



## *Tuairisc Bliantúil An Rúnaí 2016*

Is mór an phribléid dom Thuairisc Bliantúil a chur ós comhair Chomhdháil Comhairle na Mumhan CLG don bhliain 2016. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil do gach éinne a raibh páirteach le hobair an Chomhairle í rith 2016.

I am pleased to present my Annual Report on the activities of the Munster Council during 2016 to Provincial Convention in compliance with Rules 3.25 (a) and 3.28 of Treoraí Oifigiúil 2016. This Report on the general Provincial activities is concentrated on the Council activities during the 2016 calendar year in broad terms. I will not go into detail where the aspect of the Council work is covered in detail in Sub-Committee reports relating to Council activities elsewhere in this Annual Convention booklet. However the financial references and financial statements contained in the Convention booklet relate to the annual financial accounting period to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

### **OVERVIEW 2016**

#### **Representatives in National Inter-County Scene:**

Overall 2016 can be regarded as a very successful year for the Province on the field of play.

In Hurling it was a very successful year for the Province with significant highlights notably:

- **Tipperary** winning the Liam McCarthy All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship
- **Clare** winning the Allianz National Hurling League, the second Munster County to do so from Division 1b in successive years, narrowly beating Waterford in a tight replay
- The continued success of the Province in the Bord Gais Under 21 Hurling Championship with **Waterford** claiming the title.
- **Tipperary** completing an All-Ireland double winning the Minor A title and
- **Kerry** again won the Peadar Ó Liatháin (Minor B) All-Ireland Hurling title

Waterford played extremely well in reaching the All-Ireland senior Hurling semi-final only to be eventually defeated by Kilkenny in a great replay.

In Football while the Munster Champions, **Kerry** won the Electric Ireland Minor All-Ireland Championship and also won the Junior All-Ireland they failed in a bid to regain the senior crown losing to eventual Champions, Dublin, at semi-final stage. The promise emerging at Minor level suggests however that the county will not have long to wait before further senior success arrives.

The recent significant advances being made by **Tipperary** in football continued with excellent performances bringing them all the way to the All-Ireland senior semi-final in which they proved more than a match for Mayo. Had circumstances been different on the day they could have qualified for the Final. The County's deserved triumph over Cork in the Provincial Championship gave early indications of the teams commitment and intent and augers well for a more competitive Provincial Senior Championship going forward. A clear ambition for 2017 must be advancement to Division 2 in the Allianz National Football League.



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**Clare**, having won Division 3 of the Allianz National Football League, continued this good form in the Championship when reaching the last eight before going down to Kerry.

A disappointing aspect of the year was Cork's relegation to Division 2 of the Allianz National Football League but hopefully for **Cork**, but also for the Province, they will rebuild from there and regain Division 1 and All-Ireland Championship contender status very shortly.

### **Representatives in National Inter-Club Scene:**

It was a great season for the following Provincial Club Representatives in the 2015'16 All-Ireland Club Championships:

<i>Iomáint:</i>	<i><u>Shinsir</u></i> <i>Na Piarasaigh</i>	<i><u>Idirmheánach</u></i> <i>Wolfe Tones Na Sionna</i>	<i><u>Soisir</u></i> <i>Dún Guairne</i>
<i>Peil:</i>	<i>Na Trachtalaí</i> <i>Cluain Meala</i>	<i>Naomh Mhuire</i> <i>Cathair Saidhbhin</i>	<i>An Teampaill</i> <i>Nua</i>

**Na Piarasaigh** (Luimneach) made history by becoming the first **Limerick Club** to win the AIB Bank All-Ireland Senior Club Hurling Championship – Tommy Moore Cup, defeating Ruairí Óg Cushendall in the final, having overcome Oulart the Ballagh in the semi-final. This was a significant and deserved achievement after a number of years of team building.

Clare Club, **Wolfe Tones Na Sionna** and Cork Club, **Dun Guairne**, did not fare as well as both were defeated by Kilkenny opponents and eventual All-Ireland winners, Bennetsbridge and Glenmore respectively.

The strong performances by Provincial representatives in the All-Ireland Club Football Championships continued. **Na Trachtalaí Cluain Meala** represented their County and Province extremely well, though narrowly defeated in Extra Time, in the All-Ireland Senior Club semi-final, by eventual Champions, Ballyboden St, Enda's.

However two Kerry Clubs, **Naomh Mhuire**, **Cathair Saidhbhin** and **An Teampall Nua**, brought All-Ireland honours back to the Province when they were crowned AIB Bank All-Ireland Intermediate and Junior Club Football Champions respectively. Both Kerry Clubs overcame Mayo opposition, Hollymount-Carramore and Arndaree-Sarsfields respectively, in their All-Ireland Finals continuing the excellent record of Kerry Clubs representing the Province in these vibrant competitions.

It is hoped that the six Clubs representing the Province in the 2016'17 AIB GAA All-Ireland Club Championships who won their respective championships in November/December 2016 have successful campaigns in the All-Ireland championships just commenced. The Munster representatives are: **Baile Aodha (Senior Hurling)**, **Na Chrócaigh Cill Áirne (Senior Football)**, **Lios Mór (Intermediate Hurling)**, **An Neidín (intermediate Football)**, **Baile na mBocht (Junior Hurling)** and **Gleann Beithe-Gleann Chárthaigh (Junior Football)**.



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### **Internal Provincial Competitions:**

The Council organised the eight established Inter-County Championships in 2016 comprising of the Senior Hurling and Football, Intermediate Hurling, Junior Football, Under 21 Hurling and Football and Minor Hurling and Football. In addition the two subsidiary Hurling (Munster Senior Hurling League) and Football (McGrath Cup) were run in January 2016 with An Clár winning the hurling competition and Corcaigh the football.

The Council organised the six well-established AIB Bank Inter-Club Championships in 2016 comprising of the Senior Hurling and Football, Intermediate Hurling and Football and Junior Hurling and Football Championships with the Provincial Club Champions representing the Province in the national equivalent AIB Bank All-Ireland Club Championships.

**Unfortunately in 2016 Portláirge had no representation in either the AIB Bank Provincial Club Intermediate or Junior Football Championships.** While this may not damage the integrity or overall status of the Provincial Championships in these grades it is most desirable to have representation from all Counties in the Province in these competitions. It is also unfair on Clubs who eventually emerge as County Champions who are too late to compete in Provincial Championships as they would have a right to do. I recognise that dual participation by Clubs poses challenges with fixtures but these challenges can be anticipated and must be managed from the outset. The resolution of this matter ultimately rests with individual Counties through County Bye-Laws, Competition Regulations and improved internal management of fixtures programmes within Divisions and County Committee levels.

The Scoreboard appended later in my report on activities provides full details of all 86 match results for both Provincial inter-county (59 games) and Provincial inter-club (27 games) played during the season.

### **Provincial Teams - Inter-Provincial Competitions:**

The hurling and football teams representing the Province were fixed to play Ulster in both semi-finals in December 2016. The hurlers won comfortably on a score line of 3-21 to Ulster's 0-15. The footballers competed well in light of the fact that many of the Kerry players were unavailable on that weekend but came up short on the scoreboard: 3-17 to 1-15. Ulster went on the win the Final against Connacht.

The Interprovincial hurling team went on to defeat Leinster scoring 2-20 in a competitive and entertaining Final while conceding 2-16. The Council Chairperson presented the winners medals to the twenty-six players who represented the Province in the competition immediately after the Final.

On behalf of the Council I wish to record the sincere thanks of the Council to both management teams and to all the players who prepared to represent the Province in 2016. The two Hurling games were played in Semple Stadium, Thurles while the football was played in Parnell Park, Dublin.



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For the record the selected Munster teams were as follows:

### ***GAA Hurling Interprovincial Championship Semi-Final Panel & Team v Ulster (11-12-2016) Semple Stadium, Thurles - Munster 3-21 Ulster 0-15***

**Team:** Anthony Nash (Corcaigh), Shane Fives (Portláirge), James Barry (Tiobraid Árann), Noel Connors (Portláirge), Diarmuid Byrnes (Luimneach), Cian Dillon (An Clár), Barry Coughlan (Portláirge), Michael Breen (Tiobraid Árann), Jamie Barron (Portláirge), Shane Dowling (Luimneach), Dan McCormack (Tiobraid Árann), Shane Bennett (Portláirge), John O'Dwyer (Tiobraid Árann), Seamus Callanan (Tiobraid Árann), David Reidy (An Clár).

**Substitutes:** Aaron Shanagher (An Clár) for Shane Dowling, Barry Nash (Luimneach) for Shane Bennett, Tom Murnane (Ciarraí) for Jamie Barron, Pauric Maher (Tiobraid Árann) for Shane Fives, Stephen Bennett (Portláirge) for Dan McCormack, Shane Dowling (Luimneach) for John O'Dwyer, Shane Bennett (Portláirge) for David Reidy, Dan McCormack (Tiobraid Árann) for Michael Breen, Jamie Barron (Portláirge) for Cian Dillon, Shane Fives (Portláirge) for Barry Coughlan.

Darren Gleeson (Tiobraid Árann) Tom Condon & Cian Lynch (Luimneach)

### ***GAA Hurling Interprovincial Championship Final Team & Panel v Leinster (15-12-2016) Semple Stadium, Thurles - Munster 2-20 Leinster 2-16***

**Team:** Darren Gleeson (Tipperary); Barry Coughlan (Waterford), James Barry (Tipperary), Noel Connors (Waterford); Diarmuid Byrnes (Limerick), Cian Dillon (Clare), Padraic Maher (Tipperary); Brendan Maher (Tipperary – **Captain**), Jamie Barron (Waterford); Dan McCormack (Tipperary), Michael Breen (Tipperary), Shane Bennett (Waterford); John O'Dwyer (Tipperary), Seamus Callanan (Tipperary), David Reidy (Clare)

**Substitutes:** Noel McGrath (Tipperary) for Shane Bennett, Alan Cadogan (Cork) for B Maher, Barry Nash (Limerick) for McCormack, Shane Dowling (Limerick) for O'Dwyer, Aaron Shanagher (Clare) for Breen, Stephen Bennett (Waterford) for Barron, Shane Fives (Waterford) for Coughlan, Tom Murnane (Kerry) for Dillon, Cian Lynch (Limerick) for Callanan. Anthony Nash (Cork), Tom Condon (Limerick).

**Hurling Manager:** Anthony Daly (An Clár)

**Selectors:** Tommy Dunne (Tiobraid Árann) and John Mullane (Portláirge)

**Council Liaison Officer:** Mary O'Mahoney

**Doctor:** Dr. Paul Ryan

**Physio:** Mick Clohessy

### ***GAA Football Interprovincial Championship Semi-Final Panel v Ulster (11-12-2016) Parnell Park, Dublin - Munster 1-15 Ulster 3-17***

**Team:** Evan Comerford (Tiobraid Árann); Kevin Hartnett (An Clár), Alan Campbell (Tiobraid Árann), Tomás O' Gorman (Portláirge); Iain Corbett (Luimneach), Conor Dorman (Corcaigh),



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Colm O'Driscoll (Corcaigh); Gary Brennan (An Clár), Aidan O'Mahony (Ciarraí); Jamie Malone (An Clár), Paul Whyte (Portláirge), Kevin O'Driscoll (Corcaigh); Eoin Cleary (An Clár), Tommy Walsh (Ciarraí), Conor Sweeney (Tiobraid Árann)

**Substitutes:** David Tubridy (An Clár) for Eoin Cleary (20), Patrick Hurney (Portláirge) for Conor Sweeney (20), Brian Fox (Tiobraid Árann) for Kevin O'Driscoll (28), David Treacy (Luimneach) for Aidan O'Mahony (29, black card), Ruairi Deane (Corcaigh) for Gary Brennan (h/t), Keelan Sexton (An Clár) for Paul Whyte (h/t), Gary Brennan for Jamie Malone (39), Kevin O'Driscoll for Tommy Walsh (44), Conor Sweeney for Patrick Hurney (50), Ciaran Kenrick (Tiobraid Árann) for Evan Comerford (59). Michael Quinlivan (Tiobraid Árann)

**Football Manager:** Ger O'Sullivan (Corcaigh)

**Selectors:** Dr. Dave Geaney (Ciarraí) and Declan Browne (Tiobraid Árann)

**Council Liaison Officer:** Nuala Nealon

**Team Doctor:** Dr. Con Murphy      **Physio:** Ian Dowling

Last year in the Report on Provincial activities I made the following comments:

*"... unfortunately the interprovincial competitions have lost their appeal for patrons of our games and this is the situation for some time. I believe that commentators who suggest that the fall off in public interest arises from a lack of adequate marketing of the games or our failure to identify an optimum time slot for the competitions, in a heavily congested fixtures calendar, are mistaken. I believe that the entire games environment has changed radically and that these interprovincial competitions have simply lost their status in this changed environment. There is significantly more activity at both inter-county, club, higher education and post-primary levels in all grades since the interprovincial competitions were a significant part of the Association's games calendar. Foremost amongst the factors which have changed the games environment and consequently the relative status or position of the interprovincial competitions are the revised format of the club and inter-county championships with second chances etc. leading to far more commitments for players and particularly elite inter-county players. The training regimes for club, inter-county and schools' players have also intensified out of measure from the days when the interprovincial competitions had a significant niche in the Association's games calendar. The All-Ireland Club Championships at Intermediate and Junior levels in both codes have achieved an importance within the minds of the patrons since their introduction and rightly so.*

*Change is inevitable in all spheres of activity and the Association is no different. The challenge presented to us is to adapt to this change and to plan accordingly in a mature manner. The Association can no longer credibly search for improvements to how we plan, structure and manage our games programmes (geared towards reducing burnout to elite players and giving a fairer deal to club players in terms of the number of games available and the scheduling of these games programmes) while simultaneously searching for an optimum slot for the interprovincial competitions. The credibility of many excellent reports is compromised, in my view, by a reluctance to acknowledge that accommodating the interprovincial competitions in a seriously congested fixture calendar is virtually impossible without creating adverse impacts elsewhere.*



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*Neither is it realistic or credible for the Association to continue to expend significantly on the interprovincial competitions when every single staging of the competitions proves irrefutably that the patrons have no interest and have spoken with their feet. In my view it is impossible to justify such expenditure when many clubs and county committees are struggling to meet the significant financial burdens on them in order to survive and continue. I recognise that savings on these competitions alone will not relieve the burdens on all of these units but I do believe that we should sensibly prioritise the use of all funding at our disposal and use it prudently."*

The experience and expenditure in 2016 again bear out the validity of my comments last year.

### **Provincial Representation in Education Sector Competitions:**

A positive achievement at Post-Primary Schools' level was the retention in the Province for a third successive year of the **Hogan Cup** (Senior Post-Primary All-Ireland Football Championship) by **St. Brendan's Killarney** succeeding fellow Kerry post-primary school, Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne (winners in 2014 and 2015). In a well contested Final St. Brendan's overcame the Ulster champions: St. Patrick's Maghera.

**Ardcoil Rís**, Luimneach were narrowly defeated in the **Dr. Croke Cup** (Senior Post-Primary All-Ireland Hurling Championship) Final by third in a row champions, St. Kieran's Kilkenny, who also accounted for Templemore at semi-final stage.

The **Fitzgibbon Cup** was retained in the Province by first-time champions **Mary Immaculate College** when accounting for holders and fellow Provincial Institution, **UL** in an exciting Final which required 30 minutes of Extra Time. This is a major achievement by Mary I in light of the relatively small number of students in the college.

## **ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE**

### **Provincial Bye-Laws:**

Item 9 on the Convention agenda schedules the making of Provincial Bye-Laws by Convention. Significant changes were made to the Provincial Bye-Laws at the last two Conventions. This year only some minor amendments, to correct the text rather than to introduce any change will be considered. *Draft* Munster Provincial Bye-Laws for the consideration of Convention are follow this Report and appendices.

### **Provincial Council:**

For the record the Council membership since last Convention on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 was as follows:

#### **Oifigí:**

**Cathaoirleach:**

**Leas Cathaoirleach:**

**Cisteoir:**

**Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:**

**Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin/Rúnaí:**

Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin

Liam Ó Loineacháin

Antóin Breathnach

Gearóid Ó Riain

Siomón Ó Maolrunaí (Non-Voting)



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Iar-Cathaoirleach:

Roibeard an tSeaca

### **Teachtaí ar son Na gCondaeth:**

<u>An Clár:</u>	P S Ó Ceallaigh agus Ciarán Ceitinn
<u>Ciarraí:</u>	Cristóir Ó Cillín agus Seosamh Ó Crualaoich
<u>Corcaigh:</u>	Marc Ó Siocháin agus Diarmuid Mac Gabhann
<u>Luimneach:</u>	Prionnsias Ó Riada agus Pól Ó Foghlú
<u>Portláirge:</u>	Breandán Ó Toibín agus Seán Ó Laoire
<u>Tiobraid Árann:</u>	Seán Ó Costagáin agus Séamus Ó Muineog

Comhairle Réigiúnach Liathróid Láimhe:

Cionnaith Ó Conbhuí (Non-Voting)

Comhairle Ard-Oideachas Na Mumhan:

Cathal Mac Carthaigh (Non-Voting)

Comhairle Iar-Bhunscoileanna Na Mumhan:

Liam Ó Mathuna (Non-Voting)

Coiste Bhunscoileanna Na Mumhan:

Seosamh Ó Laighin (Non-Voting)

The six constituent Counties in the Province are required to submit to the Council a list of all the affiliated Clubs before March 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The following reflects the 573 Clubs in each County as per the affiliations submitted in 2016:

<b><i>Contae:</i></b>	<b><i>gCumainn:</i></b>
An Clár	56
Ciarraí	73
Corcaigh	257
Luimneach	65
Portláirge	50
Tiobraid Árann	72
<b><i>Total:</i></b>	<b><i>573</i></b>

The Council met on six occasions since the last Convention on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Significant decisions taken by Council during the past year include:

- Approval of Terms of Reference for Provincial Sub-Committees for three year term coinciding with Chairperson's maximum term 2016-2019. As 2016 is the first of a three-year term for these Provincial Council Sub-Committees coinciding with the maximum term of the Chairperson I have included the Terms of Reference for each Committee in an APPENDIX below.
- Appointing members Council Sub-Committees & Workgroups for 2016-2019. As 2016 is the first of a three-year term for these Provincial Council Sub-Committees coinciding with the maximum term of the Chairperson I have included the membership for each Committee in an APPENDIX below.
- Appointment of Uachtarán Oinigh.
- Approval of an application from Coiste Contae Phortláirge to re-grade more than one Club teams from Junior A to Junior B grades.



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- Approval of a Provincial Council Budgets for financial years 2015'16 and 2016'17 on the recommendation of the Management & Finance Committee
- Approval of Banking Mandates to reflect changes to officers.
- Approval of the Development Grants Scheme for 2016 recommended by the Planning & Development Committee
- Receiving reports from the County Representatives on the status of the Club Championships in their respective counties
- Establishment of Provincial Health & wellbeing – Games for All Workgroup 2016-2019.
- Approving Terms of Reference for newly established Provincial Health & wellbeing – Games for All Workgroup 2016-2019
- Resolutions in relation to Provincial Trustee for real property of Association Units
- The making/alteration of Competition Regulations for all Provincial Inter-County and Inter-Club Competitions (nineteen competitions in total). This included making alterations to the Minor Football Championship Competition Regulation, the McGrath Cup Senior Football League and the re-named coopsuperstores.ie Munster Senior Hurling League Competitions Regulations. New Competition Regulations were made by Council for three new Competitions to be run in 2017: the Provincial elements of the two (National) Special “Once-Off” U17 Football and Hurling Competitions and a new Provincial U25 Reserves/Development Hurling Competition
- The submission of a motion to Annual Congress 2017 seeking a Rule change to institute a new U25 Reserves/Development Championship to replace the current Intermediate Championship
- Approving recommendations from the Council Planning & Physical Development Sub-Committee for Physical Development Grants for Units within the Province funded by Central and Provincial Council
- Receiving Progress Reports from the Chairpersons of the various Council Sub-Committees
- Appointment of management personnel for the Interprovincial teams

I wish to pay tribute to a number of members of the outgoing Council who will not be returning after Annual Convention either because their maximum five-year term is ending with the life of this Council or to move on to other things within their County Committee. These include:. I would also pay tribute to the outgoing Uachtarán Oinigh, Teidí Ó Suilleabháin (Ciarraí) whose maximum three-year year term also ends at this Convention.

The Council was fortunate to secure a most suitable sponsor for the Subsidiary Hurling Competition for 2017 towards the latter end of the year in **Co-Op Superstores**. The Council looks forward to working with the company for our mutual benefit in the years ahead.

### **Work of Council Sub-Committees:**

Much of the detailed work of the Council is referred to Provincial Council Sub-Committees in accordance with Rule and the Provincial Bye-Laws. In all the Provincial Council appoints **eight statutory Sub-Committees** as prescribed in Rule. In addition there are **four** Provincial Sub-Committees one for Handball and the three Educational sectors committees as also prescribed in





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Rule. Four of these sub-committees have **five Work-Groups** dedicated to specific aspects of the sub-committee brief. This year, the Council, to comply with national policy on the matter, established an additional **Health & Wellbeing – Games for All Workgroup** which is linked to and will work in conjunction with the Provincial Coaching & Games Development Sub-Committee. In addition there are two **Fixture Analysts** appointed by the Management & Finance Committee of Council.

Consequently when reporting on the activities of the Council it is necessary to state that the work of the Council is assisted by an extensive sub-committee structure. The various sub-committees operate on the basis of specific Terms of Reference approved by the Council, with Committee members serving three-year terms coinciding with the tenure of the Provincial Chairperson. This was the first year of this prescribed three-year term.

In the first year of the term the Council directly re-aligned the Committee and Workgroup structure with the provisions in current Rule and Bye-Law. All Workgroups are connected with specific Council Sub-Committees. Council also determined the **Terms of Reference** and **Memberships** for the Sub-Committees and Workgroups for all Sub-Committees and Workgroups. The Terms of Reference and memberships for the three-year term (unless stated) are as follows:

### **Management and Finance Committee** **Terms of Reference 2016-2019:**

The Provincial Management and Finance Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to the Committee in Rule 3.32 (A) (i) TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (i), and later versions approved by Congress/Provincial Convention.

It shall not have plenary powers except where delegated in Rule and Munster Provincial Bye-Law e.g. decisions in relation to the management of Category 5 Development Grants implemented solely in accordance with the Council approved Budgetary Framework 2015-2014.

The Committee shall, subject to the overall control of the Council, manage the Council affairs within the Provincial jurisdiction, between Provincial Council meetings. This will include all duties and responsibilities set out in Bye-Law 2 (i) a. to g. together with the following:

- Recommending the Annual Council Budget for approval to Council.
- Monitoring the Council's Finances on an on-going basis, with particular reference to income and expenditure arising from competitions organised by the Council.
- Dealing with applications for financial assistance to Council, including the approval or rejection of same.



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- Dealing with applications for Borrowing Approvals, meeting applicant Units and making recommendations to the National Finance & Management Committee on behalf of the Council as appropriate.
- Dealing with applications from Units within the Province for permission to purchase/lease/dispose of real property, meeting applicant Unit representatives and making recommendations to the National Finance & Management Committee on behalf of Council as appropriate.
- Make recommendations to Council in relation to the approval of physical developments by Clubs and the recommendation or otherwise of County Grounds Developments to Central Council. (Rule 3.30 (m)).
- Selection of recipients for the Annual Awards.
- Making recommendations to Council on staff complements and changes in conjunction with the CEO.

### **Management & Finance Committee Membership 2016-2019:**

Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin Cathaoirleach  
Ciarán Ó Lidí, Bhainisteoir Oibríochtaí (Rúnaí)  
Liam Ó Loineacháin, Leas-Cathaoirleach  
Antóin Breathnach, Cisteoir  
Gearóid Ó Riain, Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí  
Siomón Ó Maolrunaí, Rúnaí/POF  
Roibeard an tSeaca, (Iar-Chathaoirleach) **2016-2017 only**

### **Competitions Control Committee**

#### **Terms of Reference 2016-2019:**

The Provincial Competitions Control Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to the Committee in Rule 3.32 (A) (ii) TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (ii) a. to d. and later versions approved by Congress/Provincial Convention. It shall liaise with the two Provincial Fixtures Planners on the production of an ongoing three-year Fixtures Plan and Schedule. It shall have plenary powers within the limitations set out in Rule and Munster Provincial Bye-Laws.

### **Competitions Control Committee Membership 2016-2019:**

Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin Cathaoirleach  
Siomón Ó Maolrunaí (Rúnaí) - (*Without Voting rights*)  
Liam Ó Loineacháin  
Antóin Breathnach  
Gearóid Ó Riain

Ciarán Ó Céitinn (An Clár)  
Cristóir Ó Cillín (Ciarraí)  
Marc Ó Siocháin (Corcaigh)



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Proinsias Ó Riada (Luimneach)  
Breandáin Ó Toibín (Portláirge)  
Seán Ó Costagáin (Tiobraid Árann)

Caoimhín Breathnach  
(Provincial Referees' Administrator - *Restricted voting rights*)

### **Hearings Committee**

#### **Terms of Reference 2016-2019:**

The Provincial Competitions Control Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to the Committee in Rule 3.32 (A) (iii) TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (iii) and later versions approved by Congress/Provincial Convention. It shall have plenary powers within the limitations set out in Rule.

#### **Provincial Hearings Committee Membership 2016-2019:**

Donnacha Mac Thomáis (Luimneach) Cathaoirleach  
Liam Ó Conchúir (Ciarraí) Rúnaí

P S Ó Ceallaigh (An Clár)  
Seosamh Ó Cruaíoch (Ciarraí)  
Diarmuid Mac Gabhann (Corcaigh)  
Pól Ó Foghlú (Luimneach)  
Seán Ó Laoire (Portláirge)  
Seamús Ó Muineog (Tiobraid Árann)

Seamús de Náis (An Clár)  
Risteárd Ó Murchú (Corcaigh)  
Tomás Ó hAonghusa (Portláirge)  
P S Ó Meachair (Tiobraid Árann)

### **Planning and Physical Development Committee**

#### **Terms of Reference 2016-2019:**

The Provincial Planning and Development Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to the Committee in Rule 3.32 (A) (iv) TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (iv). It shall not have plenary powers.

The Committee shall, subject to the overall control of the Council, manage the Grounds and Physical Development function of Council. This will include:



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- The ongoing review and the making of recommendations to Council for improvements in the Development Grants Guidelines/Scheme criteria and process.
- Disseminate information to ensure all county and club officers are familiar with revised processes and procedures as required.
- The Committee shall recommend allocations of Development Grants under Grant Categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.
- The Council **Management & Finance Committee** shall manage Category 5 Grants for Major County Grounds.
- The **Coaching & Games Development Committee** shall process and make recommendations to Council for Category 7 Grants.
- The Physical Planning & Development Committee shall review and make recommendations to Council for alterations to the criteria and process for Category 7 Grants.

### ***Planning & Physical Development Committee Membership 2016-2019:***

Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin Cathaoirleach

Ciarán Ó Lidí, Bhainisteoir Oibríochtaí (Rúnaí)

*(Without Voting rights)*

Liam Ó Loineacháin

Antóin Breathnach

Gearóid Ó Riain

Siomón Ó Maolrunaí

*(Without Voting rights)*

P S Ó Ceallaigh (An Clár)

Seosamh Ó Crualaoich (Ciarraí)

Diarmuid S Mac Gabhann (Corcaigh)

**Vacant** (Luimneach)

Seán Ó Laoire (Portláirge)

Seamús Ó Muineog (Tiobraid Árann)

The Committee shall appoint **two** standing **Workgroups** as follows to deal with the specific Committee functions relating to (i) **Club/County Administration & Training of County/Club Officers Workgroup** and (ii) **Grounds' Safety Workgroup**. Both Workgroups shall report to and make recommendations to the Committee which in turn, through the Committee Chairperson, shall report, as required, to the Council.

### ***(i) Club/County Administration & Officer Training Workgroup Terms of Reference 2016 – 2019***

The membership of this Workgroup shall be comprised of a Chairperson and Secretary recommended to Council by the Management & Finance Committee with particular expertise and experience in the administration and training areas. In addition the six



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County Development Officers shall also be members. The membership for 2016-19 shall be as follows subject to changes in the County Development officer-ships during the three-year term of office.

The brief of the Workgroup is to work towards the following objectives:

- Report via the Chairperson and make recommendations to the Planning & Physical Development Committee at least twice each year.
- Provide support for County Development Officers and County Planning, Physical Development & Safety Committees in discharging their duties under Rule 2.20 (v) (a) in the Club Planning and Development including the training of Club Officers.
- Work with the County Development Officers and the County Planning, Physical Development & Safety Committees to update and maintain “Club Trustees” in compliance with Rule 5.3 on Vesting and the provisions in the Club Constitution on ASSETS AND TRUSTEES.
- Work with the County Development Officers and the County Planning, Physical Development & Safety Committees to ensure that all Clubs pass a “Club Trustee Indemnity Motion at the Club Annual General Meeting.
- It shall facilitate the maintenance of a two-way link between the Provincial Planning & Development Committee and the relevant National Committee(s) in terms of developments at County Provincial and National level in its designated work area.
- To Liaise with Games Managers at Provincial level to identify Club needs with a view to assisting them in providing remedies.
- Make Association advice material available to Clubs through website in conjunction with the Council’s Communications Officer.
- Make Club Manual available to clubs through website in conjunction with Croke Park and the Council Communications Officer.
- Identify and assist the National Committee with the training of a panel Club Development Associates in all counties.
- Work towards creating awareness of and the efficient implementation of policies and programmes in the designated work area of the Workgroup throughout the Province.

### ***Club/County Administration & Officer Training Workgroup Membership 2016-2019:***

Éamonn Ó Suilleabháin, (Ciarraí) Cathaoirleach

Micheál Ó Broin, (Coiste Bainistí) Runaí

Gearóid Ó hIcí, (An Clár)

Taidhigin Ó Murchú, (Ciarraí)

Risteard Ó Murchú, (Corcaigh)

Seamús Ó Tuama, (Luimneach)

Eimear de Barra, (Portláirge)

Pádraig S. Ó Meachair, (Tiobraid Árann)



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### **(ii) *Grounds' Safety Workgroup Terms of Reference 2016 – 2019.***

The membership of this Workgroup shall be comprised of a Chairperson and Secretary recommended to Council by the Management & Finance Committee with particular expertise and experience in the Ground Safety area; the six Event Controllers appointed by the Council CEO/Secretary for the major County Grounds in the Province and the six County Development Officers.

The membership for 2016'19 shall be as follows subject to changes in the County Development officer-ships during the three-year term of office. The membership for 2016'19 shall be as follows subject to changes in the County Development officer-ships during the three-year term of office.

The brief of the Workgroup is to work towards the following objectives:

- Work with County Planning, Physical Development and Safety Committees and the County Development Officers to ensure that all grounds are compliant with Safety Legislation and Health and Safety Policies.
- The assessment and reporting on all Ar mholadh venues for Council Fixtures on an ongoing basis.
- Hold pre-planning meetings involving the officers and relevant Event Controller before all events with an anticipated attendance in excess of 5,000 and develop a stewarding plan for Munster Council Special stewards and external professional stewards where employed.
- Assist with steward management on the day of Munster GAA games including management of Steward Bib Identification system.
- Work with both the National Infrastructure & Health & Safety Committee to ensure safety standards are in place in all venues as required.
- Work with the six County Development Committees to promote a Safety Audit for all clubs Facilities and in particular those clubs applying for Munster and National Development Grants.

### **Club and County Grounds Safety Workgroup Membership 2016-2019:**

Ciarán Mac Cana (Corcaigh), Cathaoirleach

Seán De Bhreitt (An Clár), Rúnaí

Seán De Pháil, (An Clár)

Seán Ó Léanacháin (Ciarraí)

Éamonn Leaindí, (Corcaigh)

Tadhg Ó Riain, (Luimneach)

Nollaig Ó Suilleabháin, (Portláirge)

Conchúr Ó hÓgáin, (Tiobraid Árann)

Gearóid Ó hÍcí, (An Clár)



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Taidhigin Ó Murchú, (Ciarraí)  
Risteard Ó Murchú, (Corcaigh)  
Seamús Ó Tuama, (Luimneach)  
Eimear de Barra, (Portláirge)  
Pádraig S. Ó Meachair, (Tiobraid Árann)

Siomón Ó Maolrunaí (Comhairle Na Mumhan)

### *Referees' Administration Committee*

#### *Terms of Reference 2016 – 2019.*

The Provincial Referees' Administration Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to the Committee in Rule 3.32 (A) (v) TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (v). It shall not have plenary powers.

The Committee shall, subject to the overall control of the Council, manage the Referees' Administration function of Council. This will include:

- **Recruitment** of suitable qualified and experience Referees' for the Provincial Referees' Panel.
- Organise and conduct **training** programmes for Referees' for the Provincial Referees' Panel.
- **Advisory** function in relation to Referees' on the Provincial Referees' Panel.
- **Classify** all Referees' on the Provincial Referees' Panel and additions to the panel.
- Organise and manage fitness testing for panel Referees' as required.
- Develop advisory and monitoring programme for panel Referees' with emphasis on career pathway and new referees.
- In conjunction with County Referee Administrators' conduct umpire training in all counties bi-annually.
- In conjunction with County referee coordinators' hold seminar for club referees in line with National policy.
- Control and manage refereeing equipment on behalf of the Council.
- Submit recommendations via the Provincial Referees Administrator to the CCC Provincial Referees Appointment Workgroup for consideration and decision.

#### *Referees Administration Committee Membership 2016-2019:*

Seán Ó Seasnáin (Corcaigh), Cathaoirleach  
Caoimhín Breathnach (An Clár), Rúnaí &  
Provincial Referees' Administrator

Gearóid Ó hEochaidh (An Clár)  
Seosamh Ó Langáin (Ciarraí)  
Gearóid Ó hUrdail (Corcaigh)



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Micheál Ó Miach (Luimneach)  
Micheál Ó hUaidín (Portlárige)  
Seamús Ó Seaghdha (Tiobraid Árann)  
Roibeard an tSeaca (Comhairle Na Mumhan 2016'17)

### *Coaching & Games Development Committee Terms of Reference 2016-2019*

The Provincial Coaching & Games Development Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to the Committee in Rule 3.32 (A) (vi) TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (vi). It shall not have plenary powers.

The Committee shall, subject to the overall control of the Council, manage the Coaching & Games Development function of Council. This will include:

- Educational Sector Games Development.
- Monitoring and reporting on Underage Games Activity/Progress/Developments.
- Monitoring and reporting on County Performance in Development.
- To carry out an Underage (Minor downwards) Games Audit and examine the Underage Fixtures Programmes in the six Munster Counties and submit an Annual Report including the analysis and recommendations to the Council CEO before 1<sup>st</sup> December each year.
- To compile an Annual Report in summary form on the state of the Games and on Games Development in the six Munster Counties and submit to the Council CEO before 1<sup>st</sup> December each year.
- Delivery of National Coaching Policies in Munster.
- The management and implementation of the Councils coaching and games development programmes, including the Munster Club Nursery Project.
- The deployment of the Coaching and Games Development Managers and Games Development Administrators.
- Maximising the return from the resources deployed in this area by the Council.
- The implementation of a Provincial Coach Education Programme.
- Organisation and co-ordination of Summer Camps.
- Organisation of Poc Fáda competition(s).
- The implementation of Policy Proposals relating to all Underage activities and with regard to the organisation of the Academy programmes..
- Organisation of under 16 Divisional Hurling competition and overseeing and monitoring of under 16 Divisional Football competition (Limerick Bord na nÓg).
- An audit of and the preparation of Policy Proposals with regard to the provision of regular games to Adult and Underage Players – Club and County – in well promoted competition in which players have realistic prospects of success and improvement.
- Continue initiatives for hurling development projects in Kerry and Limerick City.





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- Identification of areas in the Province in need of football promotional initiatives.
- The organisation of regular meetings with staff representatives from Third Level Colleges.
- The preparation of draft criteria and documentation for all Council Third Level Bursaries
- Administration of pitch sanding scheme.
- Support the development and promotion of Handball, Ladies Football and Camogie within the Province.
- Monitoring of County Games Development personnel structures.
- Work with Representative groups set up in each county to oversee underage games.
- Assist in implementation of Garda vetting in all counties.
- Identify support needed for local initiatives in Urban Areas.
- Develop and enhance Club school link programme in all counties.
- Implement the Go Games model in underage activity in line with National Policy.

### *Coaching & Games Development Committee Membership 2016-2019:*

Liam Ó Loineacháin, Cathaoirleach

Pádraig Ó Sé, Rúnaí

Micheál Mac Carthaigh (Coiste Bainistí), Leas-Cathaoirleach

Micheál Ó Néill (An Clár)

Éamonn Ó Faoláin (Ciarraí)

Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin (Corcaigh)

Micheál Ó Cuinneagáin (Luimneach)

MacDara Mac Donnacha (Portláirge)

Seán Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)

Cionnaith Ó Conbhuí (Comhairle Cúige Réigiúnach Liathroid Láimhe)

Liam Ó Garbaith (Comhairle Chúige Ard-Oideachais)

Seán Ó Braonáin (Provincial Post-Primary Schools' Council)

An Br. Séamus Ó Duidhíorma (Coiste Cúige na mBunscol)

Caitlín Uí Aogáin (Comhairle Camogaiochtaí Na Mumhan)

Cait Ní hArrachtain (Cumann Peil Gael Mumhan na nBan)

The Council shall appoint a standing *Workgroup* as follows to deal with the specific functions relating to *Provincial Health & Wellbeing - Games for All*. The Workgroup shall report to and make recommendations to the Committee which in turn, through the Committee Chairperson, shall report, as required, to the Council.

*Provincial Health & Wellbeing – Games for All Workgroup Terms of Reference & Membership 2016 – 2019.*



## *Tuairisc Bliantúil An Rúnaí 2016*

The membership of this Workgroup shall be comprised of a Chairperson and Secretary recommended to Council by the Management & Finance Committee with particular expertise and experience in the Health & Wellbeing & Games for All area; and the six County Health & Wellbeing Officers appointed by the six County Committees in the Province.

The Workgroup shall be attached to and work in conjunction with the Provincial Coaching & Games Development Sub-Committee and the Provincial Games Manager(s).

The membership for 2016'19 shall be as follows subject to changes in the County Health & Wellbeing Chairperson-ships during the three-year term of office.

### ***Membership 2016 – 2019***

Diarmuid Mac Gabhann, Cathaoirleach (Corcaigh & Comhairle Na Mumhan)  
Gearóid Mac Conmara, Rúnaí (Luimneach & National Games for All Committee)

County Health & Wellbeing Committee Chairperson (An Clár)  
County Health & Wellbeing Committee Chairperson (Ciarraí)  
County Health & Wellbeing Committee Chairperson (Corcaigh)  
Caoimhín Ó hÁgáin (Luimneach)  
County Health & Wellbeing Committee Chairperson (Portláirge)  
County Health & Wellbeing Committee Chairperson (Tiobraid Árann)

The brief of the Workgroup is to work towards the following objectives:

- Positively promote the implementation of the Health and Games for All agendas within the Province through engagement with the County Health & Wellbeing Committees.
- To be the principal conduit for liaison and meetings between the National Health & Wellbeing Committee, the National Games for All Committee and the six County Health & Wellbeing Committees.
- Hosting the biannual meetings between the National Health & Wellbeing Committee and the County Health & Wellbeing Committees in relation to the Healthy Club initiative.
- Assist with the formulation of County Health & Wellbeing and Games for All Plans and Projects at the beginning of each year.
- Review progress by the six County Health & Wellbeing and Games for All Plans and Projects at the end of each year.
- Promote all National Integration and Inclusion initiatives with relevant County personnel within the Province.
- Manage and administer (through the Workgroup Secretary and in conjunction with the Provincial Games Manager(s)) all Provincial Wheelchair Hurling



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activity and subject to the overall budgetary control of the Provincial Management & Finance Sub-Committee.

- Promote the positive exchange of ideas and strategies in these areas between the six County and the National Health & Wellbeing and Games for All Committees.
- The Workgroup will carry out any other tasks assigned to it from time to time by the Provincial Management & Finance Sub-Committee.
- A Minute of all meetings of the Workgroup shall be recorded and submitted to the Provincial Secretary/CEO.
- Meetings shall be held, by default, in “Áras Mumhan”.
- Submit an Annual Report on the work of the Workgroup to the Secretary of the Coaching & Games Development Sub-Committee before 1<sup>st</sup> December each year for inclusion in the annual Coaching & Games Development Report to Annual Convention.

### **Coiste Cultúrtha**

***Terms of Reference: 2016 – 2019.***

An Coiste Cultúrtha Cúige shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to the Committee in Rule 3.32 (A) (vii) TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (vii). It shall not have plenary powers.

An Coiste shall, subject to the overall control of the Council, manage the **Irish Language, Scór and Other Cultural Activity** functions of Council. This will include:

- To promote and progress all facets of Irish culture and the language insofar as it affects the activities of the Council.
- To oversee, direct and supervise the work and affairs of the associated Scór Workgroup on behalf of the Council.
- Circulation of data relative to Irish language club names to all clubs within the province.
- Assess and monitor the effectiveness of Gaeltacht scholarships and make recommendations in relation to any improvements necessary including a requirement for Club membership.
- Promote awareness of the Gaeltacht Scholarship scheme.
- Work and liaise with the County Irish Language & Cultural Officers and the County Cultural Committees.
- Promote the holding of Cultural nights by clubs via the County Cultural Committees.
- Work to have 50% of club websites with “as Gaeilge section” by 2019.
- To submit an Income & Expenditure Account Y/E 31<sup>st</sup> October for all Scór activities and bank account(s) to the Council’s Operations Manager before 1<sup>st</sup> December each year.



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### Coiste Cultúrtha:

Marc Ó Siocháin, Cathaoirleach

Micheál Ó Drisleáin, Rúnaí

Tomás Ó hIarlatha (Cathaoirleach, Obair Ghrúpa Scór)

Diarmuid Ó Dúda (Rúnaí, Obair Ghrúpa Scór)

Áine Ní hAodha (An Clár)

Leona Twiss Ní Bhriain (Ciarraí)

Diarmuid Breathnach (Corcaigh)

Micheál Ó Riain (Luimneach)

Seosaimhín Ní Cathail (Tiobraid Árann)

Antóin Breathnach (Comhairle Na Mumhan)

An Coiste shall appoint a standing **Workgroup** to deal specifically with the Scór function. The Workgroups shall report to and make recommendations to the Committee which in turn, through the Committee Chairperson, shall report, as required, to the Council.

### ***Scór Workgroup***

The membership of the Scór Workgroup shall be comprised of a Chairperson and Secretary (designated by the Committee, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Committee itself), and four other members with particular expertise and experience in Scór activities. The membership of the Workgroup shall include representation from all Counties in the Province.

The brief of the Workgroup is to work towards the following objectives:

- To organise and manage, on behalf of the Committee and Council, on all provincial Scór competitions at Scór Sinsir and Scór Na nÓg and to report to Committee annually.
- To liaise with County Scór officers and committees in order to improve and develop Scór activities in all Clubs.
- To submit an Income & Expenditure Account Y/E 31<sup>st</sup> October for all Scór activities and bank account(s) to the Committee before 14<sup>th</sup> November each year.
- To update all Bank Account Mandates associated with Scór and provide for mandatory signatures from one Committee Officer.

### **Scór Workgroup Membership 2016-2017: (Appointed by Council on 28-04-2016)**

Tomás Ó hIarlatha (Ciarraí), Cathaoirleach

Maighrhead Ní Faoláin, (Corcaigh), Leas Cathaoirleach

Diarmuid Ó Dúda (Corcaigh), Rúnaí

Séamus Mac Craith (Tiobraid Árann), Cisteoir



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Micheál Mac Conmara (An Clár), Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí  
Antóin Breathnach, Toscaire Comhairle na Mumhan

### *Ionadaí*

Seamús Mac Ionrachaigh, (An Clár)  
Jackie Breathnach, (Ciarraí)  
Seamús Mac Ionrachaigh, (Luimneach)  
Michéal Ó Riain, (Luimneach)  
Padraig Mac Gearailt, (Portlárige)

### *PR & Marketing Committee*

#### *Terms of Reference 2016 – 2019.*

The Provincial Public Relations & Marketing Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to the Committee in Rule 3.32 (A) (viii) TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (viii). It shall not have plenary powers.

The Committee shall, subject to the overall control of the Council, manage the **Public Relations & Marketing** functions of Council. This will include:

- Development a Communications and Marketing Strategy for approval of the Council.
- Develop proposals to optimise use of social media to promote Council activities and brand.
- Publication of high quality Information Booklets, Schedule of Fixtures booklets.
- Publication of high quality match programmes for all Council games either directly or in consultation with equivalent sub-committees of County Committees in the Province.
- Developing and implementing strategies to maximise the attendance at Council games; both paying and non-paying (students) patrons.
- Developing and implementing across the Council Committee structure a brand identity for the Council comprising of logo and name style to be used in all publications, correspondence and marketing images.
- Liaising with the other sub-committees on an ongoing basis on areas that impact on the overall image of the Council e.g. CCC sub-committee on optimum timing and grouping of fixtures; Coaching and Games Development sub-committee on style of coaching manuals, certificates etc.
- Develop a Training plan for County and Club PROs.
- Launch communications toolkits in Counties with assistance from Croke Park.
- Work with Croke Park to develop Training Programme on effective communications for GAA officers.
- Develop online surveys for Council website to assist with feedback on service by Council.



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### **Public Relations & Marketing Committee:**

Gearóid Ó Riain, Cathaoirleach  
Séamus Mac Fírbhisig, Runaí

Seán Ó hAlluráin, (An Clár)  
Seán Ó Laoire (Ciarraí)  
Dónal Ó Laocha (Corcaigh)  
Éamonn Ó Faoláin (Luimneach)  
Eoin Sabhaois (Portláirge)  
Seosamh Ó Breacáin, (Tiobraid Árann)

### ***Club Fixture Monitoring Committee Terms of Reference 2016 – 2019.***

The Provincial Club Fixtures Monitoring Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to the Committee in Rule 3.31 TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (x). It shall not have plenary powers.

The Committee shall manage its responsibilities in relation to Club Fixtures as set out in Rule 3.31 TO.

### **Club Fixtures Monitoring Committee Membership 2016-2019:**

Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin  
Siomón Ó Maolrunaí  
Ciarán O Lidí, Provincial Fixtures Analyst  
Éamonn Ó Suilleabháin, Provincial Fixtures Analyst  
Brendán Ó Toibín, (Council)

The Council appointed the following ***Provincial Regional Handball Council / Sub-Committee*** in accordance with Rules 3.29 & 3.55 (c). Ar mholadh: Seán Ó Costagáin agus Seán Ó Laoire ag cuidiú leis.

### **Munster Provincial Regional Handball Committee Membership 2016-2017:**

Cionnaith Ó Conbhui, Cathaoirleach & Representative on Provincial Council  
Donal Ó hAodha, Runaí  
Mícheál Ó Conchúir, Leas Cathaoirleach  
Peadar Ó Duinneacha, Cisteoir/Leas Runaí  
Brendain Ó Failbhe, Oifigeach Óige  
Seosamh Ó Coirbín, Oifigeach Oiliúna  
Padraig Ó Freaghaile, Oifigeach Forbartha  
Padraig Mac Coileáin, Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí



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The Council appointed the following ***Provincial Higher Education Council*** in accordance with Rules 3.29 and 3.56. Ar mholadh: Seán Ó Costagáin agus Seán Ó Laoire ag cuidiú leis.

### ***Comhairle Chúige Ard-Oideachais Membership 2016-2017:***

Séarlas Ó Cárthaigh, Cathaoirleach, Council Representative

Seosamh Mac Fhóbhuí, Runaí

Ciara Uí Criagáin, Cisteoir

Liam Ó Laoi, Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

Liam Ó Gairbhith, Oifigeach Oiliúna

Liam Mac Searraigh, C.A Representative

The Council appointed the following ***Provincial Post-Primary Schools' Council*** in accordance with Rules 3.29 and 3.56. Ar mholadh: Seán Ó Costagáin agus Seán Ó Laoire ag cuidiú leis.

### ***Comhairle Chúige Iar-Bhunscoileanna Membership 2016-2017***

Liam Ó Mathúna, Cathaoirleach, Council Representative

Colm Ó hAodha, Runaí

Fiontán Ó Conchúir, Leas Cathaoirleach

Gearoid Ó Nuanáin, Leas-Runaí

Fearghas Ó Riain, Cisteoir

Séan Ó Braonáin

The Council appointed the following ***Provincial Primary Schools' Committee*** in accordance with Rules 3.29 and 3.56. Ar mholadh: Seán Ó Costagáin agus Seán Ó Laoire ag cuidiú leis.

### ***Coiste Cuige na mBunscol Membership 2016-2017:***

Seosamh O Laighin, Cathaoirleach, Council Representative

Cillian O Raghallaigh, Runaí

Tomas Ó hAinfein, Leas Cathaoirleach

Mairead Ó Ceallacháin, Cisteoir

Aodhan Mac Bhrain, Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

An Br.Séamus Ó Duidhíorma, Oifigeach Forbartha

The Council received Progress Reports from the Chairpersons of each Committee throughout the year as frequently as deemed necessary by the Council. The reports from the various sub-committees and work-groups are included later in this booklet and form part of the report on Council activities for 2016.

***Fixture Analysts***

***Terms of Reference 2016 – 2019.***



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Two Provincial Fixture Analysts, appointed by the Provincial Management & Finance Committee, shall be responsible for the implementation of the Council functions and duties assigned to them in Rule 3.32 (A) (x) TO 2015 and Munster Provincial Bye-Law 2 (ix).

The two Provincial Fixtures Planners shall, subject to the overall control of the Council, manage the **Fixture Planning** functions of Council. This will include:

- Planning, monitoring, analysing and reviewing the Provincial Fixtures Programme.
- To carry out an Adult (excluding Minor downwards) Games Audit and examine the Adult Fixtures Programmes in the six Munster Counties and submit an Annual Report including the analysis and recommendations to the Council CEO before 1<sup>st</sup> December each year.
- Present a Report to each Provincial Convention on all Fixtures at Provincial and County levels and submit a report to the National Fixtures Planning Committee.
- Liaise with the Provincial Competitions Control Committee on the production of an ongoing three-year Fixtures Plan and Schedule.
- Implement national policy and directives emanating from the National Fixtures Planning Committee.
- Assist the National Fixtures Planning Committee in organising the education and training of Fixtures Planners at County Level.

The meeting appointed Éamonn Ó Suilleabháin and Ciarán Ó Lidí as the two **Provincial Fixtures Analysts** for the period 2016-2019 in accordance with Rule 3.32 (A) (x) and Bye-Law 2 (ix).

### **Management & Finance Committee:**

The management of the affairs within the Provincial Jurisdiction is the responsibility of the **Management Committee** between Provincial Council meetings. The **Finance Committee** is responsible for all Financial Matters referred to it by the Provincial Council. The Munster Council operate a combined **Management & Finance Committee** and this was again the case in 2016.

The following is the common membership of the Management & Finance Committee:

**Cathaoirleach:** Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin      **Rúnaí:** Ciarán Ó Lidí (Bhainisteoir Oibríochtaí/Leas POF/Rúnaí).

**Oifigí Foirne:** Liam Ó Loineacháin (Leas Cathaoirleach), Antóin Breathnach (Cisteoir), Gearóid Ó Riain (Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí) Siomón Ó Maolrunaí (Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin/Rúnaí). agus Roibeard an tSeaca, Iar Cathaoirleach (2016-2017)

During the year since Convention the joint Management & Finance Committee met on 11 occasions as business required.





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The key business of the Management & Finance Committee during the year included:

- Dealing with routine matters arising for decision between Council meetings
- Monitoring the Council's Finances on an on-going basis, with particular reference to income and expenditure arising from competitions organised by the Council
- Processing and approving applications and detailed proposals on behalf of County Committees for specific funding under the Budgetary Framework for the ten-year period 2015-2024.
- Recommending Council Budgets for the 2015'16 and 2016'17 financial years to the Council for approval
- Dealing with applications for financial assistance to Council
- Dealing with applications for Borrowing Approvals, meeting applicant Units and making recommendations to the National Finance & Management Committee on behalf of the Council as appropriate. This forms a significant and growing element of the Committees work.
- Dealing with applications from Units within the Province for permission to purchase/lease/dispose of real property, meeting applicant Unit representatives and making recommendations to the National Finance & Management Committee on behalf of Council as appropriate
- Appointing two Provincial Fixtures Analysts
- Selection of recipients for the Annual Awards 2016

### **Club Fixtures Monitoring Committee:**

The statutory *Sub-Committee to Monitor County Fixtures Programmes* again operated in 2016 as required by rule. Basically the Club Fixtures Programmes from the six Counties and subsequent amendments thereto were received and circulated to committee members throughout 2016. Unlike 2015, not all Counties had full representation in all Provincial Club Championships in 2016 and this is regrettable. I have referred earlier to the non-participation of Club representatives from Portlárige in the Intermediate and Junior Club Football Championships. It is hoped that with continued dedication to fixture planning and scheduling and the introduction of adequate Competition Regulations for club championships that these instances will be progressively eliminated.

In my opinion there are limitations in the capacity of the Monitoring Sub-Committee structure to deal with its brief as the jurisdiction with regard to the imposition of the Penalties available switches from Provincial to National level once participation by Counties in the Provincial Championships concludes i.e. well before the period when fixture issues generally emerge. In addition I feel that the mechanism in Rule addresses the symptoms of the fixture problem rather than some of the underlying causes of fixture dysfunction e.g. non-uniformity of Club Championships structures within the Counties.

This sub-committee in 2016 was comprised of: Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin (Cathaoirleach), Siomón Ó Maolrunaí (Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin/Rúnaí), Breandán Ó Toibín (Portlárige) and the two Provincial Fixtures Analysts, Éamon Ó Suilleabhain agus Ciarán Ó Lidí.



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### **Competitions Control Committee:**

Two of the Council sub-committees, the **Provincial Competitions Control Committee (CCC)** and the **Provincial Hearings Committee**, operate on the basis of prescribed roles and procedures in General Rule and Provincial Bye-Law. I will therefore refer to the activities of both of these committees within the text of this Annual Report.

The **Competitions Control Committee** is composed of the Council officers and Representatives from each County. It deals with the **management of and arrangements for all provincial fixtures** (*within the terms of the various Competition Regulations made by the Full Council*) and **Objections** lodged during the year. The membership during 2016 was as follows:

**Cathaoirleach:** Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin      **Rúnaí:** Siomón Ó Maolrunaí

### **Baill den Choiste:**

**Oifigí den Chomhairle:** Liam Ó Loineacháin (Leas Cathaoirleach), Antóin Breathnach (Cisteoir), Gearóid Ó Riain (Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí).

**Baill den Chomhairle ar son Na gCondaeth:** Ciarán Ceitinn (An Clár), Cristóir Ó Cillín (Ciarraí), Marc Ó Siocháin (Corcaigh), Prionnsias Ó Riada (Luimneach), Breandán Ó Toibín (Portláirge) agus Seán Ó Costagáin (Tiobraid Árann).

**Provincial Referees' Administrator:** Caoimhín Breathnach.

All referee appointments within the jurisdiction of Comhairle Na Mumhan CLG are delegated under Provincial Bye-Law to a **Referees' Appointment Workgroup** comprised of the Council officers and the Provincial Referees' Administrator. At the first meeting of Provincial CCC held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 the Committee appointed the members of the Workgroup as follows:

Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin, Cathaoirleach  
Siomón Ó Maolrunaí, Rúnaí  
Liam Ó Loineacháin, Leas-Cathaoirleach  
Antóin Breathnach, Cisteoir  
Gearóid Ó Riain, Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí  
Caoimhín Breathnach, Provincial Referees' Administrator

Provincial Bye-Law permits the Provincial CCC to appoint members to carry out certain of its functions to Sub-Committee members. At the first meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 the committee made the following **appointment or delegation of authority** to the Committee Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí:

*The Committee appointed the Cathaoirleach and the Rúnaí to carry out certain Committee functions as provided for in Rule and Munster Provincial Bye-Law as follows:*

#### **a. Inter County Transfers**

*The full-time Secretary shall be delegated authority to deal with routine (i.e. Transfer applications where **NO Objection** is lodged by the County the player is*



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leaving) Transfer applications on behalf of the Committee within the parameters set out in rule.

### **b. Delegation to full-time Secretary**

*In accordance with rule 7.3 (a) of Treoraí Oifigiúil 2015 the Council full-time Secretary is delegated authority to carry out the following functions on behalf of the Competitions Control Committee in relation to Disciplinary Action:*

- 1) Making a written Request for Clarification to a Referee where there is ambiguity in his Report relating to an alleged Infraction or where Clarification is sought in writing from a Defending Party with a request for a Hearing.*
- 2) The issue of written notices advising the imposition of penalties for Infractions carrying the penalty of a specified fine in Rule as provided for in rule 7.3 (g) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2015.*
- 3) Preparation of Disciplinary Report(s) in cases of alleged Category I, II, III, IV and V Infractions by Players as disclosed in a Referees Report.*
- 4) Preparation of Disciplinary Report(s) in cases of alleged Category Ia, IIa and IIIa Infractions by Team Officials as disclosed in a Referees Report.*
- 5) Issuing Players who make requests in urgent cases, as referred to in rule, with clarification and direction on the position between meetings of the Competitions Control Committee.*
- 6) Issuing Notice(s) of Disciplinary Action, including appropriate Proposed Penalty, in the prescribed Form arising from cases referred to at 3) and 4) above.*
- 7) Issuing confirmation of the imposition of Penalties to Defending Parties in the prescribed form of Notice in cases where:*
  - The Reply Form in response to the Notice of Disciplinary Action received from the Defending Party confirms acceptance of the Proposed Penalty or*
  - The Defending Party fails to return a Reply Form within the prescribed three day period.*
- 8) Passing copies of the Notice of Disciplinary Action and Reply Form to the Secretary of the Provincial Hearings Committee in cases where the Defending Party requests a Hearing.*

*The full-time Secretary shall submit a written report on all routine cases dealt with under this delegated authority between meetings to a subsequent meeting of the Competition Control Committee.*

*In general the Chairperson and full-time Secretary shall represent the Competitions Control Committee and present the evidence contained in Disciplinary Reports to Hearings of the Provincial Hearings Committee. In their*



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*absence any other members of the Competitions Control Committee shall represent the Committee and present evidence.*

The Competitions Control Committee met on nine occasions during 2016'17 and thanks to the committee all competitions were completed within the 2016 calendar year.

The following Table provides a summary analysis of the games and disciplinary activity dealt with by the committee in Provincial adult and minor competitions during the year:

<i><b>Inter-County Competitions:</b></i>	<i>Games Fixed:</i>	<i>Games Played:</i>	<i>Including Replays:</i>	<i>Disciplinary Cases:</i>	<i>Hearings:</i>
Senior Hurling Championship	4	4		CCCC	CHC
Senior Football Championship	5	5		CCCC	CHC
Intermediate Hurling Championship	4	4		3	1
Junior Football Championship	5	5		4	
Under 21 Hurling Championship	4	4		0	
Under 21 Football Championship	5	5		4	
Minor Hurling Championship	7	7		1	
Minor Football Championship	8	8		8	
Munster Senior Hurling League	11	10	N/A	2	
McGrath Cup	7	7	N/A	4	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>
<i><b>Inter-Club Competitions:</b></i>	<i>Games Fixed:</i>	<i>Games Played:</i>	<i>Replays:</i>	<i>Disciplinary Cases:</i>	<i>Hearings:</i>
Club Senior Hurling	4	4		0	
Club Senior Football	5	5		9	
Club Intermediate Hurling	5	5		2	
Club Intermediate Football	5	4		4	
Club Junior Hurling	5	5		5	
Club Junior Football	5	4		8	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>28</b>	
<b>Total Inter-County &amp; Inter-Club:</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>

No *Objections* required processing by the committee during the year.

As referred to above a comprehensive record of all the provincial playing activities entitled **SCOREBOARD 2016** is appended to this report containing the results of all Council fixtures played throughout the province in 2016.

The draws for the *Provincial Senior Championships* are made each year in conjunction with the draws for the other provincial senior championships. The 2017 draws were made on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The draws for the two senior championships determine the pairings for the provincial intermediate hurling (Munster U25 Reserves Hurling Competition in 2017) and junior football



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championships. Following the draws the Provincial Competition Control Committee determined the venues and the fixture schedule for 2017.

The Provincial Competitions Control Committee subsequently conducted the draws for the remaining 2017 inter-county championships (Under 21, Minor and U17 Special), the subsidiary competitions (McGrath Cup – Munster Senior Football League and coopsuperstores.ie Munster Hurling League) and for the senior, intermediate and junior club championships in both codes. The *schedule of all inter-county and inter-club games in 2017* as approved by the Provincial Competitions Control Committee is published later in this report under the title “*Games Programme 2017*”.

The committee considered emerging changes, some not relevant until 2018, arising from decisions of Congress and of the Central Council which carry implications for Provincial fixtures during the year. These included:

- Organisation of Provincial Special “Once-Off” U17 Hurling and Football Competitions for juveniles born in 2000 and determination of the structure and optimum scheduling for both to avoid clashes with County Club Championships and the Minor (U18) Provincial Championships.
- The decision of Central Council on a Congress motion referred to it that from 2018 onwards the U21 Hurling All-Ireland Hurling Championship will be concluded before the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final. This poses CCC serious scheduling difficulties in 2018 for the Bord Gais Energy Munster U21 Hurling Championship in the most congested Inter-County Hurling Championship period between the Allianz National Hurling league Final and the second Liam McCarthy Cup semi-final. In my opinion there is no problem with the existing schedule for U21 Hurling and it should be left as it is.
- The decision of Central Council on a Congress motion referred to it that from 2018 onwards the new Minor (U17 from 2018 onwards) Championships be played alongside the senior championships, as in the case with the current minor championships. The case with the current minor championships is that Provincial CCC schedule the Minor Finals with the Senior Finals and no change is envisaged therefore in Munster. Any further synchronising of minor and senior championships poses serious difficulties for the “second chance” structure to our current Minor Championships and ideally would require a common draw for the senior and minor championships. The consequent re-siting of the Intermediate and Junior quarter-finals and semi-finals in the event of a complete senior/minor synchronisation would spell the death knell for these championships.

### **Provincial Hearings Committee:**

The *Provincial Hearings Committee* is comprised of members of the Council and others qualified personnel and deals with all Hearings arising from Provincial Competitions and Appeals lodged against decisions of County Committees in Munster. Members of the Provincial Management and Competitions Control Committee may not serve on the Provincial Hearings Committee.



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The detailed Report on the activities of the Provincial Hearings Committee is included later in this booklet. I wish to acknowledge the hard work of the Committee, and particularly the hard working Chairperson, Donncha Mac Thomáis, and Secretary, Liam Ó Conchúir. The Council is extremely fortunate to have committee officers of such integrity and experience available and committed to this important and sometimes sensitive work of the Council.

All sub-committees are manned by a group of dedicated voluntary people who work hard on behalf of the Council. I wish to acknowledge the immense efforts and personal sacrifice, in terms of time and energy, made by these people on the Councils work. In particular I wish to thank the officers of these sub-committees on whom a greater burden of responsibility falls. I recognise fully that without these unpaid volunteers the work of the Council would seriously suffer. **Reports on the work of many sub-committees and workgroups are included later in the booklet** and give a sense of the range of work being carried out on the Councils behalf by the many personnel involved. Go raibh míle maith agaibh arís.

### **GAMES 2016**

This was a successful year for the Council in terms of games activity. This is the core work and key focus of the Council. The details are recorded earlier in this report in the section dealing with the work of the Provincial Competitions Control Committee.

I wish to thank all involved for this: the Competition Control Committee, the hard working and efficient Referees' Administration Sub-Committee, individual Referees, Linesmen, Sideline Officials, Umpires and Referee Advisors; and all ground staff at large and small venues throughout the province. I wish to thank the six County Treasurers and the many Stile persons for all the help and assistance provided to the Council Treasurer, the Council Operations Manager, Kieran Leddy, the Councils Events Manager, John Brennan, and the Council Ticketing manager, Mary O'Mahoney in relation to Council fixtures throughout the year.

I wish to record my thanks to the **Match Monitor, Kieran McGann**, who diplomatically but firmly supervises the implementation of the Association Organisation and Presentation Regulations for all the Council senior games during the year.

This year, in line with a Central Council policy, the **Respect Handshake** was conducted prior to the senior and minor finals. I wish to thank **Ger Hickey** for very effectively managing the Respect Handshakes before the four finals in 2016.

I do not propose to go into any detail about the individual competitions and the individual winners and losers as everyone is well acquainted with this material already. However I do wish to record the congratulations of the Council to the winners of all sixteen provincial competitions and particularly to the winners of the fourteen Munster Championships as follows:

#### **Inter-County Championships:**

**GRADE:**

**IOMÁINT:**

**PEIL:**



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Senior	Tiobraid Árann	Ciarraí
Intermediate/ (Junior)	An Clár	(Ciarraí)
Under 21	Portláirge	Corcaigh
Minor	Tiobraid Árann	Ciarraí

### Inter-County Subsidiary Competitions:

<u>COMPETITION:</u>	<u>IOMÁINT:</u>	<u>PEIL:</u>
Waterford Crystal (McGrath) Cups	An Clár	(Corcaigh)

### Inter-Club Championships:

<u>GRADE:</u>	<u>IOMÁINT:</u>	<u>PEIL:</u>
Senior	Baile Aodha (An Clár)	Dr. Crócaigh (Ciarraí)
Intermediate	Lios Mór (Portláirge)	An Neidín (Ciarraí)
Junior	Baile na mBocht (Corcaigh)	Gleann Beithe-Gleann Chárthaigh (Ciarraí)

## SCHOOLS

A key element of the strength of the national games over the years is the work carried out by many Teachers in our primary, post-primary and third level schools in promoting the skills of the games with our youth. On behalf of the Council I wish to acknowledge the ongoing contribution to our games by the teaching profession. The Council seeks to make this task easier in the schools and directly contributed **€321,065** as follows to the schools bodies in 2016:

	Annual Grants	Coaching Staff Costs Subvention	Development Grants	Bursaries (Primary Game)	Totals
<b>Third Level</b>	€25,000	€112,000		€31,250	€168,250
<b>Post Primary</b>	€27,000	€33,873			€60,873
<b>Primary</b>	€38,554		€29,390	€24,538	€92,482
<b>Totals</b>	<b>€90,554</b>	<b>€145,873</b>	<b>€29,390</b>	<b>€55,788</b>	<b>€321,605</b>

\*Note: Central Council contributed a further €80,000, with €40,000 for Third Level Bursaries and €40,000 to the Post Primary Committee.

\*\*Note: The Gaeltacht Scholarships amounted to €26,975.

In addition to this the Council (via its Coaching & Games Development Sub-Committee) engages actively with the education sector at all levels in terms of the ongoing provision of advice and



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guidance in the coaching and games development sphere. It is also inclusive as each provincial education committee holds membership of the Council sub-committee and fully participates. The Council sub-committee also organises an annual *Primary School Teachers Course* in Mary Immaculate College during the summer months each year.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

I will not dwell too long on the financial aspects of the Council activities during 2016 as this is dealt with comprehensively by the Council's Operations Manager and Deputy CEO, Kieran Leddy. Kieran, who is effectively the Council's Financial Controller, has a detailed report on the Council finances later in the booklet. In addition the Financial Reports for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 audited by BDO are included in the booklet.

The Council did not have as successful a year financially as it enjoyed in 2015. The deterioration is covered in the Operations Manager's report. It primarily arose from the lack of a replay (senior football replay in 2015), the unfortunate impact of adverse weather for the majority of our senior hurling championship games, including the final, and financially less attractive pairings in some key games. Nonetheless the Council had a good year financially but it reminds us that there is inherent inbuilt volatility in the financial element of Council affairs. The benefit of Council financial strength as always is shared with the Club and County Units in the Province by way of significant disbursements streamed via the various grants schemes, details of which are contained in the financial statements for the accounting period.

The Council continued in 2016 into the second year of the implementation of the **ten-year Budgetary Framework 2015-2024** which was approved by Council in January 2015. The implementation by the Management & Finance Committee continued with distribution of the dedicated budgets to four counties and involved Assistance to Capital Projects expenditures and employment of the Collateral Cash-Flow Mechanism. Greater detail is provided later in this booklet and in the Financial Statements. Shortly after the end of the current financial accounting period on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 the significant budget for major County Grounds in Cork for the ten-year period 2015-2024 of €3.75 million was allocated. This will mean a significant deficit in the financial statements for the next accounting period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. This however was anticipated and flagged when Council approved the Budgetary Framework agreement in January 2015.

### **ANNUAL AWARDS 2016**

The Munster Council Annual GAA Awards Night has become a well-established and important function in the social calendar each year. The presentation function was held in the "Rochestown Park Hotel" in Cork on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and it proved an extremely enjoyable night under the shorter format employed. The deserving recipients of the various awards in 2016 are as follows:

**Player of the Year Awards:**

Senior Hurling:

Seán Mac Craith (Tiobraid Árann)





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Senior Football:	Pól Ó Géibheannaigh (Ciarraí)
Handball:	Aisling Ní Chaoimh (Corcaigh)
Camogie:	Niamh Ní Mhaolchathaigh (Luimneach)
Ladies Gaelic Football:	Rena Ní Bhuachalla (Corcaigh)
Intermediate Hurling:	Daithí Ó Conraoi (An Clár)
Junior Football:	Seámus Ó Laoi (Luimneach)
Under 21 Hurling:	Austin Ó Gliasáin (Portlárige)
Under 21 Football:	Micheál Ó hUrthuile (Corcaigh)
Minor Hurling:	Jake Ó Muiris (Tiobraid Árann)
Minor Football:	Daithí Ó Clúmháin (Ciarraí)

### **Distinguished Service Awards:**

Manager of the Year:	Micheál Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)
Club of the Year:	CLG Baile Aodha (An Clár)
Hall of Fame (Hurling):	Cathal Mac Cárthaigh (Corcaigh)
Hall of Fame (Football):	Seán Ó Cuain (Luimneach)
Distinguished Service to GAA:	Micheál Mac Conmara (An Clár)

### **REFEREES:**

At the Annual Awards function the Council recognised the Referees who officiated at the Council inter-county championship finals in 2016 and the Referees who officiated at the inter-club championship finals the previous year in 2015. This is small recognition for the training which these Referees undertake throughout the year in order to be right for the many games they officiate at during the season. I wish to pay tribute to all the Referees in the province for the essential job they carry out week in week out for the Association. The Referees are honoured in this way as representatives of all Referees. The 2016/2015 recipients were:

#### **Inter-County Competitions 2016:**

Brian Ó Gabháin ( <i>Uibh Fhailt</i> )	Iomáint Shinsir
Daithí Mag Eochadha ( <i>An Mhí</i> )	Peil Shinsir
Seosamh Ó Lorcáin ( <i>Corcaigh</i> )	Iomáint Idirmheánach
Daithí Ó Gruagáin ( <i>Tiobraid Árann</i> )	Peil Soisir
Seán Ó Murchú ( <i>Luimneach</i> )	Iomáint Fé 21
Seán Ó Longargáin ( <i>Tiobraid Árann</i> )	Peil Fé 21
Ruairí Mac Cana ( <i>An Clár</i> )	Iomáint Na Mionúir
Ailín Ó Ciosáin ( <i>Portlárige</i> )	Peil Na Mionúir
Nathan De Bhál ( <i>Corcaigh</i> )	Sraith Sinsir Iomáint Na Mumhan
Seán Ó Longargáin ( <i>Tiobraid Árann</i> )	Corn Mhic Craith

#### **Club Championships 2015:**

Diarmuid Ó Ciarbháin ( <i>Corcaigh</i> )	Iomáint Shinsir Na gClub
Ruairí Ó hÍcí ( <i>An Clár</i> )	Peil Shinsir Na gClub
Seán Ó Murchú ( <i>Luimneach</i> )	Iomáint Idirmheánach Na gClub
Seán Ó Lonargáin ( <i>Tiobraid Árann</i> )	Peil Idirmheánach Na gClub



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Ruairí Mac Canna (*An Clár*)  
Séamus Mac Fheorais (*Corcaigh*)

Iomáint Soisir Na gClub  
Peil Soisir Na gClub

I also wish to reiterate my recognition of the ***Provincial Referees' Administration Committee*** who worked extremely hard throughout 2016 and performed most efficiently. I wish to pay particular thanks to Seán Ó Seasnáin (new Cathaoirleach) and Caoimhín Breathnach (Rúnaí and Provincial Referees' Administrator) for their excellent work and commitment throughout the past year. The Council is extremely fortunate to have officers of this calibre managing the refereeing affairs in the province.

### **CHALLENGES FOR THE ASSOCIATION:**

There are a number of challenges facing the Association at present and these challenges continue to be debated as they have been over the past number of years. Most internal debate and external commentary centres on the structures of the Inter-County Competitions (primarily the Senior Football Championship of late), the balance between scheduling Inter-County and Inter-club playing activity in a dual-level Fixture Calendar, Player burn-out and related issues. This is understandable in an organisation which serves two different sporting codes and two different constituencies: Inter-County and Inter-Club with a cross over between both and in cases between all four. In addition decisions within the Association are made democratically by Units with different and sometimes changing priorities, standards of achievement and ambitions.

The key document published in 2016 and contributing to the ongoing debate is:

#### ***Proposal on a Revised Format of the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship (2018 and Beyond)***

Following on from the ***Central Council Review of Senior Football Championship*** conducted in 2015 the Ard Stiurthóir offered for discussion and consideration a ***Proposal On A Revised Format Of The All-Ireland Senior Football Championship (2018 and Beyond)***. The proposals contained in this document already considered by Ard Comhairle will be debated and decided at Congress 2017.

I agree entirely with the Ard Stiurthóir's analysis of the issues in his proposal for a new (senior football) championship structure. I further agree with his identification of the Association's fundamental limitations in terms of achieving the perfect solution. Most importantly I believe that he has correctly identified what should be the key compelling imperative for change i.e. a fairer and more balanced deal for Club competitions and Club players.

My concerns, which I readily accept come from adopting a narrower Provincial perspective, is the impact which the revised structure for the Senior Football Championship may have for this Province and also for the game of Hurling. Specifically I have a concern that playing the Provincial Championships earlier may, over time, render them less relevant. I do acknowledge that importantly the Provincial Championships are central to the new proposal and this is most welcome. I fear that taking some key hurling championship games away from the traditional times may diminish the relative importance of Hurling. I do believe, as the report states, that



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changing the senior football championship alone will not resolve all of the issues which contribute to our current situation.

In the last two years I referred in the annual report on provincial activities to the need for the Association to introduce in Rule a structured framework which prescribes the structure and broad parameters governing Club Championships in all counties. I feel this topic is sufficiently important to address again this year.

The timely completion of county club championships is certainly hampered by inter-county activity. We must also recognise however that timely completion is delayed by the varying timeframes for the completion of internal county club championships. The latter factor is influenced primarily by the internal county championship structure including: the number of clubs participating, the number of chances permitted to participant clubs and the existence, efficiency and range of divisional feeder competitions. At present there is a wide variety of county championship models in place throughout the Association. While variety and local input is positive the consequence is inevitably that county club championships require very different timeframes to complete. In my opinion if the county championships feeding in to the provincial championships are not synchronised or broadly uniform then planning is compromised and progress is only achieved at the pace set by the slowest participant.

In addition I believe that where there are too many clubs permitted into county senior club championships then the intermediate, and in turn, the junior club championships are diminished. Where the county feeder system to provincial club championships is not uniform this also compromises the integrity of the provincial competitions. In my view this is a growing concern which must be addressed.

Broad uniformity in the county championship models employed in all counties should be introduced and this, I believe, would greatly benefit both fixture planning and the integrity of the senior, intermediate and junior club championships. My view is that Rule should prescribe a quota or range of the maximum/minimum numbers of clubs which can be permitted into senior and intermediate county club championships in each county based on the number of clubs participating in each code in that county. Accompanied by definite targets for the optimum number of games each club player should be provided through county club leagues and championships this can systematically improve the provision for club players across the Association.

Such a change can only be implemented incrementally. I believe if put in place such a uniform club championship model will address some of the current challenges faced by the Association with regard to balance and fairness between inter-county and inter-club competitions. The uniform model represents a more complete response to the challenges we are seeking to address.

### **COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

#### ***Staffing At Council HQ:***



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At the outset I wish to state that I am looking forward to serving the Council as CEO/Rúnaí for a further year i.e. until Convention in January 2018, my fourth of a five-year term.

The Council currently employs eight full-time and one part-time staff, the latter Facilities Manager appointed during 2016 in order to manage the maintenance of the HQ premises. The staff complement is as follows:

### Council HQ – Castletroy:

CEO/Rúnaí:	Simon Moroney
Operations Manager/Deputy CEO/Leas Rúnaí:	Kieran Leddy
Post-Primary Schools' Officer/Events Manager:	John Brennan
Communications Officer:	Ed Donnelly
Administrator (Fixtures/Disciplinary/Finance):	Nuala Nealon
Administrator (Tickets/Meetings/Finance):	Mary O'Mahoney
Facilities Manager ( <i>Part-Time</i> )	Donal Hayes

### Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney:

Games Manager: Pat O'Shea

### Carriganore, Waterford:

Games Manager: Joe Carton

I want to publicly record my thanks to all Council staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout 2016.

### *Sympathy*

As with every year the Association in Munster has lost many of its members over the past twelve months in the six Munster counties. I will not recall individually all of those we have sadly lost in 2016 lest inadvertent omission causes offence. However I wish to remember the late **Seán Ó Corcráin RIP** who died less than two weeks before our last Convention just ten days before completing his five-year term representing Comhairle Ard-Oideachas Na Mumhan on the Council. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a Anam.

I also wish to remember the late Dónal Ó Murchú RIP the former Rúnaí of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Cúige Uladh who died in December 2016. Dónal gave exceptional service to the Association in several roles at Club, County, Provincial and National level over a long number of years. The Council acknowledged Danny's exceptional service to the Association at the Annual Awards ceremony on the day of his burial. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a Anam.

On behalf of the Council I wish to convey the sympathy and condolences to all the bereaved relatives and friends of those who passed on during 2016. All will be remembered at the Convention Mass immediately before Convention 2017. Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas sioraí da n-anamnacha go léir.

**BUÍOCHAS**



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This Annual Convention will witness changes in officer ships as the outgoing Cisteoir, Antóin Breathnach, and the outgoing Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí, Gearóid Ó Riain, both complete their respective three-year terms in office, although Antóin Breathnach will be returning in a new role as Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí. On behalf of the Council, and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to pay tribute to both for the outstanding work which they have done on behalf of the Council and Association during their terms in office. Gearóid Ó Riain will be missed for his professionalism and strategic outlook and has made a significant contribution to the work of the Council throughout his term.

I believe that the officers worked well as a team during the past year to the benefit of the Council. I want to personally thank each outgoing officer for their assistance, guidance and co-operation throughout the year.

In concluding my report I wish to thank the following:

- My fellow Officers on the Council Management & Finance Committees.
- The members of the Council and the members of all the Council sub-committees for the assistance and co-operation which I received from them throughout 2016.
- To the County Officers in the six County Committees in Munster and particularly the County Secretaries and Treasurers with whom I have most contact and dealings in the course of our work.
- To the officers and members of the schools bodies for the ongoing work they do in support of our games in the various levels of schools.
- To the Referees, Linesmen, Sideline officials, Match Monitor, Respect Handshake Supervisor, Umpires and Advisors for the manner in which they officiated at our games in 2016.
- To the several Stiles persons, Stewards, Grounds men, catering personnel who have helped me during the year in ensuring that access to our games, at whatever level, is safe and efficient. Also to the Event Controllers in the major venues and to the Gardaí, Health Board personnel, and many others who make our games safe for patrons.
- To all the Players at every grade who provided the central product of the Association in Munster in 2016 as in every other year. The popularity of the games for the patrons attending the games and for those watching or listening to media coverage is testament to the level of excellence you have achieved in your chosen sport.
- To the media personnel, national and local, for the excellent coverage which our games receive at every level throughout the year. A particular word of thanks to RTE, SKY and TG4 for the TV fees received during 2016 and to all TV personnel with whom I have had contact in relation to the televising of our games.
- To the Sponsors who provide generous sponsorship to the Council and some of its sub-committees including:
  - Co-Op Superstores.ie
  - M. Donnelly
  - Etihad Airways
  - Centra



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- Liberty Insurance
  - Eir
  - AIB
  - SuperValu
  - Bord Gais Energy
  - EirGrid
  - Electric Ireland
- To the Ard Stiurthóir, Uachtarán and all the staff in Páirc an Chrócaigh for the co-operation and assistance received during 2016
  - Finally I want to acknowledge the contribution made to the work of the Council by all of my colleagues on the staff of Comhairle Na Mumhan: Kieran, John, Ed, Nuala, Mary, Joe and Pat.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Mise le meas,

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