

# ***MILLTOWN GFC***



## ***ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS FOR 2021***

AGM (Via Teams)

Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

At

8.00pm

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## **AGENDA**

MINUTES OF LAST YEARS AGM

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

SECRETARY'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

PRO'S REPORT INCORPORATING UNDERAGE &  
LADIES FOOTBALL REPORT

COACHING OFFICER'S REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS & SENIOR MANAGER REPORT

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

CHILDRENS OFFICER REPORT

COVID OFFICER REPORT

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

AOB

## **MINUTES OF AGM 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Present:** N Dunne, M O Reilly, S Field, T Malone, G Ottley, T Redmond, S Gunning, P Delahunt, R Malone, H Mulpeter, B Dunne, K Dowling, R Byrne, L Buckley, C Mulhall, K O Hara, J Murphy, J Cash, Timmy Cullen, David Kelly  
T. Colgan, Mick Byrne snr, Janette Kennedy, Ann Field, Cian Buckley, Michelle O Hara, P Voigt, A Dignam, F O Sullivan, M Moore, F Sheerin, P Donoghue, S Jacob, B Kennedy, N Shannon, C Colleton,

**Apologies:** None

Chairman Noel welcomed everyone to the 132<sup>th</sup> AGM of the club. He asked for one minutes silence for all those who lost family and friends during the year. Noel thanked Paul Delahunty, Mary O Reilly and Roisin Malone for getting this first teams AGM over the line

The minutes of the AGM of January 2020 were adopted, Proposed by Paul Delahunty and seconded by Hayley Mulpeter. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were adopted.

**Matters Arising :** none

**Secretary Report :** Mary O Reilly read out the Secretary's report

**Treasurer Report :** Treasurer S. Gunning offered a detailed report for the finances of 2020.

**PRO Report :** Roisin Malone gave a very detailed PRO report for 2020. The underage report was included in Roisin's report

**Development Report :** Fran spoke about development

**Underage Report :** Tony Colgan spoke about Underage and everyone trying to get games as much as they could through the pandemic. We were so badly affected by Covid. However we were glad to say we fulfilled every match we were given.

**Ladies Report :** Hailey Mulpeter gave a detailed ladies report

**Chairman's Address:** Chairman Noel Dunne gave his address.

Thank you to everyone that helped the Club during the year. Thanks to Mick Byrne, David Kelly and Fran O Sullivan for all their work. Fran did unbelievable work at leader funding

Hopefully we will get Sports Capital Grants this year.

Thanks to all mentors of teams. To the ladies who lost by 1 point it was not to be their day.

Thanks to Paul Delahunty and co hurling going from strength to strength and also to his work in Scor.

Lotto may start online – Liz O Shea has retired massive thanks to liz and a massive thanks to Joan for her work with registrations.

To Dave and Co in Seniors - tough group

Thanks to Ber for taking up the B team.

To Michelle O Hara for her covid and wellbeing.

Thanks to Pearl & Arthur for doing the gates and thanks to George for the County Board rep.

To all our sponsors. Thank you

Keep up the good work.



**Senior Managers Report:** was read out

**Presidents Address :**

Mick said he wanted to comment on a few things.

Dara Golf our contractor on the development work is a Wicklow man and he wished him all the best. In these strange times great to see so many people participating in the club. Well done to all at the top table. Fran, Noel, Ken and people behind the scenes. All mentors managers and selectors of all teams

Mick Byrne proposed that the present committee officers and everyone involved be returned in block as it was important to see through 2021.

Well done everyone.

**Children's Officer Report :** Detailed report done by Michelle

**Covid Officer Report :** Detailed report done by Michelle

**B Team Report :** Ber gave his report of B team

It was agreed to keep current officers.

Proposed by : Mick Byrne

Seconded by : Fran O Sullivan

All officers agreed to stay

## **Election of Officers for 2021**

President:	Mick Byrne
Vice Presidents:	Seamus Field, John O'Connor, Kit O'Hara, John Murphy. George Ottley
Patron:	Seamus Field
Chairperson:	Noel Dunne
Vice Chair:	Tony Redmond
Secretary:	Mary O Reilly
Ass Secretary:	Tony Redmond
Treasurer:	Siobhan Gunning
Registrar:	Joan Cash
Ass Treasurer's:	Denis Curran
PRO:	Róisín Malone
Assistant PRO:	Paul Delahunty
Co Board Delegate:	George Ottley
Irish Officer:	Paul Delahunty
Players Rep:	Omar Dunne
Coaching Officer:	TBC
Childrens Officer:	Michelle O Hara

### **Committee Members:**

Ronan Byrne, Tim Cullen, Fran O Sullivan, , George Ottley, Kit Dowling, Liz Buckley, Shane Shannon, David Kelly, Mick Byrne, Frank Sheeran, Jeff Knowles, Ber Dunne, Pearl Voigt, Hailey Mulpeter, Sinead Jacob, Tom Malone, J Hamilton, Jim Byrne

**AOB :**

Joan Cash will stay this year – will anyone take up the job as Registrar?

Cul Camps ran in August – Well done to all and thanks to Ronnie.

New Membership fees was agreed for All areas of the club.

Our fees are well below average when compared to local clubs.

Proposed - Roisin Malone

Seconded : Joan Cash

**Agreed New Membership**

Family Membership	€ 120.00
Child (6-17yrs)	€ 50.00
Adult Player (+18)	€ 100.00
Non Playing Member	€ 60.00
Full Time Student	€ 55.00
OAP	€ 25.00

Ber Dunne spoke about one Club

Everyone was asked to pay membership via Klubfunder

## SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021.

Welcome everyone to our Annual General Meeting still on teams in these strange times. Thanks to everyone who has logged in tonight and those who are unable to login who are reading this booklet. It's great to see everyone still interested in the club.

We have reports from most sections of the club and an extensive report from Roisin (Thanks Roisin) so my report will be short as there is no point in repeating ourselves. I just want to say a massive thank you to the Managers and their teams for such dedication during these times and managing to field teams the paperwork and prep that was required for Covid football was not easy.

**Our Development :** This grass has now grown on our new Development and it was such a pleasure to be able to stand there at last looking at football being played on this grass. Massive thank you to David Kelly and Fran O Sullivan and Co for all their continued work.

**Teams :** Great to see us fielding so many team at Underage, Ladies, Hurling etc. With numbers small this is a very difficult task and a credit to both sets of Managers and mentors.

**Hurling :** Thanks to Paul Delahunt and his team for your continued involvement in our Hurling section. Congrats to Paul and his team for winning Gold Caman Chill Dara Award this year for the club.

**Booking of Clubhouse:** With the lifting of restrictions the Clubhouse will be back open soon. I would just ask that if anyone is using our facilities that they make sure that lights etc. are off before they leave. Please also make sure that you Lock all the Doors, and make sure the heating is turned off (if you have turned it on) as our Clubhouse Maintenance costs are extremely expensive.

**Sponsors:** A massive Thank you to each and every one of our sponsors. Without your help and support our club would find it very difficult to continue to run so smoothly. Thanks to everyone who worked in *Clubhouse and grounds over the year*. Everywhere looks so good and its important to keep our grounds and clubhouse in tip top shape. I would like to mention our Friends of Milltown here also and thank them for their continued support.



**Fundraising :** Thanks to all the Lotto people who work tirelessly every week with this valuable fundraising item. The steady stream of money from this fund is very important to the club. Thank you also to the lotto team for their hard work in bringing the lotto online. You can now buy tickets through Klubfunder or you can still get you're your tickets in David's shop.

A big thank you to our outgoing Senior Management Team Dave & Mark Cullagh and Sean Mulpeter and I wish the very best to our new Senior Management team for 2022 - Darren O Shea, Michael Colleton and their team. Great to see Club Members and former players back at the helm. Best of luck lads.

Thanks also to Phil Coleman and Sandra Whelan for organising the Intel Bursary Fund for this year again.

Finally I'd like to thank my fellow officers, all of our committee and club members, our coaches and mentors who have given their free time to participate in the running of our club.

Hopefully we can soon recommence our activities safely in Milltown GFC and here's to 2022 being successful both on and off the field.

I would like to wish all of our teams the very best for 2022.

Mary O Reilly  
Cub Secretary

# **FINANCE REPORT 2020/2021**

## **Summary**

In line with GAA standardisation, this report will include the period from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

## **INCOME**

### **Membership**

The new membership rates were introduced at last year's AGM and are proving to be beneficial in meeting the clubs running costs. The receipts are up almost €7,000

Tony Redmond put in a huge effort calculating the amended rates and I think we can safely say he did a great job. Thank you Tony. The vast majority of membership is now paid through Klubfunder.

### **Fundraising**

There was no fundraising event this year. This was mainly due to the Development Account's *Mega Draw*.

### **Lotto**

A huge effort was put in from the Parish and the four GAA clubs to get the Lotto up and running online. It has been running since May and with a push in the New Year with the introduction of paper tickets I would hope that we will be close to pre Covid sales.

Special thanks to the Lotto Committee of Fran O'Sullivan, John Murphy, Noel Dunne and Anne Downey.

We cannot underestimate the importance of the income from the Lotto, it is the bread and butter for the club and we must promote it at every opportunity.

### **Hall Rental**

With the facilities being closed for most of the year there were no receipts for hall rental. The good news is that the Irish Dancing resumed at end of October. We are also lucky to have two new regular hall renters in Kildare Bowls and an Art Club.

### **Intel Bursary Fund**

This year benefitted from the Intel Bursary Fund again, which the club received over €3,600. Special thanks to Philly Coleman and Sandra Whelan for signing the club up to this initiative.

## **EXPENDITURE**

The main areas of expenditure were in Facilities Maintenance and the Player and Property Insurance.

With the dressing rooms closed for much of the year, the work completed in them may have gone unnoticed. New showers were fitted in both dressing rooms along with tiling. A massive thanks to Myles O'Reilly for completing this work at no cost to the club.

In addition Myles also upgraded the heating system. Thanks so much for giving up so much time for the clubs benefit. Your work will serve us well into the future.

## **Thank you**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have made my job as club treasurer a lot easier and their work cannot be underestimated.

To the Lotto committee – Fran O'Sullivan, John Murphy, Anne Downey and Noel Dunne.

Mick Byrne for being at my beck and call and last minute dashes to the pitch

## **SPONSORSHIP**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that made donations to the club over the past year and the following club supporters:

- Myles O'Reilly Plumbing and Heating
- Peter Dunne
- The Inn at Milltown
- Donovan Printing
- Tierney Garden Developments
- Bank of Ireland
- Ulster Bank
- Industrial Fitness
- Naas Dental Clinic



## Schedule summary for Milltown GAA 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

### Sources of main income

Membership	€17,975.00
Lotto	€4,762.32
Clothes Recycling	€79.79
Club Kildare Co-op Draw	€1,000.00
Intel Bursary Fund	€3,621.73
Gate Receipts	€535.00

### Sources of main expenditure/outgoings

Facilities Maintenance including Oil, water, ESB, Bins, works to clubhouse	€11,776.89
Lotto	€2,381.16
Management and Training expenses	€3,506.98
Hawkfield Levy	€1,750.20
Kildare Co-op Draw	€1,500.00
Bank Charges (including klubfunder)	€288.60
Insurance Player and Property	€3,720.00
Physio	€2,390.00
Misc exp (printing, stationery, donations, website, mass cards, etc)	€1,420.84
Medical exp refund	€469.00
Transfer of membership funds to Ladies	€4,092.00
Stripe fees	€759.43*
Transfer to Development Account (Mega Draw and Friends of Milltown)	€14,945.00

\* Approx €34,500 was lodged to the Bank Account through Stripe

### Bank Account

Opening Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2020	€18,091.69
Credits	€38,876.89*
Debits	€44,671.67*
Closing balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021	€12,296.91

\* All Klubfunder sales for the Mega Draw went through the bank Account.

### Cash Account

Opening Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2020	€285.00
Credits	€4,159.25
Debits	€4,019.00
Closing balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021	€425.25

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Siobhan Gunning  
Treasurer Milltown CLG



## Development Report

It was great to see grass growing on our new pitches in 2021. Both pitches were able to cater for uage training and games which was a huge benefit to the club.

The finishing touches were put to the walking track in early 2021 and while some small work is still required the track got plenty of use during the year.

Looking forward to this year we hope when lotto funding is announced we should hopefully be in a position to erect goal posts and ball stop nets on pitch 2. We expect to hear news of this within the next month or so.

We then hope to have an official opening during the year and begin plans for final phase of our development i.e. the lighting of pitches and walking track.

Our major fund raiser in 2021 the mega draw was a huge success and we thank everyone who supported the draw. We also want to thank our Friends of Milltown members who continue to support the development.

Development Committee

# Milltown GFC Development Account

Year ended 31/10/2021	2021 €	2021 €	2020 €	2020 €
<b>Income</b>				
Sports Capital Grant		4,296.00		81634
Tax Rebate		3,767.83		0
Leader Grant		22,959.50		0
Mucker Insurance Rebate		0.00		2550
400 club tickets		33,200.00		
Friends of Milltown		13328.66		27742.47
Croke Park Interest earned		12.69		636.6
		<b>77,564.68</b>		<b>112563.1</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Bank Loan	Capital	8,565.59		8016.14
	Interest	4,442.59		4992.1
Bank Fees		332.2		168.7
Legal fees		0		837.7
400 club prizes		12100		0
Mucker insurance		0		2700
Tickets & promotion		508.44		0
Capital spend		23,898.10		140688.2
		<b>49,846.92</b>		<b>157402.8</b>
Surplus ( deficit ) for the year		<b>27,717.76</b>		<b>-44839.8</b>
Opening Surplus		25699.77		70539.52
Total Funds		<b>53,417.53</b>		<b>25699.77</b>
Funds at bank	€			
BOI Current Account		52,742.17		25037.14
Croke Park Savings Account		675.32		662.63
Total Funds		<b>53,417.49</b>		<b>25699.77</b>
BOI Loan Balance		<b>74,954.56</b>		<b>83520.21</b>



## MILLTOWN GAA PRO REPORT 2021

Little did we realise that 2021 would also be affected by the COVID Pandemic again. The COVID 19 pandemic disrupted many of our leagues and championship fixtures. When we did get to play games, the schedule was very tightly packed. We would like to thank all our players and managers for their commitment during this very busy time. Paul, Anne and I have tried to keep our members informed of what was going on using our parish newsletter when available and our website, Facebook, Twitter trying to reach as many of you all as possible. We hope to continue to bring as much information to the club as we can. We have also tried to link up some of our senior members online tonight linking them by phone to a member who is using teams. When supporter numbers were restricted at matches, we ventured into the new area of trying Facebook live. (This did help to tone down some of our over exuberant and vocal spectators. I won't name them!) We did have a few hiccups along the way but were able to bring nearly all matches to people live. We brought many of the games live where possible, however, after objections being lodged by a club, we were informed by the County Board that we could no longer record the games live. We did appeal this to the County Board but this appeal was denied.

While sports were shut down at club and national level, huge work continued on our new pitch development. Thank you to David Kelly, Fran O'Sullivan and the development committee for all their effort. The pitch has now taken shape and it was fantastic to see so many matches up to Under 12 football and hurling taking place this year on pitch 2 and 3. There is still some outstanding work to be done and we are planning on having that done in time for this year's football season. Thank you to all the players, parents, managers, club officials, pitch and grounds people and our sponsors for their continued support. We would like to thank all our outgoing management teams for your commitment during the year. A big welcome to Darren O'Shea and Mick Colleton coming onboard as the new management for the Senior Men. Seán Trant and his management team of Liz Buckley, Eddie Owens, Wayne Dignam and Hayley Mulpeter, will continue as management team for the ladies this year.

A special word of thanks to our Club Registrars for all their hard work making sure all players are registered and to Michelle O'Hara our Child Welfare Officer and Covid Compliance Officer who kept us all on our toes. Thankfully we had no outbreaks in the club. Thank you to all the team covid officers and to the parents and players for making sure our club was as safe as possible. Let's hope for a better 2022.

A warm welcome to the new committee in the Ladies Section.

Chairperson – Anne Field

Secretary - Catriona Kaye

Treasurer – Liam Mulpeter

P.R.O. - Anne Sweeney

Registrar - Claire Sweeney

A meeting was held in the Autumn to review the football year, It was attended by all sections of the club. There were strong concerns that the senior teams were not progressing as it was hoped in the club. It was agreed to put together a sub committee to work on player skills and welfare. The executive appointed the Club Coaching Officer Ronán Byrne to lead this committee. Already we have seen great enthusiasm from teams with many from u16's upwards attending strength and conditioning classes. We also had an U 23 team entered into competition this year.

Klubfunder was the main source of payment this year for membership, ticket purchase and lotto purchase and worked out very well. It will continue to be updated and available going forward for payments to be made. A huge thank you to Siobhan Gunning, Tony Redmond and Paul Walshe for their work on this.

### **A Year in Review**

U6 There were 27 children training (17 boys and 10 girls) ranging in age from 4.5 to 6.5. We had 30 training sessions commencing in April with brilliant attendance varying from 15 to 20 most saturday mornings. We did 8 mid-week training sessions which were a great success over the summer holidays. We played 3 matches over summer 2 home games against TMH and Suncroft and one away to Monasterevin.

U7 girls have 10 players in this group and played 3 matches to Kilcock, Towers and Naas

U8 had a busy year in 2021 throughout the season. All the children that started, ended the season with us. We had plenty of league matches which we played competitively in, along with being invited to blitzes and practice matches. 2021 was a fun and busy year for the U8's.

U8 girls have about 20-25 for training and about 10-15 for matches. They played against Rathangan, Carbury and Raheens

U9's and U10's trained together on Mondays. The sessions were well attended and usually had between 15 and 20. The U9's competed well apart from one game against TMH. They won 4 games and lost 2. The U10's found it difficult in the early part of the season but once they were re-graded, they competed well. They lost 4 games but won their last 2 games. I envisage that these 2 teams will train together this year since half of the u10's are also eligible for the U9's. Tony

U 9 girls have 21 players in this age group. They had 6 games scheduled for the Autumn league and ended up playing 4, Kill, Na Fianna, Cappagh and Balyna .

U10/11 girls had 16 girls and they had 6 league games against Robertstown, TMH, Celbridge, Rathcoffey in the u10 league and against Suncroft, St. Laurences, Athy, Castlemitchell, Rathangan and Ellistown in the U11 league



U11's done well this year as they were in a very tough group in the first round of fixtures. They did very well in the second round of fixtures getting some wins under their belts. We have 8 young lads who are improving every year and coming on so well. We had the U10's helping us out which we appreciate so much. They are a great bunch of lads and looking forward to getting back this year. Robbie

The U12's had a squad of 22 players this year and played in the Div 3 Seanie Barber league and in the Div.3 southboard this year. They played Raheens, Sarsfields and Naas winning against Sarsfields. They contested the Shield Semi Final and lost out to Clane. In the Southboard league Div.3 they won against Ballymore & Ellistown, drew with Rheban and lost to Ballykelly by a goal when a point would have got them to a final. The future is bright for this group and we are certain a bit of silverware isn't too far away. Thanks to the parents for their support. Kit, Peter, Paul and Ultan.

The U12 hurlers played in 2 leagues both Division 4. They played Round Towers, Athy, Kill, Rathangan, and received a walkover from St. Lawrences. The U12 hurlers made club history this year in that they were the first hurling team in Milltown GAA to contest a County final which was held in Hawkfield against St. Lawrences. Although not our day, it was a fantastic achievement and great credit to the players, mentors and parents. In the Autumn League, they played Round Towers, St. Lawrences and Kill twice.

U13 The ladies contested the Division 6 league. They played Roberstown, Athy, Strafford and Monasterevin, with victories against Roberstown and Athy. They were unlucky to lose out the other 2 matches which were tightly contested.

U13 The lads contested the Division 5 League. They played Moorefield, Abbey Rangers and received a walkover from Allenwood in the Shield Semi Final. They played Confey in the Shield final in Hawkfield. Despite missing a few players, the team fought very bravely, narrowly losing a great game on a score of Milltown 6-06 Confey 8-05.

U14 The lads contested the Division 4 league playing Balyna, Ellistown and St. Kevins. They played Maynooth in the Shield Quarter Final Milltown 3-13 Maynooth 5-06. They lost out to Aylmer Gaels in the Semi-Final.

U15 ladies contested the Division 3 league playing Suncroft, Raheens, Castlemitchell, Clane, Sallins.

U15 lads contested the Division 2 league playing Castlemitchell, Athy, and a walkover from Aylmer Gaels. They contested the Division 3 championship and played Newtown Gaels, Eadestown, St. Edwards and met Aylmer Gaels in the semi final losing out with a score of Aylmer Gaels 5-12 Milltown 2-08

U16 lads contested the Division 1 league playing Sarsfields, Maynooth, Celbridge, Raheens, Naas and losing out to Celbridge in the Shield Semi Final with a score of Celbridge 5-19 Milltown 5-09

U16 ladies contested the Division 3 league playing Sallins, Kill, Carbury, Leixlip and Round Towers. They beat Round Towers in the Semi Final and went on to beat Kill in the Final with a score of Milltown 6-15, Kill 5-13

U17 lads contested the Division 3B league and the Division 3 Championship. In the league they played Clane, Newtown Gaels, Carbury and lost out to O'Tooles in the Cup semi Final. In the Championship, they played Newtown Gaels, Clane and got a walkover from Rathangan. They beat Castlemitchell in the Semi Final and lost out to Carbury in the Cup Final. Milltown 2-07 Carbury 5-09

Minor Lads contested the Division 6 League and the Championship C. They played Castlemitchell, Cappagh, Athgarvan and Kill with a walkover from St. Kevins, but lost out to Castlemitchell in the final - Milltown 3-13, Castlemitchell 4-13. In the Championship, they played Confey and lost out to Leixlip in the Quarter final.

Minor Ladies contested the Division 4 Championship. They played Trinity Gaels, Rathangan, Suncroft, Celbridge and lost out to Trinity Gaels in the Semi Final Milltown 4-05 Trinity Gaels 3-16.

U23 lads contested the Championship D. They played St. Edwards and received a walkover from Celbridge. They lost out to Naas in the Semi Final.

Senior Men contested the Division 4 league and the Intermediate Championship this year. They played Kildangan, Kill, Robertstown, Ballykelly, Castlemitchell, Suncroft, Grangenvolvin and Athgarvan, recording 6 wins and 2 losses. In the Championship, they played Ellistown, Two Mile House, Nurney, Allenwood and beat Straffan in the Relegation Final.

Senior Ladies contested the Division 4 League and the Junior B Championship. They played Monasterevin, Athy, Kill, Ballymore, Trinity Gaels and lost out to Athy in the Semi Final Athy 3-07 Milltown 1-10. In the Championship Milltown played Ballymore, Athy, Raheens and lost out to Two Mile House in the semi-final Milltown 1-07 TMH 2-05

A full list of matches and scores can be found in the Fixtures & Results section of the club website ([www.MilltownGAA.com](http://www.MilltownGAA.com)).

Congratulations to all the players who wore the White County Jersey this year

Senior: Lara Curran (Vice Captain Kildare Ladies) and Lauren Murtagh. Both Lara and Lauren made the Div 3 Lidl ladies national football league team of the year. The Kildare ladies enjoyed wins over Wicklow, Longford and Sligo and lost out to Laois by a point in the Div. 3 League final. In the championship, Kildare had a win against Roscommon and a loss against Laois and a win against Leitrim in the All Ireland Quarter Final. They lost out to Westmeath in the Semi final. Well done to Lara and Lauren.



Minors: Ciara Buckley and Hugh Hamilton

U16's: Grace Murtagh, Calum Murphy, Conor Sheerin and Paddy Donoghue and Ben Curran. Congratulations to Grace Murtagh who went on to win 2021 Leinster Championship with the u16's. Well done to Catriona Kaye who was a selector on the Kildare u16 county team.

U15 Football: Joe Dunne and Liam Kelly

U15 Hurling: Joe Dunne. (Another Dual Player for the Club)

The following players will be playing for Kildare in 2022

Senior Ladies - Lara Curran and Lauren Murtagh

Minor - Grace Murtagh and Paddy Donoghue

U 16 - Francesca Smyth and Niamh Murphy

Unique Achievement:

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, the U16 girls and Minor lads (2020) played their finals in Hawkfield, Both teams were successful. Stats from the games showed that 6 sets of siblings took home medals from both teams along with 3 sets of siblings on the Minor lads teams. This is a very unique achievement for any club. Congratulations to the Walker, Finnegan, Murtagh, Sheerin, Donohue, Daly, Hamilton, Gibbons and Hueston families.

### **Hurling**

Hurling in the club continues to grow, with increased numbers across all age groups. In particular, our U6 & U7 nursery continues to go from strength to strength. Although we had another difficult year with COVID, we certainly had quite a few highlights.

This year we had boys and girls compete in U7, U9, U10 and U12 competitions, and in all age groups, the teams performed well taking a couple of notable scalps along the way. For the first time ever, we tried out training the U6 & U7 group on a Friday evening (instead of a Saturday morning) due to clashes with football matches. It was an inspired decision and the feedback from kids and parents was very positive.

In July, Senior Kildare hurlers, Paddy McKenna, James Burke and Cathal Dervan took our U10s and U12s for a training session and brought Christy Ring along for a visit too. They also popped down to the U8 and U9s, where there was hardly a stitch of clothing left unsigned. Huge thanks to Shane Dunne for organising the visit.

This year saw Milltown host a hurling blitz for the first time ever. It was heartening to see our club full of hurlers on the morning of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. We had eight U9 and U10 teams in total...2 from Milltown, Rathangan, Kilcullen and St. Killians (Dublin).

Over 70 kids enjoying our ancient game.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped. To Fran, Arthur and Paul on great traffic management...to Pauline and Anne Marie on the teas and refreshments...to Annabel and Shane on coordinating the refs and teams...to our refs, Brian, Shane, Joe and Pól.

But most of all to Patrick Keogh and Céire Cash on seeing the day through from inception to execution. A number of the teams mentioned how well the day was organised. It was a real "meitheal", and showed how a small club all pulling together can achieve great things.

It was also really pleasing to see Milltown win the competition outright after a gripping game v Rathangan.

October saw Milltown participants in the county Poc Fada competition for the first time on what was a glorious day on the Curragh. While it wasn't our day this time, it was a step forward to have competitors in the Senior and Junior competitions. Well done to Joe Dunne and Jonathon Breslin on representing us in the Junior competition and to Ber Dunne, Alan Dignam, Luke Redmond and Paul Delahunty on representing us in the Senior competition.

This year, Milltown entered a competitive hurling competition for the first time. Our U12s played in Division 4, and reached the Shield final v St. Laurences. There was great excitement in the run up, and a video of a number of hurling greats wishing the team luck was only added to it. This was the clubs first hurling county final, and while the result did not go our way, judging by the display, it won't be long until a title is brought back to the village. Thanks to our supporters who turned out in such great numbers to cheer the team on, and to the many who sent messages of support. The team were in awe of the support.

### Hurl With Me

Hurl With Me was a great success again this year. Hurl With Me is a course for parents, guardians, or any adult with interest really, to learn the basics of hurling. Run over 5 weeks in September/October, we had 12 participants.

Thank you to all those who attended the Hurling Referee Go Games Course during the year.

Congratulations to Joe Dunne on making the Kildare U15 hurling squad. Although Joe plays his hurling (for the moment!) with Moorefield, he identifies as a Milltown man. So it was lovely to see the name "Milltown" after his name on the team sheet.

Well done Joe!

One of the highlights of the year was receiving a Gold Camán Chill Dara award. This was the



first year of the awards, and the idea is to recognise clubs who have excelled in promoting hurling across a number of different categories. It should be emphasised that this was a club award which would not have been achieved without all arms of the club working together, and was a testament to the hard work put in by all club members in promoting our Gaelic Games. It was an honour to be one of only 5 or 6 clubs who scooped the Gold Award. The Award was presented to the Club Chairman Noel Dunne by the President of the GAA, Larry McCarthy, at the award ceremony in Maynooth.

#### The Future:

As the hurling teams go up the age brackets, it will become more and more difficult to field teams, as we're a small club and numbers can be tight in some age groups. At the start of 2021, we had hoped to join Round Towers in an amalgamation, but this was not to be. However, Sarsfields approached us in the autumn with a view to an amalgamation from U12 upwards. The wheels were put in motion, and, with agreement from both club executives, "Milltown Sarsfields" will be competing in the U12, U13 and U14 competitions in 2022. The arrangement is initially in place for 5 years, but it is anticipated that this will be a longer term partnership.

A huge thank you goes to all of our managers who put in huge work with the hurlers and camógs. Míle buíochas Paddy Keogh, Céire Cash, Ber Dunne, Brian Campbell, Gordon Stewart, Larry O Toole, Lorraine O Toole, Janette Kennedy, Pat O Neill, Debbie Roche, Shane Dunne and Paul Delahunty. Special thanks to Michelle Curran and Tia Donovan who also helped with training during the year.

Congratulations to Paul Delahunty who was chosen as one of the 12 provincial winners of the Beko Club Champions Competition. This competition sought to recognise the hard work of volunteers and clubs throughout the Province. Our club will receive €1000 worth of O'Neills training equipment in the Spring. Well done Paul.

#### Gaelic4Mothers and Others

Our G4MO were back this year in July with training on Monday nights at 8pm and followed up with 2 matches with Maynooth and Nurney. It was great to see a lot of new players join this year and to have the extra pitches for training. New members are always welcome.

#### Scór

Scór fell victim to the COVID again this year. However, once things opened up again slightly, it was decided to run off the competition from 2020 instead of starting a 2021 competition. What an excellent decision that was. After plenty of practice under the watchful eye of Andrew Cody, our Quiz team came 5<sup>th</sup> in Ireland...just 2 points behind a podium finish. A fantastic achievement from the team of Mary Byrne, Ronán Byrne, Noel Dunne, Noel Shannon and Andrew Cody. Looking forward to having Scór back up and running this Year.

The club were delighted to extend our congratulations to Seán Malone of Allenwood who received a Lifetime Achievement award for Leinster.

#### Conlon Cup:

We had a beautiful sunny October day for the (COVID delayed) 2020 Conlon Cup. Well done to our U6-U8 footballers who put on a very entertaining display of football. At the same time on pitch 2, our U10-U12 hurlers and camógs played out a cracking exhibition match.

The main event started at midday and 8 evenly balanced teams battled it out. Well done to the winning captain, Jonathon Breslin. Thanks to all the committee for the hard work behind the scenes. Particular thanks to the Conlon Family for their continued support for the event. This was an especially hard year for them with Mrs. Conlons death. They will continue to support the event in the future. Well done to all the organisers, teams and mentors and referees for the event.

#### Reddy Cup and Hanlon Cup

These tournaments were cancelled due to COVID.

#### Club expansion

After Trojan work by our 'Field' Sub-committee, we were able to get to use pitch 2 and pitch 3 this year for our underage section of the club for training and matches. There is some more work to be done in the spring which will finish off that section of the project. We have applied for funding grants to do more work on the grounds such as the lights. We are awaiting the results of the grant applications and can do no work until we know. We received planning permission to install lights which is phase 1 of that particular project.

#### Club Facilities

With the Covid restrictions in place for most of 2021 we have lost out on much needed revenue with Hall rental to other groups. However, it is very important that once the club house is reopened, we contact Mary O'Reilly in advance of organising events to ensure there is no crossover or doubling up of events. To book the pitch for matches, please contact Fran O'Sullivan beforehand to ensure pitch is free. We would also ask everyone who uses the pitch and club house facilities to please double check lights and heating are switched off before you head off when finished. On many occasions this year, both the lights and heating have been left on overnight. This is a huge drain on club finances. Don't leave it to someone else! Check yourself!

With the club house and dressing rooms closed, it allowed us to get much needed repair work done to the shower areas in both dressing rooms. This was a large piece of work and thank you to Fran O'Sullivan and Mary O'Reilly for working with the Insurance Company and co-ordinating all the work needed to get the job complete. Many thanks to Myles O'Reilly for completing the work to a very high standard. Also for anyone who has been to the club grounds in the last few evenings, you will notice that we upgraded the existing floodlights on pitch 1. A huge thank you to Peter Dunne for all his work on this project.



## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Mega Development Draw.**

Due to the lack of opportunities to fundraise as a result of COVID, it was decided to hold a Draw . Our Mega Development draw was launched before Christmas in 2019 but was delayed by a few months as football had not restarted. The draw took place over 4 months and was a great success and a huge thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and to those who sold and bought tickets.

### **Lotto:**

The Lotto came back this year initially online and although slow to take off, it continues to be an important source of fundraising to help with the day to day running costs in the club. Thanks to our Lotto team who work tirelessly to ensure the lotto is a success. We are always looking for more people to come on board and help out and support the Lotto. The first Jackpot of the new lotto was won in Milltown the week before Christmas. Well done to Gavin Deegan in the Shop.

### **Intel:**

Intel Benevity Program has been a great financial benefit to the club this year especially as we have very limited means to fundraise. We would like to encourage any member working in Intel to nominate Milltown GAA. Thanks to Sandra Whelan and Philly Coleman for their support.

### **Clothes Recycling:**

The Clothes Recycling continues but this year had limited access as the club was closed. Thanks to everyone who has supported this. The club is continuing with the Clothes Recycling and the Recycling bin at the club and it is maintained regularly.

### **County Tickets:**

This year the club were involved in the county Development Draw. The draw did not take place until September due to COVID and we did manage to sell 10 tickets. As we held our Mega Draw this year, it was decided to not push the sale of these tickets. We thank all those who bought tickets for your support.

### **Milltown Muckers:**

This is due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022. We need minimum of 20 volunteers to help out at this event. Can you please let us know before February 1<sup>st</sup> as we need to confirm with the company organising the event.

**Lidl LGFA fundraising:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Lidl LGFA jersey fundraising. Milltown were successful in getting a new set of jerseys from this fundraiser. These lovely jerseys are heading to the U16 ladies.

### **Friends of Milltown:**

Friends of Milltown has been a very successful fundraising initiative for the raising of funds for the Development of our new pitch to date. We are delighted to have so many people on board and we would like to thank them for their continued support.

## **Thank You**

2021 has been an extremely strange year for us all and when we weren't in lockdown we were indeed very busy and for most parts very successful. Milltown CLG extends their thanks to one and all for their support. Thanks to all the players and their families, to all our mentors, trainers and coaches at all levels from u6 right up to senior level in football, hurling. It was crazy with all the stop/start football. Thank you to our Committee members of the Seniors, Underage and Ladies Sections. Thank you to Mick Byrne and all who look after the pitch. Thank you to those who wash jerseys, our Lotto Committee, 'The Field Committee'. George, Pa and Frank for attending the County Board, South Board and Bord na nÓg meetings and to our Child Welfare Officer who keeps us on our toes. All your hard work and your gift of time to the Club is very much appreciated. There is still a lot of hard work ahead but the positive community spirit throughout all sections of the club means that members can look forward with confidence. Can you help? If so let us know, the more the merrier and we are willing to share the load.

We would also like to thank our partners in the Community, Milltown School and Milltown Tidy Towns for their continued help and support. To all our sponsors, supporters, patrons and the local community, we thank you and we look forward to working with you all in building our club both on and off the field this year. A very special word of thanks to the Inn at Milltown for their continued support again this year.

Róisín Malone, Paul Delahunty and Anne Sweeney Club PROs



# Coaching Officer Report

1. Overview of Role-Aims
2. 2021 Summary
3. 2022 targets

## 1. Overview and aims

- a. The role was created at the 2009 AGM
- b. Identification and recruitment of coaches for underage teams
- c. Coach education and development---formal and informal
- d. All teams to have at least one coach with official coaching qualifications
- e. Development of a coaching pathway from underage to adult
- f. A cumulative development of skills targets for each age group
- g. Feedback and consultation with coaches

## 2. 2021 Summary

- a. A number of coaches completed GAA Foundation Course on-line and in person
- b. New coaches in GAA and LGFA
- c. Cul Camp for 140 children in August
- d. Review and planning meeting for coaches of u14 up— meeting held in October
- e. Nearly all underage coaches have completed Foundation Level course at least
- f. Underage S&C session for u15 groups commenced in November in Industrial Fitness

## 3. 2022 Targets

- a. Review and planning meeting for u13 coaches and younger teams to take place as soon as possible
- b. Further development of the programme of specific skill targets for each age group
- c. Progression and development of S&C class---broadening the provision?
- d. Development of common coaching resources on-line—a YouTube channel for useful drills, coaching videos etc. Alternative format suggestions welcome?
- e. Development of coach education in tactical play--- defensive systems, kick-out strategy, opposition kickouts, attacking play etc
- f. Recruitment of underage coaches

Finally, a word of thanks to all our coaches for their work over the 2021 season. I firmly believe that, with respect to all our club officers, our coaches are the most important volunteers in our club. If we continue to engage our players with variety and enthusiasm in every training session, the players will *keep returning because they are enjoying themselves, while developing their skills and confidence in a safe and positive environment.* Happy players means happy parents and a thriving club with growing player numbers.

I hope to see you all on the pitches in 2022, and if you decide to take a step back this year, let's hope it's just a rest to recharge the batteries and go again soon.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Baile an Mhuilinn abu.

Ronan Byrne

January 2021

## **Club Children's Officer Report to the AGM of Milltown CLG**

At all disciplines within Milltown CLG, the welfare and interests of children is of paramount importance. We aim to ensure that all children and young people have a positive, developmental and enjoyable experience of Gaelic Games in a safe environment.

It is very evident in our club that coaches, mentors and managers share this aim. In 2021 we were required to apply again for garda vetting for almost all involved in Underage and I have the great privilege of reporting to this AGM that this resulted in almost 70 coaches, mentors and managers being re-vetted in the first half of the year. In total we are now running at almost 100 members vetted.

In addition, 17 members completed the mandatory Child Safeguarding 1 training in November 2021.

Sincere thanks to the Chairman Noel and members of the Executive, to the Underage Chairman David and Tom the Chairman of the LGFA for supporting the promotion of a safe environment and positive experience for children, our own and those visiting our Club.

In particular, I would like to thank all coaches, mentors and managers for your cooperation and dedication to the principles of 'Children First' and thereby ensuring the future strengthening and development of our Club.

***Michelle O'Hara***

***Club Children's Officer***

***Milltown CLG***

***21.01.2022***

## **COVID Officer Report to AGM Milltown CLG**

During 2021 training, games, socially distant meetings in the car park together with walking on our new walking track were the order of the day. I have the great honour and privilege of reporting to this AGM that in terms of the pandemic, all were enjoyed, sometimes endured with no incidents COVID wise. My thanks to all the team COVID Supervisors who undertook their additional role and ensured that in so far as we could, some level of 'business as usual' was maintained. To all of the players, parents and guardians, the mentors, coaches and managers a very special thanks to you for your cooperation with the new measures that were put in place, and in particular your engagement with the 'Health Questionnaire' and also your diligence in keeping up with all of the changes that were imposed throughout the year. Ensuring that we all kept safe was truly an all club effort. Thanks one and all for all of your efforts through what was a very challenging time.

**Michelle O' Hara**

**COVID Officer**

**Milltown CLG**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2022**



## **Election of Officers:**

President:	Mick Byrne
Vice Presidents:	Seamus Field, John O'Connor, Kit O'Hara, John Murphy. George Ottley
Patron:	Seamus Field
Chairperson:	Noel Dunne
Vice Chair:	Tony Redmond
Secretary:	Mary O Reilly
Ass Secretary:	Tony Redmond
Treasurer:	Siobhan Gunning
Registrar:	Joan Cash
Ass Treasurer's:	Denis Curran
PRO:	Róisín Malone
Assistant PRO:	Paul Delahunty
Co Board Delegate:	George Ottley
Irish Officer:	Paul Delahunty
Players Rep:	Omar Dunne
Coaching Officer:	Ronnie Byrne
Childrens Officer:	Michelle O Hara
Covid Officer:	Michelle O Hara

## **Committee Members:**

Tim Cullen, Fran O Sullivan, Kit Dowling, Liz Buckley, Shane Shannon, David Kelly, Mick Byrne, Frank Sheeran, Ber Dunne, Pearl Voigt, Hailey Mulpeter, Tom Malone, J Hamilton, Jim Byrne, Johnny Murtagh, Tony Colgan

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