

## **Guidelines for any Statement of Vindication**

The defendants must acknowledge the following:

- That the referee had every right to be in the location of the alleged incident
- That the referee was not contacted about the allegation before the letter was sent
- That respected eyewitnesses contradicted the allegations before the letter was sent
- That the normal FAI protocols for dealing with matters of this nature were not followed
- That the letter in question contained numerous errors, mistruths and exaggerations
- That no other complaints of this nature have ever been made about this referee
- That the referee made several sincere attempts to resolve matters reasonably over a two-year period – all of which were ignored or refused by the defendants
- That at no time has the referee named 'Achill Rovers' in any lawsuit
- That from the very outset the referee has insisted that Achill Rovers FDAC should not be penalised in any way for the reckless actions of the defendants
- That settlement talks came to a halt when the referee stipulated that any settlement payment must not come from the Club's funds
- That as a direct result of the publication of that letter, the referee and his family have suffered greatly