

## THE LIVING TRADITION

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### **COMHALTAS – CORONAVIRUS**

#### **Communication No. 2**

Firstly, we wish to express our appreciation for the prompt response to Communication No. 1.

As promised, we now outline the view of the Buanchoiste in relation to other matters in addition to those in Communication No. 1.

County Fleadhanna would obviously be covered by the Government directive of a maximum of 100 at indoor events and 500 at outdoor events. This must be borne in mind when planning a Fleadh. **It may also be considered that competitions be held behind closed doors with no audience and observing social distancing.**

The following pointers should be considered:

- Government directives and guidelines must be observed at all times.
- To minimise numbers, publicity should be confined **internally** to Comhaltas.
- Emphasis should be on competitions. These are essential to enable qualifiers for Provincial Fleadhanna to emerge at county level. We wish to preserve the integrity of the competition structure.
- There should be no outdoor events. This should satisfy the requirement of the 500 directive. There should be no indoor event exceeding 100 including adjudicators and officials.
- The 100 restriction for indoor competitions and events should be strictly enforced and stewarded and this number of tickets should be managed and allocated as planned by the organising committee. Venues should be large enough to allow for social distancing. If necessary, notices to be placed on competition venue doors explaining this Government directive.
- Planning meetings should be avoided by the use of other communication methods as agreed by the Fleadh organising committee. This should also be considered for general Comhaltas meetings until further notice.
- As the crisis unfolds and new Government directives are issued, contingency plans, if necessary, can be considered by us.

We know you will appreciate that we are operating in unprecedented times and this requires unprecedented measures on our part.

If we all work together - as we have done in the past – and respond positively, proactively and in unison, we will find real solutions to the enormous problems which now face us and the nation. This will help us to sustain in tact our cultural programme until we arrive at better days.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.

