

GUIDELINES FOR STATEMENT OF VINDICATION

(As requested by the Defendants, and composed by the Plaintiff and his legal advisor as a precursor to any further settlement talks)

We the undersigned accept collective responsibility for the publication of a letter dated 11th June 2009 that was constructed after a committee meeting of Achill Rovers FDAC under the direction of Chairman George Collins; signed by the Secretary of Achill Rovers Philip McNulty; and sent to the Secretary of the Mayo Youths League concerning referee Stephen Manning of Dooagh, Achill, Co. Mayo.

We acknowledge that the letter in question contained false allegations against Mr Manning; including inaccuracies, exaggerations and misleading statements. We acknowledge that correct guidelines were not followed in dealing with the matter; Mr Manning was not informed of the allegations made against him, and we did not carry out any proper investigation. Furthermore, before we sent the letter, a credible independent eyewitness had contradicted one of the allegations, and we acknowledge that this was made known to Chairman George Collins before the letter was sent.

We acknowledge that Mr Manning gave us a number of opportunities to retract the letter over the last two-and-a-half years, and that he has repeatedly made it clear that he wanted to bring the matter to a fair, reasonable and speedy conclusion, and was anxious to avoid bringing Achill Rovers as a Club into the matter. We acknowledge that we did not respond to any of these opportunities to resolve the matter.

We acknowledge that the publication of this letter and its consequences caused extensive damage to Mr Manning and his family, including physical and emotional suffering, damage to his reputation, alienation in the community and financial loss.

We hereby retract the letter in its entirety, and we consent to the publication of this acknowledgement by Mr Manning as he sees fit.

Dated Feb 14th 2012

Signed:

Note to prospective signatories: Any subsequent discussions concerning the payment of compensation to Mr Manning and his family are wholly dependent upon a written undertaking that any such monies will NOT come from the resources of Achill Rovers FDAC.