

Cumann Chluain Daimh



Crinniú Cinn Clia na 2013
(Annual General Meeting 2013)

TUAIRISCIGH AN RUNAÍ
(Secretary's Report)

27^u Mí na Samhain 2013)
(27^u November 2013)

í Ceannáras Chluain Daimh





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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 27th NOVEMBER 2013 at 7 PM in Ceannara Chluain Daimh
All members are invited to discuss the following:

CLÁR OBIBRE/AGENDA

Minutes of 2012 AGM

Adoption of Standing Orders

Secretary's Report

Camogie Report

The Way Forward – Strategic Report – Presentation

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 2013

Within one week of last year's AGM the entire communities of Clonduff, Down and much further afield were rocked by the shocking news of the sudden and untimely death of our long time administrator Jerry Quinn.

Clonduff Club had to resume the 'normal' business of a GAA Club. During the year three members of the original 15-person Executive stepped down; one of these was replaced with a co-opted member but there were times when attendance at Executive Meetings was very small indeed. Prior to the implementation of the new five-year plan the committee was far too large. Now, however, with hindsight, 15 is perhaps too few but I will be returning to this issue later in my report.

Membership this year came in at 821 – ten up on last year and we continue to hold our place as the largest rural club in Down. We fielded 32 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 and has a very active Social Initiative Programme.

There have been some exciting developments in and around the Club over the past year – young girls taking part in Handball competitions for the first time ever, the erection of the Handball wall at the St Patrick's Primary School, the opening of the Club Shop, the tarmac of the driveway, planting out the bank between the two adult fields, the Boley Family Fun Day, the Bunny Hunt at Easter, the Outdoor Cinema, the refurbishment of the clubrooms and kitchen, the upcoming Pantomime and Christmas Fayre underlining the fact that Clonduff GAA Club is firmly at the heart of the community.

Recently a number of members of our Club attended the Volunteer Convention in Cookstown the theme of which was 'Club Together' where we heard Liam O'Neill (Uachtarán CLG) and Aileen Lawlor (Uachtarán An Cumann Camógaíochta) speak about the National Integration of all members of the Gaelic Family into one organisation. All the sports will continue to organise their own activities in conjunction with each other with a Chief Executive Office heading up the new united organization. The females in Gaelic Sport will be the big winners here – currently a male can pay membership and be registered with GAA – he can play Football and Hurling without additional Insurance (though this does not cover him for Handball). A girl, on the other hand, who plays Camogie, Ladies Football and Handball needs to register with three separate Gaelic bodies and requires separate Insurance Cover for each. Under the new proposals, which are expected to be passed at each of the organisation's national congresses in the spring time, it will only be necessary for each Gaelic Player to register once which will be a definite financial advantage for us all. Everyone currently perceives us as belonging to the one organisation and whilst Clonduff has led the way in many respects it will now become official from the top.

RÉITEORÍÍ (REFEREES)

We had three Hurling, three Football, two Ladies Football and four Camogie adult referees active during the past year. In addition, Katherine Milligan and Paul O'Hare undertook 'Grab Your Whistle' which qualifies them to referee Ladies Football up to and including U12. We have quite a number of young people with 'Young Referee' and 'Young Whistler' qualifications who take charge of tournaments and underage games. Hopefully, some of these young people and some of those who qualified a few years ago will convert this qualification to full referee status. We now need more adult referees, as a club the size of ours warrants. The incoming Adult Games committee must make that their mission for 2013/2014.

Congratulations to our Club Senior Referee Ciarán Branagan who has been elevated to the top level of referees in the country.

TACAIOCHT CLUICHI (ADULT GAMES)

This new Committees established after last year's AGM in line with the 5-year plan. Its remit was to look after the needs of Football, Hurling and Ladies Football. It tended to concentrate on Adult Football as the Hurling and Ladies presented few problems as opposed to Football. It didn't quite work in relation to seeking and appointing linesmen, umpires, medical assistants (all games) score keeper and gate collectors for home games. The vision of

the 5-year Plan was to make this happen across all codes at all levels. It was a difficult year in many respects. To Chairperson Connor Donnan and his team we say 'Thank You'.

PEIL (FOOTBALL)

FOIRANN SINSIR PEIL (SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM)

Following on from the introduction of Mouth Guards for juvenile footballers last year it will be compulsory for all adults to use them for both training and playing. A referee can ask a player to leave the field of play if he is not using one and more importantly if a player sustains a mouth injury while not wearing the guard when he should be the Insurance Company will not be eligible.

Another new rule for all players and mentors to take on board from the beginning of January is the 'Black Card' rule - this will apply to both football and hurling from U12 upwards. It's not entirely certain what is happening in U8 and U10 Go Games.

Within our Club, discipline or the lack of it among our Senior players was the big talking point at the Interim General Meeting in July. Hopefully this sorry stage in our history is precisely that – history and we have learned from it and now move on to being a stronger, closer-knit club.

Our senior team caught up with many other clubs in the county – we suffered the consequences of emigration temporary or permanent.

The Championship and League formats changed in 2013 and maybe not for the best with hindsight. The Championship was run in four groups of four teams with the top two in each progressing to the knock-out quarter finals which Clonduff reached by winning two of their three group games. In three of the groups the third game was meaningless with nothing to play for. Personally I think the County needs to re-think the whole Championship format.

Perhaps the same could be said for the 16-team one-leg league. I believe that teams need to play home and away legs and the format should revert to a 12-team Div 1 league. Clonduff finished strongly with a win away to Burren and a draw at home to league leaders Castlewellan to avoid the last relegation playoff place.

Aidan Carr, Darren O'Hagan and Arthur McConville were members of the Down Senior Football team until Darren and Arthur sojourned in New York.

Thanks to the joint managers of Paul McShane and Tony Wilson; Trainer Sean O'Hare, Selector Martin Farnon, Administrator Tommy Kelly and team Nurses Sarah Grant and Deirdre Burns.

FOIREANN DHÁ (PREMIER RESERVE TEAM)

The Seconds, who train with the Seniors also retained their Div 1 Premier Reserve League status. On occasion there was difficulty fielding a team as some players failed to make themselves available. At the first training session of the year there were 46 players present with another seven declaring themselves available. All except those named in the Top 13 are eligible to play for the Seconds – again one must question the commitment and discipline of our players. They were beaten in the first round of Premier Reserve Championship.

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

FOIREANN TRIUR (THIRDS [SD RESERVE] TEAM)

The Thirds Team consisting of some Seconds, Minors and 'others' (don't train) won some of their league games in the South Down Reserve League and fell to Longstone II in the Reserve Football Championship in the quarter final. They finished off their year winning the South Down Felix Darby Cup defeating Burren III. I believe, however, that no team should be representing Clonduff if they do not make an effort on the training field – just think what they could have achieved if they had done even a little training as a team.

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

PEIL FAOI 21 (U21 FOOTBALL)

The format changed again from U21 to U20 for the second time in the last few years. Clonduff was in a group with Warrenpoint, Mayobridge and Drumcross (Drumaness/Darragh Cross). Clonduff won their first group game, lost the second and were awarded the third – two teams failed to field for the third game. Is this, therefore, the right format or the right time of year?

At the time of writing our team is in the B Final v Bryansford on Sunday 24th November.

Thanks to Ross Carr, Keith Farrell, Francis Quinn and Robert Wilson for taking charge of the team.

PEIL MIONÚR (MINOR FOOTBALL)

Our Minor Footballers had a great run in the League and finished runners up. They came up against Rostrevor, the eventual winners, in the Championship. The game was played in very blustery conditions in Mayobridge and

failed to score until late in the game and very nearly made the come-back of the year. Many of the boys supplemented the Seconds and Thirds panels, played in the Felix Darby Final and are now playing for the U21s. Thanks to P J McGreevy, Artie Noel McConville, Louis Brown and John O'Hagan for looking after the Minors.

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IOMANA SINSIR (SENIOR HURLING)

In 2012 the Junior Hurling League was unfinished and Clonduff, as the top team were eventually awarded the League in late January 2013 but they never received the League Cup! The Co Board promised that Clonduff's name would be engraved when the cup eventually turned up.

Having gained promotion to the Senior League Clonduff generally held their own against non-Ards teams but they finished joint bottom of the table with all their games played. Like last year the League is unfinished with the other two teams sharing that position having one and two games respectively to play. Is our County Board serious about promoting Hurling when it allows this to happen?

They played in the Junior Championship Semi Final and gave a great account of themselves but just fell short to fellow-Div 1 team Kilclief.

Thanks to the management of Damian Farnon, Brian Canavan and Alistair McGilligan.

PEIL na mBan (LADIES FOOTBALL)

With the Senior team in transition, it was sometime difficult to get a commitment from the girls but with perseverance they finished the league strongly to retain their Intermediate League Status.

In the Championship Semi Final they were defeated a Newry Bosco side or more precisely by Michaela and Aoibheann Downey, former Clonduff players.

Thanks to Anthony Grimes assisted by David O'Connor for managing the team. Unfortunately they have stepped down as Anthony has become a father and he is still playing football for Warrenpoint. We wish them well.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT (CAMOGIE)

Personally I wish to congratulate the four Clonduff girls who won All Ireland medals with the Down Minor Team; Ursula, Kitty and Orla on winning the inaugural Down Poc Fada Team event, Fionnuala Carr and Clare McGilligan on winning the Down Senior and U16 Players of the Year respectively; Sara Louise on her nomination for UGAAWA nomination; Ursula and Fionnuala on Ulster Camogie nominations. Thanks to Guinevra McGilligan and all the Camogie mentors for their co-operation over the past year and to Guinevra for the Report. The Camogie Club will present detailed report and answer any questions arising.

LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE (HANDBALL)

Clonduff had another great year on the Courts in 2013.

Clonduff men retained the County Senior team title though they suffered in the Ulster League and were eventually relegated. Sean McNally, Colin Shields and Shane Milligan all won Co singles titles with Sean winning both Ulster and All Ireland titles; Eddie Clancy and Colin Shields won County Doubles. Well done to all concerned.

A couple of big advances were made in the handball ranks in Clonduff when structures were put in place for the coaching of young girls and children in St Patrick's Primary School and the provision of an outdoor Handball wall at the Primary School for joint use of school children and Club members. More on youth handball later.

Thanks to Senior players Des McNeill, Eddie Clancy, Paul Shields and Colin Shields and to Sean Cowan for coaching the juveniles; to Colin for the Report and to the parents who supervised during the girls coaching sessions.

NA FÓIRNE ÓIGE (YOUTH TEAMS)

The Youth Committee is responsible for activities for the younger members of Clonduff from Under 16 downwards. Ross, our Youth Officer will give a full report.

The Fundamentals programme for 4-6 year olds was held every Sunday Morning from April to August under the direction of Paul Kelly, assisted by Nigel McPolin. The programme is generally run by the parents and often there were 30 children in attendance. Just under 160 youngsters attended the Kellogs Cúl Camp in Clonduff Park in August and 40 attended the Newry & Mourne sponsored Camogie Camp the following week.

The three boys' football and U12 Ladies football tournaments again ran very successfully in June but we do owe a debt of gratitude to Dundrum and Kilcoo for assisting with the refereeing.

The U8 and U12 Camogie Parish Blitz in September was also successful and we hosted U10/12 Hurling blitz as well as at least one Go Games Blitz at each level in South Down. These are small-sided games and it is my belief that we should not be 'streaming' our youngsters for these Go Games – they should be about development and fun. 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)

The U8, U10 and U12 Footballers all won at least one tournament; the U11s and U12s fielded two teams in their age leagues with the B team runners up in their Div 4 Leagues. The U14s had a good season and finished runners up in South Down Championship and League (Div I); the U16s had a great league run but just finished outside the top 2. A big thanks to the mentors who made it all possible

Iomana (Hurling)

The U10 and U12 Hurlers played in a number of Go Game blitzes and showed great improvement over the season. We fielded an U14 team this year but they were very young and found the going tough. The U16s went one better than last year by winning the League and Championship double. Thanks to all the mentors involved.

Peil na mBan (Ladies Football)

Following on from last year's U12s success, there was again a big upsurge in numbers playing the Ladies Game. Teams were fielded at U14, U12 and where other teams could facilitate Clonduff often fielded a team of U10 girls. There are representatives on the U13, U14 and U15 County Development squads of which Sean Cowan is part of the management and Bronagh O'Reilly a supervisor. A big thank you to all the mentors which included a number of the senior players.

Camógaíocht (Camogie)

We didn't win any titles but our youth teams gave great account of themselves and we had representatives on Development squads and County teams from U14 upwards. Guinevra will go into detail in the Camogie Report.

Liathróid Láimhe (Handball)

The big success stories for Clonduff Handball lie in the promotion of Juvenile Ladies Handball and Primary Schools Handball. Weekly coaching was given to U10, U12 and U14 girls and boys and for the first time Clonduff had both girls and boys entering handball tournaments and competitions.

On 'Club Day' in St. Patrick's PS all the children from P5-P7 get at least a 4 week 'taster' of handball coached by Des McNeill, which can only bode well for the game at local level.

DISCIPLÍN (DISCIPLINE)

We had a very poor record of discipline on the field of play – an increase of 50% last year has been followed by a further 50% this year. This is not a healthy trend and needs to be addressed asap. 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 – when did you ever see a decision overturned by shouting (even swearing) at the referee?

SCÓR (SCÓR)

Amid controversies about the changes imposed on Scór competitors earlier this year, our Cultural and Community Officer Jimmie Cousins took his role very seriously and Clonduff competed in most disciplines at Junior (2014) and Adult Level (2013) and picked up Ceili, Sets, and Instrumental Music adult titles at South Down with the Musicians and Set Dancers winning the County titles.

The 2014 Scór na nÓg County Final takes place on Sunday 24th November with two Set Dancing teams, a Solo Singer and three Quiz teams taking part – our bigger Set dancing team and solo singer (Ellen Kelly) won South Down titles. 53 Clonduff children took part in the first rounds of Scór na nÓg and this is precisely what Scór is about – it's a great way of keeping people, whatever their age, active in the Club whether they play sport or not. Paul Kelly, Ann Murray and Eileen McCusker devoted a lot of time to the singers, musicians and reciters respectively – to them and to Joe Farrell and his assistants – we say a big thank you. The Juvenile Set Dancing continues to flourish with 35/36 children attending every Wednesday night, and Joe's adult class 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.

On the Community side there has been a very successful 'Easter Bunny Hunt'; assistance with the Boley Sports Day and with a Christmas Pantomime coming up at the beginning of December followed by a Christmas Fayre two

weeks later and advanced plans for the revival of the Parish Scór in January prior to the commencement of the adult Scór activities in the County, our Club is truly establishing itself in the heart of the community. Thanks Jimmie and your committee for all your hard work.

NA PÁIRCEANNA (THE FIELDS)

Team mentors, as usual, 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 (Brendan McGarry, Aidan Brown, Sean Cairns, Ciarán McGreevy) and the grass cutters (Aidan Brown, Felix McKernan, Kevin Campbell) for keeping the pitches in such pristine condition throughout the season. Sean Cairns' availability continues to be a Godsend for Clonduff! PJ on behalf of the Club also sends his thanks to Murtagh Walls, Eamon Murray, Sam Brannigan (fertilizer), Mickey Fegan, Johnny McPolin, Brendan Carvill (electrical repairs), Tommy Kelly, Peter Hamill, Thomas Murnin (joinery repairs). 100 seats were purchased from Casement Park and these have greatly enhanced Clonduff Park – thanks to Maurice Brown, Liam McGreevy, Hugh Grant, Louis Brown and Connor Maginn for installing.

There is a special word of thanks for Leo Bloomfield for all the work he has done around the club throughout the season and for Arty Quinn who continues to plant and maintain the bank above the new field.

Gerry McGreevy has, as usual supplied men and machinery, at no cost, when necessary and this was very evident with the preparation work for the driveway. Thanks very much Gerry.

Apart from the evident improvements the viewing balcony has been repaired and hopefully will stop the leakage into the home dressing room.

The Club took advantage of the 'Back to Work' Scheme which gives us the services of two workmen for six months and their contribution has been invaluable.

Thanks PJ for the Report.

SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL)

Martin and his team met an incredible 22 times during the past year. They set about refurbishing the Clubrooms which remained relatively untouched since they opened in 1998. A number of fundraising events were held including the novel and innovative Treadathon, 'Pitch to Pole' and the 'Cowpatation'. The clubrooms held a number of family and community functions including the very successful fund raiser for Finbarr McPolin.

The highly successful Family Fun Day on Boley Sunday drew a very large crowd and is testimony to the effort of this hard-working committee. Thanks Martin for the report.

FORBAIRT (DEVELOPMENT)

Development is always a 'work in progress' and after carrying out a County Board initiated Health and Safety Audit earlier in the year, the driveway was placed at the top of the priority list and the completion of this has greatly enhanced the overall appearance as well as making it safe. The groundwork for the driveway was done voluntarily by Gerry McGreevy who supplied the men and the machines with only material usage charged to the Club. The tarmac still needs to be paid for but this will be dealt with under Finance.

TIONSCNAMH SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL INITIATIVE)

Clonduff's Social Initiative project continued during 2013 with six outing to places of a historical and/or cultural interest – Stormont, Croke Park/Glasnevin Cemetery, Derry City of Culture, Ulster Breakthrough Years, Croke Park/Guinness Storehouse and Titanic/Crumlin Road Jail. There were a few small-group trip to places/events such as the O'Fiach Library in Armagh and Weaving Workshop in Newry Museum.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the second trip to headquarters as guests of the Chairman who won a prize at the 'Breakthrough Years' event to take 25 friends to Croke Park – we took 52 and shared the cost – it was a wonderful occasion and we were highly entertained on the way home by some unlikely candidates, as well as the likely of course.

Many thanks to Marie Milligan for keeping the project to the forefront of non-players' activities and thanks also to Marie for the Report.

STAIR (HISTORY)

The Townlands Project was officially launched on Wednesday 20th November 2013. This followed a three or four years of hard work by the Clonduff Historical and Heritage Society (which grew out of the Clonduff History Committee in the National 125 Year, 2009). An amazing 77 granite stones have been erected around the 26 townlands of the Parish of Clonduff. At the launch, tribute was paid to the late Jerry Quinn, former Chairman of the Society and driving force behind the project.

If you want to know more about the history of your own townland you can find out in the well presented booklet, 'Townlands of Clonduff' which is available in the club shop and other various outlets around the Parish.

The object of the exercise was 'Townland Awareness' and we strongly encourage all our members and their families to start using their townland in their official address.

RIARACHÁN (ADMINISTRATION)

This was one of the new sub committees established under the 5-year Plan. It consisted of six members who met several times throughout the year in my house – all the admin is on my computer! These were invaluable in helping with online registrations, website updates, monthly calendar, etc.

In conjunction with the PR subcommittee, all members were given the password to the social media sites to keep these updated. Katherine and Niamh often used Twitter to give live updates on Clonduff matches. Marie Milligan regularly attended to emails.

This subcommittee had the remit of collating records of meetings by all other subcommittees. A simple template was distributed but unfortunately very few were returned.

We now have the accommodation – let us get an office fitted out at least for central storage of club documents, etc. Again many thanks to Marie Milligan for the report.

CAIRDREAMH POIBLÍ AGUS CUMARSÁIDI (PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS)

When the 5-year plan was formulated a Club Newsletter was envisaged and earlier this month we saw the launch of the first edition of 'The Yellow Gold' which we hope to issue on a quarterly basis. The first edition has been well received with shops needing their supplies replenished on several occasions so far. It will eventually go online.

In addition to the usual weekly notes in local papers and The Clonduff Post and on occasion 'Club Call' in Irish News, the website, Facebook and Twitter are continually updated. It is important for members to realise that with the exception of The Clonduff Post, a newspaper chooses what to print and what headline to highlight.

There was a big improvement in the number of teams sending in reports for the weekly notes but sometimes this was more akin to pulling a stubborn tooth. Let's take pride in our teams – whether they win, lose or draw!

A programme for senior football home games continues to be produced.

Thanks to Francis Quinn and his team for keeping the 'show on the road'.

CLUB MAITH

The Club Maith portfolio was submitted nearly a year ago but hasn't yet been assessed. I spoke to a member of Ulster Council responsible and she assures me this will happen soon but they are very short of Facilitators.

In conjunction with Club Maith there is a 'Club Mark' Award for young volunteers aged 16-25 who can obtain their award simply by sending an email to the Ulster Council and keeping a diary of work done within the club. Volunteering is an excellent attribute to show on a CV. Our young volunteers, and we have many, must be very shy about pronouncing what they do for the club. To date we only have had three applicants in three years! Let's encourage them to state publicly their true value to this community.

CUNTAS AIRGID (FINANCE)

The Financial report comprehensively covers the sources of finance throughout the year. We have spent quite a bit of money but we are still in a healthy financial state.

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.

A great wee source of turnover/income is the new club shop for both merchandise and snacks, which will be discussed further in Lorraine's report.

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 – without such generosity it would be impossible to function so effectively in our community.

Paudie and Lorraine will present the financial facts and figures and to them I say a mighty thank you for their work all year including monthly reports to the Executive and Report here tonight.

PLEAN CÚIG BLIANA (FIVE YEAR PLAN)

The Five Year Plan was presented to the main Committee in May 2012 and adopted at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members in June 2012. It will be continually monitored, appraised and ‘tweaked’ throughout its lifespan. As I mentioned earlier, I believe we need to look at the size of the Executive Committee so that the massive workload is spread out and every code is represented.

COMHGHAIRDEAS (CONGRATULATIONS) To

- Sean McNally on winning his Handball All Ireland title
- Jenna Boden, Clare McGilligan, Elizabeth Wilson, Niamh Brown who were on the All Ireland winning Minor Camogie team
- Sean McNally, Shane Milligan and Colin Shields on winning County Handball Singles titles and to Colin Shields and Eddie Clancy on winning County Doubles title
- The Set Dancers and Instrumental Musicians who won their respective County Scór Sinsir titles
- Ursula Quinn, Kitty Fegan and Orla Maginn who won the inaugural County Poc Fada event
- U16 Hurlers who won the County Championship and League
- The Thirds Footballers who won the Felix Darby Cup
- St Patrick’s Primary School on winning the Canon Esler Shield
- St Mark’s with the ten Clonduff lads on winning the Arthurs Cup for first time in 16 years - Connor Murray, Michael Grant, Pdraig Harper, Lorcan Branagan, Noel Grant, Conor Lowry, Darragh McPolin, Michael Mulholland, Liam Geoghegan, Conor Keenan
- SRC on winning HE Div 3 Championship and League – Mark Copeland (manager) and players Niall Tumilty, Aaron Sherry and Rory McGreevy
- Our U8, U10 and U12 teams that won tournaments

BUÍOCHAS (THANKS) To:

- On behalf of Clonduff GAA Club I would like to thank the very many players involved in Clonduff GAA Club - without you there would be no club
- 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
- The Gate Collectors, lines people and umpires and those who washed Jerseys
- All our subcommittees and their members
- All our volunteers – the GAA is built on volunteerism and without you there would be no games, no activities and no club ‘Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because **THEY’RE PRICELESS**
- All those who took part in Scór competitions or helped prepare competitors
- All the boys/ girls men/women who represented their schools, colleges and county and our adult members who were mentors or administrators of Gaelic Games in their schools, colleges or county
- 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 for publishing fixtures, reports and club adverts and particularly for printing 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 continued support and promotion of Gaelic Games
- Goretta and Noleen Cairns for running the shop
- Those who cooked ‘Big Breakfasts’, Burgers, Hot Dogs, etc throughout the year and/or provided sandwiches –

- tournaments, U14 Inter-county Football Blitz, Juvenile Awards Night, etc
- 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 Executive and 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 retiring Assistant Secretary, Marie Milligan whose help to me has been invaluable over the years. We had a great working relationship and she willingly took full responsible at times. Marie has now stepped down from her post and I will sorely miss her help. Thank you Marie and Good Luck.

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 19th November, along with all the past deceased members of our Club.

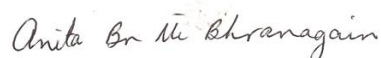
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DEIREADH (CONCLUSION)

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, and will become a reality within two years. We have enjoyed a close working relationship with Clonduff Camogie Club with partial integration – all Clonduff people playing Gaelic Games are generally viewed as belonging to the one family and it is imperative that we strive to take that final step which will be mutually acceptable to all. The whole 'household' has to be totally inclusive and become one where everyone feels valued and welcome.

We may have been a bit less than successful on the field of play but we are striving to make this right and we will eventually get it right. Our success in the past year is measured by the number of young, and not so young people we have within our ranks and how much each person has developed as a player, a mentor, an administrator, a spectator or a social visitor. We are a great people and have great facilities – WE ARE CLONDUFF!

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