



Oranmore/Maree Camogie Club Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting

Venue: Maree Community Centre

Date: 20th November 2024

Time: 7pm

Attendance – Shane Hannon, Cathy Foley, Steph Hirst, Mike Scally, Auriel Bolly, Brian O'Donnell, Tim O'Connor, Dearbhla Hanniffy, Anna Burke, Fiona McAnespie, Martin Gohery, Fiona Holland, Gaby Corless

Apologies – Cathal Hynes, John Grealy, Frank Lohan, Sheamus Eignor, Damian Hynes, Simon Qualter, Angela Moran

Agenda

Opening Address

Gaby welcomed all to the reconvened AGM following the AGM scheduled originally for November 17th not meeting the quorum required. Condolences expressed to all those from our parish who passed away in 2024.

Gaby thanks those for attending this evening.

Adoption of Minutes from Previous AGM

The minutes were proposed by Anna Burke & Seconded by Tim O'Connor

Secretary's Report 2024

The Secretary's Report was circulated by email and taken as read. Proposed by Anna Burke & Seconded by Brian O'Donnell

Chairperson's Report

As another camogie season draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in our camogie club. Our outgoing Executive for 2024 consisted of myself as Chairperson, Barry Lenanne as Vice-Chair, Fiona Holland as Secretary, Joanne Leenane as Assistant Secretary & Dearbhla Hanniffy Treasurer & Registrar, Angela Moran & Anna Burke as County Board Delegates, Clodagh Power and Freya Leenane as PRO's, Fiona McAnespie as assistant registrar and Cathy Foley as our Children's Officer. To all our coaches, volunteers, players and supporters who have once again embodied the spirit of gaelic games in their ongoing support of our club, thank you all.

We also remember all those who have lost loved ones in 2024, we extend our sympathies and prayers to our club members and those from our parish who have suffered a bereavement in the past 12 months. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha

Our membership continues to grow year on year and 2024 was no different. Our academy age groups U6s, U7s, U8s continue on Sunday mornings in Oranmore pitch in line with the hurling Academy which again this year has worked out very well. Many thanks to our academy coaches for their time and effort who in-still a love of camogie in our youngest members.

Congratulations to all our club members who wore the Maroon and White of Galway this year. Galway were unlucky in the All-Ireland Final to lose out to defending champions Cork, but we were well represented on the Senior county panel by Rachael Hanniffy, Roisin Black, Niamh Hanniffy and Ailish O'Reilly. Congratulations to Black and Rachael Hanniffy on All Star Award nominations. At juvenile level, Grace Tarpey represented the club at Minor county level, while Sheenagh O'Donnell, Roisin Coleman and Ella Tarpey were part of the U15 squads.

Particular thanks to Basilico who have for many years now sponsored our juvenile teams and catered to a number of our age groups this year and thanks to Glynn's who have been patrons of our senior team.

Our club would not be able to operate without its volunteers and our club executive. In my first year on the Executive I have had the privilege of being this club's chairperson, I am very grateful to everyone who has supported me in this role. The first issue at hand was to liaise between other codes, finally a dual communication procedure for the One Club was drafted up and will be voted in at the *One Club* AGM and will be put into the bye-laws of the One Club. This was set up to establish an active and ongoing club engagement program between all codes supported by the OM One Club executive.

We have a number of dual players in our club, both at juvenile and adult age groups so the continued co-operation between both codes is key to our players being able to enjoy participating in both camogie and LGFA.

There has been a lot of changes in our club over the years but to see the growth of camogie in our parish and the level of competitiveness across so many age groups must be complimented to our club coaches and volunteers.

I am personally grateful to a great team of Fiona, Dearbhla and Joanne, who behind the scenes keeps the whole ship afloat, the depth of knowledge and constant commitment is exceptional. To all my fellow executive members, thank you all for your commitment to promoting camogie and keeping our club functioning. There are changes at the top table this year, to the officers that are stepping down this year, your support and work has been greatly appreciated and I hope we can continue to do a good as job as you have.

The Camogie club would like to thank the One Club executive for always supporting our camogie club. On behalf of the camogie executive, thank you to Seamus Eignor, Des Hanniffy & Sean Greene for all their assistance this year and their continued support.

Thanks to the Maree Community Development and Oranmore Parks committee for the use of their facilities.

This coming year will hopefully see some major milestone in the One Club Renville project being achieved, a lot of work has been done behind the scenes for this and I thank all involved.

Camogie continues for some groups well into the year, I wish you all well for the 2025 season, please keep communication lines open and feel free to contact me with suggestions to continue to run and develop our Camogie club.

Proposed by Fiona Holland & Seconded by Shane Hannon

Treasurer's Report 2024

The Treasurer's Report was read by Dearbhla Hanniffy outlining what the One Club pays regarding camogie expenses. Dearbhla detailed the expenditure for 2024 leaving a closing balance of €6,930.70. The JP McManus contribution to the 3 codes, GAA / LGFA & Camogie was redirected to the Renville account.

Membership for 2025 to increase to include facilities fee (covering pitch hire / Oranmore astros / ballwall / indoor astro costs & gym membership)

Email from One Club secretary Des Hanniffy was read outlining the proposed increases to be voted on at the One Club AGM.

Treasurer Report proposed by Cathy Foley and Seconded by Steph Hirst

Camogie Managers Reports – 2024 Year in Review

U6's Camogie Report

The Oranmore/Maree u6s of 2024 have made a great start to their camogie careers. We began training in the Oranmore ball wall on Sunday mornings at the end of March where we put a huge emphasis on creating a fun environment in which to introduce the skills of the game to the girls and we hope they have all enjoyed the year so far.

We played blitzes with Castlegar, Clarinbridge and we finished off the outdoor season in mid October with a blitz where both Craughwell and St Thomas took part. The girls played great in all of these blitzes and during the entire year in trainings and should be very proud of themselves.

Thanks to all the parents who brought the girls to trainings and to the blitzes during the year. Also thank you to the executive for their support. Thanks must also go to the hurling academy for sharing the Sunday morning slot.

Finally a huge thank you to all the coaches who have played a big part in helping the girls learn the skills of the game. It is very much appreciated (*Vincent McNamee*)

U7's Camogie

Good numbers at training, lots of blites, training was on Sunday's with U8s in Oranmore. Great improvement all season by the girls, they will continue in doors with training until mid December

(*Auriel Brolly*)

U8'S Camogie Report

Under 8 camogie's girls had an enjoyable season and are making progress with 10 games / blitzes during the year. Starting in March with the St Patricks Day parade, the girls returned to the pitch shortly after. The training sessions on Sunday mornings were well attended. The first match of the season v Athenry followed by blitzes with Liam Mellows, Castlegar, Kinvara and St Colmans (Gort).

After a short break in the middle of the Summer, the team finished the outdoor season in September & October with blitzes against Clarinbridge, Athenry, Turloughmore and Ragoon.

The girls have now moved indoors in Maree on Sunday mornings for November and December.

Thanks to our excellent coaches, parents, and the girls for their interest in improving their skills. Thanks to the hurling academy for sharing their slot on Sunday mornings and the camogie executive for their support.

We want to wish one of our star player Freya Flynn well as she moved to Wexford mid-season! (*Frank Lohan*)

U9s / U10s Camogie – Report

Average No of Players attending each Training Session U9 & U10: 22

Commenced Season: 12/02/2024 Proposed Season Finish: 27/11/2024

Training was Monday and Wednesday, over the season the girls had games against Castlegar, Carnmore, Turloughmore, Abbeyknockmoy, Clarinbridge, Ardrahan, Ballindereen, Ragoon, Kinvara, St Colemans and Craughwell. In September there was a trip to Six Mile Bridge and in October the teams travelled over to Ragoon for an End of Season Festival of Camogie with presentation of medals

Summary of Games Played:

Overall, the girls were evenly matched and in a lot of cases stronger than opponents. St Colemans and Turloughmore were stronger in the games that we played. However, our second games against these were much more competitive. The skills are continuously improving with a lot of the girls being able to strike left and right and on the run.

Number of players:

- Number of players pre summer was in the region of 24 – 28.

- Fall off in numbers for the July to August period in the region of 15 – 18
- Each indoor session in October has in the region of 20 – 24

(Damian Hynes)

U11 Camogie Report

The U11s had another great season, running from early February to the present. We had a squad of 30 players and once again fantastic participation throughout.

We started the year with a combined Parish League with the U10s through the months of February and March in Maree Indoor Astro; and we are finishing the year with another Parish League through November with the U12s on the 3G Astro in Oranmore!

In between, we expanded to two training sessions per week this year. With a Wednesday session in the Ball Wall in Oranmore adding to our usual Monday evening slot. This amounted to 40 sessions and lots of practice and exposure for all the girls.

We entered two teams in the County U11 League throughout the months of July & August. While Summer Holidays did make it a challenge to keep both teams going at that time of year, it did ensure all girls got plenty of game time - which was our main objective.

From September onwards, we combined training with Gaby and the U12 team and coaches as the girls took part across three teams in the County U12 League. This again provided valuable experience to the girls.

To mark the successful year, the girls had an end of season day out with Bowling followed by some refreshments. Great fun was had by all!

As always we would like to thank all members of the Club Executive for their support. We'd also like to thank all Parents who encourage the girls and turn up week in week out to training and matches throughout the county.

We are once again very proud of the girls and delighted to see each of them improve and most importantly enjoy their Camogie throughout the year. We look forward to seeing them progress further in 2025. *(Shane Hannon)*

U12 Camogie – Report

Training commenced on Monday evenings and had 24 registered on ClubZap with all showing up for training. We have 4 male trainers and 2 female all registered with the club child protection officer.

Great individual progress has been made by all the girls and we were able to get a lot of game time with an under 13 development league, ran in April to May, 6 of our girls joined with the under 13's in Group 2 and the rest of the girls played in a Group 6 league. This gave great time to all to develop at their own level and was vital in the girl's development for the game. League ended well as we got to a Shield final in Group 6 and won it.

As in previous years we integrated with the under 11s, a message was sent out to parents of that group and 11 names came forward to play with the under 12s. Teams we split evenly and we had one team in group 2 and one in group 6.

We trained for most of August and September with the under 11s and this worked well to help with the integration of the both age groups.

Everyone received the same game time and integration of players worked very well. Group 2 won their Shield final and Group 6 won the Cup final, there were great displays of Camogie and team work for this campaign was exceptional.

We are currently in middle of our Parish league on Friday nights in the Astro in Oranmore from 7 to 8 and we have 50 girls between under 11 (29) and under 12 (21) for this.

(Gaby Corless)

U13 Camogie Report

Overall we had a very good year. We started back in early February and had great numbers training each night. Our championship started at the end of March where we played 9 games and finished with a place in the u13 Championship Shield Final. This was against a very strong Pearses team and on the day we came away with a great victory. We then went on and entered the u14 development league. In this league we had another 8 games. This was a great opportunity for the girls for going forward for next year. With thanks to Gaby and a number of his U12 players they came up and trained with us to make this league work. We reached the Shield Final and this was played on Sunday the 18th August 2024 in St Thomas's pitch against Davitts. It was a great team performance but at the final whistle it was not in our favour. Each and every girl played with such pride of the jersey, they were a credit to their parents and club. We are still training one evening a week with Cathal Hynes's u14 team. I would like to thank all parents and girls for the commitment you gave all year and also to my other management team without you we would not be able to continue. Best Wishes for the year ahead and Happy Christmas to all.

(Steph Hirst)

Camogie U14 Report

Feile

We started back training in January and joined up with the U15 group so both groups could prepare for the 2024 Feile which started in the first week of April. We were delighted that we could get over 26 girls togged for this competition and the week was a great experience for all those involved despite the girls narrowly missing out on winning the final.

U14 Championship

For the second year in a row our competition (u14's) started in summer months (June & July) and therefore it was hard to have all players available due to annual holidays etc. The Girls reached the Cup Final against Sarsfields but it was not to be on the day. I would like to thank Grealy Stores for their generous sponsorship of new jerseys for the girls. They are also very good to us throughout the year so it is appreciated.

U15 Development Championship

This team comprised of a mix of both U13's & U14's (those that did not start the U15 1st team). The girls were competitive in all matches and managed to win out the competition by defeating Shamrocks by a point in the Cup Final against Shamrocks. It was a good end to a long year.

We would like to thank the committee for all their help throughout the year, especially Gabby, Fiona & Dearbhla. It is appreciated, thank you

Finally I would like to thank all of the following who helped with the various age groups throughout the year, John Grealy, Stephanie Hirst, Sheamus Eignor, Tim O'Connor, Ann O'Donnell & Brian O'Donnell.

(Cathal Hynes)

U15 Camogie Report

U15 Camogie were back training in early January and we joined up with the u14s for the preparation for the u15 Camogie Féile. Some Challenge matches in March went well and we started our Féile campaign in the Prairie on April 1st with a match against Salthill Knocknacarra. This looked to be a tough opening match, but a great performance from our girls saw us win on a scoreline of 2-12 to 2-4 and proved to be the start of a very good week.

We defeated Kilconieran with a particularly strong defensive performance the following evening and qualified for the semi-finals. Our third group game against Mountbellew Moylough saw us getting game time for many of the panellists and we were set up for a home semi-final against Mullagh Kiltormer, on what proved to be a very nice occasion in Oranmore with a decent crowd on Friday 5th April.

We started the match very well and maintained a lead throughout, but a late rally from Mullagh Kiltormer left just 1 point in it into injury time. A late free was dropped in but we withstood the pressure to qualify for the Féile Final. An Orange weather warning postponed the final by 6 days but a big Oranmore Maree crowd travelled to Duggan Park on Friday 12th April for the Final v Ardahan.

We competed well in the first half, highlighted by a super 2pt score direct from a sideline from Roisin Coleman, but went in behind at half time. A strong start to the 2nd half had us 4pts ahead with 8 minutes left, but Ardahan finished stronger, with 2 goals late on to win the cup by a margin of 2pts. Overall, the Féile was a great experience and great team performance by the girls and to come so close to winning it was a huge achievement for our squad, albeit bittersweet that we were not able to bring the trophy back to Oranmore Maree.

The u15 Championship in September was a tough competition for our girls. We started out with a defeat in Ardahan and following a win against Tuam, we had a crucial game in Salthill against Salthill Knocknacarra. We suffered defeat there to leave us in the Shield Quarter Final. We put in a strong second half against Mountbellew/Moylough to get through that fixture but a defeat to our neighbours Castlegar in the Shield Semi Final ended our season somewhat disappointingly.

Overall, we can look back on our performance in the Féile Final as a highlight of the girls camogie careers and a great week for our squad, and we look forward to the u16 championship in early 2025.

Huge thanks to our sponsors, Galway Chimney Repairs, Greally's Maree and Oranmore Pharmacy who sponsored the Gear and Jerseys for the Féile Squad, and to everyone who assisted us during the years contributed very generously to our fundraising table quiz in March. *(Tim O'Connor)*

U16 Camogie Report

U16 A1 Championship

The 2024 U16 panel commenced training on Jan 9th as the U16 championship was to begin in late February. We trained twice a week in the indoor astro in Maree as no pitches were open.

We competed in the A1 Division, and had a good win over Peares in Ballymacward in Round 1, we lost to Carnmore in Oranmore in Round 2 and had another good away win over St. Thomas's in Round 3.

We topped the group and had a home Cup semi-final against St. Colman's in Old Maree on April 22nd but unfortunately, St. Colman's came out on top in that game.

We re-grouped for our Shield final v Mullagh Kiltormer a few days later and narrowly lost out to a last minute goal that clinched victory for the opposition.

Some of the girls then joined the Minor panel for the remainder of the year and the younger girls had their U14/U15 championships to look forward too.

(Dearbhla Hanniffy)

Minor Camogie Report

Minor League

We entered the minor league this year and it provided much needed games for our younger players as the U16 championship was over in April.

We had group games against St. Colman's, and Skehana Menlo. (Salthill were unable to field a team). We qualified for a semi-final v Mountbellew Moylough and the 15 girls available produced a great display to come out on top.

We played Skehana Melough in the League final in Duggan Park, mid-June and after a storming 2nd half display we came out on top and claimed the League title.

Due to the timing of this league a number of the older girls were unavailable to to exam commitments, but it was great to get 4 games for this group of girls in May/June.

Minor B Championship

We competed in the Minor B Championship and the 3 group games were played in August. We lost our 1st game to Turloughmore, but won our remaining 2 group games against Ardahan & Mountbellew Moylough.

The minor championship took a break then until November and we played Skehana Menlough in a Quarter-Final on Nov 3rd in Oranmore and we had a convincing victory.

Our semi-final was played in Kilconieron on November 10th and unfortunately we came up against a strong Kilconieron side who fully deserved their victory on the day.

Over 20 of this year's minor panel are still eligible to play minor next year. Thanks to Richie Burke for all the help and guidance this season

Junior Camogie

The Juniors trained with the Senior panel this season. The junior team was made up of U16s, minors and adult players. They have four championship fixtures, in their opening game they won against Kilconieron, in round two they had a walkover from Liam Mellows and in round 3 they had a tough battle away to Ballinasloe where they came shared the points. In the quarter final the girls came up against a very strong Castlebar Mitchels and despite the girls best efforts they just came up short. Over the 3 games the girls played the team showed great spirit and determination. The Junior competition was a great experience for the girls involved. *(Gaby Corless)*

SENIOR CAMOGIE REPORT 2024 – BARRY LEENANE

Our Junior/Senior group kicked off training on February 20th in the ballwall in Oranmore. We had 41 girls for both panels and they would train 2 to 3 times per week all year culminating in over 70 sessions up to mid-October. As always, we had a good mix of experience and youth in the group. This is extremely important on both fronts. To keep the experienced girls playing is just as vital as welcoming in new girls to the group. Naturally the younger girls look up to the club stars and learn so much from them and we are very lucky as a club to have such talent amongst us.

LEAGUE

Our league kicked off on March 17th and we had games most weekends over the next 6 weeks. We played Ardahan, Castlegar, Kinvara, Athenry, Craughwell and got a bye over Mullagh. Even with low numbers available for the games we remained competitive throughout the campaign. We played a lot of our younger players, many who made their debut in Senior and this gave them valuable experience at adult level. We had a tough away game in Tipperary at the end of June where we played Shannon Rovers who played in the 2023 Munster Intermediate Final. Games against completely different opponents is excellent for experience. Shannon Rovers put on food for us after the game and it turned out to be a great bonding trip for the girls.

CHAMPIONSHIP

In July we welcomed back Daragh Conneely as coach, along with Gearoid Hanniffy and Pete Carr. Daragh is well known to the group from previous years and it was great to have him involved again. He is one of the finest young coaches in Galway and his knowledge of Galway camogie is unbelievable. Likewise, it was brilliant to have Gearoid and Pete come on board as they both brought a huge amount of experience and a breath of fresh air to the group. Hopefully, they will both remain involved in camogie in the future as we need to hold on to our best coaches where possible. We had 4 group games against Davitts, Sarsfields, Athenry and Ardahan and ended up placing second in the group. This put us into a quarter final against Mullagh which we ended up playing in Clann na nGaels pitch in Athlone as there were no pitches available in Galway. We won this game by 5 pts. Without really playing well all year we were back in a semi-final against St. Thomas'. They won Senior B in 2023 and unfortunately they outplayed us all over the pitch and ended up beating us by 5 pts. I feel this year was a huge opportunity lost. When we began this year, we had a few experienced girls who left the panel due to travel, study and work. That said, I believe that with the new girls coming into the group and other panel members stepping up this season, this was a missed opportunity to progress. I know most teams in the county would love to be in our position but I feel falling at semi-final stage was a huge disappointment. On the plus side, it's a testament to where our club is presently where losing a semi-final feels like a failure! We all have to acknowledge where we are and where we ultimately want to be. We didn't deserve to get to a final this year as we never really got going as a team. We had a bit of luck with the draw, knowing that a quarter final was a realistic target and another final appearance was within our reach. We suffered injury after injury throughout the year and this is by no means an excuse. It offered girls who may not have featured the chance to play at Senior championship level. Over the 3 years we have been involved with Seniors, we have introduced 26 new girls to the adult training group and at least 13 players made their debut at this level. It's vital that this continues over the coming years as on the flip side we've lost players through work and travel etc. Our Junior team must remain as the pathway to our Senior panel. Gone are the days where you leave Minor and automatically make a Senior squad. Our Junior team affords girls the opportunity to gain vital experience at adult level camogie and gives them the necessary game time to hopefully make a Senior panel. As we all know the support of the executive committee is hugely important for management to do their job successfully.

During my term as manager, I've been lucky to have had their full backing. I'd like to thank Fiona and Gaby for all their help this year and to all committee members over the last few years. A massive amount of time goes into managing a Senior team and without their help I would not have been able to give so much to the job. I've been involved with various teams over the last 13 years and this was made possible because of the support of my better half, Joanne! She has been a female officer with teams all the way up along but more than that, she has been the most consistently dedicated trainer for years now, Tuesdays and Thursdays every week for 10 months of the year. Her role is far wider than a female officer, she was a mother, a nurse, a friend, an agony aunt and confidant where needed and I know the girls will miss her presence greatly. It has been a huge privilege to manage this team and all I can do is wish them well in the future and hope that whoever goes in as the next manager can help them make that last step to a county final win.

Barry Leenane

Reports proposed by Tim O'Connor and Seconded by Mike Scally

Election of Officers/Executive for 2025

- Chairperson – Gabriel Corless
- Vice Chairperson – Martin Gohery
- Secretary – Fiona Holland
- Assistant Secretary – Fiona McAnespie
- Treasurer – Dearbhla Hanniffy
- PRO – TBC
- Children's Officer – Cathy Foley
- Registrar – Dearbhla Hanniffy
- Assistant Registrar – Fiona McAnespie
- County Board Delegates – Anna Burke, Angela Moran

AOB

Discussion on dual club affiliation and fees at the One club level

Discussion on vacant senior manager position

Discussion on issues with An Foireann and merging accounts, concerns raised over Feile and videoing / photography permissions

Meeting closed.