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The Ballymacelligott GAA AGM is to take place on **Sunday 25th November at 2.00pm** at The Ballymacelligott GAA Club Grounds.

**Agenda**

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Chairman's Address

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**Nominations:**

John Rice has been nominated as Vice Chairman of Ballymacelligott GAA Club

There is no nomination for Treasurer as we go to print.

Mike Sweeney has been nominated as Assistant Treasurer of Ballymacelligott GAA Club

Tom Herlihy has been nominated as County Board Delegate for Ballymacelligott GAA Club

**Rúin/Motion**

1. That this meeting consider naming Ballymacelligott GAA clubs main playing pitch "Jerome McEllistrim Park". John De Lacy

2. In order to promote and grow Scór participation in the club for the coming year : that Adults who participate in Scór only pay a membership fee of €20.00 and children that participate in Scór only pay a membership fee of €10.00. This membership to be reviewed at the end of the 2019. Maureen O'Shea

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Máirín Ní Shéaghdha

Runaí

Baile Mhic Ealagóid CLG



**BALLYMACELLIGOTT GAA CLUB NOTICE OF AGM 2018**

Ballydwyer,  
Ballymacelligott,  
Tralee,  
Co. Kerry  
4th November 2018.

Dear Member,

The AGM of Ballymacelligott GAA club will take place on Sunday 25th November 2018 at 2.00pm at Ballymacelligott GAA Club Meeting rooms.

The Outgoing Officers for 2018 are as follows:

**Cathaoirleach:** Diarmuid Ó Loínsigh

**Leas Cathaoirleach:** Tony Silles (Not going forward)

**Runaí:** Máirín Ní Shéaghdha

**Leas Runaí:** Dave Slattery

**Cisteoir:** Mike Sweeney (**3 year term served**)

**Leas Chisteoir:** Katie Leen (**Not going forward**)

**Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí/PRO:** Noelle O'Brien.

**Cláráitheoir/Registrar:** Mike Brosnan

**Oifigeach Oiliúna/Coaching Officer :** Roland Rogers

**County Board Delegate** Stephen O'Brien : (**3 year term served**)

**Toscairí Coiste Trá Lí/Tralee Board Delegates:** John De Lacy

**Toscaire Coiste Naomh Bhreandánaigh/St. Brendans Board Delegate:** Lee Moriarty

**Oifigeach Leanaí/Childrens Officer :** Joanne Long

**Oifigeach Cultúra/Scór Officer:** Josephine Fearnas.

**Toscairí Naomh Chiaráin/St. Kierans Delegates:** TJ Casey & Jer Lynch.

**Ballymacelligott GAA Executive Committee**

Kieran Savage, Tom Herlihy, Fionnán Fitzgerald, Bernard Cassidy, Helen Leen, Oonagh O'Rahilly, Pádraig Laide, Kevin Leen, Bridget Leen, Anthony Curran, Ger Collins, James Godley, Dave Slattery, Donal Rahilly, Trish Horan, Brendan Falvey Jr,

**The following dates apply:**

Nominations & Motions – Returned to the Club Secretary not later than **10.00pm Friday 16th November**

All those nominated will have until **10.00pm Monday November 18th** to confirm if they wish to contest positions

All nominations & motions must be returned by email or post using the details provided in the two attachments.

Le Gach Dea-Ghuí,

*Máirín Ní Shéaghdha*

Runaí

eamil: [secretary.ballymacelligott.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.ballymacelligott.kerry@gaa.ie)

**Pátrún/Patron** Most Rev. Dermot Clifford D.D.

**Uachtarán/President** Tom Leen

**Leas Uachtaráin/Vice Presidents** Fr. John Laide, Fr. Anthony O'Sullivan, Fr. Pat O'Donnell, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Savage.

## **Minutes of Ballymacelligott AGM held on 30th November at 7.30pm in Ballymacelligott GAA Club rooms.**

**Attendance:** Jer Lynch, Linda Gleeson, John De Lacy, Joanne Long, Katie Leen, Mike Sweeney, Johnny Breen, Tony Siles, Roland Rodgers, Pádraig Laide, Mike Brosnan, James Godley, Declan O'Connell, Ger Collins, Tom Herlihy, John Rice, Dave Slattery & Denis O'Connor, Stephen O'Brien, Kieran Savage and Fionnán Fitzgerald.

**Apologies** from Donal Rahilly.

Jer Lynch Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual AGM and asked everyone to stand for a Minutes silence to remember all our past members and players who had deceased since last year's AGM.

### **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the 2016 AGM were proposed by James Godley and seconded by John De Lacy.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was proposed by Roland Rogers and seconded by Declan O'Connell. There were no matters arising from Secretaries report.

### **Treasurers Report**

Mike Sweeney gave a full and thorough break down on the Financial Statement for the year. The Treasurers report was proposed by Pádraig Laide and seconded by Johnny Breen.

### **Chairman's Address**

Jer Lynch welcomes everyone to the meeting and said he was happy to see such a good turn out at the meeting.

He thanked the following for their work during the year:

David Long & The Field Committee

Katie Leen & everyone on the Lotto Committee. He congratulated Alan Freeman & Pádraig McDonnell on their lotto wins.

First Aid Committee, Coaching Committee, Fundraising Groups: Golf Classic. Strictly and the clothes collection.

He Congratulated The Ladies Club and Board for their work and achievements all year and thanked and Josephine Fearn for her work at promoting Scór.

He thanked John Rice and Dave Slattery for all the work they did for the past 3 years at Coiste na nÓg. He said the work they put in was unbelievable and had to be admired. He questioned the loss of all our Coiste na nÓg board on one year. He believed it was not wise and needed to be looked at.

He thanked Paud O'Donoghue and his selectors Tom Shea, Denis O'Connor and Sean Brosnan for the the work they did with Senior Squad in 2018. He said the testament to their hard work was being promoted two years in a row and he thanked the senior players for the enjoyment and commitment they have given the club over the past year.

He thanked the minor team and Management Mike Sweeney, Willie Costello and Aidan O'Connor and all the players for their commitment all year. He said they were unlucky at crucial times during the year.

He thanked Tom Shea and Mike Sweeney and all the players who played with the junior team all year. He especially thanked Mike Sweeney for his work as Minor and Junior Selector as well as being Treasurer of the club. He wished Mike a very happy retirement after his 36 years as teacher and Principal of O'Brennan School and thanked him for the promotion of the GAA in the school in that time

He Thanked Fionnán Fitzgerald for all his work as Runaí and Assistant Secretary over the past four years and wished him every success as a County Committee Officer.

He thanked all the officers on the club board for their help and all the hard work they put in over the past year. He extended this thanks to everyone who helped out all year in any way.

He ended by extending his deepest Sympathy to all who lost loved ones over the past year and wished anyone who was sick in the club and in the Parish a speedy recover.

### **Vice President Nomination**

Tom Herlihy was proposed as position of Vice President by Ger Collins and seconded by Stephen O'Brien.

## **Minutes of Ballymacelligott AGM held on 30th November at 7.30pm in Ballymacelligott GAA Club rooms.**

### **Election of Officers**

The following officers were proposed by John De Lacy for 2018 and seconded by Fionnán Fitzgerald:

Chairman: Jer Lynch

Vice Chairman: Tony Silles

Runáí Maureen O'Shea

Assistant Secretary: Dave Slattery

Treasurer: Mike Sweeney

Assistant Treasurer: Katie Leen

Coaching Officer: Roland Rodgers

Scór Officer: Josephine Fearn.

County Board Delegate: Stephen O'Brien.

Tralee Board Delegate: John De Lacy.

St Kieran's Board Delegate: TJ Casey.

PRO: Noelle O'Brien.

Registrar: Mike Brosnan

Data Protection Officer: Dave Slattery

### **The following motions were passed at the meeting:**

1. That all Club Bye Laws, Rules and Policies be printed each year after AGM and posted on the Club meeting room.

Proposed by Maureen O'Shea and seconded by John Rice

2. That the Club Constitution be printed and posted on the Club Meeting Room after AGM and/or each time it is updated.

Proposed by Maureen O'Shea and seconded by Dave Slattery

3. That the club executive organise a meeting at the beginning of the playing year with all parents of underage children to raise awareness of club rules and policies and child welfare policy.

Proposed by Maureen O'Shea and seconded by Declan O'Connell.

4. Sub Committees of the Club get their authority from the Executive of the club. They are constituted by the executive and not independent of the executive. Any matter before a sub committee, following deliberation must be reported on to the executive committee with or without recommendation where all decisions will be taken.

Proposed by Maureen O'Shea and seconded by John De Lacy.

5. That Registration in Ballymac GAA Club comply with the Data Protection National policy for 2018. Only members of Ballymac GAA club can be registered as members and all registration forms must be completed for all full, family and associate members.

Proposed by Maureen O'Shea and seconded by Fionnán Fitzgerald.

6. That all official correspondence from Club Officers on behalf of the club be cc (copied) to the Club Chairman and Secretary in all instances.

Proposed by Maureen O'Shea and seconded by Mike Brosnan.

7. The following motions was withdrawn by Maureen O'Shea and not put forward: That Associate Membership of the Club be €10.00 Euros {excludes the right to vote or ballot at an AGM & excludes the right to apply to enter a draw for tickets to games the club may receive}

### **Any Other Business**

Denis O'Connor on behalf of the Senior Players and Management thanked the club and everyone involved in the executive for the great support they got all year.

Fionnán Fitzgerald thanked everyone involved in the club for the support he has always got and said he will not be too far away if we need any help in the year ahead.

Padráig Laide on behalf of the players thanked the Senior Manager Paud O'Donoghue and his selectors for their work and commitment all year to the senior team.

At the close of the meeting the Chairman reminded everyone that we have a Pub Quiz in The Half way Bar on 15th December and Strictly Love Dancing on the 3rd February in Ballygarry House Hotel.

The meeting then ended.



# CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

## Baile Mhic Ealagóid

### Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana

De Domhnaigh 25ú Lá Mí na Samhna 2018 @ 2.00Pm

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#### Ballymacelligott GAA Officers 2018

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**Uachtarán/President:** Tom Leen

**Leas Uachtaráin/Vice Presidents:** Fr. John Laide, Fr. Anthony O'Sullivan, Fr. Pat O'Donnell, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Savage, Tom Herlihy.

**Cathaoirleach/Chairperson:** Diarmaid Ó Loínsigh (Two years of a three year term served)

**Leas Cathaoirleach/Vice Chairperson:** Tony Silles Not going forward.

**Runaí/Secretary:** Máirín Ní Shéaghda (Two years of a three year term served)

**Leas Runaí/Asst. Secretary:** Dave Slattery (One years of a three year term served)

**Cisteoir/Treasurer:** Mike Sweeney (Three year of a three year term served)

**Leas-Cisteóir/Asst. Treasurer:** Katie Leen Not going forward.

**Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:** PRO Noelle O'Brien (Two years of a three year term served)

**Oifigeach Oiliúna/Coaching Officer:** Kieran Savage (One year of a three year term served)

**County Board Delegate:** (Three year of a three year term served)

**Toscairí Coiste Trá Lí/Tralee Board Delegates:** John Rice & John De Lacy (Three year of a three year term served)

**Toscaire Coiste Naomh Bhreandánaigh/St. Brendans Board Delegate:** Lee Moriarty (One year of a three year term served)

**Oifigeach Leanaí/Childrens Officer:** Joanne Long Nominated by Executive.

**Cláraitheoir/Registrar:** Michael Brosnan (Two years of a three year term served)

**Oifigeach Cultúra/Scór Officer:** Josephine Fearn (Two years of a three year term served)

**Toscairí Naomh Chiaráin/St. Kierans Delegates:** TJ Casey (Two years of a three year term served)

**Ballymacelligott GAA Executive Committee 2017:**

Tom Herlihy, Bernard Cassidy, Helen Leen, Oonagh O'Rahilly, Pádraig Laide, Kevin Leen, Bridget Leen, Anthony Curran, Ger Collins, James Godley, Dave Slattery, Donal Rahilly.

## **Tuarascáil An Runaí 2017.**

Tá fáilte roimh go leir anseo inniu. Is é seo thíos mo chur síos ar príomh imeachtaí Cumann Lúthchleas Gael i mBaile Mhic Ealagóid i rith na bliana 2018. This is a summary of the main activities in the club all year.

2018 like any other year was a busy one for the club. To detail everything is impossible and suffice to say that to achieve what we did this year in Money Management & Budgeting, Fundraising, Coaching & Games, Pitch Maintenance, Scór and administration is testament to the Ballymacelligott GAA Community Spirit and its hard working members. It takes massive commitment from a big group of people to run a club. We are grateful for all the support we get from within our Club, our Parish and the wider Community. We are very aware that many within the club shoulder a big burden of work and we need to look at this going forward. Life and work has changed considerably over the past ten years. In order to survive well we need to note this and work harder at distributing more evenly the work involved in the club.

On a personal note I wish to thank everyone involved in the club for their support during the year. I was not in a position to do everything I had wished to do in 2018 and wish to thank you all for your understanding. I especially wish to thank Jer Lynch, Dave Slattery, Fionnán Fitzgerald, Sheila Ann O'Rahilly and Mike Sweeney for their invaluable backup this year.

We are a vibrant and living club and our club involvement gives great joy and satisfaction to us all - players, administrators, fundraisers, Scór participants, and supporters. The energy, enthusiasm and volunteer ethos in the club is something to be very grateful for. Míle Buíochas do gach duine.

### **Senior Team**

Our Senior Team had a rough start to 2018 and managed it all very well. A Manager was appointed late in 2017, he left and they were wonderful in their approach until Frank O'Rahilly agreed to Manage the team. Frank and his two selectors Denis O'Connor and Tom O'Shea stuck to their task from day one and made following the senior team a joy all year.

All one can ask is that everyone makes an effort and our Senior team and Management gave 100% plus at every game.

### **Junior Premier Club Championship**

#### **Co Junior Premier Football Championship Group 4**

The County Club Championships were run on new format in 2018. We lost one game, won one and the last game V Na Gaeil was a draw. This last game saw some fine performances from our team and they fought hard right throughout the game. Not to qualify for the semi-finals was disappointing, however the plus for us was that our team played every game with great heart and improved right through the competition. They were a credit to the club right throughout the competition.

#### **1 - 01-04-2018 (Sun)**

Ballymacelligott 0-8 V Finuge 1-7

#### **2 - 07-04-2018 (Sat)**

Ballymacelligott 1-17 V Listowel Emmets 3-7

#### **3 - 14-04-2018 (Sat)**

Na Gaeil 0-13 V Ballymacelligott 1-10

### **County Senior Football League**

The Senior Football League Format changed this year and was compact and with a lot of games played together which suited our team. All the games were exciting however the game V Na Gaeil was a highlight for everyone. it was a spirited display from the players and lifted all our hearts. To remain in Division 2 for

2018 was the target and thanks to the hard work from everyone involved in Management and players we succeed. This was a great achievement and something to be very proud of.

## **Senior Football League Div 2**

### **Round 1 - 11-03-2018 (Sun)**

Ballymacelligott 0-12 V Kenmare 2-7

### **Round 2 - 25-03-2018 (Sun)**

Ballymacelligott 1-16 V Milltown 2-13

### **Round 3 - 22-04-2018 (Sun)**

Austin Stacks 2-14 V Ballymacelligott 2-9

### **Round 4 - 12-05-2018 (Sat)**

Ballymacelligott 3-14 V Listowel Emmets 1-11

### **Round 5 - 26-05-2018 (Sat)**

Ballymacelligott 3-9 V Glenflesk 1-15

### **Round 6 - 10-06-2018 (Sun)**

Na Gaeil 2-13 V Ballymacelligott 3-10

### **Round 7 - 16-06-2018 (Sat)**

Dromid Pearses 1-14 V Ballymacelligott 0-12

### **Round 8 - 01-07-2018 (Sun)**

Castleisland Desmonds 2-13 V Ballymacelligott 3-12

### **Round 9 - 13-07-2018 (Fri)**

Ballymacelligott 3-14 V Ardfert 0-8

### **Round 10 - 28-07-2018 (Sat)**

Kilcummin 1-17 V Ballymacelligott 1-10

### **Round 11 - 19-08-2018 (Sun)**

Ballymacelligott 1-13 V Currow 0-15

Our Senior Team also took part in the Tralee Board League & Championship. We lost to Austin Stacks in the Semi Final of Town Board Championship. We also took part in the St Brendan's League.

Some of our players sustained tough injuries to recover from during the year. Being injured and not able to play games is a very tough place for any injured player especially young players. We wish them all speedy recoveries and thank their families for the support given to them and the club during this time. All our supporters appreciated the very generous provision of tea and sandwiches from the Senior Team and Management at the last day of The County League.

## **Thanks to Senior Management**

We wish to thank Frank O'Rahilly and his mentors Denis O'Connor and Tom O'Shea for their unbelievable commitment all year. Training a team goes far and beyond the training pitch twice a week and the weekly games. It involves player welfare and player management and this eats up many precious hours of the mentors free time every week. We wish to sincerely thank them for their time and commitment. Thanks to Frank for taking on a tough job at the last minute, committing to it all year and reaping the results at year end. To Tom O'Shea who once again never waivered in his commitment tot he senior team even though his

son captained the Kerry Minor team to All Ireland success during the summer. Congratulations to Paul and Tom on this massive achievement.

I also wish to especially acknowledge Denis O'Connor today as he is stepping down as a senior selector. Dennis not only gave 110% to the senior team over the past few years-he has been involved in various teams and other activities over the years. He is always positive and always gives constructive feedback. He has lead the way with his own commitment to the club for over 20 years. Our sincere thanks Denis and we hope you will still be around to guide and help us going forward.

### **Minor Team:**

In the overall story of the GAA and playing football Minor Football must be the hardest years. Its a tough year for Minor players with Leaving Cert for some and others acclimatising to College or work.

Unfortunately the Minor football years coincides with a of a lot of life changes in a persons life and we are grateful to the Minor players who committed themselves to our club all year. The unfortunate part of this story is that these players do not have enough games in the year.

The County Minor Football League and Central League were the main competitions this year. We did not get a game in the Central league as we had players on the U16 squad and on the Parnell's Minor Hurling team. Those two competitions clashed with the Central Minor League and we could not field teams on the designated nights. It was the most disappointing part of the year as The Central Region competition was really competitive and would have been really good for our players. It was unfair to all our Minor players to clash with A County Board Hurling Competition that they had no control over.

### **Minor Football League Div 3B**

#### **Round 1 - 17-02-2018 (Sat)**

Glenflesk 3-16 V Ballymacelligott 0-9

#### **Round 4 - 19-03-2018 (Mon)**

Gneeveguilla 1-13 V Ballymacelligott 2-7

#### **Round 3 - 05-04-2018 (Thu)**

Fossa 5-11 V Ballymacelligott 0-5

#### **Round 5 - 13-04-2018 (Fri)**

Ballymacelligott 1-7 V Ardfert 2-11

#### **Round 2 - 20-04-2018 (Fri)**

Ballymacelligott Conceded V Glenbeigh W/0

### **Tralee Board League**

We did not get to the knockout stages of the Tralee Board Minor League.

### **Minor Selectors**

The club wishes to express its sincere thanks to Mike Sweeney, Willie Costello and Aidan O'Connor for the time and effort and fantastic interest and commitment given to our Minor Squad all year. It took a lot of effort and determination to keep the squad training and playing games all year.

### **Junior Team:**

Our Junior Team under the Management of Mike Sweeney, Sean Brosnan, Tony Silles and Tom Shea took

part in three competitions all year. It helped with the organisation of the Junior County League that games were fixed for weeks that the SFL was not played. It worked well for our club. Saying that it took all the diplomacy and organisational skills of our Management team to ensure we fulfilled our fixtures. They did an excellent job all year and our players excelled in winning the Junior Football League Group 7. It was a tremendous end to the Junior League.

### **Junior Football League Group 7: 2018**

#### **Round 2 - 01-06-2018 (Fri)**

Brosna 1-6 V Ballymacelligott 3-10

#### **Round 3 - 08-06-2018 (Fri)**

Ballymacelligott V BYE

#### **Round 4 - 22-06-2018 (Fri)**

Ballymacelligott 4-17 V Scartaglin 0-10

#### **Round 5 - 06-07-2018 (Fri)**

Ballymacelligott 3-20 V St Senan's 4-5

#### **Round 1 - 08-07-2018 (Sun)**

Churchill 1-7 V Ballymacelligott 2-17

#### **Final - 03-08-2018 (Fri)**

Ballymacelligott 1-13 V Churchill 0-9

### **Barrett Cup**

We also progressed to the Quarter final of the Barrett Cup. It was unfortunate that we were unable to full fill this fixture due to not having enough numbers. For the past two years our Junior team numbers are tight and we need to look at these competitions going forward.

### **Barrett Cup**

#### **Round 1 - 24-08-2018 (Fri)**

Ballymacelligott (B Team) W/O V An Ghaeltacht (B Team) Conceded

#### **Round 2 - 31-08-2018 (Fri)**

Listry (B Team) 0-12 V Ballymacelligott (B Team) 3-13

#### **Qtr Final - 16-09-2018 (Sun)**

Ballymacelligott (B Team) Conceded V Duagh (B Team) W/O

### **Tralee Board Junior League**

The Tralee Junior League did not work out so well for our team as a lot of the games were clashing with County games and we were unable to fulfil all the fixtures.

### **St Kieran's**

I would like to congratulate all our players who represented St. Kieran's at all levels in 2017. Included in the St Kieran's Senior squad were: Aidan Breen, Cian Counihan, Vincent Horan & Michéal Reidy. The U21 squad included: Michéal Reidy, Brian Lonergan, David Long, Tadhg Brick, Cathal Dunne, Josh O'Keeffe, Darragh Regan & Daire Keane. The St Kieran's Squad included: Tadhg Brick, Daire Keane, Josh O'Keeffe and Cathal Dunne.

## **Club Pitches**

Our Both our main and training pitch were well used all year. One has to only look at the booking calendar all year to realise that we utilise both pitches to full capacity. The work organised and done on the training pitch car park by the field committee has made a big difference to those attending training and matches. The training pitch is a credit to the club and with repayments up to date on the loan it is a great asset to have in our club. With poor weather conditions we encountered problems with both pitches earlier in the year and thankfully we got over it .

A big thanks to our Field Committee: Jer Lynch, Tony Silles, Kieran Savage, and Pádraig Laide and their team of workers who work really hard all year to maintain the pitches and keep them in good working order. The amount of work involved here cannot be underestimated. We have to have playable pitches to have games in our club and it is thanks to the pitch maintenance crew that we have pitches in such good shape and ready to roll for all the games involved all year.

## **Children's Officer.**

Joanne Long our Children's Officer works tirelessly on behalf of the club. As I said last year one would travel far to find a more dedicated and hard working officer. She has organised Garda Vetting for all our club coaches, mentors and administrators. She keeps Child Welfare at the top of every club meeting. In November Joanne organised a Child Welfare & Protection Course for the club. This was fully subscribed and was a testament to Joanne's organisational skills. We are lucky and grateful to have such a dedicated Children's officer in our club.

## ***Report from Children's Officer – Joanne Long***

Firstly let me thank everyone who has given so much of their time to our club

It is a statutory duty on the GAA to ensure that all persons who work on our behalf and undertake 'relevant work' with children and vulnerable persons are vetted prior to taking up that role. All applications for Garda Vetting for all codes are now on line, under E - Vetting. All applicants are obliged to renew every 5 years.

The steps to e-vetting are

- Go to [kerrygaa.ie](http://kerrygaa.ie)
- Into club zone
- Into garda vetting
- E-vetting fill out form and submit
- You will then receive another email to finish the process

## **We are asking everyone that has been paper vetted to now be e-vetted**

For all club/district coaches, team mentors of under 18 year olds

I need

- Vetting clearance letter (copy)
- Signed code of behaviour
- Certificate Attendance child first workshop (copy)
- Confirmation of attendance Gaa foundation coaching course

## **Future plans**

- Ensure that all club coaches are compliant with regards to the garda vetting process.
- To schedule a Gaelic Games Child Safeguarding workshop for new coaches.
- To plan 'give respect, get respect' session with club juvenile coaches.

This is a Gaa initiative that promotes positive behaviour and respect from, and for all participants on and off the field.

#### **New email address** for children's officer

New address set up to manage the storage of information in accordance with Data Protection legislation, [childrensofficer.ballymac@gmail.com](mailto:childrensofficer.ballymac@gmail.com)

Looking forward to working with everyone in the year ahead

Joanne

#### **Coaching & Games**

Roland Rodgers took over the onerous job as Coaching and Games in the club last November. When everything in the club is stripped away its about games and coaching. Everything else in the club revolves around the organisation of games and the coaching of players. It is the foundation of our club and everything else we are involved in revolves around our games. We are blessed to have in Roland a totally Committed and Organised Coaching Officer .

Our Club was chosen as one of two clubs in The County to benefit from a County Board Coaching initiative for underage players. Roland has liaised with Donal Daly and Terence Houlihan all year on this initiative and an amount of work has gone in to it.

#### ***Coaching Committee Report 2018: by Roland Rodgers, Coaching Officer.***

**2018** has been another hugely successful one, not only on the field of play, but also in terms of our player participation and our overall standard of coaching within our club. Great strides have been made in the area of coaching recently compared to the "primitive" practices of coaching of yesteryear. This progress and improving standards in coaching is very much down to the enthusiasm, endeavour and willingness of each and every one of our coaches in Ballymacelligott GAA Club.

So, at the outset, I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every coach for their co-operation, for their determination and for their voluntary efforts throughout the year. Without our volunteers, the club would simply not function and these volunteers take it upon themselves to commit time and energy to promote our games amongst the youth of our parish and most do it in a discreet, caring and distinguished manner. The club is greatly indebted to all our coaches.

**Academy :** A credit to all our coaches at our Nursery who oversaw the running of our very successful Academy on every Sunday. Not only were the basic fundamentals and footballing skills demonstrated to our young intrepid enthusiasts, there was also an overall sense of engagement, enjoyment and positivity evident during the year. February saw the Academy for our U-6s begin in St. Brendan's Hall and then we progressed out onto the playing fields when the weather eventually improved. Our Under 8s have made significant progress with their footballing skills due in no small measure to the guidance and direction of our coaching team. Once again, the Academy was a hive of activity every Sunday morning with our Under 8s attending in huge numbers and the quality of coaching delivered was impressive to say the least. Ball familiarisation and Basic movement skills were honed in on and our Under 8s also participated in many Go Games Blitzes throughout the year and they distinguished themselves ever so well on each occasion. The Under 10s have mirrored the improvement and progress of the other age

groups, again due to the magnificent standard of coaching delivered at this age group. It is evident that the coaches prepare meticulously for each coaching session and this translates in a positive manner to our young players. They too participated in many Go Games Blitzes around the County and we can all be proud of their exploits on the field of play. Míle Buíochas once again to all our Academy Coaches.

**Coaching Committee 2018:** consisted of John Leen, John Rice, Jer Lynch, Tony Silles, Stephen O Brien, James Godley and Roland Rogers. We met on no fewer than nine times during the year with the purpose of overseeing the continuing improvement in the standard of coaching within our Club. Some new initiatives were started. On 24<sup>th</sup> June, we organised a “Come Play with Me” theme in our academy whereby we invited at least one parent to “shadow” their child while the coaching session took place under the stewardship of our coaches. This was hugely successful and we hope to stage another few in the coming season.

Another departure was staging a **skills** test amongst our Under 10s, Under 12s and Under 14s in which each youngster was tested on the basic skills of Gaelic Football, including solo, pick up, hop, shooting off left and right foot, punt kick, hook kick etc. This exercise proved to be one of an “eye-opener” as some of the basic skills were not executed correctly. An area to work on, no doubt. These players will again go through the same **assessment** next spring to gauge improvement. We need to be “Best at Basics”.

The club also used a **drone** to film an U-16 match at the end of June. The purpose of this exercise was to demonstrate to our players the areas where they could improve during a match scenario. It essentially was a type of video analysis. It was a fruitful exercise which may be used in future to aid our coaching and feedback to players.

At the moment, players born in 2002,03,04 and 05 have been attending **strength and conditioning** sessions at the Centre of Excellence, Currans every Sunday morning under the instruction of our senior player Cian Counihan. The feedback from the youngsters has been truly positive and they are highly impressed with the quality of instruction from one of our esteemed own. Cian has been ever so co-operative and helpful and we are delighted to have secured both Cian’s services and indeed the Centre of Excellence for these sessions. October, November and January have been set aside for S&C sessions in order to prepare our youngsters for the 2019 playing season.

**Goalkeeping** Coaching courses were also organised in spring by Joby Costello and by Gary Kissane and these sessions were attended by some of our Juvenile keepers. The Coaching of Goalkeepers is an area where I believe the club has neglected in recent times and greater attention is needed in this area in the coming months and years.

**Michéal Quirke** from the County Board also visited the club on a number of occasions during the year to help and facilitate coaching in our club. Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> saw his first visit when Micheál gave a visual presentation to the coaches. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Micheál delivered a practical session to our coaches in St Brendan’s Hall working on Ball Familiarisation, Basic Movement Skills etc. He also gave a coaching session to our U-12s in July and to our U-14s in August. There were many Coaching Education Courses staged throughout Springtime with William Harmon, Niall O Mahony, John Dillon all delivering various different coaching courses at different venues in the county. These courses were well attended by our coaches and mentors and I would hope that this good practice will continue in 2019 when all coaches will get the opportunity to be upskilled .

## **Club Gathering and Open Forum.... “ Your Parish....Your Club....Your Say ”**

Unfortunately, and due to unforeseen circumstances, our planned Club Gathering at the Ballygarry House Hotel scheduled for Saturday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Work on this gathering began back on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 and having met with Terence Houlihan County Coaching Officer and Donal Daly of the County Board on numerous occasions, it was designed to help keep our Community vibrant and alive with emphasis on our local GAA club. Emphasis would have been placed on recruiting new members to the club, be they coaches mentors, admin workers etc and on trying to sell and promote our club within our parish and beyond. We also wanted to display the plans of our proposed new dressing rooms at this event. Great work was done in the background by our committee ( Oonagh Rahilly, Fionnán Fitzgerald, Jer Lynch, Maureen O Shea, John Rice, Stephen O Brien, Noelle O Brien and Roland Rogers ) Posters, Flyers etc were printed advertising the event and a decision was made to postpone the event until the new year. We are thinking of scheduling our Gathering after Ballymac Strictly Come Dancing as we can advertise it once again at Strictly in January.

### **Coach Education**

After a spectacular year for the club at all age groups, it is almost time to look to the year ahead. Now, the onus is on us all as coaches and mentors to avail of the very many coach education courses that will come on stream in the coming months. These courses are organised and facilitated by the County Board, primarily to assist and guide new and upcoming coaches. It is now a requirement that each coach undergoes Garda Vetting ( which is done online ), attend the Children First Programme, complete the Basic Foundation Level Coaching Course and to read, sign and follow the Code of Behaviour. These all exist to safeguard both ourselves and the children who are under our care. We would hope that every coach in our club would have satisfied these requirements and no doubt the officers of our club would be only too willing to assist and guide any volunteer through these requirements.

Our end of season review of all age groups at Coiste na nÓg will take place shortly and again we will consider all feedback, concerns, suggestions, proposals and advise from team coaches and mentors. The club is already following Best Practice in the area of Coaching and it is hoped that this good practice will continue for the forthcoming year.

Mar fhocail scoir, gabhaim buíochas ó chroí le gach duine a thug tacaíocht, treoir, moladh agus cabhair le linn na bliana. Bliain den chéad scoth a bhí againn, mar Chlub, agus táimid go léir ag súil go mór leis an mbliain chun tosaigh. Mar a deir an seanfhocal..... “ ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann gach duine ”

Roland Rogers  
Coaching Officer

### **Referees.**

We are lucky to have two reliable and committed referees in Jer Lynch and Roland Rogers. Barry Lyons has been trained and did a lot of refereeing for us this year. He was the main referee for the Eric Mason Tournament and we are so grateful to have a young dedicated referee like Barry in the Club.

### **PRO**

I wish to sincerely thank Noelle O'Brien for her work during the year as PRO. Noelle is dedicated to the job as PRO and each week our club notes appear in all local publications. This work is often taken for granted and it takes dedication and discipline to compile all the news each week and prepare for the weekly notes. If you have any news that you feel the club should know about please contact Noelle prior to 7pm on Sunday night at [pro.ballymacelligott.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.ballymacelligott.kerry@gaa.ie).

Noelle produced match programs for all of our Senior home games and thanks Frank O'Rahilly for this

great help in facilitating this often overlooked presentation of games. Our Club Face book page is updated almost every day right throughout the season and this entailed a lot of hard work and commitment. We wish to thank Noelle for her commitment and patience with us all during the year when she was trying to meet media deadlines.

### **Data Protection Officer**

Dave Slattery took on the job as Data Protection officer for the Club and put a massive effort in recording all the necessary details for the club. Due to Dave's hard work our Club is well ahead and compliant with Data Protection policy as required by Croke Park. I wish to thank him for the work and effort he put in to have a two year job of work done in one year.

### **Registration**

Registration and paying Club Membership are extremely difficult especially at the Senior Level of the Club. It is membership that gives us a say in our club and the responsibility of paying club membership is a personal one and not the Registrars job to have to beg for membership. I hope we can get sorted with a Club Membership App prior to 2019 and this should simplify the matter. The responsibility will be with the Club member to pay membership on line. Croke Park want membership paid by 31/1/2019 and this will be a very challenging task for us all but one I am sure we will overcome. I wish to thank Mike Brosnan for taking on this thankless job for the past two years and keeping our membership up to date.

### **Finance**

Mike Sweeney stands down as Treasurer after three tough years and his Financial Report for 2018 is attached. The Money gathering and money management in our club is an onerous job. It is a constant worry and fundraising has become the one constant from January to December. Mike did his work as Treasurer as diligently as anyone could ask for. We are lucky to have a servant who gives so much of his time to the club. He is always available with advice and help. We are lucky to have someone so generous with his time and commitment over the years.

### **Lotto**

Katie Leen is standing down as Assistant Treasurer after giving the Club two hard working years dealing with the lotto. Katie brought organisation and commitment to her job and brought many new ideas to the lotto fundraising over the past two years. it is a testament to her hard work that the lotto boxes in various shops have taken off the ground. We wish to thank Katie for her work in the lotto and I hope we can carry on the good work that she put such an effort into over the past two years.

I wish to thank everyone involved in selling Lotto tickets, doing the weekly lotto draws and those who purchase tickets for their support all year. The money is collected and accounted for and hours of work goes into this each week. The lotto is the backbone of the club finances and the work involved cannot be taken for granted. A sincere thanks to Katie and all those who run and help with the lotto each week. The Lotto would not be such a success without this full team and all the work and support given to our club.

### **Golf Classic**

Once again Dave Slattery took over the organisation of the Golf Classic and like everything he does he brought energy and organisation to the event. He had an excellent team of helpers in Pádraig Laide, Pádraig McCarthy and Bernard Cassidy. Its one event that brings in money to the club and ensures those that take part have an enjoyable day. For an event such as this to run well and smoothly on the day itself a lot of unseen work goes on in the background for weeks leading up to the event and we thank everyone involved.

### **Club Shop**

Joanne Long runs the club shop and sometimes we just take this for granted. We have all types of refreshments and food available at all club games and events. It is a valuable asset to the club financially and socially. Joanne commitment is 100% and she organises everything including the sale of club gear . We sincerely thank Joanne and her team of helpers for doing this valuable work and bringing in much needed finance to the club.

### **Strictly**

In February we had our Strictly Love dancing Fundraiser. Noelle O'Brien and Lorna Leen and their team of workers were working hard from November to the date itself. It is a massive undertaking to run Strictly with so many different aspects to the show. It is a credit to Noelle and all the team involved and it was a team as there were so many people involved: The super Dancers who gave so much of their time to the club, those who sold adds, the sponsors, the stewards and doormen on the night, the vote sellers and vote counters, the program organisers and the background team on the night itself. It was all directed by Noelle and Lorna and we are so grateful and in awe of the work done by this group of people. It was a wonderful night for the club and brings everyone together for a good social occasion and brings much needed funds to the club.

### **Old Clothes Recycle Collection**

I also wish to thank Sheila Ann O'Rahilly , Mike Sweeney and Jer Lynch, for organising and helping out with the Old Clothes, for recycling, collection for the club. It is an annual fundraiser and brings in finances. It is very well supported and we thank the organisers and everyone who supported us over that weekend.

### **Ladies Lunch**

Well done to Ballymac GAA Ladies Club on the top Class organisation of The Novel Ladies Lunch in The Rose Hotel in October. It was a wonderful day and really well organised. Credit to all our players who took to the cat walk with aplomb and it was nice to see Club players showing off their modelling skills! Well done to everyone who took part and to those who did all the hard work behind the scenes. It was a great fundraiser.

### **Kingdom County Fair**

Earlier in the year the Club was approached by The Kingdom County Fair looking for voluntary stewards for the day from the club. We agreed they said made a contribution of €1500.00 to the club. We asked for stewards in the club and we were overwhelmed by the response we got. It was great and we sincerely thank all of the Club members who turned up on the day way ahead of time to take up their post and many stayed much longer than we expected as well. On a day when everything is down to being on time and Common sense -we excelled -everyone did their full share.

### **First Aid**

A Big thank you to Anne Savage, Anne Kenny, Joanne Long and Dr John Rice and their group of helpers in the Club have done some fantastic work all year. They ensure all our First Aid equipment is in order all year.

### **Proposed Dressing Room Development**

The Main focus of the club executive this year was to start the process to get new dressing rooms built so that we could accommodate our players both male and female in updated and extended dressing rooms. A lot of work was done in planning, discussing and investigating various options. Just recently we have applied for planning for the proposed dressing rooms. We wish to thank everyone involved and especially

James Sugrue and James Godley who brought all their personal expertise and professionalism to the project.

### **Coiste Na nÓg**

Dave Slattery as Chairman and Trish Horan as Secretary in Coiste na nÓg worked really hard all year and both will be presenting full reports to the C6iste na n6g AGM later this year. This is a very short summary of their year: Both Trish and Dave are stepping down this year and I wish to express my sincere thanks to both of them for the work they did all year. C6iste na n6g is the heart of the Club and it has been exceptionally run and managed all year. To all the voluntary coaches and helpers at Coiste na n6g we thank you for all the hours and dedication you have given all year.

### ***Ballymac Coiste na n6g: Summary of years activities by Dave Slattery***

Ballymac Coiste na n6g has been vibrant since its inception over half a century ago years ago. It is the life blood of the club and where everyone starts their football training.

The highlight of every week is our Academy which runs every Sunday morning. Over 120 boys and girls from U6 to U10 turn up at the academy every week come hail, rain or shine to learn the basics of the game from our dedicated coaches. The aim of the academy is enjoyment and to create an atmosphere where the players want to come back every Sunday and at the same time learn the basics of the game. As much as possible the coaches try and foster a spirit of team building, participation and positivity among the younger players.

At the older ages we gradually introduce the players to the concept of winning. The emphasis however is not really enforced by our coaches until the players reach the U14/U16 level. At all age groups we are blessed with numbers allowing us to enter three U12 teams, two U14 teams and an U16 team in this year's County League and Central Region competitions.

While success isn't everything it is nice to experience as the boys get older. In 2018 we enjoyed success at county league level winning Division 4 of the County League while our U12 teams won medals in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the county league and Central region. Being a team that lies on the outskirts of Tralee and on the gate way to Castleisland we take immense pride in entering competitions in Tralee and Castleisland Districts. This year we won medals in both regions progressing to the final of the Rose Cup U13 Competition as well as winning the A final of the U14 Castleisland District.

In 2018 we had two players with the U14 County Development squad: Donal Daly and Luke O'Connell plus James Bailey and Adam Joy were part of the U15 County Development squad. Our Coiste na n6g Coach Kieran Savage was part of the Kerry U14 County Development Coaching team in 2018.

The Ladies Club stated their first competition on the 12th March 2012 when they took on Corcha Dhuibhne at under 12 level and beat them!!! The club had started bringing the young girls together at the academy since 2009 playing little blitzes and so on. They have made fantastic progress and are a credit to the club.

This year our U12s defeated Austin Stacks in the County U12 Division 1 League. Our U14 and U16s won their respective Division 2 Leagues. The u14 opponents' were Ballyduff and the U16s defeated Milltown/Listry.

This year Aisling O'Connell and Ellie McElligott were on the Ladies County U16 panel that got to the All Ireland Final.

Many of our coaches coach boys and girls teams and we are very grateful for the time and effort they put into our young players.

The future is bright at Ballymac Coiste na nÓg and we take nothing for granted. Only through hard work and attention to detail will we succeed. We will continue to focus on prioritizing the enjoyment of the game for all our young participants so that one day they may perform and continue to play and hopefully one day represent the club at the highest level.

***Dave Slattery : Chairman Coiste na nÓg***

### **Scór**

Josephine Fearnas our Scór Officer and works exceptionally hard at promoting Scór and the cultural aspect of our club. It is a difficult task to organise and train all the disciplines in Scór and Josephine does an excellent job. We thank Josephine for her hard work and dedication to Scór for 2018. Ideally it would be great to have a larger number of people on a Scór Committee to lighten the work.

### ***Scór 2018: by Josephine Fearnas***

The following is a list of all those who participated / represented Ballymacelligott GAA in Scór during the above period.

Scór Sinsír:

Amhránaíocht Aonair: John Scanlon

Bailéad Ghrúpaí : John Scanlon, Lei Zhang, Anne~Marie Brosnan, Amanda Mannix  
Ciara Moriarty.

Tráth na gCeist: Tom Herlihy, Michael Herlihy, Ger Collins, Brendan Falvey.

The Bailéad Ghrúpaí won the Co. Final - due to personal commitments they didn't progress.

### **Scór na bPaistí:**

Rince Foirne:

Team A. Abby Leahy, Aibne O'Connor, Maggie Scanlon, Laura Kelly,  
Emma Daly, Ella Quirke, Molly O'Connor, Ri~Ann Zhang.

Team B. Alannah Crusson, Daisy & Lily O'Sullivan, Rachel Galvin,  
Sinéad Scanlon, Tadhg O'Connor, Beatrice Mannix, Emily  
Heffernan.

Team A progressed to the Final of Scór na bPaistí in Foilmore and were runners~up in their category.

Team B were awarded runners-up in the district final.

Amhránaíocht Aonair: Alicia O'Connell

Tráth na gCeist: Iseult Ní Bhrian, Michael Savage  
Tommy Palmer, Niall Collins.

***Josephine Fearnas, Scór Officer***

## **BALLYMACELLIGOTT LADIES CLUB 2017**

Ballymacelligott Ladies Club has grown from strength to strength. It now caters from U6 to seniors with two teams at some age groups. The girls are also displaying great skills and determination on the playing field and have broken many glass ceilings this year! We thank all the Club administrators, coaches and mentors for their commitment and cooperation all year.

### ***Ladies Report from James Godley, Chairman of Ballymac Ladies Club:***

#### **Academy**

Our academy players as with any club, this is the starting point in a career of any young aspiring footballer and again with out people like Kieran, Tim and Padraig O'Connor , Roy Geary, John and Kevin Leen, TJ Casey, Sheila Ann O'Rahilly, Bridget Leen and Maureen O Shea, and others who's involvement ensured that these academy players had a great time learning about football and developing their skills and having fun we as a club be in a poorer position only for the help of these people ,we as the ladies club thank you for your time and dedication to the youngest members of our club.

Ballymac Academy 2018 for the U10 Girls began in the training pitch on 11th March. Although conditions under foot were a bit soft for the first few weeks, the girls made the most of it. After a few weeks we moved to the Main pitch and the weather improved significantly. From the off the numbers attending remained between 10 to 15 and their attendance was very good. The make up of the team saw only two girls from the previous years U10 panel compete with us making us a very young team. We saw some new players join this year and they were welcomed into the group as if they had been there training from under six. This should encourage any girls wanting to join the team, you will always be made feel welcome by Club, Mentors and Kids. The move up from Under 8 to under 10 involved a notable switch from fun based games to more skill based games but keeping that element of fun in each session. The girls developed significantly on a skill level from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. Achieving this improvement was in no small part down to the three coaches, with at least two in attendance each Sunday and it is this continuity that proved key to advancing the girls development. At this age level we played a lot of fun games with other clubs, namely Austin Stacks, Kerins o Rahillys, Firies, Abbeydorney, Na Gaeil & Kilcummin. Some of the fore mentioned we played twice and three times. This season was the girls first introduction to field positions in a more competitive environment. In the early season Games we struggled against teams who were predominantly made up of 9 & 10 year olds who had previous experience at this age level to call on. Due to academy restructuring, the U10 Girls were joined by the older of the U8 girls in late July and these girls, although some two and even three years younger than their counterparts, blended into the team very well. By September / October we went from losing games to winning and even beating some of those teams who had earlier in the year beaten us Namely Stacks & Firies. We competed in a few blitz and gave a great account of ourselves not only in football but also in attitude on and off the pitch. Our finest moment of the season came when we went to Currans centre of excellence to compete in a charity U10 Blitz on a wet dour day in October. In our group we played Listowel, Kilcummin and Firies, The girls, with no subs on the day competed and won the first two games Comprehensively and drew the last against Firies. The blitz was inevitably called off due to bad weather. I have no doubt the girls would have been among the medals that day not only as a team but some of the individual performances were a joy to watch also.

On Medal presentation day the girls played Kilcummin in what was a repeat of one of the previous days fixtures in Currans. The game began feisty and was close but come the second half when both teams adapted a more football approach the girls ended the season on a very positive note running out comfortable winners.

This group of girls are a pleasure to train and to the girls moving on to u12 we will miss you and wish you the best of luck in the future. It is important to encourage the girls to keep attending training and spread the word amongst their friends that the u10 Girls academy is the place to be on a Sunday morning.

The 2018 Panel for the U10 Girls in no particular order reads.

Fallon Boyle, Hazel Geary, (All of the O'Connors, none sisters) Jamie Lee ,Molly, Aibha & Michelle.The Murphys, again, not sisters Mary & Niamh,Katie Turner, Sinead Scanlon, Eabha Jones, Emily Heffernan, Shileonagh Mansfield.

### **The U8 Girls**

Kate O'Neill, Katie Mangan, Alannah Crossan, Natalie Turner, Abigail Geary, Alice Savage, Miah Boyle, Julie Walsh **Mentors:** Kieran O'Connor , Tim O'Connor and Padraig O'Connor

In essence there was many high's this year for the ladies club on the field of play with notably prominences of our underage teams winning 3 county league titles in the one calendar year with due honour going to our u12 girls who won div 1 county title beating Austin Stacks in a fantastic final for the first time thus creating a bit of history as being the first team ever in the ladies club to receive that distinction we congratulate the players , parents ,mentors and coaches on a great achievement and this bodes well for the future of our club, here`s the u12 review report

### **U12 REPORT :**

Our u12 girls began training last January in preparation for the 2018 season. Due to a large panel of girls two teams were entered in both North Kerry and County League competitions. The first competition of the year was the North Kerry League.

The Blue team playing in Division One had victories over Abbeydorney and Desmonds before our final game against Austin Stacks which would decide who would be outright winners.On the night the Tralee girls emerged victorious by two points after a tight game.

Later in the year we defeated Desmonds in the Shield Final following a very exciting encounter.

Our Gold side also participated in the North Kerry League and had games against Ballyduff Austin Stacks Abbeydorney Dingle and Finuge/St Senans.

Following the completion of the group games we qualified for a Shield Final against Dingle in which our girls came out on top.

In the County League the Gold team were included in a Division with Beaufort Ballyduff Dingle Spa ISG and Currow where they won two of their games but more importantly all girls wishing to play football got regular games over the Summer and showed great improvement with every game they played. The Blue team competed in Division One of the Co League with old rivals Austin Stacks first up with the town sides ability to strike for goals proving the difference on the night.

Our next fixture saw us travel to Caherciveen to take on Southern Gaels who had been the dominant team at u12 level over the past number of years knowing that anything less than a win would see our hopes of Co League glory evaporate . However the team showed great character and resolve to achieve a one point victory on a 2-12 to 3-8 scoreline.

This victory gave the girls great confidence and wins over Beaufort,Miltown/Listry,Rathmore and ISG saw them qualify for the Co Final,even though they lost their final round game away to Cromane.

In the final played in John Mitchels on the 24th of June once again we encountered Austin Stacks who entered the game as favourites due to winning all their group games , some by considerable margins.

However on the night from the first whistle our girls took the game by the scruff of the neck and playing some excellent football throughout ran out deserving winners on a 4-10 to 1-9 scoreline thus creating history by becoming the first girls team from the Club to win a Division One Co League title.

The final competition for the girls was the Coiste Tra Li League which was run on a Blitz format which saw us defeat Kerins O Rahillys in the final.

Overall a very successful year for the girls who throughout the year were a credit to the Club and their families both on and off the field.

U12 panel 2018:Laura Kelly Alice Brosnan Alexa Weiss Sinead Cassidy Anna Collins Aoibheann Broderick Kate Collins Rachel Griffin Jill Quirke Rachel Creedon Ashlinn Baily Laura Sugrue Orla O Connor Labhaoise Mansfield Sarah West Laura West Rose Brosnan Iseult Ni Bhrian Maire Culloty Niamh Rice Maggie Scanlon Emma Daly Sileoonagh Mansfield Hazel Geary Jamie Lee O Connor Debra O Connor Michelle O Connor Molly O Connor

Mentors:Don Brosnan Ger Collins John Creedon Fintan Kelly

Following on from our great success from our u 12 team , our u14 team followed suit by capturing the Div 2 county league title another wonderful achievement for our ladies club and this certainly bodes well for the future , great credit goes to all involved and no doubt the hard work and dedication of players and coaches is reaping benefit for the club here`s the u 14 report

#### **U14 REPORT:**

Playing in Div 2 of the Rose hotel co league we started our year training the 2nd week of Feb indoors in St Brendans hall before moving to the training field in March .

First game v Corca Duibne in Ballymac 25th March resulted in a 7-6 to 1-5 win which was a very encouraging start .

Game 2 away to Beaufort 8th April , despite being outplayed in terms of possession we took our chances when presented , a late late goal from Eimer Curran gave us a 4-5 to 4-7 win

Game 3 29th May at home v Listowel Emmets - gave a good solid performance to win on 4-8 to 2-2

Game 4 at home v John Mitchels , we received a walk over

Game 5 away to Beal Ballyduff , we came up short against a physically stronger team on a 1-9 to 2-4 score line but took some valuable lessons from it

Qualified for semi final 13th June v Beaufort at home in Ballmac , in a ding dong battle we both drew 2-4 apiece

Replay away to Beaufort where we really clicked on the night 4-6 to 1-10 , with Shona O Connor grabbing 2-1 on the night to see us qualify for the final

Co League final 1st August in Ballyrickard Tralee v Beal Ballyduff where we put our lessons learnt earlier in the year to good use , all our girls payed their parts on the night , Alyssa Leen , Roisin Rahilly & Yvonne Hurley were outstanding on the night helping us to a 3-9 to 2-7 win in Ballymac's favour . Capt Alyssa Leen received the trophy on behalf of the team .

During the course of the year we also participated in Feile Div 1 competition , the Margurite Coakley Blitz in Scartaglin and the U13 Community Games and U13 Sandra Keane blitz competition . Though not successful in any they provided opportunity's to play girls & help them develop their skills and confidence .

Challenge games v Firies , home and way and similarly V Rathmore were of immense benefit to the girls .

NK League we decided to enter 2 teams of 14 , which left us tight on numbers and diluted the teams , however both teams fulfilled all fixtures in Div 1 and Div 4 , again success eluded us in this competition but all girls did get games .

The year also saw Ciara Palmer , Ella Quirke , Kerry Hennesy , Roisin Rahilly and Sarah Mason play with the Kerry U13 Development squad which saw them play in the Munster blitz in Mallow in August . We all hope that they make the move to the Kerry U14 panel in 2019

Congratulations also to Roisin Rahilly who played for Kerry Cuman Na BunScoile team at half time in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on the occasion of the Munster Senior Final in July .

Big challenges in 2019 as we tackle div 1 U14 for the first time , but its a challenge we look forward to facing and testing ourselves against the best in the county .

Panel :Lorna Daly , Sarah Mason , Grainne Galvin ,Geraldyn Cassidy , Nicole Walker , Alyssa Leen , Shonagh Griffen , Ella Quirke , Ciara Palmer , Shona O Connor, Yvonne Hurley ,Roisin Rahilly , Kate Feeney , Alexia Weiss ,Kerry Hennesy , Abbey Leahy , Emma Leen , Charlotte Geary , Niamh Lynch , Kate Collins , Cathy Palmer , Eimer Curran , Rachel Griffen , Orla O Connor ,Allie Tarrant , Lauren O Connor , Roisin Raggett , Laura Sugrue & Rachel Creedon

Coaches : Donal Rahilly , John Palmer , Anthony Griffen , Siobhan Leen & Sean Hennesy

With 2 county titles in the bag and watching the progression of our u16 girls through the county league ,we where daring to hope of success for these bunch of girls who have given great service to the club and they dually obliged by beating a strong milltown/listry in a pulsating div 2 county league final it was a great team effort and rich reward for all their work throughout the year again credit goes to players , parents and coaches here`s u16 report

## **U 16 REPORT:**

The 2018 season began on February 25th on a cold Sunday morning on the beach in Banna. No better place to focus minds and gauge from the coaches point of view what the attitude of the squad would be for the year ahead. All the signs were good and from there everyone rolled up their sleeves for following few weeks to get in shape for the county league which was the main focus for the season.

Operating in a very competitive county league Division 2 our opening game was away to local rivals Na Gaeil on 5th April. On a wet and windy evening in Tralee the game was close with both teams finding it hard to get into their rhythm. When the referee blew the final whistle both management teams were of the opinion we had won on a score line of 1 -4 to 1-6 but the referee had other ideas and maintained the score was level on 1-5 a piece!!After some discussions we had to reluctantly settle for a point each focus on our next game. This was a home game against Scartaglen on the 12th April but due to the very wet weather conditions we hired the John Mitchel's pitch instead of conceding venue. This proved a good decision as the good conditions suited our players and what followed was an excellent game. Winning by one point against a very good Scart team was a very important victory early in the year to give everyone confidence going forward. Final score was 5-12 to 6-08.

Next up was Firies away on May 7th winning comfortably on a score line of 5-15 to 3-07 . Following this was Fossa, who had to concede the game, due to the unavailability of players on and around the fixed date.

Austin Stacks were next at home, and again the girls prevailed comfortably on a score line of 6-06 to 1-12.

With nine points on the board in the Division 2 table, qualification for the league semi final was achieved regardless of the two remaining games against Legion away, which we lost narrowly, and losing by a few points to Miltown/Listry also, on the 19th June.

With the holiday season in full swing, the league semi final was always going to be difficult to fix a date for, and finally it was played on the 17th August away to a fancied Legion side. Haven really worked hard in the previous seven weeks playing challenge games and holding nothing back in training, the team arrived at the Legion ground in unison, with one thing on their mind. With the hosts playing a very defensive game, they proved hard to breakdown, but sheer determination and intensity and no little skill saw us run out winners 4-10 to 2-06 . Legion had not met the real Ballymac in the latter stages of the league, and this proved to be a big factor in the victory.

The league final awaited the girls, and to add to the occasion the game was played in Fitzgerald Stadium on the 30th August against Miltown/Listry.

Again the team focussed on the task at hand and arrived in Killarney ready for action. Having a plan is one thing, but executing it is a different story. With Miltown having two starting Kerry U 16 forwards in their ranks their game plan was always going to focus around them . Defending from our girls was top class all through the game, with no player being isolated. All scores conceded were well earned . At the other end of the field our forwards made the most of the wide open spaces and threw the ball around to great effect scoring 6-13 to 3-12. The final whistle blew and relief and excitement was a plenty.

Everyone deserves huge credit , players, coaches and parents as it would not be possible without everyone buying in from the beginning.

#### DIVISION 1 NORTH KERRY LEAGUE

Still in progress.

#### DIVISION 1 TOWN LEAGUE

Yet to be played!!!!

Thanks to our sponsors Delaval, The Blasket Bar and Sean Ogs bar for their support throughout the year also thanks to the club's under 14 and senior teams management for their cooperation.

Also, congratulations to our own Aisling O Connell who played centre field the past year for the Kerry U 16 team winning the Munster Final against Cork and unluckily losing the All Ireland Final against Galway.

This group of players have been great ambassadors for the club, with most playing key roles with school teams as well. Haven won the ladies club's first ever county title at under 12 level and following it up at U 13 level with a championship win , this year's county league victory is a great achievement and credit to them, for staying together since the beginning of our ladies club.

Best of luck to the girls graduating to minor/senior level next year.

#### COACHES

Kieran Savage

Linda Gleeson

Derek O Brien

After capturing our 3rd county league title for the club one cannot but be proud of the achievements of all our girls in making this one of the most successful years for our ladies club and its with hope that theirs many more successful days ahead for us. We as a ladies club want to sincerely thank all coaches and mentors who`s work with our girls has brought great success to the club this year and their dedication we sincerely appreciate.

#### **SENIOR LADIES:**

This is our second year with a Senior Team. We started our year in training in Jan 2018 in St Brendan hall and The Green astro turf pitch. The mentors were James Godley, Pa White and Anthony Curran. Due to Anthony`s commitments on the Kerry Executive which is very important to our club we sought help from Bridget Leen to assist with our training. Bridget was a huge help to the Senior Squad in training sessions and on the side line from her wealth of experience.

We had great numbers made up of 11 senior players, 5 minor players and 5 number U16 which held us in good stead for the year ahead.

We had 8 games in the County League this year with two wins against St Pats /Kerins O`Rahilly and Dingle. We had a dedicated team that attended training and matches throughout the county to facilitate the second year of the club. It is great to see new players like Millie Luck and Ciara Lehane joining the club this year.

We are looking forward to 2019 with a team panel of 28 which gives great standing to the year ahead.

Panel:

Rachel Godley, Veronica Heaslip, Nicola Horan, Claire Kenny, Grainne Kerins, Una Kerins, Veronica O`Donnell, Leah O`Neill, Naomi O`Sullivan, Emma Sweeney, Robyn White, Niamh Rahilly, Millie Luck, Ciara Lehane, Aine Rice, Maeve O`Sullivan, Ellie McElligott, Aisling O`Connell, Lisa Curran, Eve Creedan, Caoimhe Carroll

#### **St.Kierans:**

The ladies club had many players involved in district teams this year , notably our minors claire kenny, robyn white,aine rice , niamh rahilly and aisling o connell who where part of a st kierans district team that made it all the way to the minor championship final and in the process taking the scalp of west kerry on a score line 4-9 to 2-5 in Lispole. Tralee district awaited in the semi final but once again St Kierans came through on a 3-11 to 3-6 score line. which brought them to the final where they faced a strong East kerry side laced with county players after a fantastic opening 10 mins in which St Kierans lead by 1-05 to 3 points at one stage only for East Kerry come back with full guns blazing and race into a 6 point lead by half time , as much as st kierans tried in the 2nd half they where totally outclassed by a fantastic East Kerry side who went to to win the minor championship on a scoreline of Final Score : St Kierans

2 -04 Mid Kerry 4-15 .

Minor north Kerry championship 9 a side :

we played kerins o rahilly in a semi final match which turn out to be a very one sided affair in which we proved to be too strong with ellie mc elligott,aisling o connell , niamh rahilly robyn white playing their part with a 4-11 to 0-5 victory , up next came Corca Dhuibhne in the A final who prove to be too strong for st kierans it was a game with both teams playing an open attacking game , but in the end it was corca dunhine who show plenty of pace and power and accuracy to brush us aside and prevailed in the end on a score line of 3-09 to 1-04.

U 13 north Kerry dist championship :

They beat Tralee town in the semi final and North Kerry in the final .

Ballymac girls that where the back - bone of the team with Ciara Palmer at centre forward, the entire half back line was Roisin Rahilly flanked by Ella Quirke and Kate Collins & at corner back was Sarah Mason .

Roisin Rahilly won the player of the tournament.

### **County:**

We as a club would like to congratulate former club officers Donal Rahilly and Anthony Curran being elected onto the kerry ladies football board notably Donal Rahilly as county secretary and Anthony Curran taking on the role of treasurer with both men on board we wish both Donal and Anthony every success in their respective roles and it`s hoped along with Sean Walsh as chairman that their will be good days ahead for ladies football in kerry , also we wish all incoming county managers and players every success for the year ahead and Rory Killagen as head of development, exciting times !!!!! ahead for ladies football within the county, and it would be a missed of me not to acknowledge Kieran Savage who was appointed selector on the kerry u15 (boys) development , Kieran will bring great passion and knowledge to the role and we wish him the very best.

Also the club wishes to acknowledge our club players Aisling O`Connell and Ellie Mc Elligott who where part of the Kerry u16 side which reached the ALL-Ireland U16 final and losing out in a titanic battle with Galway after extra -time, you ladies have brought great distinction to the club by your commitment and dedication and we continue to wish ye every success for the future , also to don the famous green and gold jersey was Roisin Rahilly who played for Kerry Cuman Na BunScoile team against cork at half time in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on the occasion of the Munster Senior Final in July another emerging talent within the club

### **FUNDRAISING:**

The ladies club would like to acknowledge the fashion show committee - James Godley, Veronica O'Donnell, Teresa Walker , Ann Savage, Nora Curran and Mary Godley for their tremendous work in our fundraising drive earlier on the year in which over 5,000 euro was raised for the club and a special mention also goes to the Senior Players and Ann Savage who modelled on the night who made this event a successful undertaking and we would like thank them and the committee for their tireless work in making it a success and to those that sponsor the event and contribute in any way , our club thanks' you for your support

**James Godley Ladies Chairman**

### **Off The Football Field:**

- We Congratulate our own Bridget Leen who was honoured in Croke Park with her team mates who won The All Ireland Ladies Final 25 years ago.
- We Congratulate Mike Sweeney on his retirement as Principal of O'Brennan School and thank him for his Trojan work for football during his many years in the school.

- We congratulate Kieran Savage on being selected as a County U14 mentor.
- We congratulate Peter Keane, his management team, Paul O'Shea and all the minor players on retaining The All Ireland Minor Title.
- We thank Eamon Fitzmaurice and his Management team for their work when in Charge of the Kerry senior team.
- We congratulate Ciara Griffin and her family on Ciara being appointed Captain of The Senior Ladies Irish Rugby Team.
- We Congratulate Daire Keane for representing Ballymac and Ireland in The World Handball Championships' in The USA.
- We Congratulate Anthony Curran and Donal Rahilly on being elected Ladies County Board treasurer and assistant secretary.
- We Congratulate Ballymac U16 basketball team and the U16 bobcats their recent successes in 2018.
- We welcome new principal Of O'Breannan school, Barry O'Leary and wish him every success and the Club looks forward to working with him.

### **A Note of Gratitude**

I wish to thank everyone who helped us out in the Club in any way during 2018. There are so many people who help out in so many ways and we really appreciate all of your contributions.

I wish to Thank Peter Twiss County Secretary, Tim Murphy County Chairman and all the County Committee Officers and Kate and Breda in the office for their advice and support all year.

Thanks to all our players, mentors, trainers, sponsors and supporters. It takes us all to make a vibrant club.

I wish to say a sincere thanks to Jer Lynch Club Chairman and all my fellow officers for their help, support and advice all year. Thank you for your support and your friendship. For the kind wishes you've passed along over the course of the year. And for the suggested improvements too. Those are just as helpful.

It was a great year and we have an energetic dynamic team involved at Senior, Coiste na nÓg and The Ballymac Ladies Club. It is a privilege to be Runaí for the club.

Máirín Ní Shéaghdha

Runaí