



SUNCROFT GFC

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SUNCROFT GFC 2016 Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday 10th December
Location: Suncroft Community Hall
Time: 5 pm

Agenda

- ✓ Opening Address
- ✓ Condolences
- ✓ Minutes of Last year's AGM & Matters Arising
- ✓ Secretary's Report
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ PRO Report
- ✓ Underage Section Report
- ✓ Ladies Section Report
- ✓ Chairman's Address
- ✓ Election of Officers & Executive Committee
- ✓ Ratify underage and Ladies Committee's AGM
- ✓ Election of Minor, U21 and Senior Team Managers/Selectors
- ✓ AOB



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Suncroft GFC AGM Minutes 6th December 2015

Present: Shane Kavanagh, Des Brannock, Louise McGuirk, James Keane, Pat Sutton, Paddy Behan, Mary Keane, Eamonn O'Modhrain, Mick Kehoe, Mark Prendergast, Des Brannock, Johnny McGuirk, Anthony Delaney, Tanya Duignan, Seamus Dillon, Mary Val Dillon, Hugh O' Byrne, Noel Poole, Abbie Poole, Ollie Brannock, Eoghan Brannock, Alan Troy, Larry O'Rourke, John O'Sullivan, John Moore, Martin Duggan, Kevin Fennelly, Val Dillon, John Browne, Eoghan Lawless, Thomas Cleary, Dean King, Dean Slattery, Denis King, Anne-Marie King, Kevin Murphy, Mark Brown & Derry Enright,

Apologies: Ciaran Troy, John Duffy, Liam Troy, Scoby Fox, Pat Flemming.

In 2015 the Club AGM was held in Suncroft Community Centre commencing at 5pm.

Shane Kavanagh, Chairman of Suncroft GFC welcomed all to the AGM. He thanked all the officers for their work during 2014. A minutes silence took place for all deceased members.

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved on the proposition of Eamonn O' Modhrain seconded by Dean Slattery.

Matters arising: Nothing to report

Treasurers Report:

Pat Sutton took the members through the financial statements for the Club. All questions were answered by Pat Sutton and Shane Kavanagh.

The accounts were adopted on the proposition of James Keane seconded by Mary Val Dillon.

Secretarys Report :

Secretarys AGM report was delivered by Louise McGuirk.All questions were answered by Louise McGuirk and Shane Kavanagh.

The minutes were approved on the proposition of Noel Poole seconded by Eamonn O'Modhrain.

Chairmans Address:

Shane addressed the members and thanked them for attending the clubs 126th AGM. He said the issue relating to finances continues to take prime importance on the agenda and he thanked Pat for the great work,time and committment he contributes to the club. He was delighted to see the huge increase in the Lotto and thanked Paddy Behan and Mary Val for their committment.

As part of the Secretaries report,Louise has included and documented the success of all our teams through the year starting from Underage ,ladies,Minors to Seniors.Shane said that huge amounts of work are being carried out through all our management teams with the prime goal to to compete at the highest level and to put teams and structures in place for the future and he thanked all Mentors,Coaches and Officials involved.

Shane thanked secretary Louise McGuirk, Louise played a pivotal role in the the club during the year, for her hard work and commitment in 2015 and noted the countless number of hours she dedicated to her role.

A special thanks to our lotto sellers on the tremendous job they done during the year in turning the lotto around .He acknowledged the success of the minor team first time since 1949 that they won a county title.

James Keane and Dessis Brannock were acknowledged for all their work carried out behind the scenes.

To Wayne Midleton for his contribution as Senior Manager and wished him all the best in the future.,It was noted that whoever takes this position that they are appointed for at least 3yrs as the club is bringing through some excellent footballers thus giving them the opportunity to have continuity.

The Chairman thanked Mary Keane Child Officer for her high level of committment displayed and wished to acknowledge the many procedures she had in place,which is all aimed at the welfare of our underage.

He thanked all stewards,Gate Collectors who never fail to turn up for matches.He paid a special thanks to Kevin Murphy for his help at all times.

Eamonn Ryan was also acknowledged for his many years of service and Shane thanked him for his committment.

Shane encouraged more people to come on board and called on them to support the club and engage in fundraising events and hopes more effort will be made in the future.

Election Of Officers & Executive Committee

Presidents: Fr Barry Larkin, Rose Brannock, Tom Dillon, Val McDonagh, James Dillon, Eamonn Ryan, Leo Robotham, John Moore & Mary Val Dillon.

Proposed: Val Dillon

Seconded: Eamonn O'Modhrain

Appointment	Nominees	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Shane Kavanagh	Sheamus Dillon	Dean Slattery
Vice Chairman	Des Brannock	Martin Duggan	John Moore
Secretary	Louise McGuirk	Eamonn O Modhrain	Tanya Duignan
Vice Secretary	James keane	Ollie Brannock	Annmarie King
Treasurer	Pat Sutton	James keane	Val Dillon
Vice Treasurer	Paddy behan	Dean Slattery	Dessie Branncock
Child Officer	Mary Keane	Mark Prendergast	Dessie Brannock
PRO	Mick Kehoe	Val Dillon	Martin Duggan
County Delagate	James Keane	Alan Troy	Martin Duggan
Irish Officer	Eamonn O'Modhrain	Tanya Duignan	Kevin Fennelly
Health & Well Being	Dean Slattery	Mary Keane	Denis King
Pitch Co ordinator	Alan Troy	Martin Duggan	Dean Slattery
Coaching & Develop	Alan Phelan	Johnny McGuirk	Eamonn O 'Modhrain

Underage Committee 2016

Underage Sub - Committee for 2016

APPOINTMENT	NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairman	M. Prendergast	Eamonn O'Modhrain	Mick Keogh

Vice Chairman	Mick Keogh	Mick Stynes	John Stack
Secretary	Derry Enright	Mick Keogh	Eamonn O' Modhrain
Ass. Secretary	TBC		
PRO	Mick Keogh	Senior AGM	
Child W.O.	Mary Keane	Senior AGM	
ASAP Offr	TBC	Senior AGM	
Bord Na N'Og	John Brown	Mark Prendergast	Eamonn O' Modhrain
South Board	M.Knight	Mark Prendergast	John Stack

Ladies Sub- Committee 2016

Appointment	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Eamonn O' Modhrain	Shane Kavangh	Kevin Murphy
Secretary	Karen Ennis	Sandra Johnson	
Registrar	Mary Howe	Louise McGuirk	Sandra Johnson
County Board Reps	Louise & Johnny	Sandra Johnson	Shane Kavanagh
Senior Team Rep	Sandra Johnson	Noel Poole	Shane Kavanagh

Election of Team Managers/Selectors 2016 Underage Coach/Mentors 2016

Ladies Coach/Mentors 2016

U/12			
U/13			
U/14	TBC January		

U/15			
U/16			
U/17			
Minors	Alan Phelan		
Seniors	Noel Poole	Owen Fagan	Sandra Johnson

Underage Coach/Mentors 2016

U/6	TBC		
U/8	Trish Tobin		
U/10	Anthony Delaney	Mervyn Farrell	
U/11	Dave Kearney		
U/12	Mick Stynes	Paddy Behan	Ger Fox
U/13	Derry Enright	Andy Hynes	Declan Duignan
U/14	Johnny Brown	Paddy Guidera	
U16	John Browne	Mark Prendergast	

Senior Coach/Mentors 2016

<u>Appointment</u> Minors	<u>Nominees</u> Pat Sutton, John Stack	<u>Proposed</u> Mark Prendergast	<u>Seconded</u> Tommy Cleary
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	Conor Cunnane		
U21's	Dean Slattery	Anthony Delaney	Denis King
Junior B	Denis king	Dean Slattery	Larry O'Rourke
Seniors	TBC by January 5th		

Ratification Underage & Ladies Committee

Both Ladies and Underage Sub committees were ratified.

Underage Sub Committee	Proposed:M.Prendergast	Seconded:D. Brannock
Ladies Sub Committee	Proposed:Ollie Brannock	Kevin Fennelly

A.O.B

Members Fees

Annual membership fees had not been altered for years. Below is what was proposed for 2016

1) Underage/Youth		€ 50
2)Senior/Adult Player		€100
3)Senior/ Adult player with student discount		€50
4)Family		€120
5)Non playing adult		€75
6)Lottery	(€20 month SO)	€20

7)Family supporters package	(€30 month SO)	€320
8)Individual Supporter package	(€25 month SO)	€275

Mary Dillon suggested we introduce a package for OAP'S, this was discussed and a membership fee to the amount of €35 per person was agreed for OAP's only.

The fees above were adopted and Proposed Dessie Brannock, Seconded: Eamonn O'Modharain

Non Paying Members/players

As regards memberships Mick Kehoe stated that if a player doesn't have his membership paid then he is not properly insured even if registered and mentors are at risk, In relation to Fee Payment The club needs to be mindful of its responsibilities to all the players, coaches/trainers and must be at least be broadly compliant with the rules of the organisation and its insurance fund/scheme. The fact that the insurance fund/scheme is underwritten by the GAA means that the GAA rules are fairly important

Dessie Brannock said he believed they were properly insured if registered. Pat Sutton said that this needs to be clarified before we have the meeting in January. Pat also requested asked that a clear written instruction is given to all mentors on the outcome of the January membership meeting

Val Dillon said we should stick our rule which was implemented last year but was not enforced that if memberships are not paid the rule is **"NO PAY NO PLAY"**

Mary Keane said we have a duty of care to our players and insisted we enforce the rule

"NO PAY NO PLAY"

All agreed and it was adopted and proposed ,

Proposed:Mary keane

Seconded: Val Dillon

Shane suggested we hold a coaches meeting and explain the dangers if membership is not paid and all were in agreeance.

Senior Manager

Since Wayne Middleton stepped down as Senior Manager,the Club need to appoint a manager Questions were raised regarding fees paid to Senior management and how much can the club afford?

Dessis Brannock proposed we sit down and workout what direction we need to take regarding Senior management. This was agreed and proposed.

Val Dillon pressed for a date and it was agreed that we meet on the 5th January 2016 to discuss.

Proposed: Mick Kehoe

Seconded: John Moore.

U21

A discussion took place in relation to whether we should enter an u21 team for next year 2016. Dean Slattery stated that we should not enter this as its impossible to field a team and at a cost of €1,000 to enter he felt it was a waste of money. A discussion took place and It was agreed to enter an U21 team next year, The senior management team will decide before end March 2016 if a senior B team should be entered but the feeling was after some discussions that a B team would be entered so as we are seen to be providing football for everyone.

Tournaments

John Moore expressed his disapointment that the Club were not entering their players into the Morrin Cup as he had agreed to sponsor this tournament last year. He said he was saddened to see lads training 5 nights a week and the fun is gone out of playing matches. He said more games sholud be played and less training take place. Alan Troy suggested we should not dismiss this tournament. Shane added that when new Senior management is in place we will look at the Morrin Cup. Shane thanked John for his comments and his continous support to the club.

Lease agreement;

The SCDG requested a meeting with Suncroft GFC Executive to discuss the lease.

The SCDG offered the club the footprint of the playing field, Shane told the members that this was not the original agreement. The SCDG were advised that we would have to bring back there proposal to executive and members and we will be in touch.

Shane will go back to the solicitor and advise him on behalf of the executive/members to send a letter to the SCDG and Trustees that the club are not accepting their proposal. This decision was agreed by all and adopted

Proposed: Anthony Delaney

Seconded: Paddy Behan

Alan Troy said Alan Middleton has now retired and this needs to be acknowledged for all his years of playing with the club. Shane said he will follow up with request. Shane thanked Alan for his years of playing with the club and wished him all the best for the future.

Kevin Murphy requested new flags, pins and stated the goalposts need attention immediately.

Shane told Kevin to get what he needs and the goalposts will be addressed.

The meeting concluded with the chairman wishing all our members a very happy christmas and a happy new year.

Meeting Concluded

Proposed:-----

Seconded:-----

Chairman -----

Secretary-----

Date: -----



Secretary Annual Report 2016

Suncroft GFC AGM has come around once again and it is a great honor, as club Secretary, to be presenting the Secretary's report. I would like to thank The Community Centre for hosting the AGM, to the staff who were always so obliging and helpful throughout the year, nothing was ever a problem.

In advance if I have omitted anyone, I sincerely apologise but please let me know and I will amend.

In examining the year that is just coming to a conclusion, I feel it is fair to say that 2016 has been a successful year for Suncroft. There are tremendous people working within our club in their various settings to help promote and develop the game to ensure that players are developing their skills and most of all participating. However it is a challenging and sometimes frustrating situation we find ourselves in sometimes with familiar faces working with limited resources, they are going about their duties in a voluntary and hard-working capacity and working tirelessly for their club. These people are to be commended and thanked for their commitment.

Attendance at our monthly meetings has not improved, these meetings are the forum where club members can ensure their views are voiced. So, for 2017 let us see more attendance from members at these meetings.

In December 2015 I was appointed Secretary and it was like going into a minefield but without the help from my fellow officers it would not have been possible. To the club members and all who supported me throughout the year, thank you. To all our referee's and officials who are always available and a special mention to our gate collectors at matches. I would sincerely like to thank all the Club Managers /mentors, it was a pleasure to work with each and everyone of you, these people work hard in a voluntary capacity, and work tirelessly without much thanks.

The administration work load in every Club is increasing all the time. Make no mistake running a Club is like running a business and there is a constant demand on all officers and volunteers. It's no execration to say this but it would be virtually impossible to calculate the time that is given by all our Officers and volunteers. We all need to be work together to achieve the best in Suncroft GFC and will look forward to new faces coming on board.

I think it's only fair to say that as a club we are very lucky to have been given the opportunity to have Mary Keane as our Children's Officer. Mary I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication and for always having the time to share your knowledge and experience with us all. You are a valuable member to our team and we would like to wish Mary all the best in 2017.

Thank You

- Pat Sutton & Paddy Behan for assisting with the funding to run the club.
- Kevin Murphy for maintaining the pitches, and his eagerness to help on any occasion
- To all our sponsors, those who placed advertisement, to the parents/guardians, Clubs, and especially to all our players who give us some great days out.

- A special thanks to Mary Val Dillon for her support shown to me during the past few years.

Now lets turn to the teams performances from Underage,Ladies,Minors & Seniors

I would like to thank all the various managers ,selectors, Co-Ordinators, physio, first responders ,the parents/guardians of all the players involved on the various teams over the past number of months, without these people and there commitment it would not have been possible to field as many teams as we do to be as successful as we have been this year.

Remember success isn't about lifting a Trophy at the end of the year, its about all involved enjoying their experiences and learning new skills and forming new friendships.

Underage

A special thanks to Mark Prendergast ,Underage Chairman for compiling the following:

Suncroft Underage Chairman's Report 2016:

I would like to thank all those who had given of their time during the year and for all the support received. The hundreds of hours of voluntary time that coaches, parents and players have given to the underage section is greatly appreciated and the link between children having fun and the high level of retention of those players as they get older should always be remembered. The Club has consistently been able to field teams who have competed with larger clubs with some success. I would emphasise that children should get a chance to play in an environment that is safe, friendly and stimulating. A follow on from this was the clubs enthusiastic adherence to the 'Go Games' format which places game time and skill mastery above winning at all cost. At the same time the club was still successful in competitions at all age group levels.

Playing Numbers

Team	Number of Players	Number of Teams
U-7	12	1
U-8	12	1
U-9	5	1
U-10	12	1
U-11	8	1
U-12	15	1
U-13	17	1
U-14	11	1
U-15	6	1
U-16	8	1

The underage section, with the financial assistance of the Suncroft Housing Co-operative organised a number of very successful events for our young players. These included a training at the GAA centre of excellence in Abbots Town for ages 13 to 16, and a trip to Croke Park for the Under 8

squad to represent Kildare at the Leinster inter county Go Games blitz. These activities greatly enhanced the experience of our players and coaches in their dealing with the club.

Since the opening of the Suncroft Community Centre in 2015 there have been two very successful 'Cul Camps' in Suncroft. The county board run the camp but it requires a local liaison person. Special thanks to Tanya Duignan for her fantastic coordination of these very successful camps. In 2016 110 children participated in the Suncroft Cul Camp.

The placing of two sets of underage goalposts on a permanent basis on the back pitches has significantly increased our clubs training resources and reduced one of the most time consuming tasks for team managers, the setting up of pitches for games and training.

Another successful playing innovation in 2016 was the playing every Saturday morning of "Supergames" to allow our 13 to 16 year old players enjoy the game while improving their skills and fitness in a non-competitive environment. In the Spring of 2017 this initiative will be continued as we work hard to meet the needs of our young players.

Bord N'Og Report: Our club rep, John Brown has informed the underage section of the concern that this board has with the dominance of larger clubs in the 'A' Championship. Consideration of a proposal to address this by allowing small rural clubs to band together to form regional teams for the 'A' Championship is under review at part of the Kildare evolving games development strategy.

Suncroft GFC is currently engaged in discussions with Kildare Games Development about how best they can support our player development as they roll out the East Leinster Project in 2017. Planning continues between county and club as to the coaching assistance and services that could be provided by the newly appointed Club "Games Promotion Officer".

It was highlighted at the South Board AGM in Nov 2016 that underage soccer will be switching to a Summer season commencing in May 2017. This will have player effect availability and have fixture consequences for the underage section of the club in 2017.

Underage Committee for 2016.

APPOINTMENT	NOMINEE	Remarks	
Chairman	Mark Prendergast		
Vice Chairman	Mick Keogh		
Secretary	Derry Enright		
PRO	Mick Keogh	Senior AGM	
Child W.O.	TBC	Senior AGM	
ASAP Offr	TBC	Senior AGM	
Bord Na N'Og	John Brown		
South Board	Mark Prendergast		
MENTORS FOR 2016			
U/6's	TBC		
U/8's	Trish Tobin		
U/9's	Mark Prendergast		
U/10's	Mervyn Farrell & John Troy		
U/11	Anthony Delaney		
U/12	Dave Kearney		
U/13	Paddy Behan, Ger Fox, Mick Stynes		

U/14	Andy Hynes, Declan Duignan, Derry Enright, Michael Harnett
U/15	TBC
U/16	Denis King

Minors: Winners Division 4 League

Suncroft 4-11 Grange 0-13 (h/t Suncroft 2-05 to Grange 0-10)

Thanks to Minor Manager Pat Sutton for his report

It was a great day for the minors who had a 10-point win over Grange in the D4 league final in Conlaths Park. It was a very strong all round display from the team including all four subs who performed superbly when they came on.

Semi-finalist in C Championship

St.Columba 0-17 (0-17) Suncroft 1-08 (0-11)

Suncroft were beaten in atrocious weather conditions on a night that really didn't suit the type of football that this team like to play. After been unbeaten in the group stages it was a disappointing end to their championship.

It was a good year for Conor Smyth, Kalumn Ennis and David Sutton who were part of the Kildare U17 team that beat Dublin in the Leinster Final, 0-15 to 0-14 in July.

U21/Senior B Team Manager: Dean Slattery

Suncroft did not field in either competition due to unavailability of players

Seniors: Manager Ruaidhri Jacob

The league brought much success with the team reaching the league final. The league was delayed until after the championship which was poorly handled by the County Board and by the time the league final was played, the season was over. This resulted Suncroft losing to out to Milltown on the day.

The Intermediate Championship saw Suncroft have two comprehensive wins over Castlemitchel and Straffan. The lads were now in the quarter final but with a delay of 6/7 TMH were just too strong for the Croft on the day.

Ladies : Chairmans report 2016

I will be stepping down this year but I would like to sincerely thank my fellow colleagues for their continuous support during the last 3yrs, To you the club members for your support, and a special thanks to my family for their support.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Warmest Regards
Louise

Income and Expenditure
Suncroft GFC
For the 12 months ended 30 November 2016

Income

Income - kildare car draw	€1,500.00
Income - calendar sales & sponsorships	€1,185.00
Income - containers	€3,800.00
Income - cycle	€1,015.00
Income - dog night	€765.00
Income - field day	€2,266.00
Income - fundraising ladies	€4,510.00
Income - fundraising men	€2,862.00
Income - gate receipts	€1,437.00
Income - Golf	€1,450.00
Income - Intel	€3,639.81
Income - lawnmower	€700.00
Income - lottery tickets	€13,132.00
Income - membership rebate	€700.00
Income - murphy w/e	€150.00
Income - national car draw	€1,876.85
Income - other donations	€65.00
Income - poker night	€120.00
Income - Tony Howard donations	€3,297.94
Memberships - lotto/family supporters package	€7,870.00
Memberships	€9,415.00
Total Income	€61,756.60

Less Payments

Car Stickers	€150.00
Bank Fees	€556.95
Club Kildare	€300.15
Donations	€1,239.00
General Expenses	€521.85
Goalposts	€2,724.00
Grass Cutting	€2,500.00
Hawkfield	€2,251.65
Health & Safety	€220.54
PL Insurance	€3,350.00
Ladies costs	€9,664.86
Paypal fees	€232.98
Printing & Stationery	€220.00
Rent	€3,290.00
Repairs and Maintenance	€298.40
Senior costs	€15,570.00
Underage costs	€3,619.77
Website costs	€251.83
Paypal loan a/c	€1,900.00
GAA loan & interest payments	€5,300.00
Total	€54,161.98

Net Cash Movement **€7,594.62**

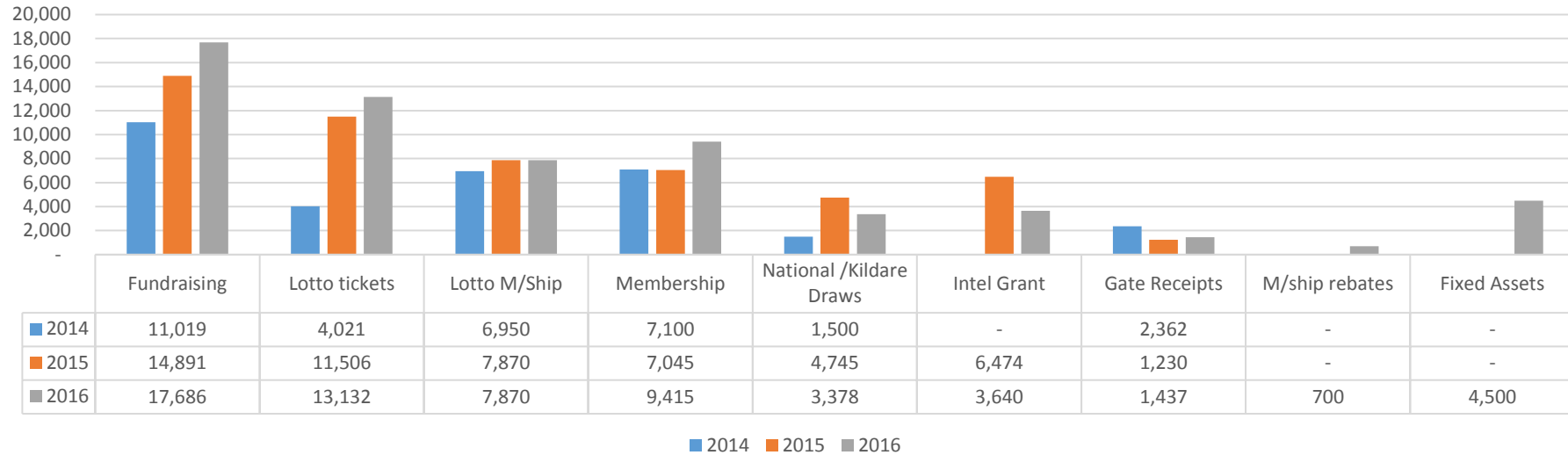
Summary

Opening Bank Balances	€13,254.70
Plus Net Cash Movement	€7,594.62
Closing Bank Balances	€20,849.32

Balance Sheet
Suncroft GFC
As at 30 November 2016

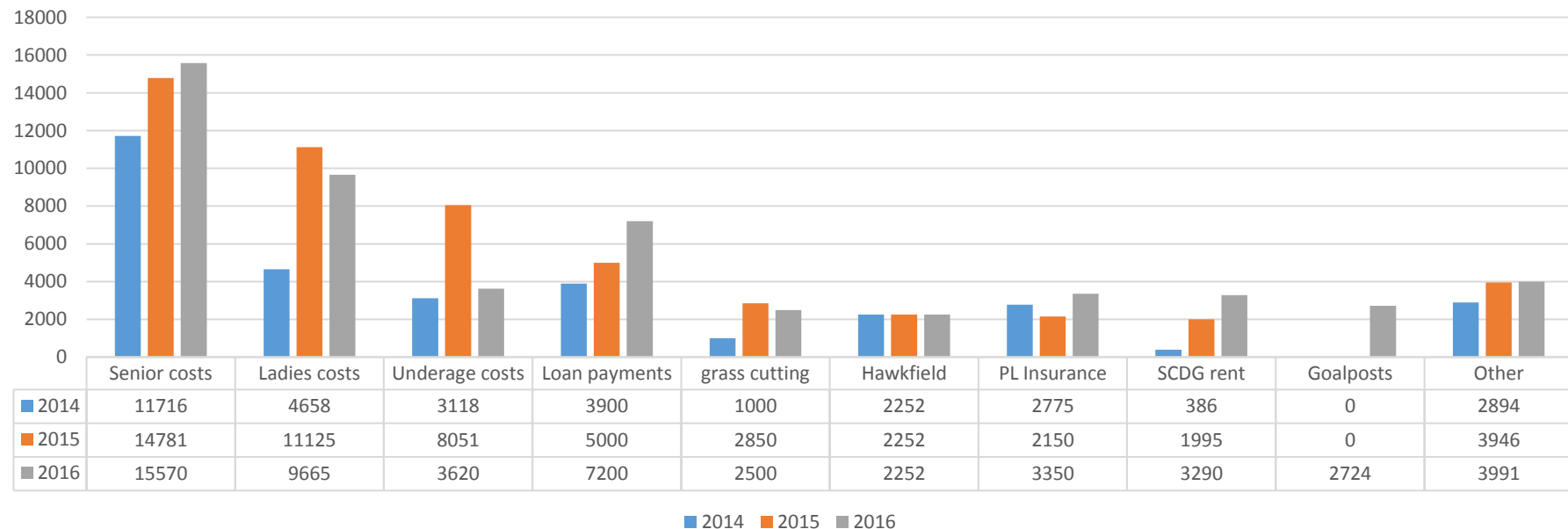
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Assets		
Bank		
Bank current a/c	€2,470.89	€316.93
Bank savings a/c	€18,059.00	€12,759.00
Paypal a/c	€319.43	€178.77
Total Bank	€20,849.32	€13,254.70
Fixed Assets		
Land	€60,000.00	€60,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	€60,000.00	€60,000.00
Total Assets	€80,849.32	€73,254.70
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Paypal Loan A/c	€0.00	€1,900.00
Provision for Lotto Payout	€10,000.00	€10,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	€10,000.00	€11,900.00
Non-Current Liabilities		
GAA Loan	€33,149.44	€38,183.77
Total Non-Current Liabilities	€33,149.44	€38,183.77
Total Liabilities	€43,149.44	€50,083.77
Net Assets	€37,699.88	€23,170.93

Net income: 2016 €61,758 (2015: €51,661) (2014: €27,852)



Note: average weekly net lotto: 2016 €253 (2015: €220) (2014: €77)

Net payments: 2016 €54,162 (2015: €52,149) (2014: €32,699)



Suncroft GFC
Schedules to 2016 Accounts

Income - senior men

28/04/2016	Donation from John Moore	€1,000.00
31/05/2016	Domenico Nicolai - The Well Sponsorship	€1,000.00
16/08/2016	Quiz Night Injury Fund Raiser	€862.00
	Total	€2,862.00

Senior men costs

07/12/2015	T.Cleary expenses	€200.00
17/02/2016	John Brown medical costs	€140.00
24/02/2016	R. Jacob March '16 coaching	€600.00
29/02/2016	Players Injury Fund €1,000, €1,000, €750	€2,750.00
25/03/2016	R.Jacob Feb '16 coaching costs	€500.00
31/03/2016	Ref costs V Kildangan	€40.00
26/04/2016	Ref costs	€40.00
30/04/2016	R.Jacob April '16 coaching	€600.00
30/04/2016	McGinns Dry Cleaners	€130.00
26/05/2016	Ref costs 22/5/16	€40.00
31/05/2016	Ref costs V Ardclough	€40.00
31/05/2016	Ref costs paid from gate seniors	€40.00
23/06/2016	Joey Holden Fee	€100.00
13/07/2016	Mick O'Toole Physio up to 6/6/16	€1,000.00
20/07/2016	Colgan Sports - Balls & Equipment	€195.00
20/07/2016	Colgan Sports - Water Bottles	€32.00
26/07/2016	R. Jacob May '16 €600 and June '16 €600 coaching	€1,200.00
26/07/2016	Ref costs V Robertstown 22/7	€40.00
26/07/2016	Ref costs Moorefield V Sarsfield	€50.00
31/07/2016	O'Neills Sports - Senior Gear	€1,400.00
31/07/2016	Ref costs	€50.00
31/07/2016	R. Jacob July '16 coaching	€600.00
10/08/2016	McGinns Dry Cleaners	€169.00
23/08/2016	Ref costs	€50.00
23/08/2016	Ref cost Challenge Match V Sallins	€40.00
23/08/2016	Harry Dolan medical costs	€100.00
30/08/2016	Ref costs x 3	€120.00
31/08/2016	Ref costs 11/9/16	€40.00
31/08/2016	Adam Nolan Injury Fund	€2,000.00
31/08/2016	R.Jacob Aug '16 coaching	€600.00
25/09/2016	Ref costs 11/9/16	€50.00
28/09/2016	McGinns Dry Cleaners	€156.00
29/09/2016	Leonard Smith - Physio League Final	€80.00
16/11/2016	R.Jacob Sep '16 coaching	€600.00
30/11/2016	McGinns Dry Cleaners	€78.00
30/11/2016	Mick O'Toole Physio up to 30/11/16	€1,700.00
	Total	€15,570.00

Underage costs

10/12/2015	O'Neills Sports equipment	€45.00
18/01/2016	B na nOg reg fees	€60.00
18/01/2016	Ben McInerney Medical costs	€65.00
31/01/2016	Minor balls and bibs 2016	€147.00
17/02/2016	South Board Fees Bond and Regs	€180.00
28/02/2016	Ref fees minor match Sarsfield	€30.00
29/02/2016	Minor 2015 Presentation costs	€100.00
29/02/2016	Underage Joey Holden Presentation	€63.00
29/02/2016	MC Sports Net Pegs & Hooks	€44.80
29/02/2016	Players Injury Fund - All ages up to Minor	€900.00
29/02/2016	Tanya Duignan expenses	€90.00
21/03/2016	U14's Ref fees M.Knight	€90.00
31/03/2016	Ref minors	€30.00
05/04/2016	Ref U 14's	€30.00
26/04/2016	Minor Refs	€30.00
29/04/2016	A Delaney ref fees	€30.00
30/04/2016	First Aid Kits	€81.39
30/04/2016	Colgan Sports - U14 & Minor Equipment & Balls	€265.00
12/05/2016	U12 refs	€30.00
26/05/2016	U12 ref	€30.00
23/06/2016	Child Welfare Course	€20.00
23/06/2016	Ref costs	€30.00
11/07/2016	Anthony Delaney coaching costs	€500.00
11/07/2016	Grant received for coaching	-€250.00
13/07/2016	O'Neills Minor equipment	€82.58
20/07/2016	Colgans Sports - Balls & Equipment	€223.00
26/07/2016	Ref Minors Sallins	€30.00
31/07/2016	Colgan Sports - Minor Balls & Pump	€95.00
31/07/2016	Kildare GAA - Membership Registrations 2016	€278.00
16/08/2016	Referees - Ref Dessie	€30.00
31/08/2016	Kildare GAA - U8 Blitz	€40.00
25/09/2016	Travel costs Minor from Galway	€50.00
12/10/2016	Ref underage	€20.00
19/10/2016	Pat McEvoy Child Welfare Course	€130.00
	Total	€3,619.77

Income - fundraising ladies

03/02/2016	Ladies contributions to tracksuits	€200.00
23/06/2016	Ladies Fundraising Fantasy Comp	€150.00
20/07/2016	Lotto - Fantasy Competition Ladies	€100.00
29/09/2016	Ladies money from trip to Ladies All Ireland	€710.00
12/10/2016	Andrew Corrigan Funds for Bunting Leinster Final	€200.00
12/10/2016	Ladies All Ireland Final Supporters Bus Driver Excess	€50.00
12/10/2016	€5 ticket sales ladies	€100.00
26/11/2016	LGFA - Leinster Ladies LGFA contribution to Ladies Seni	€500.00
26/11/2016	€5 euro ticket sales	€1,500.00
30/11/2016	Kavanagh Crane Hire Ladies Sponsorship	€500.00
30/11/2016	Kildare Housing Association sponsorship re: Dinner Danc	€500.00
	Total	€4,510.00

Ladies costs

20/01/2016	SCDG - Rent Ladies	€40.00
31/01/2016	LGFA - Part 1 of the Comp Fees	€300.00
03/02/2016	Training course Alan Phelan	€60.00
29/02/2016	Underage Girls Presentations	€225.00
09/03/2016	Fantasy Cheltenham for Kildare Ladies County B	€400.00
25/03/2016	LGFA fees	€150.00
25/03/2016	Servasport - Paypal Servasport fees	€15.00
30/04/2016	Reg Fees Lorraine Foy	€57.63
30/04/2016	Balls	€100.00
30/04/2016	Refs costs x 3, Snrs x 2 U14 X 1	€85.00
10/05/2016	Ladies outing EOM	€285.00
31/05/2016	Ladies payments 16/5 to 8/6	€3,090.63
31/05/2016	LGFA - Part 2 of the Comp Fees	€300.00
13/07/2016	Girls Final Food	€124.40
31/07/2016	Ladies Balls EOM	€175.00
31/07/2016	Ladies Ref costs EOM	€30.00
31/07/2016	Ladies payments 17/6 to 5/8	€364.97
24/08/2016	LGFA - Part 3 of the Comp Fees	€300.00
26/08/2016	LGFA - Reg Fee	€40.00
26/08/2016	Servasport - servesport fees	€0.44
31/08/2016	Ladies Night Out Winning Championship	€429.00
13/09/2016	Donations T.Duggan & E.Dowling	€200.00
15/09/2016	Ladies All Ireland Final Tickets	€469.00
15/09/2016	Ladies Ref costs Karen Ennis	€30.00
15/09/2016	Ladies Gaelic Football Association Reg Fees	€15.00
15/09/2016	LGFA - Injury Fund Payments	€10.00
15/09/2016	LGFA - Development a/c	€1.00
15/09/2016	LGFA - Leinster Ladies GFA	€4.00
15/09/2016	LGFA - Kildare Ladies Co Board	€10.00
15/09/2016	LGFA - Servasport	€0.44
22/09/2016	Bunting, Flags, Posters Ladies All Ireland Final	€256.00
30/09/2016	Bunting for Q/F Leinster	€57.00
30/09/2016	Food for Ladies Q/F Leinster	€70.37
12/10/2016	Bunting Ladies Leinster Final	€317.00
12/10/2016	Clane Hospital - MRI Chloe Foy	€200.00
19/10/2016	Food Senior Ladies Semi Final	€234.04
12/11/2016	Ladies Ref costs Louise McGuirk	€30.00
14/11/2016	Ladies watches Ellen and Trina	€128.00
14/11/2016	Kildare House Hotel - Deposit for Ladies Dinner Dance	€200.00
14/11/2016	Ladies Food, Gear, First Aid	€360.94
30/11/2016	Kildare House Hotel - Bal paid by sponsorship	€500.00
	Total	€9,664.86

Rent

09/12/2015	SCDG - Oct and Nov rent	€185.00
20/01/2016	SCDG - Dec Rent	€90.00
29/02/2016	SCDG - Jan Rent	€165.00
29/02/2016	SCDG - Jan Rent	€30.00
25/03/2016	SCDG - Feb Rent	€470.00
30/04/2016	SCDG - March Rent	€415.00
31/05/2016	SCDG - April rent	€340.00
26/07/2016	SCDG - May Rent	€275.00
31/07/2016	SCDG - June Rent	€230.00
31/08/2016	SCDG - July Rent	€410.00
31/08/2016	SCDG - August rent	€335.00
14/11/2016	SCDG - Sept Rent	€210.00
28/11/2016	SCDG - Oct Rent	€135.00
	Total	€3,290.00

Donations

9/03/2016	Donation re: Fitzgerald Family	€250.00
14/03/2016	Donation re: 1916 Sackville Street Art Project	€50.00
23/03/2016	Donation re: Kildare Development Golf Classic	€100.00
30/04/2016	Donation re: St. Brigids Hospice	€1,500.00
28/04/2016	Donation from Tony Howard for St,Brigids Hospice	-€1,000.00
11/05/2016	Donation re: Suicide of Survive	€300.00
12/05/2016	Donation from Thomastown Developments Ltd re: Suicid	-€100.00
12/05/2016	Donation from Liffey Mills re: Suicide of Survive	-€100.00
14/11/2016	Donations re: Wedding Present	€239.00
	Total	€1,239.00

Report of Club Children's Officer 2016 – Mary Keane

Our underage players will spend some of the most enjoyable days of their lives playing our games and socialising with their friends. They will do so during some of the most important developmental years of their lives. Our role and our responsibility as a Club is to ensure that they benefit from and participate in our Gaelic Games in a safe and enjoyable environment and where our games are conducted in a spirit of fair play where everyone working in our Club emphasises respect, equality, safety and non-discrimination in all aspects of our work with children and young people.

Statutory guidance and legislative requirements are now more stringent when recruiting adults to work with children and these requirements apply to our Gaelic Games. We are duty bound to ensure that all adults who work with children and young people are carefully chosen to carry out what ever tasks are asked of them and that they are fully supported in their roles.

The National Vetting Bureau (Child & Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012-16 places a statutory responsibility on GAA Clubs to ensure that all personnel working with children and young people, in either a paid or voluntary capacity shall be:

- **Garda Vetting**
- **Complete the Child Welfare and Protection Course**
- **Complete a Foundation Skills Course**

During 2016, our Club continued to demonstrate its commitment to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all young people who participate in our Gaelic games and activities.

- The Children's Officer attended training and games regularly making herself available to players, coaches and parents, continuing to emphasise that young players are entitled to be safe and feel safe, to participate, to have fun, to develop skills and to be treated with respect and dignity.
- 2 Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshops were hosted by the Club, where 15 Coaches/ Mentors were certified in Child Protection Awareness.
- Garda Vetting was completed for Coaches/ Mentors.
- The Club was briefed on the revised structures required to deal with alleged breaches of the Code of Behaviour and the Club Hearings Committee was put in place. The Hearings Committee received training for their role at County level.
- The Determining Committee was put in place.
- A workshop day was hosted by the Club in partnership with the charity Suicide or Survive on mental wellness. Forty people attended this very informative and interactive day.
- The website was updated to include all relevant information for parents, young people and coaches.

- The Children's Officer has commenced a discussion with Caoimhe Ni Neill, Games Development Coordinator, GAA Headquarters, to set up a Youth Forum in the Club. Some young players have expressed an interest in participating in this and it is envisaged that our Club will pilot a Youth Forum in 2017.

I wish to thank our Club for giving me the opportunity to work with our young people, parents and coaches for the last 3 years. It was indeed a privilege. I wish to commend the fantastic work done by the Coaches and Mentors of our boys and girls teams. Their talent, commitment and care of the children and young people in their care is exceptional.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Shane and all of the Executive Officers for their support in my role over the years and I know with this Club will continue to flourish and develop in the years ahead.

Report of Club Public Relations Officer 2016 – Mick Kehoe

The highlights from 2016 were the minor lads league win, the success of the field day, the cúl camp, and the success of the senior ladies' team. All these events brought a good buzz into the community and have helped to generate interest in the club.

Having two ladies on the Kildare All Ireland winning team and getting the Kildare LGFA Club of the year award were also very positive for the club.

The website, facebook page (2,350 likes) and twitter (1,160 followers) are updated regularly and information is also texted to all members that we have a phone number for (243) and in the local press each week. Information about the club and up to date information on its activities are available to everyone.

There is some great help from parents and players across all the age groups but it would be helpful in encouraging new members to join and help with retention of teenagers if the senior panel players were more involved with the underage players.

Suncroft Underage Chairman's Report 2016:

I would like to thank all those who had given of their time during the year and for all the support received. The hundreds of hours of voluntary time that coaches, parents and players have given to the underage section is greatly appreciated and the link between children having fun and the high level of retention of those players as they get older should always be remembered. The Club has consistently been able to field teams who have competed with larger clubs with some success. I would emphasise that children should get a chance to play in an environment that is safe, friendly and stimulating. A follow on from this was the clubs enthusiastic adherence to the 'Go Games' format which places game time and skill mastery above winning at all cost. At the same time the club was still successful in competitions at all age group levels.

Playing Numbers

Team	Number of Players	Number of Teams
U-7	12	1
U-8	12	1
U-9	5	1
U-10	12	1
U-11	8	1
U-12	15	1
U-13	17	1
U-14	11	1
U-15	6	1
U-16	8	1

The underage section, with the financial assistance of the Suncroft Housing Co-operative organised a number of very successful events for our young players. These included a training at the GAA centre of excellence in Abbots Town for ages 13 to 16, and a trip to Croke Park for the Under 8 squad to represent Kildare at the Leinster inter county Go Games blitz. These activities greatly enhanced the experience of our players and coaches in their dealing with the club.

Since the opening of the Suncroft Community Centre in 2015 there have been two very successful 'Cul Camps' in Suncroft. The county board run the camp but it requires a local liaison person. Special thanks to Tanya Duignan for her fantastic coordination of these very successful camps. In 2016 110 children participated in the Suncroft Cul Camp.

The placing of two sets of underage goalposts on a permanent basis on the back pitches has significantly increased our clubs training resources and reduced one of the most time consuming tasks for team managers, the setting up of pitches for games and training.

Another successful playing innovation in 2016 was the playing every Saturday morning of "Supergames" to allow our 13 to 16 year old players enjoy the game while improving their skills and fitness in a non-competitive environment. In the Spring of 2017 this initiative will be continued as we work hard to meet the needs of our young players.

Bord N'Og Report: Our club rep, John Brown has informed the underage section of the concern that this board has with the dominance of larger clubs in the 'A' Championship. Consideration of a proposal to address this by allowing small rural clubs to band together to form regional teams for the 'A' Championship is under review at part of the Kildare evolving games development strategy.

Suncroft GFC is currently engaged in discussions with Kildare Games Development about how best they can support our player development as they roll out the East Leinster Project in 2017. Planning continues between county and club as to the coaching assistance and services that could be provided by the newly appointed Club "Games Promotion Officer".

It was highlighted at the South Board AGM in Nov 2016 that underage soccer will be switching to a Summer season commencing in May 2017. This will have player effect availability and have fixture consequences for the underage section of the club in 2017.

Underage Committee for 2016.

APPOINTMENT	NOMINEE	Remarks	
Chairman	Mark Prendergast		
Vice Chairman	Mick Keogh		
Secretary	Derry Enright		
PRO	Mick Keogh	Senior AGM	
Child W.O.	TBC	Senior AGM	
ASAP Offr	TBC	Senior AGM	
Bord Na N'Og	John Brown		
South Board	Mark Prendergast		

MENTORS FOR 2016	
U/6's	TBC
U/8's	Trish Tobin
U/9's	Mark Prendergast
U/10's	Mervyn Farrell & John Troy
U/11	Anthony Delaney
U/12	Dave Kearney
U/13	Paddy Behan, Ger Fox, Mick Stynes
U/14	Andy Hynes, Declan Duignan, Derry Enright, Michael Harnett
U/15	TBC
U/16	Denis King

Mark Prendergast
Suncroft Underage



Suncroft GAA

Club

Dear members

My apologies for not being able to be with you this evening, I am not able to make the meeting due to work commitments.

As Chairman of the Ladies club I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have participated in the club last season and would like to invite anybody who is interested in giving time (no matter how small) to come along to our AGM

Our current committee, mentors, coaches, parents and players have worked very hard to keep this vibrant club together and competing last season and I would like to ensure the work that has been done is carried forward into the new season. This season has been the culmination of many years of hard work by many people and it is important that in this year of phenomenal success that we thank them for the hours of voluntary work they have contributed.

As a small parish ladies GAA club with just over 80 playing members there are many challenges facing us but I am of the firm belief that as a club we have an opportunity to develop on the work that has been done by many others to move forward and build a successful ladies club that is integrated into the main Suncroft club with a firm foundation in football.

Our goal is to provide an environment within which all that are interested in playing ladies football have the opportunity to do so. I believe we have achieved this but much work remains to be done.

2016 Season:-

This has been an amazing year for the ladies club with great participation at all levels and success at some. This was made



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possible by the valiant work put in by players, coaches, coordinators, parents and supporters.

It is also great to see the number of younger people getting involved with the underage and passing on their skills and knowledge. I hope this is again built on in the 2017 season.

I would also like to acknowledge the work done by the committee and those that helped with and contributed to the fundraising for the various teams and activities during the year.

Coaching:-

This year we managed to arrange coaching courses at fundamental level and I hope that this continues to be built on to ensure the people volunteering their time have the appropriate and most up to date tools available to them to achieve a greater quality of football and ultimately success within our club.

Our goal is to improve the coaching resource within the club, and are asking people who are interested to contact us so we can arrange further coaching courses

Players:-

This is what we are all about and at all age groups we would like to encourage all those interested to participate, no matter what you believe your skill level to be. We will work with the individuals and teams to ensure your enjoyment of the game and have the opportunity to play football at all ages. In return we would ask all players to commit to their teams and participate in the training provided and be available for matches. Our commitment is to ensure that players will have game time at their appropriate age group.

I would also ask that older players give back some time to help coach at underage.



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Underage:-

This year again we had wonderful numbers training and competing at underage, My thanks to Deirdre, Fedilma, Karen, Owen, Alan, Becca, and all those who supported and encouraged the younger players in our club. Having attended some of the matches I can assure you that the future of our club is bright.

Highlights:-

Undoubtedly the highlight of 2016 was the success of our Senior ladies who once again completed a League and Championship double and went on to represent their Club and County in Leinster. This was a Fantastic achievement and I was humbled to see the crowds in the village when the team returned. My sincere thanks to all those who made that homecoming so special.

another of the year's highlights was the trip to Croke park to watch 2 members of our club playing with the Kildare Ladies in the Intermediate final and winning, for a small parish club the support shown was amazing, Thanks to all.

Our minors also brought home the silverware, a lot of the girls that played with the senior team made up this panel and I was delighted for them and their achievement.

To cap off the year Kildare county awarded Suncroft the honour of Club of the year, an award I was humbled to accept on behalf of the club.

I would like to ask for your continued support and help to ensure we create a vibrant club that can compete at all levels, and that if you have any suggestions or ideas to help achieve this you are more than welcome to discuss these with myself or any member of the committee.

Unfortunately due to work commitments in 2017 (A small transport Project in Dublin needs my time) I will be stepping down as



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Chairman, I would ask that if anyone is interested in the position to please talk to any member of the committee. I will still be around

Chairman: Eamonn O'Modhrain

Secretary: Karen Ennis

Registrar: TBA

County board Reps: Louise & Johnny McGuirk

Senior Coordinator: Sandra Johnson

Yours sincerely, Eamonn O'Modhrain, Chairman, Suncroft LGFA

To start, I want to commend Louise for an excellent secretary report. I fully endorse everything in the report. I won't repeat all the thank you's however I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Club congratulate our ladies. As we all know the minor's ladies won the league, our senior Ladies successfully completed the double; League and Championship back to back, a unique achievement which they then followed up with an excellent Leinster campaign to reach the Leinster final. This was a wonder occasion for the players, Club and its supporter's and while the result on the day didn't go our way (lost out to St Maurs who went on to win the All Ireland) the ladies did the Community, Club and County proud. Well done to everyone involved and once again congratulations on your success in 2015 and 2016.

I want to thank Eamonn O'Modhrain, Chairman of the Ladies Football Club for his stewardship and I also wish to thank all members of the ladies' committees, manager's, selector and mentors.

I want to thank Mark Prendergast Chairman of the underage for his stewardship and I also wish to thank all members of the underage committees, managers, selector and mentors.

I would like to mention my fellow officers and thank them for their hard work throughout the year. Pat Sutton has once again done an excellent job looking after our financials and we would be lost without his expertise. As you can see from the financial reports that Pat has completed all funds raised are correctly accounted for. Pat has presented the accounts in a very transparent and professional format for all to read and see this does not happen by accident Pat spends a lot of his own personal time preparing these and I want to extend our gratitude on behalf of the Club.

Mary Keane has been instrumental in ensuring our Club is fully compliant in the area of child welfare and it saddens me to announce to the Club that Mary has decided to take a break this year. Mary will be a huge loss to the Club executive but I wish her every success in her studies and I have no doubt Mary will come back to the Club again with the knowledge and experience gained for the benefit of the Club.

Thanks To Paddy Behan, Liam Troy and Ger Fox who run and manage the Clubs Lotto draw. This is vital in keeping our Club going. It's never an easy job so well done to all who collected money on behalf of the Club during the year. As many of you know Paddy has had a difficult year health wise but he still works away behind the scenes which is a testament to the work ethic that Paddy brings to his role. On behalf of all members of the Club I hope 2017 brings you all you deserve in health and happiness.

The Clubs website was updated in 2016 with a facility for online registration added. One third of 2016 registrations were done online and it is expected that this will increase in 2017. Mick Kehoe as PRO has done a super job with the website, keeps our facebook and website pages up to date and ensures that we featured every week in the local press. Current information on the Clubs activities is always available for our members. The work Mick does behind the scenes is endless and again on the behalf of the Club thank you.

I would like to congratulate our players who represented the Club on County, College and Schools teams during the year. Well done. Also congratulations to those who represented the community in any way including Athletics, Soccer and Rugby.

Today I also have the pleasure of congratulating 2 all-Ireland winners Trina Duggan and Ellen Dowling who helped Kildare Ladies GAA to win the All-Ireland Intermediate Cup. What a wonderful year these ladies have had. Congratulations once again girls.

I would like to say a big thank you to all our players and our team of coaches, mentors and selectors at all levels in the Club for the hard work they have put in throughout the year. Over two hundred and forty players represented the Club on the field of play and I know at times you might think that the work that this takes to make that happen goes unnoticed but to the true Club man it doesn't. I would like to wish all the players in all the Clubs in the community the best of luck in the year ahead.

This year the Club will make a substantial investment in our youth under the Leinster GAA initiative and Suncroft GFC will ensure that it is funded as a priority. The annual funding from Intel is earmarked to fund this initiative. This investment will add huge value for all our under age members and it also sends out a strong message to our community that Suncroft GFC is serious about developing all our players.

On the pitch development front I am sad and disappointed to say we are at a standstill. The Trustees of the community field agreed to give the SCDG a lease for the field on the condition that Suncroft GFC was given a sub-lease for the area of the field that it has been using since the 1970's. The Trustees solicitor is currently in possession of the agreed SCDG lease. He has told the Trustees that the lease to the SCDG will not be registered, fully executed, or issued to the SCDG until such time as sub-lease to Suncroft GFC is released to the Clubs solicitors (as per the agreed condition of the Trustees offer of a lease to the SCDG). Once this is done the trustee's solicitor will then register the SCDG lease and once that is registered Suncroft GFC's sub-lease can then be registered.

For some reason unknown to me the SCDG, who don't have a full or proper lease for the field, don't want to abide by the conditions they agreed with the Trustees and unfortunately we are caught in the middle. This is very frustrating as it has undermined our ability to develop the pitches and the adjacent land that we purchased as planned. It is also frustrating the development of facilities of other sporting Clubs in the parish. I am baffled as to why some fellow parishioners, who have taken control of the SCDG Board of Management, seem hell bent on trying to make up their own set of new rules as opposed to following the conditions set out and agreed between the SCDG and Trustees, and as opposed to following the principles and terms set out in the field's original, 1976, Deed of Trust (Indenture).

As you have heard in Pats report our Club remains in a delicate financial position and is a constant area of concern for all committee members. While I bring up the our Financials as an area of concern I do wish to acknowledge all who kindly help out, donated and sponsored our Club in any way, from under age right up to senior level. I would also like to say a big thank you to all our Main sponsors as outlined in Pat report.

Fundraising will always be a big part of our Club's survival. Over the years we have had various fundraising events taking place like the dog night, field days, table quiz, etc. and while we still need these and many more to survive, the Kildare GAA members draw is an excellent opportunity for the Club to really push on help us gain a healthy financial position. Unfortunately, it is underperforming as a proper fundraiser and I would appeal to all Club supporters to engage with us and we will work to ensure there is affordable payment options available to help us grow the potential revenue available to the Club from this draw.

Last Saturday night the Club held a night at the dogs and to say it poorly supported would be an understatement. I appreciate we are heading into an expensive time of the year but it was still very disappointing for many reasons but if you are as true Suncroft person and supporter, as many of you are.... ask yourself are you comfortable knowing people like Sean Murphy & Tony Howard travelled especially over from the UK to support and donate to the Club at a fundraiser with such a poor attendance.

As parents and mentors many of you encourage our youth to show respect, participate in sport, be supportive, be leaders, be responsible be team players... I understand people have their own commitments but the attendance last Saturday night left a lot to be desired and I believe the reality is if people really wanted to make the effort the turnout would have been a lot higher. There was a lot of work put in behind the scenes to organise the night the low turnout was quick simply a slap in the face to those who gave up their time to organise it and that in my opinion is just not good enough.

The Annual GAA Club Draw has been launched by the GAA recently and we have over 200 tickets for sale. Mary Keane has once again kindly arranged for us to have the use of Whitewater Shopping Centre next Sunday 18th. We will be selling the €10 national Club draw tickets which has fantastic prizes, including, Car, trip to USA , travel vouchers, shopping vouchers and much more. It's an important fund raiser for the Club and as the prizes are provided by Croke-park all the money raised by Suncroft stays with Suncroft. Volunteers are needed on the day and I encourage you to please let us know a time that will suit to next Sunday to give us a hand. I would also encourage every family to take 5 tickets each for selling.

Over the last number of years as in my previous officer roles and as Chairman I met a lot of genuine members; I have seen a huge success on the playing fields with our ladies, underage success and our minor lads won a league this year and a league and championship last year. There is plenty to be positive about. We purchased additional lands, Croke Park, Leinster Council, and the Kildare County board have met the Club and have agreed to work with us on helping us develop this land. I understand the frustrations in this area as progress is slower that I would like but we have built a decent platform for the Club bearing in mind three or four years ago we had nothing to our name.

Both the ladies and Underage committees are working well and their teams are going well. While there is the odd hiccup the amalgamation of the ladies and the lads is delivering efficiencies and working fairly well. Our senior lads are holding their own in the intermediate championship and we have plenty of young players coming through from the underage system over the next few years. It's our ambition to help this team return to Senior Championship status and if only one in four of our underage players stick with football over the next few years we will have over fifty players competing for a place on the senior lad's teams. We do aim to retain more than one in four players.

The Club has a lot of work to do still and we need to understand that our only support is in this room and its time the Club unites. The reason I say this is unfortunately that I have seen first-hand that negativity is being engineered and promoted by a very small number of people and once it filters through the Club it can spread like a virus. This is so damaging to our Club, the people working hard in our Club but most importantly, it's damaging our reputation and all the good work that is being done behind the scenes. This Club needs all the support it can get and egotistic self-promoting negativity will not help us develop this support or the Club. We have many challenges to face as a Club and these challenges will always present themselves and none of them are insurmountable. Over the last few years I'm constantly listening to people muttering in the background giving out about the committee ... about coaches ... about selectors ... about players ... about the Club.... saying they should have done this, should have done that, there useless, they haven't a clue. I ask those people one question; do you realise the amount time and energy these people put into your Club? ... As far as I'm concerned, those who criticise and abuse are not Club people and should not be tolerated by our Club. There are also the people that are nowhere to be seen when there is support needed or work to be done.

I no longer play football and as it happens I have no members of my family playing presently so I have no hidden agenda. I am proud to say having been a Club officer in 4 different positions that I have always put the Club first and I am raising these issues not to have a go at anyone in particular but rather to say without fear or favour this behaviour is not fair on those who support the Club and

do the work. All our volunteers deserve better and they deserve to be treated with utmost respect and should be shown appreciation at all times.

We have some brilliant Club members on our committee and in our team of coaches and mentors, members that will give their heart and soul for the Club, who will do anything that's asked of them, who are willing to put themselves forward for thankless work. Later on today a new committee will be appointed for the coming year. I would love to see loads of new Club people with positive ideas getting involved on the committee as new faces are always welcomed and are badly needed..... The Club and the good of the Club should always come first.

After being chairman of this Club for the last 2 years I have made the decision to step down as chairman and allow somebody else the opportunity to bring some fresh and new ideas into our Club. I have really enjoyed my time as Chairman and I would like to thank everybody for giving me the opportunity to hold this position. Suncroft GFC holds a very special place in my heart I will always be a very loyal and strong supporter of the Club and I won't be going away too far as I would like to stay actively involved and help out in any way I can.

I would like to thank you all for coming here today and to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy Christmas and I hope 2017 and beyond brings you all luck but most of all health and happiness.

I am and always will be a true supporter of Suncroft GFC whether we are winning or losing, its playing that important Thank you for listening