



## Secretaries' Report 2022

2022 What a year! 50 years of continuous GAA activity within our parish! We began 2022 in a frenzy of activity to make sure our celebrations would be enjoyable and for everyone. I can safely say we, as a Club, can be very proud of how we marked this significant date from the wearing of the retro jerseys to the finale of the Gala. 2022 began with the renewed hope that Covid 19 and its effects on us as a Club, a community and personally were behind us.

The Football Committee established a men's senior panel and management was in place with Colm McGarvey as Senior manager assisted by Phillip McKenna as trainer and Chris O'Kane as reserve manager and Gabriel Treanor as coordinator.

League football began on 20<sup>th</sup> May. We won 9 defeating Beragh, Owen Roes, Killeeshil, Tattyreagh, Naomh Eoghan, Eskra, Clogher, Rock and Eglishe and drew 2, lost 4 and ended up 5<sup>th</sup> in the division and in the promotion play offs. A point of note is that we were only team to take points of Eglishe throughout the season. We faced a very strong Edendork team in Kildress. Unfortunately, even though we led early in the game the challenge was too much for our injury depleted panel.

In the Intermediate Championship we were on the wrong end of the result in first round encounter with Owen Roes and our Championship journey for 2022 was over in a flash. There is nothing like the buzz of the Championship. We need to use 2023 to build on our past successful years and continue to strive to win the Paddy Cullen Cup.

We thank our management & players in both the league and championship campaigns for providing us all with some great games throughout the 2022 season. Personally, I must thank all the players who donned the new "old" jerseys with such pride.

On behalf of the committee and members, I offer our thanks to those who worked with the senior team in any capacity. Your contribution is very much valued. I thank Senior Captain Brian McGarvey, Vice-Captain Cormac Bradley, and the members of the senior panel for their magnificent efforts throughout the season. Colm, Phillip, Chris, and Gabriel thank you for your commitment and hard work in 2022.

The men's reserve team played 14 games plus one championship match. 7 matches were won and 7 lost. Significantly the attendance and effort of our reserves this year was continued to improve and this provided vital support for the senior team. This support is shown by attending training and matches. I repeat my comment from 2021 report that this is a reflection on a number of factors- Players' attitude to reserve football but also reflective of how Club players are responding to the needs of their Club. Thanks to the loyal reserve players for their contributions this season. It is invaluable in keeping training challenging and worthwhile for

everyone involved. In order to have a healthy Club we need everyone giving commitment and time to playing football at all levels.

Thanks specifically to Chris O 'Kane and Gabriel Treanor for managing the reserve team. A particular word of thanks to Mark & Anita McConnell for their recording of games for management and players. Thank you to Martin Lopez Soder who provided physio services.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Badoney Ladies to express our sincere thanks to our dedicated managers, coaching Officer Sharon McConnell, and those who assist with all teams in anyway.

It is not always an easy task, but it makes a huge difference in the lives of the players you support and encourage. It has been heart-warming to see new faces in our management structure this year, as well as senior players assisting with under age training – long may this continue.

A particular thank you to those who are involved in more than one team, some of you have been out since Jan 2022 to Nov 2022, and your dedication to the club and players' have not gone unnoticed – we are indebted to you.

A final thank-you to our club referee Garry Gormley, and go-games referees, Kerri McGlone, Orin McConnell, and Bronagh Mossey.

**Go Raibh Mile Maith Agaibh,  
An Rúnaí - Edel Ní Dhonaill.**

**Senior Ladies report by DD McCaffery – Manager.**

I would just like to start this report by thanking Badoney committee and Senior Ladies for the very warm welcome to Caitriona and myself and for all the help and support, we received from the very start.

The first training session I took was Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and I think the Ladies had 6 sessions before this. The last session was on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. In total, the girls had 50 sessions with Ciaran McGarvey, Deborah Daly and myself.

Attendance was good and commitment to training was made.

The one thing going forward would be that the Ladies would be more available for challenge games as I had to cancel a few this year. I think it was great to see younger players coming up to play with the Senior Panel this year.

Another plus for Badoney this year going forward is that anyone playing U16 can now play for the Senior's with parental/Guardian's consent. I think this will be a great plus for Badoney, which will only strengthen the Ladies going forward.

The Senior Ladies are meeting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the clubrooms to discuss plans and goals for 2023. With the same dedication and commitment from all players, this year 2023 will be a good year. I wish all teams' good luck for the season ahead and again thank you for giving us another year with Badoney Ladies.

Much appreciated,  
DD McCaffrey

NB – we were unable to field a Mothers and Others team this year, however there is still a lot of interest there and something, which was very successful in the past. This is perhaps something, which can be addressed again by the incoming committee.

The Football subcommittee, under the chairpersonship of Cathal McCullagh, worked hard at training and on match days. I thank them on behalf of players, supporters and members for their commitment throughout 2022. To those who organized the facilities at training and provide much needed support to the Club, management and players I extend the appreciation of us all.

JoJo McGlone took on the organizing of the gym including the roster and membership. Thank you to JoJo for taking on this task. It is much appreciated.

Ruairi Keenan was Youth Officer. We have a very dedicated but small team who work with enthusiasm to ensure the smooth running of youth competitions as Both Domhnaigh. I cannot over stress the effort and hard work involved to ensure that all youth are catered for and in a small club all fixtures are fulfilled despite often having clashes between age groups. In its eighth year Both Domhnaigh continue to ease the issue of limited numbers. Thank you to all who were part of this successful youth policy including Mark McConnell and Cathal McCullagh who coordinated the ACCESS NI for youth managers and committee. The issues around ACCESS NI cannot be valued too highly within our Club. As always, I stress the importance of ACCESS NI for both the coach and our youth protection. I encourage all members to undertake the process involved to safe guard both the youth and yourself. If your certification and or training is up for renewal then this **must** be addressed before the season starts in 2023. Contact Cathal or Mark with any queries.

A special word of thanks to Cathal McCullagh and Sharon McConnell who led the commitment to ensure the fielding of u17, u15, u13, u11.5, u9.5 and u7.5 for boys' teams and u18, u16, u14, u12, u10 and u8 girls' teams throughout a season. We continue to build a sound foundation to ensure that our youth players are senior players of the future. The Club encourages the youth of the parish to participate in Gaelic Games, which in turn supports health and wellbeing as part of the overall policy of the discipline within the Club.

We were instrumental in initiating a taster FUNdamental coaching session in Gortin PS. Thank you to Mrs. Wallace and staff, to the parents and pupils who took part and to Fiachra who delivered the session. We also acknowledge the contribution of Conor O' Hara to the inclusion of Gaelic coaching in St. Patrick's. Volunteers are needed to improve the provision going forward.

As part of an investment in developing players and providing first class feedback as well as recording games we purchased a Veocam. This is available for all coaches to use. Thank you to Cathal, Mark and Anita for enabling this and uploading footage etc.

**Both Domhnaigh Minors 2022** were managed by Mark McConnell Gortin /Dylan Flanagan & Fergal Coyle, Glenelly. They competed in Grade 2 and ended up mid table with victories over Drumragh X2, Strabane x2 and Fintona, achieving a commendable draw in Galbally and losing 4. Unfortunately, Galbally were too strong for us and ran out winners in preliminary round of the Championship.

We acknowledge Liam Og Mossey's success as part of U17 Tyrone team who won the Ulster Minor Championship. The joined-up strategy has led to a positive mindset going forward within this age group. Our thanks to the players who showed dedication for their time and effort and to those who helped in any way with transport as umpires, linemen etc.

#### **Ladies Minor report by Nigel McCarron – Manager**

Martin O'Neill and I managed the minors helped by Deborah Daly and Sharon O'Neill. We played under the Glenelly club although Badoney had the bulk of the players by some margin. We were late to start as myself and Martin had not planned to be involved this year so I think this was a bit unfair on the girls. We only started training 2 weeks before the league commenced so we were not up to full speed for the first few games. But credit to the girls they ground out the first few games got a bit of confidence and started to show their potential. We finished the league in third position with only 2 losses. The highlight of the league campaign for the girls was beating a strong Cappagh side away.

In the Championship, I was quietly confident with a bit of luck we could maybe cause an upset we got to the semis and again had Cappagh away. On the day, the girls played their hearts out but the bit of luck you needed deserted us. Overall, I would have counted it a good year for these girls in their development as a team and individually in which I hope they enjoyed.

U15s boys were managed by Ciaran McGarvey & Barry McNulty Gortin and Kevin McConnell & Declan McCullagh, Glenelly. They played in Grade 2 playing ten matches in all as it was decided to go with a straight league basis with 11 teams in the division. The U15s had good wins over Beragh, neighbours Greencastle, Rock, Dungannon and Coalisland achieving a draw with Dromore in Gortin. As you can see not an easy division but a place to learn and develop. Unfortunately, the U15s were defeated in the championship quarter-final by Kildress. Thanks to all who helped in any way and to the parents who provided both support and transport.

#### **Ladies Under 16 girls report by Dermot Daly – Manager**

Under 16s had an amazing year as well, they won their league section and met the other league section winners in finals, and unfortunately, the girls got beat against a very big strong Donaghmore panel.

The girls regrouped and gave the championship a good go and got to a final against the same Donaghmore side but unfortunately, it was not to be.

Thanks to Martin O'Neill, Gail McBride Glenelly and Sharon McConnell and Deborah Daly Badoney for assisting.

**NB** - the girls also reached the under 15 Féile final this year which they got beat by a point. For a lot of these girls from Under 14 – under 16 in both parishes, they were in 4 finals and won one. They were a pleasure to work with and playing at grade 2 the girls are developing brilliantly as the standard is pretty good which is great to see. For some girls to only lose 4 games out of a possible 30 games in all competitions all year isn't a bad year!! The future is looking good!

#### **Ladies Under 14 girls report by Dermot Daly – Manager.**

Under 14s joined again this year with Glenelly to ensure girls in both clubs had football. They played 10 games & win 9 & drew 1 against Dromore who we beat in league final.

Unfortunately, in championship complacency set in with a few and we got beat by two points by the eventual winners Ardboe. Thanks to Martin O'Neill and Paul McGuaghey Glenelly, and Sharon McConnell and Deborah Daly for assisting.

U13s boys were managed by Pete O'Neill & Paddy Smyth Gortin /Brian Patton Glenelly. These boys played in Grade 2B. The majority of the players were still u12 but as the age boundary was changed, they were only legible to play u13. The age difference became very obvious as they played against boys up to 18 months more mature. With the benefit of hindsight and a lesson to us all is that we need to review the grade we enter in line with the fact that our players have not played competitively coming out of u12. Another issue with this age group was their interest in other sports and if there was a clash players chose not to attend Club fixtures which is a worrying development which I hope will not occur again. Thank you to managers, players, and parents who provided transport.

We have a very dedicated and supportive group of families who turn up match after match. Thanks to parents and supporters who contributed in any way to the smooth running of the team.

**Ladies U12 girls report by Louise Mossey - Manager.**

We had a great year this year, we had good numbers for training every night and I was very happy with the effort the girls put in- especially the younger ones. We had some great victories, namely over the Rock and Castlederg. We finished up the year with an excellent performance at the county blitz, where the girls were undefeated and tied with Loughmacrory- unfortunately the lough were able to progress to the next year due to point difference. Overall, a very enjoyable season.

**U11.5, u9.5, u7.5 boys, U12, u10, u8, u6 girls and fundamentals age groups** are helped by so many coaches and parent volunteers. It is a real feel-good factor within our Club to see these young ones running around enjoying the excellent coaching provided. The Club committee and members pass on their thanks and appreciation of all who helped in any way – Our youth are the future of our Club. They worked very hard and we heard positive feedback on how much the young ones were enjoying their football. The Go-Games age groups played in their more condensed regionalised friendlies v local sides, with a number of friendlies organized – Well done to all the players who took part, the future is bright! A number of parents also helped with the younger ones, but once again we would encourage more parents to attend and help. We need to share the responsibilities of Go Games and set up a system where coaches can depend on cover if the need arises.

Cathal McCullagh, as Coaching officer, organized the annual blitzes held in memory of Dr. Muldoon, Mick McCullagh and Jack McConnell. What fun was had by all who attended, players, parents and supporters! Thank you to everyone who helped out in any capacity from refereeing to providing a scrumptious variety of refreshments. We followed on from the u11.5 blitz with a very successful fun day for our youth as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> year festivities. Thank you to Cathal for his organization of events, all volunteers who helped in any capacity and to AB Coaching. The Easter Camp returned Easter Monday & Tuesday, with Conor Meyler as special guest. We also had the 4-day Summer Camp hosted by Tyrone GAA. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped in anyway. A special mention to Fiachra McNulty who coordinates these events on behalf of the Club.

**Ladies U10 Girls report by Alaine Ward – Manager.**

Another great year for this age group! Numbers have been consistent throughout the year with an average of 16 girls. P7 Girls (u12) trained with the U10 girls at the start of the year, which was good for any that were not participating in U14 training, as the U12 season starts late and is a short season.

The U10s have progressed well throughout the season and their confidence has grown with every match. We participated in go games, which are still following the model of one match every other week with a few friendly matches to fill gaps. There seemed to be a real issue with fulfilling matches during the summer months, but I suppose that is to be expected, which meant that after summer we had a match nearly every week.

It would be great if we could get them into a blitz next year for the experience. Matches and training were very well attended with a great attitude from children and parents alike. A lot of this age group attended the family fun day and had a great time. The new goalposts were a great addition.

**Ladies U8 girls report 2022 By Chrissy O’Kane – Manager**

Really successful year had 27 girls tog out with an average of over 20 at training and most matches. Unfortunately losing 14 girls to u10 for 2023 but still left with a good group. We played 8 league matches, 1 blitz and also 3 friendlies throughout the year.

Many thanks to Barry O’ Neill for helping at training alongside the u7 boys, Alaine for organising the matches, Sharon for organising the parents to help at training which was very successful, Kerri Mc Glone for refereeing and also to Niamh Mc Connell for helping at training towards the end of the year. The girls really enjoyed having her there and would encourage Niamh or any of the other senior ladies to help out as much as possible as it is great for the girls. Overall, a very enjoyable year for players and coaches.

A big thank you to all who transported players and provided any assistance to our Youth Programme. Voluntary help is needed AND ESSENTIAL to deliver all the programmes of coaching at the highest level. This is an issue for the incoming year. Thanks are due again to managers, players, parents and anyone who assisted with this group. Well done to everyone. Our annual coaches thank you evening was held and everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening.

Mary Brolly and Margaret Keenan Club Registrars organized the payment of membership in time for registration close March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Foireann system encouraged members to be responsible for registering themselves on line. As always, we had some issues but with patience, we got everyone up and eligible for 2022 season.

Our annual prize giving was held in March as a joint membership and Gala launch event. Congratulations to all prize winners and thank you to everyone who attended.

We hosted a small celebration for Sam Maguire with Ronan McNamee to mark Tyrone’s 2021 All Ireland win.

Finance was a major issue during the season. The Lotto continued on a weekly basis with patrons who attend bingo offered the opportunity to contribute in advance over the closed season. Split the Bucket under the guidance of Alaine Ward continued to be a success! We had a generous response for which we are grateful. Well done to everyone involved. On behalf of Naomh Pádraig agus Mná Both Domhnaigh, we thank everyone who despite hard times contributed financially to OUR Club.

The services of [www.klubfunder.com](http://www.klubfunder.com) were enhanced to allow contributors both at home and abroad. Patrons can purchase both Lotto and Split the Bucket both weekly and on a recurring basis. Thank you to Anne Marie and Alaine who monitor the subscribers on line and to Cormac and Emer who promote the link in various social media.

The review of Lotto as always continued and hopefully any issues arising addressed. A big thank you to Gabriel Treanor, Kieran Kelly, Fergal Daly and Anne Marie McNulty who assisted me with this laborious task.

The Drive-in bingo has proved a viable option with the crowd and tears were shed as we closed on Oct 29th. It would be remiss of us not to thank everyone involved in helping this community event-all tasks from parking. Bingo calling, bingo checking, floodlighting, selling and collecting lotto tickets, and selling books were undertaken in such good spirits. A special word of thanks to the bingo players who subscribe to Saturday Lotto and Split the Bucket. A heartfelt thank you to Teresa Bradley who printed and distributed the necessary letter and envelope to the bingo goers, to Anne Marie McNulty who organised the returns into spreadsheet format and Alaine who managed the Split the Bucket returns. Well done to all.

A point of note is that these fundraisers continue throughout the “closed” season with weekly lotto drawn on Monday nights and STB on last Saturday of the month. Thank you to all who take make sure this happens!

The committee continues to review the bingo regularly. There was an improvement but too often help had to be sought within the volunteer base to support those on duty. From March a Rota is drawn up and must be adhered too. Please understand that if you unavailable for any reason it is your responsibility to ask someone to replace you.

We also need to train up a bingo caller as we do not have a replacement for Gerard should the need arise. Gerard and Teresa Bradley need a particular mention as they did not miss one session of the drive in bingo. Their contribution is much appreciated by us all.

In recognition of the terrible events in Creeslough, Donegal it was decided to have a drive-in bingo session dedicated to raising funds to help the community in Creeslough. The generosity of bingo patrons was outstanding allowing the Club to donate £2110 to the fund. Thank you to everyone and a special mention to Fergal as Club Chairperson and Brian Muldoon who went to Creeslough to pay respects and hand over the cheque.

Our Golf Classic made an emphatic return in April. Firstly, thanks to John McGarvey and Paul McGlone who took on the task of organizing the event and secondly to all who played, sponsored tees or holes. As it turned out it was a fantastic day weather wise which allowed the volunteers who were on duty throughout the day to enjoy the craic as the day progressed. Well done to everyone.

The weekly whist drive resumed in Nov. in the Owenkillew Centre. A big thank you to all who organize and Kieran Kelly and Kathleen McCarron in particular for their much-appreciated work in getting this activity restarted.

The big push continued to secure field sponsorship through advertising hoardings. Cathal McCullagh coordinated this worthwhile fundraising. Thank you to the organisers and most importantly the businesses who contributed. New sponsors are very welcome and just a quick reminder to contact Cathal or Patrick McCullagh.

The Committee set up Pitch coordinators and a booking system to facilitate requests for the use of our pitch, changing rooms. On the whole, this worked well with a few tweaks of times. A thank you to Fergal Daly who oversees the system.

The usual group of workers maintained the Club grounds to a high standard. In 2022 we invested in maintenance and the construction of dugouts. We relied on these workers to take care of our facilities. Peter Clarke took on duties as grounds man. Thanks are given to all for their tireless efforts and the Maintenance Committee for their efforts.

Our website continued to develop and provide information for all those interested in Club events and news, courses, community notes. A big thank you to Cormac Bradley and Emer McConnell as PR Officers. Both volunteers worked extremely hard to keep press and the Club websites updated, twitter and Facebook users up to date.

Irish language classes were set up in the Owenkillew Centre offering dedicated sessions for both children and adults during March and April. We availed of grants from the Ultach Trust and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to support this initiative. There was significant interest in the course with over 20 initial registrations. Thank you to Dearbhla Scallon and Sinead Warnock who were the tutors, Cormac and Brian for securing funding, and to those who attended and enjoyed the experience.

Note, as we underspent on the Ultach grant, an extension has been agreed by Cormac to run more classes with some scope to purchase additional Irish language signage.

A vote of appreciation must be shown to the Scallon sisters and Micheala Bradley who sang Amhrán na bhFiann at home league fixtures and to Gerard Bradley who provided the amplification.

Members of the Committee took part in various County Board meetings/webinars concerning League fixtures, changes in the administration within the County Board and GAA insurance. Thank you to Barbara Ward and Deborah Daly our County delegates who kept us abreast of events in on a monthly basis.

Once again, the Championship in Tyrone became an All Ticket Competition. For 2022 patrons were able to purchase their own tickets on line and the Club provided a facility for patrons without IT expertise. The All Ireland series also went on line. Again, the administration involved just the ordering of tickets through the Club and downloading or printing at home. As a Club, we provided support for those without the necessary IT facilities. On behalf of the Club thanks to Cormac for his support and hard work in processing orders. A big thank you to Patrick Brolly,



Anne Marie McNulty and our Club members/patrons who accepted the situation and cooperated with all stipulations relating to tickets.

The GAA insurance scheme was availed of by a number of players. This once again highlighted the benefits of the scheme. Premiums were paid as part of Club affiliation fees therefore emphasising the importance of being a fully paid-up member of the Club.

A special word of thanks to Cahir McConnell and Cathal McCrory who answered our call for referees in the male leagues. Cahir represented his Club with distinction when chosen to officiate at Grade 4 Tyrone U15 Championship Final. Without these volunteering we would be unable to continue to provide players with games. We need others to provide refereeing services on behalf of our Club. We need people willing to referee on behalf of the Club. The message is clear - More referees are needed. Are you willing to volunteer?

Traditionally we pause to remember and pray for our deceased members and family. Please take a moment as you read to express your private thoughts and prayers in memory of the deceased.

**The work of Badoney Development Partnership during 2022 focused on 3 key ambitions as follows:**

1. **Identify large capital grant sources** suitable for this scale of project (Sources: a) EU Funds/PEACE; b) government grants emerging from Confidence & Supply et al; c) Sport NI (subject to Club Maith).
2. **Ensure State of Readiness** for grant application. This includes supporting the club's discussions with parish/diocese's office to secure the tenure/lease agreement for hall site.
3. Continue to develop the case/promote the need for the New Facilities via **political lobbying** with Munterloney, and offering Health and Well Being activities to improve Quality of Life for everyone.

The following activities have been completed within the time-period to achieve these ambitions:

**1. Identify Large Capital Grant Sources**

Badoney Development Partnership appointed Venturel and has completed an assessment of capital grant opportunities that may be available for the facility development project. These are reflected in Appendix 1, with an indication of strategic fit between these grant opportunities and the scope of the Facility Re-Development Plan. This assessment also considered the options available to furthering the project and highlights the need for strong and committed strategic partners including the Council and local community/voluntary sector partnerships. ***A summary of the Development Options is included in Appendix 2 with Option D - New build on parish hall site, being the current preferred option.***

**2. Ensure State of Readiness**

- Planning Permission was renewed in April 2021.
- **Community Consultation:** An extensive community consultation was completed in the first quarter of 2022 which included a community audit which generated 274 responses and a series of key stakeholder interviews. This consultation confirmed

the interest and need for health and wellbeing activity across our catchment area and the willingness of community-based organisations across the three wards in our catchment area to work in partnership with Badoney Development Partnership. This consultation process has resulted in a rich database of key wellbeing information for our community.

- **Information Hub:** Thanks to a grant of circa £9,000 from the Lottery Community Fund, Badoney Development Partnership is delighted to have launched the new Badoney.info - an interactive website to promote Local Health and Wellbeing Initiatives. This new information hub has received high acclaim as an innovative strategic tool to help local communities improve reach to services and this offers significant potential for further development.
- **Community Health Pilot:** With a grant of £7,500 from the mPower Connecting Communities Fund, we are thrilled to have delivered one of the first community pilots to deliver older people mental health clinics (Dementia) where we partnered with Dun Uladh to provide a venue for the Omagh Area. The clinics ran during May 2022 and again offer a model of best practice in Community enablement.
- **Local Wellbeing Network.** Badoney Development Partnership has set up regular link-ups with fellow groups active in the areas including Owenkillew Community Development, Rouskey Community Development Association, Gortin Wellbeing Collective and Sperrin Family Practice in order to develop more joint working and prepare future joint bids for services in the Gortin Area.
- **Securing Tenure/Lease for Development Site at Parish Hall.** This critical step to ensure a state of readiness has not progressed. ***Without this in place, the development plan cannot move forward.***

### **3. Political Lobbying via the Munterloney Initiative**

- The Development Group secured a visit from the DAERA Minister and his senior officials on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 in a successful Stakeholder Event attended by over 60 key rural stakeholders including the DAERA Deputy Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive and Directors of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, MP, MLAs, and a wide range of lobby groups from the Munterloney Area (including Housing Executive, Omagh Forum for Rural Associations, Rural Support, COSTA et al). A promotional video and presentation were also launched to highlight our need for investment.
- The Development Group has worked with Munterloney Partners, and with local planning consultants John Corry and Maire McNamee and officers from Fermanagh and Omagh DC's planning department and produced a guide to help people wishing to set up home here to understand and overcome planning issues. A grant of £1,000 from the Community Foundation NI: Pressure Group funding was received to fund the production of this guide to 'Setting Up Home in the Central Sperrins' and host an event which took place in the Rouskey Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Thanks to Cathal McCullagh

for pushing this initiative and to John and Maire for their expertise and considerable time given to this.

#### **Governance Matters**

- Badoney Development Partnership's AGM was held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Accounts for Year End 31 October 2021 have been prepared in conjunction with ABAC Chartered Accountants and submitted to Companies House.
- Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance has been renewed.
- Bank balance is £32,380 at 31.10.22

#### **4. Key Next Steps and Committee Support Required**

- Progress is required to **secure tenure** for the hall site. This requires a meeting between the Club Executive Officers and the new Parish Priest.
- The absence of **Healthy Club activity** during 2022 needs to be addressed so that the club can demonstrate contribution to community well-being and retain Healthy Club Status
- A Friends of... Development Fund is required as part of the finance package for the new development. Proposals for this shall be developed with learning from other clubs.

To all those Committee members who served the Club so well we thank you personally for your help and support and on behalf of the members of Naomh Pádraig agus Mná Both Domhnaigh. Attendance at committee meetings held on line via TEAMS and in person was relatively good considering technical difficulties. We need members to take up a position who are committed to actually attending meetings and carry out the duties required.

Thanks to all who played in adult and youth teams, attended training, helped at training and on match days, to those who washed jerseys, swept up and kept the Clubrooms in order, those who acted as umpires, linesmen or refereed on our behalf and to the Club supporters.

On Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 we launched the countdown to our Gala in 2022 in the Great Northern Hotel. What a night. What a success! Words to express the feel-good factor both on the night and afterwards are hard to find. My overwhelming emotion was pride in OUR CLUB. This pride stemmed from the hard work of our volunteers. No stone was left unturned by the various subcommittees in charge of the venue, tickets, entertainment, Club history, Gala favours, decoration and timings of the various aspects of the night. We thank everyone who was involved in making sure every detail was perfect! A special mention must be given to our MC Jareth Burns, Larry McCarthy, An Uachtarán and Ciaran McLaughlin Ulster President for their attendance. A number of patrons travelled from various parts of the globe to attend and we were very grateful for their efforts.

As Chair (Anita McConnell) of the Gala Entertainment sub-committee, I would like to say a personal thank all those who helped us over the past few months to mark our special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Thank you to those who participated in interviews, searched out photographs and shared their memories. Thanks also to Gerard Bradley and Alaine Ward for the teamwork on the preparation of images. We are very proud of the sketch actors and director Peter McKenna and believe that this added really special touch to our gala entertainment

programme. And most of all, we are indebted to Kerrie, Mark, Paddy and Sharon for all the long hours and late nights put into the series of build-up videos, DVD storyboards and editing, greenscreens etc. A lot of hard work but the club is very proud of their efforts.

A new Club crest was launched in January to represent one Club -St Patrick's and Badoney Ladies, and followed by a range of club gear based on 1972 colours in the Spring. In order to our Club history various events, meetings, chats etc. were organized to gather information from every corner of the parish We thank everyone who came forward, volunteered at meet and talk events, provided refreshments and provided materials. Our school was invited to take part in the celebrations and pupils were enthused as they heard tales from parents and grandparents of Club activities from the past!

In 2022 we lost our Club President as Fr. Gallagher was moved to Moville leaving a vacancy. On behalf of the Club Patrick Brolly made a presentation and wished Fr Gallagher well in his new post. A special word of thanks to Fr Donnelly Parish Administrator who facilitated a very poignant and reflective Club Mass and all our Club members who attended and participated in the liturgy.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this report. As always your support is much appreciated.

2022 the 50<sup>th</sup> continuous year of GAA in Gortin has drawn to a close. We need to look forward and build the keystones for the future. The continuation of GAA in Gortin depends on those trusted with leadership to ensure a healthy future. We need to look outside ourselves and realise that as a small community we need to invest in our youth not just provide for our sons and daughters in the here and now. We need to think to the future and lay down processes and procedures that allow our future players access to top class coaching, competition and exposure to all the GAA provides.

Commitment as a volunteer means putting yourself second to the needs of your Club. This is the key to success both on and off the field of play. We need to provide coaching and playing against all other growing expectations on the provisions of the GAA. Naomh Pádraig agus Mná Both Domhnaigh wish to thank our players both at adult and youth level who enhance our playing fields and contribute to the pride of their family, parish and Club by continuing the tradition of playing Gaelic Football. As T.S. Eliott said it is by ending we begin a new chapter and look forward to continuing the tradition of Gaelic Games now firmly established in our community.

Is mise le meas,  
Maighread Bean Ui Chainain