

GAA Oral History Project
Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	12 th April 2011
Location	Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Fiona Casey
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Female
Born	Year Born: 1973 Home County: Kerry
Education	Primary: Killary NS, Co. Kerry Secondary: Causeway Comprehensive, Co. Kerry Third Level: UCC
Family	Siblings: 1 sister
Club(s)	Causeway Camogie Club; Causeway GAA Club
Occupation	Auctioneer
Parents' Occupation	Teacher [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Badminton; Golf; Soccer

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Date of Report	18 th August 2012
Period Covered	1970s – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Kerry
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Playing, Training, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Material Culture, Media, Emigration, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Identity, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Relationship with the Association, Socialising, Relationships, Economy / Economics
Interview Summary	<p>Fiona talks about growing up in Causeway, north Kerry - a hurling enclave that has always been proud of its traditions. She recalls the successful local team of the 1970s and the joy she got from that. Causeway's fortunes declined but the passion for hurling remained strong despite the fact that Kerry is predominantly a footballing county. Later Fiona became involved in setting up a camogie club in Causeway and she soon had a strong administrative role. The game has been making small progressive steps, enlisting the help of media, GAA bodies and hurling people from outside counties who are based in Kerry to ensure that camogie has a strong chance of gaining a permanent foothold in the county.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:20 Earliest memory is going to watch Causeway in county championship finals. Success they enjoyed. Making flags and jerseys. Her aunt helping her with materials.</p> <p>01:25 Why she didn't play camogie. History of the game in the area.</p> <p>02:20 Ladies football in the area. Other sports females could play.</p> <p>03:15 Family interest in GAA. Kerry football teams of the 1970s and the 1980s. Neighbours visiting the house to watch All-Ireland finals on television.</p> <p>04:20 Has one sister, Evelyn. Her involvement in camogie.</p> <p>05:15 Travelling in her aunt's car to watch games. Going to inter-county games. Watching Kerry hurling team. First trip to Croke Park to watch Kerry footballers was in the mid-1990s.</p>

	<p>07:10 Difference between hurling and football experiences in Kerry. Excitement of hurling matches. Hurling popular in North Kerry. County football final between Austin Stacks and Dr Crokes and how atmosphere compared to that at county hurling final.</p> <p>08:30 Why hurling is confined to North Kerry. South Kerry teams such as Kenmare, South Kerry and Dr Crokes doing well at hurling. Work of John Griffin to promote hurling in south Kerry. Work he does at Tralee IT.</p> <p>10:15 Role of hurling in Causeway as she was growing up. Successful team of 1970s. Kilmoyley later matching their four-in-a-row achievement. Causeway players in county team playing teams like Limerick and Clare.</p> <p>12:10 Homecoming celebrations. Bonfires. Parades.</p> <p>12:45 GAA remaining popular despite a decline in fortunes on the pitch. Unique nature of GAA.</p> <p>14:15 Called for Kerry trials in mid-1980s. Mary Jo Curran playing on successful Kerry ladies football team. Sustaining an injury at training. Consequence of that.</p> <p>17:05 Involvement in camogie in 2006. Her sister, Evelyn, going to the first meeting in the area. Being asked to get involved.</p> <p>19:10 First role she had at the club. Committee work. Being asked onto the county board as PRO. Being asked to work for Camogie Association.</p> <p>20:50 Munster Development Officer Mary O'Connor behind camogie revival in the area. Open days they had. PR drive. Killard, Abbeylix, Ballyduff, Ballyheigue all involved. Success they have had at the club. Killard's success.</p> <p>24:40 First impressions of county board meetings. Meetings held at Imperial Hotel, Tralee. Reason for that. Olive Sheehan owner of hotel. Changing venue.</p> <p>26:45 Sourcing contacts in the media. Kerry's Eye and Kerryman local papers. Kerry Radio presenter Weeshie Fogarty helping with requests.</p> <p>30:00 Importance of using common sense and openness in her role. Munster Development Officer Deirdre Murphy and how she has helped. Munster a strong GAA province and difficulties of that for camogie in Kerry. Gavin Craig in Donegal in a similar position.</p>
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	<p>32:20 Contacting Matt O'Neill of Dr Crokes in Killarney. Him helping to set up a camogie club there. Things looking up for camogie scene in the area. St Anne's a combination team allowed to participate in the Limerick leagues. Leona Breen and Mary Ann Foley promoting the game in Fenit schools. Work being done in Scartaglen.</p> <p>37:30 Underage structures they have at the club. Many hurling people from different counties involved in promoting camogie around Kerry. Liam Young at Scartaglen a former Kilkenny hurler who plays with St Pat's in Killarney.</p> <p>41:00 Importance of having parents' support for what they are doing. Asking them to help out. Response she gets.</p> <p>45:15 Planning for administrative tasks in the future. Working with the hurling club. Importance of good rapport.</p> <p>47:20 Relationship between camogie and ladies football and why it is not a big issue in Causeway.</p> <p>49:50 Relationship between ladies football and camogie county boards.</p> <p>51:00 County camogie teams they have at different levels. How the teams have fared competitively. Benefits of involvement.</p> <p>53:15 Fundraising efforts. Financial demands and difficulty in raising funds. Cost of equipment. Getting sponsorship from Kerry Group, Lee Strand, Credit Unions. Initiatives to raise money. Help from Kerry County Board and North Kerry Hurling Board.</p> <p>55:30 Mary Treacy of Dr Crokes involved in camogie in the 1970s and becoming involved again when the game was revived in Kerry.</p> <p>57:30 Best memory is seeing the first Under-16 county team lining out at Austin Stack Park. What it meant to her. Four-in-a-row Kerry football team of the 1980s also special.</p> <p>58:50 Former Kerry footballer Mikey Sheehy a player she admires. His attributes.</p> <p>59:25 Disappointments and levelling effect that they can have.</p> <p>01:01:15 Watching Kerry in the All-Ireland final replay against Galway in 2000 from Sri Lanka. Watching a game from Kuwait. Where she watched the game in Sri Lanka.</p>
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	01:03:00 What her future involvement will be. 01:04:25 What her involvement has meant to her.
Involvement in GAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	Played ladies football for one year with Causeway club.
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	Has been involved in administration since 2007. Camogie Club: Volunteer and general committee member Camogie County: PRO and Development Officer.
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 01:05:49
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: _____ Arlene Crampsie _____

Date: _____ 18/08/12 _____