

Clarinbridge Camogie Club



AGM 2025

16th November 2025

Agenda:

- Opening of Meeting
- Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Manager's Reports
- PRO's Report
- One Club update
- Pathway to 2030
- Chairperson's Report
- Membership fees
- Motions
- Election of Officers/ Team Managers
- AOB

Venue: Clarinbridge Club House

Time: 7.30 pm

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Minutes Clarinbridge Camogie Meeting 15th November 2024

Chairperson Peter Boland opened the meeting by welcoming all those present. He congratulated the club, coaches, players and executive on what had been an exceptionally busy and successful year for the club on many different fronts.

The **minutes** of the 2023 AGM were read by the secretary.

The **secretary's report** was read by Frances Leen. She acknowledged the success of the many teams in 2024 which included the u12, u13, u14 and the minor team who were successful in their competitions. The historic achievement of the then Senior B team who in an epic encounter with Salthill Knocknacarra, in a replay of the county final match in extra time they achieved their goal by winning the encounter with 8 points to spare. Carrie Dolan and Niamh Niland were congratulated on their contributions to the Galway Senior Camogie team side which reached the All-Ireland final vs Cork on the 11th of August 2024, unfortunately it was not the result we had all hoped for. Our joy and delight for Carrie Dolan at being the first person in Clarinbridge sporting history to achieve an All-Star recognition award was acknowledged. Congratulations were offered to all our junior players who represented us on county panels throughout the year. Many thanks were offered to our many and generous sponsors. The continued support and co-operation from the GAA club was acknowledged. Thanks, were also offered to the executive for their help.

Emer Kilgannon went through the **Treasurers report** and reported on the healthy finances of the club. The Duck race, Market Day (Burgers & bake sale), Go Fund Me Event, Cul camps but also JP McManus donation contributing to this.

The various **managers reports** were taken as read.

Carol Kelly read the **PRO report** briefly updating the committee on work she has done -updating website, social media presence (Instagram, Facebook, club zap), Connacht Tribune articles, liaison with county Pro and publicity for fund raising activities.

Club Officers, team coaches and managers were elected with some vacancies remaining.

A **motion** was put to the AGM to mandate the establishment of a working group to progress the work of the "one club model" and this was passed.

Peter Boland read his **chairpersons report**. In this he referenced the major infrastructure development plan about to be launched along with the GAA in the club. His vision of an athletic development plan for the camogie club was also outlined. Micheal Costello was welcomed as Coaching Officer for the Club and Alicia Murray as Gear Manager. Outgoing, executive members Julie McCann, Deirdre Melia and team manager Karen Connaughton were acknowledged. Presentations were made to the founding officers of Clarinbridge Camogie Club in 1989 to Tom Conlon, Martin Green, Noel Quinn and Bernie Diskin. (Betty Davoren unfortunately unable to attend).

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Clarinbridge Camogie Secretary Report 2025

I would like to welcome everyone to our Camogie AGM meeting tonight as Secretary and on behalf of the Executive Committee. It has been an extremely busy and exciting year for the Club on many different fronts.

Our club continues to grow in numbers as has been the trend of recent years and now has a membership of 441 members. With 106 families availing of the family membership. The club now has for the first time ever 3 teams at adult level representing the club. (Junior, Senior and Social).

Our younger teams have had great fun at training (indoor and outdoor) and improving their skills. Their parents have brought them county wide and beyond to participate in blitz and Go Games. Our u11 team had a particularly busy season with 15 games played in a 3-month period a mixture of challenges and u11 league matches and a hugely successful trip to Dublin to St Sylvesters club. Our u12 team had a trip to Kilmacud Crokes to play in their u12 Camogie event. They also hosted the Festival of Camogie, which was a great success, they were narrowly defeated in County Shield Final in a match which showcased the great improvement in this teams' hurling ability since last year. The u13 team although small in numbers remained competitive narrowly losing to St Thomas in a very close shield final. I. The highlight for the U14 group was to win the U14A1 Cup final v Kilconieron. The U15 team participated in Feile and in their first outing in the U15A Championship managed to secure a semi-final place. Our U16 team had a very successful season winning all their games including their Championship final v Craughwell. Our Minor team incorporated S&C into their training sessions and trained with the Senior team on pitch during the year. Unfortunately, the minors were unable to compete in league due to difficulties with fixture scheduling. In the Championship the team was very competitive and learnt a lot from stepping up to Minor A level. Our Senior Team surpassed all expectations this year by getting to the Senior A Camogie Championship semifinal in the first ever outing in the competition. In a semifinal that saw them grow into the game and remain competitive to the very end, given the young age profile of this team we can remain hopeful of more good days to come.

What a year for Galway County Senior Camogie! To win the Camogie All Ireland Championship any year is such an achievement and such an honour but the way the team dug in their heels, they defied their outsider status and led the charge to victory against their arch-rivals Cork on Sunday the 10th of August 2025 will live long in all our memories. In a nail-biting encounter few of us dared to breathe but hoped Carrie Dolan was able to as she struck the sliotar in the last minute of injury time to get the winning point. Massive congratulations to all the team, we were so proud to have Carrie Dolan, Niamh Niland and Aoibhe Carr represent the club so well. This culminated in Carrie Dolan as Captain of the Galway team lift the O Duffy Cup and bring the Homecoming to Clarinbridge. Our club was also represented on the sidelines that famous day by Philip Brennan (goalie coach), Tomas and Fiona Armstrong (County Physiotherapists), Audrey Carr (County Treasurer), Mike Bindon (County Gear Manager).

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Earlier in the year in July Aoibhe Carr had already tasted success with the Galway u23 team who beat those old foes (Cork) to win the All-Ireland u23 Camogie Final.

The All Ireland winning streak started in May when Galway u16 camogie team beat Cork to become All Ireland u16 champion with Saoirse Counihan representing our club so well. Congratulations to Ruby Burke who played in u16B All Ireland final with Galway.

Congratulations to all our girls who have represented us on Galway County panels through the last year

U14 girls- Mae Lally, Emma Kennedy, Hannah Maguire, Chloe Finnerty, Aideen Kilgannon

U15 girls- Maeve Cronin, Kayla Dolan, Lia Corcoran, Isabel Furey, Chloe Murray

U16 girls- Saoirse Counihan & Ruby Burke

Minors-Isobel White, Emma Deely and Evie Ryan

It was a busy year for the Executive the highlight for many the “Galway Homecoming Celebrations” on the 11th of August 2025 which took place in Clarinbridge. Fergal Magee was chief organiser; it was a fantastic night and fitting for the team which gave us such joy the previous day. The community rallied to make it a night to remember, special thanks to Paddy Burkes, Ollie Turner & the Galway Bay FM team, Majella Carr, Liam Donohue, Liam Madden, Grealy Stores Maree, DJ Mitch & friends, the stewards and above all the fans who turned out in their droves on a beautiful Summer evening in their maroon and white jerseys, flags, face paint to welcome their heroes home.

Earlier in the year in March the club had a “Celebration Night”, this was to celebrate the successes of the previous year with our Senior Camogie team achieving Senior A status for the first time in the history of the club and our minors winning their Minor A Championship. Many thanks to the Oranmore Lodge who made it such an enjoyable night, Tommy Dervane (MC) and Imelda Hobbins special guest on the night.

Our annual fundraiser “Duck race” and cake sale in May was once again a major success enjoyed by young and old. Helped by sunny weather it was very well supported not only by locals but also by-passing tourists keen to find out what was happening and why adults were jumping into the Clarinbridge river to cheering crowds.

Our Camogie Club and The GAA come together to celebrate Community Club Day on another sunny day in April. It was a fun filled day with a fantastic turn out. Many of our home-grown county stars participated in this official launch of “Pathway to 2030” This development plan will provide equitable access to high quality, inclusive facilities that will benefit all age groups for generations to come. Recently it was announced that £10,000 was awarded to this project from a Sustainable Energy Systems Community Fund which will be invested in upgrading our clubhouse and advancing green initiatives. Currently approximately £180,000 has been raised thus far, it is however imperative that the drive, enthusiasm and support for this project continues into the coming years to make this vision a reality.

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Fergal Magee is leading out from the Camogie Club on the “One Club” initiative. Fergal organised a very useful presentation from a representative from Ballindereen Hurling and Camogie One Club whose amalgamation has been very smooth and is working very well. As a result of this a One Club Survey was conducted (QR code or physical copy), this was launched in August to get a grass roots approach to allow as many people as possible have their say and shape the development of Gaelic Games in our community. One of the key findings was 96% approval for continuing to strive to “One Club” status.

Our activities and events are all made possible by the generosity of our sponsors, and we are extremely grateful for their consistent and continued support. Our main sponsor is “Electric Galway” and a big thanks to John Callinan for this.

The club has been very fortunate with team sponsors these are U7-Paul Green Loss Assessors, U9-Crystal Valet, U10-Sei Bella, U11- WRL, U12-Kirby, U14-WRL. Senior Team- Electric Galway and Specsavers (Headford Road)

A big thanks also to our gear sponsors U10-Siobhan Tynan, Karen Brennan, Catherine O Mahony, Anita Kerins, U12-Kirby, U14- Henry McCann /Kirby, U15 -Feile Deavy Transport.

Many thanks also to our important event sponsors- Player Athletic Development – Kirby, Duck Race -Paddy Burkes, Apache Pizza, Walsh Crane Hire, Clinical Cabinets, Supplies-Mike Kerrigan Centra.

Our Camogie Executive has had an action-packed year; we had 8 meetings throughout the year a mixture of face to face and zoom events. I would like to say thanks for everyone’s help, support and enthusiasm throughout the year. A special word of thanks to Kieran Donohue who is stepping aside from his role of Children’s Officer after 4 years. Kieran has been very patient, hardworking and extremely diligent in fulfilling this mandatory role within the club. Carol Kelly is stepping aside from her role as PRO within the club. Carol has made an enormous contribution in this last year with her social media postings, club zapp notifications and her very skilful use of words in Connacht Tribune articles reflecting the events of the past year which we are very grateful for.

I would like to say thanks to all the coaches and managers who show up week after week and work with the girls to build new skills, confidence, friendships, and a sense of belonging to hopefully last a lifetime. Thanks to all the parents who support so fully and willingly and to the girls who are lifeblood of this organisation and without them all this would not be possible.

I would like to thank Conor Lawless for patience and help all year, John Diskin and JJ Delaney for their help in facilitating pitch sessions for the girls and Paul Darcy for super work he has done on the pitch rota.

Many thanks to Peter as chairman for his hours of work, dedication and attention to detail that keeps the club running smoothly.

It has been an amazing year for the club so much to celebrate and so much to feel positive about as we move and expand in numbers into the future. Volunteering is at the heart of

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Clarinbridge Camogie Club, our doors are open to you to become involved whatever your skillset is whether it is fund raising, excel sheets, bookkeeping there is a place and space for you at the table in Clarinbridge Camogie 2026.

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Clarinbridge Camogie Club - EXECUTIVE

Position	2026 nominations
Chairperson	Peter Boland
Assistant Chairperson	Audrey Carr
Secretary	Frances Leen
Assistant Secretary	TBC
Treasurer	Emer Kilgannon
Assistant Treasurer	TBC
Children's Officer	TBC
PRO	TBC
Registrar	Mary Carty
Coaching Officer	Micheal Costello
Gear Manager & Insurance Liaison Officer	Alicia Murray
Players Representative	TBC
Fundraising & Events Officers	Majella Carr
	Fergal Magee
County Board Representative 1	Gerry Mooney
County Board Representative 2	TBC

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Clarinbridge Camogie Club – TEAM MANAGERS NEW PAGE

Team	2026 nominations
U5/6 Manager	Aine Molloy
U7 Manager	Micheal O Laochdha
U8 Manager	Carol Kelly Gerard Forde
U9 Manager	David Reynolds
U10 Manager	Mary Carty
U11 Manager	Peter Boland
U12 Manager	Philip Brennan
U13 Manager	Joe Cahill
U14 Manager	Seamus Hayes Micheal Forde
U15 Manager	Declan Lally Rory Burke
U16 Manager	Gillian Chawke Tanya Corcoran Imelda Dolan
Minor (u18)	Kieran Counihan
Junior & Senior Managers	TBC

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Clarinbridge Camogie Club - MOTIONS

Motion 1

That this AGM resolves that the Club submit a motion to Galway Camogie County Board requesting that the Camogie Association move the start of the Senior All Ireland Camogie Final to 3.30pm or at the very latest 4.00pm from 2026. This motion is in the interest of maximising attendance at the match, particularly among younger fans, and is based on this Club's experiences in 2025 and 2024.

Proposer: Peter Boland

Seconder: Frances Leen

Motion 2

That this AGM resolves that the Club ask Galway Camogie County Board to implement a byelaw that mandates the publication of schedules for all County leagues and championships, adult and juvenile, prior to the end of the previous calendar year.

This process to be in place by the end of 2026, applying to the 2027 season. In the meantime, the 2026 schedule should be published in good time.

This motion is in the interest on good planning and in the context of the increasingly congested and competitive female sports environment in Galway, in which camogie must take a leadership role.

Proposer: Peter Boland

Seconder: Frances Leen

Motion 3

That this AGM resolves that the Club ask Galway Camogie County Board to submit a motion to the Camogie Association Congress requesting that the Association ceases its sponsorship relationship with Allianz with immediate effect to make it abundantly clear that the Camogie community does not support genocide or the enablers of genocide*.

A United Nations report published in June this year, led by special rapporteur on human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories Francesca Albanese, found that:

- Allianz, through its subsidiary Pimco, has been a significant buyer of Israeli treasury bonds, which play a “critical role in funding the ongoing assault on Gaza”, since the appalling attack on Israel by Hamas in October 2023.**
- Allianz has also invested large sums in corporate shares and bonds implicated in the occupation and genocide...primarily to generate returns.**
- Allianz also underwrites the risks other companies necessarily take when operating in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, thus enabling the commission of human rights abuses and “de-risking” the operational environment.**

Allianz in Ireland is an Official Sponsor of the Camogie Association, as well as sponsoring Cumann na mBunscol and running the StopTheDrop campaign. All this is, under normal circumstances, would be laudable and deserving of our gratitude. But these are not normal circumstances. An entire race is being starved and brutalised right in front of us and if we are committed as an Association and as a community to international humanitarian law and human rights then we cannot ignore this or endorse its enablers. This request is not political in nature, nor is it identified with any political movement. It is merely a recognition of the basic principles of humanity, consistent with the core values of inclusiveness, equality, fair play, anti-racism and anti-sectarianism guiding the Association (Official Guide Part 1 Camogie Constitution Rules 2025-2026, Section A 2.3).

Notes*: Under Sections C 10.5.i and C 10 .5.q of Official Guide Part 1 Camogie Constitution Rules 2025-2026, the roles and responsibilities of Ard Chomhairle include:

- i. Uphold the reputation and brand of the Association and ensure that systems and procedures are in place to facilitate this
- q. Ensure that the Association complies with its legal, ethical, risk and environmental obligations.

And under Section 5.2 of Official Guide Part 5 Mandatory Code on Sponsorship 2025:

5. Limitations on Sponsorship

5.2 Sponsorship will not be accepted from tobacco companies, gambling companies, political parties, commercial and other sources adjudged by Ard Chomhairle as unacceptable to the Camogie Association.

Proposer: Peter Boland

Seconder: Frances Leen

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Motion 4

Amendment to rule Section 28.4.1 of "An Treoir Oifigiuil"

A player must meet the following age criteria to be eligible to participate in club competitions

U12 - Be under 12 and over 9

U13 - Be under 13 and over 9

U14 - Be under 14 and over 10

U15 - Be under 15 and over 11

U16 - Be under 16 and over 12

U18 - Be under 18 and over 14

Adult - Be over 16

Change to Age Limit to play adult camogie to "Adult" - Be over 16

Proposer: Joe Cahill

Seconder: Liam Hogan