

# Annual Report of Committees to Congress 2021

**Tuarascáil Bhliantúil  
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**THE  
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An Cumann Camógaíochta





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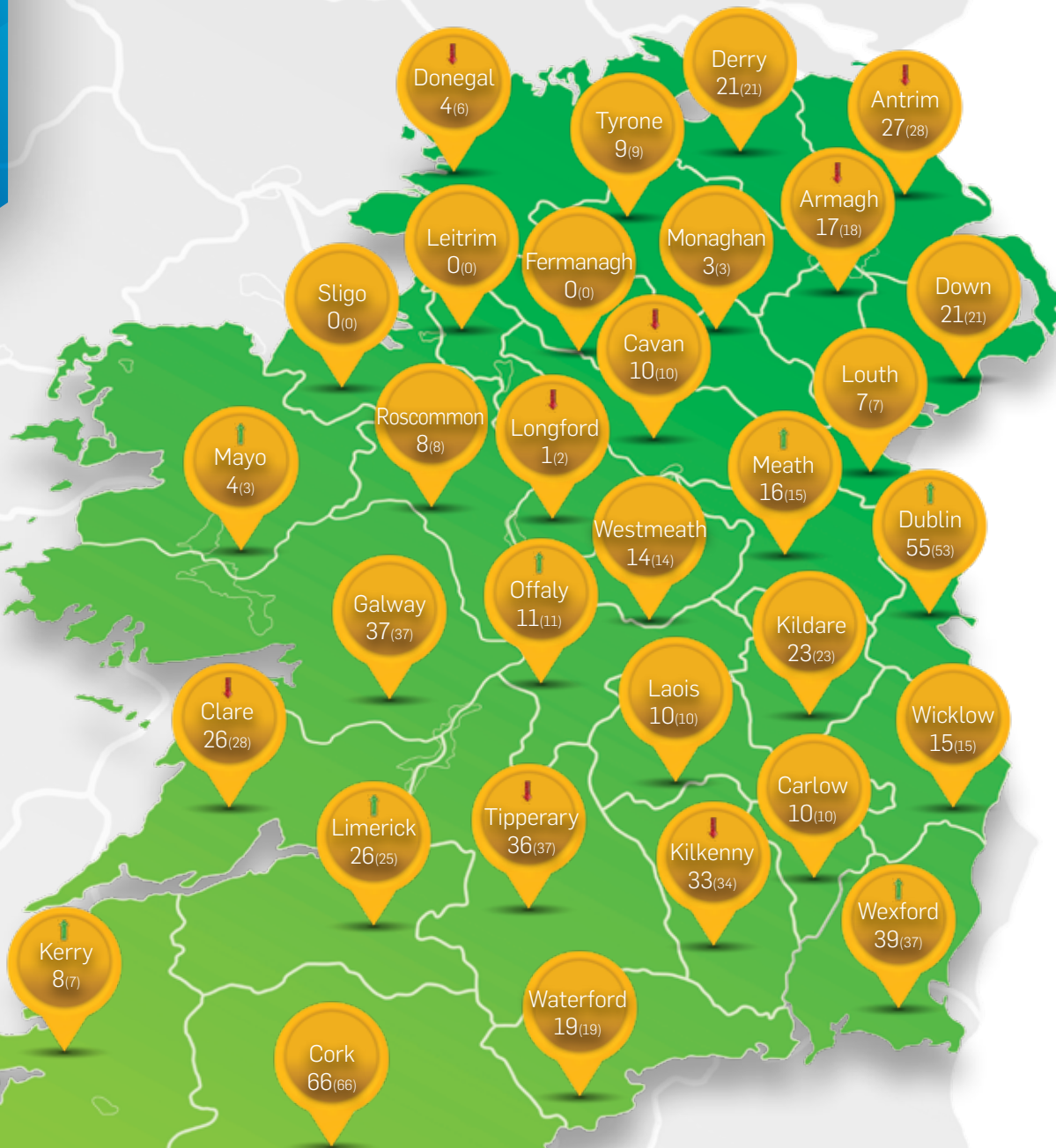
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# Provincial Council Reports

Figure 1:  
**Clubs by County 2020**  
 (2019 Data in Brackets)



	2020	2019	
<b>Connacht</b>	49	48	+1
<b>Leinster</b>	234	231	+3
<b>Munster</b>	181	182	-1
<b>Ulster</b>	112	116	-4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>-1</b>

# Comhairle Connacht

## TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2020

2020 was a year no one saw coming and it has affected many people in our province in one way or another and we offer condolences to all who have lost loved ones to COVID-19. We continue to be at the mercy of this virus, which has affected our day-to-day activities at club, county, provincial and national level. Within days of the lockdown on March 11th throughout the province and indeed nationally numerous Clubs set up community response teams in conjunction with their hurling and football counterparts highlighting the club ethos of being at the heart of the community.

In January, Connacht was represented by Sarsfields and Carnmore from Galway in Senior and Intermediate respectively against Leinster champions St. Vincents and St. Rynagh's in the Club All-Ireland Semi-Finals with Sarsfields emerging victorious in the Senior and Carnmore losing out to the team from Offaly.

In February the County Volunteer winners were presented with their awards in Croke Park and the Connacht winners were:

**Máirtín Ó Dúbhghail – Galway**

**Fergal Delaney – Mayo**

**Marion Conway – Roscommon**

Little did we realise when we were celebrating Sarsfields' historic win in the All-Ireland Club Final on March 1st that this would be our last game to attend for months as the lockdown was announced just 10 days later.

Congratulations to the six girls from Sarsfields that made the AIB Club team of the year with Siobhán Mc Grath winning both the Provincial and All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Player of the Year. Siobhán had a great start to 2020 winning the UPMC Ashbourne Cup with UL at the end of February where she also made the UPMC Weekend All Star Team along with Mairéad Burke from Eyrecourt.

As a consequence of the imposed lockdown all games were suspended and unfortunately all national leagues were cancelled.

At the end of June we returned to play, and it was greeted with hope and excitement. Games at club level returned firstly and counties returned to training in September with games commencing in October. I would like to thank Head Office for the clear guidelines on the return to play policy.

I would like to thank all our COVID-19 officers throughout the province who undertook the responsibility of ensuring the return to play questionnaire and health checks were completed before training and games.

Unfortunately, a lot of teams lost out on games due to the virus forcing cancellations which caused a lot of disappointment to players and management teams. This affected Under 16, Minor and Intermediate teams where counties already had a senior team.

The Galway Senior team were hoping to make it two-in-a-row when they faced Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Final on the December 12th but unfortunately they just came up short on the day. Roscommon were beaten in the Semi-Final of the Premier Junior Championship by a strong Cavan team. We were not able to proceed with development, provincial club games, Poc Fada, Under 14 blitz day and Under 16 7-a-side. On the national front Féile was also cancelled. Each county ran as many championships as they could in the limited time they had.

**Galway** – Sarsfields are Senior and Clarinbridge are Intermediate Champions

**Roscommon** – Athleague, Four Roads and Oran won their respective Finals

**Mayo** – Na Brídeoga and Westport are in the Junior Final

As of now Sarsfields, Clarinbridge and the winners of Na Brídeoga v Oran are all awaiting dates to proceed in the All-Ireland series and we wish them the best of luck

### New Club

Claremorris in Mayo registered as a new club during the year and hopefully in 2021 they will receive all the support they need to continue the good work that has already started.

Unfortunately, Carrick-on-Shannon were not able to proceed in registering due to the constrictions of the virus and hopefully they will be able to take the next step in 2021.

### Meetings

We had good attendance at meetings during the year which were all held via Zoom since our AGM in January.

### Thanks

I would like to thank all my fellow officers for all their help and assistance during my term as secretary especially the two chairpersons I worked with Fiona and Geraldine who both worked tirelessly to help and promote Camogie in Connacht.

Thank you to the THDC for their time, effort and dedication each year in dealing with transfers, appeals and disciplinary matter.

Thank you to Children's Officer Marie O'Brien for not only following up on Safeguarding Compliance Forms but for being available to provide courses to various clubs throughout the province.

Thank you to all in Head Office for their help and guidance for the past five years and I wish Hilda Breslin all the best during her tenure as Uachtarán.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone involved in Camogie be it at Club, County, Provincial or national level a safe and healthy 2021.

**Deirdre de Búrca**  
**Rúnaí**

### Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2020

	30/11/2020	30/11/2019
	€	€
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	0	2,670
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors/Prepayments	0	0
Stock	0	0
Cash at Bank and in Hand	15,061	8,021
	15,061	8,021
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors/Accruals	6,000	0
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	9,061	8,021
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>9,061</b>	<b>10,691</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>9,061</b>	<b>10,691</b>



# Comhairle Laighean

## TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2020

### INTRODUCTION

The following is report of Runaí, Comhairle Camógaíochta Laighean which details the activities that took place under the auspices of Comhairle Camógaíochta Laighean during the past year.

2020 has been a year like no other, one of the strangest and most challenging years that all Camogie units have ever experienced. However through this adversity all units of the Association rose to the challenges of COVID 19, succeeding not alone in playing a huge number of local club and intercounty games but also playing a huge role in helping local communities deal with the pandemic. The role of clubs, club officers and members will never be forgotten as when things were at their most difficult they rose to the challenge. For that, we as an Association must be very proud.

I salute all our members, of which I know there are many, who work on the frontline providing crucial health care and other essential services to us during this pandemic. On October 10th last our current Leinster Chairperson and Kildare native Hilda Breslin was elected Uachtarán Tofa of the Camogie Association. On behalf of everyone in Leinster I wish to congratulate Hilda on her election and look forward to seeing where Hilda brings Camogie in her three year term. I know she has a huge passion and drive for our game and is totally committed. I wish to acknowledge the tremendous work she has done in her of our support in the years ahead.

I was deeply saddened and shocked by the death of our Leinster Executive colleague Pat Martin RIP on December 2nd. Pat was a wonderful colleague and friend who will be greatly missed. As Leinster Development Officer and Chairperson Pat excelled and whatever task he was entrusted with, he could be relied on to deliver. He will be remembered by me and a wide network of colleagues across Leinster for his professionalism, efficiency, courtesy, generosity and fun filled personality. His passing leaves a void, but his memory will remain with us forever. I wish to congratulate Kilkenny on winning the Liberty Insurance All Ireland Senior Championship for 2020.

After the heart break of the last few seasons the players and team management were in phenomenal form all season and their AllIreland Final performance was one of pure character, work rate and the standard of hooking and blocking over the course of the game was unbelievable.

I would also like to congratulate Westmeath on their entry into the Senior Camogie Championship in 2020. What a victory in their opening game against Limerick, a memorable day for all in Westmeath.

Congratulations to Justin Heffernan, Wexford on his appointment to the All Ireland Intermediate Championship Final and John Dermody, Westmeath on his appointment to the All Ireland Club Senior Championship Final.

### DEVELOPMENT

Due to COVID 19 restrictions and advice from the Government and Public Health Authorities the Camogie Association made the difficult decision to suspend all Underage Development Hubs and Blitzes for 2020. We earnestly hope that Development Squads and BlitzDays can return in some form in 2021.

Many thanks to all the Camogie Association Development Staff Members involved in weekly webinars which kept all members, especially our coaches engaged during the restrictions. The range of topics covered was vast and the feedback was very positive.

Congratulations to all the clubs who were involved in the MNÁ Programme and especially those who have now completed all modules. I sincerely hope all your new volunteers are actively encouraged to get involved in coaching in your clubs and wish them all well for the future.

**AWARDS** - Congratulations to all the Leinster Volunteer of Year recipients who received their awards in Croke Park in February – Catherine Callaghan (Carlow), Deirdre Maher (Dublin), Michael Lannon (Kilkenny), Laetitia Lyons Delaney (Laois), Sinéad Duffy (Louth), Bernie Kelly (Meath), Pauline Ryan (Offaly), Laura Heffernan (Westmeath), Kit Codd (Wexford) and Breda Donnelly (Wicklow).

Leinster Camogie were also the recipients of two Camogie Association Media Awards – Match Programme and Digital Programme for the AIB Leinster Club Senior & Intermediate Championship Finals.

**FINANCE** - Finance is needed to ensure we can be the best in terms of success of the playing fields and in ensuring our future development plans are carried out. While our finances are in a good place at year end we must be mindful of both reduced income and expenditures during 2020. A huge thank you must be extended to our highly efficient Treasurer Patsy for her attention to detail in every aspect of her role.



**CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING** - All clubs and counties were requested to complete and update Risk Assessments and Safeguarding Statements during the year. While this increased the work load on Club and County Children's Officers we need to ensure all our players are in a safe and enjoyable environment and our games conducted in a spirit of fair play. Each club across the province were asked to complete Safeguarding Compliance Forms which had to be returned to both the National and Provincial Children's Officer. Safeguarding One and Two courses were made during the restrictions online through the GAA National Safeguarding Office and will continue to be for the early part of 2021. Thanks to Liz O'Donoghue, Leinster Children's Officer and the County Children Officers for ensuring all these requirements were adhered to in Leinster, and to Roberta Farrell on her guidance and support.

**PUBLICITY** - The position of Leinster PRO remained vacant again for the past year and this is not sustainable for another year. The importance of promoting our activities via social media, print, TV and radio is crucial. It is imperative that this vacancy is filled in 2021. I would like to compliment all counties who provided streaming of club and county fixtures during the restrictions for the many members who could not attend. On occasions we were spoilt for choice with the number of games on offer and keeping laptops and other devices on the go became the new norm.

**REGISTRATIONS** - I would like to thank all club registrars and secretaries who administered the system in their clubs. This final registration figures for Leinster as of the 8th of December, 2020

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIPNUMBER OF MEMBERS**

Youth	24,720
Full / Full Adult Playing	9,194
Social	319
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,533</b>

A huge thank you must be extended to Melanie for her work as registrar during the past year.

**Thanks & Appreciation**

**THDC** - I extend a sincere thank you to our T.H.D.C. committee of Margaret Sexton, Margaret Condell, Breda Donnelly, Gerry McGough, Catherine Neary and Barney O'Connor for your on-going work on behalf of Leinster Council. Thanks also to those co-opted to support the THDC with certain Hearings.

**CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION STAFF** - At National Level I wish to extend my sincere thanks to An Uachtaran Kathleen



# Comhairle Laighean

Woods and to all of the National staff of the Association for their help, courtesy guidance and support to Leinster and myself during the past year. I would also like to pay a special tribute to Sabrina Larkin, Leinster Growth and Participation Officer for her support in many different ways. Sabrina was always on the end of the phone no matter what assistance was needed.

**REFEREES** - I wish to pay tribute to all the Referees in the province for the essential job they do week in week out for the Association especially with the Return to Play guidelines and requirements. I wish to thank Aileen Lawler, Chairperson of National Referees Committee and Lizzie Flynn, Referee Education Officer for all her help and assistance especially around the Return to Play guidelines. Congratulations to all referees who officiated in any capacity at recent All Ireland Championship Finals.

**LEINSTER LGFA / GAA** - I wish to extend my thanks to Dominic Leech, LGFA President and Margaret Brennan, Administrator for their support and co-operation during the year. I would like to express my thanks to Michael Reynolds, Margaret Brennan and all the Leinster GAA staff for their on-going support.

**CONCLUSION** - I wish to thank the many people who have helped me carry out my duties during 2020 which has been a very difficult year for me personally. I wish to thank my own family and members of Carlow Camogie for their unending support. Sincere thanks of behalf of my family to all those from across Leinster who sent messages of sympathy of the recent passing of my beloved father Michael – May he Rest in Peace. I would like to thank all the county secretaries across Leinster, and the County Executive members for their support during the year.

I wish to thank Leinster Chairperson Hilda Breslin for all the help and support she has given me over the past year. Thanks also to my fellow officers Melanie, Patsy, Angela, Liz and Pat RIP for your outstanding contribution to Leinster Camogie during 2020 and a special and sincere thanks to you all for your support to me in so many ways over the year.

To all those who suffered bereavements during the past year I offer sincere condolences.

**Is mise le meas,**

**Linda Ní Chionnaith**  
**Rúnaí**

## Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2020

	30/11/2020	30/11/2019
	€	€
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	0	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	96,151	74,966
Bank Deposit Account	10,594	10,593
	106,745	85,559
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors/Accruals	0	0
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	106,745	85,559
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>106,745</b>	<b>85,559</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>106,745</b>	<b>85,559</b>



# Comhairle Mumhan

## TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2020

2020 has been a very hard year for Camogie, Hurling, Ladies and Men's Football, with travel restrictions, games being held behind closed doors, some competitions being cancelled for the year, mentally it has been very hard on a lot of people especially those who love the sport. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year for all

### Registration

Full Members registered for Munster Camogie for 2020: 8,139.

### MUNSTER COMPETITION:

Because of the Pandemic Munster had to cancel our Senior, Intermediate and Junior County Competitions. The Under 16s competitions had started and we had got to Finals stage, but again because of Government guidelines we only got to finish the Under 16C Final, this game between Limerick and Kerry which took place in LIT Limerick was a cracker of a game and after extra-time Limerick came out winners by 1 point. Under 16A & B Finals were not be played in 2020. Cork v Waterford were in the A Final, Tipperary v Clare in the A Shield Final and Tipperary V Limerick in B Final.

When Minor Competitions were cancelled it was decided that each Province would run their Minor Competition and Munster had agreed to allow Galway to play Minor in Munster for 2020. Munster managed to get first round of this competition done but again the pandemic put a stop to this competition being finished in 2020.

### Munster Club Championship

This competition was also hit with the pandemic. The Semi-Finals were played on October 4th. Munster were hoping to get this finished before Christmas. Munster Council has to see what Government Guidelines will be before any decision on dates for Finals can be made.

### Shinty

Munster was due to travel to Scotland to play in the Shinty in November but this competition to the disappointment of all was cancelled.

### Referees

Well done to all referees at Munster and National level. Congratulations to Mike Ryan of Tipperary on a job well done in All-Ireland Premier Junior Final in 2020.

### Munster Poc Fada Competition

Thurles Racecourse was the venue again in 2020 for this competition by kind permission of Mgrs. Rona Maloney. There was one Senior and two Under 16 players from each County; each competitor was required to complete one round of the Racecourse with the least numbers of pucks in accordance with the rules of the competition.

Senior winner: Molly Lynch, Cork  
Junior winner: Cliona Lynch, Cork

### Munster Development

Munster Development Officer Rob Lotty and Munster RDO Stuart Reid again this year put in a lot of work for development in Munster, but COVID-19 meant a lot had to be put on hold. They are hoping to recruit more development people for each region in 2021.

### Publicity

Munster Camogie's new website is now up and running and getting more views every week thanks to Mike Ryan (Tipperary) who set this up. Thanks to Sandra Courcan our P.R.O. for all her work during the year.

A big thank you to all local radio and the media a lot of games were live streamed in 2020 which is great for Camogie, thanks to all P.R.O.'s in each county. Without them Camogie would not get the publicity it need and deserves. Thanks to Mike Ryan for the photos.

### Munster GAA

A special thanks to Munster GAA for your support during 2020 without your generous grant to Munster Camogie we would have struggled especially this year.

### Conclusion

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow officers for all the work you do for Munster Camogie.

A special thanks to all GAA clubs who give Munster Camogie the use of your pitches during the year.

**Carmel Harkin**  
**Rúnaí**

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2020

	30/11/2020	30/11/2019
	€	€
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	0	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	64,250	60,949
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors/Accruals	2,401	1,201
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	61,849	59,748
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>61,849</b>	<b>59,748</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>61,849</b>	<b>59,748</b>



# Comhairle Uladh

## TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2020

Ulster Camogie had a very different type of year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our way of working had to change with meetings over zoom and any training delivered online.

Sport NI continues to be central in the outstanding developments being made by Ulster Camogie and we had many changes to make with regard to target achieving, development and reporting which is central to retaining our funding. The continued funding of the staff posts has seen Ulster Camogie flourish however, Council remains faced with major challenges to retain the funding which is now on an annual basis. Without this vital funding, Ulster Council would not be in a financial position to continue to retain both positions as well as run out development, education and training initiatives.

The development of Ulster Camogie continues beyond the pitch as we receive the highest (Robust) ratings for Governance and Control. This could not have been achieved without the hard work of all our Council Officers and Staff. Our current 4 Year Funding comes to an end in March 2021 and rather than running a new tender process throughout this difficult year, SPNI have extended the program by 1 year until 31 March 2022. This will allow us to focus on building confidence in Clubs and Counties as we return to play and refocus our key priorities for the next Sport NI Funding submission.

### Integration within Ulster

Ulster Camogie is again thankful to the officers and staff of Ulster GAA for their continued support for the games and development of our sport and volunteer's. We also have had greater levels of cooperation with GAA County Boards and clubs in regards to securing facilities for our games and we thank all counties for hosting Camogie games again in 2020. It is important that we provide the best facilities for our players to showcase their skills.

Our relationships with Ulster Ladies Gaelic continue to develop whilst we embark on continued joint initiatives for developing both codes' volunteers to enable us to ensure our female players remain paramount to both codes.

### PR & Media

Many of our games in 2020 were streamed due to the 'closed door' policy. It was great for the promotion of our

game and I would like to thank all the PRO's for their contributions and work to promote their own counties, clubs and colleges.

Thanks to Seamus Mc Aleenan for the continued excellent coverage in The Irish News and beyond. We are delighted that Camogie will be included in the Irish News All Star Awards for the first time and our players will be given the recognition alongside their male counterparts.

### Moving forward

Although 2020 has been a strange year for us all, we were able to get back out onto the field at club level over the summer. Counties were able to get their league and championships played and National fixtures also commenced. With the country going into another lockdown, unfortunately Ulster were unable to finish the County and Club Championships.

With two Ulster teams winning at National Level, we are getting stronger and we hope to build on this in the coming season.

To all the officials of our sport both referees, umpires and lines we extend our deepest thanks and congratulations on a job well done. Best wishes for 2021 and hope you will continue to assist Ulster Camogie.

The Ulster Executive will continue to work tirelessly in 2021 together with the cooperation of SPNI, the Camogie Association, County Boards, Ulster Colleges, Ulster GAA, our clubs and our volunteers to ensure camogie in Ulster remains and grows strong.

**Áine Mhic an Aba**  
**Runaí Camógaíocht Uladh**

## Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2020

	30/11/2020	30/11/2019
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	0	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	4,240	19,192
Cash at Bank and in Hand	114,383	115,525
	118,623	134,717
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors/Accruals	6,161	16,957
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	112,462	117,760
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>112,462</b>	<b>117,760</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>112,462</b>	<b>117,760</b>



# International Board Reports







# International Board Reports

## County Europe Camogie Officer's Report

Main highlights/objectives achieved this year:

- Coaching and development webinar – Many of our coaches and camogie officers participated in the coaching webinar held by James Heffernan on “Doing the basics right” in June 2020. During lockdown in March, the GAA also held a number of webinars in which many coaches and players participated in
- Despite Covid-19 restrictions and cancellations of tournaments/matches e.g. Berlin League in Feb and October along with most regions holding (or attempting to hold) either regional friendlies and/or in-club matches
- Motivation amongst officers and coaches was high as they continued trainings and motivating players across the board to participate within their remit of Covid-19 restrictions, cancellations etc.

### Main priorities for 2021:

- Encourage and promote camogie across Europe in particular in new clubs and new camogie teams that are starting out. Hopefully this can be achieved by a potential ‘beginner tournament’, open training days and organised events outside of tournaments and matches that encourage people to take up camogie as a new sport (remote if need be)
- Hold tournaments, whether regional or national or fun friendlies
- Coaching and development for camogie coaches

### Review of the year

I took over the position of GGE camogie officer at the end of August 2020 and even in my short time as GGE officer and in my short experience it has not been a ‘normal’ year by any standards. A lot of work is being done either on the ground or behind the scenes in relation to organising events (which inevitably were cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions) along with maintaining motivation, participation and the hope to keep moving forward regardless of the current pandemic.

### Matches and Tournaments

Unfortunately, as 2020 was the year that it was, many matches and scheduled tournaments had to be cancelled either as a result of travel restrictions, Covid-19 cases

or lack of players as a result of Covid-19. However, there was still a sliver of hope and some teams managed either to hold in-house matches or friendlies with neighbouring teams.

The Berlin League was held over the course of a number of weeks at the start of the year (8th Feb, 22nd Feb and 7th of March) and was a collaboration of friendly games between Berlin GAA and Setanta GAA. There were 4 teams, not only mixed with camógs and hurlers, but the teams were also mixed up to keep things interesting. The second round in the Berlin League took place in October, with 3 camogie teams (and hurling teams) present, where they played 7-a-side games. Unfortunately subsequent dates in November were cancelled but there are slim hopes to hold the final date on the 7th of December, but this will be dependant on Covid-19 restrictions.

The only potential tournament that could be held, was held on the 5th of September in Dresden. The hurlers travelled to Dresden, while the camógs moved to have their matches in Berlin (as a result of the Vienna, Dresden and Prague camógs being unable to attend/lack of players). Berlin played a best-of-three against Setanta GAA in 3, 9-a-side games, with Berlin GAA winning the best-of-three.

Luxembourg and Copenhagen reported minimal to no matches/tournaments this year due to travel restrictions and this was particularly evident across most of the Nordic region (although Helsinki did collaborate with the Irish embassy on a showcase, but it was more hurling focused than camogie).

In the Central-East Region, the set up of the first camogie team in Vienna, occurred at the end of 2019, and the Vienna Gaelettes had their first in-house match at a showcase of Gaelic Games in June. Despite having almost 17 players at training initially, this number dwindled due to covid, travel restrictions and players returning to their home countries.

### Player recruitment and retention

Berlin reported during their league, in Spring and in Autumn, that there were many new players participating, mostly due to players coming from the youth division to the adult group, along with new players that joined. As mentioned, Vienna Gaels set up a camogie team with great initial numbers starting, mostly from the LGFA but also Erasmus students and locals who wanted to learn a new sport. Prague reported similar issues in low numbers with suggestions from a few camogie reps suggesting a “beginner tournament” in 2021 to recruit and retain players

and also give beginner clubs and camogie teams the opportunity to have trial matches and practice their new sport/skills.

Naturally headlining most of the feedback from coaches and camogie officers, was keeping players' motivation up in coming to training and staying focused when tournaments and matches were cancelled. Many teams held in-house matches or those who were lucky to have neighbouring teams (e.g. Berlin GAA and Setanta) were able to play against each other.

### Camogie Congress 2020

For the first time ever, the Camogie Congress was held virtually due to travel restrictions to and from Ireland. A new Uachtarán tofa was voted in, Hilda Breslin to take over from Kathleen Woods in April, 2021. The Ard Stiúrthóir, Sinead McNulty, delivered a motivating report on the previous year of Camogie, 2019 and the focus on the promotion of camogie both at home and on an international level, which included the Camogie Association's Development Plan for 2020-2023. It (2019) was a record year for camogie in relation to attendances, viewership, media coverage, creation of new clubs, along with new rules being implemented. Some of the achievements throughout 2019 included: the M.N.A. program, The Coach's Development Webinar Series, the All Star Tour to the U.S. and the World Games that were held in Waterford. There was also the creation of the 'Coaching Bubble Podcast', 'The Ready, Steady, Go' series and again a heavy emphasis on coach education (particularly into 2020 and the online webinars).

### What we learned in 2020

Overall, there was positive feedback from the established camogie teams across Europe, in relation to interest and spreading the word of camogie, despite the events of 2020. The hunger and appetite was – and still is - there among camogie reps to keep pushing forward to potentially having games, tournaments and training. With the shift to regional areas to organise games, friendlies became quite popular, which gave everyone hope to at least play some games, even if/when they ended up cancelled. There was a huge emphasis on 'thinking outside of the box' when it came to motivating players and teams, resulting in informal in-house matches, mixing of hurlers and camógs at training sessions and/or tournaments.

Beginner camogie teams, who are still in their infancy, are the most vulnerable when something like the pandemic happens, as players are not yet solidified in the sport

and need more coaxing and nurturing. Coaches also need to have the support when it comes to training sessions in relation to tactics, training drills, psychological management of a team in order to grow it and subsequently maintain numbers (and motivation amongst players). This was evident in the numbers participating in the coaching webinars throughout lockdown in March and has also been at the forefront of feedback reported. The interest is without doubt there from coaches and therefore the support needs to be given.

Among the things that went well - including with my own club in Vienna but also with other clubs - was getting back to the 'informal and fun' aspects of hurling and camogie. Organising street tournaments or pucking around in the park, was quite popular, as it was easy to adhere to covid restrictions and guidelines with social distancing, but also gave new players the opportunity to "see" and "feel" hurling and camogie without being thrown in at the deep end. It was also a great way of raising interest in the local community as they were intrigued as to "what sport" was being played.

With social distancing in place, the focus turned to skills and drills rather than matches and tackling due to non-contact regulations and also made it easier to have a 'beginner group' and an 'intermediate group' as opposed to hurling vs. camogie teams. These mixed groups, based on different levels, made new players feel more comfortable (and more skilled players challenged) and gave the coaches the opportunity to focus on skills appropriate for each level.

However, feedback suggests that camogie is still taking a back seat with it being an 'after-thought' or an 'add-on' in relation to hurling tournaments. This is not meant as a negative, but rather, something to be aware of when hurling/camogie tournaments are being organised. Of course, this is also dependant on camogie player numbers, but should also be a priority for clubs who have hurling teams to include camogie players and teams. It should be part of the hurling/camogie team collective, if there is an interest there, to promote both as a whole within the club and outside of it. The concept of camogie being played separately or at the "far end pitch" needs to be completely eradicated. Just like hurling once was the novice in comparison to gaelic football, so too is camogie now, in this position and needs the support of the hurlers at matches, tournaments and training as well. Together with the hurling officer, Chris Beth, we are aware of this issue and aim to work together in the coming months to promote both hurling and camogie, as a unit, for 2021.

Another thing worthy of mentioning in relation to what "worked well" was the virtual aspect of community during the lockdown in March i.e. staying in touch and keeping motivation up as a community but also as a team through remote methods. From zoom quizzes to fitness challenges, this worked extremely well in keeping people in touch with one another, but also supporting one another during a difficult time, and when lockdown ended and training picked back up again, teams were still united rather than divided and isolated.

### Main objectives, tasks and challenges in 2021

The main challenges for 2021 will include organising and hosting matches and tournaments given the uncertain climate with Covid-19 and overall keeping the momentum and motivation going across the board and in all facets of the sport - remaining positive and hoping for the best, will be necessary i.e. abiding by any restrictions that may arise and still powering forward with camogie at European level. It will need a lot of work behind the scenes, thinking outside of the box and motivation, but I have no doubt that this will be possible.

Some of the main objectives for next year 2021 are:

- Beginner's tournament – along with regular tournaments, the aim here is to encourage new or starting camogie teams to showcase and trial their new camogie teams at the appropriate level. There are some stronger, more established teams in Europe and hopefully tournaments will go ahead as they always have, however, in order for camogie to grow, it is also necessary to retain players and while locals, are becoming more and more involved, it is necessary to have matches that are also level appropriate. This could be in the form of a "7-a-side ground camogie blitz" or even in open days where regions meet together to have mixed friendly games.
- Promote new camogie teams – thus far there are only 12 camogie teams currently in Europe in comparison to the 29 hurling teams that are established. That is almost double the number, so I would aim to increase that by at least 5, particularly in areas where there are currently no camogie teams (i.e. The Iberia region, North/West region and Nordic region).
- Coaching and development – continue on the great work in promoting and developing new camogie coaches and trainers, as this will support coaches on the ground, highlight areas of improvement, create a community for coaches to share ideas and thoughts, and also hopefully lead to the retention of players and pass on the passion of camogie
- Youth camógs - this will require a lot more research on my behalf, in conjunction with the hurling officer and clubs around Europe, but having been inspired by the promotion of gaelic games in France in the education system, I believe that one of the ways forward for camogie is through our youth players coming up.

- Player recruitment - Along with this the hurling officer, Chris Bethe, is currently working on a project which involves the training of incoming ERASMUS students to Dublin in hurling and camogie, and hopefully sparking a reverse recruitment process when these students return to their home countries at the end of their ERASMUS programme.
- Events – support and help regions organise events that are not only based on tournaments but more friendly, to encourage and grow the camogie community in Europe. Open days, fun challenges (if remote as mentioned). Also "fun days" within clubs themselves where teams are mixed playing with local clubs in different sports (including hurling/camogie) to raise awareness of gaelic sports but also integrate and grow the community.

### Conclusion

Going forward there will be a lot unknown and as this year proved to us all, adapting, improvising, being flexible and changing is key, and this was shown by all coaches, clubs, committees and players alike. Patience, motivation and hope are - and will - be necessary in 2021.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my fellow GGE committee members for their patience and support in helping me find my feet in my position of camogie officer and always being available and responding whenever I had questions about my position, in particular a million thanks to; my predecessor Sal Harnett who passed on so much wisdom, and I hope I can live up to the passion and drive that she brought to this position as she paved the way for me as camogie officer; my counter part and hurling officer, Chris Bethe, for helping no matter what the hour with I am sure was a million questions and keeping a sense of humour along the way; and lastly to Tony Bass and John White for their patience with me and explaining the inner workings of being part of the GGE and gaelic games in general.

I truly would like to give my sincerest thanks as well to my group of European camogie reps as well, for their truly undying optimism, passion, support, feedback and motivation. You are all a real inspiration and simply knowing I can brainstorm with any one of you, makes this role so incredibly special and worthwhile. The future of camogie is definitely in the right hands with all of you on board. I would also like thank my own club, the Vienna Gaels, not only for nominating me for this position, but for their ongoing support throughout this tough year as camogie and LGFA coach for the Vienna Gaels, and being the people I hash out ideas with and have long debates with. And of course to my own camogie players who made me grin from ear to ear when we had the first ever camogie match in June of 2020, which truly was a personal highlight of 2020.

**Fiona Franz Fleming**  
Camogie Officer

## Middle East GAA Camogie Officer's Report

As with most other sports in the region, the global pandemic meant that the regular Middle East league and championship were put on hold this year. Although many strides were made to create fixture lists for every outcome, unfortunately it was not to be.

Clubs used this time to think of alternative ways to keep their players active such as: collective gym sessions, individual targets and participation in charitable initiatives. Overall, it was great to see players involved in club undertakings in some way or another.

At the beginning of 2021, a return to the pitch was made possible. As travel throughout the region was still hindersome if not impossible, clubs took the opportunity to host events amongst themselves. These were a great success and allowed players to get back to the action with the confidence that all precautions and safety measures were in place.

Although tournaments were not taking place, the MECB were very active throughout the year. Clubs were regularly communicated with in regard to the changing restrictions in the Middle East, to ensure the safety of all members. Every effort was made to ensure all members were able to be a part of the GAA community by providing numerous webinars throughout the season. These provided the opportunity to upskill in the areas of coaching and refereeing, support from the local embassies and brought many hours of entertainment. We were all extremely grateful for these links to the wider GAA community throughout these difficult months away from home.

We are looking forward to the resumption of activities as soon as possible. As of now, it seems that this will be for the 2021/2022 season which will begin in September. Having been away from competitions for so long, we know that the next season will come with more competition, commitment and passion than ever before, and that is one of the lights at the end of the tunnel for all of us involved in the MECB, and in clubs around The Middle East.

**Aine Smith**  
**Middle East Camogie Officer**

## Canada Camogie Officer's Report

The Canadian GAA (CGAA) held its largest in person AGM attendance with delegates from across Canada in December 2019. The year ahead for the CGAA was looking to be very successful with the addition of four new clubs and the plans to hold the very first CGAA National Championships in Toronto in September. The onset of the pandemic did impact the regular schedule of annual tournaments, league and championship games, however it did not stop many of our members taking to the pitches in some form or fashion.

The growth of camogie in Canada continues to be positive and this year we saw several established clubs add Camogie as a code. Calgary Chieftains held a successful series of "Learn to Play" sessions early in 2020 demonstrating all Gaelic games codes in efforts to attract new players to the games. The Montreal Shamrocks club formally introduced Camogie to their winter league schedule. The Quebec Patriotes added camogie as a code and the Ottawa Gaels club ran outdoor and indoor camogie introductory and skills programs in the final months of 2020.

Off the field, our clubs are to be commended for continuing to find ways to stay active, be creative and show compassion despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic. Clubs used collaboration tools like Zoom and MS Teams to keep their members connected whether holding quizzes or yoga classes. Many clubs also collaborated with other local Irish associations in putting together food donations for senior members of their respective communities.

We are hopeful that we will see more action on the playing fields in 2021. Thank you to the Camogie Association for their ongoing support.

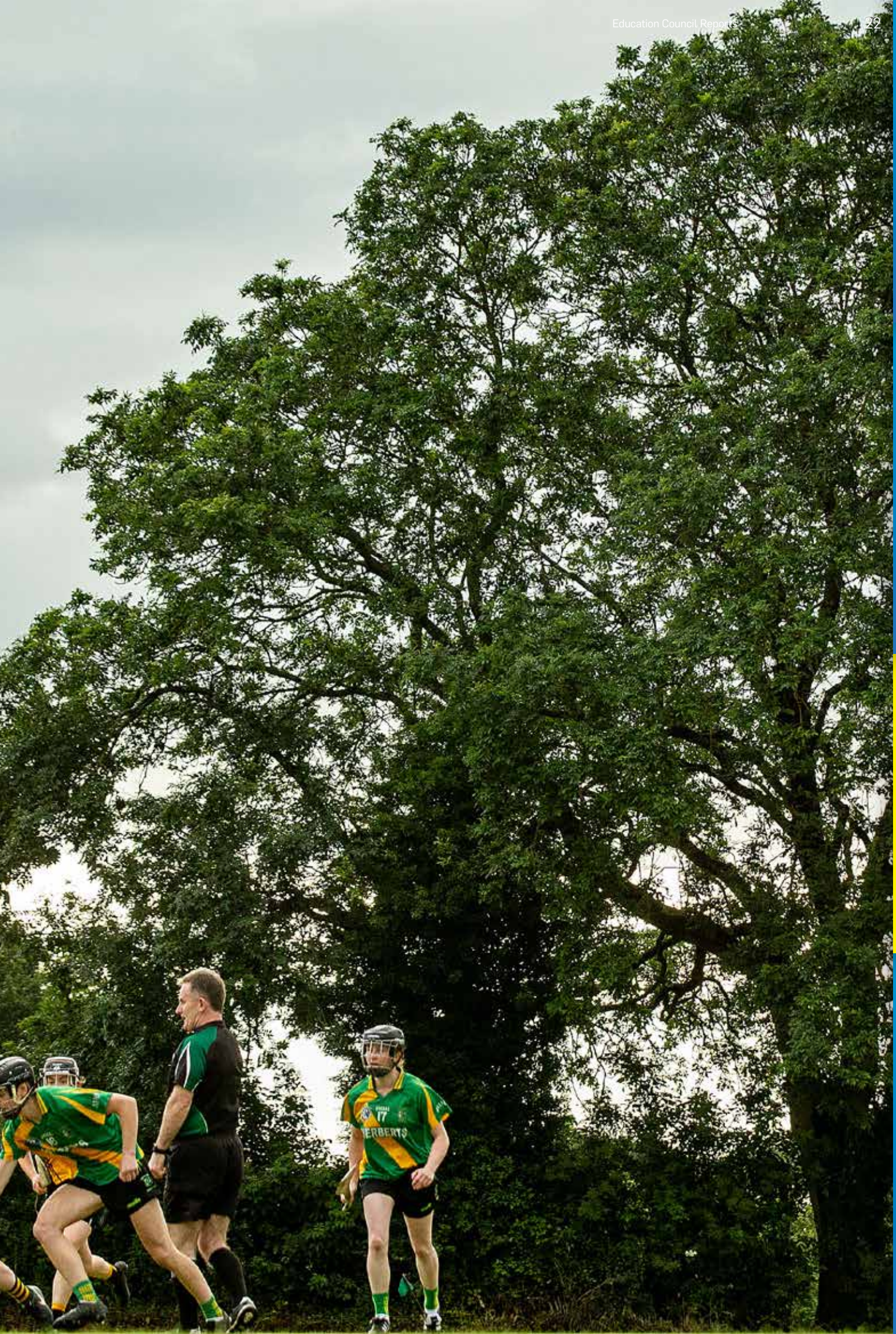
Submitted by: Angela O'Muirí, Secretary, Canadian Gaelic Athletic Association

## Asia Camogie Officer's Report

There hasn't been much development with the sport due to covid-19 restrictions and cancelled tournaments etc. We currently have a very small team in Hong Kong and Singapore also have a team. We have a very slow interest within the other clubs so that's something to work on this year!

# Education Council Reports







## Post-Primary Camogie Council

### No of Meeting held: 3

AGM, one Comhairle Executive meeting and one meeting between the Executive and the Uachtarán Kathleen Woods, the Ard Stiúrthóir, Sinead Mc Nulty, Liam Clancy, Brendan Mc Cabe and Louise Conlon. Throughout the year, due to Covid-19, executive members made much use of online communication for most queries that had to be dealt with.

### No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Brendan Williams	Cathaoirleach	2/3
Sr Mairéad Ní Fhearnáin	Leas-Chathaoirleach	3/3
Teresa McAvinchey	Rúnaí	3/3
Proinsias Ó Críodáin	Cisteoir	3/3
Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin	Clárathóir	3/3
Seamus Mc Aleenan	Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	3/3
Ciarán Ó Murchú	Oifigeach Forbartha	2/3
Geraldine Clarke	Oifigeach na bPáistí	3/3
Cathy Mulholland	Toscaire Cúige	2/3
Fiona Paige	Toscaire Cúige	3/3
Michael Nash	Toscaire Cúige	2/3

### Achievements in 2020

Our HDC panel was made up of Rose Malone (Munster), Fionnuala McGrath (Ulster), Deirdre Fitzgerald (Ulster), Karl O'Brien (Dublin), Shane Connors (Connacht), Catherine Neary (Leinster). We would like to thank all for agreeing to be available for any colleges HDC hearings if needed.

With the initial onset of the coronavirus last March and the uncertainty of everything at the time the executive members of Comhairle Camogaoichta na nIarbhunscoileanna, at their AGM in May 2020, all agreed to stay in position for a further year. May I take this opportunity to thank all the members for their support in this strange year especially those members who had intended standing down from the council at the 2020 AGM.



Like in all other units of our Association the coronavirus pandemic has hit us, and the second level schools and colleges we work with, very hard this academic year 2020/2021. With school lockdowns and Government guidelines, in both jurisdictions, we have been unable to run any competitions at Junior or Senior levels this year, either at Provincial or National levels. The most recent guidelines, received at end of February, suggest it is also extremely unlikely that provinces will be able to run u14 competitions either. As the path ahead unfolds however, should regulations allow, provinces may be able to accommodate localised informal activity later in term 3. Much ground needs to be made up in the coming academic year to compensate in some way for the absence of schools camogie activity, In 2020/2021.

This year, Comhairle Camogaoichta na nIarbhunscoileanna worked with Louise Conlon in reviewing our structure with a view to improving certain areas. This work is still ongoing and we would like to thank Louise for all her help and assistance to date.

The AGM for Comhairle Camógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna is fixed for Saturday May 22nd 2021. It is highly likely that this meeting will have to be held online but further details will be given nearer the date. The 2nd level sector is very important in the long term overall development and promotion of our game and this will be particularly important at the restart of the next academic year. We really need new blood in the council and we sincerely hope that provinces nominate enthusiastic active people for election onto Comhairle Camógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna for 2021 / 2022.

**Teresa McAvinchey**

**Runai Comhairle Camógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna**

## **Comhairle Camógaíochta Ard Oideachais (CCAO)**

Its has been a year like no other for Third level camogie, having been to a halt since our 2020 weekend of finals. Meetings and our AGM have been conducted virtually and we have had no competitions at all as we continue to follow government guidelines. Once our players are allowed to return to play we will endeavour to showcase the best of third level camogie.

### **Committee:**

Chairperson – Michelle Molloy  
 Vice Chairperson – Shannon Kavanagh  
 Secretary – Jennifer Norris  
 Vice Secretary – Maeve Kennedy  
 PRO – Jack Dunphy  
 Treasurers – Katie Redmond and Jacqui O'Connor

**Michelle Molloy**  
**Cathaoirleach**

# Ard Chomhairle Sub-Committee Reports







## National Resource Management Committee

**No of Meeting held:** 13

**No. of meetings attended:**

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Kathleen Woods	Uachtarán	13/13
Aileen Pierce	Ard Chomhairle Treasurer and RMC Chairperson (Up to April 2020)	1/2
Niamh Kilmartin	Ard Chomhairle Rúnaí	12/13
Jennifer Cultra	Ulster Chairperson (Up to December 2020)	7/11
Marion Graham	Munster Chairperson	11/13
Hilda Breslin	Leinster Chairperson	13/13
Geraldine McGrath	Connacht Chairperson	13/13
Geraldine Beattie Green	Committee Member	12/13
Frances Leavy	Committee Member (Up to August 2020)	4/6
Gareth Yore	Committee Member (Up to August 2020)	1/6
Patsy O'Keefe	Ard Chomhairle Treasurer and RMC Chairperson (from October 2020)	5/5
Catherine Neary	Committee Member (From November 2020)	2/4
Sinéad McNulty	Ard Stiúrthóir	13/13
Brendan McCabe	Finance Manager	13/13

### Achievements in 2020

- 2019 Financial Statements reviewed and discussed with the Association's auditors noting the satisfactory financial outcome for 2019. Complimentary report received from Auditors on the Association's sound financial management controls and practices.
- Revised 2020 budget and 2021 budget, as submitted to Sport Ireland, recommended to Ard Chomhairle for approval. In the light of ongoing pandemic, and uncertainty of timing of income streams, it was agreed appropriate to consider 2021 and 2022 as one financial cycle when considering overall financial position.

- Received regular updates of 2020 income and expenditure versus budget, reviewed as appropriate, and tracked projected financial outcome as the year progressed.
- Tracked very closely potential risks to the Association's financial position and reserves in the light of ongoing COVID pandemic, and the resulting effect on the activities of the association. Made income and expenditure adjustments and recommendations to Ard Chomhairle as appropriate.
- Reviewed availing of Government wage support schemes against eligibility criteria and made recommendations to Ard Chomhairle when appropriate to avail of such schemes.
- Determined the most appropriate and fair way to distribute Sport Ireland funding to units taking into account the pandemic impacts on those units.
- Processed review of mandatory procedures of a number of Association units.
- Advised Ard Chomhairle on financial matters throughout the year.
- Conducted a tendering process for annual audit and made recommendation to Ard Chomhairle.
- Reviewed HR issues and decisions as required and advised Ard Chomhairle in relation to HR matters.
- Supported the Association's Finance Manager and staff in maintaining sound financial practices and advised on issues as required.

**Patsy O'Keeffe**  
**Cathaoirleach**

## National Competitions Management Committee

### Committee responsibility under terms of reference

Review the current inter county fixtures programme in relation to the demands on players and also the impact of the national fixtures schedule on provincial, county competitions (clubs), third level and post-primary competitions and the development and promotion of the game.

**Date terms of reference were approved/ reviewed**  
November 20th 2019

### Number of meetings annually in terms of reference

Due to Covid 19 no meetings were held in 2020. Games were paused, as many Fixtures as possible were played.

The Association had to prioritise the balance between the number of games played during Covid 19 with the players' welfare being the priority.

**Hilda Breslin**  
**Cathaoirleach**

## Volunteer and Officer Support, Training and Development

**No. of Meetings held:** 4

**No. of meetings attended:**

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Eilís Kavanagh	Cathaoirleach	4
Linda Kenny	Committee Member	4
Olive Leonard	Committee Member	4

### Achievements in 2020

- Review of Camogie Officer training webinar (Wicklow).
- Review of Winter/Spring camogie involvement in joint CLDP Officer training.
- Review of Camogie involvement in CLDP training in Winter.
- Discussion of targets for Strategic Action Area 2 (Volunteers) and Area 4 (Leadership) for National Development Plan 2021-2024.
- Discussion of Volunteer Strategic Plan being developed by Pamela Frizelle.

**Eilís Kavanagh**  
**Cathaoirleach**



## National Coaching and Games Development Committee

**No. of meetings held up to October 2020: 6**

**No. of meetings attended:**

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Ailish Whitty	Cathairleach (Jan-Oct 2020)	6
Karen McCormick	Cathairleach (Nov 2020 -	-
Niall Williams	Rúnaí	5
Sheila O'Donoghue	Committee Member	5
Brigid Barnaville	Committee Member	6
Lynn Kelly	Committee Member	3

Rob Lotty, Munster Development Officer - 5  
 Declan Heggarty, Ulster Development Officer - 4  
 Joan Poland, Connaught Development Officer - 2  
 Angela Gahan, Leinster Development Officer - 5  
 James Heffernan, Youth Development Co-Ordinator - 6  
 Louise Conlon, Technical Development & Participation Manager - 6

### List of Achievements/Tasks in 2020

1. **GAA Coaching and Games Conference 10 & 11 January**
  - a. Had a stand and presenters involved over the weekend.
2. **2020 National Development Forum - 25th January**
  - a. County Development Officers and members of the County Executive.
3. **Gaelic Games Coaching Survey**
  - a. 11680 responses
  - b. 2184 Camogie Coaches Responses
4. **GAA Coach Webinar Series 2020 – Camogie Staff supported**
  - a. Over 14 weeks, a total of 27 separate sessions
  - b. More than 19,000 live participants
  - c. We had almost 40,000 views YouTube.
  - d. Camogie members engagement over 4000
5. **Coaching Bubble Podcast Women in Sport Series and Season 3**
  - a. Women in Sport - 1952 downloads
  - b. Season 3 – 4 Episodes to date – 2378 downloads
  - c. Total listens in 2020 to date of ell current and previous episodes - 18,251 downloads

**6. Tesco Skills Session**

- a. Four sessions
- b. 15.8k views and engagements

**7. Ready Steady Go Series**

- a. Six episodes'
- b. 21k views and engagements

**8. Coach Education**

- a. Course no's – 30 Foundation course ,  
5 x Level 1 , 1 x Level 2
  - i. Participants Number :
    1. 607 x Foundation Course ,
    2. 70 x Level 1 ,
    3. 16 x Level 2

**9. M.N.A Programme**

- a. Clubs – 52
- b. M.N.A Mentors Trained – 52
- c. Tesco Hurl With Me (Clubs) – 20
- d. Tesco Hurl With Me Participants – 176
- e. M.N.A Coaches Qualified – 90

**10. Third Level Coaching Academy - Galway Mayo Institute of Technology 7th March****11. Training Activities for Coaches While Maintaining Social Distancing Booklet developed.****12. Coach Me : Webinar series started in 2020 :**

- a. Camogie Coach Webinar Series - Performance Analysis Tools for creating your own hand notation template with Tomas Mount – 16th November
- b. Camogie Coach Webinar Series - 'Making Strength and Conditioning Simple' with Louise Keane – 2nd December

**13. Staff involvement in working groups with the Gaelic Family and Camogie Association :**

- a. GDC Working Group – Féile Review
- b. GDC Working Group – Go Games Review
- c. GDC Working Group – Youth Games Programme Review
- d. GDC Working Group – Club Schools Link
- e. Gaelic Games Family - Coaching Framework
- f. Gaelic Games Family – Games 4 All Committee
- g. The Camogie Association - Games Programme Review and Toolkit Development
- h. The Camogie Association Club – School Link resource and data base.
- i. The Camogie Association Club – Player Pathway Review

**14. The intercounty Development Academies games programmes were planned and restructure but due to government guidelines were not able to proceed.**

During 2020 the pandemic impacted greatly on the initiatives planned by our Development Officers across the four Provinces for on the field activities. This did not deter them in their roles as they have pushed on with their planning in the hope of returning to activities for the 2021 season whilst liaising with their respective counties.

Thank you to our Development Officers for their hard work and commitment in their Counties, Provinces and to all the members involved in this Committee for their valuable input and contributions. I wish to acknowledge the work of our staff and thank them for their support to me in my role as acting Chairperson. Finally I wish to thank our counterparts in the GAA and Sport Ireland Coaching for all their assistance, guidance and contributions in relation to Coaching and Games Development.

**Ailish Whitty**  
**Cathaoirleach**

**National Finals Appeals Committee (NFAC)**

**No. of Meetings held: 0**

**No. of meetings attended:**

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Eilís Kavanagh (McDonald)	Chairperson	0
Lorraine McCartan	Committee Member	0
Jackie Brien	Committee Member	0
Maeve Healy	Committee Member	0
Olive Leonard	Committee Member	0

List of Achievements/Tasks in 2020

There were no appeals to the NFAC in 2020, therefore there was no requirement for the committee to have any meetings throughout the year.

**Eilís Kavanagh**  
**Cathaoirleach**



## National Child Welfare and Protection Committee (NCWPC)

**No. of Meetings held:** 5

**No. of meetings attended:**

Committee Member Name	No. of meetings
Mary Connor	5
Marie O'Brien	3
Anne-Marie O'Gorman	4
Liz Donoghue	4
Kathryn Bradley	2
Barbara Ryan	3
Mark Hassett	4
Kitty Morley	4
Roberta Farrell	5

### Achievements in 2020

- Safeguarding 1 Virtual Online delivery - 140 workshops delivered to date includes North (32) & South (108)
- Safeguarding 1 Refresher workshop – 3,300 completed in 2020. (Note: Safeguarding Training numbers from across the 3 Associations)
- 4 Childrens officers webinars delivered – 2 joint webinars with LGFA/GAA
- Childrens Officer email accounts created.
- Vetting system role description drop box added.

The committee would like to thank the County and Club Childrens Officers for their continued support throughout the year ensuring that all Child Safeguarding measures were in place. I want to thank Roberta Farrell National Safeguarding Officer for all her work and her constant contact with counties in relation to child welfare, and I also thank my fellow committee members for all the work achieved in 2020.

**Mary Connor**  
**Cathaoirleach**



## National Referees, Support and Development Committee

**No. of Meetings held:** 3

**No. of meetings attended:**

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Aileen Lawlor	Chairperson	3
Frank Mc Donald	Committee Member	0
Walter Cole	Committee Member	3
Rosemary Hughes Merry	Committee Member	3

### Work completed since Congress 2020

- Referees Courses were delivered at all levels in counties provinces and nationally
- National referee's forum held by zoom
- Games were assessed throughout the League and Championship in 2020.
- These assessments provided ongoing constructive support in an advisory capacity to improve standards of our National Referees.
- Committee submitted proposed playing rule changes to Ard Chomhairle for consideration for congress 2021.
- Committee submitted proposed trial rule changes to Ard chomhairle for consideration for congress 2021.

We as an association need to actively recruit more referees. We have a fantastic game which is growing with more competitions being provided year on year. This committee have very valid concerns that our referees pool is not growing to meet the game requirements. It continues to be an uphill struggle to recruit New Referees. I urge all clubs counties and provinces to make a special effort in 2021 to identify and encourage new recruits. We cannot hold any game without these valuable officials in our game.

**Aileen Lawlor**  
**Cathaoirleach**

## Governance Committee

**No. of Meetings held:** 3

**Members:** Tom Daly, Melanie Ní Dhuinn, Niamh Kilmartin, Catherine Neary and Sheila O Donohoe (Chair)

**No. of meetings attended:**

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Tom Daly	Member	all
Melanie Ní Dhuinn	Member	all
Niamh Kilmartin	Member	all
Catherine Neary	Member	all
Sheila O Donohoe	Chair	all

### Work completed since Congress 2020

This includes completion of revised Terms of Reference for committees and role specification for Ard Chomhairle roles as requested by Ard Chomhairle.

The Governance committee will continue to advise and make recommendations to Ard Chomhairle in respect of organisational governance and best practice to ensure the Camogie Association is fully compliant with legislative requirements in relation to management and governance of the organisation.

**Sheila O'Donohoe**  
**Cathaoirleach**

## Risk Committee

**No. of Meetings held:** 5

**No. of meetings attended:**

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Geraldine Mc Grath	Chairperson	5
Brendan Mc Cabe	Secretary	5
Hilda Breslin	Committee Member	5
Tom Hayes	Committee Member	5
John Greene	Committee Member	5
Fiona Hamilton	Committee Member	4
Louise Byrne	Committee Member	2

### List of Achievements/Tasks in 2020

- Meet Quarterly – Risk Register reviewed.
- Report to Ard Chomhairle with top 10 Risks each quarter along with full register circulated.

I would like to thank all of the members of the committee for their valuable input and contributions to overseeing the Risk Register. I would like to thank the staff of the Camogie Association for their ongoing contributions to the Risk Register and especially to Brendan who is secretary of this committee.

**Geraldine McGrath**  
**Cathaoirleach**

## National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee (NTHDC)

### Members:

Fiona Hamilton - Cathaoirleach  
Mona O'Sullivan – Rúnaí  
Noeleen McCarthy  
Deirdre Mitchell-Canning  
Miriam Murphy  
Róisín Walsh

**No. of Cases Referred:** 10

In 2020 there were 10 cases referred to the Committee which resulted in 7 teleconference calls and 1 hearing.

The matters dealt with included Appeals (1), Red Cards (8), Referee Reports of verbal abuse by mentors (1).

**Fiona Hamilton**  
**Cathaoirleach**



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