

# Cumann Lúthcleas Gael Cheathrú Aodha Dhuibh

## Annual General Meeting 2023

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 8:00pm

**In attendance:** Full attendance list retained by Registrar...but included outgoing Executive Committee members - Brendan Sloan (Chair); Sandra Hughes (Secretary); Conor O'Neill (Treasurer); Sean McGeough (Vice Chair); Eamon Rooney (Assistant Secretary) Philip Loughran (PRO); Mark Hollywood (Registrar); Niall McCullagh (Assistant Registrar); Paul Dougan (Compliance Officer); Orla Napier (Coaching Development Officer); Paul McConville (Irish Language and Culture Officer) Maeve Holland (Head of Camogie) Ronan McCaughey (Head of Hurling); Sean McGonigle (Head of Health and Well Being Centre); Hilary Whyte (Children's Officer); Ed McQuillan (Head of Male Football); AnaMarie Magorrian (Head of Hub); Mark McCartan (Head of Handball and Rounders).

	<b>Welcome</b>
	<p>The meeting was delayed to a start time of 8.30pm to allow for a quorum of 97 to be reached. All eligible voting members received a coloured card for the purposes of voting. Those present not in receipt of such a card (e.g., social members, those under 18) were therefore not included in any subsequent vote.</p> <p>The Chair ultimately welcomed 105 members (the full list of those in attendance is retained by the Registrar).</p>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Adoption of Standing Orders</b>
	<p>The Chair sought and received a proposer (Sean McGeough) and seconder (Paul Dougan) for the Standing Orders. The Standing Orders were therefore declared to have been adopted.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting</b>
	<p>The Chair sought and received a proposer (Ryan McCauley) and seconder (Peter McVeigh) for last year's AGM Minutes. The Minutes were therefore declared to have been approved.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Adoption of the 2024 Constitution</b>
	<p>The Chair drew reference to the Draft 2024 Constitution which had been shared online and communicated to the full membership in advance. He confirmed that the content of the Constitution had been approved by the County Secretary and was now recommended to the wider membership for ratification, having also been approved by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Chair invited a show of hands for adoption of the 2024 Constitution, from which an overwhelming majority voted in favour. The Constitution was therefore declared to have been adopted.</p> <p>The Constitution will be available to view at all times on the club's website.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Annual Report submitted by the Secretary</b>
	<p>The Secretary provided a Summary presentation of her report (the full version of which had been circulated to all members in advance) outlining the key activities of the previous 12 months.</p> <p>Following an invitation from the Chair at the end of the presentation no questions were raised.</p> <p>The Chair sought and received a proposer (Ed McQuillan) and seconder (Niall McCullagh) for the Secretary's Report. The Secretary's Report was therefore declared to have been ratified.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Membership Update</b>
	<p>The Registrar provided an update of the current status of the Carryduff GAC Membership (the full version of which had been circulated to all members in advance).</p> <p>Two discussion points arising following an invitation from the Chair at the end of the presentation included:</p>

	<p>(i) <i>A query about any risk associated with moving the membership payment deadline to the end of February.</i> The Chair confirmed that the key motivation was the ever earlier starting date for training and the need for players to be signed up members (and recorded as such on the Foireann system) to ensure eligibility to the Player Injury Fund for any injuries incurred. In addition, the Registrar confirmed that payment by direct debit continued to be an option which should minimise the financial burden at that time of year and reminded the floor that although later payment could still be accepted (by non players) access to the Down Draw ticket provided an additional incentive to sign up by the requested date.</p> <p>(ii) <i>A question about the possibility of a separate rate for Premier Reserves to help increase numbers</i> The Registrar outlined the administrative difficulties involved in creating additional membership options in a club of this size, the management of too many options would require a paid administrator which was a reason why we were in fact streamlining those already in place.</p> <p>The Chair invited a show of hands for a vote taken on both aspects of the subscription/membership proposal.</p> <p>In a show of hands, a clear majority approved the proposed 2024 subscription/membership rates for 2024 In a subsequent show of hands for the addition of a new additional student rate (for students studying outside of Ulster) a clear majority also approved this proposal.</p> <p>The new subscription/membership rates were therefore deemed to have been adopted.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Financial Statement</b>
	<p>The Treasurer provided an update based on the Financial Statement (the full version of which had been circulated to all members in advance).</p> <p>Two discussion points arising following an invitation from the Chair at the end of the presentation included:</p> <p>(i) Whether consideration should be given to increasing income from gym membership given the relatively small proportion of adult members taking out membership, yet most of whom had use of the facility as external strength and conditioning coaches were used (unlike at underage level where an additional S&amp;C payment was sought from members). In response - The Treasurer reminded the floor of the need to keep a proportion of gym income aside for upgrades and maintenance (allowing it to be self-financing) This will be less of an issue in the early years when maintenance levels are lower but it cannot be assumed to be a steady income stream for the day-to-day club running costs. In addition, the Chair confirmed that we do need to encourage greater use of the facility and that it will be considered further going forward. In a related reference he also wished our outgoing S&amp;C coach well as he took on a new role with Antrim Senior Male footballers.</p> <p>(ii) In acknowledging the high standard of the Finance Report another question was raised about future plans to increase income/funding streams, to which the Treasurer confirmed that we will continue to focus on development priorities and would need to secure funding to enable this to happen.</p> <p>The Chair sought and received a proposer (David Kelly) and seconder (Andy Moohan) for the Financial Statement. The Financial Statement was therefore declared to have been ratified.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Chairperson's Address</b>
	<p>The Chair provided his address to the floor which summarised where the focus in the last year had been and outlined the four key priorities going into the next 12 months. These comprised: (i) Fundraising; (ii) Implementation of Coaching Strategy; (iii) Increasing the Volunteering base and; (iv) Facility Development</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Motions</b>
	<p>No eligible motions had been submitted in advance and therefore no discussion was required.</p>

<b>9.0</b>	<b>Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee</b>	
	<p>The full list of nominations had been circulated in advance. All nominated individuals accepted their roles with the exception of Paddy Tinnelly.</p> <p>The below individuals were duly appointed/approved to the 2023/24 Executive Committee.</p>	
Cathaoirleach	Chairperson	Brendan Sloan
Leas-Chathaoirleach	Vice chairperson	Sean McGeough
An Rúnaí	Secretary	Sandra Hughes
An Rúnaí Cúnta	Assistant-Secretary	Eamon Rooney
An Cisteoir	Treasurer	Conor O'Neill
Cláraitheoir	Registrar	Mark Hollywood
C.P.O	Public Relations Officer	Philip Loughran
Ionadaí na nImeoirí	Players' Representative	Ronan Lawlor
Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúr	Irish Language and Culture Officer	AnaMarie Magorrian
Oifigeach na Leanaí	Children's Officer	Hilary Whyte
Oifigeach cóitseála	Coaching Officer	Orla Napier
Baill an Choiste	Committee members	Paul Dougan
		Maeve Holland
		Stephen Magorrian
		Mark McCartan
		Ronan McCaughey
		Niall McCullagh
		Eamonn McKeever
		Claire Morris
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Any Other Notified Business</b>	
	<p>No other business had been notified. The meeting ended at 9.45pm and the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and for their support over the past 12 months.</p>	

Brendan Sloan  
Chair



Sandra Hughes  
Secretary

