



Clonmore Mhóir

**Clonmore Robert Emmets GFC**

**Annual General Meeting**

7pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Clonmore Hall

# CLAR OIBRE / AGENDA

1. Adoption of Standing Orders.
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
3. Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.
4. Consideration of the Financial Statements
5. The Chairman's Address.
6. Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.
7. Notices of Motion.
8. Other Business.

## ORDUITHE SEASTA / STANDING ORDERS

In order that the proceedings of the AGM can be carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed.

1. The Proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment may speak for Five minutes and no longer.
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 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 not put", after which when the Proposer has spoken a vote must be taken.
6. A Speaker to any report or to any other general discussion shall not exceed Three Minutes on any topic.
7. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda, except by the consent of a majority equal to Two-Thirds of those present entitled to vote, and voting.

The Chairman may change the order of items on the agendas with the support of a simple majority of those entitled to vote and voting at convention.

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016

## **Clonmore Robert Emmets GFC AGM 2016 in Clonmore Hall 12<sup>th</sup> Dec @7.15pm**

Present: Maurice O'Neill, Gerard Cunningham, James McBennett, Malachy Molloy, Paul Grimley, Fintan McAliskey, Ruairi Cunningham, Margaret Conlon, Ailsa McGeown, John Clearn, Sheila Kelly, Seamus Cunningham, James Casey, Dominic Molloy, Dermot Forker, Kevin Crossey, Kieran Mullen, James Grimley, Mel Mullen.

Apologies: None

Signatures and mobile numbers documented of those attending for future reference.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

The meeting started with a discussion around the numbers required for a quorum with uncertainty around the total number of full paid up members within the club. As chairperson Gerard Cunningham stated that he was happy that the meeting could proceed. This was proposed by Dominic Molloy and seconded by Fintan McAliskey and ratified fully by majority on committee.

Previous AGM 2015 minutes prepared by Fintan McAliskey read out by James Mc Bennett. Minutes were proposed by Paul Grimley and seconded by Ruairi Cunningham.

Secretary's Report read out by James Mc Bennett including some letters of support from outside the club. Proposed by Fintan McAliskey, Seconded by Dominic Molloy.

Chairpersons address by Gerard Cunningham

Treasurers Report distributed and displayed on TV and explained by Fintan McAliskey. Proposed by James Grimley, seconded by Ruairi Cunningham

James Mc Bennett read out a letter sent in from Ethna Grimley accountants, who had been asked to assist with Gift aid. It was highlighted that the deadline for claiming gift aid on donations received in 2012 was 31st Dec 2016. The letter also explained that corporation tax may be outstanding from a previous year and that a letter of clarification from HMRC should be sought in relation to club cead and gift aid. This was discussed briefly and agreed that it be passed to the incoming treasurer.

The Senior men's report prepared by James Grimley was read out by James Mc Bennett. Proposed by Fintan McAliskey, seconded by Ruairi Cunningham

Naomh Labhaoise report prepared by Margaret Conlon read out by James Mc Bennett. Margaret Conlon spoke about the need for u12 management this year for Naomh Labhaoise,

No Naomh Eoin or Field maintenance report to read out.

After reports Malachy Molloy asked the treasurer Fintan McAliskey what was the difference between donations and sponsorship. After brief discussion, Gerard Cunningham suggested that this should have been brought up as a motion. Malachy Molloy stated he hadn't received a Motions and nomination form at all. Secretary James Mc Bennett acknowledged that the form was online and had been advertised as was the AGM date but hard copies had not been distributed and apologised for Malachy not receiving a form.

In light of this Gerard Cunningham proposed a suspension of the meeting until all members were given a hard copy of the nominations and motions form. A show of hands carried the proposal 9 to 6.

Dominic Molloy to provide the Chair with a list of all paid up Full Members eligible to vote at the AGM to ensure written notification is sent to all.

AGM to reconvene in 7 days 19/12/16 at 7.15pm

### **Clonmore GFC AGM 19/12/2016 @19.30 in Clonmore community Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)**

Present: John Clearn, Paul Grimley, Malachy Molloy, Eileen Donnelly, Ailsa McGeown, James Mc Bennett, Fintan McAliskey, Gerard Cunningham, Kieran Mullen, Margaret Conlon, Shelagh Kelly, Dominic Molloy, Mark Quigley, Ruairi Cunningham.

Apologies: Maurice O Neill

Gerard Cunningham welcomed all to the AGM and thanked those for attending. Gerard remarked that all paid up Full Members had been invited to AGM and thanked those who had delivered nomination forms directly to doors for people who preferred this method. Gerard remarked that it was still a very disappointing turnout.

Gerard Cunningham then proposed to suspend standing orders and to move straight to the election of officers for the incoming committee, continuing the AGM where it had left of on 12<sup>th</sup> December. All the delegates voted in favour of this.

The election of committee was as follows

**Chairperson** – Gerard Cunningham

**Secretary** – Vacant after election \* The outgoing secretary, James Mc Bennett agreed to remain as a caretaker Secretary until a permanent replacement be found.

It was agreed that a committee to include Gerard Cunningham, Eileen Donnelly, Ruairi Cunningham, Fintan McAliskey and Dominic Molloy meet and speak of possible members to co-opt into the secretary position.

**Treasurer** - Ruairi Cunningham

**Registrar** - Dominic Molloy

**Pro** – Fintan McAliskey

**Child protection officer** – Eileen Molloy

**Health & well being officer** – James McBennett

**Irish Language and Culture Officer** – Sheila Kelly

**County Board Delegate** – Mark Quigley

**Players Representative** – Ruairi Cunningham appointed however it was agreed that another player may be co-opted into the role

Seamus Cunningham

## **Motions**

No motions to amend or add to the club bye laws were received

## **Recommendations.**

The following were received and treated as recommendations to guide the incoming officers:

1.All committee members and coaches to complete Access Ni Checks through Ulster GAA and/or LGFA-  
**Fintan McAliskey**

2.The default form of communication between the club, committee and members will be website, social media. Any member who wishes to change their form of communication must inform the registrar at the time of paying their membership. All reasonable requests will be accommodated  
**Fintan McAliskey**

3.A finance oversight committee to be set up to provide assistance to the club treasurer, reporting quarterly to the committee- **Fintan McAliskey.**

4.What is the difference in sponsorship and donations and what are the rules in sponsorship on football jerseys main signs etc etc...-**Malachy Molloy**

5.What is the Procedure on getting sponsorship on main signs around the football playing grounds-  
**Malachy Molloy**

6. Main committee to sort out sponsorship policy on first committee meeting-**Gerard Cunningham**

7.Hall of fame be at the discretion of committee on a year by year basis. -**Gerard Cunningham**

Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 were agreed. It was noted that recommendations 4 and 5 were questions, a number of delegates spoke on these points and it was agreed that in following recommendation 6 the new committee would address these questions.

The AGM was closed.

## Tuarascáil an Rúnaí / SECRETARY'S REPORT 2017

2017 was an important year for our Club. Having just celebrated our centenary in 2016 with great success both on and off the field there was always a danger that 2017 could become the morning after the night before. However, while it was inevitable that we would be unable to reproduce another year like 2016, we can be very proud of this year's achievements.

At committee level we welcomed some newer faces to the table, all of whom contributed to the running of our club. In his third year as chairperson, Gerard Cunningham continued to push forward improvements to our club's administrative structure. Our coaches have continued to improve their own standards by taking up the training opportunities provided by Armagh GAA and in particular I'd like to thank the coaches who contributed to this report by forwarding the information on their teams for inclusion below. And our players from age 4 to almost 40 continued to show up at training and don the jersey for games in all sorts of weather from February to November.

As you read the team reports below, you may well notice that we do not have the silverware of 2016 to celebrate but I hope you also notice that the level of commitment shown by our players and coaches is at the very least a match for last year. From our senior men, who despite possibly the worst run of injuries we have ever suffered as a club, still managed not just to field in every game but to retain their intermediate league status, right down to our youngest underage girls who despite suffering some very heavy losses against more experienced and often much older girls, still took to the field every chance they could get with a smile on their faces, we could not have asked for more from our players.

Each and every man, woman and child that represents our football club on the field of play deserves our utmost respect, as do the coaches that work with them and the committee members who behind the scenes try to ensure that the club continues to provide the facilities and structures to ensure gaelic games continue in the Clonmore area.

It may have gone unnoticed by many but 2017 set a new high watermark for the number of players registered as playing gaelic football in Clonmore and I am as proud of that achievement as I would be of any trophy.

We do of course have more work to do and plenty of areas for improvement but at this the most important meeting of the club year I think it is important to focus on our achievements. The first meeting of the new incoming committee is only weeks away and the continuous cycle of planning and development will continue from there. I wish the club well for 2018 and look forward to working with all our members during the next 12 months.

Fionntan Mac Con Uisce / Fintan McAliskey

Rúnaí / Secretary

## **Senior Football Report**

### Year Synopsis

The year was predicted to be a difficult one for the Senior Football Team as it was their first return to Intermediate football since 2014. 2016 was always going to be a hard year to follow given the huge level of success attained but the small panel of players embraced the challenge and met to begin training in December with S&C work taking priority. In February the team began training on the pitch under the new team trainer Shane McCann having replaced Stephen Donaghy who returned to play for the year. Podge Quinn retained management of the team and organised two friendlies which Clonmore won handsomely. The team was then entered into the Intermediate Cup competition and was narrowly defeated by both Middletown and Carrickcruppen. The league began in difficult fashion with a heavy to defeat to Shane O'Neills in Robert Emmet Park. Further defeat followed against Mullaghbawn before the team picked up a morale boosting win away to fellow strugglers Derrynoose on a score line of 1-09 to 0-15. The win however came at a high cost with Caolan Donaghy, Jodi Nixon, James Grimley & Stephen Donaghy all picking up long term injuries. Defeat followed with losses to Eire Og, St Pauls and Shane O'Neills. The visit of fellow strugglers Keady to Clonmore became a key fixture but disaster struck as James Grimley broke his collar bone which spelled the end of his involvement for the season. With the panel stretched to its limit, the team were defeated by Eire Og heavily on Friday the 23rd of June and an away fixture on Sunday 25th of June to Middletown looked a foregone conclusion. The turning point of the season had arrived with Clonmore emerging victorious on a score line of 0-13 to 0-14 with a panel of only 15 fit players. Clonmore then travelled to Shane O'Neills, the league leaders and came away with an invaluable point. A number of key players had returned to fitness and a convincing home win to Derrynoose followed. A narrow loss to Middletown was disappointing but with other results falling in our favour, a victory in Keady would ensure safety in Divison 2b for 2017. A tight game ensued with Malachy Hamill the hero, winning the last minute penalty to rescue victory from the jaws of defeat. Clonmore 1-08 Keady 1-07.

The focus then switched to Championship with Clonmore drawn against Divison 2a champions, Silverbridge. Despite a strong performance Silverbridge proved too strong with two second half goals key to their victory. Clonmore then entered the "back door" and were drawn to play St. Pauls. Huge preparations went into the fixture but were all in vain as a last minute free kick for St Pauls proved the difference on the night. A difficult year for the senior team but one which can be viewed with hindsight as a success given the security of Intermediate status despite the numerous injuries and variety of issues which blighted the squad all year.

Looking forward to 2018 the team can again hope to sustain Intermediate status and take hope from their performances in the 2017 Championship that an appearance in at least a Semi-Final is achievable.

## **Naomh Eoin Report** – Boys football from U8 to U21

### **U8**

#### Year Synopsis

The U8 squad began indoors training February 2017 in St Peter's PS Collegeland for preparation outside football starting on 24th March. All players were registered with their parent club pre season. North Armagh competition started at home to Clann Eireann on 6th May. U8s played a total of 10 games in the north Armagh division with 3 friendly games throughout the season. With a panel of 24 players, the team fielded in 4 Blitzes and won the Clan Na Gael Shield. Clonmore was represented by Dara O'Hanlon.

#### Coaching & Games Structure

The team was coached by Kieran Hayes and Michael McGrath, they trained in Collegeland on Saturday mornings at 10-11am.

#### Opportunities for Improvement

New clothing gear ordered for Dec 2017. The U6, 8 &10s will be in Clonmore next year and management has requested new equipment.

### **U10**

#### Year Synopsis

The U10 squad began indoors training February 2017 in St Peter's PS Collegeland for preparation outside football starting 24th March. All players were registered with their parent club pre season. North Armagh competition started away to Sarsfields on 26th April, U10s played a total of 10 games in the north Armagh division with 5 friendly games throughout the season. With a panel of 18 players, the team fielded in 6 Blitzes, runners up in Clan Na Gael and winning the Wolfe Tones' Shield. Clonmore was represented on this team by Daniel Cullen, Patrick McIlvanna, Joe McNally, James McAliskey & Aaron O'Hanlon.

#### Coaching & Games Structure

The team was coached by Phil O'Hanlon & Fintan McAliskey, they trained in Collegeland on a Saturday Mornings 10-11am.

#### Opportunities for Improvement

New clothing gear ordered for Dec 2017. The U6, 8 &10s will be in Clonmore next year and management has requested new equipment.

### **U14**

#### Orchard Academy Development Squads

Clonmore was well represented at the County level in both the U14 and U15 Orchard Academy Development Squads. Gearoid Cunningham and Damhnic Molloy represented their county at u14 level whilst Sean Casey, Mark Lyttle and Sean Quigley played for the U15 squad. This experience will stand these players and the club well in the coming years.

## **U16**

Clonmore members who played for the Noamh Eoin U16 team during 2017 were Sean Casey, Gearoid Cunningham, Gareth Dynes, Padrig Harvey, Mark Lyttle, Jack McNally, Damhnic Molloy, Andrew Mullen and Sean Quigley. The season started off well with the team easily qualifying for the 3A League. However, in the championship the team narrowly lost a hard fought battle with Ballyhegan. In the latter part of the season the team struggled due to the unavailability of some players for various reasons and, as a result, the team wasn't as successful as it should have been. Many thanks are due to the coaches who volunteered their time and showed commitment in organising the team and improving the boys as footballers.

## **Minors (U18)**

Clonmore members who played for the Noamh Eoin Minor team during 2017 were Sean Casey, Gareth Dynes, Padrig Harvey, Mark Lyttle, Andrew Mullen and Sean Quigley. Although the team had a poor league campaign winning two matches and losing the others, they played some great football and were competitive in every game. The players and coaches then concentrated on the championship. With extensive training and enthusiasm the team performed very strongly in this competition, beating Middletown and Sarsfields in earlier rounds, only narrowly losing in the semi-final to the eventual winners, Carrickcruppen, by two points after leading into the final minutes. Many thanks are due to the coaching staff who showed commitment and dedication in motivating the boys and enhancing their development.

## **U21**

### **Year Synopsis**

The U21 team began training in mid September in preparation for the Championship which was to be played in a group stage format beginning on the 15th of October. The team fielded in the Intermediate grade with a panel of 20 players and won 3 of the 4 games played and finished second in their group and subsequently did not qualify for semi finals. Injuries to a number of key players prior to the beginning of the competition inhibited the teams chance of success. Clonmore was represented on this team by Niall Foye, Ryan O'Hagan, Caolan Donaghy and Jodi Nixon.

### **Coaching & Games Structure**

The team was coached by Mark Quigley, Ruairi Cunningham, Martin Willis, Tom and Matty Murphy and trained in Clonmore on a Friday night along with an independent session set by the coaching team to be completed during the week.

### **Opportunities for Improvement**

Team management felt that strides had been made in terms of organisation but that an earlier start in 2018 would be beneficial as player fitness was noted as an issue with the current panel. It was suggested that a conditioning programme provided to players in advance of group training may also be useful. With the correct attitude and application it is realistic that this team could win the championship in 2018.

## **Naomh Labhaoise Report** – Underage Girls football at u10, u12 and u18 levels

### **U10**

Coaches: Shane McGeown, James McBennett and Helen O'Hanlon

Players: Abby Crawford, Maighread Cunningham, Aoibheann Donaghy, Connie Cullen, Eimhear Donaghy, Eimear Donnelly, Mary McAliskey, Cerys Symington, Mollie Muldoon, Aoibheann McBennett, Cadhla McCann, Keira Dynes, Hannah McGeown, Eve Molloy.

The under 10 ladies basically started from scratch, for a lot of the girls it was their first introduction to Gaelic football, but they picked the basic skills up pretty quickly and before long they were ready for their first game!

Our first game was vs Tullysaren at home they came with a very strong team with alot of overaged players it was a very uneven game and we were well beat but in saying that the girls showed great courage and I was really proud with their fighting spirit you could see them improving and using their skills during the game.

Then we played Armagh harps away which was a great wee game although we were well beat the girls got a couple of scores and got on the ball plenty and showed their skills really improving.

Next came Pearse ogs at home who had a very strong team but again the girls showed great skills under pressure.

We then received an invite from Clan Na Gael to a nine a side blitz where we got beat by the Clans seconds, we then got our first win by beating Clan Eireann seconds that was followed by defeats to Middletown and the Clans first team, we finished the blitz with a great win against Glenavey with a real fighting display and overall the girls really enjoyed their mornings football.

We ended the season with a great win against the Grange with a great display of football it was a fantastic game to finish with.

Overall, it was really pleasing to see the girls skills develop and how they grew in confidence with every game. Having an u10s team was a great success and if we can continue to develop girls from this age the future of ladies football in Clonmore is very bright!

### **U12**

In March training began for U12 and U10 girls with 29 girls registered under Clonmore with the LGFA. 18 girls played at U12 with 3 out of the 18 eligible to play at U10 level also.

Coaching for these age groups was provided Shane McGeown, Helen O'Hanlon and James McBennett, with James refereeing many of the U12 games.

In April the U12 team entered the North Armagh play offs and played 6 games. After beating Eire Óg and Pearse Ogs the U12's were placed in Division 2. For a team who had only come together they did extremely well, however being placed in a very strong division, the team failed to win any games. In the 7 rounds of the league Clonmore fielded for all games. In the U12 Championship Clonmore were knocked out in the first round by Tir na nÓg. In total the U12 team played 14 matches.

From the U12 team 13 girls are now moving on to U14. It is hoped that an U14 team will be formed with girls who were too old to play for U12 last year along with the present players. From the U12

team 4 girls were put forward for U13 County trials, all 4 represented the club well at the trials and we are delighted that Maeve Robinson has been selected for the u13 development squad for 2018.

It is planned that indoor training and strength and conditioning will begin early January for U14. At present it is planned to have U10 and U14 teams depending on numbers. This will be reviewed once training begins for these age groups.

What is needed is more help and involvement with underage girls football. With Clonmore being the only club in the surrounding area offering girls football it is anticipated that more girls will join. With this in mind the growth of ladies football will further enhance the growth of the club in general, therefore more assistance is needed through coaching along with financial support. Anyone willing to help with ladies football it would be greatly appreciated.

### **Minor (U18)**

Coaching at U18 was provided by Kieran Conlon and Dermot Forker this season. Attendance at training was very average but the long gap between games was a factor. We have a small panel of players which is slowly dwindling with a few players having quit this season. However, we have a good backbone of players who are committed and have 6 players who represent the county at minor, U16 and U14 level.

This year we were in placed in Division 2 for league football. We played only 3 games winning 2 of them. One game was called off by the opposition and never re fixed.

In the Championship, which was an open draw, we beat Cullyhanna who were at the lower end of the first Division. In the next round we were drew against Clan Eireann who won Division one convincingly. We decided to forfeit this match.

## **Coaching Qualifications & Development**

All Clonmore coaches were vetted by Access NI and completed child Safeguarding.

GAA Foundation level coaching and child protection in sport awareness courses were completed by Helen O'Hanlon, Shane McGeown and Dermot Forker in March 2017.

GAA level two coaching course is being completed by Mark Quigley and Phil O'Hanlon Nov/Dec 2017.

# Financial Statements 2017

Annual Account for the year ended 31 October 2017:

|                             | £                 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Fundraising</i>          |                   |
| Last Man Standing           | 1,450.00          |
| Club Quiz                   | 1,958.90          |
| Club Cead                   | 14,304.00         |
| Club Galal                  | <u>18,411.82</u>  |
|                             | 36,124.72         |
| <br>                        |                   |
| <i>Donations</i>            | <u>300.00</u>     |
|                             | 300.00            |
| <br>                        |                   |
| <i>Sponsorship</i>          |                   |
| Jersey Sponsorship          | 2,800.00          |
| Field Signs                 | <u>200.00</u>     |
|                             | 3,000.00          |
| <br>                        |                   |
| <i>Other Income</i>         |                   |
| Gate Receipts               | 810.00            |
| Field Rent                  | 1,488.00          |
| Membership                  | <u>1,626.00</u>   |
|                             | 3,924.00          |
| <br>                        |                   |
| <b>Total Income</b>         | <b>43,348.72</b>  |
| <br>                        |                   |
| <i>Expenditure</i>          |                   |
| Sports Gear and Equipment   | 1,332.60          |
| Medical and Physio Costs    | 330.00            |
| County Board Fees           | 7,168.35          |
| Player Injury Fund          | 903.73            |
| Advertising Costs           | 128.40            |
| Grounds Maintenance         | 4,404.67          |
| Light and Heat              | 1,212.09          |
| Insurance                   | 2,160.00          |
| Merchandise                 | 3,390.42          |
| Legal and Professional      | 390.00            |
| Bank Charges/ Interest      | 394.67            |
| Fundraising Costs           | 18,069.82         |
| Rates                       | 834.01            |
| Youth Club                  | 100.00            |
| team expenses               | 5,929.40          |
| <br>                        |                   |
| <i>Total Expenditure</i>    | <b>46,748.16</b>  |
| <br>                        |                   |
| <b>Deficit for the Year</b> | <b>(3,399.44)</b> |

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 October 2017:

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Fixed Assets</i>   |                  |
| Buildings             | <u>60,000.00</u> |
| <i>Current Assets</i> |                  |
| Debtors               |                  |
| Club Cead             | 500.00           |
| Tickets Debtors       | 127.00           |
| Cash at Hand          | 1,219.20         |
| Bank Balance          | 1,144.85         |
| Stock                 | <u>250.00</u>    |
|                       | 3,241.05         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>63,241.05</b> |
| <i>Creditors</i>      |                  |
| Trade Creditors       | 4,496.90         |
| Members Loans         | 8,143.00         |
| Grant                 | <u>4,100.00</u>  |
|                       | 16,739.90        |
| <b>Net Assets</b>     | <b>46,501.15</b> |
| Surplus B/fwd         | 49,900.59        |
| Deficit for the Year  | (3,399.44)       |
| <b>Net Surplus</b>    | <b>46,501.15</b> |

## Chairperson's Address

I would like to welcome everyone here to our Community hall for this our 51st AGM of the current Robert Emmets Football club. I have just completed three years as Cathaoirleach of the Emmets club and would like to state, it has been an honour and privilege to serve this term. My last term as Chairperson back in the early 90's saw me involved with a much different set up from what we have today. We didn't have the facilities that we now have and it is good to see that the club has moved on considerably since those days when we were literally a meeting away from closing shop. We survived then and we will continue to flourish in this the 101st year of Gaelic games in the Clonmore area. Last year, being our centenary, we had huge success both on and off the field with championship wins in both men's and ladies football, the junior men's league and u -16 success as well.

It was always going to be a hard act to follow and while we didn't win any trophies this year we did maintain our intermediate league status. My sincere thanks to Paudge and Shane for all their effort. The girls performed more than well in their leagues and for the first time in many years, we had an u-10 and u-12 girls team to supplement our minor team. The growth of ladies football in our club has been phenomenal reflecting the popularity of the game nationwide. Naomh Eoin, our vehicle for our underage boys, more than held their own. My thanks to all the coaches and managers involved in any way with these teams, in particular, Phil, Fintan, Dominic, Mel, Gerard, Mark and Ruairi. Without your hard work and dedication, we would not be able to provide the boys and girls both young and old in our community with such a tremendous outlet for their undoubted talents. Being a small club we do need all the help we can get. It is vital that if you feel you can help out in any of our underage teams in any way that you put your name forward. The workload is falling on a few individuals and they need help. Without it all the good work achieved so far will come to nothing. I urge you to give a moment of your time to assist in any way you can any of the girls or boys football teams. The work done by Helen, Shane, James, Margaret, Dermot and Ciaran for our young girls has been tremendous. They need our support. In particular, I would like to thank Ciaran Conlon who has refereed for our club this past number of years. A thankless task, but one which Ciaran steps up to the plate and does.

Thanks must also go to the parents of our underage teams for their help and support.

My thanks to my committee who worked well to keep the club afloat and prosper this year. In particular our outgoing secretary Fintan who had to step into the job during the year due to heavy work commitments from our appointed secretary Mark. I would like to thank all those who attended board meetings on behalf of the men's and ladies club teams, Fintan, James, Eileen, Mark and our coaching officer Phil who worked very well at coordinating our Naomh Eoin teams and as coaching officer in our club. To Ruairi our treasurer who kept us well informed as to the financial state of the club and Dominic our registrar who had the important job of coordinating and registering our membership. To Robin who in his first year on the committee took on the task of clubroom maintenance and did an excellent job in his own quiet enthusiastic way. Thanks must go to John Gerard for all his work in preparing the pitch for matches etc. To Seamie for doing the gate and helped out by Sam who also did the line for the club in every senior men's game. There are much more who are involved in the club and not on committees but there to help out in whatever way they can. Whether it be an umpire, parking cars Whether its Margaret, Ailsa, Breda and the girls making tea for visiting teams or doing the shop or Roisin making food for the lads prior to championship games, this type of unseen work makes the club what it is.

My thanks to Johnny and Gerard for the use of carparks in major matches held at our grounds this year.

It was a tremendous boost to the club this year to get so many high profile ladies matches including an Ulster final, a definite first so to the visit of the then All-Ireland champions Cork. Matches like these can only but benefit the profile of the club not only in the county but the province.

Fundraising this year had a much smaller profile than last year due to the fact that we had quite an amount in 2016 and it was felt that other organisations such as the school, CRG etc should be given the opportunity to avail if they so wished. We did have a very successful quiz and my thanks to Oliver Donaghy for his work and my thanks also to Ruairi for his two last man standing projects which netted almost £1600.

Club Cead has been our saviour and thanks to the coordinators and all of you who have pushed us up to almost 82 members. This is our financial lifeline and without it the club would be much worse off. Our thanks to our jersey sponsors this year, in particular, David Dynes Men's team and Dermot Forker ladies minor team.

I reserve my last thanks but definitely not my least to all our boys and girls men and women who pulled on the Robert Emmet or Naomh Laoibhse jersey this year. In all, you were and are a credit to our club. Without you, I wouldn't have anything to say or write about in fact we wouldn't have a club. When all is said and done you are the main cog in the wheel. My thanks for your dedication and hard work.

To the boys and girls and men who made county squads, well done. In the ladies, we had Emma, Sarah, Niamh, Riona, Rebecca, Tara and Aoifa. In the boys, the two Sean's and Mark at under 15 and currently through to the next stage of county minors. We wish you well. Well done once again to our outstanding senior county player Brendan Donaghy who made us so proud with his performances this year in the county jersey. A truly superb ambassador for our club and we wish him well in his big event coming up shortly. Well done to James Grimley who also made the call up to senior level and whilst not holding down a regular place did more than well. Long long overdue James.

Sadly this year we lost one of our former players Emmett McNally. Emmett tragically passed away early summer and we extend our sympathy to his mother Deirdre and all the McNally family. May he rest in peace. Also, to any of club members who lost loved ones throughout the year. Mary Queen of the Gael, pray for them.

For the club to continue to succeed we need as many hands on board as possible. If you have something to offer come forward you certainly won't be turned away. Clonmore is a growing area. Our school has gone from strength to strength and with more houses being built it is even more important that we make the club the hub of the community. We need development in every area of the club. We need a three to a five-year plan whereby we look and develop every aspect of the club from players to coaches to facilities to governance etc. With this in mind, we are embarking on the Club Maith plan and the incoming committee will be dealing with this in the forthcoming year.

All it remains for me to do is thank you all for your help and assistance and I said in my opening statement I consider it a privilege and great honour to be chairperson of my club

Go raibh Maith agat

Geroid O' Cunneagain

Cathaoirleach.

# Na hAinmniúcháin / Nominations

The following Full Members have been nominated, and accepted the nomination, for the following positions:

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| Chairperson                              | Gerard Cunningham   |
| Vice – Chairperson                       | Gerard Dynes  |
| Treasurer                                | Ruairi Cunningham   |
| Secretary                                | Robin Lyttle  |
| Registrar                                | Fintan McAliskey  |
| Officer for Irish Language and Culture * | Dominic Molloy  |
| Public Relations Officer                 | Roisin McAliskey  |
| Children’s Officer *                     | Eileen Molloy   |
| Player Representative                    | James Grimley, Philip Mullen,   |
| Ladies Representative                    | Mark Quigley, Helen O’Hanlon, Shane McGeown,<br>Mary O’Hagan, Eileen Molloy                     |
| Development Officer                      | Fintan McAliskey, Oliver Donaghy  |
| Coaching Officer                         | Phil O’Hanlon   |
| School Liaison Officer                   | Eileen Molloy, Shane McGeown  |
| Healthy Club Officer †                   | Eileen Molloy, Roisin McAliskey, Helen O’Hanlon,<br>Hugh McAlinden, Jonny Willox, James Grimley |
| Other committee members                  | Gerard Dynes, James Grimley   |

\* These positions are appointed on the recommendation of the outgoing committee

† This is the new title for the former Health and Wellbeing officer post.

## Rúin / Motions

1. Following the Annual General Meeting, the Club Register must ensure that all members of the newly elected executive committee are registered as members of both the GAA and the LGFA for the incoming year. The cost of the additional membership to be met by the Club. A written report should be forwarded to the executive committee for the March monthly meeting each year to confirm that this registration has taken place. Prop : Fintan McAliskey

The following were ruled invalid as motions however can be treated as recommendations for the incoming committee:

1. To create a finance, development, coaching and ladies subcommittee (4 separate) which must meet at least 4 times annually. Proposed by Ruairi Cunningham
2. New Equipment in 2017-2018 for the u6, u8 and u10s; Saturday morning at Clonmore. Prop: Phil O'Hanlon
3. New coaches for underage and girls football. Prop: Phil O'Hanlon
4. New coaches and help with underage girls football. Prop: Helen O'Hanlon
5. The football club implement the One Club Guidelines issued by the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association. Prop: Fintan McAliskey