



Sinn Féin
Constitution
& Rules

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Constitution

WHEREAS the people of Ireland never relinquished the claim to separate nationhood;

WHEREAS the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic of Easter 1916, in the name of the Irish people and continuing the fight waged by previous generations, re-asserted the inalienable right of the Irish nation to sovereign independence, and re-affirmed the determination of the Irish people to achieve it;

WHEREAS the Proclamation of the Irish Republic of Easter 1916, and the supreme courage and glorious sacrifices of the people who gave their lives to maintain it, united the people of Ireland under the flag of the Irish Republic;

WHEREAS on January 21st 1919, following the general election of December 1918, the duly-elected representatives of the Irish people assembled in national parliament, proclaimed the independence of Ireland and ratified the establishment of the Irish Republic proclaimed in 1916, thus founding the Republic on the democratic basis of the free votes of the people of Ireland with Dáil Éireann as its government;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegated representatives of the organisation, in convention assembled, hereby declare the following to be the constitution of Sinn Féin.

The name of the organisation shall be Sinn Féin.

The organisation is based on the following fundamental principles:-

- a. That the allegiance of Irishmen and Irishwomen is due to the sovereign Irish Republic proclaimed in 1916.
- b. That the sovereignty and unity of the Republic are inalienable and non-judicable.

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The objectives of Sinn Féin are:

a. The complete overthrow of British rule in Ireland and the establishment of a democratic socialist republic based on the Proclamation of 1916.

b. To bring the Proclamation of the Republic of Easter 1916 into effective operation and to maintain and consolidate the government of the Republic, representative of the people of all Ireland, based on that Proclamation.

c. To establish in the Republic a reign of social justice based on Irish republican and socialist principles in accordance with the Proclamation of the Republic of 1916 and the Democratic Programme of the First Dáil Éireann in 1919 and by a just distribution and effective control of the nation's wealth and resources, and to institute a system of government suited to the particular needs of the people.

d. To promote the restoration of the Irish language and Irish culture and the widest knowledge of Ireland's history; to make Irish citizens conscious and proud of their traditional and cultural heritage; and to educate the citizens of the Republic in their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

MEANS

a. Through Sinn Féin organising the Irish people into a united and disciplined movement for the restoration of the Republic and the achievement of the above ideals.

b. Through Sinn Féin assisting, as directed by the Ard Chomhairle, all organisations working for the same objectives.

1. MEMBERSHIP

a. Membership of the organisation, other than associate membership, shall be obtainable only through membership of a cumann.

Membership shall be open to all those over the age of 16, irrespective of sex, class or creed, who accept the constitution and policy of Sinn Féin; who are prepared to work for the attainment of its objectives,

and who accept the rules and regulations governing membership, subject to the following provisions.

b. No person who is a member of any political party organisation or who approves of or supports the candidature of persons who, if elected, intend taking part in the proceedings of the Westminster parliament, or who approves of or supports the candidature of persons who sign any form or give any kind of written or verbal undertaking of intention to take their seats in this institution, shall be admitted to membership or allowed to retain membership.

c. No person who is a member of a secret society shall be eligible for membership, and no person known to be a member of any secret society shall be admitted to membership.

d. It shall be open to the committee of any cumann to refuse enrolment to any person applying for membership.

e. The Ard Chomhairle shall have power to refuse membership to any person applying for membership and to expel any member from the organisation. Before being dismissed, however, a member must be given an opportunity of being heard in his/her own defence.

f. No member of the British armed forces shall be eligible for membership.

g. No person who has taken any oath of allegiance to the Westminster parliament shall be eligible for membership so long as he/she retains the office or position involving such oaths or until he/she repudiates the oath of declaration in writing to a cumann.

h. Sinn Féin may only make use of the courts at the discretion of the Ard Chomhairle.

i. New members shall serve a probationary period of three months. Probationary members shall not be entitled to vote on matters concerning or affecting the internal affairs of the organisation except in the case of election of officers in a newly-formed cumann or comhairle ceantair.

2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Special associate membership of the organisation shall be obtainable only through and at the discretion of a Comhairle Ceantair, subject to ratification by the Ard Chomhairle and on payment of a fee of five pounds (£5) per year. Associate members shall be responsible to the Ard Chomhairle for the observance of the constitution and rules of the organisation.

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- a. Associate membership shall be obtainable through any affiliated cumann on payment of £5 which will be forwarded to Head Office.
- b. Associate members will be expected to respect the rules of the organisation.
- c. A cumann will keep a roll of associate members which must, if requested, be made available to the officer board of the Comhairle Ceantair, the Comhairle Cúige or any member of the Ard Chomhairle.
- d. A cumann shall have the right to remove an associate member from the organisation if the member is undesirable.
- e. Associate members shall not have the right to vote or hold any officership within the organisation.
- f. The cumann officer board shall have the right to call a general meeting of all members, including associate members, if needed for the furtherance of the organisation.
- g. Associate members will promote in the local area the goodwill of the republicanism.
- h. Associate members may participate in Sinn Féin activity through local departments which are responsible to national departments via Comhairle Ceantair department heads (eg participation may be through membership of the local trade union, women's, youth, education, culture, publicity departments etc).

3. ELECTIONS

All elections and co-options throughout the organisation shall be by ballot and all positions specified in these regulations shall be honorary. Except in the case of a newly formed cumann, a probationary member shall not be eligible to act as an officer and shall not be eligible for election or co-option to any executive committee of the organisation.

4. CO-OPTIONS

None but a member of the organisation may be co-opted into any position of the organisation. The co-option of members whose membership has not exceeded the probationary period must receive the express approval of the Ard Chomhairle. Committees or sub-committees for special purposes may include non-members but such committees or sub-committees shall not form a portion of the organisation or act as such.

5. ELECTION CANDIDATES

Sinn Féin candidates in Westminster parliamentary elections shall, on selection and before nomination, publicly and solemnly pledge themselves, as follows:-

I.....freely and solemnly declare:

a. That, if elected, I will not sit in, nor take part in, the proceedings of the Westminster parliament.

b. That, pending the establishment of the parliament of the Irish Republic, in all matters pertaining to the duties and functions of a parliamentary representative I will be guided by and hold myself amenable to all directions and instructions issued to me by the Ard Chomhairle of Sinn Féin.

c. That, pending the establishment of the parliament of the Irish Republic, I will, at any time, if called upon to do so by a majority of the members of the Ard Chomhairle of Sinn Féin, resign my seat as a parliamentary representative of the constituency of.....

d. That I take this pledge voluntarily, of my own free will.

That all Sinn Féin candidates will take pledges 5b, 5c and 5d.

6. The Ard Chomhairle must ratify all candidates selected to contest elections.

In the case of parliamentary elections, all candidates must be interviewed by a committee of five people set up by the Ard Chomhairle before candidates are ratified by the Ard Chomhairle.

7. No person who has not been a member of the organisation for at least 12 months prior to the date of nomination shall be eligible for election as an officer or member of the Ard Chomhairle. In making co-options the Ard Chomhairle may co-opt members of less than 12 months' membership of Sinn Féin, if this is necessary, provided such members have at least 12 months' membership.

8. The foregoing constitution of Sinn Féin may not be altered or amended except by an Ard Fheis, on the agenda of which notice of the proposed alteration or amendment appears. Any alteration or amendment to the foregoing constitution shall require a supporting vote of not less than two-thirds of the duly elected delegates present at the Ard Fheis.

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ARD FHEIS

9. MEMBERSHIP

The supreme governing and legislative body shall be the Ard Fheis which shall be convened annually by the Ard Chomhairle and shall consist of:-

- a. The officers and members of the Ard Chomhairle.
- b. Two delegates from each Comhairle Cúige.
- c. Two delegates from each Comhairle Ceantair.
- d. Two delegates from each duly-affiliated Cumann of 20 members or less. Three delegates from each duly-affiliated Cumann of over 20 and not more than 50 members.

10. All elected representatives who are also members of the organisation are entitled to attend and speak at the Ard Fheis; but shall not vote unless present in any of the capacities (a), (b) or (c) above.

11. MEETINGS

a. The place and date of meeting of the annual Ard Fheis shall be at the discretion of the Ard Chomhairle and shall be announced ten weeks in advance.

b. The Ard Fheis shall elect its own cathaoirleach from the delegates present at the opening of the Ard Fheis.

c. That Standing Orders be formally adopted on the opening of each Ard Fheis by a two-thirds majority and that Standing Orders can only be suspended by a two-thirds majority.

d. That the organisation of the Ard Fheis be handed over to a committee which will be appointed by the Ard Chomhairle and convened by the Ard Rúnaí and which will meet regularly throughout the year; the committee to be called the Ard Fheis Committee.

12. MOTIONS

a. All motions must be submitted in the name of the Ard Chomhairle, a Comhairle Cúige, Comhairle Ceantair or Cumann.

b. That the Ard Fheis Committee appointed by the Ard Chomhairle

has the right to composite motions for the Ard Fheis Clár.

c. That the cumann whose motion has been composited be sent a copy of the composite motion asking for their agreement that it contains their motion in the political spirit and sense intended.

d. That in order to allow the Ard Fheis Committee time to prepare the Clár, all motions must be submitted at least 16 weeks prior to an Ard Fheis.

13. *NOMINATIONS*

a. Nominations must be received not later than 28 days prior to the Ard Fheis and must stand in the name of a Cumann, a Comhairle Ceantair or a Comhairle Cúige.

b. Members who have consented to nomination as officers or members of the Ard Chomhairle shall not be allowed to withdraw their names on the day of election.

14. *DELEGATES*

Delegates must be chosen and their names forwarded to Head Office not later than 28 days prior to the Ard Fheis. They must be resident members of the body they represent.

15. *SUBSTITUTES*

Substitutes (in case of illness, etc) may be allowed at the discretion of the Ard Chomhairle, but they must, in all cases, be previously chosen at duly convened meetings of the body represented.

16. *CONSENT FORMS*

a. Nomination forms must be sent to each cumann at least five weeks before the last date fixed for the receiving of nominations. The Ard Chomhairle will fix a closing date for the signed assent form to be sent back to Head Office.

b. Cumainn shall be supplied with a list of those who have consented to stand for election to the officer board and Ard Chomhairle.

17. *THE CLÁR*

The Clár must be sent to each cumann and each comhairle ceantair at least 14 days in advance.

18. ADMISSION CARDS

Admission cards must be sent to each delegate at least seven days in advance.

19. EXTRAORDINARY ARD FHEIS

An extraordinary Ard Fheis shall be summoned for a special purpose stated on a requisition endorsed by:-

a. Two-thirds of the entire available membership of the Ard Chomhairle; or

b. One-third of the cumainn of at least six months standing.

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a. At least seven days clear notice must be given to all secretaries who shall, on receipt of the notice, summon their respective bodies to select delegates to the Extraordinary Ard Fheis.

b. An Extraordinary Ard Fheis, where held, shall elect a new Ard Chomhairle.

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21. When the Ard Fheis is not in session, control of the organisation shall be vested in the Ard Chomhairle comprised of an honorary vice-president, the officers: uachtarán; leas-uachtarán amháin (deputy-leader); ard rúnaí; beirt cisteoirí oinigh; oifigeach poiblíochta; cathaoirleach páirtí (responsible for party discipline) and 9 other members. The officers and 9 members shall be elected by the votes of the entire delegate representation of the Ard Fheis. The Ard Chomhairle shall have the power to nominate for the position of honorary vice-president a member of Sinn Féin who has given life-long commitment to the republican ideal.

An Ard Chomhairle shall have the power to co-opt eight members for specific posts and the power for additional co-options to ensure that no less than 30% of Ard Chomhairle positions shall be held by women. A quorum shall consist of one-third of the membership plus one.

22. COISTE SEASTA

The Coiste Seasta shall consist of eight members elected by the Ard Chomhairle from its membership, and the chair from each

Comhairle Cúige. They shall meet regularly and shall have full power to carry out routine business between Ard Chomhairle meetings. A quorum shall consist of five members. The officer board of the Ard Chomhairle may attend all meetings of the Coiste Seasta. The Coiste Seasta shall submit reports of its meetings to the Ard Chomhairle.

23.

- a. The Ard Chomhairle shall elect two national trustees for the funds of the organisation.
- b. The national trustees shall be responsible for the safe custody of all monies, the property of Sinn Féin, received by them or lodged to their account by the cisteoirí. They shall make available from the funds of the organisation to the cisteoirí such sums as may be directed by the Ard Chomhairle from time to time and shall supply the Ard Chomhairle with any information it may require concerning the funds of the organisation.
- c. The cisteoirí náisiúnta shall be responsible for keeping proper accounts of all monies received and expended. They shall lodge all monies received into the account of the national trustees and notify them accordingly. They shall submit monthly accounts to the Ard Chomhairle, showing details of all monies received and expended by them.
- d. The accounts of the national trustees and of the cisteoirí náisiúnta shall be audited once a year by a duly accredited auditor or firm of auditors. The auditors' report shall be submitted to the Ard Chomhairle at least two weeks prior to the annual Ard Fheis, to which it shall also be submitted.

24. POWERS

- a. When the Ard Fheis is not in session, the supreme direction and government of the organisation shall reside in the Ard Chomhairle subject to any instructions given by the Ard Fheis.
- b. An Ard Chomhairle shall have, and exercise on behalf of An Ard Fheis, all powers, functions and duties of An Ard Fheis, and all members shall be bound by decisions of An Ard Chomhairle. These powers etc. shall include:-

- (i) The power to remove or suspend from the organisation or from office any subordinate body or member thereof for

incompetence, negligence or general unsuitability. Before being dismissed, however, a member must be given an opportunity of being heard in their own defence. The suspension of a member for an unspecified period shall become invalid after six months unless it is renewed. An Ard Chomhairle shall have power, by a two-thirds majority, to suspend any member before a duly convened meeting called for that purpose and to co-opt a substitute. The suspended member shall have the right to appeal to an independent court of inquiry.

(ii) The right to refuse affiliation of any Cumann.

(iii) The power to set up in any area a committee for any particular purpose.

(iv) The power to set up a Dáil Ceantair in any area where such a body is deemed necessary.

(v) The power to set up Comhairlí Cúige.

(vi) Where allegations of sexual harassment and sexual assault are made, they should be referred directly to An Ard Chomhairle.

25. VACANCIES

A seat or office on the Ard Chomhairle rendered casually vacant shall be temporarily filled by the Ard Chomhairle except where the vacancy refers to a comhairle cúige representative in which case the comhairle cúige shall fill the vacancy.

26. The Ard Chomhairle shall meet within a period of one week from the date of the Ard Fheis; afterwards it shall meet at least once a month. Special meetings shall be held at the discretion of an t-uachtarán, or, in his/her absence, of either of the leas-uachtarán or on a requisition of a majority of the members. Members of the Ard Chomhairle being absent from three consecutive meetings without an excusing cause, automatically forfeit membership of the Ard Chomhairle.

27. All charges against members of the Ard Chomhairle must be made in writing, and signed; the member so charged shall receive from Head Office, in writing, a copy of the charge and notification to appear at the next meeting of the Ard Chomhairle to answer the charge.

COMHAIRLE CÚIGE

28.

- a. That the Ard Chomhairle, in consultation with local membership be empowered to establish Comhairle Cúige.
- b. Comhairlí Cúige shall be established based on EU regional boundaries.
- c. An annual meeting shall take place within one month of the Ard Fheis. The outgoing officers and three Ard Chomhairle representatives and two delegates from each cumann and Comhairlí Ceantair shall attend and elect an officerboard and three Comhairle Cúige representatives to the Ard Chomhairle and formulate policy for the ensuing year.
- d. The members of a Comhairle Cúige shall be: Cathaoirleach, leas-cathaoirleach, rúnaí, cisteoir, oifigeach oideachais, OCP (who shall act as leas-cathaoirleach), oifigeach óige, the cathaoirligh and rúnaithe of all cumainn and comhairlí ceantair in the region. Resident Ard Chomhairle members shall be ex-officio members.
- e. The Comhairle Cúige shall meet within one month after the general meeting. Afterwards it shall meet at least every month or at any time on the direction of the Ard Chomhairle.
- f. Vacancies: Any officerboard vacancy shall be filled by the Comhairle Cúige.

g. POWERS AND DUTIES

- (i) The Comhairle Cúige shall be subject to the Ard Chomhairle on all matters.
- (ii) It shall have charge of the organisation in the region.
- (iii) It shall organise, publicise, develop and co-ordinate Sinn Féin and its activities within its jurisdiction.
- (iv) It shall have the power to raise funds for its own use and for the use of the Ard Chomhairle.
- (v) Head Office shall be notified of all its meetings and a copy of the minutes of meetings held shall be forwarded to Head Office within seven days following the meeting.
- (vi) It shall have the power to call a conference of delegates from each cumann and Comhairle Ceantair within its province to discuss the implementation of Sinn Féin policy.

COMHAIRLÍ CEANTAIR

29. GENERAL

Each comhairle ceantair shall be based upon a county electoral area as defined from time to time by the county council and shall have charge of all the cumainn in that area; but this arrangement may be modified by the Ard Chomhairle to meet exceptional local difficulties.

30. MEMBERSHIP

The comhairle ceantair shall consist of:-

- a. Its officers (cathaoirleach, leas-cathaoirleach, rúnaí, cisteoir, timire, oifigeach caidrimh poiblí, oifigeach airgeadais, and oifigeach oideachais).
- b. Two delegates from each cumann.
- c. All comhairle ceantair department heads.
- d. Three delegates from each cumann may attend the annual general meeting of the comhairle ceantair.
- e. That participation in Sinn Féin activity may be through local departments responsible to national departments via comhairle ceantair department heads (eg participation may be through membership of the local trade union/economic resistance department, women's department, youth department, education department, publicity department, cultural department, etc).

31. MEETINGS

- a. The outgoing officers and the delegates for the ensuing year shall assemble within one month after the termination of the annual Ard Fheis, but not before all the new cumainn delegates have been appointed, and shall elect from their members the officers for the ensuing year.
- b. The outgoing officers of the comhairle ceantair attending the first meeting of the new comhairle ceantair shall not be eligible for election to the officer board unless they themselves have been elected as delegates to the new comhairle ceantair at the general meeting of their cumann.
- c. The outgoing officers shall have no vote in the election of the new officer board unless they are delegates elected by their cumann.

d. Members of the outgoing officer board shall not attend any further meetings of the comhairle ceantair unless they are co-opted as per rules or are elected delegates of their cumann.

32. It shall subsequently meet regularly and, in addition, at any time upon requisition signed by its chairperson or any five of its members. A quorum shall consist of one-fourth of its entire membership.

33. VACANCIES

Vacancies shall be filled by the original electing body in each case. If a cumann delegate is elected an officer of the comhairle ceantair, the vacancy on the comhairle ceantair thus created shall be filled by the cumann concerned.

34. POWERS AND DUTIES

The comhairle ceantair shall establish cumainn as per Rule 42 and shall have charge of the cumainn in its area. It shall sanction their reports, audit balance sheets, etc, and transmit them with a list of cumainn and their membership to head office at least once a month.

35. The comhairle ceantair may, after an inquiry, suspend or remove from office any officer of a cumann for incompetence, negligence or other adequate cause, and may order a new election. The person concerned must receive, in writing, due notice of the time and terms of the inquiry and shall have the right of appeal to the Ard Chomhairle.

The local comhairle ceantair may dismiss members of Sinn Féin whose behaviour brings the name of republicanism into disrepute, or for other adequate causes, with right of appeal to higher bodies.

The comhairle ceantair may, after an inquiry, suspend or remove any cumann for incompetence, negligence or other adequate cause. The cumann must receive in writing due notice of the time and terms of the inquiry and shall have the right of appeal to the Ard Chomhairle.

36. FUNDS

The Comhairle Ceantair shall have the power to raise funds from its cumainn, or otherwise, for the purpose of the organisation, and shall submit quarterly financial reports to the Ard Chomhairle.

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37. DISPUTES

Differences arising in a comhairle ceantair or between comhairlí ceantair, and which the bodies concerned are unable to settle, shall be referred to the Ard Chomhairle.

38. PUBLIC MEETINGS

The comhairle ceantair shall be consulted before public meetings are held in their area.

39. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

(Note: This rule is suspended and can only become operative in the event of the annual Ard Fheis or the Ard Chomhairle deciding to contest local government elections.)

The comhairle ceantair shall have control of all local elections in its area. It shall summon a convention for the selection of candidates in accordance with such instructions as the Ard Chomhairle may issue, and shall call a special meeting of the comhairle for the purpose of ratifying or otherwise, the candidates so selected. Candidates shall take the following pledge:

"I.....hereby pledge my undivided allegiance to the Irish Republic as proclaimed on Easter Monday 1916, and by law established on the 21st day of January 1919, and I promise to work for the overthrow of British rule in Ireland, the complete social and economic emancipation of the Irish people based on the Proclamation of 1916, and the international recognition of the Irish Republic. I further undertake that if elected to the office of.....and if called upon by a two-thirds majority of the Ard Chomhairle of Sinn Féin to resign that office, I will immediately do so."

40. DÁIL ÉIREANN ELECTIONS

Rules governing conventions for the selection of candidates for election to Dáil Éireann can be obtained from Head Office.

Only those whose membership exceeds 12 months shall be eligible for selection and nomination as candidates in parliamentary or local government elections.

CUMAINN

41. *FORMATION*

Cumainn shall be established in such areas as the Ard Chomhairle or authorised comhairlí ceantair may direct.

42.

a. No cumann shall be formed without previous sanction from the Ard Chomhairle or authorised comhairle ceantair for its name, meeting place, area and proposed members.

b. Any cumann which has been disbanded or ceases to exist and wishes to reconstitute itself as per the constitution of Sinn Féin must provide the local comhairle ceantair and Ard Oifig with a written report on the reasons for disbandment. A list of the previous membership should also be provided and the proposed new membership.

Such cumainn need clearance from Ard Oifig before they can gain membership of Sinn Féin.

c. All members of a re-affiliated cumann to be treated as new members and, as per Rule 1 (i), must undertake new members' courses and serve a probationary period of six weeks.

They are also governed by the regulations regarding new members as per Rules 3, 4, 7 and 41.

43. No cumann shall be named after any living person.

44. The initial meeting shall be presided over by a member of the organisation, accredited for that purpose, and its first business shall be to elect its officers (to hold office until the next annual election) and to arrange for forwarding to head office its affiliation fee and list of officers.

45. *MEMBERSHIP*

A cumann shall consist of not less than five members. The recommended maximum number of members shall be 20.

46. Its officers shall consist of a cathaoirleach (ex-officio member of all committees), leas-cathaoirleach, rúnaí, two cisteoirí, and an OCP, and shall be elected annually at a special meeting, held on written notice, within 14 days after the termination of the Ard Fheis.

47. Delegates to the comhairle ceantair shall be elected at the same meeting.

48. No member or ex-member shall have any rights against a

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cumann or against any officer or member in respect of any act or omission in pursuance of its rules other than that of appeal to the comhairle ceantair or Ard Chomhairle as in the rules provided.

49.

a. Candidates for membership must be proposed and seconded by two members of the cumann and their admission as probationary members must be agreed to by a majority of the members present at a duly convened meeting of the cumann.

b. No landlords who exploit their tenants, no speculators or their respective agents, shall be eligible for membership.

c. No ex-members of Sinn Féin may be re-admitted without first informing the cumann and local comhairle ceantair of their previous membership.

d. No cumann may accept an ex-member of Sinn Féin as a member without first consulting the cumann to which the ex-member belonged and informing their local comhairle ceantair of the status of the application.

50. No person shall be a member of more than one cumann at a time. Transfer facilities shall be made available to members who, for genuine reasons, wish to change from one cumann to another.

51. AFFILIATION FEE

The financial year of the organisation shall be the calendar year ending December 31st. Cumann affiliation fees must be paid by March 31st of each year.

52. A cumann which has not paid its registration fee by March 31st shall be struck off the register and can only be re-affiliated as a new cumann.

Defunct cumainn wishing to re-affiliate must pay the full fee of £75.

53. Each cumann shall endeavour to meet frequently especially when there is specific business to be transacted. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary to ensure that a meeting of the cumann is summoned whenever circulars are received from Head Office which indicate that a meeting of the cumann ought to be held.

54. COMMITTEES

The officers of the cumann shall meet in committee to consider

applications for membership, to prepare matters for cumann consideration, or to carry out special work when required by the cumann to do so.

55. Other committees of cumann members, for special purposes, may be set up by the cumann as required but each cumann should realise that it is part of its work to:-

a. See that the Irish language, games and pastimes, a knowledge of Irish history and Irish culture in general are promoted in its area, and that all social functions held under its auspices are of an Irish-Ireland nature.

b. Foster increased production in local fields and factories, to promote the local consumption of Irish commodities and generally to carry out the economic programme of Sinn Féin thus reducing unemployment and emigration.

56. POWERS AND DUTIES

A cumann shall have the power:-

a. To fix a membership fee for its members and to make such further levies as it requires; to raise funds by entertainments or collections, subject to previous sanction from the comhairle ceantair.

b. To suspend or expel any of its members and to suspend or supersede any of its officers or committee members before expiry of their normal term, for adequate causes, subject to right of appeal to the comhairle ceantair and an ultimate right of appeal to the Ard Chomhairle.

The suspension of a member for an unspecified period shall become invalid after six months unless it is renewed.

57. All charges against the members must be made in writing and signed. The member so charged shall receive from the secretary a copy of the charge in writing and notification to appear at the next meeting of the cumann to answer the charge.

58. A cumann shall keep in strict custody a roll of its members, a minute book and an account of its receipts, expenditure, assets and liabilities. These shall be open to inspection by the comhairle ceantair and Ard Chomhairle members.

59. No officer of a cumann shall act as auditor of the cumann.

60. The rúnaí shall, at the end of each month, forward to the comhairle ceantair a monthly report on the activities of the cumann.

Where no comhairle ceantair exists, such reports shall be sent to the ard-rúnaí at Ard-Oifig.

61. DISPUTES

Differences arising in a cumann or between cumainn, which the bodies concerned are unable to settle, shall be referred to the comhairle ceantair for settlement subject to right of appeal to the Ard Chomhairle.

62. Any member of a cumann holding that any particular decision of a cumann is contrary to the principles, objectives or policy of the organisation may require a statement of such decision, signed by the chairperson, secretary and objector to be sent for consideration to the comhairle ceantair and with the right of ultimate appeal to the Ard Chomhairle.

63. Cumainn and comhairlí ceantair in parliamentary areas shall meet monthly where possible for a course of lectures and debates to be presided over by an officer of Sinn Féin or a member of the Ard Chomhairle.

64. The cumann shall submit quarterly financial reports to the comhairle ceantair or, where no comhairle ceantair exists, direct to the Ard Chomhairle.

65. No officer or member of a cumann or comhairle ceantair shall incur a debt in the name of that cumann or comhairle ceantair without being authorised beforehand by a meeting of either the cumann or comhairle ceantair concerned.

ÓGRA SHINN FÉIN

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1. Ógra Shinn Féin is the official youth section of Sinn Féin. Membership is open to all young people between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive, who agree with the aims and objectives of Sinn Féin. Ógra Shinn Féin is bound by the same rules and procedures as Sinn Féin as laid down in Sinn Féin's Constitution & Rules. The ultimate authority of Ógra Shinn Féin is the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis. Ógra Shinn Féin is also subject to the Ard Chomhairle as with any other national Sinn Féin department. Ógra Shinn Féin shall have the same rights as other Sinn Féin departments, in terms of membership and attendance at Ard Fheiseanna and special conferences. Ógra Shinn

Féin activists are also accountable in the same way and under the same conditions as any other member of Sinn Féin.

2. The aims of Ógra Shinn Féin are to:

(i) Mobilise young people around the aims and objectives of Sinn Féin;

(ii) Educate young people about the policies and politics of Sinn Féin;

(iii) Provide a platform for young republicans from which to affect the politics and policies of Sinn Féin;

(iv) Create an effective and creative movement of young people working for independence and socialism in Ireland;

3. The organisation of Ógra Shinn Féin shall be:

a. Local groups of no less than five activists.

b. Area committees in areas where more than one group exists. The area committee shall of two representatives of each group.

c. Five Cúigí youth committees, for Six Counties, Leinster, Connacht/Ulster, Baile Átha Cliath and Munster, consisting of two representatives each from all local area committees. It will be the responsibility of the Cúigí committees to elect full-time workers for the national committee.

d. A national committee consisting of full-time elected workers from the five cúigí committees. The national committee should be no larger than eight people.

e. Ógra Shinn Féin representatives should sit in an observer capacity on all Sinn Féin Comhairle Ceantair and Ard Chomhairle and Coiste Seasta to ensure effective communication and co-operation between Sinn Féin and Ógra Shinn Féin.

f. Where possible Sinn Féin cumainn should appoint a youth officer to liase between themselves and the local Ógra Shinn Féin group.

g. Ógra Shinn Féin will adopt a national 12-month plan by the end of each working year. The workplan will outline the national events for the coming year. The document should be produced by the national committee in consultation with all Ógra Shinn Féin activists. The national work plan should then be cleared through the Ard Chomhairle.

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Bunreacht

DE BHRÍ nár scor muintir na hÉireann riamh lena n-éileamh ar náisiúntacht neamhspleách;

DE BHRÍ gur athdhearbhaigh Rialtas Sealadach Phoblacht na hÉireann 1916, thar ceann mhuintir na hÉireann agus ag leanúint leis an troid a chuir glúnta roimhe sin, ceart doshéanta náisiún na hÉireann ar neamhspleáchas ceannasach agus gur athdheimhnigh sé diongbháilteacht mhuintir na hÉireann é a chur i gcrích;

DE BHRÍ gur aontaigh Forógra Phoblacht na hÉireann, Cáisc 1916, agus ardmhisneach agus íobairtí glórmhara iad siúd a fuair bás ag tacú leis, muintir na hÉireann faoi bhratach Phoblacht na hÉireann;

DE BHRÍ gur chruinnigh ionadaithe tofa mhuintir na hÉireann i bparlaimint náisiúnta ar 21ú Eanáir, 1919, i ndiaidh olltoghchán Mhí na Nollag 1918, gur fhógair siad neamhspleáchas na hÉireann agus gur dhaingnigh siad bunú Phoblacht na hÉireann a fógraíodh i 1916, agus mar sin gur bhunaigh siad an Phoblacht ar bhonn daonlathach shaorvótaí mhuintir na hÉireann agus Dáil Éireann mar rialtas uirthi;

BIODH SÉ SOCAIR go bhfógraimidne, ionadaithe tiomnaithe na heagraíochta, cruinnithe i gcomhdháil, gurb é seo a leanas bunreacht Shinn Féin.

Is é an t-ainm a bhéas ar an eagraíocht ná Sinn Féin.

Tá an eagraíocht bunaithe ar na prionsabail bhunúsacha seo a leanas;-

- a. Tá dílseacht mhuintir na Éireann, idir fhir agus mhná, dlite do Phoblacht cheannasach na hÉireann a fógraíodh i 1916.
- b. Tá ceannas agus aontacht na Poblachta doshéanta agus dosháraithe.

Is iad cuspóirí Shinn Féin ná:-

- a. Riail Shasana in Éirinn a dhíothú ar fad agus poblacht dhaonlathach shóisialach a bhunú ar bhonn Fhorógra na Poblachta 1916.
- b. Forógra na Poblachta, Cáisc 1916, a thabhairt in éifeacht agus rialtas na Poblachta atá bunaithe ar an Fhorógra sin, agus a bhfuil ionadaithe ann ó mhuintir na hÉireann ar fad, a chothú agus a dhaingniú.
- c. Réimeas cheart shóisialta a chur ar bun sa Phoblacht bunaithe ar phrionsabail shóisialacha poblachtánacha Éireannacha de réir Fhorógra na Poblachta 1916 agus Chlár Daonlathach na Chéad Dála 1919 agus trí dháileadh cóir agus smacht éifeachtúil ar shaibhreas agus acmhainn an náisiúin, agus córas rialtais a bhunú a fhóireann do riachtanais ar leith an phobail.
- d. Cur chun cinn athbheochan teanga agus cultúr na hÉireann agus eolas forleathan ar stair na hÉireann; bród agus aitheantas a chothú i measc mhuintir na hÉireann ar a n-oidhreacht thraidisiúnta agus chultúrtha; agus oideachas a thabhairt do shaoránaigh na poblachta ar a gcearta agus ar a gcúraimí mar shaoránaigh.

MODHANNA

- a. Cuirfidh Sinn Féin eagar ar mhuintir na hÉireann le go ndéanfar gluaiseacht aontaithe riailbhéasach díobh a athbhunóidh an Phoblacht agus a chuirfidh na hídéil thuasluaite i bhfeidhm.
- b. Cabhróidh Sinn Féin, faoi stiúir na hArd Chomhairle, leis na heagraíochtaí uilig atá ag obair ar son na gcuspóirí céanna.

1. BALLRAÍOCHT

a. Ní féidir le duine bheith ina bhall den eagraíocht, diomaite de fho-bhallraíocht, mura bhfuil siad ina bhall de Chumann.

Is féidir le duine ar bith bheith ina bhall ach é bheith os cionn 16 bliana d'aois, cuma fá chineál, aicme, ná creideamh atá sásta glacadh le bunreacht agus le beartas Shinn Féin; atá sásta obair a

dhéanamh le go gcuirfeadh a chuid cuspóirí i gcrích, agus a ghlacann leis na rialacha a bhaineas le ballraíocht, faoi réir na gcoinníollacha seo a leanas:

b. Níl ballraíocht ar fáil do dhuine ar bith atá ina bhall d'eagraíocht pháirtí polaitíochta nó atá i bhfách le, nó a thacaíonn le, hiarrthóireacht daoine a bhfuil sé de rún acu, má thoghtar iad, páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí Pharlaimint Westminster, nó atá i bhfách le, nó a thacaíonn le, hiarrthóireacht daoine a shíníonn cáipéis ar bith, nó a thugann le fios ar dhóigh ar bith, go nglacfaidh siad lena suíocháin san institiúid sin.

c. Níl ballraíocht ar fáil do dhuine ar bith atá ina bhall de chumann rúnda ar bith, agus ní cheadófar ballraíocht do dhuine ar bith atá aitheanta mar bhall de chumann rúnda.

d. Tá sé de chead ag coiste Cumainn ar bith diúltiú de dhuine ar bith atá ag iarraidh ballraíochta a chlárú.

e. Tá sé ar chumas na hArd Chomhairle ballraíocht a dhiúltú do dhuine ar bith atá á iarraidh agus duine ar bith a dhíbirt as an eagraíocht. Sula ndíbrítear é, áfach, caithfear deis a thabhairt don bhall le go gcluinfear é a chosaint féin.

f. Níl ballraíocht ar fáil do chomhalta ar bith de chuid fhórsaí armtha na Breataine.

g. Níl ballraíocht ar fáil do dhuine ar bith a bhfuil móid dhílseachta tugtha aca do Pharlaimint Westminster fad a fhanann siad san oifig nó cibé post a bhaineann leis an mhóid, nó go dtí go séanann siad í i modh scríofa chuig a Cumann.

h. Caithfidh Sinn Féin cead a fháil ón Ard Chomhairle sula mbaineann sé leis na cúirteanna.

i. Caithfidh baill úra tréimhse phromhaidh trí mhí a chur isteach. Ní bheidh ceart vótála ag baill ar promhadh i gcúrsaí a bhaineas le, nó a théas i bhfeidhm ar, gnóthaí inmheánacha na heagraíochta ach amháin i dtoghadh oifigeach do Chumann nó do Chomhairle Ceantair nuabhunaithe.

2. FO-BHALLRAÍOCHT

Níl fo-bhallraíocht ar fáil ach amháin le cead Chomhairle Ceantair, agus é daingnithe ag an Ard Chomhairle, agus caithfear táille £5 in aghaidh na bliana a íoc. Beidh fo-bhaill freagracht don Ard Chomhairle maidir le cloí le bunreacht agus rialacha na heagraíochta.

BUNREACHT AGUS RIALACHA

- a. Tá fo-bhallraíocht ar fáil fríd Chumann cláraithe ar bith ach £5 a íoc a chuirfear ar aghaidh chuig an Ard Oifig.
- b. Caithfidh fo-bhall cloí le rialacha na heagraíochta.
- c. Coinneoidh Cumann rolla dá chuid fo-bhall a bhéas ar fáil, má iarrtar é, do bord oifigigh an Chomhairle Ceantair, nó an Chomhairle Cúige, nó d'aon ball don Ard Chomhairle.
- d. Beidh sé de cheart ag Cumann fo-bhall a chur amach as an eagraíocht mura bhfuil an fo-bhall inghlactha dó.
- e. Ní bheidh sé de cheart ag fo-bhall vótála ná post oifigigh ar bith a ghlacadh laistigh den eagraíocht.
- f. Beidh sé de cheart ag bord oifigigh an Chumainn cruinniú ginearálta de na baill uilig, fo-bhaill san áireamh, a ghairm má tá sé riachtanach do chur chun cinn na heagraíochta.
- g. Cuirfidh fo-bhaill dea-thoil an phoblachtánachas chun cinn sa cheantar áitiúil.
- h. Is féidir le fo-bhall bheith páirteach i ngníomhaíochtaí de chuid Shinn Féin ar bhonn ranna áitiúla atá fá chúram ranna náisiúnta fríd ceannasaithe chomhairlí Ceantair (m.s. d'fhéadfadh fo-bhall bheith páirteach fríd bhallraíocht an cheardChumainn áitiúil, ranna na mban, na hóige, an oideachais, an chultúir, na poiblíochta srl.)

3. TOGHCHÁIN

Beidh gach toghchán agus gach comhthoghadh ar fud na heagraíochta ar bhonn ballóide, agus ar bhonn onórach a bheas na postanna uilig atá á lua sna rialacha seo. Ach amháin nuair is Cumann nua atá i gceist ní bheidh cead ag ball atá ar promhadh bheith ina oifigeach, ná ní féidir é a thoghadh nó a chomhthoghadh ar choiste feidhmiúcháin ar bith de chuid na heagraíochta.

4. COMHTHOGHADH

Ní féidir ach ball den eagraíocht a chomhthoghadh i bpost ar bith. Mura bhfuil tréimhse promhadh curtha isteach go hiomlán ag ball ar bith caithfear cead dearfa a fháil ón Ard Chomhairle sular féidir iad a chomhthoghadh. Tá sé indéanta daoine nach bhfuil ina mbaill a bheith ar choistí nó fo-choistí i gcúinsí ar leith ach níl a leithéid de choistí agus fo-choistí ina gcuid den eagraíocht agus níl sé de chead acu gníomhú mar sin.

5. IARRTHÓIRÍ TOGHCHÁIN

Caithfidh iarrthóirí Shinn Féin i dtoghcháin Pharlaimint Westminster, ar rognáíodh iad agus roimh a ainmniúchán, gealltanais a leanas a ghlacadh go sollúnta agus go poiblí:

Dearbhaím,, go saor agus go sollúnta:

a. Má thoghtar mé nach mbeidh baint nó páirt agam le Parlaimint Westminster.

b. Go gcloífidh mé ar fad le treoracha ar bith dá bhfaighim ó Ard Chomhairle Shinn Féin maidir le mo phost mar ionadaí parlaiminte an fad nach bhfuil parlaimint Phoblacht na hÉireann ag feidhmiú.

c. Go n-éireoidh mé as an suíochán do thoghlaigh am ar bith a ghlaitear orm é a dhéanamh ag tromlach na mball d'Ard Chomhairle Shinn Féin an fad nach bhfuil parlaimint Phoblacht na hÉireann ag feidhmiú.

d. Tugaim an gealltanais seo de thoil dheonach.

Go nglacann iarrthóirí uilig Shinn Féin móid 5b, 5c agus 5d.

6. Caithfidh an Ard Chomhairle gach iarrthóir roghnaithe le seasamh i dtoghcháin a dhaingniú.

Maidir le toghcháin parlaiminte de, caithfidh coiste cúigir, curtha ar bun ag an ArdChomhairle, agallaimh a chur ar na hiarrthóirí uilig sula ndaingnítear iad ag an Ard Chomhairle.

7. Ní féidir le duine ar bith nach raibh ina bhall den eagraíocht ar feadh 12 mhí ar a laghad sular ainmníodh é bheith tofa mar oifigeach nó mar chomhalta den Ard Chomhairle. Tá sé indéanta ag an Ard Chomhairle baill a chomhthoghadh, má tá gá leis, ar chuntar go bhfuil 12 mhí curtha isteach acu mar bhaill.

8. Níl bunreacht Shinn Féin atá thuasluaite inathraithe ach amháin fríd Ard Fheis, a bhfuil fógra den athrú nó den leasú tugtha ar a chlár. Caithfidh dhá dtrian de na hionadaithe tofa ar a laghad atá i láthair ag an Ard Fheis tacú le hathrú nó le leasú ar bith sula gcuirtear i bhfeidhm é.

Rialacha

ARD FHEIS

9. BALLRAÍOCHT

Is é an Ard Fheis an Chomhairle stiúrtha reachtach is ardcheannasaí a thionólfar ag an Ard Chomhairle go blaintúil agus is iad a bheas ann ná:

- a. Oifigigh agus comhaltaí na hArd Chomhairle.
 - b. Beirt teachta ó achan Chomhairle Cúige.
 - c. Beirt teachta ó achan Chomhairle Ceantair.
 - d. Beirt teachta ó achan Chumann a bhfuil 20 ball nó níos lú ann. Triúr teachta ó achan Chumann a bhfuil idir 21 agus 50 ball ann.
10. Tá sé de cheart ag ionadaí tofa atá ina mbaill den eagraíocht a bheith i láthair agus labhairt ag an Ard Fheis; ach gan cead vótála acu mura bhfuil siad ann i bhfeidhm (a), (b) nó (c) thuasluaite.

11. CRUINNITHE

- a. Socróidh an Ard Chomhairle cén uair agus cá háit a mbeidh an cruinniú bliantúil den Ard Fheis agus fogrófar é deich seachtain roimh ré.
- b. Toghfaidh an Ard Fheis a cathaoirleach féin ó na dteachtaí atá i láthair ag a hoscailt.
- c. Caithfidh na hOrduithe Seasta bheith daingnithe ag tromlach dhá dtrian ag oscailt gach Ard Fheis agus ní féidir na hOrduithe Seasta a chur ar fionraí ach le tromlach dhá dtrian.
- d. Cuirfear eagrú na hArd Fheise faoi chúram coiste a ainmneoidh an Ard Chomhairle agus a thionólfaidh an Ard Rúnaí agus a thiocfaidh le chéile go rialta i rith na bliana; is é Coiste na hArd Fheise is teideal don choiste.

12. TEORAINNEACHA

- a. Caithfear na rúin uilig a chur i láthair in ainm na hArd Chomhairle, Comhairle Cúige, Comhairle Ceantair nó Cumainn.
- b. Tá sé de cheart ag Coiste na hArd Fheise, atá ainmnithe ag an Ard Chomhairle, rúin a cumascadh do Chlár na hArd Fheise.
- c. Seolfar cóip don rún cumascaithe chuig an Chumann a chum é le

deimhin a dhéanamh de go bhfuil an sprid agus an chiall cheart pholaitíochta ann mar a bhí ar intinn ag an Chumann.

d. Caithfear na rúin a chur i láthair 16 seachtain ar a laghad roimh an Ard Fheis ionas deis a thabhairt do Choiste na hArd Fheise an Clár a ullmhú.

13. AINMNIÚCHÁIN

a. Caithfidh na hainmniúcháin bheith istigh 28 lá ar a laghad roimh an Ard Fheis agus caithfidh siad seasamh in ainm Cumainn, Comhairle Ceantair nó Comhairle Cúige.

b. Ní féidir le baill ar bith a ghlac le hainmniúcháin mar oifigigh ná mar chomhaltaí den Ard Chomhairle a n-ainmneacha a aistarraingt ar lá an toghcháin.

14. TEACHTAÍ

Caithfidh na teachtaí bheith roghnaithe agus a n-ainmneacha curtha ar aghaidh chuig an Ard Oifig 28 lá ar a laghad roimh an Ard Fheis. Caithfidh siad bheith ina mbaill reatha de cibé chuid den eagrais a bhfuil ionadaíocht á dhéanamh acu air.

15. IONADAITHE

Nuair a bhíonn cúis ar leith ag teachtaí (tinneas, ms) gan a ndualgaisí a chomhlíonadh bíonn sé ceadaithe ionadaí eile a chur ina n-áit de réir bhreithiúnas na hArd Chomhairle, ach is éigean iad a bheith roghnaithe roimh ré ag cruinniú ceart-tionólta den chuid den eagrais atá i gceist.

16. FOIRM TOILTEANAS

a. Caithfidh na foirmeacha ainmniúcháin a bheith curtha chuig gach Cumann cúig seachtain ar a laghad roimh an dáta deiridh atá socraithe do ainmniúchán. Socróidh an Ard Chomhairle ar dháta áirithe fána gcaithfidh an t-aontú sínithe bheith curtha ar ais chuig an Ard Oifig.

b. Solathrófar liosta díofa siúd a thoiligh seasamh sna toghcháin don bhord oifigigh agus don Ard Chomhairle do ghach Cumann.

17. AN CHLÁR

Caithfear an Clár a chur chuig gach Cumann agus gach Comhairle Ceantair 14 lá roimh ré ar a laghad.

BUNREACTH AGUS RIALACHA

18. CÁRTA IONTRÁLA

Caithfear cárta do chead isteach a chur chuig gach teachta seacht lá roimh ré ar a laghad.

19. ARD FHEIS NEAMHGHNÁCH

Is féidir Ard Fheis, neamhghnách a ghairm, nuair a bhíonn cúis ar leith fána choinne, atá curtha síos ar ordú a cheadaítear ag:

a. Dhá dtrian de bhailríocht uilig an Ard Chomhairle atá ar fáil; nó

b. Trian de na Cumainn a bhfuil seasamh sé mhí ar a laghad fúthu.

20.

a. Caithfear fógra seacht lá a thabhairt do na rúnaithe uilig a chuirfidh gairm orthu siúd atá fána gcúram a luaithe a fhaigheann siad an fógra le teachtaí a roghnú don Ard Fheis neamhghnách.

b. Roghnófar Ard Chomhairle úr ag an Ard Fheis neamhghnách, cibé áit a bhfuil sé.

ARD CHOMHAIRLE

21. Nuair nach bhfuil an Ard Fheis ina suí, is é an Ard Chomhairle, ar a bhfuil leas-uachtarán onórach, na hoifigigh; an t-uachtarán; leas-uachtarán amháin; ard rúnaí oinigh; beirt chisteoir oinigh; oifigeach poiblíochta; cathaoirleach páirtí (a bhfuil riailbhéas an pháirtí fána chúram) agus 9 ball eile. Is iad vótaí na dteachtaí uilig ag an Ard Fheis a thoghfaidh na hoifigigh agus an 9 ball. Beidh se de chumhacht ag an Ard Chomhairle ball de chuid Sinn Féin atá tar éis a shaol (a saol) uilig a chaitheamh ar mhaithe leis an idéal poblachtánach a ainmniú mar leas-uachtarán onórach.

Beidh sé i gcumas na hArd Chomhairle ochtar ball a chomhthoghadh do phostanna ar leith agus tuilleadh más gá le deimhin a dhéanamh de go mbeidh 30% ar a laghad den Ard Chomhairle ina mná. Córam a bheas ann nuair atá duine amháin de bhreis ar thrían den bhallraíocht i láthair.

22. COISTE SEASTA

Toghfaidh an Ard Chomhairle agus an cathaoirleach ó ghach

Comhairle Cúige Coiste Seasta óna líon a bhfuil ochtar air a thiocfas le chéile go tráthrialta agus a mbeidh cumhacht iomlán aige gnó coitianta a riar idir cruinnithe den Ard Chomhairle. Cúigear ball a dhéanfas córam. Is féidir le bord oifigigh na hArd Chomhairle freastal ar chruinnithe uilig an Choiste Sheasta. Cuirfidh an Coiste Seasta tuairiscí dá chruinnithe chuig an Ard Chomhairle.

23.

a. Toghfaidh an Ard Chomhairle beirt iontaobhaí náisiúnta do chiste na heagraíochta.

b. Beidh an t-airgead ar fad a fhaigheann siad nó a chuireann na cisteoirí isteach ina gcuntas, ar le Sinn Féin é, faoi chúram na n-iontaobhaithe náisiúnta. Cuirfidh siad airgead na heagraíochta ar fáil do na cisteoirí de réir threoir na hArd Chomhairle ó am go chéile agus solathróidh siad eolas ar bith don Ard Chomhairle i dtaca le ciste na heagraíochta atá de dhíth uirthi.

c. Beidh ar na cisteoirí náisiúnta cuntais chearta a choinneáil ar an airgead ar fad a ghlactar isteach agus a thugtar amach. Cuirfidh siad an t-airgead ar fad a fhaightear isteach i gcuntas na n-iontabhaithe náisiúnta agus cuirfidh siad in iúl dóibh é dá réir. Cuirfidh siad cuntais mhíosúla i láthair na hArd Chomhairle, ag léiriú sonraí an airgid a fhaightear isteach agus a thugtar amach.

d. Déanfar cuntais na n-iontaobhaithe náisiúnta agus na gcisteoirí náisiúnta a iniúchadh ag iniúcháir aitheanta nó ag comhlacht iniúcháirí. Cuirfear tuairisc na n-iniúcháirí i láthair na hArd Chomhairle dhá sheachtain ar a laghad roimh an Ard Fheis bhliantúil, áit a gcuirfear i láthair arís é.

24. CUMHACHTAÍ

a. Nuair nach bhfuil an Ard Fheis i seisiún, is í an Ard Chomhairle a bheas i mbun na heagraíochta ó thaobh stiúrtha agus rialaithe de faoi réir orduithe tugtha ag an Ard Fheis.

b. Beidh cumhachtaí, feidhmeanna, agus dualgaisí uilig na hArd Fheise ag an Ard Chomhairle agus cuirfidh sí i bhfeidhm iad thar ceann na hArd Fheise, agus beidh ar gach ball géilleadh do shocruithe na hArd Chomhairle. I measc na gcumachtaí, srl, seo beidh:

(i) An chumhacht le coiste, srl, is lú céime, nó ball ar bith, a

scor nó a chur ar fionraí ón eagraíocht i ngeall ar neamhéifeacht, faillí nó mífhóirsteanach i gcoitinne. Sula scorfaí ball, áfach, chaithfí deis a thabhairt dó le go gcluinfi a chosaint. Mura ndéantar é a athnuachan tar éis sé mhí ní bheidh éifeacht a thuilleadh leis an fhionraíocht. Is féidir leis an Ard Chomhairle, agus tromlach dhá dtrian i bhfách leis, ball ar bith a chur ar fionraí roimh chruinniú ceart-tionólta atá gairmthe ar an chúis sin agus ionadaí a thabhairt isteach. Beidh ceart achomhairc ag an bhall fhionraithe os comhair cúirt fhiosrucháin neamhspleách.

(ii) An ceart ballraíocht a dhiúltú do Chumann ar bith.

(iii) An chumhacht le coiste a bhunú i gceantar ar bith ar chúis ar leith.

(iv) An chumhacht le Dáil Ceantar a bhunú i gceantar ar bith a bhfuil riachtanas leis.

(v) An chumhacht le Comhairlí Cúige a bhunú.

(vi) Áit atá líomhain de ciapadh gnéasach nó ionsaí gnéasach déanta, ní mór dona líomhain bheith curtha díreach faoi bhráid an Ard Chomhairle.

25. *FOLÚNTAIS*

Is féidir leis an Ard Chomhairle gnáthfholúntas uirthi féin a líonadh go sealadach ach amháin nuair is teachta Chomhairle Cúige atá i gcesit, áit a líonfaidh an Chomhairle Cúige féin an folúntas.

26. Cruinneoidh an Ard Chomhairle le chéile fá chéile fá cheann seachtaine ó dháta na hArd Fheise; ina dhiaidh sin beidh cruinniú míosúil ann ar a laghad. Beidh cruinnithe speisialta ann ar chomhairle an uachtaráin, nó, agus é as láthair, ar chomhairle an leas-uachtaráin, nó ar iarratas ó thromlach na mball. Scorfar den Ard Chomhairle ball ar bith a chailleann trí chruinniú as a chéile mura bhfuil leithscéal fiúntach aige/aici.

27. Caithfidh na cúiseanna uilig atá curtha i leith baill den Ard Chomhairle a bheith scríofa agus sínithe; gheobhaidh an ball atá i gceist cóip scríofa den chúis agus fógairt a bheith i láthair ag an chéad chruinniú eile den Ard Chomhairle chun an chúis a fhreagairt.

COMHAIRLE CÚIGE

28.

a. Is féidir leis an Ard Chomhairle i gcomhairle leis an bhallraíocht áitiúil, Comhairle Cúigi a bhunú.

b. Bunófar Comhairle Cúigi ar bhonn teorainneacha réigiúin an Aontas Eorapach.

c. Beidh cruinniú bliantúil ann fá cheann míosa den Ard Fheis. Beidh na hoifigighatá ag imeacht agus trí ionadaí an Ard Chomhairle agus dhá theachta ó achan Cumann agus Comhairle Ceantair i láthair agus toghfaidh siad Bord Oifigeach agus socróidh siad beartas don bhliain dár gcionn.

d. Is iad comhaltaí an Chomhairle Cúige ná cathaoirleach, leas-cathaoirleach, rúnaí, cisteoir, oifigeach oideachais, OCP (a oibreoidh i bhfeidhm leas-chathaoirleach), oifigeach óige, cathaoirligh agus rúnaí Comhairlí Ceantair uilig an dúiche. Beidh ball reatha den Ard Chomhairle agus an t-eagraí dúiche ina mbaill de bhrí oifige.

e. Beidh cruinniú den Chomhairle Cúige ann gach mí nó in am ar bith a threoraíonn an Ard Chomhairle.

f. Folúntais. Líonfaidh an Chomhairle Cúige folúntas ar bith ar an bhord oifigeach.

g. CUMHACHTAÍ AGUS DUALGAIS

(i) Beidh an Chomhairle Cúige umhal don Ard Chomhairle ar achan ábhar.

(ii) Beidh sé i mbun na heagraíochta sa cheantair.

(iii) Cuirfidh sé ord agus eagar ar Shinn Féin agus a chuid gníomhaíochtaí laistigh dá cheantair, geobhaidh sé poiblíocht dó agus déanfaidh sé é a fhorbairt.

(iv) Beidh sé de chumas aige ciste a thógáil dó féin agus don Ard Chomhairle.

(v) Cuirfear na cruinnithe uilig in iúl den Ard Oifig agus cuirfear cóip de miontuaraisc na cruinnithe chuig an Ard Oifig fá cheann seachtaine ón cruinniú.

(iv) Beidh sé de chumas aige comhdháil a ghairm de na teachtaí ó achan Cumann sa cheantair le cur i bhfeidhm beartais Shinn Féin a phlé.

COMHAIRLÍ CEANTAIR

29. GO GINEARÁLTA

Bunófar gach Comhairle Ceantair ar dhúiche thoghchánach contae faoi mar a shainmhínítear é ó am go chéile ag an Chomhairle contae agus beidh sé i gceannas ar na Cumainn uilig sa dúiche sin; ach féadann an Ard Chomhairle an socrú seo a athrú le deacrachtaí áitiúla a shárú.

30. BALLRAÍOCHT

Is é a bheas sa Chomhairle Ceantair ná:

a. A cuid oifigeach (cathaoirleach, leas-chathaoirleach, rúnaí, cisteoir, timire, oifigeach caidrimh phoiblí, oifigeach airgeadais agus oifigeach oideachais).

b. Beirt teachta ó achan Chumann.

c. Cinn ranna uilig an Chomhairle Ceantair.

d. Is féidir le triúr teachta ó achan Chumann bheith i láthair ag an chruinniú bhliantúil den Chomhairle Ceantair.

e. Is féidir bheith páirteach i gcuid ngíomhaíochtaí Shinn Féin sna ranna áitiúla atá faoi chúram ranna náisiúnta trí chinn ranna an Chomhairle Ceantair (ms Is féidir bheith páirteach trí bhallaíocht den roinn ceardchumann áitiúil/streachailt eacnamaíochta, roinn na mban, roinn na hóige, roinn oideachais, roinn na poiblíochta, roinn an chultúir srl.)

31. CRUINNITHE

a. Beidh ar na hoifigigh atá ag imeacht agus na dteachtaí don bhliain dár gcionn teacht le chéile fá cheann míosa ón Ard Fheis bhliantúil, ach ní sula gceaptar na dteachtaí úra do na Cumainn, agus roghnóidh siad óna mballraíocht na hoifigigh don bhliain dár gcionn.

b. Ní bheidh na hiar-oifigigh de chuid an Chomhairle Ceantair atá i láthair ag an chéad chruinniú den Chomhairle Ceantair nua inroghnaithe don bhord oifigigh mura roghnaíodh iad féin iad mar teachtaí don Chomhairle Ceantair nua ag an chruinniú ghinearálta dá gCumann.

c. Ní bheidh vóta ag na oifigigh atá ag imeacht sa toghchán don bhord oifigigh nua mura teachtaí iad atá roghnaithe ag a gCumann.

d. Ní bheidh cead ag baill den bhord oifigigh atá ag imeacht bheith i

láthair ag tuilleadh cruinnithe den Chomhairle Ceantair murach go gcomhthoghtar iad de réir na rialacha nó gur teachtaí iad roghnaithe ag a gCumainn.

32. Tiocfaidh sé le chéile go rialta agus anuas ar sin, ag am ar bith ar iarratas atá sínithe ag a cathaoirleach nó ag cúigear dá bhaill. Is é a dhéanfas córam ná ceathrú dá bhallraíocht iomlán.

33. FOLÚNTAIS

Is é cibé coiste a bhí freagrach as an roghnú sa chéad áit a líonfaidh aon folúntais. Má roghnaítear teachta Cumainn ina oifigeach ar an Chomhairle Ceantair, líonfaidh an Cumann sin an folúntas.

34. CUMHACHTAÍ AGUS DUALGAIS

Bunóidh an Chomhairle Ceantair Cumainn de réir Riall 42 agus beidh sé i gceannas ar na Cumainn ina cheantair. Ceadóidh sé a gcuid tuairiscí, iniúchfaidh sé cuntais srl, agus cuirfidh siad chuig an Ard Oifig iad uair i gceann na míosa ar a laghad i dteannta le liosta na gCumann agus a mballraíocht.

35. Is féidir leis an Chomhairle Ceantair, i ndiaidh fiosrúcháin, oifigeach ar bith a chur ar fionraí nó a scor as post as ucht neamhéifeachta, faillí ná cúise fóirsteanáí eile, agus toghchán nua a ghairm. Caithfear réamheolas scríofa a thabhairt don duine atá i gceist fán am agus na téarmaí den fhiosrúchán agus beidh sé de cheart aige achomharc a iarraidh ar an Ard Chomhairle.

Is féidir leis an Chomhairle Ceantair áitiúil baill Shinn Féin a chur chun bóthair as drochiompar a tharraingíós míchlú ar an phoblachtánachas, nó ar chúis fhóirsteanach ar bith eile, agus beidh cead achomhairc acu.

Is féidir leis an Chomhairle Ceantair, i ndiaidh fiosrúcháin, Cumann ar bith a chur ar fionraí nó a scor as ucht neamhéifeachta, faillí nó cúise fóirsteanáí eile. Caithfidh an Cumann réamheolas a fháil in am agus téarmaí an fhiosrúcháin agus beidh ceart achomhairc don Ard Chomhairle aige.

36. CISTÍ

Beidh sé de chumhacht ag an Chomhairle Ceantair airgead a thógáil óna chuid Cumann nó eile, fá choinne na heagraíochta, agus cuirfidh sé tuarascálacha ráithe airgeadais chuig an Ard Chomhairle.

37. CONSPÓIDÍ

Cuirfear faoi bhraid na hArd Chomhairle conspóidí i gComhairle Ceantair, nó idir Comhairlí Ceantair, nach féidir a réiteach eatarthu siúd a bhfuil baint acu leo.

38. CRUINNITHE POIBLÍ

Caithfear dul i ggomhairle leis an Chomhairle Ceantair sula reachtáltar cruinnithe ina dúiche.

39. TOGHCHÁIN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚIL

(Tabhair fá deara: Cuirtear an rial seo ar fionraí agus ní féidir á cur i gniomh ach amháin má shocraíonn an Ard Fheis bhliantúil nó an Ard Chomhairle go rachfar san iomaíocht sna toghcháin áitiúla.)

Beidh smacht ag an Chomhairle Ceantair ar na toghcháin áitiúla uilig ina dhúiche. Tionólfaidh sí comhdháil le hiarrthóirí a roghnú de réir cibé treoracha a éisíonn an Ard Chomhairle, agus beidh cruinniú speisialta á reachtáil aici le hiarrthóirí a dhaingniú, nó eile. Caithfadh iarrthóirí an gealltanais seo a leanas a thabhairt:

Geallaim,, dílseacht iomlán do Phoblacht na hÉireann mar a fógraíodh í Luan Cásca 1916, agus a bunaíodh faoin dlí ar an 21ú lá de mhí Eanáir 1919, agus geallaim go n-oibreoidh mé ar son threascairt fhorlámhas Ghall ar Éirinn, fhuascailt iomlán sóisialta agus eacnamaíochta mhuintir na hÉireann bunaithe ar Fhorógra na Poblachta 1916, agus aitheantais idirnáisiúnta do Phoblacht na hÉireann. Geallaim ina dhiaidh sin má éiríonn liom sa toghchán d'oifig, agus má ghaireann tromlach dhá dtrian den Ard Chomhairle orm éirí as oifig, go ndéanfaidh mé amhlaidh láithreach.

40. TOGHCHÁIN DHÁIL ÉIREANN

Is féidir na rialacha a bhaineas le comhdhálacha fá choinne roghnú iarrthóirí do thoghcháin Dháil Éireann a fháil ón Ard Oifig.

Caithfidh duine bheith ina bhall ar feadh 12 mhí ar a laghad sula mbíonn sé inroghnaithe mar iarrthóir do thoghcháin parlaiminte nó rialtais áitiúil.

CUMAINN

41. *BUNÚ*

Bunófar Cumainn i gCeantair de réir mar a threoraíonn an Ard Chomhairle nó Comhairle Ceantair a bhfuil údarás aici.

42.

a. Ní bhunófar Cumann mura bhfuil cead ón Ard Chomhairle nó ó Chomhairle Ceantair údarásach maidir lena ainm, áit chruinnithe, dúiche agus baill.

b. Cumann ar bith a scaiptear nó a éiríos as agus a ba mhaith leis toiseacht arís de réir rialacha Shinn Féin, caithfidh siad tuarascáil scríofa a chur i láthair an Chomhairle Ceantair áitiúil agus an Ard Oifig ar na cúiseanna a bhain leis an scaipeadh. Ba chóir liosta den tseanbhallraíocht agus den bhallraíocht úr a sholáthar fosta.

Is éigean cead a bheith ag a leithéid de Chumann ón Ard Oifig sula dtig leis bheith bainte le Sinn Féin.

c. Pléifear leis na baill uilig de Chumann athcheangailte mar bheadh baill úra agus, mar atá i Riail 1 (i), caithfidh siad dul fríd na cúrsaí do bhaill úra agus bheith ar promhadh ar feadh sé seachtaine. Tá siad fá réir na rialacha a bhaineas le baill úra fosta, Rialacha 3, 4, 7 agus 41.

43. Ní thabharfar ainm duine bheo ar Chumann.

44. Beidh ball den eagraíocht, atá cáilithe a leithéid a dhéanamh, i mbun an chéad chruinnithe, agus is é gnó an chruinnithe ná cuid oifigeach an Chumainn a thoghadh (a fhanfas in oifig go dtí an chéad toghchán bliantúil eile), agus socruithe a dhéanamh chun go gcuirfead a tháille chomhcheangailte agus liosta a chuid oifigeach chuig Ard Oifig.

45. *BALLRAÍOCHT*

Is éigean cúigear ball ar a laghad a bheith ag Cumann. Fiche ball an líon is airde atá molta.

46. Is iad na hoifigigh a bheas ann ná cathaoirleach (ball de bhrí oifige de na coisti uilig), leas-chathaoirleach, rúnaí, beirt chisteoir, agus OCP, agus toghfar go bliantúil iad ag cruinniú speisialta, a bhfuil fógra scríofa tugtha faoi, taobh istigh de 14 lá i ndiaidh do chríochnú na hArd Fheise.

47. Toghfár teachtaí don Chomhairle Ceantair ag an chruinniú chéanna.

48. Ní bheidh cearta ar bith ag ball nó ag iarbhall i gcoinne Cumainn, nó oifigigh nó baill eile maidir le gníomh ná faillí ó thaobh leanúint na rialacha de ach amháin achomharc don Chomhairle Ceantair nó don Ard Chomhairle de réir na rialacha atá leagtha síos.

49.

a. Caithfidh moltóir agus cuiditheoir atá ina mbaill den Chumann a bheith ag iarrrthóirí ar bhallraíocht agus is éigean go n-aontaíonn tromlach na mball eile den Chumann go nglacfar leo mar bhaill phromhaidh ag cruinniú ceart-tionólta.

b. Ní bheidh tiarnaí talún a thigeas i dtír ar a chuid tionóntaí, amhantraithe nó a gcuid gníomhairí, inghlachta mar bhaill.

c. Níl iarbhail de Shinn Féin inghlachta mura gcuireann siad in iúl don Chumann agus don Chomhairle Ceantair áitiúil go raibh siad ina mbaill roimhe sin.

d. Ní féidir le Cumann glacadh le hiarbhail de Shinn Féin mar bhaill mura dtéid sé i gcomhairle a chéaduaire leis an Chumann lena raibh an duine atá i gceist ag baint agus caithfear tuairisc a thabhairt don Chomhairle Ceantair ar stádas an iarraitais.

50. Níl cead ag duine bheith ina bhall de níos mó ná Cumann amháin san am céanna. Cuirfear deiseanna aistrithe ar fáil do bhaill, a bhfuil cúiseanna cuí acu, ar mhaith leo aistriú ó Chumann amháin go Cumann eile.

51. *TÁILLE CHOMHCHEANGAIL*

Is é bliain an fhéilire a chríochnaíonn ar 30ú Nollaig bliain airgeadais na heagraíochta. Caithfidh na Cumainn a gcuid táillí comhcheangail a íoc faoi 31ú Mhárta gach bliain.

52. Scorfar den chlár Cumann ar bith nach bhfuil a tháille chomhcheangail íochta aige faoi 31ú Mhárta agus ní féidir leis athchomhcheangail ach mar Chumann úr nua.

Caithfidh Cumann as feidhm atá ag iarraidh athchomhcheangail an táille iomlán de £75 a íoc.

53. Is éigean d'achan Chumann iarracht a thabhairt ar chruinnithe a thionól go rialta, go háirithe nuair a bhíonn gnóithe le cur i gcrích. Is é cúram an rúnaí deimhin a dhéanamh de go mbíonn cruinnithe den Chumann ann nuair a fhaightear imlitir ón Ard Oifig a chur in iúl gur chóir cruinniú den Chumann bheith ann.

54. *COISTÍ*

Tiocfaidh oifigigh an Chumainn le chéile i gcoiste le machnamh a dhéanamh ar iarratais ar bhallraíocht, le caoi a chur ar abhair mhachnaimh don Chumann, nó le hobair ar leith a chur i gcrích don Chumann nuair a bhíonn gá leis.

55. Is féidir leis an Chumann coistí eile a bhunú, do chúiseanna ar leith, nuair a bhíonn gá leis, ach ba chóir go n-aithneodh achan Chumann gur cuid dá chuid oibre ná:-

a. Feiceáil chuige go gcuirtear an Ghaeilge, na cluichí agus caitheamh aimsire agus eolas ar stair agus ar chultúr na hÉireann i gcoitinne chun cinn ina cheantar, agus go mbíonn claon Gaelach ar na himeachtaí sóisialta uilig a reachtáltar fána choimirce.

b. Táirgeadh níos mó a spreagadh i bpáirceanna agus i monarchana áitiúla, idir earraí Éireannacha a chur chun cinn agus clár eacnamaíochta Shinn Féin i gcoitinne a chur i ngníomh chun go laghadófar dífhostaíocht agus eisimirce.

56. *CUMHACHTAÍ AGUS DUALGAIS*

Beidh sé de chumhacht ag Cumann:

a. Táille ballraíochta a shocrú dá chuid ball agus tuilleadh airgid a iarraidh de réir a chuid riachtanais; airgead a thógáil trí shiamsaí nó bhailiúcháin ach cead a fháil ón Chomhairle Ceantair.

b. Ball ar bith dá chuid a chur ar fionraí ná a dhíbirt ar fad agus oifigeach nó comhalta coiste ar bith a chur ar fionraí nó a scor sula mbíonn an téarma cuí curtha isteach acu ar chúiseanna córa, agus beidh ceart achomhairc don Chomhairle Ceantair agus ina dhiaidh sin don Ard Chomhairle ag an duine atá i gceist.

Ní bheidh feidhm a thuilleadh le tréimhse fionraíochta mura n-athnuaítear é tar éis sé mhí.

57. Caithfidh na cúiseanna uilig atá curtha i leith baill bheith scríofa síos agus sínithe. Gheobhaidh an ball atá i gceist cóip scríofa den chúis ón rúnaí agus fógra a bheith i láthair ag an chéad chruinniú eile den Chumann chun an chúis a fhreagairt.

58. Coinneoidh Cumann, in áit fhíorshábháilte, rolla dá chuid ball, leabhair mhiontuairiscí agus cuntas ar adhmháil, caitheachas, sóchmhainní agus fiachaí an Chumainn. Beidh siad seo ar fáil don Chomhairle Ceantair agus don Ard Chomhairle le go ndéanfar iniúchadh orthu.

59. Ní féidir le hoifigeach de Chumann bheith ina reachtaire aige.

BUNREACTH AGUS RIALACHA

60. Ag deireadh gach mí, cuirfidh an rúnaí tuaraisc chuig an Chomhairle Ceantair ar ghníomhaíochtaí an Chumainn.

Ait nach mbíonn Comhairle Ceantair ann, cuirfear na tuaraisc chuig an Ard-Rúnaí san Ard Oifig.

61. CONSPÓIDÍ

Maidir le conspóidí i gCumann, nó idir Cumainn, nuair nach féidir leo siúd a bhfuil páirt acu ann teacht ar chomhréiteach, beidh ar an Chomhairle Ceantair réiteach a dhéanamh agus beidh ceart achomhairc don Ard Chomhairle acu ar mhaith leo é.

62. Is féidir le ball ar bith de Chumann a chreideas go bhfuil cinneadh ar bith den Chumann ag teacht salach ar phrionsabail, chuspóirí, nó polasaí na heagraíochta, ráiteas den chinneadh, sínithe ag an chathaoirleach, an rúnaí agus an agóideoir, a iarraidh a bheith curtha chuig an Chomhairle Ceantair le go ndéanfar machnamh air, agus ina dhiaidh sin beidh ceart achomhairc don Ard Chomhairle ann.

63. Tiocfaidh Cumainn agus Comhairlí Ceantair i ndúichí parlaiminte le chéile go míosúil nuair is féidir é fá choinne cúrsa léachtaí agus díospóireachtaí a mbeidh oifigeach Shinn Féin nó comhalta den Ard Chomhairle ina bhun.

64. Cuirfidh an Cumann tuaraiscí ráithe airgeadais chuig an Chomhairle Ceantair, nó áit nach bhfuil Comhairle Ceantair ann, díreach chuig an Ard Chomhairle.

65. Ní féidir le ball ar bith de Chumann nó de Chomhairle Ceantair dul i bhfiacha in ainm an Chumainn nó an Chomhairle Ceantair sin mura mbíonn cead roimh ré aige ó chruinniú de chuid an Chumainn nó an Chomhairle Ceantair atá i gceist.

ÓGRA SHINN FÉIN

66.

1. Rannóg oifigiúil na n-óg de chuid Sinn Féin atá in Ógra Shinn Féin. Is ceadmhach do gach éinne idir 16 agus 25 bliana, araon san áireamh, a aontaíonn le cuspóirí Shinn Féin a bheith ina bhall de. Is iad na rialacha agus na modhanna ceanann céanna is atá ag Sinn Féin atá i bhfeidhm ar Ógra Shinn Féin, mar atá i mBunreacht agus Rialacha Shinn Féin. Is Ard Fheis Shinn Féin an t-údarás bunaidh do Ógra Shinn Féin. Faoi smacht na hArd Chomhairle, freisin, atá Ógra Shinn Féin mar is amhlaidh le gach roinn eile náisiúnta de chuid Sinn Féin. Is ionann

cearta Ógra Shinn Féin agus cearta roinn eile de chuid Sinn Féin, maidir le cúrsaí ballraíochta agus a bheith i láthair ag Ard Fheiseanna agus ag cruinnithe speisialta. Tá gníomhaithe de chuid Ógra Shinn Féin freagrach ar an dul chéanna le baill eile de chuid Shinn Féin.

2. Is iad seo a leanas cuspóirí Ógra Shinn Féin:

(i) An Óige a eagrú ar bhonn chuspóirí Shinn Féin.

(ii) Eolas ar pholasaithe agus ar phoiblíocht Shinn Féin a thabhairt don óige.

(iii) Ardán a thabhairt do phoblachtánaigh óga le dul i bhfeidhm ar pholaitíocht agus ar pholasaithe Shinn Féin.

(iv) Gluaiseacht éifeachtach is chruthaíoch a chur ar fáil don óige atá ag obair ar son saoirse na hÉireann agus an tsóisialachas.

3. Is é a bhéas in eagraíocht Ógra Shinn Féin:

a. Grúpaí ina mbeidh cúigear gníomhaí ar a laghd.

b. Coistí áitiúla sna háiteanna a bhfuil níos mó ná grúpa amháin ag feidhmiú; ar an gcoiste beidh beirt ionadaí ó gach grúpa.

c. Cúig Coiste na nÓg ann, ceann sna Sé Chontae, i Laighean, i gConnachta-Ulaidh, i mBaile Átha Cliath agus sa Mhumhain, le beirt ionadaí ortha ó gach coistí áitiúil. Beidh sé de dhualgas ar na coiste Cúige seo oibrithe lánaimseartha a thoghadh don choiste náisiúnta.

d. Coiste náisiúnta Ógra Shinn Féin ar a mbeidh oibrithe lánaimseartha tofa ó na coistí cúigí agus nach mbeidh níos mó ná ochtar air.

e. Freastalóidh ionadaí Ógra Shinn Féin mar bhreathnóirí ar chruinnithe de chuid na gComhairlí Cúige, an Ard Chomhairle agus an Choiste Seasta le go mbeidh Ógra Shinn Féin eolach ar chúrsaí an pháirtí agus go mbeidh comhoibriú éifeachtach eathurtha.

f. Nuair is féidir, ba chomhair do ghach Cumann ag Sinn Féin oifigeach óige a ainmniú le comhoibriú leis an grúpa áitiúil de Ógra Shinn Féin.

G. Leagfaidh Ógra Shinn Féin amach plan oibre do ghach mí i ngach bliain oibre. De réir sin déanfar béim a chur ar na himeachtaí náisiúnta don bhliain atá le teacht. Ba chomhair an plan seo dreachtaithe ag an coiste náisiúnta i gcomhair le gníomhairí uilig Ógra Shinn Féin. Agus sin déanta caithfear an plan a chur faoi bhráid na hArd Chomhairle.

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