

Cumann Iomán agus Peíl Éire Óg an t-Aonaigh



*Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, November 30th, 2022
At 8pm*



Annual Report 2022

Agenda

- 1) Minutes of 2021 AGM
- 2) Secretary's Report
- 3) Juvenile Sub Committee Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Chairperson's Address and Presentation
- 6) Election of Officers
- 7) Any Other Business

Nominations

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| Chairperson: | John Tooher | Nominated by Enda Costello Seconded by Liam Heffernan |
| Vice-Chairperson: | Tom Gleeson Snr. | Nominated by John Tooher Seconded by Catherine McTiernan |
| Secretary: | Catherine McTiernan | Nominated by Matt Lillis Seconded by Anne Kennedy |
| Treasurer: | Josephine Mackey | Nominated by Seamus Cleary Seconded by John Tooher |
| PRO: | Anne Kennedy | Nominated by Catherine McTiernan Seconded by Enda Costello |
| Club Registrar | Enda Long | Nominated by John Tooher Seconded by Liam Heffernan |

Club Officers 2022

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| Presidents: | Michael Hynes, Jimmy Morris | Juvenile Club Chairman: | Niall Cahill |
| | Ger Gavin R.I.P., Mick Burns, | Juvenile Secretary: | Tom Gleeson |
| | Paudie O'Kennedy | Juvenile Treasurer: | Mel Gleeson |
| Chairperson: | John Tooher | Club Registrar: | Enda Long |
| Vice-Chairp: | Jimmy Minogue | Juvenile PRO: | Elaine McWeeney |
| Secretary: | Catherine McTiernan | Child Welfare/ASAP Officer: | Eileen Kennedy |
| Treasurer: | Josephine Mackey | School Liaison Officer: | Shane Connolly |
| PRO: | Anne Kennedy | Website: | Seán McTiernan |
| Juvenile Club Rep: | Liam Heffernan | County Board Rep: | Enda Costello |
| North Board Rep: | Martin Morris | Health and Safety Advisor: | Liam Quinn |

In addition, Michael Ryan served on the North Bórd Senior CCC in 2022 and Jimmy Minogue was Tipperary County Vice-Chairman in 2022.



Minutes of 2021 AGM on 10th January 2022 Via ZOOM

In Attendance:

John Tooher, Liam Heffernan, Eddie Sheary, Eamonn Brennan, Jimmy Morris, Mark Long, Seamus Cleary, Enda Costello, Anne Kennedy, Catherine McTiernan, Paul Lillis, Matt Lillis, David Minogue, Jimmy Minogue, Marian Ryan, Josephine Mackey, Enda O'Sullivan, Joe Hanrahan, Niall Cahill, Seán McTiernan, Enda Long, Paul Ryan, Shane Connolly, Bartley Ryan, Jim Nagle, Derek Lillis, Bryan Darcy, Mary-Jo O Reilly, Tom Boland, Greg Browne, Elaine McWeeney, James O Dwyer, Mel Gleeson, Jim Kennedy, Ger McCarthy, Seamus Morris

Apologies: Mikey Ryan.

Following a showing of our promotional fundraising video, John Tooher (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. The **Minutes** of the 2020 AGM were read with no matters arising. z

- Proposed: Seamus Cleary
- Seconded: Jim Kennedy

2. The **Secretary's Report** was taken as read and passed by the meeting.

- Proposed: Enda Costello
- Seconded: Eamonn Brennan

3. The **Juvenile Report** was also taken as read. This report was passed by the meeting.

- Proposed: Mary-Jo O Reilly
- Seconded: Elaine McWeeney

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Delivered by Josephine Mackey with accounts information highlighted on slides. Our income had been seriously affected by the pandemic. Our expenditure was up with income e.g. club lotto being down. Overall though, the club has managed through two very difficult years and we're hopeful that 2022 will revive our good fortunes and bring some normality to our income stream.

- Proposed: Enda O Sullivan
- Seconded: Shane Connolly

7. **Chairman's address:** The Chairperson, John Tooher, began his address recalling with deep sadness the passing of the late Ger Gavin, Club President and friend to all. Ger's commitment to the club and his hallmark generosity of spirit would long be remembered and sincere condolences were offered to his family.

He then proceeded to thank officers and volunteers who supported him and worked tirelessly for the club during a trying year which unfortunately did not bring us back to pre-Covid normality. These included ground staff, community volunteers, camogie and juvenile colleagues and our Covid officers.

Our Senior club had varying degrees of success on the playing fields. It was a very disappointing senior hurling campaign and this was addressed at a committee meeting on October 27th, when a detailed report was presented which highlighted key issues which would be worked on in 2022. Overall, we had some outstanding successes with our Junior C 2020 hurlers and our Junior A hurlers both winning North finals. The Junior B footballers brought home North and County trophies in some style and all in the club enjoyed our U17 North hurling victory. Our U 21 hurlers were very competitive and our Juvenile and Camogie teams had their own share of success stories. Team managers and mentors across the board were thanked for their commitment and drive for success under trying Covid restrictions.

John informed the room that the establishment of our first One Club Festival Committee was one of his highlights of the year while the key success story was the Donation Fundraising Project which combined

with our Capital funding facilitated the development of our new Astro facilities and hurling wall. Patrons would be thanked with their names being placed on Jigsaw Wall which the GAA President Larry McCarthy would open on Sunday, January 23rd 2022. Planning permission for a sandbased pitch and a community walkway has been received which will be of fundamental benefit to the health and well-being of the entire community. To ensure that the walkway will be available to all, the club has set up a Nenagh Éire Óg One Club Community Inclusion Charter and a Community Partnership Executive with community representation.

The room was informed of the the updating of information from Croke Park regarding the holding of meetings and new committee structures. An Organisation Chart was shown to highlight the new structures and the roles that fulfill committee requirements.

Finally, the chairperson thanked his senior executive officers for their help and support throughout the year with special mention to Marian and Bartley Ryan for their work on the Tipp Draw and James O Dwyer, camogie vice-chairperson, for his dedicated work on our development projects. All in the room were wished a safe and healthy 2022.

8. The Election of Officers followed:

Officers and Committee Returned in block:

- Proposed: Shane Connolly
- Seconded: Enda O Sullivan

9. Motions: There were no motions submitted:

10. AOB: Detailed slides outlining our development plans were shown with emphasis on the proposed funding models with the purpose being to offer up to date information to club members. The chairperson was questioned on the timeline and how realistic did he feel it was. J.T. replied that a lot would depend on how successful our Capital Funding application was.

Jimmy Morris outlined his disappointment with senior training models and asked that changes be made in 2022. J.T replied that he was in agreement with Jimmy and work has been undertaken to improve our standards.



Barry Heffernan receives the Frank McGrath Cup from Sponsor Maartín Morris of the Hibernian Inn and Micháel Tierney, Chairperson of the North Board.

Secretary's Report 2022

It was a successful year on the playing fields for Nenagh Éire Óg with the Frank McGrath Cup returning to Nenagh for the first time in eight years, our Minor hurlers winning back to back North finals and our footballers winning the U19 B North title. We watched in delight as Sam O'Farrell captained the Tipperary Minors to All-Ireland glory. We had a visit from the GAA President to open our new facilities and watched as hundreds of children regularly and respectfully use them. Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí.

Senior Hurling

County Senior Hurling League.

Our senior group was managed this year by Noel Maloney, Johnny Kelly, Seamus Cleary, Darragh Droog and Timmy Dalton. Our first competitive action was in the 6 team Div. 1, Group 1 of the County Senior Hurling League on March 18th. Group 2 consisted of Toomevara, Drom and Inch, Upperchurch Drombane, Kiladangan, Knockavilla and Loughmore Castleiney. Top 2 in each group (Toome and Clonoulty topped group 2) went through to semifinals with Drom and Inch beating Clonoulty 2-20 to 1-10 to win the Div. 1 final.

FBD Insurance - County Hurling League - Division 1 - Group 1

| Pos. | Team | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Borris-Ileigh | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 120 | 85 | 8 |
| 2 | Clonoulty | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 116 | 103 | 8 |
| 3 | Kilruane MacDonaghs | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 135 | 119 | 7 |
| 4 | Thurles Sarsfields | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 118 | 111 | 3 |
| 5 | Nenagh Éire Óg | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 105 | 133 | 2 |
| 6 | JK Brackens | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 99 | 142 | 2 |

Round 1 (H) Nenagh Éire Óg 1-14
Round 2 (A) Nenagh Éire Óg 0-24
Round 3 (H) Nenagh Éire Óg 1-18
Round 4 (A) Nenagh Éire Óg 0-12
Round 5 (H) Nenagh Éire Óg 1-28

Thurles Sarsfields 2-25
Kilruane MacDonaghs 5-14
Clonoulty Rossmore 1-19
Borris-Ileigh 2-20
JK Brackens 1-22



Daíre Quínn (left) and Conor Ryan in action in the Co. Hurling League against Clonoulty Rossmore.

North Tipp Senior Hurling Championship



Sun 26th Jun 22

Borris-Ileigh (0-19) v (2-17) Toomevara

Hi B Restaurant / Bar North Senior Hurling Championship Quarter Final
Venue: MacDonagh Park 2:00 PM
Referee: Alan Tierney

Kiladangan (3-24) v (4-16) Kilruane MacDonaghs

Hi B Restaurant / Bar North Senior Hurling Championship Quarter Final
Venue: MacDonagh Park 4:00 PM
Referee: Conor Doyle

Sat 2nd Jul 22

Kiladangan (2-20) v (2-16) Toomevara

Hi B Restaurant / Bar North Senior Hurling Championship Semi Final
Venue: Nenagh 6:30 PM
Referee: Gerry Treacy

Nenagh Éire Óg (4-18) v (0-13) Templederry Kenyons

Hi B Restaurant / Bar North Senior Hurling Championship Semi Final
Venue: Cloughjordan 7:15 PM
Referee: Peter Carroll

Sun 10th Jul 22

Kiladangan (2-18) v (2-20) Nenagh Éire Óg

Hi B Restaurant / Bar North Senior Hurling Championship Final
Venue: Cloughjordan 6:15 PM
Referee: Conor Doyle

Nenagh Éire Óg - North Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 2022

On July 10th, we claimed our tenth North Tipperary Senior Hurling title in dramatic fashion in Cloughjordan following a come from behind victory to end Kiladangan's quest for a three-in-a-row. Trailing by seven points at half time and losing Barry Heffernan to injury early in the second half and going a man down to a red card with ten minutes remaining, the lads showed great heart and determination to come out on top

by two points in a great battle. This was a fantastic second half performance to turn the game around as they did against all the odds. Final score was 2-20 to 2-18 with James Mackey and Jake Morris getting the second half goals. Congratulations to all involved on this great win. Senior hurling captain for 2022 was Barry Heffernan. Vice-Captain was Conor Ryan.

Read the Nenagh Guardian report on the match here. And watch the presentation video below.

<https://www.nenaghguardian.ie/2022/07/11/nenagh-claim-north-senior-hurling-title-in-heroic-fashion/>

Presentation <https://youtu.be/eLYVFDXQ0o>



County Senior Hurling Championship

FBD Insurance - County Senior Hurling Championship - Group 1

| Pos. | Team | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Kilruane MacDonaghs | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 78 | 61 | 4 |
| 2 | Nenagh Éire Óg | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 65 | 61 | 3 |
| 3 | Clonoulty | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 67 | 65 | 3 |
| 4 | Moycarkey-Borris | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 54 | 77 | 2 |

Sat 23rd Jul 22

Kilruane MacDonaghs (4-22) v (0-10) Moycarkey-Borris

FBD Insurance - County Senior Hurling Championship - Group 1 Round 1
Venue: Templederry 6:30 PM
Referee: Conor Doyle

Sun 24th Jul 22

Clonoulty/Rossmore (0-19) v (3-10) Nenagh Éire Óg

FBD Insurance - County Senior Hurling Championship - Group 1 Round 1
Venue: FBD Semple Stadium, Thurles 1:00 PM
Referee: John Dooley

Fri 5th Aug 22

Nenagh Éire Óg (1-15) v (2-16) Moycarkey-Borris

FBD Insurance - County Senior Hurling Championship - Group 1 Round 2
Venue: The Ragg 7:00 PM
Referee: Alan Tierney

Sun 21st Aug 22

Kilruane MacDonaghs (1-17) v (3-19) Nenagh Éire Óg

FBD Insurance - County Senior Hurling Championship - Group 1 Round 3
Venue: The Ragg 12:30 PM
Referee: John Lillis

Clonoulty/Rossmore (0-25) v (1-19) Moycarkey-Borris

FBD Insurance - County Senior Hurling Championship - Group 1 Round 3
Venue: Boherlahan GAA Club 12:30 PM
Referee: Kevin Jordan

Sun 4th Sep 22

Clonoulty/Rossmore (1-20) v (3-15) Kilruane MacDonaghs

The County Senior championship threw in for us two weeks after our North Final win with a hard-earned draw against Clonoulty Rossmore in Semple Stadium on July 23rd, with goals from Jake Morris, Ben West and Cian Crowley. We returned to the action the following Friday evening playing Moycarkey Borris in The Ragg. A sub-par performance saw us leave with a 4 point defeat but our despondence was soon over-shadowed by tragic news from Semple Stadium that Dillon Quirke had passed away on the field of dreams. He will remain in our memories.

The sequence of fixtures were then re-arranged and following a two week break, we played Kilruane in the Ragg. While our North win entitled us to a preliminary quarter-final, a win here would gain us an automatic quarter final place. Although an 8 point win over Kilruane left us in second place in the table, we were unlucky in the draw and still found ourselves facing into a preliminary Q/F against J.K. Brackens. Unfortunately, a final quarter rally by Brackens sealed a 4 point win for them and ended our Senior hurling season.

Our sincere thanks to Noel Maloney, Johnny Kelly, Seamus Cleary, Timmy Dalton and Darragh Droog for their hard work and commitment to the senior team this year. Thanks also goes to medics, Noreen Kelly, Liam Quinn and Paul Ryan Physio for their help all season.



A minutes silence for the late Dillon Quirke before the preliminary County quarter-final

Junior A Hurling

North Tipp Junior A Hurling League

| Pos. | Team | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Roscrea | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 80 | 10 |
| 2 | Toomevara | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 150 | 124 | 6 |
| 3 | Kiladangan | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 103 | 91 | 6 |
| 4 | Borris-Ileigh | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 138 | 131 | 6 |
| 5 | Nenagh Éire Óg | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 89 | 109 | 4 |
| 6 | Kilruane MacDonaghs | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 63 | 113 | 0 |

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| Round 1 | Nenagh Éire Óg 0-00 | Kilruane | (concede) |
| Round 2 (H) | Nenagh Éire Óg 2-16 | Kiladangan | 1-21 |
| Round 3 (H) | Nenagh Éire Óg 3-18 | Toomevara | 2-18 |
| Round 4 (A) | Nenagh Éire Óg 1-13 | Roscrea | 2-20 |
| Round 5 (H) | Nenagh Éire Óg 4-12 | Borris Ileigh | 5-20 |

The Junior A hurling panel struggled for numbers this year due to injuries and travel and players needed by the senior panel. In spite of this they were competitive in their opening matches, beating the eventual league winners, Toomevara. As the league progressed however, numbers became even tighter and resulted in losses to Roscrea and Borris-Ileigh.

North Tipp Junior A Hurling Championship

| Pos. | Team | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Toomevara | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 127 | 117 | 9 |
| 2 | Borris-Ileigh | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 121 | 128 | 9 |
| 3 | Roscrea | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 120 | 87 | 6 |
| 4 | Kilruane MacDonaghs | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 72 | 92 | 2 |
| 5 | Nenagh Éire Óg | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 64 | 80 | 0 |

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| Round 1 | Nenagh Éire Óg 1-15 | Kilruane | 1-16 |
| Round 2 | Nenagh Éire Óg (concede) | Borris Ileigh | 0-00 |
| Round 3 | Nenagh Éire Óg 0-27 | Toomevara | 5-13 |
| Round 4 | Nenagh Éire Óg 2-13 | Roscrea | 4-21 |

Unfortunately, between the last league round on May 6th and the first championship round on June 3rd, this group lost some more talented hurlers to injury and overseas travel. They remained competitive until the later stages with the concession due to the fact that the number of players required from the Junior B panel that weekend would result in the Junior B panel disbanding for



the year. Our thanks to Ger McCarthy, John Phelan, David Minogue, Derek Lillis, Donnacha Quinn and Bryan Darcy for the huge efforts they put in to maintaining such high standard of training and competition under trying circumstances.



Brothers, Stevie (left) and Mikey Hallinan in action for the Junior A hurlers.

Junior B Hurling

North Tipp Junior B Hurling Group 2

| Pos. | Team | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Silvermines | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 67 | 8 |
| 2 | Kiladangan | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 83 | 71 | 6 |
| 3 | Templederry Kenyons | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 80 | 86 | 4 |
| 4 | Nenagh Éire Óg | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 58 | 75 | 2 |
| 5 | Portroe | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 80 | 88 | 0 |

Junior B Hurling League

We had a dedicated and hardworking Junior B management and panel in 2022 and they trained to very high standards. Numbers were very tight this year but under the player/management of Brian Maxwell with Phil Hennessy and Eamon O'Brien as selectors, the team put in well trained, spirited and competitive performances finishing out the league with a win over Portroe.

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| Rd 1: | Nenagh Éire Óg | 1-9 | Silvermines | 1-18 |
| Rd 2: | Nenagh Éire Óg | 0-17 | Templederry | 2-13 |
| Rd 3: | Nenagh Éire Óg | 0-8 | Kiladangan | 0-15 |
| Rd 4: | Nenagh Éire Óg | 3-12 | Portroe | 1-17 |



Brendan Long (Left) and David Cleary in action for Junior B hurlers

Junior B Hurling Championship

North Tipp Junior B Hurling Group 1

| Pos. | Team | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Lorrha | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 34 | 6 |
| 2 | Knockshegowna Gaa | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 34 | 37 | 4 |
| 3 | Nenagh Éire Óg | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 46 | 63 | 2 |
| 4 | Borrisokane | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 31 | 47 | 0 |

Sat 18th Jun 22

Nenagh Éire Óg (1-18) v (2-14) Borrisokane

North Tipp Junior B Hurling Group 1 Round 1
Venue: MacDonagh Park 7:00 PM
Referee: Shane Hodgins

Fri 24th Jun 22

Lorrha (0-20) v (2-9) Knockshegowna Gaa

North Tipp Junior B Hurling Group 1 Round 1
Venue: Lorrha 7:30 PM
Referee: TBC

Fri 8th Jul 22

Borrisokane (1-8) v (2-20) Lorrha

North Tipp Junior B Hurling Group 1 Round 2
Venue: Borrisokane 7:30 PM
Referee: Pat O Mahony

Sat 9th Jul 22

Knockshegowna Gaa (0-19) v (2-11) Nenagh Éire Óg

North Tipp Junior B Hurling Group 1 Round 2
Venue: Ballingarry (North) 7:30 PM
Referee: Gerry Treacy

Fri 29th Jul 22

Lorrha (1-21) v (1-5) Nenagh Éire Óg

North Tipp Junior B Hurling Group 1 Round 3
Venue: Lorrha 7:30 PM
Referee: Pat O Mahony

The Junior B Hurling Championship threw in on June 18th and in spite of depleted playing numbers, this talented group of hurlers put in two very competitive performances, beating Borrisokane and narrowly losing to away to Knockshegowna. Lorrha went on to win the Jun B County Final. Many thanks to the players and management for their hard work and enthusiasm all year.

U19 B Football



Nenagh Éire Óg - U19 B North Football Champions 2022

**Kilruane MacDonaghs (1-4) v (0-8) Clonakenny/Moneygall**

North Tipp U19B Football Championship K.O. Quarter Final
Venue: Cloughjordan 6:30 PM
Referee: Brendan Ryan

Silvermines (0-4) v (2-7) Tulach Sheasta

North Tipp U19B Football Championship K.O. Quarter Final
Venue: Dolla 6:30 PM
Referee: Christy Mc Loughlin

Borrisokane (0-1) v (3-4) Nenagh Éire Óg

North Tipp U19B Football Championship K.O. Quarter Final
Venue: Borrisokane 6:30 PM
Referee: Pat O Mahony

Wed 13th Apr 22

Portroe (0-8) v (2-12) Tulach Sheasta

North Tipp U19B Football Championship K.O. Semi Final
Venue: Portroe 6:30 PM
Referee: Brendan Ryan

Mon 18th Apr 22

Clonakenny/Moneygall (0-6) v (1-6) Nenagh Éire Óg

North Tipp U19B Football Championship K.O. Semi Final
Venue: Moneygall 6:30 PM
Referee: Gerry Treacy

Sat 23rd Apr 22

Nenagh Éire Óg (4-6) v (2-10) Tulach Sheasta

North Tipp U19B Football Championship K.O. Final
Venue: MacDonagh Park 7:00 PM
Referee: Pat O Mahony

Congratulations to our U19 B footballers, 2022 North Champions. They were convincing winners away to Borrisokane in the quarter final and earned their place in the final with a hard-earned semi win over Moneygall/Clonakenny. An outstanding performance against a talented Newport side saw the lads bring home the first silverware of the year. Well done to them and to the management team of Greg Browne, Tom Gleeson, Con Morris and Mikey Ryan and thanks for your hard work. Unfortunately due to injury and illness, this panel could not field in the county semi-final against Fethard scheduled almost 7 months after their North win. K



Keelan Rice (Left) and Jack McLoughlin in action for the U19 Footballers

U19 Hurling

North Tipp U19A Hurling Championship Group 1

| Pos. | Team | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|------|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Silvermines | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 23 | 4 |
| 2 | Béal An Átha | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 43 | 35 | 2 |
| 3 | Nenagh Éire Óg | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 31 | 54 | 0 |

Wed 6th Jul 22

Silvermines (3-8) v (1-7) Béal An Átha

North Tipp U19A Hurling Championship Group 1 Round 1

Venue: Dolla 7:30 PM

Referee: Tom Mc Glinchey

Wed 20th Jul 22

Béal An Átha (3-24) v (3-9) Nenagh Éire Óg

North Tipp U19A Hurling Championship Group 1 Round 2

Venue: Ballina 7:30 PM

Referee: Tom Mc Glinchey

Wed 27th Jul 22

Nenagh Éire Óg (0-13) v (1-18) Silvermines

North Tipp U19A Hurling Championship Group 1 Round 3

Venue: MacDonagh Park 7:30 PM

Referee: Gerry Treacy

Following an number of non-competitive matches in a league organised by the North Board, we struggled in our championship games. With very low numbers of boys of the age, our U19 team was made up primarily of U17 hurlers. It was a big ask for a talented group of players but limited numbers and injuries worked against them. We thank the players and the management team of Greg Browne, Tom Gleeson, Con Morris, Cian Tucker and Mikey Ryan for their commitment.



Spectators, Jimmy Morris, Billy Flannery, Martin Morris and Caitríona Morris at U19 hurling, Dermot McTiernan in goal for U19 hurlers

U21 Hurling

Our U21 Championship is under way and with two wins over Toomevara and Roscrea under our belts, we now face in to a North Semi-final against Kiladangan. Management team of Barry Heffernan, Shane Connolly, John Phelan, Philip Hickey and Daire Quinn.



County Players

Well done to Jake Morris and Barry Heffernan (pictured left with Tipperary Camogie star, Grace O'Brien) who represented Tipperary at Senior championship level this year and to Sam O Farrell, (pictured with his mother Sharon after the final whistle), who captained the victorious Tipperary Minor team. Congratulations to Conor McCarthy on his recent call up to the Tipp Senior panel



Field and Match Day Committees

Sincere thanks to Jim Kennedy, Matt Lillis and to all of the grounds-workers and matchday stewards without whom games could not be facilitated. Thanks also to Shane Hennessy and Mary-Jo O'Reilly for their important work on rostering and organisation on match days.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow officers and club members for your support and most importantly, your friendship this year.

Cáitríona Mhic Thighearnáin,
Runaí





CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS 2022

I would like to welcome everyone here tonight to our 2022 AGM and I am delighted to be able at last "tonight" to actually address you all here present and hopefully going forward we can leave the enforced zoom era behind us. Covid did have an impact on our operations during the year including the cancellation of the President's visit which had been originally planned for January but it was a year that thanks to the efforts of our medical friends and colleagues it allowed us to operate in a relatively covid free year. This year I have designed my report under specific headings which I hope will help to structure all the key areas in a clearer manner.

CLUB CODE OF PRACTICE

The key group in our Club which are always acknowledged and recognised in all Chairperson annual reports are our volunteers. I will later on in this report outline the areas that deserve our sincere thanks and deep gratitude but first I want to read into our records my opening notes from our Club Code of Practice and Coaching documents which will be relaunched next Saturday night 3rd December with Eamon O'Shea attending as our guest speaker. The principles of our Code of Practice which has been club policy since 2005 are obviously applicable for all our club members

The background to our relaunching of our Code of Conduct Policy document is set against a country wide sporadic breakdown of unacceptable behaviour which was highlighted recently in Thurles at an under "9" tournament and I believe as a club we are only delivering what will become in time GAA national policy.

Note from Senior Chairperson

As Chairperson, I am delighted to contribute to this wonderful document that outlines the Codes and Practices for our Juvenile members.

The reality is that a Fair Process and its application is now more important than ever as we live in an era where we all thrive for gender equality, anti-racism and a society that insists on fair play for all. Unless we are blind to these needs then we have no other option than to ensure that we embrace them in a meaningful and tangible manner.

The need for this document and these opening comments are because we must be clear on what we are aiming for in both the sporting and social context. We have over the years had a number of people issues that have lessened our standards and while we all strive to improve our coaching techniques on the field of play, we likewise have a responsibility to raise our off the field standards. Therefore, as a Club we have no other option than to Respect everyone involved in the club and that includes, Our Children, Our Parents, Our Fellow Coaches, Our Match Officials and all Our Volunteers who work so hard behind the scenes. To achieve this we need empathy, solidarity and a social goal that supports this culture.

We have no other option but to acknowledge our past and insist that the standard going forward is Platinum Standard. We have an opportunity to convert all our energy and talent to achieve this standard and Leadership from every section is the simple solution.

*We have got to find a way of working together and at all times be prepared to offer the hand of friendship as refusing to co-operate is simply not an option. At times we have lacked the ability to see beyond past obstacles and this in turn, prevents us in our ability to jump future hurdles. We all deserve respect, and we must treat the people we meet at all times in a similar manner. Respect for one another is the key that will open the doors of future opportunities to make Nenagh Éire Go Hurling & Football Club the standard bearer for other clubs to follow. **END OF OPENING NOTE***

The rationale for such a strongly worded statement is quite simply that we cannot deem that a simple thank you in a yearly report is deemed sufficient acknowledgement for the selfless, untiring and professional work that all our volunteers provide year in year out. Words are meaningless without the substance behind them that proves that our respect is total. If we are sincere in our sentiment and our gratitude and to prove it is genuine then any kind of poor conduct or lack of respect anywhere within the club demands a zero



tolerance policy. Therefore, as a first step, to support this principle I am proposing to introduce a new requirement that in future all managers both in the Juvenile and Senior Structures **must** sign a compliance statement which advocates their total and full support for our Code of Practice and Coaching principles before they formally take on their new role. The reality is that our executive has the responsibility for all club activities and therefore all Managers within the club structures must support and comply with all executive decisions. I received unqualified support for this type of policy at our recent 1995 team celebrations prior to the County Senior Hurling Final when I had a brief meeting with GAA President Mr. Larry McCarthy. He was in Thurles to launch the GAA central support policy Respect for Referees and he was very impressed that we had such a policy launch scheduled and he totally supported a Zero tolerance policy regarding any lack of respect within the organisation.

The importance therefore, of the Code of Conduct and Coaching policy documents is evident in that over the past few years a number of issues surrounding how we communicate and engage within the various Club teams has been far from the standard we demand and going forward with everyone's support we will work as per these guidelines. To formalise our process at the end of this report I will seek a proposer and seconder for the adoption of our Code of Practice Document and Coaching Manual.

VOLUNTEERS

So assuming that there is full and total support for introducing this policy it is now important to reflect on our army of volunteers that supported the club in 2022. On your behalf I want to thank everyone for their huge support that they gave both to our club and me personally as club chairperson.

As usual there are too many examples of this support to name individuals so I will just highlight the areas, as I know everyone will then be able to identify the individuals.

- The wide group of ground staff who keep the grounds in immaculate conditions all year round despite having to at times manage our severe weather conditions.
- All our match day stewards including our Shop and Lotto sellers
- Our Roster group who manage both the pitches and the Hurling wall, week in week out. They can confirm for us the need for our new field because they have a very difficult portfolio to manage.
- The Juvenile officers and committee members continued with supporting all their teams and the encouraging numbers attending is only a compliment to their hard and enthusiastic work.
- Our Camogie club colleagues likewise I would like to thank them as we received their co-operation and support at all times.
- Each year, I outline a club management organisation (2023 chart in this report) which I know helped run the club and I thank everyone who took on their assigned role.
- To all the team managers and selectors who successfully manage their squads - Thank you

In last years report I stated that one of the highlights of the year was the establishment of our first One Club Festival Committee which has now evolved into our One Club Finance Committee which Jim Nagle co-ordinates. Obviously each section will cover their financial updates in far more detail under their own Treasurers Reports but I just want to thank everyone for their commitment to our One Club Structure.

As is my prerogative because it is after all **my report**, I am going to break one of my own rules and now highlight and thank one very special person who has been at the heart of our club wearing various hats for many years and who has requested that I formally record that if she is re elected secretary at this years AGM that this will be her final year as our Club Secretary but as they say a week is a long time in politics but that is her request.

This person is of course our very own Catherine McTiernan. I know I am now in her bad books because she shuns any kind of public acknowledgement for the work she undertakes. This work is mainly behind the scenes and at times at very unsociable hours. No one needs me to highlight what she brings to our club as we all know that it is due to her humanity and kindness both in private and in public which is the very glue that is at the very heart of our club and is central to the gaa culture. We are so lucky to have had her at the helm of the club for so many years and I know she will still be a key member in whatever role in the years



ahead.

Another club officer that is actually stepping down this year from his role as Club vice chairperson is Jimmy Minogue but that's only because in his case he is stepping up next year into the very senior role of County Chairperson and he has a very busy induction year ahead. I would like to thank Jimmy for his help and advice that was at all times available but likewise he was always focused on what was best for our club and I know you will all join with me in wishing him every success in what is a central role not just within Tipperary but indeed within the wider GAA organisation.

CHOOSE RESPECT - Make a Positive Change in Our Community

Arising out of the appalling murder of Aisling Murphy the Tullamore school teacher on Jan 12th 2022, Marney O'Regan and Denis Finnerty organised a group of Schools, Business people and Sporting clubs to an inaugural meeting in the County Council Offices to explore the value in forming a Community based Committee to challenge our society regarding such concerns facing women on a daily basis – unfortunately primarily caused by men. Further meetings have been held and members from our One Club have attended. The campaign was officially launched on 5th November 2022. Prior to this launch all town businesses and Sports Clubs were provided with brochures & other related publicity literature highlighting the Choose Respect Campaign and tonight I have samples available. RTE recently did a feature on their six one news slot and the feedback was again very positive. This will be an on-going campaign that deserves our full and total support.

JUVENILE SUB COMMITTEE

At last years AGM I advised the meeting of the Central Council's guidelines and regulations regarding the management of Juvenile Sub Committees and again the key guidelines are:

1. The Club Executive is the controlling body of the Club and is the only Committee that has a remit to hold a Club AGM.
2. The juvenile games provided by the Club may, at the discretion of the Club Executive, be managed by a sub-committee of the main Club Executive, providing this sub-committee conforms to the rules governing sub-committees.
3. Duties of the subcommittee are defined by the Executive
4. Control of expenditure is retained by the Executive
5. The Chair of the subcommittee is appointed by the Club Executive and the Club Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary are all ex-officio members of the subcommittee.
6. The incoming Executive Committee we will confirm the appointment of the designated Juvenile Officers.

During the year I approved a Coaching Sub Committee to review all aspects of our underage coaching both within the club and our schools. The following sub committee was formed: Niall Cahill, Tommy Gleeson, Shane Hennessy, Johnny Slattery, Paul Ryan, Tom Boland, Michael Cleary, and John Kennedy.

The result of their detailed and extensive efforts is a manual that contains a very comprehensive plan which includes a detailed training programme schedule that obviously will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. I would like to thank them for the work they undertook, which resulted in the manual that once approved at tonight's AGM will be formally launched next Saturday night.

PLAYING FIELD ACTIVITIES

I am delighted and thrilled to state that we are once again the proud winners of the Frank McGrath North Tipperary Senior Hurling Cup. We all agree that what we witnessed in Cloughjordan was a performance of heroic proportions. Thanks to all who engineered, cajoled and delivered a fantastic victory which restored both the confidence and pride within our club. While we had hoped to progress further in the Dan Breen, we all saw progress in 2022 that gives us the confidence for the year ahead.

We all of course enjoyed our U 17's consecutive North Tipperary victories and while they succumbed to a very strong Holycross team, I know that this huge disappointment will only sharpen this squad's appetite to raise their own personal bar going forward. In addition, our u19 footballers



won North Tipperary glory in a final that they simply refused to lose. Unfortunately, the delayed County stages of this competition resulted in this squad not being in a position to field a team. This was due to injuries, Covid and clashing with other sporting events which resulted in the management team having to request the officers to forfeit the fixture. Finally, I know it maybe deemed that we did not celebrate their North victory on the night in the traditional manner but the whole area of social conditions for any u17 / u19 age group is very difficult and as an example our Tipperary All- Ireland minors winners celebrated their great victory in Tayto Park and I know this whole area is being examined at national level. At this stage I would like to congratulate **All** our County representatives but in particular Sam O'Farrell who captained our victorious All Ireland Minor winning team.

Our u 21 hurlers commenced their campaign with a great win against Toomevara and then followed that up with another great win against Roscea. This placed us top of our group with a home North Semi final fixture against Kiladangan. Obviously, at the time of writing this report I cannot give any further update but I am sure we will be discussing their championship campaign at tonight's meeting.

Both our Junior teams simply had too many injuries during the season but despite this they both manage to be very competitive and we look forward to their campaigns in 2023. I commend the managers on working together when we had a tough decision to make regarding fulfilling one particular fixture. I fully supported their decision despite subsequent criticisms raised.

Likewise our Juvenile and Camogie Colleagues have been competitive in all grades and indeed the Camogie club had their own share of success in that they competed in 3 finals and winning a County u15 competition. I have also been advised that their membership is continuously growing.

INJURIES

2022 highlighted the injury risk that all our players are exposed to during their playing careers. These injuries have a huge impact on player's personal lives both physically and financially and while the club provides a certain amount of financial support, we need to be also aware of the emotional impact that is as equally stressful. The cruciate injury has become all too common despite the intensive training that players undertake. I know there are now several theories but it is a concern. However, I would like to wish all our players who sustained injuries of any type across all the grades a very speedy and full recovery.

In recognition of the wide range of injuries our players have incurred we are undertaking a review on how we manage strength and conditioning programmes for the coming season.

PRESIDENTS VISIT

Off the field the obvious highlight during the year was the visit of our GAA President Mr. Larry McCarthy to officially open our new state of the art hurling wall and astro pitch and unveil our Jigsaw which was designed to record our appreciation for all who so generously donated to this project. However, I have to formally acknowledge that there were a number of errors with the description of a number of donor's names and one was actually in error omitted. I apologise and I intend to address these unfortunate errors early next year.

While we were marking the special occasion of officially opening the Hurling wall and Astro pitch we also took the opportunity to officially sign our One Club Guidelines. I know this is a great first step but likewise it is a work in progress that we will all need to support and develop as we progress.

The feedback from everyone was that it was deemed a wonderful landmark day in the Club's history and the photograph with all our future All Stars with the President in front of our hurling wall shows that our future is there for us all to manage, foster and support.

NEW FIELD

On the 2nd March 2022, we received the great news that we were awarded the maximum Sports Capital Grant allocation of €150,000. However, extensive and detailed further paper work was required and the final offer letter was not received until 11th July 2022. No work was permitted until we got this letter but we had progressed with vetting and researching contractors to undertake the work of erecting the security fencing and the actual site development which consisted of extensive preparatory work prior to any field



development.

In order to ensure that due diligence was applied a detailed Tender Process was prepared and circulated to three contractors for the Security Fencing and four contractors for the Field Construction. To oversee this process I appointed an independent Tender Board to oversee the Contractor appointment for each of the contracts.

The board members were:

- John Tooher Chairperson
- Jimmy Minogue Vice Chairperson,
- Catherine McTiernan Secretary
- Seamus Cleary Financial Support
- James O'Dwyer Chartered Engineer and Camogie Vice Chairperson
- Seamus Holohan Financial Auditor - Professional Advisor
- Kevin O'Rourke Chartered Engineer - Professional Advisor (Skryne GAA Club)

At a full members meeting held on 13th June 2022 it was unanimously agreed to approve the Board's recommendations to award the two contracts to C.N. Cummins (Security Fencing) and Darmody Sports Turf. (Field Construction).

The next decision to be taken was when we would commence work as the financial arrangements had to be considered. I spoke with both contractors and as we all know at this stage our timing hit a major road crash with the international post Covid inflation crisis that was further escalated with the war in Ukraine. Both contractors stated that they could only honour their prices if we were prepared to immediately sign off on final contracts. So I was left with no other choice but to seek wider experience and advice. To advance with the project I formed a new Financial Board so that we could discuss and consider what our best options were. The reality was that while we had our Sport Capital Grant approved further immediate funding was demanded which we simply did not have in our accounts.

The members of this Finance board were as follows:

- John Tooher
- Jimmy Minogue
- Enda Costello
- Seamus Cleary
- Liam Heffernan
- Jim Nagle
- James O'Dwyer
- Seamus Holohan (Professional Advisor).

I made numerous presentations to them outlining timelines, predicted costs and projected additional grant options etc. After a number of meetings it was agreed that we should proceed immediately with issuing the contracts and that we would seek a club membership drive to raise funding to bridge the gap. Additionally I was asked to seek if an interest free loan from the North Tipperary Board was an option. I am delighted to record that both projects were successful and so allowed us to proceed.

The first step in the process was the realigning of the ESB route and after a number of years work undertaken by James O'Dwyer this was eventually completed and so allowed our security fencing contract to commence. This was completed within a week and our field contractors subsequently arrived on site. We always knew that topsoil was going to be a major hidden cost and we would like to thank the Lunch Bag Company who provided us with their topsoil but unfortunately we still had a huge gap to fill as over 400 truck loads are required. I likewise would like to thank Kelly's of Fantane who made available topsoil at minimum cost. We obviously had the cost of transporting the topsoil to our site but both these sponsors made the project viable. Furthermore I would like to acknowledge David Hickey and Billy Flannery who provided top quality sub soil which was first needed to overlay the proposed pitch area. So as you can see



getting the material was as big a challenge as was preparing the site. I am delighted to advise the meeting that at this stage all preparatory work is now completed including the removal of all trees and shrubs, the crushing of all the concrete paths and the recovery of all the service ducting and all the electric lamp posts. It was our original intention to have the field prepared and sown by the latest the end of September but unfortunately wet weather overtook our timelines and the site is now closed until early spring 2023. On the positive side this Winter break will allow the ground to settle and we can hopefully conclude this club development programme in early 2023.

Finally, in this section I want to formally record our thanks to the North Board for their help and financial support with providing us with a substantial interest free loan for this project and our repayments will be structured around future Munster Council grant allocations.

COMMUNITY WALKWAY

Full planning for this project has recently been approved and I am working on applying for Leader funding. However, I have been recently advised that the earliest funding will now not be available until the middle of 2023 so that will be a work in progress and I will provide a further update as soon as I have more definitive timelines. On a further positive note, I have held a number of preliminary meetings with Tipperary County Council regarding the Community Walkway and if it reaches the next stage this joint venture could be of huge benefit for this project. I hope early in 2023 to be in a position to formally announce more details.

1995 CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday 23rd October 2022, our all conquering 1995 Senior Hurlers County final winners were eventually honoured after its enforced covid related postponement. The County board organised the whole day with a pre presentation reception in the Dome in Thurles with a final reception held that night in the Abbey Court Hotel Nenagh. There was a huge turn out on the day and I would like to thank Conor O'Donovan and Catherine McTieran who organised and contacted all involved. On behalf of the Club I would also like to thank the County Board who organised the event along with the main Sponsor Noel Dundon from the Tipperary Star. In particular huge thanks to Timmy Floyd, John Costigan & Seamus King who coordinated the event. It is important to also acknowledge the huge respect that the County Board hold for our Club. First of all Joe Kennedy County Board Chairperson and then both John and Seamus all commended us on how we both run the club and facilitate so many games but also on our continuous achievements on the field over the years. Finally, I would like to thank Jim McLoughney who sponsored a specially designed club tie for the occasion and also to P.J. Maxwell who provided all the team with a copy of his latest edition of Gaelic Sport in Nenagh.

2023 TARGETS

In order that we have a structured programme of work on what we want to achieve both on and off the field in the year ahead I am outlining a number of key projects that I will commit to if re elected to oversee with everyone's help and support.

1. It is hoped that we can complete our new field in early spring but I would ask those who still intend to financially support this project by joining our Membership programme do so as soon as possible so that we can ensure we finish it to the highest standards.
2. The Senior Executive will work closer with our Juvenile Officers to ensure we manage all our future stars to the highest standard and I propose to designate our incoming Vice Chairperson to take on the role of Juvenile Coordinator
3. Progress Community Walkway Project
4. Develop a robust Strength and Conditioning structure
5. Ensure that all teams have the required support and encouragement so that each competition we enter we do so with the ambition to winning it out.



6. Review all fund raising projects and explore new options within our One Club Structure.
7. Support all our volunteers

SUMMARY

If we are honest, our club history clearly shows that in the past, we have at times not been reading from the same book, let alone the same page. Now, going forward we need not so much to be on the same page but actually reading from the same paragraph.

What does this mean in reality? To achieve this, there is no longer the luxury of playing in-house political games and working off different agendas. We need to be honest and open and take responsibility for all our roles but doing so in a culture without the fear of being undermined by the hurlers on the ditch or the bar stool Barristers as that day is no longer acceptable. Together, we can make this a club that we are all proud of and one more importantly, which we all enjoy being a member of. The hard facts of reality prove and clearly show that only a club with the right culture can hope to meet all its sporting dreams but we must also be a club that has room for everyone. As then and only then can we fully reap our reward on the playing field?

So I conclude my summary by stating that I will commit, if re elected, to honour my 2023 Targets that I just outlined but to do so I am seeking your support in that we promise each other that in 2023, we will all be working from the same book and be on the same page but with our aim to be singing from the same paragraph as soon as possible. So, let's acknowledge what we have achieved, be honest enough to identify what we need to change and brave enough to action this change.

CONCLUSION

To everyone I say thank you again for your support and advice which has always been freely given without any pre conditions and your steady approach and generosity of spirit has been central to why I can conclude my report by once again for my third year as Chairperson, state that we have the makings of being an even stronger club, one that we can all be proud of and that together we can achieve all our sporting dreams in 2023. Éire Óg abú

Finally, as chairperson, I sincerely wish you and all your families a Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2023

Seán Ó Tuachair

Cathaoirleach



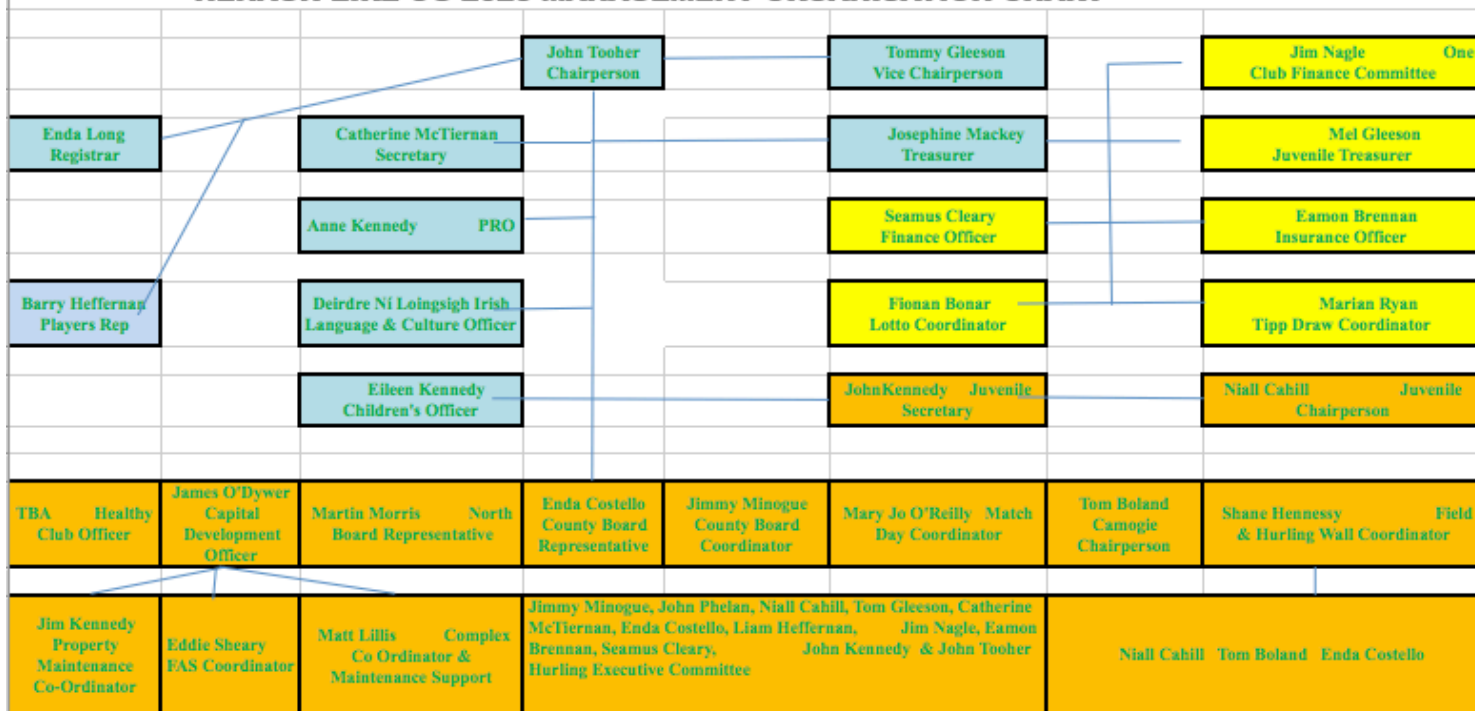
*The Ger Gavin Memorial U21
Hurling Tournament.*

Nenagh Éire Óg

Moycarky Borris

O Loughlin Gaels

Clooney Quinn

**NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 2023 MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION CHART**

SENIOR CLUB EXECUTIVE: Our 2023 Executive Committee as assigned by Congress will comprise of the 9 roles highlighted in Blue and at least five, but not more than ten other Full Members. and as Chairperson I will work with a combination of the above Team and avail of their expertise in line with their roles on any specific project/s etc. as and when they arise.



The Nenagh Éire Óg Jubilee Hurling team - County Champions 1995

Back row L/R: Caoimhe Connolly, John Heffernan, Hugh Flannery, Robbie Foley, Shane Connolly, Tom Conroy, Con Howard, Phil Hennessy, Joe O'Donoghue, Liam O'Gara, Noel Coffey, Declan O'Meara, Ali O'Brien representing her father Donie, Paul Kennedy, John Kennedy, Liam Heffernan, Ronan Burns, Frank Moran, Billy Flannery, Darragh Quinn, Niamh Boland.

Front row L/R: Chris Bonar, Michael Cleary, Christy McLoughlin, Robbie Tomlinson, Conor O'Donovan, Kevin Tucker, Eddie Tucker, Derek Conroy, Gearoid Cleary, Pad Joe Whelehan, Frances Daly, Denis Finnerty.



The President's Visit - Top: GAA President Larry McCarthy cuts the ribbon on our new astro and Hurling Wall Facilities with Kevin Liston, John Tooher and Tara McTiernan.

Below: The three Presidents! Club Presidents Mick Hynes and Jimmy Morris with Larry McCarthy.



U17 A North Tipperary Hurling Champions 2022



*Captain, Sam O Farrell with his teammates and Juvenile Club
Secretary, Tom Gleeson*

