

**AGENDA FOR CLARA CAMOGIE CLUB AGM FRIDAY
22ND NOVEMBER 2024 AT 8.30PM IN CLARA GAA CLUBHOUSE**

- 1. Adoption of Standing Orders**
- 2. Minutes of 2023 AGM**
- 3. Consideration of Secretary's Report**
- 4. Consideration of Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Chairman's Address**
- 6. Election of Officers & members of the Camogie Committee**
- 7. Consideration of the nomination of coaches for all ages**
- 8. Discussion on motions/recommendations**
- 9. Any Other Business**

Clara Camogie AGM Secretary's Report 2024

I would like to welcome everyone here tonight to our Annual General Meeting. Clara camogie club has just come to the end of another enjoyable season with teams training and competing from u-6 right up to senior in all the various competitions.

Our Senior team started the new year with a player's meeting on 26th January and the players were happy with the committee's proposal to put an s&c programme in place. This was run by Bill Cody with collective sessions on Friday nights and Sunday mornings over a six week period. Those who partook in the programme really enjoyed it but numbers at a lot of the sessions were small.

Stephen Lawlor took on the role of manager in mid-February and added Jennie O'Brien, Fintan Treacy and Padraic Brennan to his team as the weeks went by. It was a similar story to 2023 with the numbers being tight particularly in the early months of the season with girls still away and also with players on the county senior, intermediate and minor panels. The panel started collective training outdoors on 31st March and trained hard right through until we exited the championship on the 6th October. Although we struggled to field a team in most of our All County league games and only won one match out of the five played the performances in most of the games were very encouraging. We played 3 or 4 challenge games in the lead up to championship and again the signs were good. We then played three league/championship group games against Piltown, Young Irelands and Thomastown losing the first two but rounding off with a good victory in the Thomastown game. There was clearly a big improvement in the performances from game to game and we went into the first-round championship match against Barrow Rangers in good spirits. The team prepared well for this match and came away with a comprehensive victory on a score line of 5-11 to 0-08. This win put us into a senior championship quarter final for the fifth consecutive year. Despite a good performance we were narrowly beaten by just one point by James Stephens in a match that could have gone either way. I am strongly of the opinion that with the talent we have in the current panel of players that we can definitely be challenging at the latter end of the championship in 2025. I would like to thank our players and management team for their commitment over the past year.

We were unable to field a second team in the Junior C championship in 2024 but it something that I think we could and should do for 2025 to ensure all of the players who are eligible to play adult camogie getting meaningful game time.

Our U-22's won the 2023 12 a side championship on the 14th January, 2024 and played some great camogie along the way in beating Erins Own, Tullaroan and Lisdowney in the final. We are competing in Roinn B in this year's championship and at the time of writing this report we had beaten Piltown in the quarter final and were drawn to play Tullaroan in a county semi-final.

It was a case of déjà vu in the minor grade. It was a major struggle all year long for the club. We were unable to fulfil any of our 7 fixtures in the league. We were drawn to play Lisdowney in the quarter final of the Roinn D championship but unfortunately, we had only 11 players available on the night and had no option but to concede the game. We did play an 11 a side match on the night but it was a disappointing end to the year for this group particularly the o-16's who have seen very little game time over the season. We also had no option but to subsequently give a walkover in the shield competition. This is the second year in a row that we have been unable to field a minor team for championship and highlights the serious issue we currently have with player retention. Thanks to Eamon Dunne for his perseverance in trying to put teams together for matches in extremely frustrating circumstances.

Our U-16 team this year competed in the Roinn E league competition. We had decent squad numbers and played four league games winning all of them comfortably. We then beat Naomh Brid in the league semi-final and had a hard earned victory against Mooncoin in the league final in July. This was a great boost of confidence to this group of girls and was well deserved. It was evident from a lot of the league games that we were capable of moving up a grade and so we opted to play in Roinn D for the championship.

In the League/Championship round robin we beat Dicksboro(2) but lost to Mullinavat and Graiguenamanagh in two very close games. This put us into a championship quarter final against Conahy where we had a good win.

We then played Mullinavat in a county semi-final and despite a spirited performance we were beaten by a very good team who went on to win the County final a few weeks later. We weren't helped by a number of injuries to some of our older players, a couple of whom missed the entire season and a couple more who we lost just before championship.

To summarise our u-16 season it was a real success with the girls winning a league title and then moving up a grade and getting to a championship semi-final. Their attitude and commitment throughout the year was fantastic and the main aim for the club going forward is to ensure this group of girls continue to play camogie over the next number of years. Several of these girls will be eligible to play adult camogie next year and we hope to see a lot of them playing Junior or maybe even Senior camogie in 2025. Thanks to Yvonne Kenny, Noel Corr, Jennifer Dillon, Brian Kennedy and David Shortall for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Our U15's, down to and including our U-13's, participated in Division 3 of the County Feile competition this year. We played our three matches in Clara, won two and were narrowly beaten in the other match by Blacks and Whites who went on to win the competition and qualified to represent Kilkenny in the regional feile.

Our U-14's again had great numbers this year with a panel of 27 players. Attendance at training was very good and was all the better for having such big numbers. We competed firstly in the Roinn D league and had good wins over Blacks and Whites, Windgap, Glenmore and Carrickshock which put us in a league semi-final against Carrickshock. We narrowly lost this match despite missing half a dozen players through Summer holidays. We then competed in the championship round robin beating Blacks and Whites and Carrickshock and losing by a point against Conahy. This left us in a quarter final against Windgap which was a great game of camogie but unfortunately, we lost out by just one point to the team who ended up winning the league and championship double. We competed in the shield and reached the final against Conahy. We won this final after a thrilling last five minutes saw our girls turn a four point deficit into a five point win with three late goals. This never say die attitude says a lot about these girls and was a fitting end to the season. We had a big panel of very committed, enthusiastic players who were very willing to learn and work hard. point of view. the future. Thanks to coaches Brian Kennedy, Yvonne Kenny, Jennifer Dillon, Noel Corr and David Shortall.

Our u-14's and u-16's finished out their year with an end of year trip to Castlecomer Discovery Park followed by a medal presentation and refreshments in the clubhouse. In all 36 girls attended and had a great afternoon in the Comer sunshine. The cost of the trip was covered in full by the proceeds of the bake sale run by the girls themselves after training on one of the Monday nights. Plenty of budding entrepreneurs in this group!!!

This year saw the introduction of an u-13 competition and proved to be a great competition from our point of view as it gave a lot of our younger u-14's some meaningful, competitive game time. In the group stages we had good wins against Glenmore, Windgap and Kilmacow which put us in a final against Emeralds. This was a thriller with the teams unable to be separated even after extra time. The match went to a replay with Emeralds proving to be too strong for our girls at the second time of asking. Thanks to coaches Jennifer Dillon, Simon Carroll, Denis O'Callaghan, Bill O'Keeffe and Ed Mulrooney.

At U-12 this year we had a group of very dedicated and enthusiastic girls who trained hard all year and had a very busy and enjoyable year. The season commenced with a game against Paulstown on 1st May and finished with a county final win against Dunnamaggin on 21st September. This county final win was the highlight of the year, closely followed by the girl's trip to Dublin to take part in a very memorable Caman to Croker event. It was a proud moment for all of the girls (and their mentors) to burst out onto the hallowed sod of Croke Park while greeted by the thunderous roar of "C'mon Clara" coming from the packed stands. They will remember this experience for the rest of their lives.

The u-12 girls are a really close knit, enthusiastic and happy bunch. Unusually the u-12s actually finished the year with higher numbers than they started with as a few girls re-joined during the year which reflects well on the overall team spirit. It was really satisfying for the coaches and parents to see the girl's skills, confidence and comradery blossom as the year progressed and most importantly to see how the whole panel really enjoyed the year!! A more detailed report is available on the following link [U12 report.docx](#). A huge thanks to the coaches Denis O'Callaghan, Jennifer Dillon, Ed Mulrooney, Bill O'Keeffe and Laoise Nolan.

The Under 10 Camogie girls with a panel of 15 girls in total had a great season. This bunch of girls have loads of ability and enthusiasm for the game. Hopefully all of them will be back to play again at U10s and U12s next year.

They had a long enjoyable season with a number of blitzes throughout the Summer. They finished their year by competing in the Mullinavat blitz which involved 24 teams and was a brilliantly run event. Our girls were beaten by a point in the semi-final but had a really enjoyable day out.

A busy season and many thanks to the coaching team of Carolyn Nolan, Laoighseach Quigley and Paul Mullally.

The U-8 group had 24 players for 2024 and there was a great attendance at training on Monday nights throughout the year. The girls worked on tackling, striking, rising, hand passing and made great strides with their skills this year.

The girls participated in 4 blitzes during the Summer:

- 1st: Dicksboro, St. Martins and Tullaroan
- 2nd: We hosted O' Loughlins and Dicksboro
- 3rd: We hosted St. Lachtains, O'Loughlins and Naomh Bríd.
- 4th: Erin's Own, Conahy.

We had 2 teams for all blitzes, which meant the girls all got lots of game time which is very important.

We then played Gowran in Clara during the Senior camogie match.

14 of the girls will move on to U10 next year.

A huge thanks to all players and their parents for the support throughout the season. We hope they all enjoyed the Camogie as much as we did. Thanks to coaches Kathryn Kennedy, Yvonne Moseley, Rose Mullally and Eamonn Phelan.

We had over 40 boys and girls in the U-6 group in 2024. The year went very well, with the badly needed addition of new coaches who managed the large group very well. The suggestion from the coaches would be to try and recruit a couple of new parents each year, have them garda vetted, safeguarded etc. and available to help out and get involved. One disappointment for this group this year was the restriction on them playing matches which we will seek clarification on in the coming year. It was suggested that we might try and get them to play during half time of some of the minor or senior matches in 2025. This is something the committee will take on board. Thanks to coaches Mairead Buckley, Avril Jones, Aoife Treacy, Lester Ryan, Liam Ryan, Tom Ryan and David O'Connell.

Congratulations to Emma Shortall, Keara Ryan and Grace Barcoe who were members of the Kilkenny Senior team who won the Leinster championship and reached the All Ireland quarter-final, and to Rachel Whelan who played on the Kilkenny Intermediate team who were agonisingly beaten by just a point in the All Ireland final. They continue to be great role models for our younger players.

Congratulations to Lucy Boyd who represented the club on the Kilkenny minor panel, to Ónagh Fitzgerald, Caragh Brennan and Moya Kelly who were involved with the u-15 squads and to Emily Phelan and Olivia Power who were part of the u-14 Kilkenny county squads.

Congratulations also to Emma Corr (who captained the team) and Lucy Boyd who won a senior college's All Ireland with Loreto.

As always, we thank all our coaches, managers and mentors for the continued work and effort they put in with all our teams throughout 2024. The club's achievements and continued development wouldn't be possible without the hours of dedication that our coaches give to all of our teams. All of this time and effort is greatly appreciated by the players involved. We thank you for continuing to provide support to our players at all levels

and we also extend our thanks to all parents who support the camogie club throughout the year by making many car trips to the pitch for training and cheering on from the side-lines.

I would like to thank the Coaching Working group, led by Jennifer Dillon (Coaching Officer) for their work throughout the year, particularly the very successful coaches workshop run at the end of March and the Winter fitness training programme for u-14s and u-16s which is currently running.

Off the field the Camogie Club together with the main Clara GAA club, the Bord na nOg and the LGFA club are still hoping to work towards creating a "One Club". Unfortunately, there was little or no progress this year but we will be pushing it at the upcoming AGM's with a view to agreeing to a One Club Vision and Roadmap culminating in the election of a One Club Executive Committee this time next year.

We are fortunate to have great support from the main GAA club and are very grateful to the GAA club Executive Committee for this. The main items of expenditure i.e. registrations and insurance are covered for in full by the GAA club out of the camogie membership subscriptions. Also, as a result of the large increase in membership this year, particularly for the players, we were able to recoup some of our training and physio costs from the GAA club. There is still an imbalance between what is being spent on the camogie side and the hurling side of the club in supporting their respective adult teams and this is something that we will continue to work to address over the coming year.

We, in turn, have played our part and again put a huge effort during 2024 into supporting the main fundraisers run by the GAA club particularly the Parish Lotto, Piltown Draw and stewarding at matches in Clara, matches and concerts in Nowlan Park and at the Ploughing Championship.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Sharon and Mark Kelly and Freshco for their ongoing sponsorship of the Camogie Club. They have been very loyal to us over the past number of years and this is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Aveas Consulting for their very generous sponsorship of a new set of half zips for the u-15 feile team.

Once again, the big issue that we need to continue to address is player retention at the u-14, u-16 and u-18 age groups. Our inability, for the second year in a row, to field a team in the minor championship is something we have to focus on and we need to continue to work towards ensuring that this does not happen again in future years.

I would like to thank the committee for all their continued work throughout the year. I would especially like to thank my fellow officers - Chairperson Eamon Dunne and Treasurer Ed Mulrooney.

I would like to thank you again for all for your continued support to Clara Camogie and to the continued growth and success of the club in 2024. Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

David Shortall,
Secretary.



Clara Camogie Club



Accounts 2023/2024 Balancing Statements as at 31/10/2024

Opening Balance			426.49	2,378.58
Item	Income from 01/11/2023 to 31/10/2024	Exp from 01/11/2023 to 31/10/2024	Balance at 31/10/2024	Balance at 31/10/2023
	€	€	€	€
DAY TO DAY RUNNING COSTS				
Bank Fees/Govt Stamp Duty	0	87.99	-87.99	-115.29
County Board/Leinster Camogie Board	0	725	-725	-710
County Finals	0	250	-250	0
Equipment	0	122	-122	0
First Aid Training/Supplies	0	0	0	0
Fundraiser projects	16,247.25	0	16,247.25	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0
Juvenile jerseys	0	0	0	-847.26
Medical (Injuries/Claims/Physio)	0	800	-800	-796.8
Miscellaneous	0	1,098.89	-1,098.89	0
Registrations	0	0	0	0
Referee Fees	0	1,010.00	-1,010.00	-1,130.00
Senior Team training exps	0	328	-328	-700
Pitch & facility hire	0	200	-200	0
Sliotars	0	0	0	0
Sponsorship/Signage	2,663.00	0	2,663.00	2,347.26
Sports Gear	0	1,163.00	-1,163.00	0
Total: Day to day running costs	18,910.25	5,784.88	13,125.37	-1,952.09
Closing Balance			13,551.86	426.49

Final Balance **13,551.86**

To be adjusted as follows:

Grant funding for equipment -878

JP McManus monies -11,494.25

Available funds 1,179.61

NOMINATIONS FOR CLARA CAMOGIE AGM 2024

Chairperson	Eamonn Dunne (outgoing)	
Vice Chairperson	Deirdre Treacy (outgoing) Brian Kennedy Jennifer Dillon	Tom English Kathryn Kennedy Carolyn Nolan
Secretary	David Shortall (outgoing)	
Treasurer	Ed Mulrooney (outgoing) Eamon Dunne	Rose Mullally
Registrar	Tamsin English (outgoing) Kathryn Kennedy	Yvonne Kenny David Shortall
PRO	Caroline Clifford (outgoing) Brian Kennedy	Deirdre Treacy
Children's Officer	Kathryn Kennedy (selected by outgoing Camogie Committee)	
Coaching Officer	Jennifer Dillon (outgoing) Brian Kennedy	Rebecca Nolan Maureen O'Callaghan
Committee members	Noel Corr (outgoing) Aisling Curtis (outgoing) Aoife Glynn (outgoing) Yvonne Kenny (outgoing) Yvonne Moseley (outgoing) Carolyn Nolan (outgoing) Eamonn Phelan (outgoing)	Louise Bowden Mullen Maeve Dineen Tamsin English Brian Kennedy Aisling McDonald Maureen O'Callaghan Mary O'Connell
Underage Coaches ***	Michael Beatty Louise Bowden Mullen Mairead Buckley Martin Carrigan Tom Carrigan Simon Carroll Joe Casey Noel Corr Eamon Dunne Avril Jones Brian Kennedy Kathryn Kennedy Yvonne Kenny Stephen Lawlor Yvonne Moseley Paul Mullally Rose Mullally Ed Mulrooney Carolyn Nolan Laiose Nolan	Maurice Nolan Denis O'Callaghan Maureen O'Callaghan David O'Connell Bill O'Keeffe Shane O'Regan Eamonn Phelan Fiona Phelan Barry Power Lester Ryan Liam Ryan Niamh Ryan Tom Ryan David Shortall Laoighseach Quigley Jennifer Dillon Aoife Treacy Fintan Treacy Siobhan Treacy

***** A decision in relation to which underage groups coaches are assigned to will be made by the incoming committee in agreement with the coaches themselves.**

Recommendations for AGM 2024

“That a Public Relations committee is set up between the clubs, that will supervise and facilitate the use of all Social Media platforms between all clubs. This committee will agree policy and procedure regarding Social Media usage”.

Caroline Clifford

“That the members of Clara Camogie Club agree, in principle, to commit to a One Club Vision and Roadmap with a view to setting up a One Club implementation group in January 2025 and, subject to the approval of the membership of each of Clara GAA, Camogie & LGFA clubs, elect a One Club Executive Committee with representation from all three clubs at the 2025 AGM”

Clara Camogie Committee