

# An Clar

## **CLG Naomh Comhghall/St Comgalls GAA AGM Meeting Room at the St Comgall's Pitch Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 @ 7pm**

1. Minutes of last AGM Nov 2018
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurers Report
4. Chairperson Address
5. Election of Committee Members
  - a) Chair
  - b) Vice-chair
  - c) Secretary
  - d) Assistant Secretary
  - e) Treasurer
  - f) Assistant Treasurer
  - g) Registrar
  - h) P.R.O
  - i) Childrens Officer
  - j) Coaching Officer
  - k) School Liaison Officer
  - l) ASAP Officer
  - m) County Reps – GAA, Ladies Football
  - n) Committee Members
6. Motions/Recommendations
7. Pitchside fence, walking trail.
8. AOB

## Nominations:

See table below for positions from 2018 AGM. There have been no other nominations for AGM 2019.

Where there are no nominations for positions, these may be taken from the floor and where only one nominee for the position, the nominee is duly elected.

<b>Position</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>Nominations 2019/20</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Paddy Quinn	None received
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Damian McAleer	None received
<b>Secretary</b>	James McLornan	None received
<b>Asst Secretary</b>	Declan Callan	None received
<b>Treasurer</b>	Angela Callan	None received
<b>Asst Treasurer</b>	Danielle Quinn & Oisin McAuley	None received
<b>Cultural Officer</b>	Gerard Magee	None received
<b>Childrens Officer</b>	Eelco Westerhuis	None received
<b>Coaching Officer</b>	Siobhan Poulter	None received
<b>Registrar</b>	Danielle Quinn & Oisin McAuley	None received
<b>PRO</b>	Faoiltiarna McAuley	None received
<b>ASAP Officer</b>	Eelco Westerhuis	None received
<b>Schools Liaison</b>	Siobhan Poulter	None received
<b>Committee Members</b>	Roisin Lynch, Gerry Wilson	None received
<b>County GAA REP/SW Officer</b>	<b>Position Vacant</b>	<b>Position Vacant</b>
<b>Ladies football Rep</b>	Declan Callan	None received
<b>Senior Players Rep</b>	Patrick Quinn	None received
<b>Ladies Players Rep</b>	<b>Position Vacant</b>	<b>Position Vacant</b>

Motions – none received

Recommendations – none received

## St Comgalls GAA 2018 AGM Minutes Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019:

Meeting opened at 19.35
Welcome/Apologies –Minutes of 2017 AGM were read and accepted. Proposed PQ, seconded GW
Secretary Report 2018 – JMcL reported.  Treasurers Report 2018 – Angela Callan Reported. A Comprehensive breakdown of income/expenditure given.
Chairs Address – P Quinn – Paddy thanked all the members for supporting the club through-out the past year. He thanked all the clubs volunteers, and encouraged more volunteers to step forward and help no matter how much time they could offer, especially on the coaching side of things. Paddy expressed his disappointment with the turn out for tonight's meeting (10). He is looking forward to the football season starting and getting a new senior management team in place and pushing for promotion and a junior championship. He praised the efforts of our coaches and thanked them for their efforts over the year. Also enjoyed our family day held in the summer, and was pleased to see a good attendance from the local community.
<b>Election of Officers for 2019</b> Where only one nominee for each of the following, they were duly elected. No Motions or Recommendations received
<b>AOB</b> Rosin Lynch – enquired as to things between the club and county regarding Dunsilly. Current agreement seems to end in September 2020, we are being asked to pay £12,000 per year which is 1/3 of the costs. We have requested a breakdown of this cost from the county but to date have had no response. Suggested a meeting needs to be set up with the county to see what is going on, and provide a list of demands from the club, i.e. extra changing rooms.  Angela – Christmas quiz possibly the Sunday before Christmas. The club would invite club volunteers and provide food for those in attendance.  Close of meeting 21.04

## Secretary's Report 2019:

I would like to thank anyone who has helped me in this role this year, especially Angela Callan. I would also like thank the committee members that put in a lot of work for the club again this year. A lot of the work that goes on with the committee and sub committees is often unseen so thank-you for your time and efforts. The committee planned to meet on a monthly basis, usually the first Monday of the month, this didn't always happen due to other commitments. I would hope in 2020 the committee will get more regularity in our meetings again, we need more 'active' members come on to the committee to try and lighten the load on our current committee members. With our new facilities in place and more to come I am hopeful that this will reinvigorate club members to become more active and more supportive of the club in 2020. Also hopeful that our new facilities will help increase our playing members across all age groups. Disappointing to not have a minor team on the field this year, but good to see an increase in juvenile numbers of both male and female players.

## Club Dinner Dance 2019:

We returned again to the Dunadry Hotel this year. It was held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. This year we had a great attendance again, the hotel hosted around 130 from the club. A good night was had by all, and it is hoped in 2020 and beyond we can continue to increase attendance at this function and hope to see even more of our members and players in attendance in the future. Special thanks to **Angela & Declan Callan**, who arranged this.

## Annual Prize Winners:

Annual Prize Winners 2019		
	Play of the Year	Player player
Ladies	Sorcha Watt	Sorcha Watt
Young player of year	Naomh McCafferty	
Men	Ruairi Griffin & Callum McCabe	Ruairi Griffin
Special Achievemnet	Paul Burns - Referee in County final	
Chairman's award	Michael McLornan	
Club Volunteer	Angela Callan	

## Club Referees:

The club would like to extend their thanks to **Paul Burns, Gerard McAuley, Brian Williamson, Ritchie Leahy and Joe McCavana** for representing the club as referees. Congratulations to Paul who was the referee in the recent junior championship final. If anyone is interested in becoming a referee, forward your name to either Paddy Quinn or the secretary. We would also like to thank any of our players and coaches who came down to the blitz's we held at St Comgalls and gave up their time to referee for our U10 & U8 teams, **Luke, Brian and Colin Williamson, Conal McAuley, Conor Dennison, Iarlaith McKeating, Dylan Kingi and anyone else** it was very much appreciated and we hope to see you again at our club blitz's next year.

## Fundraising:

The aim of the club was to focus more on grant applications in 2019 to try and raise money for vital equipment and improvements to our facilities. The reason being that with the best will in the world our fundraisers don't attract and raise enough money to run the club, upgrade our facilities and purchase the equipment we require to allow the club to function. The club does rely heavily on fundraising by our members to enable us to function day to day, we have the lotto, the last man standing and the national draw.

Our major fundraiser this year was St Mungo's, and it was held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May in St Joseph's parish hall, turned out to be a good night's craic, although ticket sales were in and around 200, only 160 or so turned up on the night.

National Draw ticket sales. This is money that goes directly to the club, other clubs in Antrim are selling up to **1500 tickets, which is £15,000** straight into their clubs bank account. We have to tap into this and other fundraisers if we are to keep functioning as a club and carry out vital repairs on our facilities. Fortunately the club raised over £2800 through this sale. A couple of other fundraisers that were organised by the club included 2 Gin night's. These turned out to be a great night's craic so thank you to **Jenny McLornan & Sean Hodkinson** for organising these and also thank you to anyone who attended and supported this.

Some club members also took part in the Tannaghmore 10k race and raised vital funds for the club, thank you to **Gerard Magee and Damian McAleer** for organising this.

There was a poker night organised early in 2019 by the senior team, money raised from this was used to purchase poker tables to host future poker nights. Thank you to anyone who supported this event.

All our events could have been better supported by everyone and we hope to see a greater turn out by our club at events in 2020.

### **Club Lotto:**

The club lotto continues to be drawn on a weekly basis in either Barney's, Madden's or The Cova (Tuesday night's). The sales for the lotto are holding their own but club members are asked to renew their efforts in trying to improve the sales of this much needed revenue source for the club. Current Jackpot stands at **£4850**. Thanks to **Angela Callan** for overseeing this for another year and thank-you to everybody who continues to support this.

### **Last Man Standing:**

Another much needed source of income for the club, this year generated as much interest as the previous years. The final prize of £500 ended up being split between 3 tickets. The winners this year were **Maurice Ashe, Eamon McCann & Brian Taggart**. Thanks to **Paddy Quinn** for overseeing this for another year, and thank you to anybody who bought or sold a ticket this year.

### **All Ireland Members Ticket Draw:**

The football tickets this year went to **Paul Burns & James McCabe**, with the Hurling tickets going to **James McLornan**. The prize of 2 tickets in the club draw went to **Oisín Crilly**. With the football final ending in a draw, the club received further tickets and these went to **Caitlin Callan, Siobhan Jayaprakash and Faoltearna McAuley**.

### **Dec 2018 - Goal Mile:**

This is an event where you can walk, crawl, get pushed, run do whatever, just to do a mile for charity on Christmas morning, it doesn't matter what age you are.

The charity is now in its 39<sup>th</sup> year and any money raised goes to various humanitarian programmes across the developing world.

This year we had the usual people in attendance at this now annual event organised by **Siobhan Poulter**.

Well done to those who attended and took part and thanks to all who donated to this terrific cause, a grand total of **£600** was raised. We hope to see even more committee and club members on Christmas morning 2019 and maybe we could do it around the walking trail at the school pitch!

### **Cul Camp and Saffron Og Camp 2019:**

This year's Cul Camp ran from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July and again was hugely successful. Numbers were slightly down on last year – we had a total of 158 young people from 4 to 14 years old in the following breakdown:

- Cul Camp (6 to 14 years old) – 130 in total
- Saffron Og (4 to 6 years old) – 28 in total

Continuing previous year's coaching format the pitch was split into different coaching areas, each area addressing a particular skill or game - we separated the children into 7 age-related groups – each group rotated around the coaching areas spending 15 minutes at each. We also provided opportunities for our junior coaches to develop their coaching skills, thanks to: **Iarlaith McKeating, Dairmuid Hanna, Conal McAuley, Rory McLarnon, Ciara Shannon, Cara Brennan, Emma Mawhinny, Aaron Murray, Paul McConville, Luke Williamson, and Sophie Shields**. A further thanks to coaches **Amanda & Ritchie Leahy, Oisín Crilly, Roisin Courtney, Colin Williamson, Ruairi Griffin, Louis Higgins, Fiona Poulter, Chris Noade, Eoghan Gribben, Niamh Callan, Gary Toney, Katie O'Hara, Callum McCabe and John Brady** for their expert coaching all week.

### **Grounds Report, St Comgalls Pitch:**

The club was successful in a grant application that enabled us to purchase some much needed new goalposts. Big changes at the school pitch. Firstly a new perimeter fence was erected between the pitch and the Townparks and Parklands estates. This enabled us to leave out new goalposts, and leave the netting in the full size goals without fear of vandalism. Thankfully it seems to be working.

Next the club removed the home changing room, and with the help of a contractor removed the away changing room. This was all in the plan to installing new changing facilities at the school.

A further £2000 of club funds was then spent removing waste soil / rubble that had been fly tipped on the grounds. The club applied for and received planning permission and then embarked on, with the aid of a loan, purchasing new changing facilities and a meeting room / club shop.

Further news came through in October 2019 that we had been successful in a grant application that will enable us to go ahead with the walking trail, spectator fence and outdoor gym project. We thank everyone who was involved in this and hope it will bring a much needed boost to the club and community.

We also thank **Gerry Wilson** for carrying out various maintenance tasks at the facility over the year and anyone else who has helped maintain the area in any way.

### **Juvenile Prize Giving:**

Juvenile Prize Giving this year will be held in early December in St Joseph's parish hall after our autumn training finishes. The prize giving will be followed by a disco.

### **Club Merchandise:**

Our club is becoming more and more visible in the local area, at training it is noticeable that more kids are wearing club gear, we encourage all our members to wear your club colours with pride especially when down supporting any of our teams. This year club merchandise was sold in our new 'club shop'. Thank you **Angela Callan** for continuing to run the club shop.

### **Parents:**

We thank all the parents who helped out this year at the club, for a start, bringing your kids to the club to train and play, providing transport to away games, any that have helped by stepping in to coach, toilet breaks for the kids, signing kids into training, providing juice and biscuits at blitzes, washing kits, selling tickets, promoting the club, anything at all, whatever has been done it's greatly appreciated by the coaches, players and the club. We would love to see more parents getting involved in the club in any shape or form. If you wife, husband, partner etc wants to get involved speak to anyone in the club, no one's input will be turned away and we would be delighted to have you on board.

### **Under 6:**

The U6 teams have recently started to attend their own blitzes in the South West and have been attracting great numbers.

**No report supplied, but we are grateful to all the coaches who helped and for their enthusiasm and patience with this age group.**

### **Under 8:**

U8 boys had about 15-20 registered at start of the season. There were more p3s than p4s. Numbers dropped off after a few training sessions. P4s first communion and memory masses clashed with blitzes meaning we could only field 1 p3/p4 mix all summer. We borrowed some p5s for TNN centenary blitz in September and made it to plate final. So tough year but finished well.

**Thanks to Michael McLornan, Henry Quigg and Michael McBride and anyone else who helped, for taking this group this year.**

### **Under 10:**

U10's started training in February outdoor at Allen Park, then stepped up to a night a week indoor in March as well. Began the year with 10 or 12 players, this improved over the early part of the year and we managed to keep most of the team in place over the year, with very few drop outs, average attendance at training on Monday nights was high teens to low 20's, this reduced slightly for the second nights training but it was also well supported. The team attended every blitz in the South West, on several occasions with 2 teams and only 2 or 3 shy of bringing 3 teams on a few occasions. The team hosted a very successful blitz at our own pitch that was well supported by parents in terms of attendance and supplying food and hospitality to our visitors. Over the course of the season this team trained over 40 times and attended 17 blitzes / tournaments all over the South West, Belfast and into Derry. 12 of this team are stepping up to U12 now and for most it will be a natural progression to that level. It's been a very successful year at this level with the team being more than a match for most team in the South West, I believe this had been made possible by introducing a second nights training to the team and by also investing time in the training and by attending so many tournaments. The last match for these lads was on Sunday past where they lost out to Derrytresk (Tyrone) in a final at a tournament in Lisburn.

**Thanks to James McLornan, Eugene McGrenaghan, Gary Toney, Chris Noade and John Lavelle and anyone else who helped with this group this year.**

### **Under 12:**

U12s - had an enjoyable season competing in the SW B section. The main successes were keeping a steady group of 12-14 who attended almost every training session and matches. As the season progressed we were able to add 4 or 5 new players and saw a few former players return. After an unlucky start to the league when we were beaten by a point twice and had 1 draw the team went 5 matches unbeaten. This run saw the team beat Casements who went on to win the SW league and were otherwise unbeaten in their season. The season culminated in a day trip to play at Croke Park which 23 players enjoyed. We now have a healthy position with half this group due to move up and help build a stronger 14s next year whilst the other half will join with some upgraded u10s to hopefully maintain strong momentum for next year.

**Thanks to Damian McAleer, Eugene McGrenaghan, Connor Rafferty and Sean Smith and anyone else who helped, for taking this group this year.**

**Under 14:**

U14s - With a core group totalling 8-10 and needing a full squad of 15 at this level the team achieved its target of fielding in every game. The boys deserve tremendous credit for their determination and commitment in the face of regular strong opposition. The team ran several clubs very close through their season. A special mention is reserved to all of this teams regulars who either played up from u12s or played up into our u16s. The support of parents in this doesn't go unnoticed. Finally a big thanks to all the coaches who turned up to help as often as they could to help train and support the team at their Friday matches, friendlies and indeed the trip to Croke Park. They should be very proud and look forward to further enjoyment with the groups next season. For next season we will look to recruit a few more players (GK specifically) and coaches to help with the development.

**Thanks to Damian McAleer, Eugene McGrenaghan, Connor Rafferty and Sean Smith and anyone else who helped, for taking this group this year.**

**Under 16 boys:**

**No report supplied: Thanks to Oisin Crilly and anyone else who helped with this group.**

**Seniors:**

**No report supplied: Thanks to Andy Kelly who worked with this group.**

**Girl's football review:****Senior Ladies:**

**No report supplied: Thank-you to Siobhan Poulter and anyone else who helped with helped this group.**

**Under 12 Girls:**

U12 Girls have had 16-24 girls at every training session and league match. They drew their first match towards end of the season and won their first game ever in the last match. Great bunch of players. Most moving up to u14/16 now. Need to be in u14 league. Great year for them.

**Thank-you to Michael McLornan and anyone else who helped with helped this group.**

**Under 10 Girls:**

The U10's had a really successful season. Our numbers were great throughout, fielding up to 13 players per blitz, and similar numbers are training each week. We played every blitz in the SW group: 9 in total. Not to forget, a friendly match in Creggan. This team built up rapport with each other quickly, enjoyed playing and became a team that held their own in each blitz they attended, winning, losing and drawing in equal numbers. We lost 4 strong and solid players at the end of this season, to the u12's. We still have a strong foundation there, that we need to build on this year.

**Thank-you to Anna Connelly & Theresa Crosbie and anyone else who helped with helped this group.**

**Under 8 Girls:**

The U8's have had a gradual build up this year, ending the season playing one blitz in Randalstown. They had 4 steady, committed players who attended training weekly, and were always willing to go to blitz's if the numbers were there. We have brought them along to u10 blitz's to allow them game time, and to reward that commitment and interest. The year ended with 6 constant players and 3 dipping in and out. With a dedicated coach this team would be successful and could attend every blitz next year!

**Thank-you to Anna Connelly & Theresa Crosbie and anyone else who helped with helped this group.**

### **Photography:**

This year again it's been great to see the amount of interest generated on the photo's that the club have been posting on our Facebook page. We are still regularly being contacted by players and clubs from across the county wanting to know when the photos from their games against us will be on our Facebook page.

These photos have been provided by **Eelco Westerhuis and Nigel Hughes**, this takes a lot of time and effort on their parts, travelling to various locations across the county in all sorts of weather to let our members see our teams in action. We thank Eelco and Nigel for this, and appreciate their efforts in providing vital publicity for the club.

Over the past year the club has made extensive use of St Comgall's Parish Centre and St Joseph's Parish Centre also the 2 primary schools, St Comgalls and St Joseph's, we give our thanks to **Grace Henry** and the teachers at each of the schools for the use of their facilities.

I personally express my thanks to all those who are involved with Naomh Comhghall, for the continued support and dedication to the club, for all the help and support provided and look forward to a better year for the club on and off the field in 2020.

Go raibh míle maith agat

Is Mise, **James McLornan Rúnaí Naomh Comhghall**