

Cruinniú Bliantúil Cumann An Chloigthí CLG Cluain Dolcáin 2020



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Vice Presidents

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Hon Secretary

Hon Treasurer

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Adult Games Officer

Juvenile Games Officer

Registrar

Communications Officer

Facilities Officer

Coaching Development Officer

Assistant Secretary

Assistant Treasurer

Oifigeach Gaeilge

Two (2) Members

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Executive Committee
Meetings 2020

Number of meetings held: 10

Ed O Malley	9
Tony Delaney	8
Padraig MacCarthy	9
Alan Milton	8
John Ryan	6
Andrew Cronin	9
Sharon Jordan	8
Michael McGlynn	6
Barry Quinlan	9
Martin Ryan	6
Billie O Connor	9
Dave Whelan	7
Willie Kennedy	9
Dean Alford	8
Niall Connaughton	5

Nominations for the Executive Committee 2020-21
Aimniúcháin don Coiste Feidhmeannaigh 2020-21

Position

Outgoing

Nominations

President:

John O'Malley Snr

Frank Cosgrove

Vice-President:

Frank Cosgrove
Mary Dardis
Bernie Cronin

Mary Dardis
Bernie Cronin
Shay Clifford
Prop: Ed O Malley
Sec: Andrew Cronin

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<i>Chairman:</i>	Ed O' Malley	Andrew Cronin
<i>Vice-Chairman:</i>	Tony Delaney	Alan Milton
<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>	Padraig MacCarthy	No nomination *
<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i>	John Ryan	John Ryan
<i>Asst. Secretary:</i>	Alan Milton	No Nomination **
<i>Asst. Treasurer:</i>	Andrew Cronin	Damien Murray Prop: Andrew Cronin Sec: Ed O Malley
<i>Oifigeach Gaeilge:</i>	Sharon Jordan	Sharon Jordan
<i>Adult Games Officer:</i>	Barry Quinlan	Barry Quinlan
<i>Facilities Officer:</i>	Martin Ryan	Ed O Malley Prop: Padraig MacCarthy Sec: Alan Milton
<i>Registrar:</i>	Niall Connaughton	Niall Connaughton
<i>Juvenile Games Officer:</i>	Dean Alford	Willie Kennedy Prop: Padraig MacCarthy Sec: Alan Milton
<i>Coaching and Development Officer:</i>	Dave Whelan	Liam Maclaughlin Prop: Padraig MacCarthy Sec: Alan Milton
<i>Communications Officer:</i>	Mick McGlynn	Martin Ryan Prop: Padraig MacCarthy Sec: Alan Milton
<i>Members:</i>	Willie Kennedy	Tony Delaney Prop: Padraig MacCarthy Sec: Alan Milton
	Billy O'Connor	Billy O'Connor

*** Due to COVID the GAA has made the following ruling:**

Notwithstanding the Rules and, in particular Rule 8.6 of the GAA Club Constitution, the following provisions shall apply to the election of officers to the Executive Committee for 2021:

Where a club has a limit on the length of time an officer may hold a position (Rule 18.C. of Round Tower GAA Club Constitution) and that officer is due to retire at the 2020 AGM, the Executive Committee may appoint that same officer to serve until the 2021 AGM subject to the following conditions:

- a) there are no other nominations for the position; or
- b) the vacancy still arises after the conclusion of the AGM; and
- c) the Executive Committee is unable to find a suitable replacement.

Under these circumstances, and having received no nominations for the position of Hon Secretary, Padraig MacCarthy has agreed to remain in the position of Hon Secretary until the AGM of 2021 and his appointment will be formerly ratified by agreement of this meeting.

** As no nomination has been received, in accordance with Rule 31 of our club constitution, the Executive will co-opt to the position a member from the body of fully registered members. This will be the responsibility for the new Executive.

Standing Orders for Annual General Meeting

1. The proposer of a motion/recommendation or amendment thereto, may speak for three (3) minutes but no longer.
2. A member speaking on a motion/recommendation or an amendment may not exceed two (2) minutes.
3. The proposer of a motion/recommendation, or amendment, may speak a second time for three (3) minutes before a vote is taken, but no other member may speak a second time on the same motion or amendment.
4. The Chairman shall, at any time he considers a matter to have been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer to reply, after which a vote must be taken.
5. A member may with the consent of the Chairman move that 'the question be now put' after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.

6. Contributions to the meeting may be made in two ways; a) through the use of the 'raise hand' function in MS Teams and through use of the 'chat' function. Both will be monitored by the secretary and assistant secretary over the course of the meeting.

Motions and Recommendations

Motion

Background: In 2020, in accordance with Part 1 of the Official Guide of the GAA and in accordance with Club Governance best practice as issued by GAA HQ, it was agreed that Round Towers would expand the size of its Executive. This was agreed by members at the AGM of 2019. The following motion is solely to formally amend the Club Constitution accordingly.

Proposed: Tommy Keogh

Seconded: Padraig MacCarthy

Amend Rule 17 to read as follows

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of fifteen (15) Full Members consisting of :

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Assistant Secretary
Assistant Treasurer
Oifigeach Gaeilge
Adult Games Officer
Facilities Officer
Registrar
Juvenile Games Officer
Coaching and Development Officer
Communications Officer
Two (2) Full Members

Chairman's Report 2020

Tuarascáil an Cathoirleach

A Chairde,

2020 started off in exciting fashion. We had just officially opened our new High - Performance Centre, expanded our Executive Committee and had started on our High - Performance framework.

Then the pandemic hit and with it came new challenges. The first lockdown stopped all club activities save for the upkeep of our facilities on Monastery Road. As well as the day to day maintenance, we undertook the many repair and upgrade jobs that otherwise don't get done. All nets were repaired and astro turf was laid in both dugouts. My sincere thanks to Dick Keane and Seán McNamara for their hard work and commitment during this time.

On returning to training and games in July, we put in place many new rules and regulations in conjunction with government and GAA guidelines to help stop the spread of Covid-19. With the help and support of all our mentors and players I'm happy to say that while some of our players contracted the virus (and thankfully recovered) we have not had one instance of transmission within our club. I would like at this point to thank our Club COVID Officer Dean Alford for his diligence in enforcing these new rules which at times was not an easy task.

Unfortunately juvenile games have yet to return but thankfully we had our Adult championships which started in September. We had mixed results. Our Senior Hurlers reached the quarter-finals of the Senior B Championship, but were beaten on the day by a strong Na Fianna team. We reached the semi-finals of the Intermediate Football Championship only to lose to eventual winners Naomh Fionnbarra but the icing on the cake came in October when our Adult Camogie team won the Junior Championship on a miserable morning in St. Annes. Congratulations to the girls and the management team and we look forward to more silverware in the future.

On reflection, my three years in the chair have been enjoyable and not too unproductive. Central to this has been the establishment of the new high-performance centre and high-performance framework, of which I'm very proud and I know they will be at the core of our future successes.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Members for their unwavering support and efforts over the past three years.

I wish the incoming Chairperson well and I will support him in every way that I can. Our club is heading in the right direction and I'm very hopeful for the future.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Edward O'Malley

Secretary's Report 2020

Tuarascáil an Runaí

As we can all appreciate this has been a strange, unprecedented and hopefully a unique year. The challenge of COVID all but decimated the GAA calendar and restrictions prevented us from enjoying most normal club activities, including the social interaction in our clubrooms. In this challenging year, I would like to thank all members for their assistance. In particular, I would like to applaud all those who got involved in the community volunteer initiative under the SDCC umbrella. I would like to thank all those who took time to assist in our juvenile section and I encourage more to get involved, particularly past and present players.

In what has been a strange and unique year for our club it has been my privilege to perform the duties of Honorary Secretary and below are just some of the highlights:

- Junior Camogie Championship Winners
- How we as a club dealt with the challenge of Covid
- The work on our grounds in Monastery
- Round Towers involvement in SDCC community initiative schemes during the first stages of the pandemic.
- Live Streaming of Championship Matches
- Signatories to the 20X20 Charter
- Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative
- Opening of our High Performance Gym
- Introduction of Round Tower GAA High Performance Framework
- Jim Gavin – Honorary Doctorate from DCU

The Club continues to grow and evolve both on and off the playing pitches. Going forward we are committed to develop and adapt in line with the High Performance Framework introduced to members in Nov 19. The initial response to this initiative has been very encouraging and although COVID has stalled progress, I hope that every member of the club sees the value of getting involved in 2021.

We have now created a clear vision for the club in that we endeavour ***‘to push our boundaries and in doing so inspire players and coaches to unlock their true potential by being the best they can be’***. We have also created a clear mission for Round Tower GAA Club when we say we will ***‘create an environment where success is inevitable’***

While these statements may seem very abstract, there is no doubt that they are achievable. However, the establishment of a set of Core Values combined with this clear Vision and Mission for the club is essential if Round Tower GAA Club is to create a high-performance culture and reach its potential both on and off the pitch. Going forward, in everything we do, we must do so in line with the core values of ***‘Respect, Excellence, Integrity and One Club One Identity’***.

On behalf of the Executive committee I thank again all who have contributed time, finances, ideas, energy, sponsorship, fundraising, etc for our club. There isn't one among us that shouldn't be proud of our modern day facilities and as a club we will continue to advance, grow and develop because of this.

The innovative development partnership with the three Irish Schools in Clondalkin will, in time, provide an additional All Weather facility and an Indoor Hall exclusively to Round Towers after school hours and on weekends. This will go a long way in addressing current shortages and future growth. This is a long-term solution, and has taken mammoth work that is ongoing to secure funding. We expect to formally announce detailed plans and proposals on this matter in 2021.

I wish to acknowledge the work of all the clubs' sub committees that continued despite the obvious restrictions. My own workload throughout the year has been greatly reduced by the support I have received from Alan Milton, Mick McGlynn and Niall Connaughton in their roles as Asst Sec, Club PRO and Registrar respectively. Finally, I must pay particular mention and give huge thanks to the secretaries who deal with the playing membership; Aaron Douglas, Juvenile Secretary, Jessica O Malley, Ladies Football Secretary and Dawn O' Neill Camogie, Secretary.

Club Administration

Sincere thanks to all members who serve on the various sub-committees.

Adult Games: Barry Quinaln, Bernie Cronin, Frank Cosgrove, Shay Clifford, Richie Harney, Ed O' Malley, Tony Delaney, John Holohan

Juvenile Games: Dean Alford, Aaron Douglas, Jessica O'Malley, Dawn O'Neill, Willie Kennedy, Alan Milton, Michelle Walsh, Muireann Ní Dhonnagáin, Ciara Devaney, Tom Curran, Mark Casey, Liam MacLaughlin Board Delegates & Juvenile Mentors.

Coaching and Development : Dave Whelan, Liam MacLaughlin, John Quinlan, Ciara Devaney, Greg Waters, Tom Curran, Marie Crotty and Paddy Morris

Social: Linda Halpin, Valerie Kelly, Phil O' Connor, Amy Clifford, Margaret Leddy, Laura Delaney Rachel Delaney, Caroline Tormey and Joanne Shiels

Lotto: John Ryan, Ray Verso, Gerry Banks, Gerry McCabe, John Whelan.

Remembrance: Tommy Keogh and Kitty Egan

- H. Board Delegates:** Dave McCabe
- F. Board Delegates:** Dave McCabe (CCC), Mark Hampson (CCC1) and Bernie MacLaughlin (CCC2),
- Ladies F. Board Del.** Dave Mc Cabe (Leinster Council Delegate)
- County Board Officials:** Bernie MacLaughlin – Chairperson Member of Bord na Nóg & County Youth Officer. Philip Carr - Juvenile Referees Tutor.
- Gym Working Group:** Barry Gavin, Liam MacLaughlin, Greg Waters, Brain McLaughlin, Sharon Jordan, Ken Byrne, Mick Hallows, Douglas Faughnan, Mick Broderick, Damien Murray
- GPO Steering:** Alan Milton, Sean McNamara, Catherine Moran, Liam Maclaughlin and Niall Cooper.



Towers Óg returned on August 29 after a prolonged down-period owing to the challenges around Covid-19. A decision was taken to allow schools to return and settle in first before committing to resuming with our Saturday morning sessions. Solace and learnings were also taken from the club's successful organisation of our underage activity and the GAA's staging of the Kellogg's Cúl Camps, an initiative we did not run this year owing to the timing of it and the challenges posed by the accompanying restrictions and regulations.

After careful planning we subscribed fully to the GAA guidelines and recommendations to allow for a safe and measured return for TowersÓg, the participating young players, parents, coaches and organisers. In a phased approach to the return, a special emphasis was placed on the 2013 born children given the need to form both boys and girls teams for next year at U8 level for football, hurling and camogie. These players returned in great numbers and the presence of a number of willing and eager parents saw two teams form in the weeks that followed.

Special outdoor on-site meetings were organised with Club GPO Shane Treanor and Coaching Officer Dave Whelan to advise on the practical steps that need to be put in place before these teams begin playing GoGames. They will graduate from TowersÓg in the coming weeks. After the successful return of the U7s, they were joined three weeks later by the U6s as the phased approach continued. The same principles of health and safety were fully adhered to and positive feedback from the parents informed our decision to make a full return with U4s and U5s on October 22 as the U7s moved to their own later slot.

A special word of thanks to Shane Treanor and Seán McNamara for their organisational and logistical skills in ensuring the new pod system worked and was fully equipped. A word of gratitude also to our young coaches who train our budding players, week-in, week-out.

Thanks also to Brian and Mary Douglas, Catherine Moran, Gemma Carr, Anita Barry, Dawn O'Neill, Dean Alford and Liam MacLaughlin, who have all helped to put a safe framework in place with particular reference to Covid 19 and the eLearning and Health Questionnaire requirements.

Thanks also to Betty Ward and Jessica O'Malley whose work in the shop during TowersÓg helps re-inforce the identity of the club with new parents and players and around the area in general.

Finally, despite this year's challenges – us not being able to move indoors or re-start Towers Le Chéile yet – TowersÓg continues to thrive. It is the fulcrum of our Roinn na nÓg, the launch pad for so many children to foster a life-long engagement with our club in a happy, healthy and safe environment with the games at the centre of everything.

We look forward to the ongoing support of our parents as the future of our Saturday morning sessions is very much dependent on volunteers stepping forward to train and engage with our youngest members.

Alan Mac Maoldúin
Roinn na nÓg

Juvenile Games

Juvenile Committee: Dean Alford, Aaron Douglas, Jessica O'Malley, Dawn O'Neill, Willie Kennedy, Alan Milton, Michelle Walsh, Muireann Ní Dhonnagáin, Ciara Devaney, Tom Curran, Mark Casey, Liam MacLaughlin

Unfortunately, 2020 was a very disrupted year for juvenile games across all codes. The bad weather at the start of the year saw very little competitive games played in February and March before the enforced break for Covid 19.

Across boys and girls games, we fielded 33 teams in camogie, football and hurling with over 700 juvenile players and over 120 juvenile mentors. In late summer some teams from U12 upwards had some competitive games at grading and championship levels. Unfortunately, some of these competitions did not get to conclude before a second Covid 19 enforced break.

Regarding Féile, there was no camogie competitions this year, and after some encouraging performances from our boys football and hurling teams and girls football teams, the competitions were stopped before the knock out stages could begin.

A lot of work was completed this year by our juvenile committee; a comprehensive update of our player age gradings to ensure each player played with their correct age group; almost full membership subscription for players and mentors; equipment distribution to teams; comprehensive scheduling of training slots and games across our various venues (over 70% of available slots allocated to juvenile games) and updating of coaching Garda vetting and safe guarding to ensure we are up to date with best practice.

A big thank you to all our mentors, helpers and juvenile committee members for their work throughout the year, but in particular to the three juvenile secretaries, Aaron Douglas, Dawn O'Neill and Jessica O'Malley for their exceptional work throughout the year and hopefully we will see a return to competitive games for all age groups at some point in 2021.

Coaching and Development

Dave Whelan

The Coaching and Development officer and committee was newly created in 2020 as part of the High-Performance Framework that had been completed in 2019. The objective was and remains to consolidate the coaching player development efforts across the club and whilst COVID limited the impact in 2020, the role of Coaching and Development Officer is now established with foundations set for additional work in 2021 thanks to the committee's efforts. Part of this work included completing a workshop for coaches with the objective of identifying the issues and concerns that coaches have regarding the development and coaching of their players. This feedback helped steer the work of the Coaching and Development committee and I would like to thank the committee members; Liam MacLaughlin, John Quinlan, Ciara Devaney, Greg Waters, Tom Curran, Marie Crotty and Paddy Morris for their work throughout the year. I would also like to thank our GPO Shane Treanor for the work completed in support of the committee including with the various workshops, Towers Óg, and the development of coaching lesson plans as a support document for coaches. It is envisaged that the Coaching and Development officer and GPO will work closely together in 2021.

GPO Activity

Schools:

The primary objective of the GPO activity in the various schools in Clondalkin is;

1. Promotion of Round Tower GAA Club
2. Recruitment of players through GAA activities in school
3. Implementation of GAA lessons promoting Round Tower GAA club
4. Leading and assisting afterschool GAA programmes through GAA based activities
5. Leading, delivering and promotion of GAA primary school blitz's

It remains the intention that each school will receive GPO assistance throughout the academic school year. Unfortunately, because of restrictions associated with COVID-19, classes in the various schools finished on 12 March and did not resume until 08 September 2020. The following schools were engaged by the GPO during 2020;

1. Gaelscoil Clondalkin
2. Gaelscoil Na CamÓige
3. Clonburris
4. Sruleen
5. Scoil Íde
6. Scoil Mhuire
7. St Josephs
8. Scoil Áine

The aim is to deliver a GAA programme for each class in every school with a programme for a particular class lasting between 4-6 weeks. The focus continues to be with Junior, Senior 1st

& 2nd class children. A number of after school initiatives were also planned for 2020 but unfortunately not all were able to proceed due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

1. Afterschool Gaelic Football Gaelscoil Clondalkin (Oct 2019-March 2020)
2. Hurling/Camogie school programme (Cancelled due to COVID)
3. 5th & 6th Girls school football blitz (Cancelled due to COVID)
4. 5th & 6th Boys school football blitz (Cancelled due to COVID)
5. Hurling school blitz (Cancelled due to COVID)
6. Camogie school blitz (Cancelled due to COVID)

Towers Og and Le Cheile:

Numbers have increased significantly this past 12 months. Monastery Rd attendance has been excellent with highest attendance 148 which included the U-7 team. The U-7 teams which were created this year include 28 boys and 6 coaches and 16 girls and 7 coaches. The GPO will continue to provide support as necessary to the teams throughout 2021 as they continue to establish themselves. Le Cheile has unfortunately remained cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions. It is hoped that this will return as soon as possible in 2021 pending COVID restrictions.

Coaching Education:

The purpose of Coaching education is for upskilling of coaches in the club to gain more knowledge and experience through structured certified practices. Whilst 2020 was a challenging year for all, the following coaching education was completed;

1. Award 1 Child Gaelic Football & Hurling (Jan-Feb 2020) – 17 coaches participated
2. Coach the Coaches – Online (June 2020) – 8 coaches participated
3. U-8 Girls Team Online Coaching (April/May/June 2020) 110 children participated
4. U-11 Girls Team Online Coaching (May/June 2020) 100 children participated
5. Towers Óg Online Coaching (April/May/June 2020) 240 children participated
6. Online Foundation Coaching Course (Oct/Nov 2020) 24 adults completed online part
7. Towers Óg Coaching Course (August 2020) 17 coaches participated
8. CCC1 Team training sessions x 8
9. Towers Óg planners
10. CCC1 Team planners
11. Camp planners

Unfortunately, it was intended to run a Foundation Coaching Course, a Safeguarding Coaching Course and an Award 1 Child throughout 2020 but all have been postponed due to COVID-19. The Easter Camp, Cúl Camp and the Club Summer Camp were all unfortunately also cancelled. It is hoped that these will be able to be organised in 2021.

I would like to thank Seán MacNamara, Catherine Moran, Liam MacLaughlin Alan Milton and Dave Whelan for their continued support around the work of the GPO.

Adult Games

In what was a very challenging year for everyone the adult players and management made the very best of the opportunities to train, play, represent and contribute to our Club. For their part, family, friends and supporters followed the teams with the usual gusto, in person where they could and online otherwise.

The leagues started full of hope and promise but were short lived with the first set of Covid restrictions hitting in March. The teams also had great plans to contribute to the Club more broadly, fundraise and improve facilities but again after a positive start these plans had to be put on hold.

The on-field highlight had to be our Camógs winning the championship. The pictures of the players bringing the Cup along to juvenile training sessions was a great lift in a tough year. The win will act as an inspiration toward the growth of our adult female teams, an important objective in the years ahead.

The two adult hurling teams had another very good year and were very competitive in their respective championships. The football Section fielded four teams and were competitive in each of their championships. Ably led by the management teams, the adult players progressed and developed over the year. In particular, they got great use of our new state of the art Gym early in the year. There's no doubt it will be an important part of player development in the years ahead.

The Adult Games Committee met regularly up to March and as necessary and appropriate thereafter. The work of the Committee began with a focus on management teams, panels, regrading etc. given that we were in the early part of the playing season. The focus was moving toward a broader set of objectives in line with the Club's longer-term strategy, however this work was curtailed by the emergency situation we all faced.

My role as adult Games Officer in 2020 involved a significant amount of liaison between the adult teams, the Adult Games Committee and the Club's other Executive Committee Members and Committees. Overall I felt that this worked well and the Adult teams had as good a season as we could have hoped for, in the circumstances, supported by the Clubs Executive and Adult Games Committee.

Looking forward to 2021, it is very positive that we have new managers in place for our 1st and 2nd football teams, with the appointments of Kevin Leahy and Mark Healy respectively. Management teams are in place, or the process is well advanced, in respect of all our adult teams. We welcome Kevin to the Club and wish him and all our adult management, mentors and players every success in the season ahead.

I would like to thank the management teams and players of all the adult teams for their efforts and work during the year. I would also like to thank the Clubs other Executive Committee members for all their support and advice over the course of my first year on the Committee. Finally, I would like to thank the Adult Games Committee for all their work throughout 2020.

Barry Quinlan
Adult Games Officer.

Oifigeach Gaeilge / Irish Officer **Sharon Nic Shiúrtáin / Sharon Jordan**

Níl mórán le rá faoi eachtraí Gaeilge 2020. Ní raibh mórán ar súil tar éis mí Márta. Bhí ceiliúradh againn do Seachtain na Gaeilge - oíche le cúpla focail agus ceol ó na Blahgards sa chlub. Tá súil agam go mbeadh rudaí eile ag tarlú i 2021. Má tá suim ó éinne bheith páirteach ar choiste Gaeilge, cuir glaoch ormsa.

There is, unfortunately, not much to say about our Irish events for 2020. There was nothing that could take place after the month of March. We had a celebration for Seachtain na Gaeilge - a night of 'cúpla focail' and music from the Blahgards in the club. I am hopeful for a positive start to 2021 with activities. If anyone has any interest in taking part and being involved in the Irish committee then please contact me.

Facilities **Facilities Committee:**

Members: Martin Ryan, Ed O Malley, Willie Kennedy, Tony Quinn, Dick Keane, Sean McNamara, Pat Lawless, Rory Dunne, Keith Graham, John McInerney, Frank Cosgrove, Frank Costello, Mark Taylor, and John McCormack.

Many thanks to the members above who keep our club facilities in working order and grounds in tip top condition. Maintaining our main pitch and Monastery Road in general in such pristine condition is a large undertaking requiring a lot of time throughout the year. Special mention has to be made to Dick Keane for his work with the TUS employees in keeping Monastery Road grounds in pristine condition.

In addition, this year Covid-19 presented additional challenges, which required the facilities committee to be ever reactive to an evolving situation to ensure a safe environment for both training and matches. It's great to see that training and when permitted matches continue without these new safety measures being excessively invasive.

The Monastery Road complex is now further complimented with our high performance gym which will continue to bear great benefit to all our teams and members going forward. We are currently in the process of securing a civilian contractor to operate the facility on a day to day basis with the priority being given to the strength and conditioning of our teams. Our longstanding club shop volunteers finally have a facility to compliment the professional service they provide at the entrance of the gym facility.

As our number of teams continue to expand it creates a welcomed problem of securing additional pitch capacity. An additional pitch has been secured in Corkagh Park with posts having recently been erected by SDCC. Additionally SDCC are in the process of developing

changing room facilities to compliment the playing pitches in Corkagh Park which we will have access further enhancing this location as a viable playing and training hub for the club.

The plans with regards to the joint all-weather pitch project at the new Irish school complex remain in place. Joint funding of €127,000 was secured in November 2019 from the Sports Capital Programme. Working with South Dublin County Council, Coláiste Chilliain, Gaelscoil Cluain Dolcáin and Gaelscoil na Camóige, this new all-weather playing surface will be developed as part of the new Irish language educational campus which will accommodate 1,500 students. It is proposed that the shared facility will be used by the schools during the day and by the club in the evenings and at weekends which is an innovative approach within the local community to maximize the use of playing facilities with the added benefit of promoting our club and games within the three schools of 1,500 students. The playing facility cannot proceed before the commencement of the school project itself which is due to commence now in Summer 2021 with the all-weather completed all going to plan in 2022.

Communications Officer Report

The Club and wider community owes a huge thank you to Dave Maguire and his volunteers who, under the Round Tower and GAA umbrella, linked in with South Dublin County Partnership to support people in the community who required help and support during Covid19. The initiative placed the club at the heart of supporting people in the community during a most difficult time, with 400 families supported. Dave's report on the initiative follows.

In March, the club organised a collection of toiletries to support frontline workers in Beaumont Hospital, which was very well received by these frontline heroes. With games and further activity suspended, social media channels brought Towers folk on a trip down memory lane with old match pictures. The Social Committee ran fun events to engage with children when celebrations were curtailed, with Halloween and Easter competition giveaways two examples of such, receiving huge levels of interest. And on a consistent basis we communicated with Members to inform of Covid19 GAA measures.

After games resumed, further restrictions left supporters unable to attend matches. Towers TV was established, which facilitated the live broadcasting of games via TowersTV YouTube channel. The channel proved a huge success, culminating this year with streaming of the Camogie Championship Final success in torrential conditions in Bohernbreena. Aaron Douglas took to the mic to describe the action, with plaudits coming from within the club and further up the road in St Anne's. Over 1,300 views were registered for the final and over 2,000 views were registered for the Intermediate Football Championship semi-final against Naomh Fionnbarra.

This year we signed up to the 20x20 Club Charter. The 20x20 initiative aims to positively increase the profile of women in sport specifically by increasing media coverage of women in sport, increased participation of women in sport and an increase in attendance at women's sporting events. Our club are proud participants in building on all the positive work that is happening in our GAA club for young girls and women.

We partnered with South Dublin County Council and Repak to undertake the Towers Goes Green initiative. It has proven an outstanding success, with hundreds of recyclable materials collected from the Clondalkin community on a weekly basis. Members and the broader Clondalkin community have really embraced it and we urge people to continue bringing their recyclables to Monastery Road every Wednesday evening (7 – 8pm). A contribution is made

towards the club for each bag that is collected so it is also proving an important fundraiser. Thanks to Linda Delaney who has led the initiative and to the volunteers who have supported the collection.

Within the short window pre-Covid, our most high-profile ambassador Jim Gavin was conferred with the Freedom of Dublin, with a large Towers delegation in attendance for the conferring ceremony. We proudly honoured Jim in our clubhouse at the end of last year, following his departure as a five-in-a-row winning Dublin Football manager.

The annual Eugene Garrigan Memorial Tournament was hosted in March, with the funds raised going towards the Gavin Glynn Foundation. Seachtain na Gaelige that same month saw Irish language officer Sharon Jordan host a series of events to promote our native language.

Thank you all who have supported in promoting the Club during the year. Towers TV was led by Ger Hickey and supported by Martin Corrigan, Aaron Douglas and Alan Milton. The latter was the driving force behind our trip down memory lane during Covid19. Aaron also provided match reports to inform absent supporters how matches fared and Caitriona McGrath and the irrepressible Tommy Keogh pictured the action for our website and social media channels. Aaron and Caitriona, coupled with Eoghan Hutchinson, fulfilled lead roles in managing our social media engagement and Dermot Milton has put hours into designing a member booklet that is close to finalisation. Thanks also to Linda Delaney and Social Committee Members for their initiative during Covid19 to engage online with our younger members.

Covid19 Volunteers Report by David Maguire

At the beginning of the Covid, through the GAA Assistance initiative, we put ourselves forward as a Club to assist our local community in any way possible. South Dublin County Partnership came forward and asked for our assistance. They had an issue where all community walk-in services had been closed down. One of the most urgent consequences of this was that the vulnerable in our community had nowhere to go to get access food and assistance.

In conjunction with the Partnership and local and national charities (St Vincent De Paul, Heads Up etc), we set up a system where the charities would report vulnerable cases to the Helpdesk, which in turn would be passed on to me. I had set up a group of volunteers from the club on a WhatsApp group and through this would communicate issues which needed to be addressed. The volunteer group consisted of 36 members. In particular there was a core group of 12/13 who did trojan work and made themselves available on a daily basis to help out. When cases arose, I would post them on the WhatsApp group and members would put themselves forward to help. Mostly these were circumstances of families with no money for food. I had set up accounts in two local SuperValu supermarkets and I would allocate a budget to our volunteer who would go to the supermarket, do a shop and deliver it to the family in need. Over the 10-week period of this initiative we helped over 400 families. We also teamed up with two local schools, Deansrath Community College and Greenhills Community College. On a weekly basis we would deliver approx 75 food parcels to the homes of students who had been identified by the schools. In total over the period we delivered over 800 food parcels.

From my end I would like to thank all the volunteers who were involved. Over the period which we assisted, we came across some very sad situations. When I look back now it is with a sense of pride, when asked our Club stood forward and provided the local community with

a service which was essential to the families involved and brought some little piece of comfort in a very stressful time.

Financial Position

Treasurer John Ryan will give a detailed analysis of this year's financial figures.

Covid obviously had a significant impact on the running of the club since mid March and this is reflected throughout the financial statements. The main points are:

- Despite the enforced closure, Bar net profit of €54k is comparable with €53k in 2019 because the gross profit lost from the €60k reduction in turnover was offset by savings in payroll costs;
- Other Income has reduced from €364k in 2019 to €160k as a result of:
 - €170k of Sports Capital Grants were received in 2019 in relation to the building of the gym. There was no comparable income in 2020;
 - Fundraising and Other Income decreased by €32k and was directly attributable to Covid as club activity ceased resulting in loss of revenue from such activities as summer camps, bingo, golf classics, Croke Park lunches, gate receipts etc. etc. One of the few positives was the recycling initiative led by Linda Delaney which has been a great success so congrats to her and the team involved;
 - Lotto income has fallen by €11k due to the loss of cash sales at retail outlets and bars. If every adult member purchased a single ticket per week would produce gross receipts of over €40k;
 - Memberships have increased by €11k, primarily as a result of players' subscriptions for gym fees
- Overhead Expenditure rose marginally from €289k to €294k. Tight cost controls were maintained throughout the year and savings made due to reduced activity in areas such as Coaching and Games (down €16k) were offset by the following main factors:
 - The depreciation charge rose €22k due to the new gym;
 - The additional running costs of operating the gym in terms of security, cleaning, light and heat etc;
 - The cost directly attributable to Covid such as sanitary items, signage, safety barriers etc.
- There was a deficit for the year of Income & Expenditure of €80k but this was after non-cash depreciation charges of €84k. Total Accumulated Surpluses at year end were almost €2.1m and Net Assets were €9m. Cash balances at the year end were €16k, down from €19k in 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and in particular McElroy's Funeral Directors for their continued support.

Lotto Committee

Members: John Ryan, Ray Verso, Gerry Banks, Gerry McCabe, John Whelan,

Due to the imposition of Covid restrictions in March, the club lotto, as we knew it, was postponed. All those members who subscribed by standing order have had their monies refunded. The lotto committee have retained all tickets purchased for the 16th March draw along with those purchased by standing order and on-line. The executive committee in conjunction with the lotto committee will decide in 2021 on the best solution to finalising this particular lotto draw.

The Mill shopping centre, local pubs and hotels and in particular our own Clubhouse are our main outlets for selling tickets. From March these outlets were not available resulting in a substantial reduction in club revenue. With this in mind, the option of an on-line lotto was investigated and through CLUBFORCE it was launched in early June with 3 tickets for 5 euro and with a starting jackpot of 1,000 euro and 3 lucky dips of 25 euro. This has proven to be very successful with at present over 400 entries per week. It is very well supported by our newer members and parents of our under age players, though there is a sizeable number of longstanding members who have yet to sign up. A downside to our on line facility is that many members who are not familiar with or do not have access to internet are unable to play. If any existing player is aware of anyone in this position, they can purchase on line for them as a “friend”.

The committee would like to thank all those that have supported the lotto down through the years and continue to do so. It is the view of the lotto committee that this new lotto is the way forward and should remain in place

We would like to thank our sponsor BRIAN MCELROY FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Membership

2020 is the first year under our revised executive structures where the function of Registrar has been carried out on its own. Having served as Secretary myself, I know first-hand how busy that role is and anything that can take some administration burden from there is welcome. In what has been a challenging year for all, membership in fact increased from 2019 marginally and the support of our members in this regard is greatly appreciated. Figure 1 below illustrates the growth in online membership registration, it should be noted however that 2018 was the first year where we insisted on online membership except in particular circumstances. Having all of our membership online allows us to quickly send registration information on demand to our team mentors, our Secretariat to ensure compliance, register members with Croke Park before March 30th each year in order that they can vote at our AGM and be eligible for roles at a county or central council level and in general allow us deliver a far more efficient administration function.

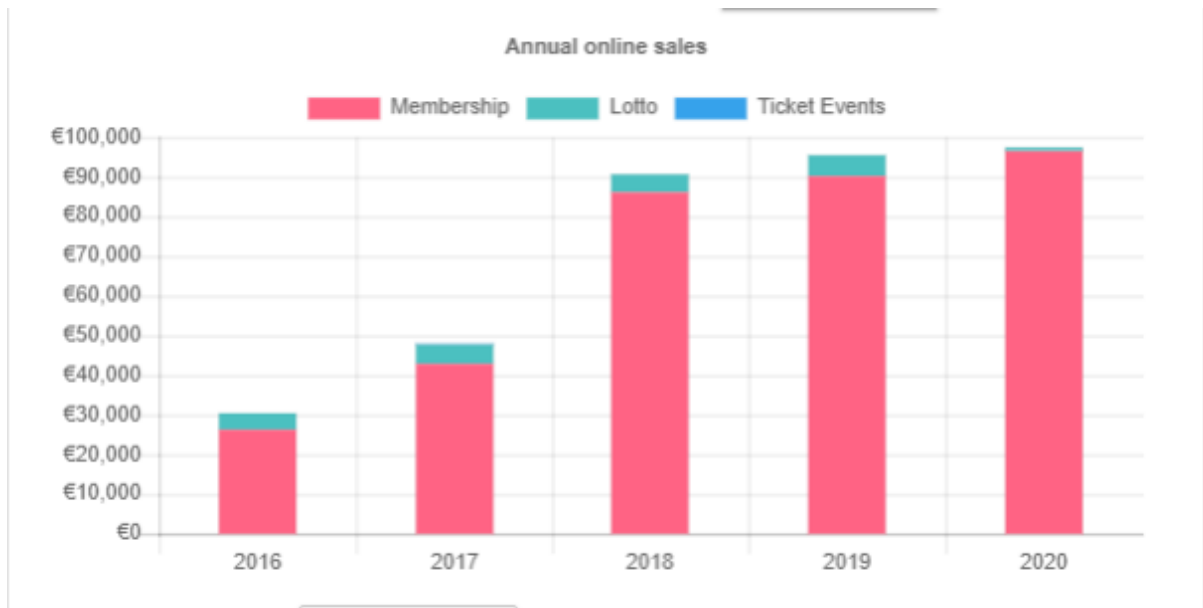


Figure 1: Online Membership growth from 2016-2020

The gender split in our club is 57% male and 43% female, I would expect this gap to be narrowed as our Ladies sections continue to grow.

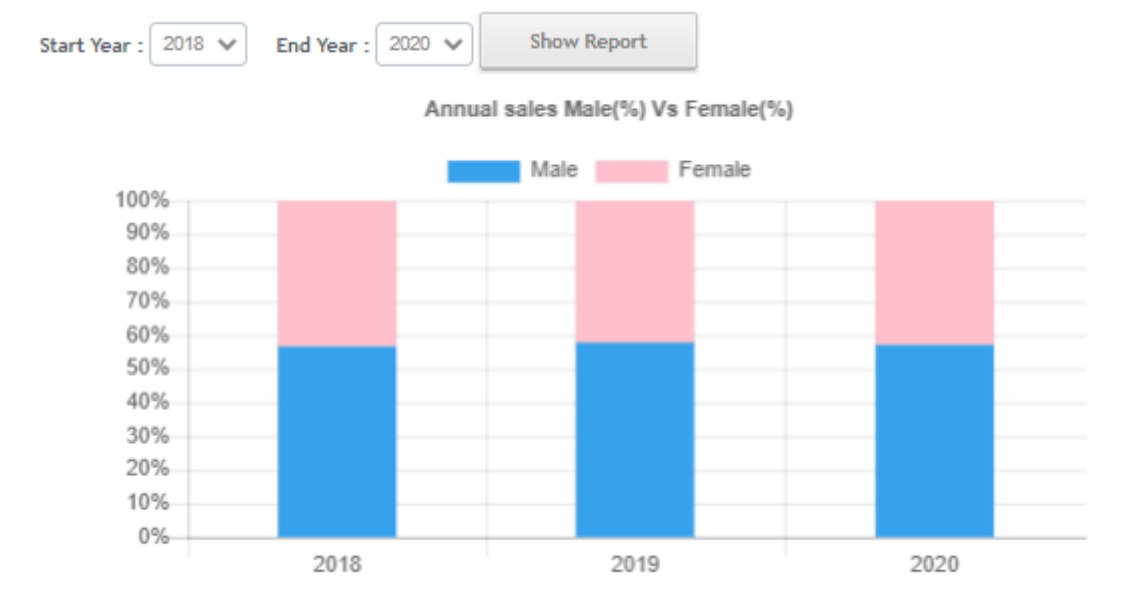


Figure 2: Membership gender split

In summary, adult membership for 2020 stands at nearly 500 members which is the highest total ever. Our family membership is proving ever popular and the staggered payment option is one availed of frequently.

Fundraising:

While all our fundraising efforts were curtailed in 2020 we would like to extend our thanks to all who assisted and indeed those who support the events by buying tickets and bringing along their recycling. I hope that in line with our commitment under the High Performance Framework that a Fundraising Committee will be established in 2021. .

Remembrance / Na Mairbh

To all club members and families who lost loved ones during the year the club extends its deepest sympathies and prayers. A special thanks to Tommy Keogh and Kitty Egan for their continued diligence in acknowledging bereavements on behalf of the club.
Ar Dheis Dé go raibh anamacha ár mbaill go leir a déag i rith na mbliana.

Go Green with Towers!

Round Tower GAA Club were one of six clubs selected to take part in a Pilot Scheme run by SDCC and Repak. This scheme is to encourage and bring environmental awareness to members and supporters of Round Tower GAA Club to recycle their cans & plastic bottles. In doing so, for every bag filled, the club will receive €5. To date Round Towers have raised close to €10k through this initiative. Special mention to Seán McNamara and Brendan Cronin for their efforts on this scheme. Please continue to collect and drop off Plastic bottles and Aluminium Cans.

Social Committee:

Members: Linda Halpin, Valerie Kelly, Phil O Connor, Amy Clifford,
Margaret Leddy, Laura Delaney, Rachel Delaney, Caroline Tormey and Joanne Shiels

- Events 2019/2020
- Christmas Events 2019:
 - On Stephen's Night 2019: Jack Whelan and friends entertained.
A very successful event and well supported
 - Christmas Afternoon Tea Dance: Enjoyable afternoon, Committee provided tea/coffee and light refreshments. Music hosted by Billy Joyce
 - New Year's Eve: Early evening event – 7-9pm. Great evening of entertainment – Elvis impersonator

- Monthly juvenile discos were going well. A big thanks to Robbie Moore for being DJ and a big thanks to all our teenage helpers who help on the night. We could not have run the Disco's without them.
- Our Line Dancing. A big thank you to Francene who co-ordinates this group every Thursday evening.
- St Patrick's Day – Event **Cancelled**
- Mother's Day: Abba tribute band. **Cancelled**

As we had a number of events cancelled – we arranged to have a few online events.

- St Patrick's Day Our juvenile members sent in photos and pictures of St Patrick
- Easter Hunt – juvenile members sent in photos of their front windows which were decorated for Easter .

We had a great online response and a number of hampers were delivered to the winning entries.

Unfortunately, due to Covid19 our entertainment came to a halt.

- A big thank you to:
 - our extensive sub-committee who provide continuous help when called upon
 - Annette, Anita, Aoife, Betty, Carol, Catharine, Ciara, Eoghan, Jack, Jessica, John, Laura, Lorraine, Molly, Niamh, Nuala, Rachel,
 - the Executive Committee who support us throughout the year

As a Committee we look forward to the future. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will be back hosting new events to suit all ages throughout our Club. We hope and look forward to seeing everyone back in the Club in 2021.

Gym Working Group:

Members: Barry Gavin (Chair), Liam MacLaughlin, Mick Hallows, Sharon Jordan, Greg Waters, Brian Mac Laughlin, Ken Byrne, Damien Murray, Douglas Faughnan & Michael Broderick.

Due to the impact of the Covid crisis, GNS withdrew from the operation of the Gym in Monastery Road. The Gym working group was asked to identify a replacement to deliver the Long Term Athletic Development Program (LTAD) for the club. The group's recommendation is that the optimum solution for the club is to engage a full time resource to lead and deliver the LTAD for the club's playing members.

The executive has agreed in principle to this proposal, subject to a funding solution being put in place. The working group is currently working on

- the identification of a funding plan that will cover this cost and
- a proposed structure to deliver that LTAD programme.

Bar Staff

Obviously, our bar has been closed for the majority of 2020. I would like to thank Jimmy Lee, Aoife O Connor, Dick Keane and staff for their efforts throughout the year. Special thanks also to Frank Sherwin who is a constant support to the staff. Thanks to Shay Clifford who looks after the smart card system and programmes our tills when needed.

Club Shop

The relocation of the shop to a custom fit location within our new premises on Monastery Road has been a great success despite the Covid closures and restrictions. We thank O Neills for their assistance in fitting out the shop.

A big thank you to Betty Ward, Catherine Moran, Anita Barry and Jessica O'Malley who continue to stock the shop and provide members with an outlet from which to buy club merchandise. I would urge our members to use the club shop for their training, match day and supporter clothing and equipment needs.

Conclusion

I would like to acknowledge all my executive colleagues and thank them for their time and efforts throughout a difficult year.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to all members who lost a loved one during the year. I again wish to thank the wider membership for its support over the past year and I would kindly ask that you afford the incoming executive the same continued support and goodwill. I would urge all members, particularly female members, to consider volunteering for a role on the executive or any of the other committees in the club.

Looking forward to 2021 and beyond, Round Tower GAA Club is committed to implementing a High Performance Framework based on four core values; Respect, Excellence, Integrity and One Club One Identity. I look forward to this next chapter in the rich history of Round Tower GAA Club and I urge every member to get fully behind all associated initiatives.

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Padraig MacCarthy
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04 Mí Na Nollag 2020