

# Cumann Chluain Daimh



Crinniú Bliantúil 2017  
(Annual General Meeting 2017)

TUAIRISCIGH AN RUNAÍ  
(Secretary's Report)

25<sup>u</sup> Mí na Samhain 2017)  
(25<sup>th</sup> November 2017)

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Clonduff Gaelic Athletic Club



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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of CLONDUFF GAA Club will be held on  
WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 at 7 PM in Clonduff Club

All members are invited to discuss the following:

**CLÁR OBIBRE/AGENDA**

Minutes of 2016 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 2017**

2017 was a good year by many standards for Clonduff showing much progress on all fronts – The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the success of the Clonduff Ballad Group clinching the All Ireland Scór Sinsir title in May – despite our hard work at Scór that's our first All Ireland senior title since 1977 and first at any grade since 1993. The Senior Camogs regained the County Championship and League Double and played in Ulster Final; the Senior Hurlers, Minor and U16 Footballers and U16 LGFA reached their respective County Championship Finals and the U16 Camogs won their Championship earlier this month; the U16 Footballers won the All County League, The Minor Footballers, U16 LGFA, U14 Footballers, U13s (F) and U12s (F) were all runners up in their respective leagues; U14 boys progressed to the semi-final of their division in Feile; U8s and 10s won numerous tournaments. The U12 Camogs won the final Blitz Championship and the U14s were runners up in the Championship and League; the U16 Camogs were runners up in their league.

The 'Youth Fitness Awareness' programme introduced last winter and the leasing of the Youth Club have obviously benefitted all our young people.

U8 and U10 Hurling continues to progress in the club with up on 30 youngsters attending the training sessions – hopefully this will lead to our being able to field an U12 team in the near future; unfortunately we didn't field teams at U14 or U16 though three of our U16 boys played Championship Hurling with the winning Newry Shamrocks team and an U14 player was with the O'Rahilly's team that reached the final. This area in Youth Development needs to be addressed. Another area that needs to be addressed is the Adult LGFA team as regrettably we were unable to field for the first time since 2002 but again with the development at Minor and U16 this will, hopefully, be reversed in the near future.

Clonduff Club was well represented on their schools and county teams in every code at every level.

Handball continues to thrive in Clonduff with more and more people taking part particularly the females – we won five female, 2 male juvenile titles and two adult male titles. Unfortunately the young boys didn't receive any coaching in 2017 – this is another area that needs addressing asap. As we continually aim to keep our players and community fit throughout the winter months perhaps they could do worse than visiting the Handball Court at least once a week if they're not really the gym-going types – fitness being the aim, competition a bonus!

The Health and Wellness portfolio for Phase 2 of the National Programme was completed earlier in the year. Attracta organized some great talks and workshops, introduced Yoga to some of the teams and registered Clonduff as a 'Non Smoking' facility (more detail later).

During the year we fielded 20 Football, 8 Camogie, 3 Hurling and 5 Ladies Football teams and whilst it was often a juggling session to accommodate all the training sessions and games we generally did manage to do it with the co-operation of the mentors – once again many thanks to Jimmie for taking on this onerous task. It continues to irritate me that little consideration is often put into the fixtures and how they can be changed at a whim eg MFC semi-final changed to Wednesday night (normally Tuesday) with U16 semi-final the following night. Another irritation was the fixing of the SFL game at 2.45 on the same date as the Hurling Final. We had to 'beg' to give our players a fair chance; we had no luck with the Minor/U16 games but thankfully they worked out OK. We did manage to get our adult dual players accommodated by moving the Football League game – this is too important an issue to be left to the whim of clubs agreeing on re-fix date – there is obviously no relationship between those setting football and hurling fixtures and they are both run by the same board. Currently there is good working relationship between Camogie and LGFA fixture setters.

Again we did manage to field in most of our games – the rules surrounding Football Championship eligibility often causes headaches for clubs and the County Board must address this. Our recommendation to Co Board two years ago didn't get anywhere. Players are denied Championship Football in a season because they played at a higher level last year? Perhaps it's time for them to revisit that recommendation.

Our club continues to supply quality players and mentors for our schools/colleges and county teams; support the various county and divisional boards and the various working sub committees and Ross Carr has become the Chair of Club Down.

### **BALLRAÍOCHT (MEMBERSHIP)**

Our membership – over 450 – remains one of the largest in the county and by far the largest of any rural club in the county. As in the previous year automatic membership was granted to all those who bought the Down Clubs Draw. We have a total of 850 members 472 of whom were adults and who were sent invitations to this meeting. Over 400 received their invitations via the GAA Admin system and I wish to convey my thanks to all those who helped distribute the documentation to the remaining members. Many thanks to our Registrar Sean Fearon who was assisted by Paddy Morgan and Brian McGreevy.

### **UIMHIR CHLÁRAITHE AGUS RÁCHAS (REGISTRATIONS AND INSURANCE)**

All members are registered on the GAA online registration system and issued with a unique number. Players were much more prompt about registering in 2017 – I stress once again that membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> December though there is the leeway of paying membership up until 31<sup>st</sup> March. However, players must register before training/playing – If an unregistered player is injured during those first three months he is not covered by insurance. The Insurance Company continues to insist that their involvement is not ‘Insurance’ but rather a ‘Player Injury Support Scheme’. It is essential that when a player is injured he/she gets in touch with Insurance Officer who will log the injury online. There is no harm done if there is no further action required. It is also imperative that team managers ensure that the referee takes note if a player is injured during a game and includes it in his/her report.

Thanks to Lorraine for taking on this role and following up claims.

### **OIBRITHE DEONACHA ÓGA (YOUNG VOLUNTEERS)**

The Young Volunteer programme run by the Ulster Council continues to flourish in Clonduff with about 30 young people aged 14-25 registered in recent times. Some of them now have completed their 200 hours to be recognized on their CVs. One of our Young Volunteers, Sarah Bloomfield was awarded the Irish News Young Volunteer of the Year. Indeed these young people have come to our assistance on so many occasions throughout the year, no longer ago than the Halloween Sports Camp. If it hadn't been for their input at a number of events there is a strong possibility that they would not have taken place. Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

### **RÉITEORÍÍ (REFEREES)**

Many congratulations to Ciarán Branagan who took charge of the All Ireland U21 Final in Portlaois earlier in the year. We are one of a few clubs who supply referees in all codes but we need to push this aspect – with a club the size of ours we must be proactive in seeking new referees or at the very least ‘Young Referees’. Without referees we can't have games and there are bound to be former players in all codes who, if they are not involved in managing teams they could extend their involvement by being recruited as referees and get paid for each game they take charge of.

### **PLEAN CÚIG BLIANA (FIVE YEAR PLAN)**

Our existing 5-year plan is now expired and it must be one of the first tasks of the new Executive to put this to rights to give us direction and see where we are heading.

### **TACAIOCHT CLUICHI (ADULT GAMES)**

This Sub Committee is charged with looking after the needs of Football, Hurling and Ladies Football though it tends to concentrate on Adult Football as the Hurling and Ladies Football tend to look after themselves. We need to ensure that all the codes are embraced in relation to seeking/appointing linesmen, umpires, medical assistants, score keepers and gate collectors for home games. Thanks to all who helped fulfil these roles in the club during the past year.

### **PEIL (FOOTBALL)**

#### **FOIRANN SINSIR PEIL (SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM)**

In the 12-team league format Clonduff Seniors finished top half of the table on points; they had the 3<sup>rd</sup> best scoring difference in the league. It was disappointing that their run in the Championship, which started so promisingly ended at the end of August.

Aidan Carr, Darren O'Hagan and Barry O'Hagan (until his shoulder injury represented Clonduff on County Senior panel which had a good run in the championship and got to play in Croke Park. Congratulations to Darren who was awarded an Irish News All Star. Congratulations too to Stephen McConville who played a pivotal role on St Mary's Sigerson Winning team.

Thanks to manager Ross Carr, Selectors Alistair McGilligan, Shane Ward, Brendan Carvill; Trainer Tommy Stevenson (Trainer), Mark Trainor (Kitman); Administrator Tommy Kelly, Team Nurse Sarah Grant and Sinead McKeown who helped out towards the end of the season, Stats man Ciarán McGreevy, and everyone else who helped out during the year.

#### **FOIREANN DHÁ (PREMIER RESERVE TEAM)**

The Seconds, who trained with the Seniors finished in the top half of the Premier Reserve League and reached the semifinal of the PRFC the panel for which was supplemented by current Minors. Thanks to Senior Management who looked after the Seconds in 2017.

#### **FOIREANN TRIUR (THIRDS [RESERVE] TEAM)**

The Thirds Team consisting of players not named in the club's Top 23 adult players plus Minors finished joint top of the league but were unable to field for the playoff – they had been unable to field in a few of their games. They went out in the first round of their Championship to a strong Loughinisland II team.

Thanks to Connor Maginn for taking charge of the team.

#### **PEIL FAOI 21 (U21 FOOTBALL)**

Again the U21 season is stuck in at the end of the senior season but hopefully this will change in the near future. This age group needs a lot more football – in line with inter-county structures, that is likely to be the last U21 championship, it will probably be U20 in the future.

It is a knock-out competition this year and unfortunately Clonduff lost their first game to a very physical Shamrocks side and reached the semifinal of the B Championship.

Thanks to Shane Ward, Finbarr McConville, Brendan Carvill, Tommy Stevenson (Trainer) and Niall Brown (Kitman)

#### **PEIL MIONÚR (MINOR FOOTBALL)**

Our Minor footballers had a very good season playing in the all-county league and championship. After losing in the South Down Feis sevens final to Mayobridge, they finished top of the league but sadly lost the final to a very strong Liatroim side.

They showed great character to get back up and running in the championship which commenced in early August. They progressed through to the final. Personally their semifinal v Kilcoo was one of the best games all year. The final was another exciting match and would have been a great game to watch if you were a neutral. It took a goal in the dying seconds of the game for Burren to beat them.

Many thanks to the Management team of Jamie Fegan, Mark McNulty, Gary Haughian and Gerard McNeill.

### **IOMANA**

#### **IOMANA SINSIR (SENIOR HURLING)**

The Senior Hurlers retained their Div 1 status and brought the Championship final to replay but suffered heartbreak in a game of two halves – the first belonging Clonduff and the second to Ballela – the drawn game is one they could have won. They competed extremely well in Div 2 of the league finished as one of three teams at the top of the league – the playoff will take place at the beginning of next season.

Many Thanks manager Marty McNeil assisted by Francis Quinn for taking charge of the team.

#### **CAMÓGAÍOCHT (CAMOGIE)**

The Senior Camogie team, again supplemented by some Mayobridge players had a great year annexing the League and Championship double and going straight into the Ulster Final which they narrowly lost in added time. Four of the girls – Jenna Boden, Paula Gribben, Fionnuala and Sara Louise Carr have been nominated for Gaelic Life All Star Awards – Good luck girl!

Once again the County teams were backboned by Clonduff girls.

The Camogs will present their report and answer any questions arising. Thanks to Guinevra McGilligan, Teresa Carr, Maria Wilson, Cathy Fitzpatrick and all the Camogie mentors for their co-operation over the past year.

#### **LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE (HANDBALL)**

Congratulations to Eddie Clancy and Colin Shields won the junior and intermediate titles respectively. At the time of writing up on a dozen local men are participating in the Down Leagues. I know everyone's time is precious but maybe a couple of the adults would take on the coaching of the younger boys. As with other codes the Club will fund the those wishing to gain coaching qualifications.

### **NA FÓIRNE ÓIGE (YOUTH TEAMS)**

In 2017 Clonduff fielded 15 teams in Football from U16 down to U6; 7 Camogie teams from U18 down to U6; Hurling had teams at U8 and U10; LGFA fielded an U10 team for the first time bringing the number of teams at juvenile levels up to Minor Level up to five; the teams at U6 and U8 level were mixed boys and girls. Most mentors in all codes possess at least Foundation Award Coaching and no-one should be involved with youth teams unless they have undertaken the Child Protection Course and are AccessNI vetted.

It was a very good year for most of our Youth Teams in all disciplines with the U16 Footballers collecting the League title and reaching the Championship Final; The U16 Girls reached their league and championship finals; U14 boys won their division in the Feile and represented Down in the All Ireland series in Fermanagh and Monaghan; the U14 Camogs were runners up in league and championship, the U12 and U13 boys were runners up in their leagues; the U12 Camogs won their blitz championship; All the juvenile teams (U6-U12) excelled in the various blitzes and tournaments in which they took part. Upwards on 300 youngsters attended the recent juvenile (U6-U12) awards evening.

It is the duty of the Welfare Officer to ensure the safety of our children at all times – thankfully there were no issues throughout the year and things went very well.

Once again this year there were a number of registration days for the Cul Camp – it was again a great success with over 270 children taking part, the biggest ever by far in Clonduff and one of the biggest camps in Down. Upwards on 60 children attended the Camogie Camp and over 30 boys attended the Hurling Camp in Clonduff Park during the weeks following the Cul Camp. Both these camps were coached in the skills of the ancient game by volunteer coaches – current and former players and a number of boys from the U14 squad.

One of the highlights of the year was the visit of the San Francisco Girls Feile team for which we provided a mini blitz, supper and entertainment in preparation for their first ever visit to Feile – they actually went on to win their All Ireland Division.

The established U8, U10 and U12 football tournaments again ran very successfully in May/June with the U12 LGFA at the end of August two weeks after the second Ella Trainor Memorial U6 Blitz which was attended by twelve teams – three from Clonduff and the rest from neighbouring clubs. The Camogs as usual ran their juvenile Parish League very successfully even though it was somewhat later in the year.

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. We also hosted a number of Go Games Blitzes at each age level, a number of Schools/Colleges games and various championship games.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the juvenile mentors and volunteers at all levels in all codes and particularly to those who helped out at tournaments, provided and served refreshments.

Thanks to Niall for the Reports

Many thanks to the all the juvenile coaches, mentors and volunteers as follows:

#### **Peil (Football)**

U16 Football: PJ McGreevy, Tony Wilson, Paddy Brown, Arty Noel McConville, Daniel Brannigan, Collie Magee, Ben Brennan

U14 Football: Aidan Brown, Mickey Fegan, Rory McGreevy, Andrew Carr

U13 Football: Mickey Fegan, Paddy McConville, Paul Lively, Jason Brown, Rory McGreevy

U12 Football: Paddy McConville, Paul Kelly, Marty Woods, Kevin McGrath, Daniel McPolin

U11 Football: Daniel McPolin

U10 Football: Daniel McPolin, Paul McConville, Kevin McGrath, Paul Cunningham, Kevin Kearney, Paddy Greene, Liam McGreevy

U8 Football: Pdraig Matthews

U6 Football: Damien Fearon + Parents

### ***Peil na mBan (Ladies Football)***

Minor & U16: Niall Rafferty, John Anthony Gribben

U14: Gavin McCann, Shereen Lyness-Feenan, Sean Morgan

U12: Kieran & Majella Kelly, Brian McPolin

U10: Kieran and Majella Kelly

### ***Iomana (Hurling)***

U8 & U10 Shane Quinn, Danny Nugent, Chrissy Young, Jamie Lowry, Fionnbharr Murphy

### ***Camógaíocht (Camogie)***

Minor: Sara Louise Carr, Cassie Fitzpatrick

U16: Oliver Morgan, Cathy Fitzpatrick, Guinevra McGilligan

U14: Oliver Morgan, Colin Shields, Guinevra McGilligan

U12: Kitty Fegan

U8 & U10: Eileen Hamill, Noreen Tumilty

U6: Kitty Fegan

The Juvenile Camogie news and progress will be dealt with in detail in the Camogie Report which will be presented later.

### ***Liathróid Láimhe(Handball)***

It was another successful year for Handball in Clonduff with our youngsters. Great work is being done in juvenile handball in Clonduff in the girls' game – thanks to Colin Shields. As stated earlier we need someone to take the boys' game in hand and take the lads who showed such potential last year back up to that level and beyond.

### **DISCIPLÍN (DISCIPLINE)**

It was impossible to keep count of the red cards issued during 2017. Mentors must take responsibility for instilling discipline and respect into their young players. As stated on previous occasions, we will not overturn a referee's decision by shouting at him/her and while we can appeal red cards this is unlikely to be successful unless there is video evidence. At a recent hearing it was pointed out that CCC must take the referee's report as correct without that video evidence.

### **SCÓR, CULTÚR AGUS POBAL (SCÓR, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY)**

At the beginning of the year Clonduff Young Pool Players Conor Milligan and John Boden were selected for Northern Ireland Youth team following trials in Coleraine in mid-January and went on to play in home Internationals in England in March.

Clonduff claimed two South Down titles and two runners up places in Scór Sinsir - Ballad Group (Paul Kelly, Colleen Walls, Agnes Morris, Caroline Carvill, Martina Cunningham) and Solo Singer Vivienne Murphy; Mary Catherine Murray RU in Solo Singing; Eileen McCusker RU in Recitation - all represented Clonduff in County Finals - Clonduff also picked up the Perter Keenan Trophy for Best South Down Scór Sinsir Club for the third year in a row.

The Ballad Group and Vivienne won their respective County titles: Ballad Group won the Ulster and All Ireland titles (first senior title in 40 years, first at any level since 1993)

As a result of winning the All Ireland title the Ballad Group were invited to sing in All Ireland Semi Final in Croke Park, have been honoured by Club, Local Council, South Down Board, Down Supporters Club and have been invited to the Ulster President's Awards in Derry on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

The knock-on from that big win is that currently there are over 50 Clonduff children preparing for the upcoming Scór na nÓg competitions.

Apart from the participation in Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir Clonduff was well represented at Championship Games and other Cultural events singing Amhran na bhFiann – to achieve this honour participants must take part in a specific workshop and this year we had 3 adults and 5 U16s attending all of whom got a run out at



some stage during the year.

Many congratulations to the four young people who received Gaeltacht bursaries from Down GAA. We as a club have always supported our Gaelgoiri óige by offering a small bursary to those who do not receive financial help from any other source.

Joe Farrell's Juvenile Set Dancing continues to flourish on Thursday nights in the Parochial Hall. The Nolan School of Irish Dancing continues in Parochial Hall on Monday nights but unfortunately not many local children attend it – they tend to travel to other areas for classes.

Plunkett McConville continues as the main Stadium Announcer As Gailge in Pairc Esler.

There were a number of community events hosted by the Club such as the Halloween Festival run in conjunction with the Hilltown Community Association and part funded by the Council's Community Safety Partnership Grant. There were a number of Health and Wellness events in the Club. Unfortunately due to last year's fire we were unable to host the local Gateway Club's Christmas Dinner but they will be back with us again this year.

On behalf of Clonduff Club I wish to thank Miss Una Lawless Principal of St Patrick's Primary School for always making the school's facilities available to us particularly for Scór and to Fr Cushenan for use of Parochial Hall for the Dancing.

As we approach the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Double All Ireland winning Ceili and Set Dancing titles it is my hope that those teams will regroup and represent us again in the 2018 Scór Sinsir competitions.

Thanks to our Cultural and Community Officer Thomas Murnin who has put a lot of effort into ensuring that Clonduff remains at the forefront of maintaining and preserving our cultural heritage!

#### **TIONSCNAMH SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL INITIATIVE)**

The Social Initiative programme for which Clonduff was a 'pilot club' in 2011 is still alive and well. The big event of the year was our History trip to the GPO and Arbour Hill in Dublin. Thanks to Marie Milligan, who has been involved from the start for organizing this now annual History Trip?

#### **NA SCOILA (THE SCHOOLS)**

We are blessed with the personnel in our local Primary Schools for promoting and coaching our national games – Plunkett McConville, Kitty Fegan, Meave McNeill and Ursula Kearney in St Patrick's and the principal of St Paul's Declan Mason who all back up the great work that is being done at juvenile level in the club in all our field sports. After some uncertainty it has been confirmed that the coaching programmes provided by Ulster and County Boards will continue in the schools for at least another year.

Our Secondary and Grammar Schools are also reaping the benefits of our young people as representatives on schools teams and indeed back-boning in all the Gaelic sports in all the local Secondary School. Our current and former players continue to promote and coach the games as teachers/lecturers in schools, colleges and third level education.

#### **NA PÁIRCEANNA AGUS NA ÁISEANNA (THE FIELDS AND FACILITIES)**

This season the club bought a new mower which should meet the clubs needs for the next ten seasons or more. Pitches were cut twice a week as often as possible. It would be great if we could get more people to help with this task. Thanks mainly to Brendan Murray and Aidan Brown and also Teddy Smith who did some early season cuts. Thanks also to Murtagh Walls, Mickey Fegan, Brendan Carvill, Thomas Murnin, Tommy Kelly, Peter Hamill, Leo Bloomfield, Paul Bloomfield, Mark Trainor, Martin Lynch, Dermot Fitzpatrick, Jim Murnin, Paddy Brannigan, Sean Cairns and Damian Farnon who have all been available to help throughout the season.

All pitches were sanded and verti-drained in April, fertilised in April and August; Goalmouths were resodded at end of last season. Rabbits are still causing a lot of problems on the top pitch - it is important that all coaches be vigilant when training or playing matches and fill in any holes they come across.

With over thirty teams in the club our facilities are in constant use; Add to this a lot of requests to use our pitches from outside teams the task of keeping dressing rooms respectable is huge. Much more help is needed with this job. Thanks to the senior managements who for the past two seasons have set a good example by cleaning up after training and matches. Thanks to all other mentors who do likewise. Work has already started to erect a fence between the back pitch and car park in the interests of safety.

Thanks PJ for all your work and for the report.

The Club shop continues to prove its worth and is mainly responsible for the large growth in the amount of Clonduff gear in evidence around the parish. Thanks to Goretta, Noleen and Geraldine for all the hours they give to the shop.

#### **SLÁINTE AGUS SÁBHAILTEACHT (HEALTH & SAFETY)**

At our club, we aim to keep our environment as safe a place for our community and visitors as possible. Regular safety audits are carried out on the property and all noted for inspection. There is always a vast volume of foot and vehicular traffic around the club and we again implore drivers to take care and respect the pedestrian crossings and to please use the designated parking spaces.

#### **SLÁINTE AGUS FOLLÁINE (HEALTH AND WELLNESS)**

The Healthy Clubs Project aims to support clubs in building healthy practises into their everyday activities while also responding to the health and wellbeing needs of their members and their communities. The project involves an innovative partnership with the GAA's Community & Health section, the HSE, the National Office for Suicide Prevention and is supported by Healthy Ireland, Sport Ireland, and the Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland. Irish Life has delivered a three year CSR investment to help Phase 2 achieve its full potential in supporting the health of the nation in a very proactive way.

Three Down GAA clubs amongst the first official GAA Healthy Clubs to receive national recognition

- The award winning Healthy Clubs Project (HCP) aims to turn clubs into hubs for health in their communities
- With almost the same number of GAA clubs as GPs across Ireland, the project offers a new setting in which to deliver health promotion and interventions
- Leading GAA ambassador Seán Cavanagh strongly commends the club for their leadership

A special ceremony with governmental representation in Croke Park on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 saw 58 GAA clubs recognised as the first official 'Healthy Clubs' on the island of Ireland.

Three Down GAA clubs, St. Peter's (Warrenpoint), St. Johns (Drumnaquoile) and Clonduff, can now proudly fly a flag above their grounds (endorsed by both Healthy Ireland and the Public Health Agency in NI), letting their members and communities know that they value health and wellbeing as much as leagues and championships. In January 2016, almost 100 clubs applied to participate in Phase 2 of the project (just 16 participated in Phase 1 between 2013-2015). Many cited the dearth of services in their communities that are tackling issues such as obesity, sedentary lifestyles, mental health and suicide. They wanted to be part of the solution.

These three progressive GAA clubs are the first in Down to receive national recognition. Their various health and wellbeing initiatives have had a tremendous impact on their clubs and wider communities. Both St. Peter's GAC and Clonduff GAC made history earlier in the year when they launched their complete smoke free policy, the first of its kind in Down. The clubs are now the picture of health decorated with smoke free signage, provided by the Public Health Agency (PHA) and the GAA through a CSR partnership with Irish Life. The decision to go smoke free is about setting a positive example, creating healthier clubs and reducing initiation rates amongst young people. The clubs have also offered support to club members wishing to quit smoking through their partnership with the PHA.

The programme involved numerous meetings and conferences at County, Provincial and National Level in the last year and Clonduff was awarded the Status of "Healthy Club" and a Funding of €1,500. Clonduff is one of just 60 clubs nationwide participating in Phase 2

Clonduff want to ensure that everyone who engages with our club benefits from the experience in a health-enhancing way – be they members, players, supporters' or members of our community. The Healthy Clubs' project will help us achieve this aim.

There have been many different activities going on in our Club, which all come under the umbrella of Health and wellness. By being involved at any level from collecting the money at the gate or directing traffic at a tournament, making tea and organising social events, all tick the box for health and wellness.

With your help we would like to continue to identify priority health issues in the club and community that the club can support. We had Alan O'Mara attend an information evening for Under 16 and Minor players, this was a massive success with these young people. Children want the information that is available to help them deal with issues that do not involve just playing the Game of Sport but the Game of Life. From this particular

evening various mentors and young people have expressed their interest in having more nights and information made available for them.

Clonduff was show-cased at Jordanstown in the Provincial Health and Wellness Forum and was also selected to represent GAA in Northern Ireland with the other Codes of sport, Soccer, Rugby and Hockey at Armagh Athletic Grounds in early Summer 2017.

It is the vision of Clonduff Executive Committee to support this project so that our community will benefit greatly from the experience, with increased memberships, a broadening of the volunteer base, improvements in health promoting activities, greater recognition for our club in our communities, and access to some new funding and sponsorship avenues. Areas of work that our club want to be included are:- physical activity, emotional wellbeing, health screening, anti-bullying, diet and nutrition, inclusion, drug and alcohol awareness, life skill and personal development, anti- smoking, facilities development, and engagement with older community members. Building a walk way around our Park for all to enjoy and be safe. Player Welfare where information for Finance, emotional wellness and difficult issues can be addressed.

Many of these areas have already been successfully enhanced and will continue to be addressed in our future as a successful Healthy Club.

Many thanks for your hard work Attracta and for excellent report.

### **SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL)**

The social club has facilitated many functions throughout the year, even though we were closed until March because of the fire. St Mungo's was the re-opening of the clubrooms on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. Followed by a full calendar including 8 tournaments, 3 christenings, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, pre wedding parties, two 25 year reunions, ballad group celebrations, 7 after-final meals, St Mungo's again with their new show on the 28<sup>th</sup> October, Halloween disco and film event, finishing up with the club's Annual Awards and Dinner Dance.

Big thanks must go to all our social club committee helpers and to all those who were hijacked, manipulated, conned or coerced into helping at last minutes notice.

Thanks Dermot and your committee for your hard work and to you Dermot for the report

### **FORBAIRT (DEVELOPMENT)**

Development is always a 'work in progress'. During 2017 we provided dugouts on the top field, and finalized the lease on the Youth Club for a 5-year term at a very modest rental. Before the next season begins we will, hopefully, have new fencing between the back field and the car park to enhance the safety of our children and other users of the back field. The Clubrooms have been restored and updated after last year's fire.

Unfortunately 'Ophelia' robbed us of the ball stop in the top field and which will be restored in the coming months.

The agreement with ABO Wind has been agreed. We have begun the process of renewing our Club Maith Award but have yet to begin apprising and renewing our 5-year plan.

Many thanks Aidan and to everybody who has helped in any way.

### **CAIRDREAMH POIBLÍ AGUS CUMARSÁIDI (PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS)**

Ciara Kelly took on the mantle of PRO early in the New Year and she embraced the post with enthusiasm and appreciates the opportunity to immerse herself in club activities. She attended a number of training courses both within the county and Ulster.

She continued to furnish weekly Club Notes to the local newspapers and The Clonduff Post, Down website and on occasion 'Club Call' in Irish News; update the Facebook and Twitter pages are updated on a regular basis. She was also part of the organizing committee for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations for the 1992 League and Championship celebrations and designed the programme for the event.

We didn't manage to get a copy of The Yellow Gold out – perhaps we should look at using it as our own Year Book in the future.

### **STAIR (HISTORY)**

The 'Milestones' page on the Club's website [www.clonduffgac.net](http://www.clonduffgac.net) continues to record the significant events and achievement of the year in the history of Clonduff.

### **RIARACHÁN (ADMINISTRATION)**

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the administration of this big club – Assistant Secretary Niamh Murray whose help has been invaluable – apart from the Minutes Niamh also took on the role of producing the home games programmes earlier in the season; our PRO Ciara Kelly, Treasurer Lorraine Bloomfield, Chairperson Jimmie Cousins and host of other people who helped out with producing the Dalsey Mooney Programme and to those who helped update the FaceBook and Twitter accounts.

One of the first tasks of the new Administration is to complete the Club Maith Portfolio – the Bronze Award tasks, which are those required by SportNI can now be completed online.

### **CUNTAS AIRGID (FINANCE)**

The Financial report comprehensively covers the sources of finance throughout the year.

The Down Clubs Draw tickets that we sold are a big source of income – every ticket we sell in excess of 24 £96 comes back to the club. We have had 8 or 9 winners so far in 2017. Thanks to everyone who bought and/or help sell these tickets – it will soon be time for the next batch.

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

A continued immense source of turnover is the club shop which stocks and sells club merchandise as well as tuck, teas and coffee.

The full financial figures will be presented at the AGM.

### **COMHGHAIRDEAS (CONGRATULATIONS) To**

- Our Ballad Group –Paul Kelly, Agnes Morris, Colleen Walls, Caroline Carvill, Martina Cunningham who brought the All Ireland Scór Sinsir title to Clonduff back in May; Vivienne Mulcahy who won the County Solo Singing title, and all those people who represented our club in either Scór na nÓg or Scór Sinsir
- Plunkett McConville the chief Stadium Announcer in Pairc Esler
- Our five singers – Colleen Walls, Caroline Carvill, Vivienne Mulcahy, Kayleigh McPolin, Aoife Trainor – who sang Amhran na bhFiann at various games and other events throughout the year
- Our senior referee Ciarán Branagan who took charge of the last ever All Ireland U21 Final
- The Senior Camogs who won the County League and Championship and gave great account of themselves in Ulster Final;
- The U16 Camogs who won their County Championship
- The U16 Footballers who won the All County League
- Darren O’Hagan on his Irish News Football All Star; shortlisted as South Down Player of the Year
- Stephen McConville on his successful Sigerson Cup campaign with St Mary’s
- The U8 and U10 Footballers who won a number of tournaments during the year
- Handball County Title winners: Clodagh Kelly (U12 Singles), Ellen Shields (U13 Singles), Eveagh Kelly & Ellen McKay (U13 Doubles), Lauren Kane (U15 Singles) Boys: Patrick Cowan (U14 Singles), Padraig Clancy (U15 Singles, ), Conor Milligan (U17 Singles), Adults: Eddie Clancy & Colin Shields Junior & Intermediate Championships respectively
- Sarah Bloomfield on winning Young Volunteer of the Year
- Katie McGilligan (Minor) and Paula O’Hagan (Senior) Down Camogie Player of the Year and Clonduff Camogs Team of the Year
- Beth Fitzpatrick and Clara Cowan on their Colleges Camogie All Star Awards
- Clare McGilligan and Cassie Fitzpatrick who were on UJJ team that won Purcell Shield
- All those who represented Clonduff on Provincial, County, School, College teams during the year
- All the boys, girls, men, women who represented Clonduff in any way throughout the year

### **BUÍOCHAS (THANKS) To:**

- The very many participants involved in Clonduff GAA Club – without you there would be no club. The players of all codes – Football, Hurling, Camogie, Ladies Football, Handball, Scór – at all levels gave so much of their time to train and play for Clonduff

- The mentors in all codes who freely gave their time to their teams and for their co-operation throughout the year
- Our club membership in general
- All our active referees in all codes – without you there couldn't be any games
- All our players who represented our county at any level and those who gave their time to manage or mentor county teams
- 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 Gate Collectors, lines people, umpires, medical personnel and those who washed the Jerseys
- The Executive and subcommittees members for their contributions and cooperation
- All our volunteers – the GAA is built on volunteerism and without you there would be no games, no activities and no club
- A special word of thanks to our Young Volunteers – there are now 30 registered –and most of whom have made themselves available when asked
- The Club sponsors and all who helped financially
- The Lotto sellers and checkers and the Pub owners for hosting the Club Lotto
- The Clonduff Post and local newspapers for publishing Club Notes, reports and club adverts
- Fr Cushenan for making the Parochial Rooms and Parochial Hall available for meetings and courses when the clubrooms were
- The Primary and Secondary schools for their continued support and promotion of Gaelic Games and to St Patrick's for the use of their premises for Scór
- Cabra Community Centre for hosting the Gateway Christmas Party
- Those who cooked 'Big Breakfasts', Burgers, Hot Dogs, etc throughout the year and/or provided sandwiches for tournaments, Fun Days, Juvenile Awards Events, etc
- The helpers/stewards and officials during our Club Tournaments
- Friends of Clonduff for their continued support and assistance with fundraising
- 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
- All those who helped sell or who bought the Down Clubs Draw tickets and weekly Lotto tickets
- The County and Divisional Boards in all codes for their continued support and direction

### **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 Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November in St John's Church Ballymaghera, along with all the past deceased members of our Club. Thanks to Father Cushenan the celebrant, Eileen Mooney the organist and her magnificent choir, those who did Readings, Prayers of the Faithful, carried up the Gifts, distributed Holy Communion or simply attended - it is a fitting way to remember those connected with our club or its members who are no longer with us. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha uasal

### **DEIREADH (CONCLUSION)**

Personally I would like to thank the outgoing Committee members for their co-operation and commitment over the past year and wish the incoming committee a successful and rewarding year in office. I offer my grateful thanks particularly to the Chairman Jimmie Cousins and Treasurer Lorraine Bloomfield who are stepping down from their posts this year. Jimmie has only had two years in office but what a wonderful Chairman he has been to work alongside during that time. Lorraine has been on the Executive for the past seven years firstly as Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer for the past five years. It has been such a pleasure to work with her and personally I know the friendship we have developed over that time will continue long after her Clonduff Executive days are done! Jimmie and Lorraine will leave big shoes to fill and on behalf of all in the Clonduff GAA Family I wish them health and happiness.

I sincerely apologise for any errors or omissions during the past year or in this report and to anyone that I may have offended – no offence was ever intended. Let us move forward as a united club in harmony with each other for the greater good of Clonduff and our community. Clonduff Club is the envy of many others in the county and beyond – let us continue to build on this image and move it to the next level in peace, progress and prosperity.

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*Anita Bn Mh Chranagain*

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