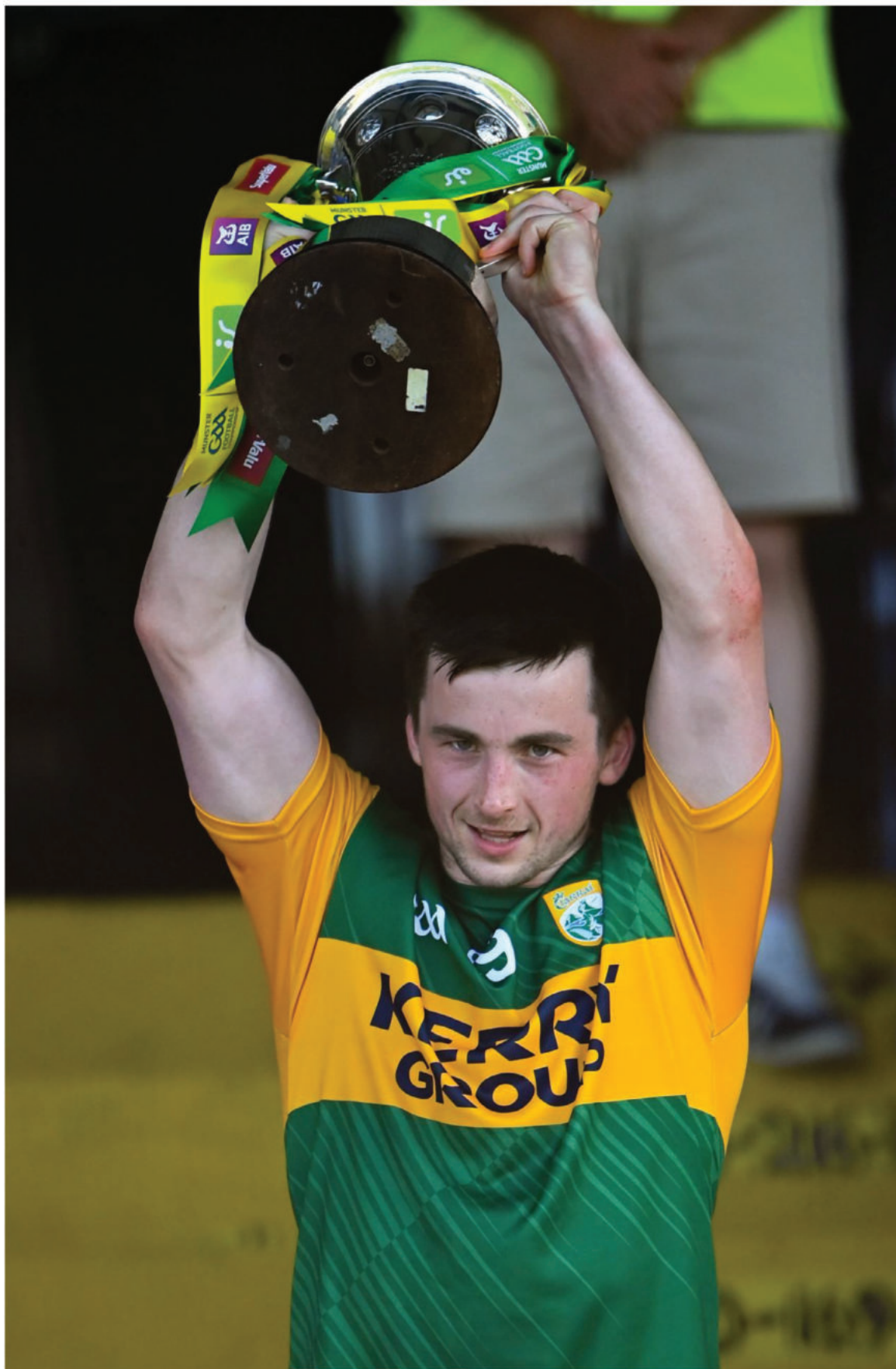
We would like to pay our respects to the families and clubs of referees Eddie Anthony Walsh (Asdee) and Patrick Corridon (Ballyheigue) who unfortunately passed away this year. Their contribution to officiating at games and support behind the scenes will be greatly missed.

“Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílse”

On behalf of the Referees Committee we would like to extend our deepest Sympathy to all who lost loved ones over the past year.

To conclude, I would just like to wish you all and your Families a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to working with you in 2022.

*Is Mise,
Diarmuid O'Loinsigh
Rúnaí*



Kerry Captain Paul Murphy lifts the cup after the Munster GAA Football Senior Championship Final match between Kerry and Cork at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney,

AUSTIN STACK PARK 2021

Committee:

Chairman:	Tony O’Keeffe
Vice Chairman:	Liam Lynch
Secretary:	Eamon O’Sullivan
Caretaker:	Ger O’Mahony
Safety/Event Officer:	Brendan McCarthy
Co Board liaison:	Eamon Whelan

Covid determined much of the activities in ASP since May. We had games with just the teams, games with limited numbers, games with a half capacity. At all times every effort was made to adhere to best practice guidelines. I would like to pay tribute to teams and spectators for their cooperation on most occasions.

A special Thank You to the band of match day stewards who were ever present. They are volunteers who turn out in sun or rain and are vital to the successful staging of games. It would have been understandable, in Covid times, if people had opted out.



Allianz Football League match between Kerry and Galway at Austin Stack Park

I also acknowledge the contribution of co board officers, referees, programme sellers and gate personnel to the success of the games schedule.

Ger O’Mahony continues to have playing pitch and ground facilities in excellent order for our games especially in recent times when double bills were required. Gers

contribution goes way beyond the actual match day and his know how and experience is invaluable. Long may it continue.

My personal thanks to Kate and Breda for your help at all times. more often than not at short notice!

The provision of new team dug outs and a suitable referee's room are high priority in the ongoing development in the park.

Below is list of games etc since reopening in May:

- ❖ 54 games played
- ❖ 46 club: 31 football, 12 hurling, 3 Coiste na nÓg
- ❖ 8 intercounty - 2 ladies included
- ❖ 10 games required lights in part or in full
- ❖ 9 double games

Training was allotted to various intercounty teams on 13 occasions: senior hurling/senior football/u20 football and hurling/minor football
Other requests for games/training had to be declined due to overuse and condition of pitch surface in the changing weather conditions during the year.

Sympathy to all who suffered bereavements in 2021.

Hopefully the New Year will be less restrictive for playing games,

Eamon o Sullivan



Austin Stack Park stewards Michael Moran and Joe Wallace before the Allianz Football League Division 1 South Round 1 match between Kerry and Galway at Austin Stack Park.

AUSTIN STACK PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Tony O’Keeffe, Liam Lynch, Ger O’Keeffe, Michael Hickey, JP Brick, Rory Kilgallen, Pat McTigue, Aidan O’Connor, Sean Walsh, Morgan Sheehy

2021 saw the restarting of the Austin Stack Park fundraising scheme following a pause during Covid and under the same committee that has been in place since 2016. The commitment of members to the continued development of the grounds was again magnificent and is a credit to all involved.

Currently approximately 100 members each contribute €1000 per annum with a number of other businesses adding another €40,000 pa between them. This has enabled the stadium capacity to rise from 5,300 post the Slattery report in 2016 to over 12,000 currently.

Following the completion of the Horan’s End Terrace in 2022 the capacity will rise to over 15,000 and the committee would like to acknowledge the help and ongoing commitment of Cathaoirleach Tim Murphy to the project and its completion. In addition, the support of Peter, Eileen, Kate and Breda has been invaluable.

The dedication of each and every committee member over the past number of years has enabled the project to reach its current successful levels and their unfailingly positive attitude is commended and recognised.



Penalty shootout decider at County Semi Final between Austin stacks and St Brendans in Austin Stack Park

CAHERSLEE 2021

Chairman	Eamon O'Sullivan
Manager	Joe Wallace
Co. Board	Eamon Whelan
Covid Officer	Liam Lynch.

The Caherslee ground in Tralee is a most valuable asset in promotion of all Gaa activity. Since reopening in April, scarcely a day passed that the pitches and training areas were not in use. The availability of Flood Lights makes it ideal for teams at this time of year and weather permitting, every effort is made to accommodate requests.

As in 2020 the Kerry senior hurlers were based there throughout the League and Championship campaigns. The other hurling squads were also accommodated in their preparations.

Caherslee is also home base for **Tralee Parnells** whose cooperation in working a flexible timetable is greatly appreciated. The club's commitment to hurling and camogie at all ages has reaped reward with the senior team in a historic Munster Junior championship game and the club's U21s in a county final. Congratulations to all involved.



Tralee Parnells U7s after an enjoyable and competitive session at home in Caherslee

Tralee CBS have access to the grounds for all training and games as required during the school year. Games in various school competitions County and Munster are regularly played, especially in winter time when club pitches are unavailable.

Camogie, Ladies Football, Development squads, club training, coaching courses and National Schools are regular activities in Caherslee when time and space are available.

From the level of activity, it is important that maintenance of pitches is controlled. This required investment from the board and also the need to restrict access at certain times. It is important that the views of management are respected in these decisions.

We continue to have an excellent relationship with the resident's association and in the past year progress was made in replacing part of the ditch with concrete slabbing, this was a joint effort with a number of households and it is hoped that further progress can be achieved.

All of above would not be possible without the involvement of **Joe Wallace**. The time and personal involvement that he invests in Caherslee is outstanding, and I know it is appreciated by all who use the facilities. Joe is well known to everyone and his personality is ideally suited to dealing with the many issues and requests (and refusals!) that he has to deal with.

My thanks to Joe on behalf of everyone - Joe is without doubt Mr. Caherslee!
Sincere sympathy to Joe and the Wallace family on the recent death of his twin brother Frank.

My thanks to Eamon Whelan for his advice and help during the year and to Liam Lynch for advice re Covid with all groups.



Caherslee is a Centre of GAA activity. It deserves to be respected and minded by all who use it.

FITZGERALD STADIUM 2021

Chairman: Der Brosnan
Secretary: Ken O' Sullivan
Treasurers: Eamon O' Brien & Mike O' Connor
Caretaker: Dan Joe Lynch

We begin our report again this year by thanking all our officers, managers and teams for their full co operation in the staging of our games in the Fitzgerald Stadium. Various degrees of Covid 19 restrictions were in place during 2021 which restricted on field and spectator participation.

2021 saw a changing of the guard here at the stadium. John Lenihan who has given outstanding service retired and has been succeeded by Theresa O' Mahony who has shown to be an equally very competent successor.



John Lenihan calls time on Fitzgerald Stadium role

Games

Fitzgerald Stadium hosted 25 games up to the year ending 31/10/2021.

It was great to have a Munster Final back in Fitzgerald Stadium after a 4 year absence all be it with a capacity of only 2,500. However the preparation was the same as if we had a full capacity. Covid 19 regulations presented their own challenges.

Other

Most notable games were:

- Allianz Football League: Kerry V Tyrone
- Munster championship Semi final: Kerry V Clare
- LGFA Lidl National Football League: Kerry V Wexford
- Colleges O' Sullivan Cup final: Colaiste Na Sceilge V Tralee CBS

Kerry Training Sessions

Kerry Senior Football Team: 35

Kerry U20 Football Team: 5

Kerry Minor Football Team: 5

IVERTEC

We are delighted to announce a sponsorship deal between Ivertec and Fitzgerald Stadium. This will bring our broadband to a level which is expected of a stadium of our stature. We would like to express our gratitude to Jimmy Sugrue and Gerard O'Sullivan and all the team at Ivertec for their professionalism and commitment to Fitzgerald Stadium.

Finally:

Many thanks to:

- All our voluntary stewards
- Community employment workers
- Public address announcers: Denis Coleman and Deirdre O' Sullivan Darcy
- Office staff: Josephine & Kieran
- CE Supervisor & Event controller: Theresa O' Mahony



Injured Kerry footballer Seán O'Leary joins team-mates for a photograph after the Munster GAA Football Senior Championship Final match between Kerry and Cork at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney.

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE 2021

Childrens Officer: Bernie Uí Rinn
Runaí: Áine Ní Shúilleabháin
Safeguarding First Tutors:
Éamonn O'Sullivan, Collette Murphy, William Evans

The Covid 19 Pandemic continued to restrict many inperson activities during the early months of the year. During the summer we welcomed our young players back to field activities and it was lovely to see so many enjoying the return to training and playing our Coiste na nÓg games at County and District levels.

Central to everything is ensuring young people have fun and enjoy a safe experience playing our games and engaging in the many other GAA activities. This means that we have to 'go that extra mile' to ensure that we maintain appropriate levels of behaviour in our work with young people.

Below is a summary of key actions supporting this objective. Please note changes

NATIONAL LEGISLATION FOR ALL THOSE DEALING WITH U18 YEAR OLDS

- Garda Vetted - online **every 3 years** now (*No longer 5 years*)
- Attend Safeguarding 1 Workshop – every 3 years
- Attend Foundation Coaching Course
- Sign up to the relevant Code of Behaviour
- Large numbers of applications for evetting were processed in 2021
- Everyone evetted from 2016 to 2019 will be required to be Garda Vetted again in 2022

CHILD FIRST COURSE AVAILABLE ONLINE/VIRTUAL COURSES COMMENCED NOVEMBER 2020

- ❖ Safeguarding 1 Workshops were delivered to clubs online/virtual from November 2020 (on a National Basis, organised by Croke Park)
- ❖ Kerry GAA Childrens Officer Bernie Reen delivered 36 online courses
- ❖ Face to Face workshops (subject to Covid 19 restrictions) planned to recommence in 2022
- ❖ Contact the County Child Welfare Officer at childrensofficer.kerry@gaa.ie for further information

CHILD WELFARE POLICIES ON CHILD WELFARE SECTION COUNTY COMMITTEE WEBSITE

All Policies, Procedures, Codes of Behaviour etc available to download. Garda Vetting information and form to apply for Garda Vetting, available to download.

MEETINGS WITH CHILD WELFARE OFFICERS

The great commitment of our clubs and Childrens Officers was again evident in the last year.



A successful online meeting was held on 3 February 2021. Attendance of 43 officers representing clubs from around the county

A successful inperson meeting was held in October 2021 in Tralee with another planned for Fossa Gaa club later in the month.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- ❖ New Child Welfare Risk Assessment forms were provided directly from Croke Park to all clubs in 2020
- ❖ This assessment to be carried out by the Club Executive and sent to County Child Welfare Officer
- ❖ A Child Safety Statement signed by the Club Child Welfare Officer to be on display in all GAA Units premises
- ❖ The Risk Assessment and Child Welfare Statement should be reviewed annually
- ❖ Applications for Munster Counsel Grants must be accompanied by a copy of this Risk Assessment

SUPPORT GIVEN TO CLUBS (CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS)

Available to clubs as necessary/receive and respond to many calls and issues throughout the year.

MÍLE BUÍOCHAS

Thanks to the many clubs who were represented at meetings and who attended online training. Many thanks to Kate and Breda in the County Board Offices for the wonderful help throughout the year. Thanks to County PRO Leona Twiss for publicising our activities and to Emma McSweeney (Assistant Secretary) for organising and supporting our online meeting with club Childrens Officers.

Many thanks to fellow facilitators Eamonn O'Sullivan, Collette Murphy and William Evans for continued support. Special thanks to County Coiste na Óg for the great support throughout the year. Míle Buíochas díbh.



Much needed refreshments for the smallies at Cúl Camp in Caherslee.

COUNTY HEALTH & WELLBEING COMMITTEE 2021

Cathaoirleach: Jimmy Mulligan

Runaí: Áine Ní Shúilleabháin

Committee Members:

Bridget Hartnett, Eileen Bunyan, Frank O’Rahilly, Bernie Reen.

The Covid 19 pandemic and associated restrictions limited the initiatives carried out by the committee in 2020/2021.

Inclusiveness Initiative - Christmas 2020 Greeting Video for Community Homes

The CHWC partnered with the HSE to extend a Christmas message and greeting to both residents and staff of Residential Community Care Homes in Kerry. This was in recognition of the extreme difficulties posed by the Covid 19 Pandemic and the isolation experienced by so many and in particular those in Residential Community Care Homes

A video was prepared and played in the Residential Community Homes in December 2020 with Introduction by County Board Officer John O’Leary (Munster Delegate), Message from Eoin Liston, Kerry GAA Health and Wellbeing Ambassador, And David Clifford, 2020 Captain County Senior Football Team.

Mary Smithwick, Communications Manager, Cork/Kerry Community Healthcare kindly edited the video and had it distributed to all Community Homes in the County, also promoted the video on the HSE Facebook site and Twitter Account and on the Kerry GAA Twitter Account.

Healthy Club Project

- ❖ Congratulations to the 9 Kerry Clubs now certified Healthy Clubs by Croke Park. These are Ardfert/St Brendans, Ballymacelligott, Keel, Spa, Templenoe (achieved via Phase 4 in 2021), Ballydonoghue, Beaufort, Dr Crokes, and Tralee Parnells (achieved via Phases 1, 2 and 3)
- ❖ Recruitment to take part in Phase 5 of the Healthy Club Project has started.
- ❖ New clubs can apply by completing the online application form via <https://healthyclubs.gaa.ie/>
- ❖ Closing date is December 3rd at 12pm (the site will automatically shut down so please submit application in advance)
- ❖ Existing Healthy Clubs don’t need to apply.

Inclusiveness Initiative - Dementia Friendly Tralee & Dementia Awareness

Kerry GAA Health and Wellbeing Committee is represented on the HSE’s Dementia Friendly Tralee Committee, by Chairperson Jimmy Mulligan.

Proposed initiatives include training stewards in Dementia Awareness and to include dementia friendly designs on brochures



Inclusiveness Initiative - Wheelchair Accessability and Wheelchair Parking

Survey of all GAA clubs in the County was carried out to ascertain how many clubs had designated Wheelchair parking slots and had wheelchair accessible facilities, to encourage clubs to provide a designated Wheelchair Parking Site and to review their facilities regarding wheelchair accessability

Critical Incident Response Plan (C.I.R.P.)

Kerry GAA C.I.R.P. is available in the Health and Wellbeing Section on the Kerry GAA website. It is reviewed annually by the CHWC.

A template for club C.I.R.P. is also displayed on the website.

Survey of all GAA clubs in the County was carried out to ascertain how many clubs had adopted a C.I.R.P. and to encourage clubs to adopt a C.I.R.P. and to review it regularly.

Continued Development of County Health & Wellbeing Committee (CHWC)

- ❖ 2 Members attended 2020 & 2021 National H&W Forum & the GAA Healthy Club Conference.
- ❖ 5 meetings of the County Health and Wellbeing Committee held in the year November 2020/October 2021.
- ❖ 4 Provincial Health and Wellbeing Group meeting attended by members of CHWC.
- ❖ Annual Report submitted to National Health and Wellbeing Committee.

Gambling Awareness and Substance Use Campaign

- Sample GAA Club Gambling Policy
- Sample Club Substance Abuse Policy

Both available on the Health and Wellbeing Section on the kerrygaa.ie website.

MÍLE BUÍOCHAS

Míle buíochas to the hard working committee members for the great work and commitment during the year and to the many clubs and their Officers and members for their help, in particular the 9 clubs involved in the Healthy Club Project. Many thanks to Kate and Breeda in the County Board Offices for all the great help and support. Special thanks to County Committee Chairperson Tim Murphy for his great support, our excellent Ambassador Eoin Liston and John O'Leary (County Board Officer/Munster Delegate).

Míle buíochas to County PRO Leona Twiss, IT Officer Sinéad Piggott and Assistant Secretary Emma Sweeney for the great help and support promoting and publicising the various activities and initiatives.

Míle búiochas díbh go léir.

KERRY COACHING & GAMES 2021

This year Kerry Coaching and Games endeavoured to provide the best possible programme to players and coaches throughout the county. The aims of our programmes are to provide as many opportunities as possible for our young people to take part in Gaelic Games and secondly to develop and improve players and coaches.

2021 was a year where we had to continue to come up with different ways to engage with coaches and players due to the pandemic. This was particular the case for the first couple of months of the year and during these months we used many different formats to interact with clubs, schools, players and coaches.

Our overall role is to provide programmes that cater for everyone, from juniors in primary school right up to our elite players on county teams. This year we worked to make sure we did everything we could to fulfil all of these roles.

The following is a summary of the activities that took place during 2021:

Primary Schools

- ❖ For the first 2 months of the year the pupils and teachers were working from home. During this time the GDA's worked on sending daily sessions to teachers and students. The sessions consisted of skill development, skills tests, movement activities, GAA Learning resources and videos from County players.
- ❖ When Schools started back in early March the GDA's began practical coaching sessions straight away. These coaching sessions continued from early March up until the end of the calendar year.
- ❖ The GDA's coached in 128 primary schools throughout the year.
- ❖ Coaching and Games also provided resources for teachers to help in planning and coaching GAA Activities
- ❖ Cumann na mBunscoil sent schools an effective activity resource, which encouraged young players to take part in skill activities.
- ❖ The Primary Schools continue to be the bedrock of our Coaching programme. In many cases this is where kids are introduced to Gaelic Games and also develop the skills of the games.
- ❖ The last 20 months in particular have been very challenging for Teachers and Principals, and we
- ❖ would like to thank them all for their continued support of our Gaelic Games Programmes

Post Primary Schools

- ❖ Similarly, to Primary Schools the work and effort from Principals and teachers in Post Primary has been huge in getting Gaelic Games Programmes back up and running.
- ❖ The focus of Coaching and Games in Post Primary schools is setting up 1st and 2nd year leagues to provide games opportunities for as many players as possible.



- ❖ The GDA's also provide support and assistance to the school teams in many of the schools
- ❖ In October we ran a 1st year Football blitz with 12 schools taking part.
- ❖ Our Hurling GDA's now work in 7 Post Primary schools which is a huge progression. It is great to see hurling being played in more Post Primary schools and this is down to the hard work of the teachers and Coaching Staff. The Hurling GDA's ran a Munster 1st year blitz also in October.

Games Programmes – Go Games Blitzes

- ❖ This year Coaching and Games organized and ran Go Games Football and Hurling Blitzes throughout the summer and into the Autumn.
- ❖ The County Go Games Programme took place at U 7 and U 9.



- ❖ The GDA's also organized Divisional Blitzes at U 8 and U 10
- ❖ The Hurling programme, as well as the 8 North Kerry Clubs, also comprised of teams from Tralee Parnells, Firies, Dr Dr Crokes, Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Rathmore and St Pats East Kerry.
- ❖ The feedback from the blitzes has been very positive and we plan to expand the programme further in 2022 when the games will start earlier in the year.
- ❖ A Hurling Feile Skills competition as well as wall ball skills took place at U 15.

Cúl Camp

- ❖ 78 Cúl Camp took place in Kerry in 2021
- ❖ 6425 children attended the camps

- ❖ A massive effort went into getting the camp programme up and running this year and the feedback from everyone involved was really positive.
- ❖ A huge thanks to all clubs that hosted a camp. The support from clubs is very important in the running of a programme of this size. Clubs put a huge amount of trust in us to run the camps safely and this was much appreciated.



- ❖ It was great to see so much young people enjoy the camps during the summer and there was a real sense of excitement and joy at this year's camps
- ❖ Thanks very much to Children's Officer Bernie Reen for her help in training up the Coaches and preparing them to work on the camps and for the support she provides to all our programmes.

Munster Club Development Programme

- ❖ This year saw the beginning of the roll out of the Club Development Programme. This is an initiative to help clubs identify areas that they need to put in place and work on to drive the club forward.
- ❖ The programmes also identify the different areas that clubs need to have in place for the club to run effectively.
- ❖ The GDA's ran the workshop sessions with the help of Development Officer Liam Lynch.
- ❖ Coaching and Games would like to thank Liam Lynch for the huge amount of time and work he put in to supporting and rolling out this programme in clubs.

Development Squads

- ❖ Development Squads at U 14, 15 and 16 in Football and Hurling started back up and running in July. The squads worked from early July until the end of September.
- ❖ It was great to see our young players back training in the Centre of Excellence in Currans.



- ❖ Over the course of the programme the squads played 3 Games and took part in a number of tailored skill assessments.
- ❖ Many thanks to the Coaches at each age group for their time and effort in working to develop and improve the young players. There was a genuine sense of excitement from players to get back out wearing the Kerry jersey and from the coaches in helping to make this happen

Coach Education

Over the course of the year 13 Foundation Courses took place. Coaching and Games also ran a number of workshops to upskills coaches and players.

Club Visits

The GDA's carried out a huge number of practical coaching visits in clubs during the course of the year.

These sessions are aimed at giving new ideas to Coaches and also developing players during the practical sessions.

GDA's

I would like to thank the Games Development Administrators (GDA's) in the county for their outstanding work and application during 2021. When the schools were locked down in January and February the lads demonstrated how adaptable they were and came up with different ways to engage with teachers and pupils. During these months they also began running the Munster Club Development Programme

and over the course of the next few months 27 clubs took part. After lockdown the GDA's put a massive effort into getting our school programmes back up and running safely and I would like to thank them for this. We are extremely lucky in the county to have a group of GDA's that demonstrate a serious work ethic and passion for the job. We all look forward to driving on and further improving the programmes in 2022 and beyond.

GDA'S: Vince Cooper, John Dillon, PJ Reidy, Giles O Grady, Tomas O Muirheartaigh, Tom Joy, Colm O Brien and Eamonn Fitzgerald.

Jason McGahan's has been a huge help to Kerry Coaching and Games and we would like to thank him for all the work and expertise he brings in supporting and developing our young players and Coaches



Coiste na nÓg

Coiste na nÓg ran an excellent Games Programme this year when restrictions were eased and all the officers and coordinators should be commended on this.

Clubs

With the added workload that the return to play through up this year, it is important to acknowledge and thank club coaches and administrators for the huge effort they put in to get Games back up and running. A massive amount of work from personnel in clubs was put in to get players back out on the pitch we would like to thank everyone that was involved.

Also, thanks to parents for the effort they put in with all the extra information required to get their kids back out on the pitches.

Conclusion

At present we are all planning and looking forward to continually adding to and improving our programmes. While this year has been challenging once again for everyone it also demonstrated the ability of people to work under pressure and adapt to situations. We also learned of different ways to do certain things and this I think will benefit us going forward

Over the course of the year many people helped us along the way and I would like to thank them all sincerely.

- County Secretary Peter Twiss for his continued support and advice
- Kate Carroll, Eileen Hartnett and Breda O Callaghan in the office.

- Aileen Foley and her staff in the Centre of Excellence in Currans
- Ger O Mahony Austin Stack Park
- Eamonn O Sullivan, Joe Wallace and everyone in Caherslee.
- Kerry County Boards Officers that helped us in any way during the year.
- Leona Twiss as County PRO
- Hurling Officer Paudie Dineen
- Vice Chairman Eamonn Whelan who provides constant support and assistance to Coaching and Games

This year sees a number of the County Board Executive leave their roles and on behalf of everyone in Coaching and Games I would like to thank them for all their help and support. The officers vacating roles this year have shown a keen interest in Coaching and Games and have provide huge support and help to our programmes.

Tim Murphy leaves his role as Chairman this year and on behalf of everyone in Coaching and Games I would like to thank him for the excellent help and support he has given to our programmes and Coaching personnel.

Finally, the 5-year Term of our Coaching Officer, Terence Houlihan finishes this year. Terence has been an excellent Officer who has put a huge amount of energy and effort in continually working to improve Coaching and Games. The amount of time and work he has put into the role over the last few years has been massive. We would like to wish Terence and his family all the best in the future.

We look forward to working with everyone in 2022.

Best of Luck.



Kerry Coaching and Games.

COISTE IARBHUNSCOILEANNA CHIARRAI

KERRY POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Tuairisc na Bliaina 2020 – 2021

Is trua nár imríoch aon chuichí scoile í rith na scoil bhliana 2020/2021 mar gheall ar phaindeim vireas coronach, diomá mhór do chách ach táimid ag tnúth leis an mbliain nua le dóchas.

With the ongoing impact of coronavirus Covid-19 following lockdown and subsequent waves of the dreaded virus all our competitions were cancelled for school year 2020/2021, which was a major disappointment for our students who were denied the experience of playing schools games, while acknowledging the importance and key priority of public health and safety protocols. Coiste Iarbhunscoileanna Ciarraí are constantly monitoring the everchanging situation and with renewed optimism were recently able to resume school games in October 2021.

Páirteachas

Participation in our competitions while severely curtailed over past eighteen months, have in the past contributed significantly to higher standards, preparation and development of young players at representative levels later i.e., on Kerry teams. It has been quite noticeable the significant impact of the long absence of school games have on the skills levels and development of young players.

Tacaíocht

Coiste Iarbhunscoileanna Ciarraí acknowledge the traditional goodwill and support of Clubs and Pitch Committees who provided their facilities to us over past years and also the small group of referees who have officiated our games and hopefully shall continue into the future. The co-operation of our schools, management and staff is always appreciated.

Comhgairdeas

Comhgairdeas to our school/college players who graduated to Kerry Minor panels, while acknowledging the efforts and performances of all Kerry football and hurling teams of past year.

Dúshlán

School life is ever changing, getting busier year on year with curriculum changes, with more academic focus with greater emphasis on assessments/examinations and academic focus, in addition to internal substitution/supervision issues. It's becoming challenging to maintain the traditional level of promotion and participation in gaelic games within our post primary schools. Some schools have limited teacher involvement with little coaching/training taking place and such school teams are dependent on a local volunteers to assist them.

The involvement of local clubs, district boards and GDAs with local schools is essential and necessary - all have a responsibility to assist/liaise with Schools - *"The club need the schools"*.



Comhbhrón

Deepest sympathies is extended to all our school and GAA families who suffered bereavement this past year.

Buíochas

Míle buíochas do clubs, referees, teachers and local print media & radio for their assistance with school games over the years, looking forward to a return to normality with your continued support. Míle buíochas freisin do Choiste Chiarraí as ucht na tacaíochta agus cabhrach i rith na bliana.

Torthaí na gComórtas:

*Post Primary school competitions for school year 2020/21 were **not played** due to Covid-19 lockdown restrictions and Government health guidelines – thus **no results** for first time ever since competitions began in 1926. Looking forward with renewed optimism to a return of our school games. **Mol an óige is tíochfaidh sí agus go mbeirimid go léir beo ag an am seo arís.***

*Criostóir Ó Cillín (Runaí)
Fergus Ó Clumháin (Cathaoirleach)*



Action photo of Kerry PPS game (O'Sullivan Cup) on first day back on 29th September 2021 following COVID lockdown

PLANNING & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Liam Lynch, Cathaoirleach

Michael Murphy, Runaí

John Joe O'Carroll, Mike O'Brien, Joe Crowley, Eamonn O'Sullivan

Club Leadership Development Programme

- ❖ The four core modules of the Club Leadership Development Programme were delivered online through webinars in January and February coordinated by the GAA's National Officer Development Committee.
- ❖ These sessions were targeted at both newly appointed and existing Club Officers and offered an interactive opportunity to all attendees to enhance their own officer experience, as well as disseminating essential information on topics critical to the effective running of a GAA, LGFA or Camogie Club.
- ❖ Over 1200 club officers nationally participated in the online sessions with Kerry clubs very well represented. Members of the Development committee assisted in the delivery of this online training.
- ❖ A wide number of other courses were taken by Kerry Club officers in such areas as Finance, Fundraising, Pitch Maintenance, Volunteerism etc

Grants to Clubs

While grants were not available from Munster Council due to the absence of gate receipts from Munster championship games in hurling and football, a large number of Kerry GAA clubs applied for funding under the Sports Capital Programme.

The Committee ran a Webinar on the Program with which attended by over 500 from all over Munster and was very well received.

The committee continued to support and advise clubs undertaking development works and fundraising projects. A wide number of clubs were visited by committee members with a large number of initiatives either currently ongoing or in the immediate pipeline.

Covid-19 Support

Foireann replaced Servasport this year as the online registration system for club membership. Foireann was used also for completing health questionnaires and recording attendance at training sessions and games to comply with Covid guidelines. The committee assisted clubs with the many teething problems in getting the system up and running ahead of the return to play.

Support provided for Club Officers on their roles and responsibilities in implementing Covid Regulations in their clubs.



The Committee continues to take calls from clubs, officials, players and parents on Covid. To date over 2550 calls have been answered from the above (all within the same day) and every single GAA Club in the county has been involved. The committee would like to put on record its deepfelt appreciation for the work done by each club and officer during the pandemic. Our volunteer organisation has been at the heart of the fight against Covid in each and every Kerry Community and all those who played their part deserve the most heartfelt praise.

Unfortunately, as I write it is apparent that vigilance and caution must still be maintained and everyone is encouraged to keep up the good work and practices.

Finally, I would like to thank the unceasing work and support of all committee members.



Crossing county boundaries - the HSE in Cork and Kerry thank the GAA for its support of the vaccination roll-out.

COISTE SCÓR CIARRAÍ 2021

Tuarascáil Coiste Cultúra agus Gaeilge 2021 Coiste Scór Ciarraí;

Criostóir Ó Cillín (Cathaoirleach), Suzanne Ní Laoighre (Runaí), Mary Philpott, Siobhán Casey, Jack Hennessy, Jackie Walsh, Tom Herlihy and P. J. Mulvihill.

Díomá

Faraor ní raibhmuid in aon ghníomhaíochtaí Scór a bheith again le linn na bliana seo caite mar geall ar an phaindéim vireas coronach, díomá mhór do chách ach táimid ag tnúth leis an mbliain nua le dóchas. Admháimid go léir an tabhacht agus tosaíocht a bhaineann le cloí treoirilínte agus prótacól sláinte poiblí.

Regretfully the regular Scór activities for the 2020/2021 season were nil, principally due to the prevailing Coronavirus pandemic and associated restrictions which impacted severely any participation in cultural activities. While some outdoor field activities were held, any indoor cultural activity for GAA members was simply a No No! – which was a major disappointment to club members, especially our younger participants of Scór na nÓg and Scór na bPáistí but also for Scór Sinsear interested members and clubs. As a result of the prevailing covid environment and the prolonged inactive period, Coiste Ciarraí following due consideration regretfully decided to forgo staging the delayed 2020 Scór finals last month and to look forward to new season.

One of the very few positive outcomes of the long lockdown of indoor activity was the opportunity for individual club members to perform and record cultural performances and then streaming via social media, hence a growth in the virtual participation in cultural activity.

Over recent weeks some hope and optimism has grown that scór activities will soon return, this was heightened by a positive participation of club representatives in a Scór Webinar hosted by Coiste Scór Ciarraí on 10th November, enabling and encouraging clubs to commence their preparations with Scór na nÓg activities. It is envisaged to hold County finals of Scór na nÓg competitions in mid – late January followed by scór sinsear in February – all of course is dependent on GAA guidelines.

Dúshlán (Challenge)

As every club in Ciarraí have singers, reciters, storytellers, quiz buffs, musicians and dancers within their membership, its incumbent on clubs to afford those talented members the opportunity to showcase their talents on behalf of the club in the GAA's cultural events and competitions. 2022 (le cunamh Dé) poses a renewed challenge whereby all clubs in Ciarraí are encouraged to participate in at least one event of the three Scór competitions.

Comórtaisí Scór

Ceol Uirlise, Bailéad Grúpa, Nua Cleas /Leiriú, Rince Seit and Trath na gCeist with clubs only obliged to just compete in a minimum of one event.

Gnó Gaeilge

Clubs and members are invited to celebrate the vibrancy of our language and culture, increase its usage and profile by speaking and sharing a cúpla focal with each other, particularly at our games, meetings and cultural events. Clubs are also encouraged to use Gaeilge version of club name, signage as Gaeilge, Public Address



and match programs to have more Gaeilge content. Team captains and officials are reminded of the importance of using the cúpla focail at presentations and club functions. Is blas é an beagáin. Go n-éirí liabh.

Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta

Bhí diomá mór ann arís don dara bliain as a chéile, b'éigean an sceim scoláireachta a chur ar ceall mar gheall an phaindéim víreas coronach. Ba mhóir an chailliúint é seo do bhaill óga an cluib chomh maith le Coláiste Chorca Dhuibhne. Tá súil agam go bhfillidh an scéim an bhliain seo chugainn. The further cancellation of this scholarship scheme was again a major setback to clubs, teenagers agus muintir Chorca Dhuibhne, hopefully next year shall see return to normal activities le cúnamh Dé.

Fondúireacht Seosamh mhic Donnacha

Clubs are invited and encouraged to research, enroll and participate in this scheme, by conducting and promoting their activities trí Gaeilge as many opportunities and reward exists for clubs. Eolas ar fháil ó Glór na Gael agus www.glornagael.ie

Comhbhrón;

Deepest sympathies are extended to all Scór and GAA families bereaved during the past year.

Buiochas;

Buiochas to fellow Coiste Scór members, Clubs / Scór officers for ongoing commitment and interest. Thanks also to County Executive Officers and Office staff for their advice and supportive work. Go raibh maith agaibh.

Focal Scoir;

Idir an dá linn, tugaigí aire daoibh féin agus do bhúr muintir. Leanaigí ag canadh, ag seint ceoil agus ag rince, déanaigí bhúr dícheall imeachtaí Scór a coiméad I mbéal agus í súil an pobail. Fanagaí Slán agus Sláintiúil.

*Criostóir Ó Cillín (Cathaoirleach),
Suzanne Ní Laoighre (Runaí)*



Finuge Music Group

HURLING REPORT 2021

Another interrupted year due to the COVID 19 pandemic and yet quite a lot of hurling was played at both club and inter county levels throughout. Non-contact underage training in pods of 15 was permitted from 26 April and full contact Inter-County training at adult level re-commenced from 19 April. Inter county games returned on 8/9 May and this was followed in June with the return to club games.

Senior Team

When competitive action eventually resumed, 2021 turned out a year of mixed fortunes for the Kerry senior hurling team. In Division 2A of the Allianz Hurling League they had wins over Down, Meath and Wicklow but a defeat to Offaly in Round 2 meant that they were not in a position to reach the Final.



Kerry Team before the Joe McDonagh Cup final in Croke Park

In the 2021 Joe McDonagh Cup competition, Kerry qualified for the Final for the second year in a row. However, at Croke Park on 18 July, Westmeath finished that bit stronger and had a 2 - 28 to 1 - 24 win. This was very disappointing to say the least but thanks are due to the team and management for the huge effort that they made during the year. Reward was not theirs but they certainly gave it everything they had. Later in the year, manager Fintan O' Connor stepped down from the role of senior hurling Manager after five years in charge and sincere thanks and that of the Kerry hurling community is offered to Fintan for the dedication and expertise that he brought to the set up.

Former All-Star and Waterford captain, Stephen Molumphy, has been named as the new manager for a two-year period (2022/2023) and we wish him and his selectors Pat Bennett, Shane Briggs and Brendan O'Sullivan (Ballyheigue) well in the year ahead.



Earlier in the year, following the achievement of reaching 2 Finals in 2020, Kerry was rewarded with 5 players on the GAA/GPA team of the Joe McDonagh 2020 Championship - **Tomás O'Connor, Jason Diggins, Shane Nolan, Shane Conway and Daniel Collins.**

Under 20 Team

Kerry lost to Clare by 2-22 to 0-15 in the Munster Under 20 Hurling Championship Quarter final played at Austin Stack Park. Thanks to all the players and the senior and Under 21 management team of Fintan O'Connor, Éamon Fitzgerald, Seán Maunsell, Brian Culbert and Dermot Ryan.

Minor

In the Munster Championship, the Kerry minor hurlers met Tipperary for the second successive year in the Electric Ireland Munster championship. Played at the LIT Gaelic Grounds on 15 July, Tipperary had a 2-27 to 1-14 victory. All the players put in a great effort together with the management team of Tadhg Flynn and Pa Kelly, Richard Gentleman, Timmy Hourigan and Kieran Dineen. Unfortunately, due to dual commitments some who would have been first choice players were unavailable for selection.

Postponements

It is important to note that again during 2021 several of the regular hurling activities that did not go ahead including: the Comórtas Poc Fada Ciarraí and the Munster Poc Fada competitions, both due to be hosted by Kerry; the Under 21 Co. Hurling Championship and the majority of the District Board fixtures schedules in North and South Kerry



Kilmoyley Captain Flor McCarthy and Dougie Fitzell Man of the Match

Clubs continue to work within the national G.A.A. safety protocols and match regulations to ensure the safety of players, officers, mentors and supporters.

Clubs

At club level the **2021 Garvey's SuperValu County Senior Hurling Championship** title was won by **Kilmoyley** for the **second year in a row**. In the final they defeated St. Brendan's by 1-14 to 1-11. Team captain, Flor McCarthy, received Corn Neilus Ó Floinn from Tim Murphy, Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae Chiarraí, C.L.G. This win puts Kilmoyley at the top of the Kerry Senior Hurling Roll of Honour with 26 titles.



With the welcome **addition of Dr. Crokes to senior ranks**, the 2021 senior championship comprised of 9 teams, played in a new 2 group format leading to semi-finals and final.

In a very notable achievement, congratulations to **Causeway** on winning both the **County Intermediate and Junior Hurling Championships**. It is great that a club can keep so many players hurling at each of senior, intermediate and junior levels. In the County Intermediate Hurling Championship Final they overcame Kilgarvan by 3-8 to 1-9 captained by Pádraig Harty.

In the County Junior Hurling Championship (Corn Antaine Ó Murchú) decider Causeway had a 3-13 to 1-8 win over Dr. Crokes, captained by Stephen Goggin.

Well done also to **Ballyheigue** on winning the **long delayed 2020 County Junior Hurling Championship** title, defeating Ballyheigue by 0-13 to 1-6.

Ballyduff won the Keane's SuperValu County **Minor Hurling Championship** (Corn Seán Loibhéad). They defeated St. Brendan's in the Final by 0-23 to 0-10. The Ballyduff captain was Anthony Kavanagh.

A truncated Chapter 23 Irish League of Credit Unions Co. **Senior Hurling League** programme saw **Causeway** win the **Division 1** title. **Abbeydorney** won both the **Division 2 and Division 3** County Senior Hurling League titles, a very noteworthy achievement.

The **Coiste na nÓg scene** has a much better season in 2021. North Kerry organised competitions at Under 13 & Under 14 levels while South Kerry held Under 13 leagues; Kerry Coiste na nÓg organised Under 13 and Under 15 Co. hurling Leagues. These, coupled with Go Games blitzes, the Cúl Camps, the Eddie Hayes Ground Hurling Tournament (hosted by Crotta O'Neill's), the Tom Healy Tournament (hosted by Abbeydorney) and the County Féile Hurling Skills competitions among others show that the game of hurling continues to be widely promoted. Special mention must go to Firies on winning the Lee Strand Under 15 County Féile na nGael 'C' Hurling title, St. Brendan's won the 'A' title and Lixnaw won the 'B' competition. Thanks once again to all the underage players, coaches, officers, parents, guardians and supporters for their ongoing commitment and in the current environment, hurling can provide an alternative to the day-to-day stresses in a safe and healthy way.



St Brendans Winners of the U15 Feile na nGael 2021

Sympathy

Every year brings its own losses and during 2021 among those hurling people who departed this life were Patrick Corridon (Ballyheigue & a serving Officer of Coiste na nÓg); Tommy Molyneaux (Lixnaw) and Frank Wallace (Ardfert). Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

Buíochas

Thanks to all who are involved at all levels of hurling in Kerry including the players, referees, administrators, parents, guardians; the County, North and South Kerry Hurling Boards and the Kerry Hurling Steering Committee.

The superb work being done by the Games Development Administrators (GDA's) Giles O'Grady in North Kerry and Colm O'Brien in South Kerry is very much acknowledged, with a whole range of small sided games, blitz and skills competitions, liaison with schools and clubs and general quality coaching happening quietly and efficiently within their brief.

Thanks in particular to the local media including Kerry's Eye, The Kerryman, Radio Kerry, the Kerry Sports Hub and the various Advertisers. They provide the link between our games and the general public as well as recording the daily, weekly and yearly happenings on our hurling fields for future generations.

Thanks also to the various club P.R.O.'s who keep the media up to date in the local club notes and excellent club social media sites. This is a huge area of growth and one which has widened the audience to the happenings in Kerry hurling circles.

It was altogether a better year than 2020, more games were played and things got back to near normal. Hopefully things will get much better again during 2022.

Fan slán agus go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

*Paudie Dineen,
Oifigeach Iomána Ciarraí, C.L.G.*



Fun and Friends on the field...

COISTE NA NÓG 2021

At our AGM on the 16th Dec 2020 the following officers were elected:

Uachtarain:	Patsy Cremin, Spa
Cathaoirleach:	Tommy Cronin, Fossa
Leas Cathaoirleach:	Martin Sheehy, Ballydonoghue
Runai:	Kathy Mc Carthy, Kerins O Rahillys
Runaí Cúnta:	Mags Evans, Keel
P.R.O:	Damien McCarthy, Milltown/Castlemaine
P.R.O. Cúnta:	Jimmy O Sullivan Darcy, Spa
Cisteoir:	Derek Daly, Churchill
Cisteoir Cúnta:	Mike Hussey, Ballyduff
Claratheoir:	Kieran Coffey, Fossa
Hurling Co-ordinator:	Ger Hussey, St. Brendans
Hurling P.R.O.:	Tommy O'Connor, St. Brendans

CCC

Cathaoirleach:	Martin Sheehy, Ballydonoghue
Leas Cathaoirleach:	Ger Hannafin, St. Brendans
Runai:	Mags Evans, Keel
Co-ordinators Rep:	Billy Broderick, Desmonds

Plus, one representative from each District/Region

Football Co-ordinators:

U-11 Go Games:	Martin Sheehy, Ballydonoghue
U-13 League:	Tim Clifford, Firies
U-15 League:	Jer Lynch, Ballymacelligott
U-15 Championship:	Billy Broderick, Castleisland Desmonds
U-17 League Liaison officers:	Fergus Clifford, Listry Garry Murphy, Milltown/Castlemaine

Hurling Co-ordinators:

U-11 Go Games:	Ger Hussey, St. Brendans,
U-13 Leagues:	Timmy Weir, Abbeydorney
U-15 League:	Liam Goggin, Causeway

Referees Co-ordinators:

Hurling:	John Ross, Ballyduff
Football:	Reggie Griffin, Kerins O Rahillys

Coiste na nÓg Chiarraí held 3 delegate meetings this year via Zoom, and they were very well attended, we also had 8 Executive meetings throughout the year.

Fixtures

With a later than usual start to the season due to covid restrictions, games began in early June and continued into November. Great credit to all clubs to ensure games were run off as close to schedule as possible. It was a tight time frame, and most competitions were completed on time. The C.C.C. organised a total of 1054 games (172 Hurling & 882 Football). We had a successful turnout of referees for all games throughout the year.



Finance

- ❖ We would like to thank the Senior Board for allowing our involvement in this years County Football Final programme which was our main source of income. Big thank you to Jimmy O Sullivan-Darcy and Damien Mc Carthy for the huge amount of work they put into the production of the programme.
- ❖ As always, we are hugely indebted to Lee Strand for their continuous generous sponsorship of all competitions.
- ❖ Our thanks to all club for promptly paying the levy and registration fees due this year.
- ❖ I would like to thank all my co-officers and the hurling and football coordinators for their support, help and cooperation throughout the year.
- ❖ Thanks to the Executive of Coiste Chontae Chiarraí and all the staff at the County Board Office.
- ❖ Thanks also to Radio Kerry and the local media for the excellent coverage of games and results all year.
- ❖ Coiste na nÓg express our deepest sympathies to all those who suffered a bereavement during the year. We remember fondly our hurling coordinator Patrick Corridon who sadly passed away earlier this year.

Is mise,

*Cait (Kathy) Nic Cárthaigh
Runai*



Kerry 2020 All Ireland Minor Football finalists

KERRY CAMOGIE 2021

Officers

Chairperson	Ger McCarthy
Vice-Chairperson	Geraldine Behan
Secretary	Elaine Murphy
Treasurer	John Leen
Asst. Treasurer	John Howard
PRO	Murt Murphy
Child Welfare Officer	Kathleen Fitzgerald
Registrar	Teresa Reil O'Connor
Development Officer	Eilish Kirby
Kerry GAA Co. Board Delegate	Triona Brassil
Munster Council Delegate	Ann-Marie Leen

2021

This year has been another challenging year due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the challenges, Kerry Camogie ran the following leagues:

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| • U12 Div. 1 Cup Final | Winners | Tralee Parnell's |
| • U12 Div. 1 Shield Final | Winners | Causeway |
| • U12 Div. 2 Cup Final | Winners | Ballyduff |
| • U12 Div. 2 Shield | Winners | Tralee Parnell's |
| • U12 Plate Final | Winners | Sliabh Luachra |
| • U14 Div. 1 Cup Final | Winners | Causeway |
| • U14 Div. 1 Shield Final | Winners | Cillard |
| • U14 Div. 2 Cup Final | Winners | Ballyduff |
| • U14 Div. 2 Shield Final | Winners | Abbeykillix |
| • U16 Cup Final | Winners | Cillard |
| • U16 Shield Final | Winners | Causeway |
| • Minor Final | Winners | Causeway |
| • Junior B League | Winners | Cillard |
| • Junior B Championship | Winners | Cillard |

Camogie Munster Junior Champions 2021



U14, U16 and Minor

Kerry competed in U14, U16 and Minor at National levels in 2021. Kerry Camogie are currently working on putting a development academy in place for 2022 to strengthen the development in Kerry for Camogie.

Junior Club Championship

Clanmaurice will play in the Munster Junior 2020 Club Championship Final on Saturday 27th November against Feakle Killanena. The 2021 Club Championship will take place in early 2022.

Munster Junior Championship

Kerry won the Munster Junior Championship, beating Clare on a very wet day in Mungret. Kerry will continue to play Junior in 2022.

Littlewoods Ireland Camogie League Division 2

Kerry played Galway, Cork, and Tipperary with winner 2 out of the 3 games. Kerry remains in Division 2 for the 2022 season. Galway and Cork progressed to the quarter final on score difference.

All Ireland Intermediate Championship

Kerry played in Intermediate for the second year. Kerry were victorious against Tipperary in the first round, were defeated by Derry in round 2 and were again victorious against Laois in round 3. Kerry was beaten by the All Ireland Champions Antrim in the quarter final in a hard fought battle in Banagher, Co Offaly. Kerry will continue to play in the Intermediate Championship for 2022.



Cillard Junior team who played the first year in the Junior competition and won both the League and Championship.

Kerry now has 8 clubs in the county, including 3 adult teams, and are growing every year.

Kerry Camogie are delighted to be able to Host the 2022 Munster Camogie Convention in January which will be held in Tralee.

Kerry Camogie County Board would like to thank Kerry GAA for their support and in particular Joe Wallace in Caherslee for all his help and support with the use of the grounds. We look forward to their continued support in 2022.

KERRY HANDBALL 2021

Annual Review

Covid-19 has had a huge effect on handball which is predominantly an indoor game. GAA Handball has only very recently allow the return to the courts, currently limited to training pods of 6.

The first competitions have been held in the last few weeks, most notably the Belfast Golden Gloves competition, with our own Dominic Lynch making it to the quarter-finals stage of the Elite Mens competition and Glenbeigh's Maggie Quirke winning the 13 & under grade. This is a great achievement for Maggie having seen very limited court time over the last two years due to covid-19 restrictions but, along with her sister Clodagh, has been working very hard over the past number of weeks to get back up to competition standard.



*Maggie Quirke (Glenbeigh Handball Club) Winner Girls 13 & Under
Belfast Golden Gloves 2021*

In the coming weeks we also sees the conclusion of the 2020 40x20 championships with Dominic Lynch taking on Colm Jordan of Westmeath in the delayed 40x20 All-Ireland Masters Championship in Kingscourt Co. Cavan on Saturday the 4th of December.

Sponsors/Benefactors:

Coiste Chontae Ciarraí supports Kerry Handball through the Handball Collection at County Football Final and the annual administration stipend and programme sales at the Kerry Vs Monaghan Football League match.

Sincere thanks to Kerry GAA Board for their help and support every year, it is very much appreciated by everyone on Kerry Handball.

Coaching/Promotion-Current/Future:

Kerry Handball was on somewhat of an upturn in the run up to Covid restrictions, with two new clubs registering for the first time in recent years, bring the total in Kerry to 6.

SPA Killarney GAA Handball club built two 1-Wall handball courts in the SPA GAA grounds just outside Killarney and the game was growing a strong following in the area. Spa Killarney hope to create a critical mass of adult players this year and next year to grow on this by starting to recruit juvenile players.

Also Lispole Handball club has been reformed with a number of members of Lispole GAA club very interested in promoting and re-invigorating players in the area.

With the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions, Kerry GAA Handball intend that the following County Championships/Trials were/will be held in 2022:

- ❖ 40X20 and 60X30 Junior B,
- ❖ Junior & Senior adult Co Championships,
- ❖ Juvenile 40X20 and 1-Wall Co Championships,
- ❖ Cumann Na MBunscoil Co Finals.

Kerry GAA Handball Board would like to express sincere thanks to Kerry GAA Board for their help and support every year, it is very much appreciated by everyone on Kerry GAA Handball.

INTER FIRM 2021

Due to the Covid restrictions in place for most of the year the Inter-Firm Central Committee took the decision to suspend all Inter-Firm activity on the playing fields throughout the country for 2021.

It is expected that Inter-Firm competitions will return in 2022 and the Kerry Inter-Firm board will be holding County Championship throughout the summer months of next year.

As always, we are keen to expand the Kerry County Inter-Firm Championship and welcome expressions of interest and enquiries for all business entities and groups, irrelevant of size and staff numbers.

Enquiries can be sent to: pro.kerryinterfirms@gmail.com

*Deaghlán Ó Súilleabháin,
Runaí, Cumann Gaelach na dTionscail Chiarraí*



An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD and his wife Mary in attendance at the Munster GAA Football Senior Championship Final match between Kerry and Cork at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney

LGFA SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021

Seo dhibh mo thuarasáil ar imeachtaí peil na mban I gCiarraí I rith na mbliana 2021. Ba mhaith liom bhuíochas a gharbáil do gach éinne a cabhraigh liom i rith na bliana.

On the playing front our **Senior Ladies** got the year off to a great start. Competing in Division 2 of the LIDL NFL the Kerry Seniors won all of their group games. A semi-final win after extra time and free taking against Monaghan saw Kerry ladies through to the final in Croke Park. Unfortunately, a promotion to Division 1 was not to be as Meath took the title of Division 2 champions.

Again, for a second year the Munster Senior Ch-ship fell afoul of the pandemic.



In the TG4 Senior Championship four groups of three teams in each competed in senior championship with 2 teams in each group progressing to the all-Ireland quarterfinals. A heartbreaking one point loss to Galway in the opening game and a four-point loss to Donegal meant a relegation play off with Tipperary. A comfortable win of 2-16 to 0-07 secured Kerry Ladies Senior status for 2022.

Kerry Midfielder Lorraine Scanlon in action against Meath in the Lidl Ladies NFL Div 2 Final in Croke Park

Our **underage teams at U14, U16 and U18** all represented Kerry in the Munster A competitions.

The U18 team lost out to Cork and Tipperary and went on to beat Waterford in the Munster LGFA Minor B Championship Final.

The U16 team had a win against Tipperary and suffered a heavy loss to Cork. The Munster A Final again saw Cork and Kerry compete but again Cork proved too strong for the Kerry side.

The U14s also represented Kerry in the Munster A competition. A first round win against a strong Tipperary side in Brosna saw them off to a great start in the competition. Our second round game away to Cork ended in a 17-point loss and again it was Kerry v Cork in the Munster LGFA A Championship Final which again saw Cork take the spoils.

We would like to thank all the management teams for their commitment and effort in 2021. Although frustrating at times they persisted through uncertainty and disappointment to do everything possible to keep positivity and encouragement to the forefront.

We would like to thank the outgoing U14 and U16 management teams led by Charlie McCarthy (U14 manager) and John Doona (U16 manager)

We also welcome our new U14 and U16 management teams who are now preparing for the 2022 season ahead.



Aislinn Desmond Kerry captain in action against Wexford in 2021 Lidl Ladies NFL Div 2 campaign in Fitzgerald Stadium

On the **club scene** a meaningful and highly anticipated **Randles Bros County Championship** got underway in August and September.

- ❖ Southern Gaels were crowned Senior champions.
- ❖ Castleisland Desmond's took the intermediate title.
- ❖ MKL Gaels were our Junior A champions.
- ❖ Firies and Ballymac won the Junior B and C titles respectively.

31 teams competed in the **Donal Curtin Cup leagues** which took place over the summer months to provide 9 weeks of games while intercounty players were unavailable.

Clubs had a busy schedule of underage games in a compact window. U12, U14, U16 and U18 county leagues along with U13, U15 and U17 club championships were completed.

In conclusion all age groups in all clubs had meaningful game time in 2021. This could not have been possible without the cooperation of players, parents, coaches, club committees and county executive working hand in hand to ensure a successful program of games at all levels. Also a huge thanks to the referees of the county. Without their commitment the full schedule of over 700 games across all age grades in a 4-month window would never have been possible.

- ❖ Many thanks to all clubs who helped out this year providing venues for finals for making their pitches available on many occasions.
- ❖ Also we would like to acknowledge Fitzgerald Stadium, Austin Stack Park, Brosna and Killarney Legion for their support in hosting our intercounty games.
- ❖ Special thanks to Der Brosnan (Fitzgerald Stadium) and Eamon O'Sullivan (Austin Stack Park), Aileen Foley and John Daly (Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence) and Joe Wallace (Caherslee) for their continued support and help throughout 2021.
- ❖ I would like to again acknowledge and complement everyone on their commitment to ladies football in Kerry.
- ❖ On behalf Kerry LGFA we want to thank Tim Murphy and the Kerry GAA executive for their help and cooperation throughout the year. We wish Tim all the best for the future and thank him for the support he has given to Kerry LGFA in his role of Chairman of Kerry GAA.
- ❖ Special thanks must go to two of our officers stepping down from Kerry LGFA this year.

Christena Curtin who is stepping down as Vice Chairperson. Christena has been a member of Kerry LGFA for more than 25 years. She has been a member of the county board for many years in a range of positions, coached teams at development and at all underage intercounty levels. She has held the position of Munster and Central Council Delegate along with myself over the past few years. Car journeys to



Limerick and Tullamore won't be the same without you!!! We wish Christena all the best for the future.

Sean Walsh is stepping down as our Chairperson at our AGM in December. Sean was appointed chairperson in May 2018. In his opening Chairperson's address, Sean said that he would be committed to help Kerry LGFA put the structures in place that his experience had taught him. Since then Sean has been unwavering in his commitment to all of our county teams, the executive and clubs of the county. We as an executive want to thank him for his support and advice over the past 4 years. It has been a huge honour and a pleasure to work with Sean and we wish him all the best for the future.

Finally, we wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to working with you again in 2022.

Go dtí go mbuailfidimid le chéile arís,

*Nóra Ní Ficheallaigh
Rúnaí.*



2021 Kerry Senior Ladies Football Team. Division 2 National League Final Croke Park

PR, IT AND MARKETING COMMITTEE 2021

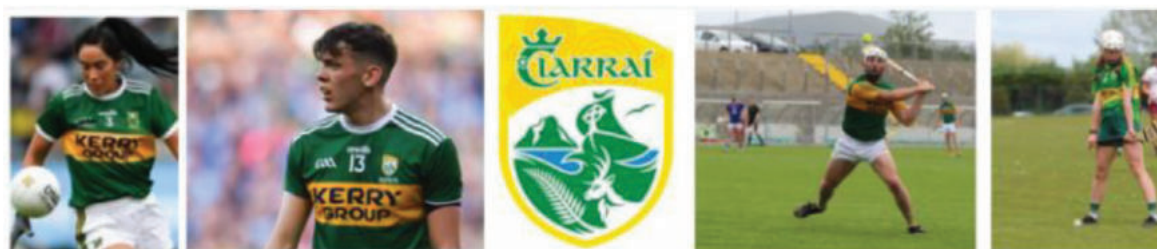
PR, IT and Marketing Committee:

Leona Twiss Uí Bhriain, Joan McGillicuddy, Emma Sweeney, Sinéad Piggott, Tommy O'Connor, Denis McCrohan, Damien McCarthy, Dominic Fitzgerald & Triona Brassil.

It has been another extremely busy year for all involved in the PR, IT & Marketing committee. The following is a summary of our work:

- We streamed 27 games covering Club & County Championship as well as all Kerry Inter-County Home Hurling Games
- The weekly radio slot on Radio Kerry was paused for a brief period but has commenced again since September.
- Match Programmes were produced for all Inter-County home games both football and hurling as well as for the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals of the Garvey's Senior County Championships and also for the Kerry Petroleum Club Championship Finals. Team-sheet handouts were produced for the Kerry Petroleum Club Championships and for the Keane's SuperValu Minor Championship. All Programmes were uploaded onto the website for Supporters to download.

I wish to thank Emma Sweeney and Sinead Piggott for their huge involvement in the design, content gathering and uploading of the Programmes. The downloading of programmes from the website was kindly sponsored by Ballyseedy Garden Centre.



The Waterbreak

Every Thursday Evening 8pm **live** on Kerry GAA

Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

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- I am very grateful for the co-operation and support that I received from our Inter-County Managers throughout what was a challenging year. I wish to especially thank them for embracing the Zoom press briefings!
- Kerry's Eye continues to be Associate Sponsors of Kerry GAA and my thanks to Kerry Kennelly for the excellent photographs he has supplied for programmes, the Website, and for various other publications during the past year. Thanks also to Sportsfile for the use of their images.

Kerry GAA Website & Social Media

My thanks to IT Officer Sinéad Piggott for the many hours spent updating the website with news, fixtures and photos. The website was modified this year to include the House Draw. It successfully dealt with the sale of a large number of tickets. My thanks to Aileen Foley for working with me on this project.

In line with previous years the number of followers on our Twitter and Facebook accounts continues to grow with a combined total of 103,000 followers – a growth of 6,000 on last year's numbers. Instagram which is our newest platform continues to grow and now has 26,500 followers.

We tweeted all Kerry Inter-County games this year as well as tweeting regular updates on Kerry GAA matters in general. My thanks to Sinéad Piggott, Denis McCrohan, Emma Sweeney, Dominic Fitzgerald and Triona Brassil for their regular engagement with the Kerry GAA social media accounts. I also wish to thank Dominic for the fabulous graphics that he produces for team announcements, fixtures and results.

Live – Streaming

Even though crowds were allowed to return to games this year, we took the decision to continue streaming games. Viewing numbers are down from last year as one would expect but the project remains profitable. A huge thanks is owed to our streaming sponsors – Atlantic Oils, Geaney Oils and Horgan's Centra Ardfert.

We worked with two local streaming crews for all games – Kingdom Video Productions (Tralee) and Sideline Eye (Killarney). We employed 247.tv for paywall purposes only. Our local commentators provided us with an excellent service – Gary O'Sullivan, Maurice Leahy, Tim Moynihan, Ger O'Connor, Marc Ó Sé, Aidan Clifford and Tomás Ó hAiniféin

In total we streamed 27 games, there were technical issues with 3 and all 3 were rectified by the water break in the first half. Streaming is a great service to have available to us and well -priced with most games only costing €5. It is not a TV service and glitches are to be expected. However, we continue to work on developing and improving our product.

Míle Buíochas

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped me in anyway throughout this very busy year

- ❖ all involved in the media, both local and national.



- ❖ the Team liaison Officers for providing me with Team Sheets and Player Profiles throughout the year.
- ❖ the club and District PROs
- ❖ my fellow Officers
- ❖ Emma & Sinéad for being part of all aspects of PR and for their friendship & support
- ❖ the brilliant ladies in the office – Kate, Aileen, Breda and Eileen

Míle Buíochas

Leona Twiss Uí Bhriain PRO



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2021

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<i>LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH:</i>	Éamonn Ó Faoláin <i>(Naomh Seanain)</i>
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	Sean Ó Laoire <i>(Naomh Padraig E.K.)</i>
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<i>OIFIGEACH CULTURA:</i>	Criostoir Ó Cillín <i>(Fionnuig)</i>
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<i>OIFIGEACH OILIÚNA:</i>	Toirealach Ó hUallacháin <i>(Fanuithe na Leamhna)</i>
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MOTIONS RECEIVED FOR 2022

MOTIONS FOR COUNTY CONVENTION

Motion 1 – Co. Committee

Re Special Congress

That Bye Law 1a be amended by removing Development Officer and replacing with Planning and Training Officer.

That Bye Law 2 be amended to include County Safety and Facilities Officer.

That Bye Law 3 be amended by inserting Safety and Facilities Committee and adding two new sections

xv. Planning and Training Committee and

xvi. Audit and Risk Committee

MOTIONS FOR CO COMMITTEE (COMPETITIONS RELATED) (dealt with at meeting on 22 November 2021)

Motion 1 - Beaufort

That the Underage structure revert back to Under 6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18

Referred to CCC

Motion 2 – Austin Stacks

Kerry County Board to revisit U17 as the minor age grade at club level and revert back to U18. Alternatively introduce an U19 club competition in either a league or championship format to bridge the transition from Minor to Senior for so many young GAA members

Referred to CCC

Motion 3 - Kilgarvan

That the Intermediate Hurling Championship Final be played a minimum of two weeks after teams involved exit Club Football Championship where possible.

Referred to CCC



Motion 4 – Skellig Rgs

All games in the summertime to have a default day of Saturday evening.

Withdrawn

MOTIONS FOR MGT & CO COMMITTEE 2022

Motion 1 - Abbeydorney

Re – Juvenile Fixtures Review Report.

That the CCC would review the criteria as pertaining to Abbeydorney players seeking permission to play football with another Club & take into account Clubs affiliated with the St Brendan's Board.

Motion 2 – Austin Stacks

Kerry Count Board to revisit the online only ticket purchase policy which creates unnecessary difficulty for some patrons, particularly the elderly. Restore the facility to purchase tickets at the gate on match day for those who are unable to purchase tickets online and/or who do not use credit/debit cards - three or four stiles would suffice.

Charge a single admission price for tickets purchased both online and at the gate on match day. Make the Student/OAP concession available with both methods of purchase. Those adjustments are in line with the GAA's emphasis on social inclusion for all and would relieve a great deal of stress from many very genuine supporters. It would also remove any financial loss to those purchasing tickets at the gate on match day.

Motion 3 - Fossa

That all Motions for National Congress be debated and voted on at County Committee level, unless there is an explainable reason not to do so.

COISTE CHONTAE CHIARRAÍ CLG BYE-LAWS 2021

To be read in conjunction with Official Guide

CHAPTER 1 (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 O.G. 2020)

County Convention

1.

- a) Convened in accordance with Rule 3.10 T.O. (2020), it shall elect the following officers in compliance with Rule 3.11, T.O. (2020): Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Hurling Officer and it shall appoint a Children's Officer and a Development Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee.
- b) It shall further elect two representatives on the Provincial Council and one representative on the Central Council.
- c) The position of the Secretary shall be in accordance with Rule 3.11(b) Exception (1) T.O. (2020) & the position of Children's Officer shall be in accordance with Rule 3.11(b)(2) T.O (2020).
- d) Voting for Elective positions shall be conducted by Postal Vote on arrangements determined by the Management Committee.
- e) It shall appoint a Public Auditor to audit accounts of County Committee.
- f) Venues shall be Tralee and Killarney in alternate years.

CHAPTER 2 (Rules 3.18 to 3.23 O.G. 2020)

County Committee

2.

- a) Subject to the Provincial and Central Councils, it shall be the governing and controlling body of all the affairs of the Association within the County. In accordance with Rule 3.18(a) T.O. (2020), it shall consist of the Officers, Central and Provincial Council representatives, County Referees Administrator appointed in accordance with Rule 3.19 (h) (2020), the Chairperson of each Divisional Committee or appointed Proxy who must be an officer, a representatives of Coiste na nÓg who must be an officer, one representative from each of the following: County Schools (Primary) Committee, County Schools (Post-Primary) Committee, County Handball Committee, Kerry Inter-Firm Committee (non-voting), Fitzgerald stadium Committee (non-voting), Ladies Football Committee (non-voting), Camogie Committee (non-voting) and one representative from each affiliated adult club, subject to Rule 3.18 (f) T.O. 2020
- b) Except where stated all except the Secretary shall have voting rights.
- c) All representatives shall be named.
- d) Except for Officers, Central and Provincial Council Representatives and Referees Administrator, proxies shall be allowed at County Committee meetings.



CHAPTER 3 (Rules 3.20 & 3.21 O.G. 2020)

County Sub-Committees

3.

In accordance with Rule 3.20 T.O. (2020) the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions and membership shall be as outlined in Rule 3.20 T.O. (2020) and in these Bye-Laws. All members of sub-committees shall be named

- i. **Management Committee:** It shall consist of the officers of County Committee together with the Munster and Central Council Representatives.
- ii. **Competitions Control Committee:** It shall consist of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary nominated by the County Committee Chairperson, a representative of Management Committee, Fixtures Analyst, representative from each Divisional Committee, a representative from former Kenmare District Area and the Referees Administrator who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees.
- iii. **Fixture Analysts:** There shall be one Fixtures Analyst.
- iv. **Hearings Committee:** It shall consist of eleven members with the chairperson and secretary nominated for appointment by the county chairperson.
- v. **Planning, Physical Development and Safety Committee:** It shall consist of eight members with the County Development Officer as Chairperson and Secretary nominated for appointment by Chairperson of County Committee.
- vi. **Referees Administration Committee:** It shall consist of eight members with Referees Administrator as Chairperson and Secretary nominated for appointment by Chairperson of County Committee.
It shall nominate Referees to be considered for appointment by the County C.C.C.
- vii. **Coaching and Games Development Committee:** It shall consist of Coaching Officer as Chairperson, County Games Development Administrator as Secretary, Children's Officer, and a representative from each of the following: Coiste na nÓg, Cumann na mBunscoil, Post Primary Schools Committee, Kerry Handball Committee, Kerry Ladies Committee, Hurling Steering Committee and Schools Servicing Officer.
- viii. **Cultural Committee:** It shall consist of Cultural Officer as Chairperson, Secretary nominated for appointment by County Chairperson and six others.
- ix. **Public Relations/Marketing Committee:** It shall consist of P.R. Officer as Chairperson, Secretary nominated for appointment by County Chairperson and six others.
- x. **Youth Committee:** it shall consist of Chairperson and Secretary nominated for appointment by Chairperson of County Committee and four others.
- xi. **Finance Sub Committee:** It shall consist of the following Officers of the County Committee: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and three nominees of Chairperson and Secretary of County Committee.
- xii. **Information Technology Committee:** It shall consist of eight members with Chairperson and secretary nominated for appointment by Chairperson of County Committee.
- xiii. **County Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee:** It shall be as outlined in Charter for County Committee/Player relationships as approved by Ard Chomhairle from time to time.
- xiv. **Health and Wellbeing Committee:** It shall consist of six members with Chairperson and Secretary nominated for appointment by the County Chairperson.

CHAPTER 4 (Rules 3.19(l) & 3.19(d) O.G. 2020)

Divisional (District) Committees

4.1

- a) In accordance with Rule 3.19 (l) T.O. (2020), the County shall be divided into Districts determined by the County Committee. They shall be administrated in accordance with T.O. and County Bye-Laws by Divisional Committees.
 - i. A Divisional Committee shall consist of the Officers elected at its AGM, and two representatives from each adult club in its area.
 - ii. It shall have control over GAA affairs, including discipline, in its area subject to overall authority and jurisdiction of County Committee.
 - iii. Each Divisional Committee shall have a C.C.C. with a minimum of five members and a Quorum of three.
 - iv. Disciplinary Hearings shall be conducted by the County Hearings Committee.
 - v. Appeals from County Hearings Committee shall be to the Provincial Council Hearings Committee as per Rule 7.11(a)(2) T.O. (2020).
 - vi. Each Divisional Committee shall submit a report of its year's activities, Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to County Committee. Failure to do so shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 7.1(a) T.O. (2020).

4.2

- a) **Coiste na nÓg**
 - i. It shall consist of its Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Runaí, PRO, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Registrar, a representative from each affiliated club, and Chairpersons of its District Committees. The Officers shall be appointed by County Committee; Rule 3.19(l) T.O. (2020).
 - ii. Its functions shall be to manage Hurling and Football competitions in conjunction with Hurling Steering Committee for players up to the age of seventeen years.
 - iii. The CCC shall consist of the Chairperson, secretary and a representative from each Divisional Committee.
 - iv. Disciplinary Hearings shall be conducted by the County Hearing Committee.

4.3.

- a)
 - i. The County Committee shall have power to appoint any sub committees and ad-hoc committees that it may consider necessary from time to time. Rule 3.19 (l) T.O. (2020).
 - ii. The County Committee shall have power to make Regulations in accordance with the provisions of Rule 3.19 (d) T.O. (2020).

CHAPTER 5 (Rule 6.1 to 6.20 O.G. 2020)

5.1 Attachment to First Club

In accordance with Rule 6.4 (b) O.G 2020, a person first becoming a member of the Association as a Youth Member or a Full Member (as appropriate) shall be entitled to join a Club only in the Parish of his/her permanent residence subject to;

- (a) A person in permanent residence in a town of more than one Club and/or Parish shall be entitled to join any Club in that town.
- (b) A person in permanent residence in a County Committee designated "Open Area" shall be entitled to join any named Club in that specified "Open Area"



Note:

For the purpose of these Bye Laws:

PARISH shall be, subject to County Boundaries, the area under the jurisdiction of a Parish Priest or Administrator as pertained on the 1st Jan 2013

PERMANENT RESIDENCE shall mean residing at a fixed address which the CCC considers to be his private principal place of residence for 96 weeks prior to current 1st March.

OPEN AREA shall mean a specified area overlapping neighbouring parish boundaries designated by the County Committee as “open to two or more named Clubs”

5.2 Playing Eligibility

- a) A player must be a registered Full Member or Youth Member of a club and the Association Rule 6.2 (a) T.O. (2020).
- b) A player may not be a member of a Club for which he is ineligible to play Rule 6.2 (b) T.O. (2020).
- c) A player may only play with a Club as outlined herein under –
 - i. A Player may play with a Club in the Parish of his permanent residence
 - ii. A Player in permanent residence in a town of more than one Club and/or Parish may play for any Club in that town, subject to the following restrictions - players under 16years in such town shall not be allowed to transfer to another Club in that town
 - iii. A player in permanent residence in a County Committee designated “Open Area” may play for any named Club in that specified area.
 - iv. A player may play for his First Club as defined in Rule 6.3 T.O. (2020).
 - v. Players wishing to obtain Derogations or Permissions to Play must apply for same to the County Committee, who shall delegate consideration of applications to its CCC for processing as for transfers in accordance with Rules 6.5, 6.7, 3.20(ii) and 3.20(iv)(b) T.O. (2020).

5.3 Transfers within the County

- a) A player who wishes to leave one Club to join another must apply to the County Committee for a transfer.
- b) An applicant to have a transfer request considered must qualify under one of the conditions outlined in 5.2 (c)
- c) Transfers within the County shall be dealt with in accordance with Rules 6.5, 6.7, 3.20(ii) and 3.20(iv)(b) T.O. (2020).
- d) Latest date for receipt of applications for transfers, derogations or any other movement between clubs shall be 1st March in any playing year. Applicants must be members of the GAA.

5.4 Grading

Grading of Clubs and Players shall be as determined from time to time by the County Committee in accordance with relevant general rules in Official Guide. Latest date for application January 1st.



Coiste Chontae Chiarraí CLG

County Committee Regulations – Administration and General

1.
 - a) The meetings of the County Committee shall be held in Tralee and Killarney or as decided otherwise by the County Committee.
 - b) A special meeting may be summoned at any time by the Chairperson and Runaí or on the signed requisition of twenty five members of the Committee stating specifically the purpose of such meeting.
 - c) The Chairperson and Runaí shall be entitled to attend all sub committee meetings with the exception of the Hearings Committee.
 - d) The representatives on the Provincial and Central councils shall submit their reports on such Council meetings at the first subsequent meetings of the County committee.
 - e) A member deemed to be distracting the business of a County Committee meeting shall be liable to suspension at the discretion of the Committee or the presiding Chairman.
 - f) Notice of Motion shall be given for any purpose which the Committee considers to be of more than ordinary importance.
 - g) Quorum for all meetings shall be in accordance with Rule 4.2 T.O. 2020

2.
 - a) County Hurling and Football Management/Selection Committees shall be constituted as determined from time to time by the County Committee in line with Official Guide and Central Council Guidelines and Regulations. Official parties to travel to Inter County games shall be as directed by Management Committee on behalf of County Committee. Any expenses, travelling or otherwise, incurred without sanction will not be paid for by the County Committee.
 - b) When Kerry Senior County Teams reach an All-Ireland Final each holder of an All-Ireland Senior medal in that particular code shall be entitled to purchase two Stand Tickets on application to the County Committee.

3.
 - a) County Championships, Leagues, Tournaments and Challenge games in Hurling and Football shall be played on systems to be determined from time to time by the County Committee in accordance with Official Guide and Central Council directives.
 - b) Subject to overall jurisdiction of County CCC Wednesday evening shall be assigned to Coiste na nÓg.
 - c) County Senior Championship Finals shall be played in the following venues:
 - i. County Senior Football Final shall be played in Austin Stack Park, Tralee or Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney.
 - ii. The Kerry Senior Hurling Final shall be played in Austin Stack Park, Tralee.
 - iii. The County Committee through its C.C.C. may make alternative arrangements depending on circumstances.



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Eamon O'Sullivan - St Kierans Area 086-8299584

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Mainistir Ó Torna
Abbeydorney



An Ghaeltacht



Abha na Scaill
Annascaul



Ard Fhearta
Ardfert



Easa Duibhe
Asdee



Aibhistín de Staic
Austin Stacks



Baile Uí Dhonnchú
Ballydonoghue



Baile Dubh
Ballyduff



Baile Uí Thaidhg
Ballyheigue



Beal Atha Longphuirt
Ballylongford



Baile Mhic Ealagoid
Ballymacelligott



Beal Beale



Lios A Phuca
Beaufort



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Brosna



Caislean Ghriaire
Castlegregory



Na Deasmúnaigh
Castleisland Desmonds



An Tóchar
Causeway



Cnoc na hEaglaise
Churchill



Cluain Meacan
Clounmacon



Cúl Cordal



Realt na Mara síe
Cromane



Na Niallaigh Crotta
Crotta O'Neills



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Dingle



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Dr. Crokes



Píarsaigh na Dromada
Dromid Pearses



Dubh Áth
Duagh



Fionnúg
Finuge



Fíodh Ros
Fíries



An Fhossaidh
Fossa



Gleann Boith/Gleann
Chárthaigh
Glenbeigh/Glenchar



Gleann Fleisce
Glenfesk



Gníomh Go Leigh
Gneeveguilla



Sean Misteál
John Mitchels



Cill
Keel



An Neidín
Kenmare



Ceirín O Raithille
Kerins O'Rahillys



Cill Chummin
Kilcummin



Cill Garbhain
Kilgarvan



Cill Árme An Léiglín
Killarney Legion



Cill Mhaoile
Kilmoyley



Cnoc na GCaiseal
Knocknagoshel



Casan na nAinín
Lady's Walk



Fánaithe na Leamhna
Laune Rangers



Lios Póil
Lispole



Emmetaigh
Listowel Emmets



Lios A'Troi
Listry



Leac Sna
Lixnaw



Baile an Mhuilín/Caislean
na Mainge
Milltown/Castlemaine



Maigh Mheáin
Moyvane



Na Gaeil



Rath Mhór
Rathmote



Rinn Ard
Renard



Scarteach an Ghlinne
Scartaglen



Fánaithe na Sceilge
Skellig Rangers



An tSnaidhm
Sneem



An Spá
Killarney Spa



Naomh Bréandánaigh
St. Brendans Hurling



Naomh Muire
St. Mary's Caherciveen



Naomh Michéal/An
Fhailí Mhóir
St. Michaels Follmore



Naomh Pádraig
Ciarraí Thoir
St Pats EK



Naomh Seanáin
St Senans



Naomh Pádraig Cathair
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Tralee Parnells
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