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# CÓRÚ FHIANNA FÁIL

1. Cuireann Fianna Fáil rómhu mar chuspóirí:—
  - (i) Aontacht agus Saoirse na hÉireann do bhaint amach mar Phoblacht.
  - (ii) An Ghaeilg dathbhunú mar ghnáthurlabhra na ndaoine agus saol náisiúnta ar leithligh do chur ar aghaidh dréir gnás agus barrshamhla ár sinnsear.
  - (iii) Gustal agus saibhreas na tíre do chur chun leasa agus chun tairbhe don phobal uile.
  - (iv) Éire do dhéanamh neamh-spleách agus féinchothaitheach inti féin ó thaobh na heaconamaíochta chomh fada agus is féidir é.
  - (v) An oiread teaghlach agus is féidir dréir chor an tsaol do bhunú ar an dtalamh.
  - (vi) Na tionnscail is riachtanach do bhonn beatha an stáit do shuíomh ar an dtuaithe tré chómhacht leictreachais do chur ar fáil, in áit a gcarnadh ar a chéile istigh i gcathracha.
  - (vii) An Clár Daonlathach leis an gCéad Dáil do chur i gcion.

## CONSTITUTION OF FIANNA FÁIL

1. Fianna Fáil is a National Movement. Its aims are:—
  - (i) To secure the Unity and Independence of Ireland as a Republic.
  - (ii) To restore the Irish Language as the spoken language of the people, and to develop a distinctive National life in accordance with Irish traditions and ideals.
  - (iii) To make the resources and wealth of Ireland subservient to the needs and welfare of all the people of Ireland.
  - (iv) To make Ireland as far as possible economically self-contained and self-sufficing.
  - (v) To establish as many Families as is practicable on the land.
  - (vi) By suitable distribution of power to promote the ruralisation of industries essential to the lives of the people as opposed to their concentration in cities.
  - (vii) To carry out the democratic programme of the First Dáil.
2. The Movement shall be organised and known as Fianna Fáil, The Republican Party, in accordance with the Rules annexed hereto.
3. Membership of the Organisation is open to all persons of Irish birth, parentage, or residence who accept the Constitution and Rules of Fianna Fáil.

# RULES

1. The Organisation of Fianna Fáil shall comprise:—
  - Cumannn or local branches.
  - Ógra Fianna Fáil.
  - Comhairlí Ceantair or District Executives.
  - Comhairlí Dáilcheantair or Constituency Executives.
  - The National Executive, and
  - The Árd Fheis.

## MEMBERSHIP.

2. (i) To become a member of Fianna Fáil a person must:
    - (a) Be accepted as a member of a Cumann and must sign a written declaration of acceptance of the Córú and Rules.
    - Or
    - (b) Be selected as a Fianna Fáil Candidate for Parliamentary or Local Government Elections and have signed the appropriate pledge.
  - (ii) A person whose application for membership has been refused by a Cumann shall have the right to appeal to the Comhairle Ceantair and Chomhairle Dáilcheantair which may direct the Cumann to accept such person as a member. The Cumann shall comply with such direction.
  - (iii) A person accepted as a member of Fianna Fáil will not be eligible to cumann voting rights until the next meeting following on the meeting of the formal acceptance.
3. No person may be a member of more than one Cumann at the same time.
  4. (i) A person who has been a member of a Cumann shall not be accepted as a member of another Cumann in the same Constituency without the consent in writing of the Secretary of the first Cumann.
  - (ii) This rule shall not apply where:
    - (a) The person ceased to be a member of the former Cumann more than twelve months before the date of the application for membership.
    - Or
    - (b) The Comhairle Ceantair or Comhairle Dáilcheantair so directs.
5. A member shall not, without the sanction of the National Executive, hold the Office of Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer of more than one of the following bodies, that is to say:
    - The National Executive, a Comhairle Dáilcheantair, and a Comhairle Ceantair.



6. A person shall cease to be a member of the Organisation when his resignation is accepted or when he is expelled in accordance with these Rules.

7. (i) The National Executive shall have the power to expel from membership of the Organisation or to remove from any office he may hold therein, or from membership of the National Executive, a Comhairle Dáilcheantair, a Comhairle Ceantair, or a Cumann, any member who has supported any candidate contesting a Dáil, European Assembly or Local Government Election in opposition to a Fianna Fáil Candidate, or who, in the opinion of the National Executive, shall have been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of the Organisation.
- (ii) Comhairle Dáilcheantair, Comhairle Ceantair, and Cumann shall have a like power in respect of their members, and subject in each case to a right of appeal to the immediately superior body, and to an ultimate appeal to the National Executive.
- (iii) No expulsion or removal authorised by this Rule shall be valid or effective unless it is decided on by at least Two-Thirds of the members present and voting at a meeting of the body concerned specially convened for that purpose.
- (iv) Any member of Fianna Fáil who contests any election other than as a duly ratified Fianna Fáil Candidate automatically ceases to be a member of all units of the Organisation as from close of nominations.

The right to appeal to the National Executive shall also apply to automatic expulsions.

#### SUSPENSION FROM MEMBERSHIP.

8. (i) The National Executive shall have the power to suspend from membership of the Organisation, or from any office he/she may hold therein, or from membership of the National Executive, a Comhairle Dáilcheantair, a Comhairle Ceantair, or a Cumann, any candidate or any member who fails to comply with an instruction of the duly appointed Director of Elections, concerning the conduct of a Dáil or Local Government, or European Parliament Election, or who in the opinion of the National Executive shall have been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of the Organisation.
- (ii) Comhairle Dáilcheantair, Comhairle Ceantair and Cumann shall have like power in respect of their members, and subject in each case to a right of appeal to the immediately superior body and to an ultimate appeal to the National Executive.
- (iii) No suspension authorised by this Rule shall be valid or effective unless it is decided by a simple majority of the body concerned and voting by secret ballot at a meeting of the body concerned and to which due notice of motion to suspend a member has been given.

(iv) A suspension authorised under this Rule shall be for a period of not less than 6 months, and not more than 2 years from the date of the meeting at which the motion was passed, or in the event of an appeal the date determined by the superior body.

(v) The names of all persons suspended and the reasons for the duration of, the suspension must be advised immediately to the Comhairle Dáilcheantair. When a suspension is authorised or confirmed on appeal by a Comhairle Dáilcheantair it must immediately notify the National Executive.

A register of all suspensions shall be maintained at Headquarters. Chairmen of Conventions for the selection of candidates shall be advised of the names of any suspension in the constituency.

(vi) A person whose suspension has been authorised under this rule shall not have the right to join, or transfer to, any other Cumann in the Constituency, or in any other Constituency, until the period of his/her suspension has expired.

(vii) Nothing in this Rule shall in any way prejudice the rights of the National Executive, a Comhairle Dáilcheantair, a Comhairle Ceantair or a Cumann in the exercise of its powers under Rule 7.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

9. Persons who do not wish to become active members of the Organisation may be enrolled as associate members of a Cumann in the Constituency in which they reside.

10. Associate members shall pay a regular contribution to the funds of the Cumann, and when called upon give such active assistance as possible.

11. Associate members may attend all ordinary meetings of the Cumann, but shall not have the right to vote. However, they are not bound to attend any meetings, except those to which they have been specially summoned.

12. An Associate member is not eligible for election as an Officer of the Cumann, nor as a Cumann delegate to the Comhairle Ceantair or the Árd Fheis.

13. Save as aforesaid, the Rules as to members shall apply to Associate members.

#### NATIONAL COLLECTION.

14. (i) A National Public Collection shall be taken up annually throughout the country on a Sunday or other days to be fixed by the National Executive.

(ii) It shall be the duty of each Cumann to organise this Collection in its area, and within fourteen days after the date of the

Collection to forward the gross proceeds thereof to the Honorary Treasurers, together with an account signed by the Officers of the Cumann.

- (iii) Special methods of collection may be sanctioned or directed by the National Executive in certain areas.

15. Any Cumann which:

- (i) In the opinion of the National Executive has not made a satisfactory effort to carry out the National Collection, or
- (ii) Fails to forward the proceeds of the National Collection to the Honorary Treasurers, in accordance with Rule 14 hereof shall be removed from the Register of Cumainn.

### THE CUMANN.

- 16. (i) Fianna Fáil shall be organised on the basis of local branches known as Cumainn.
- (ii) Each Cumann shall consist of not less than ten members.
- (iii) Cumainn shall be organised as follows:
  - (a) In Rural Areas:— Subject to paragraph (ii) hereof the basis of the Cumann will be the Church area or Polling Station area.
  - (b) In Urban Areas and County Boroughs:— The basis of the Cumann will be the Urban Area or Ward or such other area as may be directed or approved of in particular cases by the Comhairle Ceantair, the Comhairle Dáilcheantair or the National Executive.
  - (c) In foreign countries:— In such manner as may be directed by the National Executive.

In rural areas the National Executive after consultation with the Comhairle Dáilcheantair, and in view of local conditions and administration, may designate the Cumann area and, in particular, may direct that a number of church areas or polling station areas shall be combined into one Cumann area.

- 17. (i) The Honorary Secretaries shall compile and maintain a register of the recognised Cumainn of the Organisation, which shall be revised annually after the conclusion of the Árd Fheis.
- (ii) To be included in the register, a Cumann must apply for registration annually and pay the prescribed registration fee and have its application accepted.
- 18. (i) The names of new Cumainn may be added to the register of Cumainn from time to time on receipt by the Honorary Secretaries of an Application signed by the minimum number of members necessary to form a Cumann, and a report that a

meeting of the Cumann has been held and officers appointed and, subject to the approval of the Comhairle Ceantair of the area in which the Cumann is situated.

- (ii) Where the Comhairle Ceantair refuses its approval, the Cumann may appeal to the National Executive. The National Executive shall consider the reasons given to it by the Comhairle Ceantair for such refusal, and if it considers such reasons inadequate may cause enquiries to be made as to the bona fides of the application. If satisfied of such bona fides, and that local circumstances warrant the establishment of a new Cumann in the area, the National Executive may direct the Comhairle Ceantair to give approval to the application. The Comhairle Ceantair shall thereupon comply with such direction.

19. The National Executive shall have power to dissolve any Cumann which in its opinion shall have been guilty of a violation of the rules, or in which the number of members is less than that required by Rule 16.

The name of such Cumann shall thereupon be removed from the register of Cumainn.

### DUTIES OF CUMAINN AND CUMAINN OFFICERS.

20. It shall be the duty of a Cumann and the members thereof to:—

- (i) Abide by the spirit of the Córú and the Rules of the Organisation.
- (ii) Promote the interests of the Organisation in its area, and secure public support for its programme.
- (iii) Endeavour to increase its membership to include all supporters of Fianna Fáil in its area.
- (iv) Carry out loyally such specific instructions as are from time to time transmitted to it from the bodies with authority to do so.

21. (i) Within ten weeks of the termination of the Árd Fheis, a General Meeting of all members of the Cumann shall be convened to elect the Officers of the Cumann for the ensuing year and also its delegates to the Comhairle Ceantair.

- (ii) The Officers of the Cumann shall be:—  
A Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Two Honorary Treasurers.
- (iii) The Cumann may also elect an Honorary President.
- (iv) A Youth Officer shall also be appointed who shall assist the Coiste Ógra in its work.
- (v) The Chairman of the Meeting, if a member of the Cumann shall be entitled to vote on any question, however, in the event of an equal division of votes, a decision shall be taken by casting lots.



## DUTIES OF CUMANN CHAIRMAN.

22. (i) (a) To see that meetings of the Cumann are held regularly, and at least once monthly, and that such meetings are properly conducted.
- (b) To see that the officers of the Cumann and any Committees appointed by the Cumann for special purposes fulfil the duties allotted to them.
- (c) To see that all resolutions passed by the Cumann are put into effect.

## DUTIES OF HONORARY SECRETARY.

- (ii) (a) To convene all meetings of the Cumann and the Cumann Committees.
- (b) To compile and forward all reports required by those with authority to request them.
- (c) To keep up to date the Cumann roll and the roll of Associate members, and the Minutes of Meetings.
- (d) To carry out such specific duties as may from time to time be required of him.
- (e) To forward to the Honorary Secretaries on or before March 31st of each year, or such other date as the National Executive may appoint, the formal application of the Cumann for registration, together with a report of the number of members and associate members in the Cumann, countersigned by the Secretary of the Comhairle Ceantair.

## DUTIES OF HONORARY TREASURERS.

- (iii) (a) To collect and have sent to the Honorary Treasurers the Annual Registration Fee and other contributions.
- (b) To organise means for augmenting the Cumann funds.
- (c) To be responsible for the collection and the custody of Cumann funds, to disburse them as directed by the Cumann, and at the end of the year to submit a Statement of Accounts for ratification to the Cumann prior to its being sent to the Comhairle Ceantair.

23. The Cumann shall have power by a vote of the majority of the total membership at a duly convened meeting to make regulations binding on its members, provided that such regulations are not contrary to the Rules of the Organisation.

24. The Cumann shall have power to impose periodic subscriptions and occasional levies on its members for the purposes of the Cumann.

## COMHAIRLÍ CEANTAIR.

25. There shall be a Comhairle Ceantair in each county electoral area, or in such other area as the National Executive, or the Comhairle Dáilcheantar with the approval of the National Executive may direct. Each Comhairle Ceantair shall have a Youth Committee known as the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair.

26. (i) The Comhairle Ceantair shall consist of the Secretary and two delegates from each registered Comann in the area, and from the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair together with not more than three co-opted members. Each co-option shall be made at the discretion of the Comhairle Ceantair.
- (ii) Where a Comhairle Ceantair is exercising the powers and functions of a Comhairle Dáilcheantar in accordance with Rule 39 hereof, it may decide at any Annual General Meeting that each Cumann shall be represented by the Secretary and one delegate. Such decision shall remain in force until rescinded by a resolution passed at a subsequent Annual General Meeting. The Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair shall be represented by the Secretary and two delegates.
27. (i) Not later than twelve weeks but not sooner than ten weeks of the termination of the Ard Fheis in each year, the delegates from the registered Cumann in each area and the delegates from the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair shall meet and elect officers of the Comhairle Ceantair for the ensuing year.
- (ii) The officers shall be:— a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and two Honorary Treasurers.
- (iii) The Comhairle Ceantair may also elect an Honorary President.
- (iv) A Youth Officer shall also be appointed who shall assist the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair in its work.
- (v) No Teachta Dála shall be an officer.
- (vi) The Honorary Secretary of the outgoing Comhairle Ceantair will be responsible for summoning the delegates, or in his absence or default the Honorary Secretary of the Comhairle Dáilcheantar shall be responsible for summoning the delegates.
- (vii) The outgoing officers of the Comhairle Ceantair may attend, but have not the right to vote, except as appointed delegates from their respective Cumann for the ensuing year.
- (viii) The Chairman of the Annual Meeting, if a member of the Comhairle Ceantair, shall be entitled to vote on any question. However, in the event of an equal division of votes, a decision shall be taken by casting lots.

28. In the event of a member of the Organisation not a delegate to the Comhairle Ceantair being elected an Officer of the Comhairle Ceantair, the member so elected shall be deemed to be a co-opted member.

29. (i) The Teachtaí Dála, members of the European Assembly, and the delegate to the National Executive shall have the right to attend and speak at all meetings of the Comhairlí Ceantair in the Constituency, but shall not have the right to vote, unless they are delegates to the Comhairle Ceantair, or, the Comhairle Ceantair is, in accordance with the rules, exercising the powers and functions of a Comhairle Dáilcheantair.
- (ii) Fianna Fáil members of any local Authority who represent a district comprised in the Comhairle Ceantair area, and Senators who reside, or are members of a Cumann in the Constituency shall have the right to attend and speak at all Meetings of Comhairlí Ceantair, but shall not have a vote, unless they are delegates to the Comhairle Ceantair.

30. A Cumann whose delegate or delegates are elected officers of the Comhairle Ceantair shall not be entitled to any additional representation on the Comhairle Ceantair by reason of this fact.

31. The proportion of the total membership which shall constitute a quorum shall be fixed by the Comhairle Ceantair.

#### DUTIES OF COMHAIRLÍ CEANTAIR.

32. The duties of Comhairle Ceantair officers in relation to the Comhairle Ceantair shall be similar to those of the Cumann officers in relation to the Cumann.

33. It shall be the duty of the Comhairle Ceantair to:—
- (i) Supervise, direct and advise the registered Cumainn in its area.
  - (ii) Arrange for the formation of new Cumainn in districts where none exists.
  - (iii) Arrange public meetings, conduct propaganda and collect funds in accordance with the instructions of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair or National Executive, and at the end of the year to forward a Statement of Accounts to the Comhairle Dáilcheantair.
  - (iv) Carry out loyally any specific instructions issued to it from bodies in authority over it.
  - (v) Arrange Conventions for the selection of candidates for election to local Authorities and control all local elections in its area in accordance with the instructions of the National Executive.

34. A Comhairle Ceantair shall have power by a vote of the majority of the members present at a meeting duly convened for the purpose, to order the dissolution of any Cumann which flagrantly violates the Constitution or Rules, subject to appeal to the Comhairle Dáilcheantair, with further right of appeal to the National Executive.

35. A Comhairle Ceantair shall have power to impose a levy on the registered Cumainn in its area for the purposes of the Comhairle Ceantair.

#### COMHAIRLÍ DÁILCHEANTAIR.

36. There shall be a Comhairle Dáilcheantair for each Constituency. Each Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall have a Youth Committee to be known as the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair.

37. (i) The Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary and three delegates from each Comhairle Ceantair in the Constituency; the Secretary and two other members of the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair; the Fianna Fáil Teachtaí Dála for the Constituency; The Constituency Delegate to the National Executive, and subject to paragraph (ii) of this Rule, not more than three co-opted members, or one from each Comhairle Ceantair, whichever is the greater. The total number of co-options shall not be greater than the total number of Comhairlí Ceantair in the Comhairle Dáilcheantair area.

(ii) Where two Counties are comprised in one Constituency co-option of members to the Comhairle Dáilcheantair and the number of co-options shall be so arranged as to secure equal representation on the Comhairle Dáilcheantair from each County.

(iii) Fianna Fáil members of the European Assembly; members of any local Authority in the Constituency, and Senators who are members of a Cumann in the Constituency, shall have the right to attend and speak at all meetings of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair, but shall not have the right to vote unless they are delegates to the Comhairle Dáilcheantair.

38. (i) Not later than fourteen weeks, but not sooner than twelve weeks of the termination of the Árd-Fheis in each year, the delegates from the Comhairlí Ceantair shall meet and elect the officers of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair for the ensuing year.

(ii) The officers shall be — a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and two Honorary Treasurers.

(iii) The meeting may also appoint an Information Officer.

(iv) No Teachta Dála shall be an officer.

(v) The Honorary Secretary of the outgoing Comhairle Dáilcheantair or in his absence or default, the Honorary Secretaries of the Organisation shall be responsible for summoning the delegates.

(vi) The Chairman of the Annual Meeting, if a member of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair, shall be entitled to vote on any question, but in the event of an equal division of votes, the decision shall be taken by casting lots.

(vii) A Youth Officer shall also be appointed who shall assist the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair in its work.

39. Where a Constituency contains only one Comhairle Ceantair area, the Comhairle Ceantair shall exercise the powers and fulfil the functions of a Comhairle Dáilcheantair as defined in these Rules.



## DUTIES OF COMHAIRLÍ DÁILCHEANTAIR.

40. The duties of the officers of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair in relation to the Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall be similar to those of the officers of a Cumann in relation to the Cumann.

41. It shall be the duty of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair to –
- (i) Direct the organisation of the Constituency with a view to contesting elections.
  - (ii) Summon Conventions for the selection of candidates for Dáil Elections in accordance with the instructions of the National Executive.
  - (iii) Collect funds for election purposes, and be responsible for the discharge of all liabilities incurred in contesting Dáil Elections.
  - (iv) Arrange public meetings, conduct propaganda, and supervise and direct similar activities on the part of the Comhairle Ceantair.
  - (v) Carry out such other specific instructions as may from time to time be transmitted to it by the National Executive.
  - (vi) Each constituency shall hold an Annual Youth Conference to be organised by the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair in conjunction with the Comhairle Dáilcheantair.

42. A Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall have power to impose a levy on the Comhairlí Ceantair in the Constituency for the purposes of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair.

43. Where a Constituency comprises two counties, and where a County Executive has been set up in each, such Executive shall exercise the powers and fulfil the functions of a Comhairle Dáilcheantair as defined in these rules.

## CONVENTIONS.

44. (i) In the case of a General Election for Dáil Éireann and European Assembly Elections the National Executive shall determine the number of candidates to be selected from each Constituency, by the respective Constituency Conventions, and the Chairman of the Convention shall announce the number so decided.
- (ii) The National Executive may decide that one or more candidates from a particular area or areas shall be selected by the Convention, and may empower the Chairman to direct that a separate ballot or ballots be held for this purpose.
45. (i) Conventions for the selection of candidates at Dáil Elections shall be convened by the Honorary Secretaries of Comhairlí Dáilcheantair, or in such manner as may be directed by the National Executive, and shall consist of:
- (a) A Chairman (without a vote) appointed by the National Executive.

- (b) Two delegates from the Comhairle Dáilcheantair, and Two from each Comhairle Ceantair in the Constituency.
- (c) Three delegates from each registered Cumann of at least three months standing in the Constituency and which has made the National Collection.

- (d) Two delegates from the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair.
- (ii) Nominees for selection as candidates for Dáil or European Assembly Elections shall not be eligible to act as delegates to the Convention, nor until after the candidates have been selected, be permitted to be present thereat.
- (iii) Conventions for the selection of candidates at European Assembly Elections shall be convened by the Honorary Secretaries or in such manner as may be directed by the National Executive.

46. (i) Where in the opinion of the National Executive the circumstances existing prior to a general election or by-election so permit, the following conditions shall apply to the selection of candidates by Conventions –
- (a) Each Registered Cumann shall have the right to put forward in writing to the Honorary Secretaries before a date to be fixed by them the names of the suggested candidates, not exceeding the number of candidates to be selected.
  - (b) Each such name shall be accompanied by the signed pledge and written consent of the suggested candidate, together with a written declaration signed by the Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Cumann to the effect that the decision to suggest the person concerned as a candidate was made at a Special Meeting of the Cumann held for the purpose, and properly convened after due notice.
  - (c) A list of all persons suggested as candidates by Cumainn from whom signed pledges and consents have been received by the Honorary Secretaries shall be prepared and submitted to the National Executive, and that body having considered it, shall have the right to add a name or names to the list.
  - (d) A copy of the list of suggested candidates as determined by the National Executive in accordance with paragraph (c) of this rule shall be circulated to all Cumainn prior to the summoning of the Convention.
  - (e) Subject to rule 46 (ii) hereof, no person whose name is not on the list of suggested candidates circulated by the National Executive shall be eligible to be selected by the Convention.
  - (f) Conventions, in selecting candidates, will be expected to give preference to Irish speaking nominees provided they are otherwise properly qualified. This shall be especially so in dealing with Gaeltacht Constituencies, and it shall be the duty of the presiding Chairman of any Convention for the selection of candidates to explain and emphasise this policy to the Convention before selection.



- (ii) Where the National Executive is satisfied that the list of candidates is not likely to result in the selection of a representative panel, the Chairman may accept further nominations from the Convention.

47. Where in the opinion of the National Executive the circumstances existing do not permit of the application of rule 46, candidates for selection may be proposed and seconded at the Convention by delegates, but no proposal shall be deemed to be in order unless the signed pledge and written consent of the person concerned is presented to the Chairman.

48. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Convention to take such measures as will ensure that only accredited delegates are admitted to the Convention.

49. All voting for selection of candidates at Conventions shall be by ballot, and if there be more than two names for ballot, and none secures more than half of the valid votes cast, a further ballot or ballots shall be taken, the name or names standing lowest on the list being eliminated in each case until a candidate has secured more than half of the valid votes cast. Where more than one candidate is to be elected, separate ballots shall be held for each place on the panel, unless the Chairman, with the consent of the Convention decides otherwise.

50. The names of those recommended for nomination as candidates by the Convention shall be submitted to the National Executive, which shall consider whether the person or persons thus recommended are suitable to contest the election in the Constituency, and if so satisfied, shall ratify their selection.

51. In any Constituency in which the National Executive is satisfied that such action is necessary in the best interests of the Organisation, it may add a name or names to the panel of candidates to be nominated at a General Election or European Assembly Election.

52. In any Constituency where, in the opinion of the National Executive the state of the Organisation is not such as would enable a representative Convention to be held, the National Executive shall consider the names of the suggested Candidates submitted by Cumainn in the Constituency, and shall itself select a candidate or Candidates.

Nothing in this Rule shall prejudice the exercise by the National Executive of its right under Rule 51, to add a name or names to the panel of candidates to be nominated at a General Election or European Assembly Election.

53. Where the National Executive so decides the name of an outgoing Deputy shall not be considered for nomination by any Convention.

54. Where in the opinion of the National Executive the circumstances in any Constituency are such that a more representative panel of candidates

is likely to be secured by the holding of district Conventions, it may decide to substitute such Conventions for a single Constituency Convention, and delegate to each the selection of such number of candidates as the National Executive may determine.

55. In the event of a By-Election, the National Executive, after consultation with the Comhairle Dáilcheantair, may decide to summon a Convention or may select a candidate.

56. The Pledge to be signed by each Candidate for the Dáil and European Assembly Election is –

“Realising the honour conferred on me if selected as a candidate for Fianna Fáil, I undertake to conduct the election campaign in accordance with the instructions of the Director of Elections and to refrain from doing anything inimical to the prestige of the Organisation.

I, ..... do hereby signify my consent to stand if selected as a candidate for the Constituency of ..... and pledge myself, if elected, to work to the best of my ability for the Aims and Objects of Fianna Fáil, as stated in the Córú, and to abide at all times by majority decisions of the Party or resign my seat as Teachta Dála or as Member of the European Assembly. I further promise that if called upon by the National Executive by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present, and voting, at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, to resign my seat as Teachta Dála, or as Member of the European Assembly, I will do so.”

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

57. (i) Conventions to select candidates for election or co-option to County Councils shall be summoned in each County Electoral Area by the Honorary Secretary of the Comhairle Ceantair of the area concerned, and shall consist of:—
- (a) A Chairman (without a vote) appointed by the Comhairle Dáilcheantair.
  - (b) Two delegates from the Comhairle Ceantair.
  - (c) Three delegates from each registered Cumann in the area of at least three months standing and which has made the National Collection.
  - (d) Two delegates from the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair.
- (ii) Where more than one Comhairle Ceantair operates in an Electoral Area, the Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall decide the number of candidates to be selected by each Convention in that Electoral Area.

58. The names of the candidates to be selected shall be submitted to the Comhairle Dáilcheantair for ratification. When in the opinion of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair the best interests of the Organisation would be served by such action, the Comhairle Dáilcheantair may add a name or



names to the list, and such list shall be the final one for nomination in the area concerned.

59. In all other matters these Conventions shall be conducted similarly to the Conventions for the selection of candidates for Dáil Elections.

60. The Comhairle Dáilcheantair may decide that all elections to Urban Councils and Town Commissioners, or any particular election to such bodies, shall not be contested by Fianna Fáil as a Party, and such decision shall be binding on the Organisation in its area.

61. Conventions to select candidates for election or co-option to Urban Councils or Town Commissioners shall be held in such manner as the Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall direct. In the case of an Urban District or Town where there is more than one Cumann, the Convention shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary of the Comhairle Ceantair for the area concerned and shall consist of:

- (i) A Chairman (without a vote) appointed by the Comhairle Dáilcheantair.
- (ii) Three delegates from each registered Cumann of at least three months standing in the Urban District or Town, and which has made the National Collection.
- (iii) Two delegates from the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair.

62. The provisions of Rule 57 shall apply to the selection of candidates for election or co-option to Municipal Councils.

63. Fianna Fáil Councillors shall be summoned following an election and annually thereafter, to appoint a Chairman and Secretary. The duties of the latter shall include the calling of regular meetings of the Group to consider the Council Agenda, and to ensure united action in matters of National Policy.

64. The Pledge to be signed by each candidate for a Local Authority is:—

“Realising the honour conferred on me if selected as a candidate for Fianna Fáil, I undertake to conduct the election campaign in accordance with the instructions of the Director of Elections and to refrain from doing anything inimical to the prestige of the Organisation.

I ....., hereby pledge myself if elected to the position of Councillor on the ..... to support the policy of Fianna Fáil in all matters, and particularly in its Local Government Programme, and I also pledge myself to act in conjunction with the other members of the above Council nominated by the Fianna Fáil Organisation, and to carry out any specific instructions issued from time to time by the National Executive. I further promise if called upon by the National Executive, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, to resign the position, I will do so”.

## ÁRD-FHEIS.

65. The Supreme Governing and Legislative Body of the Organisation shall be the Árd-Fheis, which shall be convened annually by the National Executive, and shall consist of:—

- (i) Two delegates from each registered Cumann of at least three months standing.
- (ii) Two delegates from each Comhairle Ceantair and Comhairle Dáilcheantair.
- (iii) The elected Fianna Fáil members of the Oireachtas.
- (iv) The members of the National Executive.
- (v) The Fianna Fáil members of County, Borough, and Urban Councils; and Town Commissions.
- (vi) The Fianna Fáil members of the European Assembly.

66. (i) The National Executive shall in the case of a National Emergency have authority to order the postponement of the Annual Árd-Fheis for a period not exceeding one year; such decision must be arrived at by a two-thirds' majority of all the available members at a Special Meeting summoned for the purpose, of which at least seven days notice is given. In the event of the postponement of the Annual Árd-Fheis under the provisions of this Rule, the officers, committee and delegates elected under Rules 73 and 76 shall continue in office until their successors are elected by the ensuing Árd-Fheis.

(ii) Whenever under the foregoing provisions it becomes necessary in any year to postpone the Annual Árd-Fheis, the National Executive shall name a date which for the purposes of these Rules shall be deemed to be the date of the termination of the Annual Árd-Fheis for that year.

67. The Árd-Fheis shall assemble ordinarily in the first quarter of the year. The place and date of the meeting together with the rules governing procedure shall be decided by the National Executive. Admission-Cards, Clár, and lists of nominees for election to the National Executive shall be sent to each delegate at least seven days in advance.

68. Cumainn, Comhairlí Ceantair and Comhairlí Dáilcheantair shall have the right to submit resolutions on all matters affecting the Organisation for the Clár of the Árd-Fheis, but all such resolutions must reach the Honorary Secretaries at least one month prior to the date of the Árd-Fheis.

69. The Córú and Rules may not be altered or amended except by an Árd-Fheis on the Clár of which notice of the proposed alteration or amendment has duly appeared, and by a two-thirds' vote of those present. All other business shall be done on a majority vote.

70. (i) An extraordinary Árd-Fheis shall be summoned for a special purpose, stated on a requisition, endorsed by either:
- (a) One-third of the Comhairlí Ceantair  
or
  - (b) One-third of the registered Cumainn of at least three months standing.
- (ii) An extraordinary Árd-Fheis may also be summoned by resolution of a majority of the members of the National Executive present and voting at a meeting of the National Executive specially convened to consider whether such extraordinary Árd-Fheis should be summoned.

71. At least seven clear days notice must be given to all Honorary Secretaries, and on receipt of the notice the Honorary Secretaries must summon their respective bodies to send delegates to the extraordinary Árd-Fheis.

### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.

72. (i) When the Árd-Fheis is not in session, the National Executive shall be the Supreme Governing Body of the Organisation, but, save in exceptional and unforeseen circumstances shall not have the power to alter or amend or ignore any decision of the Árd-Fheis.
- (ii) A proposal for the amendment of the Rules may be submitted to a Special Meeting of the National Executive, of which at least seven days' notice shall have been given to all members thereof. The amendment, if adopted by a two-thirds majority of all those present and voting at such Special Meeting, shall be valid and effective until the next following Árd-Fheis, when, if not approved by that Árd-Fheis, it shall lapse.
- (iii) The National Executive shall have power to deal with and determine all matters and questions not otherwise expressly provided for in these Rules.

73. The National Executive shall consist of the following, who shall take office immediately on election:—

- (i) A President, Five Vice-Presidents, Two Honorary Secretaries, and two Honorary Treasurers.
- (ii) (a) Three members of the Government (or of the Front Bench if in Opposition) to be nominated by the Party Leader.
- (b) Five members of the Parliamentary Party (not members of the Government or of the Front Bench) to be elected by the Party.
- (c) Fifteen (non-members of the Oireachtas) to be elected by the Árd-Fheis.
- (d) Three (non-members of the Oireachtas) to be co-opted by the National Executive.
- (e) Four delegates to be elected by the National Youth Conference.

- (iii) Constituency delegates elected in accordance with Rule 76. There shall be one delegate from each Constituency, save where Counties are amalgamated into one Constituency, or where a county is divided among more than one Constituency, and the National Executive so decide, there shall be one delegate from each separate county. In Dublin Metropolitan Constituencies the delegates shall reside in the county or city of Dublin, and each delegate shall be a member of a Cumann in the Constituency for which he or she is nominated. Elsewhere, delegates shall reside in the Constituency or county from which they are elected. Teachtaí Dála shall not be eligible for election as Constituency or County Delegates.

74. (i) Each registered Cumann shall have the right to nominate one person for the position of President; Five for Vice-President; Two for Honorary Secretary; Two for Honorary Treasurer; Fifteen for the Committee and one for the position of delegate from the Constituency in which the Cumann is situate.
- (ii) Candidates for election as Officers or as Members of the Committee shall be nominated by a minimum of five Cumainn.
- (iii) All nominations for membership of the National Executive must be received by the Honorary Secretaries at least one month prior to the date of the Árd-Fheis.

75. The Officers in addition to the fifteen members as at 73 (ii) (c) above shall be elected at the Árd-Fheis.

76. Each Constituency and County Delegate shall be elected by ballot of the Cumainn in the Constituency or county concerned, each Cumann voting as a unit on the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote. The voting shall proceed during the fortnight preceding the last meeting of the National Executive before the Árd-Fheis. The ballot papers shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretaries by post in sealed packets, and the same shall be opened and the votes counted at the last meeting of the National Executive. After the conclusion of the Árd-Fheis, the Honorary Secretaries, if so required, shall return to each Cumann for verification the vote recorded on its behalf. A casual vacancy for Constituency Delegate shall be filled as the National Executive so decides either by nomination of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair or by ballot in accordance with this Rule.

77. The President on election shall nominate for the approval of the Árd-Fheis three persons to act as Honorary Trustees.

78. The National Executive shall hold office for one year, or until the next following Árd-Fheis assemblies.

79. A seat or office on the Committee of Fifteen rendered casually vacant shall be filled by co-option.



80. The National Executive shall in general meet fortnightly in Dublin but at least once in each month. Special Meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President, or, in his absence, of any of the Vice-Presidents, or on a requisition of seven of the members, provided that not more than three of the seven be members of the Oireachtas.

81. No member of the National Executive, other than a Constituency or County Delegate, who has not attended at least sixty per cent of the meetings of that body held during his term of office without having been excused from attendance by a resolution of the National Executive, shall be eligible for re-election to the National Executive.

82. At least one of the Honorary Secretaries shall be an Irish speaker.

83. (i) The President may nominate one of the Vice-Presidents to act as his Deputy should he be absent from any Meeting of the National Executive.
- (ii) No decisions or resolutions determined on by the National Executive in the absence of the President, or his deputy, shall become effective unless signed by the President, or his deputy as the case may be, or re-affirmed by the National Executive at a subsequent meeting of which notice of the decision has been given.

#### **GENERAL.**

84. All elections and co-options throughout the Organisation shall be by ballot.

85. None but members of the Organisation may be co-opted to any position in the Organisation; Committees or Sub-Committees for special purpose may include non-members, but such Committees or Sub-Committees shall not form portion of the Organisation, or act as such.

86. Foreign branches of the Organisation shall be governed by these regulations, subject to modifications sanctioned by the National Executive to suit local conditions.

87. No member or ex-member shall have any right as against any other member of the Organisation in respect of any act or omission in pursuance of these Rules for the time being in force, other than such right of appeal to the Cumann, Comhairle Ceantair, Comhairle Dáilcheantair or National Executive as herein provided.

#### **INTERPRETATION.**

88. In the Rules:—

- (i) The term “Árd-Fheis” when used without qualification means the Annual Meeting of the Árd-Fheis.
- (ii) The terms “Honorary Secretaries” and “Honorary Treasurers” when used without qualification, means these respective Officers of the National Executive.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **ÓGRA FIANNA FÁIL YOUTH SCHEME.**

1. Ógra Fianna Fáil shall consist of all young members of Fianna Fáil under 25 years of age.

2. It shall be open to young persons who wish to consider joining Fianna Fáil to attend a meeting of Ógra Fianna Fáil. Only members who have attended three meetings in the previous twelve months are entitled to vote.

### **COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR.**

3. Each Comhairle Ceantair will have a Youth Committee to be known as the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair and shall consist of all cumainn members in the Comhairle Ceantair area under 25 years of age.

4. Each Coiste Ógra will elect its own Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí and Cisteoiri and other officers as necessary.

5. It shall be the duty of members of Ógra Fianna Fáil to encourage youth activity in their Cumann and to report youth progress in the Cumann area to the Coiste Ógra and the Comhairle Ceantair.

6. The Secretary and two other members of the Coiste Ógra selected by the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair shall automatically be full members of the Comhairle Ceantair with voting rights.

7. Each Cumann, Comhairle Ceantair and Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall appoint a Youth Officer who shall assist the Coiste Ógra in its work.

### **COMHAIRLE DÁILCHEANTAIR.**

8. Each Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall have a Youth Committee to be known as the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair.

9. The Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí and one other member of each Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair will automatically be members of the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair.

10. Where a Constituency contains only one Comhairle Ceantair area, the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair shall exercise the powers and fulfil the functions of a Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair as defined in the Youth Scheme.

11. The Secretary and two other members of the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair selected by the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall become full members with voting rights of the Comhairle Dáilcheantair.

12. The Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall keep the Comhairle Dáilcheantair fully informed of youth activity within the area.

### CONVENTION.

13. Ógra Fianna Fáil is entitled to two delegates to be selected by Ógra at all candidate selection conventions.

### GENERAL.

14. The Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair and the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair must hold their meetings at least once a month.

15. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of each Coiste Ógra Comhairle Ceantair and Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair to call an Annual General Meeting for the election of their officers.

16. The Comhairle Ceantair and the Comhairle Dáilcheantair must include a report from their respective Coiste Ógra as a standard item on the agenda.

17. Each constituency shall hold an Annual Youth Conference to be organised by the Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair in conjunction with the Comhairle Dáilcheantair.

### NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE.

18. The Ógra Fianna Fáil National Youth Conference shall take place annually. Delegates from each Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall be selected to attend as follows:

The Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair shall select twelve delegates at its annual general meeting to attend the National Youth Conference.

In the constituencies where there is a University and/or third level institution with a Cumann, then a further four delegates will be sent from that constituency and these four shall be drawn up from the University and/or third level institution Cumainn.

19. The National Youth Conference shall elect by proportional representation four delegates to be full members of the Árd Comhairle, one from each Euro-Constituency.

### NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE.

20. There shall be a National Youth Committee of the Árd Comhairle.

The Chairmen and Secretaries of the Coiste Ógra Comhairlí Dáilcheantair in each Euro-constituency shall meet within one month of the National Youth Conference to elect a nominee, and these four nominees will be sent forward for ratification by the Árd Comhairle as members of the National Youth Committee.

The Árd Comhairle may also nominate some of its members to this Committee.

21. The National Youth Committee shall call together for consultation at least twice a year the Secretary of each Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair.

22. A meeting shall be held in each Euro-constituency at least twice a year consisting of the Chairman, Secretary and one other representative from each Coiste Ógra Comhairle Dáilcheantair in that Euro-constituency.



## APPENDIX 2

### SPECIMEN STANDING ORDERS FOR CUMAINN

*Following requests from several units of the Organisation the Rules and Procedures Committee of the Árd Comhairle drafted a set of Specimen Cumann Standing Orders.*

*These Specimen Standing Orders are for the guidance of cumainn. They do not in any way affect the provisions of the Córú agus Rialacha. It is open to the cumann if it so wishes to adopt these Standing Orders, the cumann may add in its own Standing Orders or it may change these ones. If a cumann already has its own Standing Orders it is not necessary to adopt these Specimen Standing Orders.*

*If you have any queries, please write to Party Headquarters.*

*The Specimen Cumann Standing Orders were adopted by the Árd Comhairle at its meeting on the 24th June, 1982.*

1. The Chairman shall be responsible for the order of the proceedings, and for a proper discussion of the business.
2. Nobody shall be present except:
  - (i) Members of the Cumann;
  - (ii) Persons specially invited on the direction of the Cumann;
  - (iii) Fianna Fáil Deputies, Senators and members of local authorities;
  - (iv) Constituency delegate to National Executive;
  - (v) Representatives appointed by the National Executive from time to time.
3. The business shall commence when the Chairman decides that a quorum previously determined by the Cumann is present.
4. Matters arising out of correspondence may be decided at the meetings without further notice.
5. New members must be proposed and seconded in the absence of the applicant. If accepted the new member may then be admitted to the meeting, or if not in attendance, the new member shall be notified in writing, and invited to the next meeting of the cumann.

A new member will not be eligible to Cumann voting rights until the next meeting following on the meeting of the formal acceptance.

The new member shall be required to sign acceptance of the Constitution of Fianna Fáil, by receiving and signing his membership card.

His name shall then be entered on the Cumann roll, together with the date of his entry into membership.

6. Notice of intention to move resolutions dealing with important matters of Policy, should be given at the previous meeting to the meeting at which the resolution is to be discussed.

7. Special meetings may be held whenever the Chairman, in consultation with the other officers, so decides, or when requested by the Comhairle Ceantair, Comhairle Dáilcheantair or Headquarters.

8. Meetings to select delegates to attend conventions shall be summoned by the Cumann Secretary in accordance with the instructions of the National Executive, without written notice, but whenever possible notice of the business of the meeting shall be given.

9. Special activities of the Cumann may be delegated to committees. Committees shall report on their activities to the ordinary Cumann meetings. All decisions of such committees are subject to ratification by the Cumann.

10. All members must take an active part in Cumann activities, and in particular the Annual National Collection and all election activities unless expressly excused from time to time from doing so.

11. The Cumann Secretary shall send a copy of the notice convening Cumann meetings to the Secretary of the Comhairle and shall state thereon the number of members present at the previous Cumann meeting.

12. Should any position on the Officer Board of a Cumann be vacated, such position shall be filled by election following due notice to all Cumann members.

13. The outgoing Secretary shall, in consultation with the outgoing Chairman, arrange the Annual General Meeting of the Cumann to take place within ten weeks of the termination of the Árd Fheis.

14. A member's name shall be removed from the roll only by a decision of the Cumann, in accordance with the rules of the Córú, but a member shall be notified in writing before deciding to remove his name from the roll of members.

15. The resignation of any member must be reported at the next Cumann meeting, and shall be recorded in the minutes.

16. Any member who has not attended a meeting in the previous 3 years or who has not attended one of the previous 6 meetings shall forfeit his Annual General Meeting voting rights.

## APPENDIX 3

### SPECIMEN CLÁR FOR CUMANN MEETING

#### CLÁR GNÓTHA (AGENDA)

- (1) Miontuairiscí (Minutes).
- (2) Nithe as na Miontuairiscí (Arising out of the Minutes).
- (3) Litreacha (Correspondence).
- (4) Tuarascáil – Cisteoirí (Treasurer's Report).
- (5) Bailiuchán Náisiúnta (National Collection).
- (6) Baill Nua le Glacadh (Enrolment of New Members).
- (7) Tuarascáil – Teachtaí Comhairle (Comhairle Delegates Report).
- (8) Imeachtaí Politíochta i Liomataiste an Cumainn (Political happenings in Cumann Area).
- (9) Tuarascáil – Soiste Siamsa (Social Committee Report).
- (10) Rúin (Resolutions).
- (11) Gnó eile (Other business).
- (12) Sintiús (Subscription).

## APPENDIX 4

### TÉARMAÍ GAEILGE

Absent . . . . .	As láthair
Agenda . . . . .	Clár
Administration . . . . .	Riaracháin
Adjourn . . . . .	Chuir ar Áthló
Ballot Paper . . . . .	Páipéar Vótála
Bye-Election . . . . .	Corr Thoghchán
Candidates . . . . .	Iarrthóirí
Casting Vote . . . . .	Vota Réitigh
Chairman . . . . .	Cathaoirleach
Collection . . . . .	Bailliuchán
" (National) . . . . .	B. Náisiúnta
" (house to house) . . . . .	B. béal dorais
Committee . . . . .	Coiste
" (Finance) . . . . .	C. an Airgid
Constitutional Amendment . . . . .	Leasú Bunreachtá
Convention . . . . .	Comhdháil
Co-option . . . . .	Comhthoghadh
Co-opted . . . . .	Comhthofa
Correspondence . . . . .	Litreacha
Delegate . . . . .	Comhalta
Director of Elections . . . . .	Stúirthóir Toghcháin
Discipline . . . . .	Smacht
Election Fund . . . . .	Ciste Toghcháin
Election of Officers . . . . .	Togadh na nOifigeach
Local Elections . . . . .	Toghcháin Áitiúla
Expulsion . . . . .	Díbirt
Members . . . . .	Baill
" (Associate) . . . . .	Baill Páirte
Meeting . . . . .	Cruinniú
" (Annual) . . . . .	C. cinn bhliana
" (Special) . . . . .	C. fé leith
Minutes . . . . .	Miontuairisci
Motion . . . . .	Rún
" (I propose) . . . . .	Molaim an Rún
" (I second) . . . . .	Cuidim leis an Rún
" (I support) . . . . .	Aontuím leis an Rún
" (I oppose) . . . . .	Cuirim in aghaidh an Rún
" (is carried) . . . . .	Tá an Rún i bhfeidhm
" (is lost) . . . . .	Tá teipthe ar an Rún
" (Notice of) . . . . .	Fógra Rún



National Director . . . . .	Árd-Stiúrthóir
National Executive . . . . .	Árd Comhairle
Notice of Meeting . . . . .	Fógra Cruinnithe
Out of Order . . . . .	As ordú
Present . . . . .	Anseo
P.R.O. . . . .	Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí
Proportional Representation . . . . .	Ionadaíocht Chionúire
Proposer . . . . .	Tairgtheoir
Pledge . . . . .	Geall
Polling Station . . . . .	Stáisiun Vótála
Quorum . . . . .	Líon Gnotha
Referendum . . . . .	Reifreann
Report . . . . .	Tuarascáil
Registration Fee . . . . .	Táille Cláraithe
Result . . . . .	Toradh
Rules . . . . .	Rialacha
Rural Areas . . . . .	Liomatáistí Tuatha
Second . . . . .	Cuiditheoir
School . . . . .	Scoil
Show of hands . . . . .	Taispeána Lámh
Speakers . . . . .	Cainteoirí
Standing Orders . . . . .	Buan Rialacha
Subscription . . . . .	Sintiús
"    (Annual) . . . . .	S. Bliana
Suspension . . . . .	Fionraíocht
The Organisation . . . . .	An Eagraíocht
Treasurers . . . . .	Cisteóirí
Trustees . . . . .	Iontaoibhithe
Vice-Chairman . . . . .	Leas-Cathaoirleach
Vote of Confidence . . . . .	Rún Muinine
"    " Censure . . . . .	R. Cáinte
"    " Thanks . . . . .	R. Buíochas
"    " Sympathy . . . . .	R. Comhbhróin
Voters' Register . . . . .	Clár na Vótóirí
Youth . . . . .	Ógra