

## Camogie Sub Committee Reports – Chairperson’s Report

A Chairde, fáilte roimh go leir anseo anocht.

*I would like to welcome you all here tonight & thank you for taking the time to attend the end of year meeting for the Camogie section of Naas GAA. It is strange and unfamiliar times we find ourselves in with so much disruption, concern and confusion. Inconsistency has been the only consistent throughout 2020 & lockdown is the familiar situation we find ourselves in.*

*With so much disruption to the things we take for granted in our everyday lives it has shown how much a part the GAA and camogie plays in our lives. The option to stand on the side of a pitch and support our teams and players is no longer an avenue of enjoyment for us. Hopefully those days return in 2021 and some level of normality comes into our lives once again.*

*As I said, the year has been a strange one with very little activity getting to take place on the pitch. Competitions were disrupted, with very few completed and others left in limbo. Even now the adult semi-finals are being considered for playing in mid Dec, the year gets stranger!!!*

*Reflecting on camogie within the club it is great to see the trend of growth in playing members continuing year on year. This brings further pressure on resources and our development processes. A number of zoom classes and workshops were organised throughout the year in association with the hurling section and our club GPO Leon. Leon has also made great inroads in fostering relationships with the schools and having camogie an active sport in our community. In consultation with the PTA and school he has also introduced workshops for our TY students.*

*Our aim is to retain players, develop their skills and allow them perform on the pitch while being cheered on by family. To do this requires a balance, knowing how to accommodate all players of all abilities within an age group with development, appropriate game time and a social outlet. If anything, 2020 has shown us how important camogie & sport is for a player’s social outlet and providing a balance within their lives.*

*The pandemic has also created challenges on the pitch forcing us ahead of where we had anticipated to be in terms of adult teams and fast-tracking players from underage. The U16 league & minor championship was cancelled and to allow us provide all players game time we fielded 3 teams between senior, intermediate and junior codes in 2020 and this sets us up for the future. A lot of players came of age this year.*

*As we sign off 2020 we have been fortunate that our sponsors have remained supportive and they continue to provide much needed funds. However, with things being constrained there will be a necessity to fund raise in 2021 to support the ongoing needs of the section and indeed the club. The club has taken on an aggressive development plan to improve the facilities we have at our disposal, some of which are a necessity. The works in the canal pitch/laundry field area will provide greater field space to us to accommodate our teams in*

*the future. As a club there is a desire to want more without realising what we have and making best use of it.*

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the support of our club committees which makes it possible for us to function both on and off the field:

- To our club officers, John, Richie, Clive & Sinead, thank you for your ongoing support & guidance throughout the year
- To our grounds committee and volunteers thank you for the management of the club pitches and facilities. It takes a lot of time and effort from this group to keep the pitches in top condition & there are not too many people coming forward to join that group as our pitches and facilities expand. Without this particular group there would be no pitch to train/play on.
- To James and the ladies football committee and mentors for their ongoing support and facilitation of dual players
- To our pitch coordinator, Owen, for providing us with pitch time for training and games.
- To our players who represented the club on County, College or schools' teams during the year.

As I said last year, 2020 would be my last in this position. 6 years have passed & while I would like to say it has been fun there have been some challenging times involved. Issues and incidents having to be managed that others do not see or have to witness. I will not miss these as at times they get personal and take the enjoyment out of being involved. However, the good times far outweigh the challenging times and I will take fond memories from my time as chairperson of the section.

Before I finish I want to acknowledge the camogie committee and my fellow officers for their tireless work & support throughout the year. A lot of work and activity takes place that goes unnoticed & at times it is not all pleasant. Over the last number of years there have been many volunteers who have contributed to the growth of camogie off the pitch with administrative support. Ann Marie Friel, Lorraine Palmer, Catherine Conway, Ollie Mernagh, Gillian Quinn, Marie Reilly, Nora Fleming, Sean Coughlan, Paul O'Rourke, Brendan Kenny & Tony Maher.

I want to acknowledge the work Lorraine has done throughout 2020 ensuring that all administrative tasks have been completed in a stop start season, with huge potential for administrative error, she has remained as efficient as ever.

With that I will sign off and wish the incoming officers the best of luck in 2021 and beyond

Go raibh maith agat,  
Damian McGrath

## 2020 Secretary Report

Welcome to the 2020 End of Year review on behalf of the Camogie Committee.

2020 has been a very strange and difficult year for us all. At the beginning of the year as we looked forward to our Spring leagues and Go Games we had no idea what was ahead of us. Few games were played and by mid- March we were not sure when we would see a pitch again. In late summer we got back to training and looked forward to the Championship and Go Games. Some groups were lucky to get to play some games and our U15 D1 team played their final where they had a great win against Johnstown Bridge.

The only age groups that will get to complete their fixtures are the U17's and adult teams. Our 2 U17 teams are playing in the D1 and D2 finals in the coming weeks.

This year was a momentous year for our adult squad. This is the first time we fielded 3 adult teams in the Championship. The Junior team are through to their semi- final, the Intermediate team had a very tough campaign for a young team and unfortunately missed out on coming out of their group and our Senior team are also in their semi-final. All these fixtures will be played in the next few weeks. The number of girls in this group is a testament to the ethos and values we strive for as a section. In order to keep growing from strength to strength with the adult squad it is vital that we continue to maximise game time for all players regardless of ability.

We would not have got back to playing if all players, parents and mentors had not worked so hard to make this happen. We entered a world of Covid compliance and the Return to play system which was not easy at times. I would like to give a special thanks to all our Covid supervisors for volunteering their time on an on-going basis to allow us to train and play.

Administration is a vital task and failure to adhere to county rules can result in sanctions on the club, teams, mentors and players.

We need the support of each of the mentor teams to:

- Support registration & membership requirement.

- Communicating to the county board only through the official secretary account.
- Requesting approval 3 days in advance of all challenge games.
- Supporting all fund raising activity.
- Supporting the planning & organising of team/section/club activities.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their support throughout the year and to acknowledge the time and commitment from the committee members which allows us to run the section in an efficient and professional manner. Sometimes I don't think people realise the time these volunteers put in all year round.

On a final note I would like to thank Damian for all the assistance he has given me in my role as secretary.

Lorraine Palmer  
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