



Coiste Chontae Chorcaí

To whom it may concern,

Re: Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí – 2020

Cork County Board officers have over the past week had many discussions in relation to the viability and acceptability of running Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí 2020 over the weekend of 17th - 19th April 2020. We have come to the conclusion that under the current guidelines as set out by the Government in relation to 'mass gatherings' and 'social distancing' it would not be possible in any circumstances.

We have therefore been in contact with the Dunmanway Fleadh Executive Committee (and the relevant local stakeholders) with regards to a proposed new date. We have also been in contact with Comhairle na Mumhan for their advice and input. Can we take this opportunity to thank both of these Comhaltas units for their understanding and support in relation to this.

We have decided therefore to **POSTPONE** Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí to the weekend of **26TH – 28TH JUNE 2020** in Dunmanway. We are awaiting official confirmation from the school management in Dunmanway, but expect to have same in the next few days. We will be in contact closer to the new fleadh date as regards entries etc, as the finer details in relation to same have not been agreed as yet.

Rest assured, that we, as a county board, will always prioritise the safety and health of our members and their families. As a result, we will continue to monitor the situation and review this decision based on advice from the Government, the HSE and other relevant authorities.

It is indeed a very worrying time for all of us – I ask you all to adhere to the advice from the Government, and though we are divided physically, we are united in a common goal – **'Ní neart go chur le chéile'**. Take this time to continue to enjoy your music, your song and dance – we are lucky to have access to so many resources through the internet – and options to play tunes together on skype / facetime etc – be inventive – and have fun! - **'Ar scáth a cheile a mhaireann na daoine'**

Should you have any queries in relation to the Fleadh, or any Comhaltas matters, please feel free to contact myself or any county board officer.

Le gach dea ghuí

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