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Crinniú Cinn Cliana 2012
(Annual General Meeting 2012)

TUAIRISCIGH AN RUNAÍ
(Secretary's Report)

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of CLONDUFF GAA Club will be held on
WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2012 at 7 PM

All members are invited to discuss the following:

CLÁR OBIBRE/AGENDA

Minutes of 2010 AGM

Adoption of Standing Orders

Secretary's Report

Camogie Report

Treasurer's Report

Chairman's Address

President's Address

Election of Officers

Motions to AGM

Any other notified business

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GNÁTHRIALACHA/STANDING ORDERS

1. The Proposer of a motion or Amendment may speak for five minutes, and not more than five minutes.
2. A Delegate speaking to a resolution or an amendment must not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment may speak for a second time for three minutes, before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak for a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman, may at any time, he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer for a reply and when that has been given **A VOTE MUST BE TAKEN.**
5. A Delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman move that **THE QUESTION BE NOW PUT**, after which, when the Proposer has spoken, **A VOTE HAS TO BE TAKEN.**
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda, except by the consent of the equal to **TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2012

Someone on our Facebook page said Sunday 4th November 2012 was 'the most uplifting and motivational day' in all his time being involved with Clonduff GAA Club. I called my Down Year Book Report 'Inspiring a Generation – Clonduff Style'.

If that day wasn't inspirational then nothing was – there was such a great 'feel good' factor about the entire day. The Mass, organized by Vincent Devlin, Maria Wilson, Elaine Cowan, Maura Devlin, Sean Milligan, with the Sacred Music by Eileen Mooney set the tone for the remainder of the day. To these people, the combined choirs of Hilltown and Cabra Churches and those who played an active role in the Mass I say a sincere 'Thank You'.

On entering the INF Hall (kindly provided free of charge for the event) the décor took the breath away – thanks to the talents and expertise of Clonduff people – Anne Murray (Tables), Lorraine Trainor (Stage and Drapes), Donna Woods (Flowers and Table Arrangements and the army of volunteers who were 'beavering' away in the hall from the previous week. Brendan, our Chairman was the driving force behind the planning and many of the ideas but it couldn't have happened without the expertise, foresight, imagination and humour of the hard-working sub committees involved – 125, Social, Arts and Drama, PR and History and other individuals who were drafted onboard as time progressed – some members of our Club and some not.

The Banquet meal for 400 people, prepared and served by Diamonds Outside Catering, Warrenpoint could not have been bettered anywhere. It was a wonderful idea to spread the meal across the day/night and fill the time between courses with such entertainment – the sketches, videos, live links, historical snippets and live entertainers 'blew away' all those present particularly the visiting dignitaries and the 1,700 plus watching the live streaming across the world. A special word of thanks to Francis Quinn and Fintan Mussen who co-ordinated the proceedings with apparent ease – but it didn't just happen on the day! It happened as the result of the months of time and effort expended beforehand. The technical side of things – big screen viewing, link ups, streaming, etc was in the capable and efficient hands of PantherSolutionsToday.com. The Sound system was expertly provided by our Mini Macs Disco. Apex Printing Newry carried out the printing of menus, scrolls and 'wee book' meticulously prepared by Tommy Kelly, assisted by Marie Milligan. The Mass Booklets were printed by The Clonduff Post. Whilst it is unfair to single out any particular person (apart from those previously mentioned) it would be remiss not to mention the significant input of Noreen Tumilty, Sheenagh McConville, Lorraine Bloomfield, Connor Donnan and Thomas Murnin. One punter said he didn't think 'ordinary people' could put on such a professional show. Another said it was 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things extraordinarily well'.

Whilst all the 125 preparations were going on there was the normal business of a GAA Club to attend to. Our membership now exceeds 800 making us the largest rural club in Down – only surpassed by the Belfast Clubs and we can take pride in the number of young people participating in the sporting and cultural activities that we offer in Clonduff. A lot of credit and a big 'Thank You' has to go to our hard-working Registrar Sean Fearon and his assistant Paddy Morgan. We fielded 31 teams in the four field sports and were well represented in Scór and successfully competed in the County and Provincial Handball leagues – we have an All Ireland Handball Champion in Sean McNally – Well Done Sean! Our Club was well represented on County and Schools teams with both players and management personnel – the appointment of Plunkett McConville as a teacher in St Patrick's Primary School has immediately paid dividends in the winning of the Cumann na Bunscoil Championship and the Canon Esler Shield. To all those who spend time and effort expounding the Gaelic Culture, Ethos and Skills to the young people in Clonduff and in our schools I say 'thank you' on behalf of everyone in the community.

RÉITEORÍ (REFEREES)

We had two Hurling, three Football, one Ladies Football and four Camogie adult referees active during the past year. John Francis Murray has hung up his whistle and to him as well as all the others we say a big 'Thank You' – without referees there would be no games.

In my report last year I appealed to the young people who regularly took charge of in-house games to consider acquiring the refereeing qualifications. Sarah Bloomfield, Mark Devlin, Stephen McConville, Shane Milligan and Natasha Boyle took up the challenge for Football/Ladies Football and Sarah Bloomfield, Clare McGilligan, Elizabeth Wilson, Cassie Fitzpatrick, Niamh Brown, Mary Catherine Murray, Teresa Rooney, Martin Rooney, Ciara Tumilty, Michaela Murphy completed the 'First Whistle' course for Camogie/Hurling. This qualified them to take charge of games and tournaments up to and including U12 level. Well done boys and girls!

We now need to concentrate on recruiting more adult referees as a club the size of ours warrants. The incoming committee must make that their mission for 2012/2013.

TACAIOCHT CLUICHI (GAMES SUPPORT)

This was one of the new Committees established after last year's AGM. Its remit was largely achieved in respect of the Senior Football team. They were responsible for linesmen, umpires, medical assistants (all games) score keeper and gate collectors for home games. The vision of the 5-year Plan is to make this happen across all codes at all levels. To Chairperson Brian Canavan and his team we say 'Thank You' for taking that burden off the hands of the Senior Management. Thanks also to Brian for the attached report.

PEIL (FOOTBALL)

FOIRANN SINSIR PEIL (SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM)

When the new management team took over at the beginning of the season they were hoping for a consistent run and whilst this was not apparent early in the season and went out of the Championship in the second round they did put together a run of five in a row league games in the latter part of the season to secure fourth place thus ensuring a 'seeded' position in the new Championship League format next season.

The league format next season is also changing from the current 10-team home and away league to a 16-team one-round league. Down to the 6th placed team in the current Div 2 will be playing in the new Div 1. Will this really help develop these players? And from the financial point of view how can clubs be guaranteed an equal share of gate money?

Aidan Carr, Darren O'Hagan and Arthur McConville were members of the Down Senior Football team.

Thanks to the joint managers of Paul McShane and Tony Wilson; Selector Martin Farnon, Kitman Niall Brown and Administrator Tommy Kelly and team Nurses Sarah Grant and Deirdre Burns.

FOIREANN DHÁ (PREMIER RESERVE TEAM)

The Seconds, who train with the Seniors and whose players are interchangeable had a good Premier Reserve League run also finishing in 4th position. They were beaten by 2 points by the eventual Premier Reserve Championship winners, Warrenpoint in the Semi Final.

Thanks to Louis Brown and Hugh Grant who looked after the Seconds.

FOIREANN TRIUR (THIRDS [RESERVE] TEAM)

The Thirds Team consisting of some Seconds, Minors and non-affiliated players won six of their twelve games in the South Down Reserve Football League and fell to Liatroim in the Reserve Football Championship in the Quarter Finals.

They finished off their year winning the South Down Fr Davies Shield. This competition was open to players outside the named Top 13 and Second 10. Well done boys.

Thanks to Eamon Crothers, Connor Maginn and Rory McGreevy for taking charge of the team.

PEIL FAOI 21 (U21 FOOTBALL)

Following the same format as last year the winners of each of the four groups progress to the Semi Finals.

Clonduff is in a group with Mayobridge, Lower Mourne, Castlewellan and Tullylish. At the time of writing Clonduff has one group game v Mayobridge and a win there will see the team into the semi finals.

Thanks to Martin Farnon for taking charge of the team. Jason Brown and Conor Óg O'Hagan are team trainers, Niall Brown is the Kitman and Tommy Kelly is the administrator.

PEIL MIONÚR (MINOR FOOTBALL)

Our Minor Footballers were the Club's most successful Football team in 2012. They secured the All County League by only losing one of their 13 games. Saval beat them by two points in the Championship but in the last league game Clonduff beat Saval by 10 points. Many of the boys supplemented the Thirds panel, played in the Fr Davis Shield Final and are now playing for the U21s.

Patrick O'Hagan and Liam McAleavey were on the Down Minor Panel and Conal Brown, Liam McGreevy, John Brown, Jamie Gribben and Rory McQuaid were on the Down U17 Development Squad.

Two of the boys – Jayme Gribben and Rían Branagan are on the Down Vocational Schools U18 team.

Well done boys!

Thanks to P J McGreevy, Artie Noel McConville and Keith Kelly for looking after the Minors.

IOMANA

IOMANA SINSIR (SENIOR HURLING)

Hurling in Down was re-graded into two Leagues and two Championships in 2012 – Senior and Junior. Clonduff were in the Junior section and reached the final of the Championship where they were beaten by two points by Bredagh who have gone on to win the Ulster title. The League is officially unfinished and there appears to be no conclusion in sight. Clonduff are sitting top of the League with one game to play – the closest team to them have three to play. I have asked the Board to refer the matter to CCC to make a decision. As far as I am concerned Clonduff are League Champions.

Thanks to the management of Damian Farnon and Alistair McGilligan and medical assistant Noleen Cairns. Thanks also to Gerry Coughlin and Stephen Burns who stepped down early in the season after five years in charge.

IOMANA MIONÚR (MINOR HURLING)

Clonduff fielded a Minor Hurling team in 2012 for the first time in many years. They finished fourth in League Div 2 and were beaten by one point in the Semi Final of the B Championship.

Rian Branagan a regular member of the Senior team played in the combined An Duín Colleges team that reached the Casement Cup Final (Ulster Colleges), He is also on the Ulster combined side that will compete for the first time ever in the All Ireland Series. He has been selected to participate in Colleges All Star Hurling trials and we wish him well. Rían and Jamie Lowry were on the Down Minor team that won the Ulster League and Championship for the first time since 1994. Rían played at wing back in every game including the All Ireland Quarter Final.

Thanks to Paul McCusker and Eddie Clancy for taking charge of the team.

PEIL na mBan (LADIES FOOTBALL)

Having been relegated to the Intermediate division last season, the Ladies, with a number of younger players on the team, regrouped this year and surpassed expectations by reaching the Intermediate Championship Final. Their League campaign ran hot and cold but they did finish a very creditable fourth place finish.

Thanks to Ryan McShane, Mark Copeland and Ciarán McGreevy who looked after the Senior Ladies team.

Unfortunately Ryan and Mark have stepped down and are now team trainers with the County Ladies team and they and Ciarán are three quarters of the Down Vocational Schools Football management team. We wish them well.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT (CAMOGIE)

The Camogie Club will present their report and answer any questions arising. Personally I wish to congratulate the three Clonduff girls who won All Ireland medals with the Down Minor Team and commiserate with Alistair and the six Clonduff girls on the Down Junior team that lost their second-in-a-row All Ireland titles. Hopefully it will be third time lucky. Thanks to Maura Quinn, Guinevra McGilligan and all the Camogie mentors for their co-operation over the past year and to Guinevra for the Report.

LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE (HANDBALL)

Clonduff had a great year on the Courts in 2012. They had a very successful year in the juvenile ranks, winning two juvenile titles – Shane Milligan and Rory McQuaid. There were 25 boys (8-12) in the court every Monday night last winter and the new season training has begun for U10s with 13 boys attending training.

The Seniors won Division 1 in the Ulster and County Team Leagues. Paul Shields won the County Junior title and reached the Ulster Final. He and Sean McNally captured the County Doubles title. Sean had another outstanding year winning the Silver Masters One Wall title and a Silver Medal in the World Silver Masters Championships held in City West Dublin in October.

Handball is a sport for everyone – it is great to see the young females of Clonduff taking up the Challenge (see Youth Report). It is to be recommended to males and females of all ages as an ideal way of keeping fit over the winter months.

Thanks to Senior players Des McNeill, Eddie Clancy, Paul Shields and Colin Shields for coaching the juveniles and to Colin for the Report.

NA FÓIRNE ÓIGE (YOUTH TEAMS)

The Youth Committee is responsible for activities for the younger members of Clonduff from Under 16

downwards.

The Gaelic Start programme for P1-P4 again ran in INF – after last year's introduction by County Coaches it was entirely in the hands of our Club Coaches and Parents in 2012 – over 60 youngsters attended on a regular basis. 160 youngsters attended the Cúl Camp in Clonduff Park in August and 40 attended the Newry & Mourne sponsored Camogie Camp the following week.

The McGreevy U8 and the Gary Murray U12 Football tournaments are well established events in the Clonduff calendar – in fact the Gary Murray saw its 37th running in 2012. A number of other juvenile tournaments/blitzes were inaugurated/hosted to mark the diversity of our Club in this special year – the Daniel Andre U10 Football (May), U10/U12 Hurling Blitz (July), U8 Parish Camogie Blitz and U12 Ladies Football Blitz (September), U12 Parish Camogie Blitz. Clonduff Park hosted the annual Connor McConville Primary Schools Blitz in June – thanks to the McConville Family for organizing this now well-established fixture in the calendar of the Co Down Primary Schools.

Peil (Football)

A couple of new initiatives evolved during the year – following the last home league game of the season the U16 Footballers and their parents were treated to light refreshments and a social evening in the clubrooms. It was also an opportunity for feedback and appraisal on the part of the parents. Hopefully this is a trend that will be rolled out across the Club in 2013 and years to come.

Our youngest members, the U6s were also treated to a little social event in the Clubrooms. Following their final session they were presented with special 125 certificates and treated, along with their parents, to light refreshments.

The U8 and U10 Footballers won a number of tournaments with the U12s reaching the finals of a number of tournaments; the U11s were runners up and the U14s reached the Finals of the South Down League and Championships.

Iomana (Hurling)

The U10 and U12 Hurlers played in a number of blitzes with the U10s winning two; there were no U14 Hurlers in 2012 and the U16 Hurlers reached the Championship Final where they were narrowly defeated. Darragh Downey collected the 'Man of the Match' award.

Peil na mBan (Ladies Football)

U12 Ladies Football really took off in 2012 – 31 girls regularly turned up for training – they played in a number of Go Games and blitzes including the fielding of two teams in the Ulster Development Blitz in Annyalla, Co Monaghan.

Four of our U16 girls were on the Down team that won the Ulster C Championship and six of the U12 girls played in Croke Park at half time in the Down v Mayo Qualifier game. Twelve of the U12 team have been invited to the county U14 Development Squad as has team mentor Sean Cowan.

Camógaíocht (Camogie)

This will be dealt with in detail in the Camogie Report which will be presented by Guinevra Carr.

Liathróid Láimhe (Handball)

Quite a number of young people are taking up Handball. A special vision of mine has been to see the females in Clonduff take up Handball in the winter months and this has just come to fruition in the Autumn of this year – a total of 20 girls aged 8-12 are turning up for a weekly session of between 30-40 mins on the Handball Court. These are mainly being run by parents with coaching and guidance from Colin Shields and Des McNeill. Thanks to all concerned.

Gradaim Óige (Youth Awards)

What a turnout for the 125 Youth Award Night – about 250 young people, and their parents from U8 to U16! A decision was made to involve the Senior team captains and County players to address the young people and present their Awards. Rían Branagan was also involved in the Presentations. All the children received the specially commissioned 125 medal.

Cur Crainn (Tree Planting)

Another real coup for the Clonduff Club was the acquisition, by Dermot O'Hagan via the Woodland Trust, of 450 saplings for the primary school children to plant in the Club Grounds at the end of 125 week. Such was the

turnout of children that all the trees were planted in 50 mins! They were all treated to light refreshments and presented with certificates and the special 125 medal (if they didn't get one the previous night) in the Clubrooms after their morning's work!

Meantoirí (Mentors)

At the beginning of the season, many of our Youth mentors undertook Child Protection and First Aid/Defibrillator Training Courses. It is a requirement of the GAA that everyone working with children from U18 down must undertake the Child Protection and allow themselves to be put forward for AccessNI vetting. Clonduff mentors complied.

'The Clonduff Way', a Coaching strategy initiated as a result of the 5-year Plan has begun with the Football Mentors and will be rolled out across the Club commencing 2013. It is a 'work-in-progress'!

To our Children's Officer, Teresa Carr and all the mentors who so freely sacrifice their time, energy and sometime their patience to expound their expertise to future generations of Clonduff Gaels, I say a mighty 'Thank You' on behalf of the entire Clonduff GAA Community. It would be remiss of me not to thank the parents who regularly provided transport to and from events, or helped in supervision of activities including the juvenile discos organized by the Youth Committee.

Thanks to Teresa Carr for the Report.

DISCIPLÍN (DISCIPLINE)

Our Red Card offences increased by 50% on the previous year. This is not the sort of trend we are aspiring to. There were two Red Cards in Adult Football and one in Adult Hurling and there were a couple of double Yellows. I realise that there are Clubs with greater discipline problems than Clonduff and great credit must go to the mentors for instilling this Code of Behaviour in the players – but there were some of our mentors guilty of both red and yellow card offences which does not exactly inspire teams to follow suit. We must continue to impose the '**Give Respect, Get Respect**' campaign throughout the Club. People complain about certain referees 'giving Clonduff nothing'. Perhaps it's time we looked at ourselves!

SCÓR (SCÓR)

"A GAA Club without Scór is just another sports club" so says Jarlath Burns and Clonduff GAA Club certainly would not argue with that.

In keeping with the aims and ideals of the GAA, Clonduff competed in most disciplines at Junior and Adult Level and picked up three South Down titles – Scór Sinsir Ceili and Set Dancing and Scór na nÓg Quiz. They retained their County Scór Sinsir title in Set Dancing for the fifth year in a row. The 2013 Scór na nÓg has just reached South Down Final stage – Clonduff will be represented in Ceili and Set Dancing, Ballad Group, Instrumental Music and three Quiz teams representing Football, Handball and Camogie. Forty Clonduff juveniles participated in the South Down competitions.

Thanks to Joe Farrell, Wendy Branagan, Ursula and Maura Quinn, Lisa Gribben, Paul and Marie Kelly in preparing the teams for both Scór Sinsir and Scór na nÓg. A sincere 'Thank You' to the parents of all involved in the organizing and transporting of competitors to and from practice sessions and events.

After a lapse of many years a very successful Juvenile Set Dancing Class is now held in the Clubrooms on Wednesday nights with 24 children attending on a regular basis. To Joe and his helpers – Sean, Ursula, Lisa and Wendy, we say a big thank you. Joe's adult Set Dancing continues on Thursday nights in the Parochial Hall. The Nolan School of Irish Dancing continues in Parochial Hall on Monday nights and Traditional Music Classes in Carcullion House on Friday nights.

NA PÁIRCEANNA (THE FIELDS)

The year got off to a disappointing start when the playing surface of the Back Field was vandalized destroying not only the surface but also the drainage. This ruled it out for early season training with the vast majority of it taking place on the new field which was later officially opened on Sunday 19th August.

The main pitch remained closed until the start of the playing season helping keeping it in the excellent condition enjoyed by all users throughout the year. Only once was a game called off because of unplayable conditions and that was in September after three days of incessant rain.

Team mentors generally adhered to the Pitch Schedule but it is still essential that all teams be represented at the monthly fixtures meetings to ensure that all teams have their own space and time without intrusion by others.

Despite our own busy schedule we still managed to host a few championship games and quite a number of schools games as well as County and Schools Camogie training sessions.

Thanks to P J and his team for keeping the pitches in such pristine condition throughout the season. Sean Cairns' availability continues to be a Godsend for Clonduff! The amount of work Sean does around the clubrooms, the dressing rooms and the fields cannot be underestimated. Sean, on behalf of everyone in Clonduff this is your official 'Thank You' and long may you continue in your present role!

FORBAIRT (DEVELOPMENT)

The completion of the purchase of six acres of land in January brought our total acreage up to 23.

The new pitch is now operational and a safety guard has been erected on the road side bank, although the main entrance and driveway require a lot of work.

Development is always a 'work in progress' and following the drawing-up of a wish list' by the Development sub committee Dermot O'Hagan drafted a set of plans showing a general outline of the proposals.

Thanks to Aidan Brown and his team for their tireless work throughout the season and indeed for the past number years since the development of the new pitch began. Thanks to Aidan for the report.

PLEAN CÚIG BLIANA (FIVE YEAR PLAN)

The Five Year Plan was presented to the main Committee in May and adopted at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members in June. Before its adoption, 'The Clonduff Way' coaching strategy was already set in motion and work began on streamlining the Administrative Structure. This too was approved at an EGM in October and will be implemented at the AGM this year.

A big 'Thank You' to Dermot O'Hagan and his hard-working team on the time and effort expended on this intuitive though very workable document. It will be continually monitored and appraised throughout its lifespan.

Thanks also to Dermot for the report.

STAIR (HISTORY)

The Townlands Project has been completed recently. It is unfortunate that three of the stones have been vandalized. The people involved in the project will try to resolve this issue and wind it up successfully. An excellent booklet about our Townlands was issued earlier in the summer. It is now up to the likes of our Club to encourage local people to start and continue to use the traditional townland names in their addresses – otherwise they will become extinct. Thanks to Jerry Quinn, Marie Milligan, Collie Rodgers, Noel Fitzpatrick and the rest of the 'Townlands' group for getting this over the line.

The History people had a major input in the preparations for the 125 Celebration Day.

BLIAN FICHE A CUIG (125 YEAR)

The Celebratory Mass and Banquet on 4th November were the culmination of a season of activities and it would be negligent of me not to mention the people involved in those – 'Now and Then Chat Night', the Irish Stew and Cultural Night, the Exchange Visit to Claregalway, the Townland Stones Project, the Juvenile Tournaments/Blitzes in all Codes, the Parish Football and Camogie Blitzes, the Boley Fair Events, the Opening of the New Pitch, the Acquisition and Planting of 450 saplings and finally the Trip to Stormont.

As well as those who were physically involved quite a number of organizations and individuals contributed sponsorship to help make it all happen at little cost to the Club

When the words 'WE ARE CLONDUFF' were flashed up on the big screens on Sunday 4th November everybody simultaneously got to their feet in a standing ovation. I believe this should be our motto and hope it sustains us through thick and thin in the future. We should have more days like this just to show what a Great Club we are and how we can all 'sing from the same hymn sheet'.

The day was brought together by the inter-working and co-operation of a number of sub committees over the past twelve months – the 125 sub committee itself, Ealaín agus Dramai (Arts and Drama), Stair (History), Club Cairdrimh (Social Club), Tionscnamh Sóisialta (Social Initiative) agus Cairdreamh Poiblí (Public Relations). Of, course there were a lot of other people also involved who were not on any sub committees and to them we owe a great debt. Thank You All – it couldn't have happened without your input!

CLUB CAIDRIMH (SOCIAL CLUB)

The Social Club was very busy throughout the past year, initiating and hosting a number of memorable events. I would, however, appeal to all club members to make full use of this great community facility for all their family functions. The revenue generated by the Social Club is vital and adds greatly to the club's much needed financial demands.

Thanks to Lorraine Bloomfield and the sub-committee for their hard work during the year and to Lorraine for the Report.

TIONSCNAMH SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL INITIATIVE)

Clonduff's Social Initiative project continued during 2012. The stipulation is that participating clubs should aim for three events per year. Again Clonduff surpassed this, albeit many of the activities were incorporated with the 125 celebrations – 'Now and Then Chat Night', the St Patrick's Eve Cultural Night and the Exchange Visit to Claregalway and the Trip to Stormont.

If the meeting held with the local 'Gateway Club' materializes into Club-organized activities for our less-able Parishioners then that can only enhance the inclusiveness of our Club.

The re-formed Pool team contains three Foreign Nationals living in the village of Hilltown – one Polish and two Lithuanians – further proof that our inclusive policy is working.

'The Hillbillies' hill walking club started under last year's Social Initiative is now largely autonomous but still uses the Club premises and car park as their base.

Many thanks to Sean Milligan and his sub committee for keeping the project in the forefront of non-players' activities. Thanks also to Sean for the Report.

CAIRDREAMH POIBLÍ AGUS CUMARSÁIDI (PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS)

Notes continue to be published weekly in local papers and The Clonduff Post and on occasion use has been made of 'Club Call' in Irish News – though they don't always print what is sent to them. The website is updated on a daily basis as is our Facebook page and Twitter is also used to convey results and information. Club members were involved in the production of two excellent publications viz 'The Townlands of Clonduff' and the Centenary Banquet Booklet. A programme for senior football home games was produced and was used as a newsletter to bring members up to date on goings on in the Club.

More needs to be done – all games at all levels in all codes need to be reported upon.

Thanks to all those who have helped keep Clonduff abreast of the technological innovations, regularly send match reports and to Jerry Quinn for the report.

CLUB MAITH

I took responsibility for the completion of the Club Maith Portfolio and together with Jimmie Cousins this is now almost complete. Various personnel within the committee were delegated to collect/submit specific documentation. At the time of writing just two pieces of that information is outstanding. Hopefully all outstanding documents will be submitted before the AGM.

Jimmie and I decided to leave the completion until after the acceptance of the new Administrative Structure by Club Members and the 125 Day was over. At the main committee meeting on Wednesday 14th November a motion was passed accepting the Policies and Procedures included therein. These are the updated and/or additional Policies already in place and recommended by Ulster Council. The Chairman and Secretary will sign these documents before submission.

CUNTAS AIRGID (FINANCE)

The Financial report comprehensively covers the sources of finance throughout the year. It's very pleasing that the land purchase loan has been reduced by £55,000 in less than a year. Pádraig, in his report highlighted a couple of issues that require urgent attention – the low sales of the draw tickets and the withdrawal of five people from the Standing Order Scheme though it has to be recognized that the three year team for which the initial members joined has now expired. Thanks to the big effort Roisin McConville and her family have made in the selling of the draw tickets.

Thanks to the Lotto sellers and the checkers who attend every Monday night – 52 nights per year! This is a constant source of valuable income for the Club.

Personally I wish to say a very special word of thanks to all those who have contributed in any way – financial or

money's worth and indeed time's worth to the Club's finances over the past year. I say a special word of thanks to all our sponsors – those who help kit out our teams at all levels in all codes; those who bought, sponsored or provided provisions, materials, equipment, time, etc; those who contributed so handsomely to the 125 Day – without such generosity it would be impossible to function so effectively in our community.

The financial figures will be presented at the AGM.

Thanks to Pádraig Matthews for the report.

COMHGHAIRDEAS (CONGRATULATIONS) To

- Sara Louise Carr on winning her Soaring Star Award
- The Minor Footballers who won the All County Div 1 League
- The Thirds Footballers who won the Fr Davies Shield
- Stephen McConville on his selection to attend the U16 Elite Training Camp in UUJ
- Our three U16 Camogs who were on the All Ireland Minor winning team
- Rian Branagan and Jamie Lowry on the Ulster Minor Hurling League and Championship winning teams
- St Patrick's Primary School on winning the Cumann na mBunscoil title and the Canon Esler Shield
- Our Senior Set Dancers who retained their County Title for the fifth successive year
- All the teams in all field sports who represented Clonduff at any level – those who won tournaments or those who didn't win anything
- All the men and boys who have represented Clonduff in Handball and picked up five county titles, two Ulster titles and to Sean McNally on his All Ireland Silver Masters title and his Silver Medal in the World Championships
- To all our referees without whose services there would not be any games
- To the boys and girls who acquired Young Referee or First Whistle qualifications
- Those who helped organise events for the 125 Celebrations
- To all Club members who were selected to represent their county and/or schools/colleges as Players, Managers, Selectors or Administrators.

BUÍOCHAS (THANKS) To:

- On behalf of Clonduff GAC I would like to thank the very many players involved in Clonduff GAA Club - without you there would be no club
- A very special word of thanks to Sean Cairns for making himself available at every opportunity to the Club especially to facilitate schools, etc using our facilities during daytime and the tremendous amount of work he does around the Clubrooms, the dressing rooms and the field
- Everybody who helped in any way with the organizing of 125 events and particularly those who officiated at, organized or participated in the 'Mass of Remembrance, Celebration and Anticipation'
- The players of all codes at all levels who gave so much of their time to train and play for Clonduff
- The mentors who freely gave their time to their teams and for their co-operation throughout the year
- All our active referees in all codes – 10 adult and 15 young referees/first whistlers – how many other clubs can make this boast with honesty?
- The Gate Collectors, lines people and umpires and those who washed Jerseys
- All our sub committees and their members
- All our volunteers - – for Club Maith a rough calculation was made involving the time involved and at the minimum wage rate this was far in excess of £0.5m
- All those who took part in Scór competitions or helped prepare competitors
- All the boys and girls who represented their schools or colleges and our adult members who were mentors or administrators of Gaelic Games in their schools
- The Club sponsors and all who helped financially, and particularly those who sponsored or donated funds towards the 125 Celebrations
- The Lotto sellers and checkers and the Pub owners for hosting the Club Lotto
- The Clonduff Post for publishing fixtures, reports and club adverts and particularly the home games programmes
- Fr Cushenan for making the Parochial Rooms available for meetings and courses when the clubrooms were

unavailable

- The Primary and Secondary schools for their continuing support of Gaelic Games
- Goretta and Noleen Cairns for running the shop at field and other events such as juvenile discos
- Those who cooked at 'Big Breakfasts' or Burgers, Hot Dogs, etc at other events throughout the year – tournaments, U14 Inter-county Football Blitz, Juvenile Awards Night
- The organisers of the Annual Youth Awards night
- The helpers/stewards during the Club Tournaments and the Boley Fair weekend
- All who helped with the minutes of meetings during the year
- Everybody who has given their time, effort, expertise, money, money's worth or other commitment, to help Clonduff GAA Club in any way
- All the Clonduff people who are members of County or Divisional Boards

Personally I would like to thank the outgoing Chairman and Committee members including sub committees for their co-operation and commitment over the past year and wish the incoming committee a successful and rewarding year in office.

I particularly offer my grateful thanks to the out-going Assistant Secretary, Marie Milligan whose help to me was invaluable over the last five years. We had a great working relationship and she willingly took full responsible at times when I was indisposed for one reason or another. Go raibh mile maith agat a Máire!

COMHBHRÓN (SYMPATHY)

On behalf of Cumann Chluain Daimh, I would like to express my sincere sympathy to the Gaels of Clonduff who lost loved ones, inside or outside the Parish during the past year. They were all included in the beautiful Mass of Remembrance, Celebration, Anticipation on 4th November, along with all the past deceased members of our Club. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha uasal

DEIREADH (CONCLUSION)

Clonduff GAA Club continues to operate close working relationship with Clonduff Camogie Club. Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Cumann Camógíochta and Cumann Peil Gael na mBan have committed to developing a 'One Club Model' at national level and the Provincial Councils, particularly Ulster are making a major drive to realise this. Uachtarán Cooney stated last year that "The vast majority of people, both within and outside the Association, view all the Gaelic Disciplines as being members of the same family" and that is precisely how all Clonduff people playing Gaelic Games are generally viewed and it is imperative that we strive to our utmost to make this an inclusive, community-based welcoming organisation.

Our Five-Year Plan recognises the Camogie Club as our 'Sister Organisation' but over the lifetime of the Plan we have to strengthen that 'Sisterhood' and both the GAA Club and the Camogie Club have to fully embrace that ideal and be full members of the same family. The whole 'household' has to be totally inclusive and become one where everyone feels valued and welcome.

Without a doubt, 2012 was a memorable year in the history of this illustrious Club! It was a very busy but rewarding year. Success is not always measured on the number of trophies collected during year. It is the number of young, and not so young people we can keep within our ranks; it is the encouraging of all to be the best they can be whether that is as a player, a mentor, an administrator, a spectator or a social visitor; it is the provision of the best facilities we are capable of providing; it is the adoption of Codes of Best Behaviour and Practice at all levels and essentially it is a positive attitude emanating right throughout the Club and out there in the community. Our Five Year Plan and the Completion of the Club Maith Portfolio are testimony that WE CAN. WE ARE CLONDUFF!

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Anita Brú na hEithne

An Rúnai
Cumann Chluain Daimh