

## **Minutes of Clonduff GAA AGM - Tuesday 29th November 2022**

Present: Pdraig Matthews (Chairperson), Anita Brannigan (Secretary) and 113 other club members

Apologies: Vincent Devlin (Vice President)

Pdraig welcomed everyone to the AGM

A Moment's silence was observed for deceased members during the past year

Pdraig outlined procedures and formalities for the AGM

Minutes of 2021 AGM were adopted on proposal of Tommy Kelly seconded by Ciarán Kearney.

Youth Committee mentioned – it would be good to see this re-established. Mark has done a great job but this would greatly enhance the work.

Nominations - Juvenile Officer on Nomination paper but this had been changed to Juvenile Games Officer.

GAA Constitution reaffirmed - proposed by Shane Quinn seconded by Mark Devlin

Adoption of standing orders – Proposed by Tommy Kelly seconded by Brendan Murray

Indemnity of Trustees - Proposed by Paul McEvoy seconded by Anita Brannigan

Pdraig summarised Secretary's Report

Matters arising from Secretary's Report

Senior Football - PJ McGreevy said there has been a trend in the past couple of years of numbers whittling as pre-season goes on but to sustain a Seconds Team, we need around 40. Hopefully this will improve with the new management. Pdraig agreed with what PJ said - Pdraig did receive a message regarding panel being cut, management was pulled and it didn't happen. Year before last during Covid restrictions, and before the Bryansford game the training panel had to be cut. This was asked of the new management in interview – they said they will not turn people away.

Pdraig read through and reiterated the 'Congratulations' and 'Thank You' sections and then summarised the Camogie Report.

The Secretary's Report was adopted on the Proposal of Daniel McPolin seconded by Shereen Lyness and Pdraig thanked Anita for the report.

Treasurer's Report

Damian Fearon outlined the basic Income and Expenditure for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October in a cash basis not accruals

Income - £234, 033

Expenditure - £269, 943

Balance at bank £57,590

It was agreed that without taking into account the accruals this did not look a healthy position, However, we have reserves

Income from Friends of Clonduff - total £68,604

Corresponding Expenses against this - £29,414

Income Number 1 account - £165,249 (including grants of £25,228)

Pitch signs are for 3-year advertising deals

Cul Camp expenses now have to be paid by clubs from income generated by registrations.

Senior meals are paid by players so the money goes in and out again

Expenditure for Number 1 Account - £240,529  
Pitches required a lot of maintenance this year  
Match tickets paid for themselves – in and out  
Bill for fridges paid was an outstanding bill (capital expense so not recurring expenses)  
Money also in Klubfunder for 3G pitch hire  
Some player meals have been paid for after 31/10  
Clonduff Monthly Club Draw winners associated with Down Draw tickets will be done in December

Two other sources of income are Foireann and Klubfunder - Income and Expenditure for these were outlined

Reconciliation happened after year end

Damian explained 'Grants' and 'Welfare'

£15,000 approx was applicable to Covid so this won't be happening again

Increase in injuries and surgeries. Likely to be an increase in insurance premiums on last year as a result  
Fundraising

We are running at a deficit which is not sustainable, grants are decreasing and overheads are rising

Know times are tough but we need to maximise income - Down Draw could be a good opportunity to do this

We need to support the club for it to support you

Grateful for all donations

£21,000 between electricity and oil - this will get worse so need to be careful

Padraig thanked Damian for the Report which was adopted on the Proposal of Alistair McGilligan seconded by Aidan Brown

#### Chairperson's Address

Padraig said it had been a privilege and an honour to be Chair of this great club, although it has been busy. Thanks to all who have helped/volunteered in any way. He gained a lot over the years and it has shaped him to be the person he is and his role as Chair is to give something back. He does his best for the club although people may not always agree.

Development - want to see something up. Costs have gone up. How are we going to attack this from a Grants point of view and we have good people on board. Met people a few weeks ago who deal with grants over £2m but this is not suitable for us. Phased approach - 5 potential phases shown

1 - Gym and Changing Rooms

2 Ball Wall

3 4g pitch

4 4-court sports hall

5 other indoor facilities and a viewing area

1/2/3 can potentially be covered by GAA

4 and 5 are more community based and has to be set up as an entity Club would not lose control, - this is how other clubs have accessed the funding

'Vision for Clonduff' - members part of this but they can't be on Executive

This will take time; understands it is a priority but we need to await funds rather than take loans - look for match funding

Know we have good people in Clonduff e.g Brown's field was paid well within the time limit

Don't agree with paying professional people to apply for grants when we have good people to do it

We do need a design team which also costs 10% of cost

Congratulations to everyone who has been part of the outgoing Executive – In 2021 some key roles had no nominees and he was grateful to all who stepped up

He thanked the Executive for making it a more welcoming place; Clonduff needs everyone to stay on board and build on what has already been achieved – the reward for this is getting the development off the ground

Paudie specifically mentioned Damian, Anita and Jimmie for their help and support.

As neither the President nor any of the Vice Presidents were in attendance Brendan Murray and Brian McGreevy (former Chairmen) were invited to chair the Election of Officers.

#### Election of Officers

Executive elected as follows:

Chair: Ross Carr

Vice Chair: Bernard Branagan,

Secretary: Anita Brannigan

Assistant Secretary: Jimmie Cousins

Treasurer: Fiona McCusker

Assistant Treasurer: Damian Fearon

Registrar: Damian Fearon

Delegate to Co Board - Brendan Murray

PRO: Shereen Lyness and Sheenagh Walsh - joint role

Children's Welfare Officer - Shane Quinn

Language Officer - John Murphy (to be confirmed)

Health & Wellbeing Officer - Geraldine McPolin

Facilities & Managements - Bernard Branagan, Anthony Morgan and Brendan Murray

Adult Games Officer - Ross

Juvenile Officer – Shane Quinn

Additional Members: It was agreed to elect all 7 - Tommy Kelly, Lorraine Bloomfield, Niamh Murray Mark Devlin, Shauna Carvill, Eugene Branagan, Christine Grimes

Ross addressed the AGM

Thanked everyone who had faith in him to be Chairperson of the Club and invited the New Executive members to remain for a brief meeting after.

#### Motions and Recommendations

##### Motion 1

(a) That all mentors sign up to Club's Code of Best Practice/Behaviour before taking up their duties as a mentor and that they are registered members of a club.

(b) All Parents/Players sign up to respective Codes of Behaviour and submit to coach before registering themselves/their children. – No Code of Behaviour means No Membership. (Anita Brannigan)

Anita spoke on the importance of following through on this. It is a GAA Law and needs to be implemented. The meeting agreed that this be deferred to the first meeting of Executive.

##### Motion 2

That no child should ever be brought up an age group unless there are not enough players in that particular group; if a child has been attending training all year, they should not be left on the bench knowing that someone from a younger age group has taken their place on the team. If, because of limited numbers a coach does need to bring players up from a younger group it should be the coach of the younger group who decides which players should be rewarded with the move up. (Jayme Carvill)

Jamie said that all children should be coached and coaches should not take an easy option and take a child from a different age group. This gave rise to the 'streaming' of players to win. It was agreed that this should not happen until after U13 for boys and U14 for girls. This should be looked at as recommendation for the new executive - Jamie agreed to this.

#### Recommendations to AGM

Put a plan in place to refurbish changing room facilities (Niohmi Murray)

There is great volunteer work but it's actually at refurbishment point as they are not 'fit for purpose'. It was agreed that new Executive needs to look into. Despite currently running a deficit we need to plan for this as soon as possible.

Motions/Recommendations to County Board

1. That underage boys football competitions revert to even age groups i.e. U12, U14, U16 and U18  
Andrew Carr

2. That Rule 6.17 - Games & Competitions - Age Grades - Official Guide – Part 1 ( page 87/88) be amended to read as follows:

“Club

Adult

A player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year.

Under-Age Grades

A county shall determine its internal Under-Age Grades for competition purposes within the parameter of Under 21 down to Under 11, subject to the stipulation that competitions at Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 must take place within each County together with one further underage competition above the Under 18 grade.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged."

MAIN CHANGE – “subject to Central Council Policy” – is removed, and stipulation that competitions must take place at U14, U16 and U18 level.

For counties of larger populations, there is the provision to provide additional competitions at U15 and U17 if required within this rule change.

Padraig Matthews

Both recommendations taken together and a unanimous vote to pursue with Co Board was agreed.

3. That U19/U20 Footballers have a meaningful structured programme throughout the season to keep the lads involved much longer in the game.

Anita Brannigan

Anita felt that this age group were short changed in terms of game time and as many of them were not quite ready for Senior Football they should be afforded the courtesy of a prolonged playing season. This too was unanimously agreed and to be submitted to Co Board.

Secretary to forward these Motions/Recommendations to Co Board asap as the Co Convention was scheduled for mid-December.

With No further business the meeting concluded at 10.10pm.

Signed: .....  
(Cathaoirleach)

Dated: .....