



An Goirtín Naoimh Pádraig agus

Mná Both Domhnaigh

Secretary's Report – AGM January 2024

This year started off on a high following the huge success of our gala but unfortunately this year has been a mixed year for the club in general. It's very disappointing that this year wasn't centered around the development of our club, as discussed in the secretaries report of 2022, and other issues took centre stage. We had various wins on the field but also had many loses on and off the field most notably the resignation of our former chair Fergal Daly. I think it's important to recognize the work Fergal undertook in his previous role and the effort he put into the club. He continues to volunteer for the club helping with bingo, lotto, etc and this is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank JoJo McGlone for stepping into the role of Chairperson and for her dedication and hard work throughout the year.

Senior Men

Roger Keenan took on the role of senior manager assisted by Stephen Quinn as trainer and Barry McCrory/Mark McConnell as reserve management and Sean Clarke as a Team selector.

Throughout the league campaign we won 3 matches, drew 1 and lost 11 and ended up 13th in the division. Fortunately this meant that we didn't have to go into play offs and remain in the intermediate division next season.

In the Intermediate Championship we won our first game against Strabane Sigersons but were beaten in the quarter-final by DerryLaughlin. Hopefully this year we can proceed further on the championship campaign. We would like to thank the players and managers for providing us with some great games throughout the 2023 season. Although the score boards were not in our favor there were some great displays of football throughout the season. We would like to thank senior captain Patrick McCullagh, Vice-captain Cormac Bradley and the members of the senior panel for their magnificent efforts throughout the season.

Reserve

The reserves played 15 matches in total – Winning 10 and losing 5.

Reserves defeated Strabane in first round of reserve championship but we unfortunately were beaten by a strong DerryLaughlin team away from home.

A special thanks to Bary McCrory and Mark McConnell for their help in managing the reserve team. Thank you to all the players that took part and provided essential attendance to allow meaningful training to take place.

Thanks to Kerrie McGarvey who provided physio services. Thanks to Mark and Anita McConnell for their time videoing matches, making these videos available to coaches, taking match statistics and making them available for analysis and for co-ordinating events for our senior adult footballers.

We would like to thank everyone involved in ensuring the smooth running on match days from organisers, to gate collectors, umpires, linesmen, lining out the pitch, etc.

Minor Boys – Mark McConnell

The minor season started in July, with the boys competing in grade 2. Training began after the U16s finished in June, we had a panel of 30 players 14 above 16 years old and 16 players U16. We trained 3 times most weeks until the season finished on the 22nd December. All players got significant game time that were aged

over 15, and all the U15s got some playing time in the league. The level of commitment from the lads was first class as we rarely had less than 22 at training despite lots of the panel representing school and county teams, and competing in other codes (which was encouraged by our coaches). We finished 3rd in the league comfortably qualifying for the semi-finals. The boys unfortunately got beat in both league and championship finals but were a credit to their clubs all year. The management would like to acknowledge the role of parents in getting the boys to training and the commitment of the squad to ensure in the depths of winter we still had 24 players at training.

U16 Boys – Barney McGarvey

I would like to commend all the boys for their commitment throughout the season, an average turnout of over thirty at each training session reflects this as does the attendance at each game. As always, the strong support from parents at the matches and their time in taking the boys to training is appreciated by all.

The division two team started the season with a squad of eighteen, due to injury they mainly operated with a squad of seventeen and on more than one occasion only had fifteen players.

They played eleven league games winning nine and losing two

They finished the season joint top, which is an achievement and something to be proud of. Highlight of the season was a hard fought win over our neighbours Greencastle in a league game, unfortunately the low point of the season was losing in the first round of both cups to Greencastle.

Prior to the beginning of the season concerns were raised as to the amount of game time players were getting, to address this a code of conduct was brought in for players and an agreement between the two clubs was reached. Minimum game time of any player was seventy nine percent, which equates to roughly ten and a half games out of thirteen.

U16 Boys – Nigel McCarron

The under 16's played under Both Domhnaigh in grade 2 with a development team in grade 3b which was a development league. Conor O'Neill Gortin, Shane Conway Glenelly and I took the development team. They played 9 league games and we got off to a good start with a draw with Donaghmore, whom I think were the only other team that played by the rules of the league. The other 8 games were against the development teams of some of the top clubs in Tyrone. Our lads got slaughtered! Teams doubled up with players from their A teams and our lads found themselves on the end of a lot of heavy defeats. Against Cookstown we ended up getting beat by over 40 points. Other team's players were laughing at our team, even the lads from the first team were picking at them. We decided as a management to pull them from the championship match against Ardboe, as we felt the lads had already taken a heavy beating from them in the league. I can not see as either a Parent or manager how this could help anyones development.

First of all, the lads and their parents were asked to attend a meeting and sign a code of conduct that you would have to adhere to for selection. The criteria was down to age, attendance at training and behaviour. This was never followed up with and left with managers to argue over players eligibility which is not why anyone gets involved in Youth football. I feel a lot of lads from both clubs were annoyed by people getting special treatment after the club put the rules down on paper.

Development in my mind is:

-getting lads playing in a grade they are competitive.

-Lads being held accountable for their actions on and off the field.

-Making young lads feel valued and part of Gortin St Patricks

And most importantly getting lads as much football as possible whether it be training or in games.

U14 Boys – Pete O'Neill

We had a much better year than the years before.

Generally had a good turnout for training – Approximately 18 or so average.

We had a reasonable run in the league, with mid-table finish. The turnout for matches ranged from about 17-30. Of that number about 6 were Glenelly.

We were well beaten in the 1st round of the championship by a very suspicious Strabane side. My regret from management point of view was not getting all the lads a game for the last match of the year. Training was held mostly on Gortin pitches due to unavailability of Glenelly pitch. Management was mainly done by Gortin managers as the Plumbridge representative was a senior player, he also had university and work commitments. It was difficult to get consistent numbers for the matches. My thoughts would be that if some of the lads didn't get meaningful game time when there were big numbers, then soccer or other activities, the soccer would take preference the next time. We were also trying to adhere to the players charter by giving preference to age. While this worked to develop every Glenelly player that attended, unfortunately it proved that we could not develop a lot of younger Gortin players that were actually more capable than a lot of the older players getting preferential game time. Our 2024 team will have 5 players moving on to U16s. We are now faced with the issue of replacing those 5 players with 5 younger boys that will be relied on, not as players to develop, but as starting players. In an ideal situation we would like to have given these boys more game time last year before putting them in the deep end this year. I know this can be interpreted as a normal progression of players through age groups, but when it is looked at from an amalgamation point of view, it is not quite as simplistic. To put it in numerical terms – we had approx. 20 players from Gortin and 6 players from Glenelly last year. Of the 20 players from Gortin, about 6 of them were U11. Of the 6 players from Glenelly all of them were over 11. The 6 U11 players got very little game time compared to the 6 players from Glenelly. Again this is nothing that would cause concern from a single club's point of view. If we continue this trend of under developing the younger boys up through the U16s and minors, we are left with a group of 6 boys that have received all the opportunities of development (whether they are talented or not) and will be going to play for Glenelly seniors. We also now have 6 boys from Gortin that have been denied the opportunity of good development. These 6 boys are now expected to play senior or reserve football with a fraction of the development that the 6 boys from Glenelly have had. In other words, due to Glenelly having fewer numbers than Gortin, 100% of Glenelly's players are getting the maximum development, compared to 75% of Gortin players. Gortin are suffering the underdevelopment of 25% of its players due to the current setup. These figures are for the U14 team, but as far as I can see, they are worse for the older age groups. I am a keen and loyal supporter of Gortin GFC. I have been following the instruction from above to proceed under various directions and charters, written to ensure a successful amalgamation. And I will continue to do so, as I believe that, as a club we must work together, whether we agree or not. I also believe that, as before, when the decision to amalgamate was made by people directly involved in youth teams back then. We should now listen to the people involved in this generation of youth teams. In saying this, Paddy and I have been managing both the Gortin and Glenelly players over the past few years, and while it has been challenging, it has also been very rewarding. We will continue to do our best, but we would also let it be known that we would be more than happy to stand aside for anyone from a footballing background interested in managing the U14s.

U12.5 Boys – Chrissy O'Kane

U12.5 boys had an enjoyable year. We used a squad of 19 boys and played all games 15 a side. While results didn't always go our way training and matches were always well attended. The younger boys on the team really benefited playing with the older boys and having to step out of their comfort zone. We played in the league ran by the county board, 2 tournaments and also a couple of friendlies. Training for 2024 had already started with a few new faces also joining us. Thanks to Nigel, Martin and Ryan for their help during the year.

U8.5 Boys – Barry O’Neill

3 more lads joined this year and all blitzes were well attended.

Senior Ladies – DD McCaffrey

The management team would like to start off by thanking the ladies committee for all the help and support given to us this year. I would like to thank Deborah, Dermott, Mattie and Caitriona for their help and support given to the team and myself this year.

Thank you also to everyone that opened and closed pitches, to the parents and team that looked after food, to Mark who looked after the VEO camera and to all the girls who organised a great bonding day. Gortin have some great Picasso’s. I would like to thank everyone for the ongoing sponsorship to the ladies to everyone who sponsored a player this year and also to the main sponsor of the jerseys Viberoptix.

I would also like to thank the parents for taking the girls to training and match days and also to the husbands for the support when the mummies are away at training and games. And finally to all the supporters who really helped us get through some very tough days on the pitch your shouting didn’t go unnoticed.

The ladies started off with a gym programme that was given by Mattie. At the start of December the girls worked in collective groups. The girls took to the pitch on the first Monday of February they had over 60 training sessions which consisted of fitness tests which showed everyone had very much improved their fitness over the season.

It was harder to start on the cold wet nights on Billy’s field but the girls had totally bought in to our goal to become an intermediate team in 2024 and that is where we are now.

At this point I would like to thank every girl on the team for their resilience to come back out and give everything they had for Badoney after the most horrible way to exit the championship, I will just leave that there. But the management would really like to thank members of the ladies committee, JoJo, Deborah, Louise, Mark and Katrina for all their patience and hard work to try and fix the outcome. As the team knows you all worked very hard that night and for many nights after, it was greatly appreciated.

Moving forward again is another great privilege to be with Badoney as we look forward to another great year an intermediate football. With a mixture of youth and experienced players this will help Badoney moving forward in 2024. A meeting has been organised for Monday 22nd of February so please spread the word everyone welcome old and new players. At this meeting we will again set out our own standards within the team as we did last year, our motto for Badoney is OARS.

The girls had arm bands with this on it and we asked them to write a name of someone who has inspired them over the years to help them focus when the going got tough and we will carry this through again.

We could not have asked anymore of everyone involved in our team this year.

We finished top of the table, I think this is very important to remember and I am extremely proud of our achievements this year.

Minor Girls – Nigel McCarron

Pete and I managed the minors helped by Deborah and Sharon from Badoney. Glenelly representatives Martin O’Neill and Gail McBride. Once again these girls were asked to play under the Glenelly club which I referenced last year as not acceptable. This is the fourth year these girls have played at minor level for Glenelly. We had very little input from Glenelly in the form of attendance of trainers, getting the use of facilities and lights when needed.

We started training on the 19th of Feb league and commenced 26 March. We played 9 league games and won 7 and lost 2. Thus qualifying for a league play off losing to eventual winners Clonoe. We had 4 games in the championship getting to the Final but unfortunately losing to Aodh Ruadh. The Girls are a credit to the club and hopefully we can bring as many through to our senior setup as it would be disappointing to see them finish football when their underage career finishes. Even though silverware eluded us I consider it a good year and I hope the girls enjoyed it.

U16 Girls – Dermott Daly

The girls had a brilliant year but were unfortunately knocked out of the semi-final of championship. Despite this, the girls only lost one game in all competitions. They were unbeaten in the grade 2 league campaign with 7 out of 7 wins, including a semi final and final. The girls were all very committed throughout the campaign and 5 girls from the panel have went on to play senior football this year. We were able to maintain a panel of 21 with our neighbors Glenelly, I believe we never had below 19 at any training session which is a testament to the commitment after losing two finals last year. I would like to thank Deborah, Martin and Sharon for their help and support all year.

U14 Girls – Martin O’Neill

Badoney and Glenelly played 9 league games at grade 2 winning none. The committee had requested that the U14 be allowed to play at grade 3 but this was rejected by the County board. Even though the girls never won a game this was good learning for the girls, as the team was made up with a number of U12 girls. Looking forward to the 2024 season, the squad will only be losing 4 players. The one thing that stood out with these girls was that they never gave up and were only beaten in every game by a couple of points, against opposition that were older and stronger than them. As a team they show great character and never let the results get to them. A big thank you to the parents for taking the girls to training and matches as these matches were all over Tyrone. And a massive thanks to Eoin and Alaine who were part of the coaching team.

U12 Girls – Louise Mossey

Out of 7 league games played, the U12 girls came out with 3 wins. This was a good result for this team, as they were much younger than many of the other teams. The girls also played two challenge games against Loughmacrory and Glenelly, both teams were in higher divisions but we were able to put up a very competitive performance. The girls really enjoyed this season and showed excellent commitment, it was great to see so many younger girls join the panel and develop as players and team mates. I would like to extend a huge thanks to Bronagh Mossey who was always there to referee and to help at training and matches. I would also like to thank all the parents who brought the girls to training and matches each week and Donna McCullagh my other referee.

U10 Girls – Barry McCrory

This age group was managed by Barry McCrory and Peter Clarke. This was a large group of girls averaging around 16-18 at training with an average of 15 at matches. The team consisted of only 4 P6 girls so a very young team that were impressive throughout the season. The girls played in the go-games and blitz organized by County board, friendlies and a number of blitzes. The girls also participated in the half time game at the Ladies final in Kildress.

U8 Girls – Chrissy O’Kane

U8 girls done brilliant throughout the year. They played in the league games organized by County board, 2 blitzes and a couple of friendlies. We used 16 girls in total – 9 P5s, 5 P4s, 1 P3 and 1 P1. Big thanks to Grace O’Neill and Niamh McConnell for helping out. Having senior players help out at training and matches makes a massive difference to the girls. A very enjoyable group to work with and wish them all the best in 2024.

Fundamentals – Fearghal Ward & Cathal McCrory

Before the fundamental training started Fearghal, Cathal and Niall McGinn organized a coaching session with Fiarcha McNulty. All parents were encouraged to attend this training as it involved different drills which could be used indoors and outdoors using equipment already available in the club. This session was well attended and these parents went on to help out at fundamental training throughout the year. The fundamental training started indoors until the weather improved and then sessions were moved outside. These sessions were well attended with approx. 25 children per night. The last session for this age group was organised by Niall and

taken by Gary Wallace. Don't know who had more fun on the night, the kids trying to avoid the flying rings or the parents who were making the rings fly! We would like to thank Fearghal and Cathal for taking management of this age group and to all the parents who helped out at the sessions.

Ladies Secretary Report - Louise

The ladies had another busy and successful year at all age groups. At the beginning of the year, six of our girls made it on to Tyrone county panels; Caoimhe McCullagh (U14), Ellie Daly, Erin Daly, Lily-Rose Clarke, Aoife Marlow (U16) and Aimee Daly (Senior). This is a fantastic achievement for our club and we were extremely proud to be able to watch these girls develop and shine in their respective county panels.

Over the course of the year there were a number of finals and achievements to note. Our minors reached the championship final in July, topping off a very successful year in a highly competitive division. The senior ladies put together very consistent performances in what was a frustrating year in terms of fixtures. They came out on top of the league table, reaching the league final in October, which will see them playing intermediate football in 2024. Unfortunately, the Minors and Seniors fell short at the final hurdle, and it was the U16 girls who brought home the silverware, with a grade two league final win at the end of October.

Off the pitch, there were a few team bonding and fundraising efforts to note. The U14 girls enjoyed a great day of team-bonding, canoeing at the Loughmacrory lakes. Following their league final success, the U16 girls celebrated with a trip to Brunswick for bowling. A word of thanks to the team of coaches from both Badoney and Glenelly for making these trips possible. A very memorable way to top off another year of building friendships and developing young players.

In June, our senior ladies player Aoife Brolly completed an extensive fundraising campaign with Friends of Africa by travelling to South Africa. We were delighted to see Aoife set off, after all her efforts with a set of Badoney jerseys. The senior ladies enjoyed an afternoon of 'sip and paint' in the clubrooms, organised by Niamh McConnell and Kerrie McGarvey. Followed by a well-supported fundraising campaign 'sponsor a player' in the lead up to their league final. A big thank you to Bronagh Mossey for all her hard work on this.

A final word on behalf of our ladies to thank the committee for all their support throughout the year, it is very much recognised and appreciated. And to our coaches who make it all possible.

Louise Mossey

Our Easter Camp took place this year with good numbers attending with positive feedback from children and parents. These camps are such a benefit to our children, with the longer training period enabling them to really master the skills needed. A massive thanks to all our volunteers who helped out at the camp and especially to our youth players for giving their time to help with training.

The Tyrone Camp took place in August with approx. 90 children attending. The feedback from this event was very positive and there seemed to be a big improvement in the coaching from the previous year. The improvement in coaching is a testament to the efforts made by county board to ensure our children received the best experience possible. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped in the running of this event, to the parents who provided refreshments and to Fiachra McNulty for co-ordinates these events on behalf of the club.

A big thank you to everyone who ensured that our youth had the opportunity to come together and play the beautiful game of Gaelic football. Being a member of a GAA club is so much more than participating in sport. The GAA brings a lot of joy, whether you're player or a spectator and this is so important especially in our

youth groups. The youth benefit from physical activity, social interaction, making new friends, working as part of a team, appreciating other people's skills, having fun and learning. A byproduct of having children attend training is that it also gives the parents an opportunity to speak to other parents from the local community ensuring the sense of place within the new comers to the area.

Thanks to all who played in adult and youth teams, attended training, helped at training and on match days, to those who help out behind the scenes washing jerseys, sweeping out the changing rooms, those who acted as umpires, linesmen or refereed on our behalf and the club supporters.

Thanks again to JoJo for taking on the task of gym membership and monitoring of gym use. Due to the uptake in gym membership and the easing of covid restrictions the policy of only one person in the gym may need to be addressed in 2024.

Thanks to Mark McConnell for coordinating the ACCESS NI for our youth managers and committee and Ciaran McGarvey for organising the child protection training. ACCESS NI and child protection training are compulsory for all coaches dealing with underage teams. These safe guarding measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of all children participating in the Gaelic games. If your training or certificate needs renewed please ensure this takes place before the season starts in 2024.

We also acknowledge the contribution Fiarcha McNulty has made to the inclusion of Gaelic coaching in St Patrick's alongside Conor O'Hara. The school have had some of their own success throughout the year with the P4/P5 class winning their section of the Matthew McBride Memorial Tournament and the P6/P7 team reaching the final. The boys team won the Sandra Kelly Cup at the St Theresa's PS Loughmacrory blitz. The school hosted their group section of the Cumann na mbunscol school league with help from the club and the girls team made it to the final but lost to a strong Donemana side. In this school year the P7/P6 team have already participated in a Go-games organised by Firacha in Strabane and all involved had a great day.

The important task of ensuring members are registered, that issues are resolved and payment of membership on time was once again completed by Mary Brolly and Margaret Keenan. Members have been encouraged to use the Foireann system to register themselves online and an opportunity to pay membership and register was also available at our annual awards night. I think it's important to highlight that all proceeds collected from membership goes directly to the men's and ladies County Board to pay for affiliation, insurance and players injury fund.

Our annual prize giving was held in March, thank you to all who attended and congratulations to all prize winners. A presentation was made to Margaret to mark her Gradaim an Uachtarian.

The main stream of income for club activities comes from the weekly lotto, monthly split the bucket and bingo. Lotto and Split The Bucket have been supported through online purchases on klubfunder, sales locally through businesses, pre-paid annually along with membership and sales of both at bingo. A special word of thanks to Una and Barney McGarvey who sold lotto tickets at home matches which had a very positive impact on takings for those weeks. Once again we are grateful to everyone who continues to financially support our club in these financially hard times.

The drive-in bingo continues to be a success with this year's Christmas bingo being better than any of us predicted. A massive thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to ensure this fundraiser can happen from car park attendants, ticket sellers, bingo book sellers, bingo checkers, lotto checkers and especially to Gerard Bradley who attends every bingo and without his bingo calling skills the bingo couldn't happen! We also want to thank our bingo patrons who continue to support us through lotto and split the bucket pre-payments while bingo is closed for the winter. Also thanks to Theresa Bradley who organized the pre-payment options for bingo patrons.

Another revenue of income this year was the entrance fee and tuck shop at home matches. Thanks to Barney McGarvey who took on the task of setting up the tuck shop, sourcing equipment and stock and ensuring there were volunteers available to help out. Also thanks to all volunteers who made tea, collected money at the gates, help to set up and clear away. Thanks to ??? who organized a Last Man Standing competition with all profits going towards club funds. In a small club like our own every penny counts.

The weekly whist drive continues in the Owenkilw Centre which is enjoyed by many older members of our community. Thanks to Kieran Kelly and Kathleen McCarron for their work and for keeping this activity going throughout the year.

In January 2023 a charity match was held between the under 30s and over 30s, £2,000 was raised in donations and a presentation was made to SANDs. In December 2023 another charity match was held with the proceeds going to the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust in memory of Matthew McGuigan from Kildress Wolf Tones G.A.A. Thanks to Cathal McCullagh, Patrick McCullagh and Ruairi Keenan for organizing these two very successful events. Also a word of thanks to anyone who helped out in any way, preparing the pitch, PR, making the tea, etc.

Thanks to Patrick McCullagh who took on the task of securing field sponsorship through advertising hoardings. Also a massive thanks to all the businesses who support the work of our club in this way. New sponsors are always welcome!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Viberoptix and Delta health and performance for their continued sponsorship. We would also like to thank everyone who sponsored a match ball throughout the season and also to everyone who sponsored a senior lady in the lead up to their final.

A thank you to Fergal Daly and JoJo McGlone who were responsible for the allocation of pitches, changing rooms, etc. The system as a whole worked well this year and everyone's cooperation and flexibility was greatly appreciated. As someone remarked it's a busy club when you have teams training on Billy's, the MUGA pitch and about 4 youth teams on the main pitch all in the same evening!

The usual group of workers maintained the club grounds to a high standard. Peter Clarke took on duties as grounds man. Thanks are given to all for their tireless efforts and the maintenance committee for their efforts. We as a club rely on these workers to take care of our facilities. Also a word of thanks to all who showed up on the day of our Big Club Cleanup. Thanks also to Ciaran McGarvey who made repairs to the fence at Billy's.

A big thank you to Cormac Bradley, PR officer, who worked extremely hard to keep press and the club websites updated, twitter and Facebook users up-to-date. A great new initiative was the weekly schedule on Facebook which kept everyone up to date on the clubs activities for the week. Also thanks to Louise Mossey who provided the PR in the lead up to the senior ladies league final. It's important to note that the PRO can only promote what has been made available to him. It is so important that our coaches provide updates, photos, information e.g. player of the week, photos from matches, blitzes attended etc and that other members provide continuous information in relation to club activities, fixtures, etc. The more information that is provided to the PRO from our club the more relevant these social media platforms will be.

Thank you to our County delegates Barbara Ward and Deborah Daly who kept us up-to-date with any legislative changes, fixtures, changes in administration and GAA insurance.

The GAA insurance was availed of by a number of players which once again highlights the benefits of the scheme. Premiums are paid as part of the club affiliation fee so by being a fully paid up member you can avail of this scheme.

A special word of thanks to our club referee Cahir McConnell, men, and Gary Gormley, Ladies. Without these men undertaking the role of club referees the club wouldn't be eligible to play matches.

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.

Ag tús na bliana, tógadh Conchúr Seán Ó'Néill ar coiste NPaGaMBD, ag glacadh an ról Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúir.

Ag dul i mbun oibre láithreach, chláraigh Conchúr an Chlub i bhFondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha, scéim a thugann seans do clubanna fud fad na tíre a gcuid Gaeilge a fhorbairt.

Mar chuid den scéim, rinne muid suirbhé ar baill an chlub le measúnú a dhéanamh ar caighdeán Gaeilge sa phobal, agus dá mbeadh suim ag baill a bheith páirteach i Scór i mbliana. Mar gheall ar seo, ba léir gan mhoill go raibh méid suime ag an phobal sa teanga agus sa chultúr áitiúil.

Le linn / I rith Seachtain na Gaeilge, d'eagraigh an club ceardlann, dírithe ar teaghlaigh ar fad, maidir le úsáid a bhaint as Gaeilge sa chlub. Measadh gur éirigh thar cionn leis an cheardlann agus slua mór i láthair. Ba mhaith leis an chlub ár mbuíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le Michelle Furey agus MF Learning as an cur i láthair agus acmhainní sármhaith.

Chomh maith leis sin, bhí an club in ann litreoireacht nua a thaispeáint ar an chlár scór, áit a dtig leis an lucht féachana "An Goirtín" agus "Cuairteoirí" a fheiceáil as seo amach, i dteannta le comharthaí nua ("Céad míle fáilte" agus "Slán abhaile") ar slí isteach fearann an chlub. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le CR Signs as an dea-obair!

I rith an tsamhraidh, d'éirigh le aon ball amháin maoiniú a fháil ó Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Thír Eoghain le coicís a chaitheamh sa Ghaeltacht - seans go hiontach snas a chur ar a cuid Gaeilge, aiseolas an-dearfach agus tá rún agamscéimeanna agus imeachtaí a mhéadú sna blianta atá amach romhainn.

De bharr nár chuir an club isteach sa Scór i mbliana, is é mo bharúil gur cheart dúinn aird a dhíriú ar seo le deiseanna a chur le fail do baill eile ionadaíocht a dhéanamh don chlub i gcomórtais sa todhchaí.

Shocraigh an club bunrang a reachtáil ar feadh sé seachtain ag deireadh na bliana chun cuidiú a thabhairt don phobal a scileanna comhrá as Gaeilge a fheabhsú. Arís eile, bhí slua mór i láthair, agus tá brath againn go mbeidh na ranganna agus an teanga cuid den ghnathshaol sa cheantar áitiúil as seo amach / roimh i bhfad.

(English Translation)

At the start of 2023 year at Naomh Pádraig An Goirtín agus Mná Bhoth Dhomhnaigh annual AGM Conor Ó Néill became the Irish language and culture officer.

At the start of the year the club had signed up to take part in the Foundúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha. The club issued a survey to assess the level of Irish in our community along with interest in taking part in the Scór, this survey provided a great insight into the level of Irish and the demand for more in our community.

During Sceatchain na Gaeliga ran a one-night lesson for adults and children, which was about the use of the Irish language through the GAA. The night was a great success with a great turn out. The club would like to thank Michelle from MF Learning for taking the class.

The club was able to put up new lettering on our scoreboard which now is An Goirtín and Cuaireoirí along with 2 new signs at the entrance of our pitch saying (“Céad mile fáilte” and then “Slán abhaile”). We would like to thank CR Signs for their work.

During the summer we had one person from our club secure funding from Tyrone GAA to head to the Gaeltacht. This we aim to build on next year and years to come.

Sadly this year we didn’t have any entries into the Scór, this is a area of the club which I believe that needs worked on to expand which allows other people in our community to represent our club.

The club held a 6-week bunnrang at the end of the year to help people to develop their conversational Irish. For the classes there has been a good turnout. We hope to take these classes through in our community to really make the language apart of everyday life.

Thanks to Conor Ó Néill, through his dedicated work, the club received the bronze award for foundúireach Sheosaimh Mhic Donnacha for the promotion of irish language in our club and community.



Development Report December 2023

For Annual General Meeting

Badoney Development Partnership Directors; A McConnell, F Ward, C O’Kane, D Daly and T McGarvey.

Member Representatives: Eoghan Devery and Michael Ward.

Development objectives have focused on **3 key ambitions** as follows:

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 or GAA grant/loan schemes (subject to Club Maith or equivalent to demonstrate strong Club Governance).

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, planning permission et al.

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 were delivered in 2023 to achieve these ambitions:

| Activity | Action Owner | Status |
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| Meeting held with committee 13 April 2023 to review the Development Options Report that was presented to the 2022 AGM. (Refer to separate minutes for more detail and to Appendix 3 for the Option Report). Disappointingly, there was very low attendance from Committee (i.e. 4 members: Chairman, Secretary, Youth Officer, Children’s Officer). | Committee/ Development Group | For Noting |
| Action 1: Committee to write to new Parish Priest to progress the Land Tenure for Hall site. Progress: Letter drafted and issued. Reply received from parish seeking clarity on the request. A detailed response was prepared by the Development Group and issued to the Committee with a request for a meeting. | With Committee to Action | Not Progressed |

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| Action 2: Plan to be developed to launch the 'Friends of Gortin GAA' scheme as fundraising is essential. | | |
| Progress: Options prepared by the Development Group and issued prior to the May 2023 Committee Meeting. Next step is for the Committee to establish a group to take forward the Friends Of initiative and finalise the details of the scheme to be offered based on the options. | With Committee to Action | Not Progressed |
| Development Group continued to deliver activities to promote health and wellbeing for the wider community and support need for investment during 2023 as follows: | | |
| Action 1: Support secured from FODC to deliver health and wellbeing initiatives in our area. A Couch to 5k programme commenced in May 2023. This was very successful and culminated in a run held on 28 th June 2023. | Development Group | Complete |
| Action 2: Litter Pick was held on Sat 6 th May 2023, and again was very well supported. | Development Group | Complete |
| Action 3: Emergency First Aid and De-Fib Training was successfully delivered on 22 nd June 2023 and a grant secured from FODC covered the cost for this. | Development Group | Complete |
| Action 4: The Well Being Information Hub remains available. However, activity on this has been limited in the second half of 2023 due to limited time being invested to develop and maintain this. This continues to offer great potential. | Development Group | Limited Progress |
| Action 5: Development Group governance activities included the AGM held on Wednesday 28 th June 2023. Accounts were prepared by ABAC NI and issued at the AGM, and the annual report was submitted to the Charity Commission. Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance has been renewed. | Development Group | Complete |

Development Outlook for 2024 and moving forward

It is the assessment of Badoney Development Partnership that the development outlook for the Club is **bleak** due to the following reasons:

There is little evidence of interest in Community Partnership options which are essential in order to secure government grants and investments.

The club does not have the tenure secured to re-develop the site of the current parish hall and matters have not progressed with the parish/dioceses.

Club Governance/accreditation is not in place following the expiry of the Gold Standard Club Maith. This is essential not only to support good management practice and transparent decision making in the club, but is also a requirement for many funders.

The Club no longer offers Healthy Club activities which is essential to demonstrate benefits offered to the wider community. The beneficiaries of club activity are therefore more limited. There are 7700 people in the total of the 3 Wards where club activity stretches (Gortin, Owenkillew and Plumbridge). This reduces to 5530 when Plumbridge is discounted. The parish population is estimated at 1800 circa.

The Club fundraising activity has been limited therefore the self-funded development options are limited. It is recommended that the club considers the club led options in Appendix 3 and commences the necessary fundraising.

The club has had an air of unsettlement this year as due to ongoing talks/discussions/opinions/etc around the amalgamated team of Both Domhnaigh. A lot of the committees' time and effort has been put into discussing current team set ups, looking at statistics for the years ahead, surveys, etc (appendix 1). This topic

remained a focal point in all meetings and as a result other aspects of the club have suffered. Based on information provided a vote was taken at a committee meeting with the outcome being that the teams would stay as they are in the 2024 playing season (appendix 2). It is important to note that every member of this club is entitled to their own view and opinion on the amalgamation, no matter what decision was taken not everyone is going to be happy but we as a club must work together to make it work.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this report, as always your support is much appreciated. I would personally like to thank Margaret for her help and support over the past year in my role as secretary. She is a fountain of knowledge and definitely made my role easier. As I leave the committee this year I pass on my best wishes to the incoming committee and hope to see great things achieved in 2024.

Alaine Ward
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Appendix. 1 – Committee involvement regarding current Amalgamation

January 2023

- Guidance was sought from County Board regarding amalgamation set up for the playing season 2023. Amalgamated teams to remain in 2023.
- Discussion around entering a development team in U17 (this was changed to U16 due to changes to ages by County Board)
- Meeting arranged with Glenelly to discuss Code of Conduct, etc
- Discussion around using this year to gather information, track team performance, etc to be able to make informed decisions around future of amalgamation.

February 2023

- U16 code of conduct signed by all players and parents
- Names supplied for U16 team and forwarded to County Board, these boys would then be ineligible for the development team
- Stats around U16 discussed and teams made as follows:
Team A – 11 x U16 (7 Gortin / 4 Glenelly), 7 x U15 (3 Gortin / 5 Glenelly)
Development Team – 3 x U16 (3 Gortin), 6 x U15 (4 Gortin / 2 Glenelly) 10 x U14 (5 Gortin / 5 Glenelly)
- Contacted County Board to request our second team be entered into division 2 but this is refused as the second team had to be entered into division 3 in the development league.

March 2023

- Meeting arranged with Glenelly to discuss U16 management, pitch usage, representatives at training, etc. Fergal Daly, Niall McGinn and Ciaran McGarvey to attend.
- Discussion around U16 teams
- Minors discussed – 36 players in total given as figure for 2023. Actual figure 30 makeup below

| Age of Player on 1 st January | Gortin Players – Over 75% attendance | Glenelly – Over 75% attendance | Gortin – Over 50% attendance | Glenelly – Over 50% attendance | Total |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 17yrs | 3 | 3 | | 1 | 7 |
| 16yrs | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 6 |
| 15yrs | 7 | 2 | 1 | | 10 |
| 14yrs | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 7 |

April 2023

- Rules to be discussed with Glenelly
- Pitch usage discussed
- U16 development team discussed and decision made not to enter them into Championship – all U16 boys now eligible to play in Championship

May 2023

- U16 discussed issues around rules and management
- U16 development issues highlighted to committee. Email sent to County Board detailing issues with development league.
- Minor team discussed, figures of eligible players and age ranges discussed
- County Board contacted regarding the guidelines of playing some age groups as part of an amalgamated club and some ages under own club. The county board confirmed that this was possible but only if both teams had enough players to play the 2 teams separately.

June 2023

- Discussion around U16 and parents concerns
- Discussion around how to investigate the amalgamation and the future of the club

July 2023

- External person approached to carry out youth audit
- Current registered players and potential players figures pulled together for audit

September 2023

- Youth audit discussed
- Any recommendations of information that we want gathered, etc,

October 2023

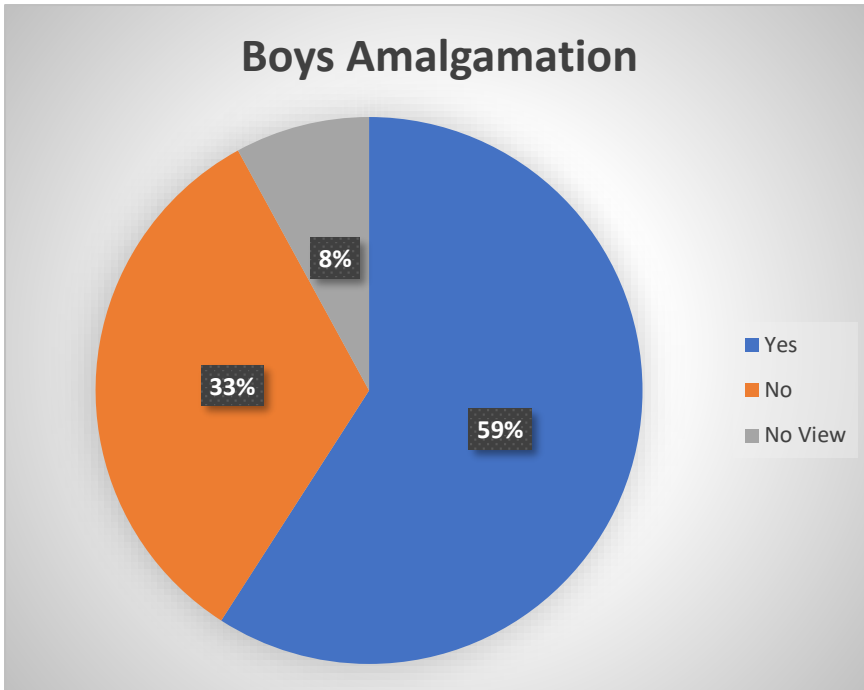
- Discussion around youth audit
- Arranged dates for one-to-one meetings with anyone who like to discuss the amalgamation
- Discussion on how to collect information from a range of members, decided to collect information via a questionnaire to be completed by committee members, coaches, parents and children participating in over 14 teams.
- A discussion took place regarding way forward. A decision regarding the amalgamation can then be made based on the findings of the audit. It was noted that the current arrangement was working well for certain age groups e.g. U14s.

November 2023

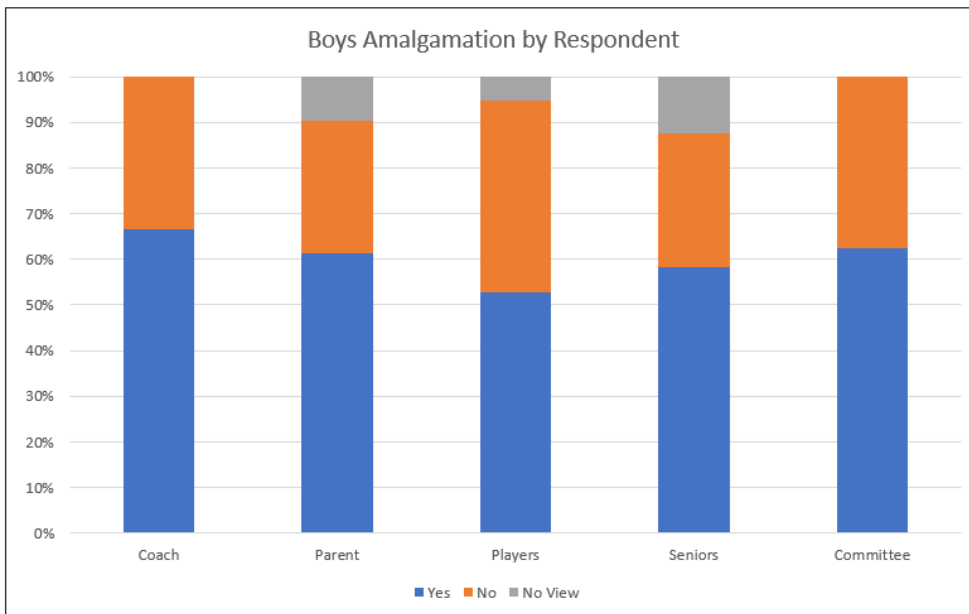
- Youth audit was presented by external person – advised that projected figures for teams should include 3 age groups and would be advisable to have 20 players per team
- Another meeting was held to go through figures and survey responses in more depth before making a decision. Appendix 2
- A vote was taken by the committee members – Majority voted that the amalgamation stay as it is in the playing season of 2024.

Appendix 2. Survey Responses

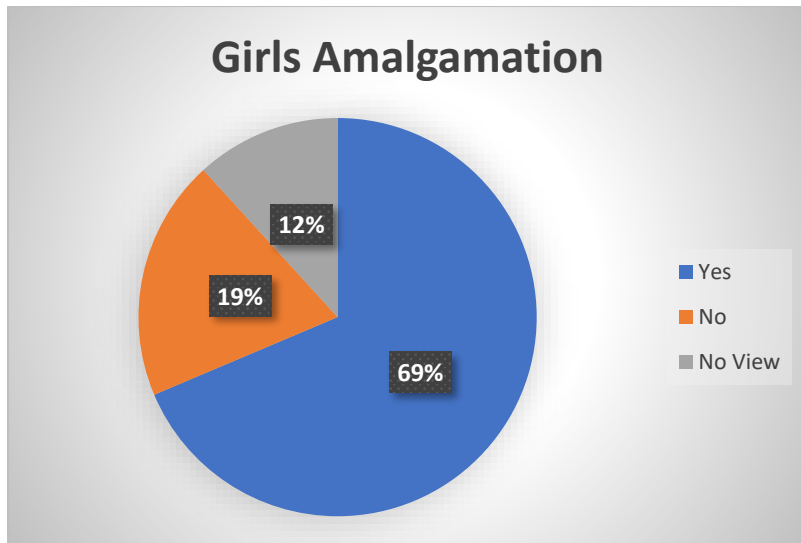
Are you happy with the current Boys amalgamation between Gortin and Glenelly?



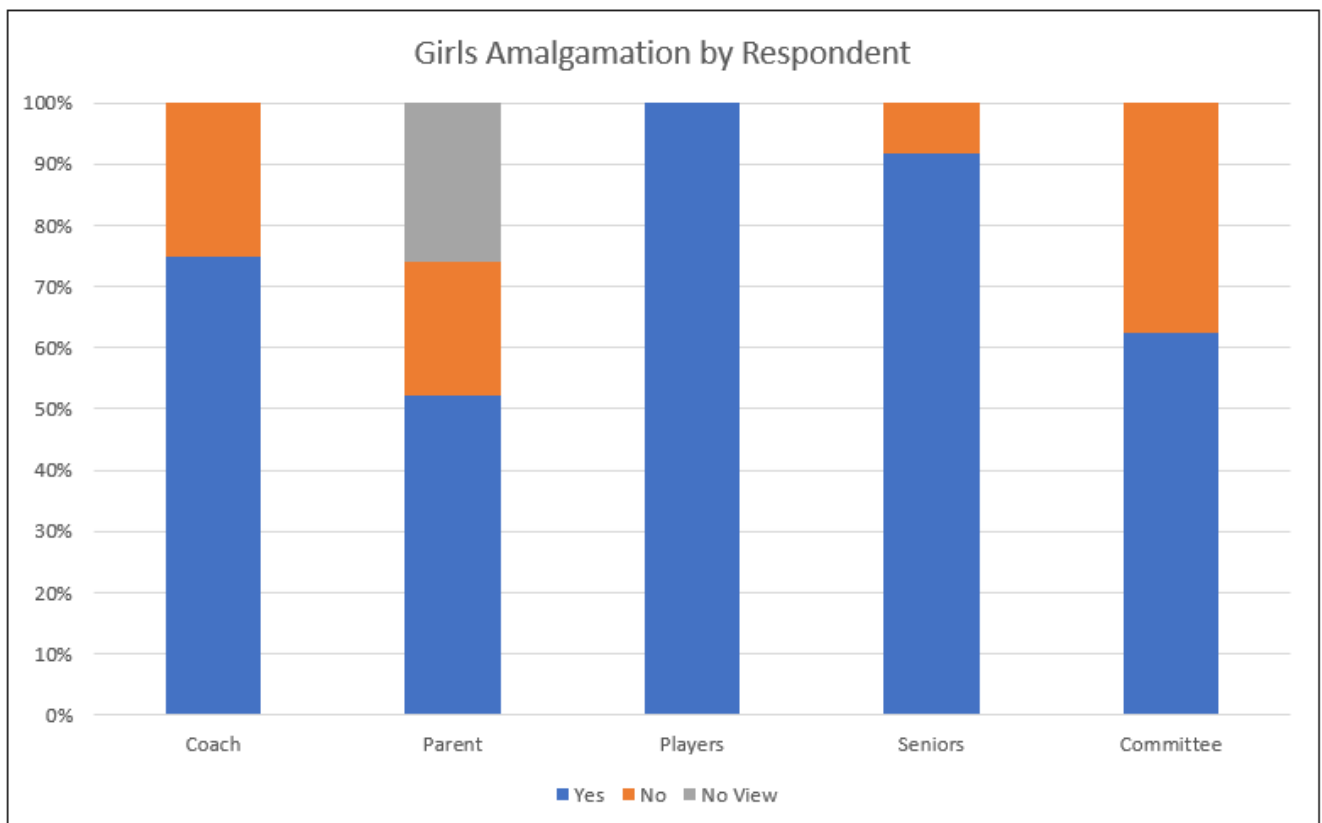
- Total of 88 Respondents



Are you happy with the current girls amalgamation between Gortin and Glenelly?



- Total of 51 Respondents



Appendix 3: Development Options and High Level Appraisal – Prepared in April 2022

| Gortin St. Patrick's & Badoney Ladies Club Led Options | | |
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| Option Description | Specification | Indicative Cost (£) |
| Option A-Refurbish and compliance: This option recognises that the current club house is dated and that the main facilities do not meet the current recognised standards. Accepting that BDP has confirmed a wider need than just that of the Club this option assumes that this is the priority need and that it would be addressed first (perhaps the first phase of a range of elements) | Refurbishment of the existing club house to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x full sized changing rooms • Inclusive showers • Inclusive toilet • Treatment room • Referees room • Committee room • Modern and efficient M&E and heating infrastructure | High level cost estimate(not aligned to drawings or completed by a qualified QS): £750k-1 million |
| Option B-Club house new build: This option is similar to Option A with the exception that it takes a new build approach to meeting the clubs immediate needs | This would involve demolition of the current club house and provision of the standard range of facilities required to support the clubs main activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x full sized changing rooms • Inclusive showers • Inclusive toilet • Treatment room • Referees room • Committee room • Modern and efficient M&E and heating infrastructure | High level cost estimate(not aligned to drawings or completed by a qualified QS): £1.2-£1.7 million |
| Option C-Refurbish and new build: Option C recognises the wider needs of the club for wet weather/off season training facilities which could also be used by the wider community and organisations in it(e.g., schools,playgroups,sports clubs) outside the time slots required by the club. Option C spreads the investment across the existing site and the parochial hall site providing modern and compliant like for like facilities and additional wet weather and indoor facilities | Refurbishment of the existing club house to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x full sized changing rooms • Inclusive showers • Inclusive toilet • Treatment room • Referees room • Committee room The new build would provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport NI specification four court hall • S&C gym for team sessions | High level cost estimate(not aligned to drawings or completed by a qualified QS): £2million-£3.5million |
| Badoney Development Partnership Led and Community Partnership Options | | |
| Current Preferred Option: Option D-Club and community hub new build: This would be similar to option C but would include a digital hub for health and would be developed as a new build on the most suitable site option. This option | The new build on parish hall site would provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital hub for health • Sport NI specification four court hall | High level cost estimate(not aligned to drawings or completed by a qualified QS): £4 million-£5 million |

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| <p>could/should include partnership arrangements with the Council/WHSC Pathfinder team and local group</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength & Conditioning gym • 4 x full sized changing rooms • Inclusive showers • Inclusive toilet • Treatment room • Referees room | |
| <p>Option E-Community partnership led: This option would focus on a comprehensive regional offer meeting the needs of the community and visitors/ squads for training and team building camps. It would involve building a partnership with other providers in the area from a strategic and delivery perspective.</p> | <p>The new build would provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital hub for health • Sport NI specification four court hall • Strength & Conditioning gym • 4G surface • Outdoor testing track • Drying and storage facilities • Updated accommodation block • 4 x full sized changing rooms • Inclusive showers • Inclusive toilet • Treatment room • Referees room • Co-working space • Consultation rooms/lettable space for health and wellbeing services | <p>High level cost estimate(not aligned to drawings or completed by a qualified QS): £5 million -£7 million</p> |

Appendix 4: Large Capital Grant Outlook

| Funder | Fund description and criteria | BDP Project fit |
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| Levelling Up Fund(LUF) | <p>The Levelling Up Fund is part of the wider Westminster led shared prosperity fund. Its focus is on levelling up the economic performance and prosperity of communities, electoral areas and regions across the UK. Typically, it focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging; • spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest; • restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost; and • empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency | <p>Round one of the LUF was largely awarded to local authority led projects. Some but not all of these were economic development focused. There is clear evidence with a sports, recreation and leisure focus (Portrush Recreation Centre and Dundonald International Ice bowl being examples). If BDP were to be successful, the following factors required to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site ownership must be confirmed • RIBA stage three achieved (including planning consent) • Five case OBC in place • Ideally a partnership with local authority in place (potential around VAT shielding) <p>It is noted that the Council did not apply under call one but there was a successful application in the district led by Omagh Enterprise Company limited focusing on the redevelopment of the former Omagh Health Centre. The technical cost of developing a project is likely to range from £150K -£300K.</p> |
| Peace Plus Programme | <p>Peace Plus Programme will replace the outgoing Peace Four Programme. One element will be managed by the Council and the remainder centrally by SEUPB. The Local Action Plan will contain both capital and revenue funding. Capital funding is likely to be limited and unlikely to exceed £100k to £200k. The Shared Space Measure from Peace three and four is likely to be repeated and will fund up to eight major capital projects in the range of £3 million to £15 million. Projects require to demonstrate the potential to engage both main traditions on a 60:40 basis. Projects must be 'iconic' and regionally significant. Call likely in 2023-2024</p> | <p>The proposed project is more locally focused than regional. It will have difficulty meeting the 60:40 cross community engagement criteria. To develop a regionally significant project brings the partnership into a new scale of business model.</p> |
| Shared Island Fund | <p>This is a new fund issued by the Office of the Taoiseach. The final definition of the programme criteria is expected in October 2022. €500million available to 2025. Address shared issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overcoming the threat of Covid | <p>TBC – awaiting detail</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work through the consequences of Brexit • Build economy and societal recovery • Tackling the climate change and bio diversity challenge | |
| DAERA | <p>The current EU funded LEADER programme closes in April 2022 and all funding has been allocated. No additional LEADER funding will be available in NI due to the BREXIT decision and the withdrawal from the EU.</p> <p>The Department has just launched the new 10 Year Rural Policy Framework and will begin to attract funding from the Executive across 2023 and 2024. These are likely to be regional (NI wide as opposed to Council wide programme calls)</p> | <p>The project must enhance the existing facilities at Owenkillew and across the catchment.</p> <p>Funding levels to be determined.</p> |
| Sport Capital Programme | <p>NI Sport NI is the lead agency for the funding of sports governing bodies and both regional and local sports facilities. Periodically it issues a sports capital call. The last call was circa 2010. A call was to be issued in 2020 but this was postponed due to the need to react to the impact of Covid 19 on the sustainability of sports clubs and organisations. It is likely that the call will take place across the 2023 to 2025 timeframe. Typically the maximum award is £245k. In 2010 15 projects were awarded funding.</p> | <p>The contribution is likely to be less than 10% of project costs and therefore not significant. On that basis Sport NI will deem its political contribution as not being essential to deliver the project.</p> |