



## **Tralee Parnells Hurling & Camogie Club**

**AGM 2022**

**7:30 pm, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Kerin's O'Rahillys Clubhouse**

### **Agenda**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Minutes of AGM 2021**
- 3. Treasurer's Report 2022**
- 4. Club Officers Reports (on/off field) 2022**
- 5. Secretary's Report 2022**
- 6. Chairperson's Address – Camogie**
- 7. Chairperson's Address – Hurling**
- 8. Election of Officers & Members of Executive Committee 2023**
- 9. Other Business**

# **Tralee Parnells Hurling & Camogie Club Report 2022**

## **Table of Contents**

<b>Welcome .....</b>	<b>pg 3</b>
<b>Minutes of AGM 2021 .....</b>	<b>pg3</b>
<b>Treasurer's Report 2022 .....</b>	<b>pg 7</b>
<b>Club Officers Reports 2022 .....</b>	<b>pg 13</b>
<b>Secretary's Report 2022 .....</b>	<b>pg 44</b>
<b>Chairperson's Address – Camogie.....</b>	<b>pg 45</b>
<b>Chairperson's Address – Hurling .....</b>	<b>pg 47</b>
<b>Election of Officers &amp; Members of Executive Committee 2023.....</b>	<b>pg 51</b>
<b>Other Business.....</b>	<b>pg 52</b>

It is an honour, as Camogie Club Secretary, to be presenting this Report on the activities of the Club over the past 12 months. I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to our Annual General Meeting.

**Apologies:** Carmel O'Shea Maloney, Development & Facilities Officer  
Natalie Hennessy, Secretary Senior Hurling  
Katie Trant, Assistant Treasurer  
Agnes Sheehy, Children's Welfare Officer (Hurling)  
David Brick, Juvenile Secretary

## **Minutes of Previous AGM**

Held in Tralee Sports Complex on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

### **Off Field Reports**

#### **PRO**

- The creation of a dedicated PR WhatsApp group was a success. This was an invaluable way to keep informed of club activities so that social media could be updated and for the writing of the weekly notes.
- The clubs Instagram account was set up and will need further development in 2022
- The PR side was busier than ever this year as the club fielded two adult hurling teams for the first time.
- During the year we had a number of non-sporting events to cover including advertising that Caherslee is a smoke-free zone
- The run4pieta fundraising event was also a busy time as it incorporated a video shoot and frequent posts to social media over a number of weeks.

#### **Registrar**

- Tralee Parnells membership increased in 2021 by 142 new members
- Clubforce was introduced in 2021 as a way of managing member's data, funds and communications.

#### **Development & Facilities Officer**

- 2021 was the first year the Development & Facilities role was created. The objective is to focus on facility needs and cost effectiveness.
- Working on securing Tralee Parnells a permanent home.
- Club to promote School Ball Walls.
- Ensuring that adequate facilities are in place until the club moves to new home.

#### **Scór Officer**

- All Scór activity was cancelled in 2021

#### **Club Delegate**

- Attended all meetings that mostly involved organising fixtures and deciding on divisions
- Football was the dominant topic in the meetings
- The Club Delegate thanked the club for their support over the past few years as he was stepping down from the role.

### **Child Protection Officer**

- 2021 was a busy year for Tralee Parnells Hurling and Camogie Club in terms of meeting the legislative and best practice requirements for the club.
- The GAA introduced a change to the garda evetting to every 3 years.
- It was the first year the club had a Camogie Child Protection Officer.
- Tralee Parnells produced a Child Safeguarding Statement and Anti-Bullying Statement in 2021.
- Evetting was carried out in a shorter timeframe.
- The Code of Behaviour in Youth Sport is on club website as a resource and registration forms have been updated to reflect best practice in relation to player safety and compliance with GAA policy.

### **Secretary Report**

- The Secretary highlighted the Club Summer and Cul camps as being great success with this year being the first time that Tralee Parnells were able to offer a camp top and securing a camp sponsor.
- The Secretary congratulated the Club Players who played with Kerry in Hurling and Camogie.
- The Secretary thanked all the sponsors who donated to the club or purchased jerseys or training equipment.
- The Secretary thanked the County Board for the use of Caherslee and how there was a good working relationship in place with the Groundsman and Caherslee committee.
- A thank you was extended to all the Club Officers and Executive Committee members, and offered sympathies to officers, players, members and friends who have suffered bereavements during the last year.

### **Chairperson Report –Camogie**

- Part of the Camogie Report 2021

### **Chairperson Report – Hurling**

- The Club Chairperson was honoured to be elected for the role.
- The Chairperson gave an account of all the activities over the year.
- The Chairperson expressed gratitude to all involved in the club for their hard work and commitment over the year.
- The Chairperson highlighted the need to secure our own home pitch.
- The Chairperson expressed how proud he was in the finished product of the Clubs 5 Year plan.

## **On Field Reports**

### **Hurling and Camogie Report**

While not read out on at the AGM, all hurling and camogie manager reports were submitted to the overall AGM report.

### **Approval of Membership Fees for 2022**

- Family – €200
- Senior Player - €110
- Student Player – €80
- Juveniles – €70
- Nursery – €30
- Non-Playing Adults - €40

### **Election of Club Officers 2022**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Nominated Person</b>
<b>President</b>	Both	Rory Kerins
<b>Chairperson</b>	Hurling	Stephen Buttimer
<b>Vice Chairperson/ Chairperson (Camogie)</b>	Camogie	Suzanne Chute
<b>Vice-Chairperson (Camogie)</b>	Camogie	Katie Trant
<b>Secretary (x2)</b>	Senior Hurling	Natalie Hennessy
	Camogie	Claire Salmon
<b>Treasurer (x2)</b>	Hurling	Gerard O’Connell
	Camogie	Katie Trant
<b>PRO (x2)</b>	Hurling	Kieran Fitzgerald
	Camogie	Mike Roger O’Sullivan
<b>Joint Registrars (x2)</b>	Both	Ger O’Brien
		Siobhán Corridan
<b>Development &amp; Facilities Officer</b>	Both	Carmel O’Shea-Maloney
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Officer</b>	Both	Caroline Somers
<b>Coaching &amp; Games Officer (x2)</b>	Hurling	Colm O’Brien
	Camogie	Diarmuid Brennan
<b>County Board Delegate &amp; North Kerry Board Delegate</b>	Senior Hurling	Dermot Reen
<b>Camogie County Board Delegate (x2)</b>	Camogie	Mike McCarthy
	Camogie	Lynda Murphy

### **Proposed by Outgoing Committee**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Nominated Person</b>
<b>Childrens Officer (x2)</b>	Hurling	Agnes Sheehy
	Camogie	Marie Gaynor
<b>Culture &amp; Irish Language Officers</b>	Both	Damien Kissane Siobhán Fitzgerald
<b>Player Representative (x2)</b>	Hurling	Gearoid O Doherty
	Camogie	Lia O’Connell

**Coiste na nÓg Sub Committee**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Nominated Person</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	Hurling	Dermot Reen
<b>Secretary</b>	Hurling	David Brick
<b>Coiste na nÓg Delegate</b>	Hurling	Dermot Reen

## **Treasurers Report 2022**

The treasurers report is available by contacting the treasurer directly on [treasurer.traleeparnells.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:treasurer.traleeparnells.kerry@gaa.ie)

## **Club Officers Reports 2022**

### **Off Field**

#### **Registrar**

##### **Membership Numbers**

On the Hurling side we had **189** members this year, a decrease of **14** on 2021 when we had **203** hurlers – a decrease of **7%**.

On the Camogie side we had **154** members this year, a decrease of **8** on 2021 when we had **162** camogie players – a decrease of **5%**.

The number of non- playing members also decreased by **14** from **95** in 2021 to **81** in **2022** – a decrease of **15%**.

##### **Expenditure Associated with Registration**

The money paid out to the Camogie Association this year was **€1,941.00** up from **€1,831.00** in 2021 - this was due to the age profile of our members i.e. more adult/student players this year.

The cost of insurance for Camogie was **€2,361.00** up from **€2,095.00** in 2021. (In 2021 we got a reduction of €249.00 due to Covid).

The Player's injury fund was **€3,060.00** this year.

##### **Registration Platform**

I am recommending moving registrations to Foireann for 2023 as, aside from it is being the platform that the GAA has introduced for registrations and Garda vetting etc, it has evolved to a point that I believe it is a better platform than Clubforce for registrations. I think it will be a better platform for team managers as they will be able to add players from other age groups to their teams. Also it will cut down on duplication of work for the registrars. The commission paid by the club on registrations via Foireann is considerably lower than the commission/charges on Clubforce.

From Siobhan Corridan and Ger O'Brien - Joint Registrars

---

## **PRO**

### **PRO Hurling Report**

2022 was a busy year as the club was able to return to full activities for the season. The growing club competed at all levels in both Hurling and Camogie.

During the year we went live with a club website <http://traleeparnells.gaa.ie>. The site is intended as the main location where members and visitors alike can find out everything about the club. The site is updated with our weekly notes and contains links to all of our online presence as well as the various club policies, procedures and other documents. The club blog is still kept up to date as it contains all of the news since the club was reformed in 2012 and is fully searchable.

We also launched a club lotto to secure a steady income stream. A draw is held on-line in the Clubforce app every second Monday evening by the Lotto Committee. We post regular updates to remind all to play while we also try to post the results on social media and our website that evening. There are two guaranteed lucky dip winners of €25 each while the jackpot is currently €1000.

2022 again saw the club achieve a number of firsts and milestones on the pitch. The year had barely started when our U21 hurlers defeated Crotta to win the U21 North Kerry Hurling championship. This was our first adult silverware since the club was reformed. It was especially significant as many of the players had started playing hurling around the time that the club was reformed.

The U15 hurlers had a fantastic year and achieved the first All-Ireland medals for the club. The boys had a cracking match in Lixnaw in the Kerry Feile naGaeil final in Lixnaw where they defeated Ballyduff. The boys went on to the finals in Stramullen Co Dublin in June where they won their group games and went on to defeat Trim in the final. The captain Tomas O'Connell presented with the Michael Cusack Trophy and Parnells were crowned Division 3 All-Ireland Feile naGaeil champions. In true all-ireland style the club held a homecoming event in Caherslee on the following Tuesday evening where we celebrated the success of the coaches and squad. Not to rest on their laurels, the squad also went on to win the Lee Strand Coiste na nÓg Under 15 Division 1 County League as well as winning the U16 North Kerry B Championship.

Our younger under-age groups had a busy year with lots of games both home and away. It is great to see numbers growing all of the time. Our older underage teams are proving they are well able to match the strong hurling clubs in North Kerry. This year we had by far our largest number of underage players in both Hurling and Camogie representing the county in various competitions.

The club again took part in Scór na nÓg where our Trath na gCeist team did us proud by winning Kerry. From there they were successful at the provincial final and made it to the All-Ireland finals in Killarney. Up against the best quiz brains from around the country, the lads finished 4th of 12 teams, agonisingly missing out on the stage final by 5 points.

On the adult hurling side, the club achieved another significant first as our senior hurlers represented Kerry in the Munster Junior Hurling club championship in December at Austin Stack Park. Unfortunately, the visitors (Skeheenarinky, Tipperary) were too strong for us on the day but it generated



a lot of publicity for the club with a special interest from the national newspapers in how our club young club has developed. The men competed in the Division 1 hurling league and were unfortunate to lose a few close games. The squad were unfortunately defeated in the quarter finals of the Intermediate County Championship to bring the season to an end. Our Junior hurlers were victorious in winning the South Kerry Junior Cup.

In October we had our first 7 a side senior hurling tournament as part of the An Turas Mór initiative. Clubs from far and wide were invited to take part in the one day event. In the end, we had clubs from Co Clare and from as far away as London competing. It was a round-robin format where each team played each other. Crusheen defeated Dr Crokes in the Cup final on a scoreline 8-7 to 7-6. While Fr Murphys defeated Tralee Parnells in the shield final. Diarmuid Mullins from Crusheen received the Player of the Tournament award. Gavin O'Brien Captain of Crusheen accepted the Cup. John Kehoe from Fr Murphys received the Overseas Player of the Tournament award and also accepted the Shield award. It was a really enjoyable day and the fine weather also added to the occasion. All of the visiting teams commented on a very enjoyable day and said that they were looking forward to next year!

The Summer Camp was again hugely popular and well attended. With the weather on our side for most of the week it was our largest summer camp to date with a very encouraging number of non-registered children signing up to try hurling and camogie.

There were a lot of off the pitch activities during the year also. In April we held a family fun day for the people from Ukraine who had recently arrived Tralee. We were spoiled with fabulous weather that day and everybody really enjoyed themselves. Many of the children were very eager in trying out our national game.

We also had a number of successful and enjoyable fundraising events including a very sociable a quiz night evening at O'Donnells, Mounthawk. We had a day at the dogs' event which included a buster race where the holder of the ticket with the correct result combination won the buster prize of €500.

Thank you to all who contributed to the PR WhatsApp group. This group is shared with all team managers and the Executive. It would be great to see this developed further in the coming years and to have a dedicated a PR person associated with each team. If any parent or other member would be interested in taking on this role we would really appreciate it.

### **Camogie**

A special word of thanks to the many club volunteers who share their updates from our various Camogie teams within the club in our discussion forum. These stories are an invaluable source of information and a great way to get our news shared both among our own volunteers and also with our wider community of family members and supporters, via such channels as our weekly notes and our social media outlets.

At the teenage and adult age grades the club continued to make strides in onward development. We were delighted to welcome some new faces in our adult playing ranks and also to welcome back plenty of familiar faces. Our Adult team Manager Diarmuid provided a great series of training and conditioning sessions early in the season and these were well attended, enjoyable and high tempo. The highlight for some was the bake-off element that came in, with several participants treating their team mates to some delicious treats after an intense session on the chilly evenings. Our minors got to contest the clubs first

ever Minor final when they faced Killarney in a competitive B title decider, with lots of our older players from the under 16 squad filling out the ranks.

Also, at secondary school age groups, Carmel ran off an enjoyable and successful 2nd annual Senior Schools tournament towards the end of the season. The Tournament was played in Caherslee and saw new winners in all categories. The title holders Mounthawk faced a strong challenge from a combined team that had players from Presentation, Castleisland and beyond in their lineup. Having put their heads together and come up with the team name Community of Nuns, they were confident enough to forego the usual decision of which side would wear bibs and confidently took to the field in navy worn outside the new Tralee Parnells jerseys, as they faced the Mounthawk side who had won so impressively in 2021. There was silverware up for grabs across a number of categories and the perpetual trophies will all have new names engraved, based on the results of the Tournament and the impressive scoring and skills points achieved. The overall Senior Schools trophy was presented to the victorious Community of Nuns team, who had seen great contributions from the players in their ranks. Captain Clodagh O Sullivan accepted the trophy on behalf of her team. Orla Leahy who was overall tournament top scorer across the different matches, with an impressive tally of goals and points. No surprise to the spectators, who had witnessed Orla's impressive work rate, skill and judgement. Several competitors racked up strong scores in the next category, but the player who got the highest number of points awarded for skills displayed throughout the tournament, was Rachel Sargent. The next trophy to be presented was the player voted as having made the best contribution across the games by all her peers and another worthy winner here was Emma Dunican. A new category was the most improved young player and this honour went to Orla Buttimer who as an under 14 really impressed the onlookers with her contribution and determination.

The U12 girls had a fantastic end to a great season on a Saturday in Caherslee as things wound down. They fielded an U11 and an U12 side to play two strong Kileedy sides. The girls all put in a huge effort. The day finished off with a trip to Bowling Buddies and some food. Our U13 camogie team made it to the final of the Veronica Stack Blitz in Killarney. They had three wins and a draw to Cillard in the group stages but unfortunately, Cillard got the better of Tralee Parnells in the final game. The final game could have gone either way as Tralee Parnells and Cillard were very closely matched. We had a lot of possession but couldn't quite get the scores deserved. However, girls didn't go away completely disappointed as our own Síofra Murphy received the 'Player of the Tournament' award as a result of some serious hard work in winning the ball time and time again and passing the ball accurately into the forwards.

The U14 Amber team put in a massive team effort in Caherslee as they contested the Division 2 County Camogie final. The girls fought for every ball until the very last second of the game. The managers were delighted with the performance especially in how the team continued to push forward and try to win as much possession as possible. The scoreboard didn't reflect the effort by all players with their passion and never say die attitude being the outstanding feature of the evening. Head coach Martina Lawless said afterwards "well done girls on a massive effort". As a team they have improved such a lot since the start of the season. They should be proud of themselves. A big thank you to the parents for bringing the girls to training every week and to the other coaches (including Alan, now in Canada) and all club members and parents who supported us on the side-line and who sent lovely messages before and after the game. The Blue team were also in action as they contested the Division 1 final against Cillard. This was a cracking game where our girls started slowly but gained a foothold and finished the first half strong and at half time we were down by just a single point. In a rip roaring second half Cillard again started

the stronger and went five points up. Our girls never stopped fighting however and heading into injury time we were just two points down. Our girls pressed for a winning goal but phenomenal goalkeeping and defending from Cillard kept our girls at bay. A 65meter free from Anna Chute was tipped over the bar to leave just one point between the teams but unfortunately for our heroes, referee John Ross blew the final whistle to the delight of the Cillard players and their supporters.

Well done to all of our U8s who played in the Tesco County Caman Festival. The girls played very well against Abbeykillix and Ballyduff. The girls were very energetic and they played well with the sun beating down on them. Congratulations to all the U10 girls also played in the Tesco County Caman Festival. The girls put in a fantastic performance strong opposition from Causeway, Ballyduff and Killarney sides. The girls were amazing, plenty of scores on the board and had a never give up attitude.

The Tralee Parnells U12s Blue team were crowned Division 1 Cup winners. Many thanks to Ballyduff for a very sporting game and for organising the pitch on the night. Well done to all the players for a fantastic end to a great season. All the support on the side-line was greatly appreciated too. Congratulations to Maeve Trant, Rachel Sargent, Abbie Canty and Kate O'Loughlin from our U16 squad who were part of the Kerry U15 team who won the plate final against Westmeath in the U15 National Camogie Blitz held in a very wet Mullingar.

Finally, a huge thank you to the volunteers, mentor and backroom teams across all of our Camogie panels and on our Camogie officer board. It was a pleasure to see all the activity in 2022, with everyone to have something much closer to a normal season again after our couple of years of lockdowns. We hope to see you all back in 2023 and with lots of new faces to help us keep up with our encouraging growth and development as a still new and growing club.

In conclusion, from the communications and public relations perspective, 2022 has another very busy and positive year for Tralee Parnells Hurling and Camogie Club. We look forward to seeing everybody back in 2023.

Kieran Fitzgerald – Hurling PRO  
Mike Roger O Sullivan – Camogie PRO

---

### **Coaching & Games Officer**

No Report submitted

---

## Development & Facilities Officer

Area	Outcome Sought	2021 Activities	2022 Activities	2023 Goals
Admin	Club focus on facilities needs and cost effectiveness	<i>Development &amp; Facilities Officer role created (3-5 year appointment)</i>	<b>Carmel O'Shea-Maloney re-elected to role</b>	<i>If position becomes vacant, ensure that it is filled by a replacement officer with appropriate skills</i>
		<i>Multi-disciplinary Facilities Working Group (FWG) assembled (3-5 year commitment): Agnes Sheehy, Carmel O'Shea-Maloney, David Brick, Ger Donnellan, Ger O'Brien, Ger O'Connell, Graham Spring (consultative role), Séamus Cadogan, Stephen Buttimer</i>	<b>FWG continued its work</b>	<i>If any position becomes vacant, ensure that it is filled by a replacement member with appropriate skills</i>
		<i>Roles &amp; responsibilities and operation of FWG agreed. Thank you to FWG members for taking the time to meet every 2 weeks</i>	<b>Thank you to FWG members for taking the time to meet monthly and for all the work that was done between meetings to progress plans</b>	<i>In place. Examine annually: what's working, what could we do better?</i>
Permanent Home	General	<i>Facilities objective established; plan drawn up; club members surveyed; requirements documented with drawings. 3x options explored:</i>		
		<i>3. Existing Shared Facilities: partner with a school, or another sports club with a different high season to the GAA [County Board approached us to take over the GAA Pitch at Tralee Sport Complex on 28/1]</i>	<b>3. EXISTING SHARED FACILITIES: obtained written permission from Kerry GAA for exclusive use to 2036 of GAA Pitch at Tralee Sports Complex under terms of Licence Agreement with Kerry ETB. New Pitch Management Committee established with all stakeholders. Pitch named "Páirc na Darach"</b>	<i>Actively manage Páirc na Darach for benefit of Tralee Parnells and Kerry ETB schools: Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí, Coláiste Gleann Lí and Kerry College</i>
		<b>Páirc na Darach</b>	<i>GPS Survey conducted; Outside advice sought; Engineer's Report obtained, including cost estimates for development options</i>	<b>Short term work underway to get pitch up and running for Spring 2023, incl. grass cutting from August 2022 @€100 per cut</b>
School Ball Walls	<b>Gaelscoil Mhic Easmain</b>	<i>Supported GSME's application for</i>	<b>Secured written permission for use to 2037 under terms of</b>	<i>Set up and manage schedule</i>

	<b>n (GSME) Ball Wall</b>	<i>Sports Capital Programme (SCP) funding for a ball wall on their new AstroTurf by taking a free 15-year licence</i>	<b>Licence Agreement. Finalising day-to-day arrangements for use in 1Q2023</b>	
	<b>Hurling walls in Tralee area schools</b>	<i>See above re. GSME</i>	<b>We were not approached about any new ball wall developments</b>	
<b>Short Term Facilities</b>	<b>Adequate interim facilities until all of our teams settle in a permanent home that has everything we need</b>	<i>Main user of Caherslee in 2021 subject to schedule of Kerry Senior Hurlers</i>	<b>Main user of Caherslee in 2022. Continued to work closely with Caherslee Groundskeeper, Joe Wallace, to ensure that Kerry Hurling, Kerry Camogie, Na Gaeil, Austin Stacks bookings did not clash with Tralee Parnells sessions. A huge thanks to Joe for his ongoing support.</b>	
		<i>Ballyrickard secured for over flow for 10 weeks until Kerry Hurlers finished up: €500 CR from Kerry GAA</i>	<b>Ballyrickard secured for over flow for 2 sessions</b>	<i>Maximise use of Páirc na Darach</i>
		<i>Winter training facilities secured</i>	<b>Winter training facilities secured at CBS The Green Astro, MTU Sports Hall, Tralee Sports Complex, Crotta Ball Wall (total cost: €4,000 approx, partially covered by players)</b>	<i>Maximise use of Páirc na Darach and GSME Ball Wall (both free to Tralee Parnells)</i>
		<i>4-month winter corporate gym membership for club members and their immediate families organised with Tralee Sports Complex @€104pp [13 members took up the offer]</i>	<b>4-month winter corporate gym membership for club members and their immediate families organised with Tralee Sports Complex @€100pp [16 members took up the offer]. Thank you to Siobhán Corridan for all her help.</b>	<i>Repeat</i>
<b>Short Term Projects/ Day-to-Day</b>	<b>Access for teams to pitches when required</b>	<i>Facilities requests centralised through Facilities Officer</i>	<b>Facilities requests continued to be centralised through Facilities Officer</b>	<i>Encourage introduction of online central booking system at Kerry GAA</i>
	<b>Transparency re. pitch availability at Caherslee</b>	<i>Examined Pitch Booking systems [E500 p.a. &amp; pitch not in our control]</i>	<b>Pitch Booking System is being proposed within the County Board</b>	
		<i>Loaded schedule on Google Calendar (free) &amp; gave online access to teams; by regular phone calls with groundskeeper, updated activities:</i>	<b>Loaded schedule on Google Calendar (free) &amp; gave online access to teams; by regular phone calls with groundskeeper, updated activities:</b>	

		<i>home matches, training, blitzes, other users</i>	<b>home matches, training, blitzes, other users</b>	
	<b>Efficient and usable storage for club gear</b>	<i>Renovated container and reorganised it to suit all coaches [thank you to Agnes for organising work crew]</i>	<b>Container served its purpose in 2022</b>	<i>We will need to replace it and/or move it and/or paint it in 2023 to fit in with plans to upgrade Caherslee carpark and to move Academy to PnaD</i>
	<b>Juvenile goals assembled, secured and easily accessible during the season</b>	<i>Got agreement from Kerry GAA and set up chain &amp; lock system</i>	<b>Access worked well</b>	<i>Relocate U8 &amp; U10 goals to PnaD. Purchase set of U12 goals for PnaD</i>
	<b>Pitches consistently maintained and suitable for hurling</b>	<i>Monitored County Board grass cuts with groundskeeper; organised additional cuts as needed; organised lineout of Pitch 2</i>	<b>Grass cutting worked well. Pitch 2 was never lined out</b>	<i>Continue grass monitoring. Ensure pitches are lined more regularly</i>
	<b>Caherslee Carpark</b>		<b>Installed Bike Park in conjunction with Green Clubs Programme [Cost: €3,405; Grants: €2,500]</b>	<i>Contribute expertise and €5,000 in 2023-24 to resurface carpark</i>

Le meas,  
Carmel Ní Shéaghdha Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh

---

### **Health & Wellbeing Officer**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Tralee Parnells Hurling and Camogie Club hosted a family fun day, where we welcomed over 100 Ukrainian Families to Caherslee. The kids were treated to some fun games including soccer, football and hurling. The parents were treated to teas, coffees, buns and cakes. A massive thank you to Suzanne Chute who supplied over 60 Easter eggs for all the children going back in the bus to the Earl of Desmond. All families had a wonderful sun filled day. Thanks to Flaherty's coaches for providing the transport to and from to the Earl of Desmond on the day.

Four bike racks were installed on the grounds in Caherslee in August, thanks to Jimmy D'Arcy from The Green Clubs who provided us a grant of €2,000 towards the cost of the bike racks. I will be hoping to launch a bike safety launch in spring of next year once the grounds are tarmacked, and we will hopefully have Jimmy D'Arcy in attendance. The bike racks were supplied by John O'Connor Fabrication and John Gleasure completed the groundwork, concrete and labour to lay the pads for the stands. Thanks to Carmel O Shea Maloney for all her help in getting this project across the line.

Caroline Somers  
Health and Wellbeing Officer

---



## **Children's Officer**

### **Hurling 2022**

As we welcome the return to normal GAA activities post Covid, the enthusiasm and eagerness among players and mentors alike was palpable. Tralee Parnells Hurling and Camogie Club continue to promote the Code of Behaviour to ensure that we are compliant with all requirements of the GAA both on and off the field of play.

- Tralee Parnells produced a Child Safeguarding Statement and Anti-Bullying Statement in 2022 which are available to view on our website. The Code of Behaviour was disseminated to all coaches via email and opportunities provided for all coaches in engage in coaching and skills development.
- I, Agnes Sheehy attended the GAA Safeguarding 2 workshop webinar in January and October 2022 to get an update on changes to Childrens' Officer Role and responsibilities.
- On March 9<sup>th</sup>, Tralee Parnells organised a virtual safeguarding 1 workshop facilitated by Bernie Reen County Childrens' Officer. 14 people from our club attended. An additional two members attended a face to face safeguarding 1 with John Mitchells on 29<sup>th</sup> March and two more attended Na Gaeil club on April 6<sup>th</sup> to complete the safeguarding 1 workshop. We want to thank our colleagues in these clubs for providing the opportunity for our members to participate in the workshops with their clubs.
- We facilitated the applications for E-vetting for the GAA via the NVB providing all 24 applicants with details of the procedure involved in E-vetting which is now carried out via the Foireann platform.
- The Club Children's Officer has continued to liaise with County Childrens' Officer in Hurling and Camogie to maintain records of E-vetting and safeguarding workshop attendance and keep abreast of any new developments. The Child Safeguarding statement for 2022 was signed off in March 2022 and the mandatory club risk assessment carried out as per GAA guidelines in May 2021. This will be due again in 2023. A designated Liaison person is in place in addition to a disciplinary committee in our club. It was hoped that DLP training would be rolled out in 2022 by GAA which did not take place but maybe in 2023.
- The DLP Stephen Buttimer and Club Childrens' Officer attended Tralee MTU on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to hear Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl (GAA National Child Safeguarding Manager) bring us through the revised Code of Behaviour (Underage) including a discussion on how to deal with breaches of the Code, both informally under the guidance of the Children's Officer and how cases are dealt with formally as part of a Code of Behaviour Hearings process at club level.
- Finally, I would like to thank Marie Gaynor as Childrens' Officer for her hard work and commitment to the Camogie side of our club and welcome the appointment of her successor at the upcoming AGM.

I would like to thank all those who participated in the completion of the online garda vetting system, attending safeguarding workshops and in complying with good standards of safeguarding as identified in the GAA Code of Conduct and Behaviour. The Childrens' Officer will continue to work with all concerned to ensure these standards are maintained and that Tralee Parnells Hurling and Camogie Club continue to enrich the lives of all players, families and coaches and promote a culture of safety, respect, enjoyment and inclusiveness for all.



### **Camogie 2022**

2022 was another busy season for Tralee Parnell's Hurling and Camogie Club. There were children participating in U6, U8, U10, two U12 teams, two U14 teams and U16 team. Minor and Senior Level were also represented.

- The Code of Behaviour is a joint code of good practice by the Camogie Association, GAA, LGFA, Handball and Rounders. It outlines the standards of practice required of those participating in underage games. The sporting associations are committed to creating and maintaining a safe and enjoyable place for all young people who participate in sports. To fulfil this, the sporting associations must continue to abide by and integrate child welfare legislation into their relevant organisations. A copy of the Code of Behaviour document and Safeguarding statement are available on the Tralee Parnell's website.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022, an information webinar took place in relation to the Sports Ireland Club Self-Assessment Audit. This was a new requirement for 2022 by Sports Ireland who were doing a self-Assessment of all clubs. It is similar to the Risk Assessment that was completed in 2021. As Tralee Parnell's are a One Club Model both GAA and Camogie, only one form had to be completed.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022, the Children's Officers attended an information online meeting with Kerry GAA County Children's Officer Aine Ni Shuilleabhain. Discussed were many aspects of Child Welfare which included the Sports Ireland Club Self-Assessment Audit, role of the Children's Officer, Garda Vetting and Child Welfare workshops.
- The Temporary Safeguarding 1 certs expired on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021 so all of the members who previously completed the temporary programme had to complete a new 3 hour safeguarding 1 workshop in 2022. Child Safeguarding training is valid for 3 years.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, a Safeguarding 3-hour workshop took place online and Bernie Reen facilitated this. 10 camogie members of Tralee Parnell's took part. In winter 2022, further Safeguarding workshops will continue to be rolled out.
- On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022, a new GAA Garda Vetting system was launched online through Foireann. On 12<sup>th</sup> April 22, there was an online webinar with the introduction to the new vetting system. The ID validation step will now take place online. The applicant is required to upload Photo ID and proof of their current address. The Club Children's Officer will then check the ID Documentation and the signed Gaelic Games Vetting ID Validation Form. If the documents are correct, the application will be validated by the Club Children's Officer and submitted to the GAA. If the documents are not correct, the application will be rejected and you will be required to upload the correct documentation. Five camogie applications were processed through the new Foireann system and eight camogie applications were processed on the old system.
- The Children's Officer has continued to liaise with Kathleen Fitzgerald, County Children's Officer Kerry Camogie. Each year, the Camogie side of club has to complete the Safeguarding Compliance Form. Each Camogie Club, 4 weeks following registration, submits a list of adults working with underage players and Club Executive Safeguarding details. Details required include Garda Vetting, safeguarding Course number and year completed, coaching courses and camogie membership to be submitted to County Children's Officer.

I would like to thank Agnes Sheehy for all her assistance throughout my tenure. I wish every success to my replacement.

Marie Gaynor  
Children's Camogie Officer

---

### **Club Delegate**

Served as delegate to County Board, Coiste na Nog, North Kerry Board Senior and Juvenile board and South Kerry Board.

County Board meetings are structured rituals which rarely address hurling. Tralee Parnells were to the fore seeking a review of hurling and this led to the setting up of the current hurling review group of which Mark Ryall is a member and which has an end of year deadline for its report. This review group met with clubs in October even though it was set up months previously.

3 motions have been forwarded to convention:

Tralee Parnells were one of the few clubs to submit motions which were divided into competitions and rules. Our motion to increase available weekends for hurling was comprehensively defeated in a vote. A second motion to increase the structure of the championship was also defeated (it was also probably against current rules).

A third motion to have finals played in Austin Stack Park or Fitzgerald Stadium was withdrawn as against rules but its sentiments taken on board.

The start of year Coiste na Nog meeting is important as this is a grading meeting that also has a possibility of influencing how competitions are structured, most but not all of our requests were granted. The small playing pool of clubs is problematic. Unfortunately, we did not know about this and missed the North Kerry Juvenile grading meeting which required follow up efforts to get our u13s and u16s regraded. Only succeeded with u13s.

South Kerry remains a dysfunctional board without any working relationship between officers. I became chair of CCC and ran off a very successful Junior Championship which Tralee Parnells won. Tralee Parnells conceding junior league play off and senior championship were embarrassing low points.

Dermot Reen

---

## **Culture & Irish Language Officer**

Ba é an 11ú Márta an dáta a thosaigh dhá mhí gnóthach dár bhfoireann Tráth na gCeist. Bhí buaicumsitheach ag Donnacha Buttimeár, Dónal Ó Maoldhomhnaigh, Brian Ó Riada agus Oisín Ó Súilleabháin i gCluiche Ceannais an Chontae. Bhí sceitimíní móra ann, ní hamháin ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar a gclub ach ar a gcontae i gCluichí Ceannais na Mumhan cúpla seachtain ina dhiaidh sin.

Reáchtáladh Cluichí Ceannais na Mumhan i gCaiseal, Co. Thiobraid Árann ar an 3ú Aibreán. Chuaigh sé síos go dtí an tsreang, agus pointe amháin á scaradh ón gcéad áit, ach bhí a ndóthain déanta acu chun Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann a bhaint amach.

Ar an 1ú Bealtaine thaistil muid go dtí an INEC do Chluiche Ceannais na hÉireann i Scór na nÓg. Bhíomar an-bhródúil as na buachaillí, ach ar an drochuair níorbh é a lá é. Tháinig siad sa 4ú háit ar an iomlán.

Maith sibh, a bhuachaillí, táimid ar fad ag súil go mór leis an bhliain seo chugainn agus tá súil againn go rachaidh muid an chéim sin níos faide chun Craobh na hÉireann a bhuachant. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil lena dtuismitheoirí as a gcuid ama a thabhairt suas don chúpla mí sin. Ba mhaith liom buíochas speisialta a rá le Stiofán as cúpla seisiún traenála a dhéanamh ar mo shon.

Reáchtáladh Cluichí Ceannais an Chontae de Scór na bPáistí i nGleann Beire ar an 2ú Iúil. Rinne Andrew Mac Uallacháin jab iontach san ‘Recitation’, agus is ar éigean a chaill sé amach ar cháiliú do Chúige Mumhan. Fair play duit, Andrew.

Ar an 7ú Deireadh Fómhair, ba é Ionad Pobail Currow an áit a raibh Cluichí Ceannais an Chontae i Scór Sínshear. Mar chlub ghlacamar páirt in Tráth na gCeist. Ba iad Stiofán Buttimeár, Michéal Ruarí O Súilleabháin, Damien Ó Ciosáin agus Tadhg Ó Riain na baill a ghlac páirt. D'éirigh go maith linn ach ar an drochuair chaill muid amach le cúpla ceist sa deireadh.

Bhí slua mór againn do pharáid Lá Fhéile Pádraig ar an 17ú Márta. Bhíomar an-bhródúil as na dathanna Na Pairnéalaigh a thaispeáint timpeall an bhaile chomh maith le canadh agus cantaireacht iontach ó na himreoirí. Bhí sé iontach freisin trófaíthe a fheiceáil ó chailíní camógaíochta f14, ó bhuachaillí f21 agus ó na leids Tráth na gCeist.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a thacaigh leis na foirne Scór ar fad i mbliana. Buíochas speisialta le Kieran as gach duine a nuashonrú ar Facebook na n-imeachtaí i rith na bliana.

Is mise le meas,

*Damien Kissane.*

*Oifigeach Cultúrtha*

## **Cultural and Irish Language Report 2022 {English}**

March 11th marked the start of two busy months for our Quiz team. Donnacha Butttimeár, Dónal Ó Maoldhomhnaigh, Brian Ó Riada and Oisín Ó Súilleabháin had a comprehensive victory in the County Final. There was great excitement, not only to represent their club but their county in the Munster Final a few weeks later.

The Munster Finals were held in Cashel, Co. Tipperary on 3rd April. It went down to the wire, with one point separating them from first place, but they had done enough to reach the All-Ireland Final.

On the 1st of May we traveled to the INEC for the All-Ireland Final in Scór na nÓg. We were very proud of the boys, but unfortunately it wasn't their day. They came 4th overall.

Well done boys, we are all looking forward to next year and hopefully we can go that step further to win the Irish Championship. I would like to thank their parents for giving up their time for those few months. I would like to say a special thank you to Stiofán for doing a few training sessions for me.

The Children's Score County Finals were held in Glenbere on 2nd July. Andrew MacWallaghan did a great job in the 'Recitation', narrowly missing out on qualifying for Munster. Fair play to you, Andrew.

On October 7th, Currow Community Center was the venue for the Senior Score County Finals. As a club we took part in a Quiz. The members who took part were Stiofán Butttimeár, Michéal Ruarí O Súilleabháin, Damien Ó Ciosáin and Tadhg Ó Riain. We did well but unfortunately we lost out with a few questions in the end.

We had a big crowd for the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17th. We were very proud to display the Na Parnælaigh colors around town as well as great singing and chanting from the players. It was also great to see trophies from the u14 camo girls, u21 boys and the Quiz ladies.

I would like to thank everyone who supported all the Score teams this year. Special thanks to Kieran for updating everyone on Facebook of the events throughout the year.

Respectfully yours,  
Damien Kissane.  
Cultural Officer

---

## **Player Representative Hurling**

It was a proud day to win the first trophy from our adult hurling teams with our win over Kenmare. I am sure it will be first of many as our teams strengthen, learn and grow from year to year.

In stark contrast, it was disappointing to bow out of the Intermediate championship so early, but I am confident this group, together with incoming additions from the underage teams, that we will challenge again next year. Many of our young players, playing in the senior ranks for the first time, did exceptionally well all year and are great ambassadors for the academy and underage structures in place in Tralee Parnells.

The players would like to thank the club, club committee and anyone that helped out and came and supported us in any way this year.

The players wish to acknowledge the efforts and commitment of the management teams in both the intermediate and junior panels. To Ollie, David and Stephen Buttimer for their commitment and passion. Not forgetting Kevin O'Mahoney, who was manager for both adult teams, which requires so much commitment and a massive amount of patience at times. Kevin was always extremely professional and approachable all year and his efforts and patience around the communication side of things (Texts, calls, etc.) are like nothing I have ever witnessed before.

A special mention must go to Ronan Gilsenan (Pip) for his extraordinary efforts all year, ringing, texting and rallying players, ensuring Tralee Parnells left no stone unturned in offering opportunities for players to avail of game time. He was a massive part in Tralee Parnells winning a junior hurling championship earlier this year, acting as a great player link for the management team, as well as putting in outstanding performances on the field.

Thank you,  
Gearóid O'Doherty

---

## **On Field**

### **Hurling Team Reports**

**Team: U7 Hurling**

**Manager:** David Lucid

**Coaches:** Amy Lucid, Rosalee Scanlon, Niamh Long, Shauna Harris, Cian Harris, Senan Ragget, Mike Moriarty

#### **Registered Player numbers:**

35 registered under 7 players on club force

Average weekly attendance 20-25

Coaches 4 & 1 helper parent- on and off (2 new prospects for 2023)

#### **Number of matches played:**

Matches- 7 total incl Blitz

1-April away to Abbeydorney

2-May home to Ballyheigue

3-June home to Lixnaw

4-July home to Kilmoyley

5-August away for Blitz in Rathmore, playing Rathmore & Abbeydorney

6-August away to Crotta/Kilflynn

7-September home to Ardfert

July- Family Fun evening games organised by Under 7's

#### **Training equipment**

In need of 24, 26 inch hurleys & sliotars- a lot seem to have been misplaced since the camp, perhaps a better system to be put in place when equipment is being returned (suggest numbering and marking off from a checklist when equipment for each age group is being returned). It is not fair on the coaches when they return to train following the camp, to have to try and find their assigned equipment. Just to highlight that the coaches for the camp are paid coaches so this should be part of their remit.

#### **Enough of training space?**

Training space ok.

#### **Recommendations**

More of a recruitment drive for new 5 to 6 year old players, from sending 1 what's app message to the WhatsApp group for our little boys' class (junior infant at the time). We gained 7 hurlers and a few camogie players. The Junior & Senior Infant classes of each school should be targeted- it will also have a knock on effect if they have older siblings, friends in other schools, cousins etc. Schools could be asked to send a message (flyer) on seesaw/Aladdin or their FB page, suggest doing an open evening where children can come along and see what is all about (perhaps indoors in Jan).

Ideas for coaches same as above target the junior and senior class parents, if the parents are bringing the children to training they will be there anyway. These children will also be with the under 7's for a min of 2 years so longer coaches retention period a possibility.

---

### **Team: U9 Hurling**

**Coaches:** Stephen & Donnacha Buttimer, David Lucid, Dan O'Shea, Finbar Canty, Liz Moore, Shane Griffin, Ollie Broughton

### **Summary:**

The core objective for the u-9 group this year was to build on the excellent foundations from last year and to introduce the players coming up from U-7 to the key skills required by this age group namely striking from the hand on both sides, catching, hooking & blocking while at the same time working on fundamental movements, playing games and ultimately having lots of fun and enjoyment so they want to keep coming back!!

### **Key Numbers:**

- 41 Players on the communication group
- 26 Players registered (63%) (13 players born 2013, 13 players born in 2014)
- 10 players did not return from last year.
- Average attendance 15-24 players

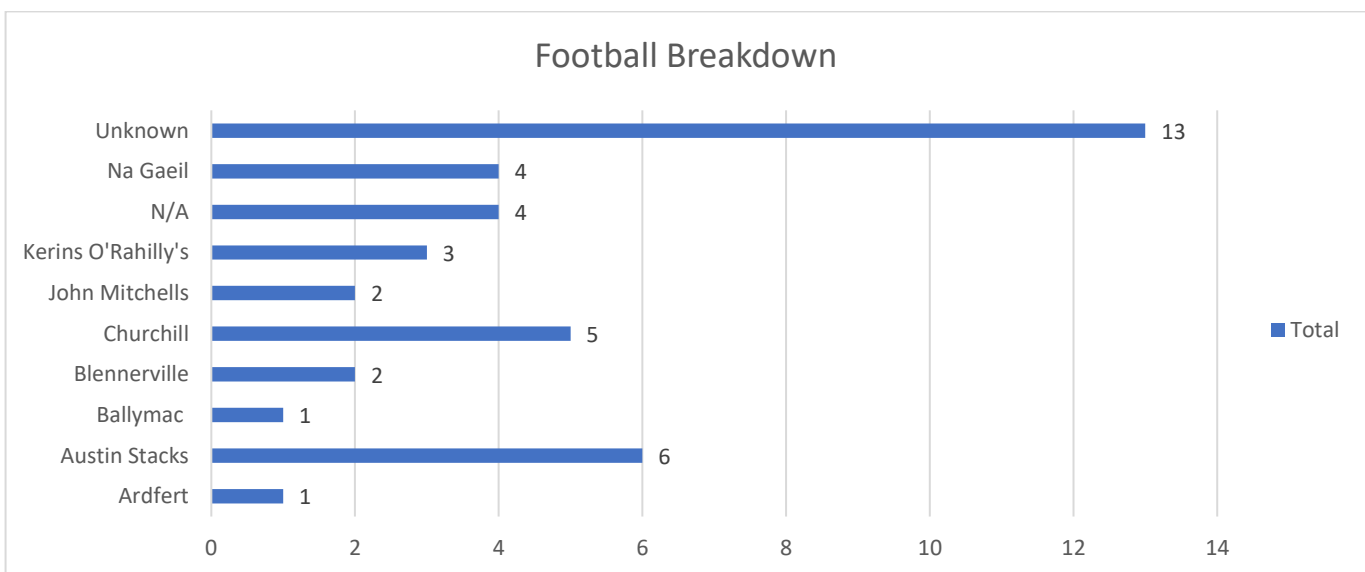
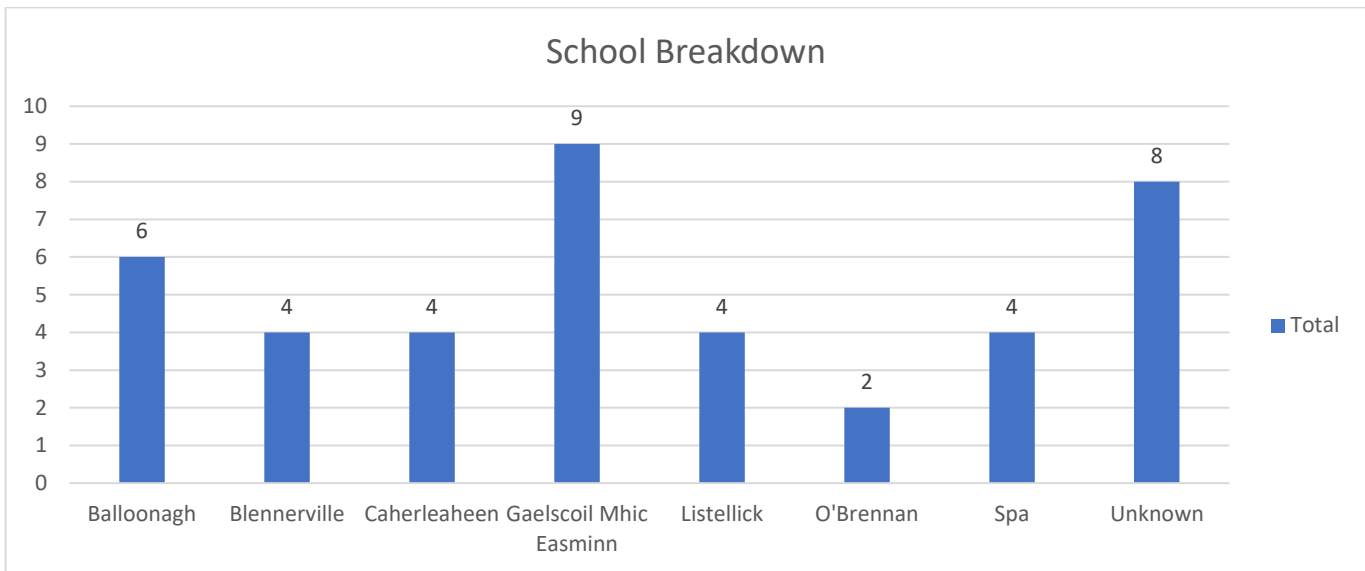
### **Achievements:**

- Between 20 & 25 active players at training
- Players competitive against all the teams they player during the year
- High level of skill among the core group who attend training on a regular basis.
- Facilities and resources always available when needed.
- Lot of games for the players with all players getting lots of game time
- All players have their own equipment which suggests buy in from the families.

### **Challenges:**

- Group is slightly unbalanced so necessary to get the younger and newer players up to and near the level of the older kids
- Number of coaches available per session to ensure new players who joined during the year and get dedicated time to ensure they fulfil their potential.
- Administration overhead (need to get parents more involved in this part)
- Training attendance in the earlier and latter part of the year due to conflicting sports (football not an issue here with the scheduling of bi-weekly go-games working really well)

### **School Breakdown:**



**Team: U11 Hurling**

**Coaches:** Fiona Reidy, Yvonne O Meara Hanafin, Colm Gilligan, Ger Reidy, John Diggins, Donal Coppinger

**U-11s:** 20 registered players, average attendance was 12-15 players.

Played 22 matches, occasionally played 2 teams, but struggled with the 2<sup>nd</sup> team, had to look for U9s and played some U11s on both teams.

**Coaching:** Struggled at times, availability was limited by some coaches. GDA availability was limited.

**Equipment:** No issues with equipment.

**Field Availability:** Space was tight and having no goals at times is very difficult for any age group.



**Recruitment:** Between new and returning players, we had 5/6 who were very limited, in ability, which led to a 2-tier approach in training which increases demand on coaches in training.

We started training in CBS, The Green, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we had approx... 20-25 boys most nights. End of March moved to Caherslee, our numbers decreased. In April, the U11 County Go Games Phase 1 began, we were in Division 1 and 3. We were annihilated in Division 1 and morale was low. Ideally we should have been in Division 2 and 3.

We played further challenge games, players started to really compete and they got the results, it was a boost to players, parents and coaches!!

Phase 2 of the Go games commenced in August, we were in Division 2 and 3, we competed very well in these groups.

In total we played 22 games during the season, after some crushing defeats early in the season, we ended the season with well-deserved victories.

A highlight of the season was our trip to Clonlara, we had a great trip, and it was a morale boost and very good bonding session for the players.

**2023-** 11 Potential players going up to U13s, 12 players remaining at U11s. Mixture of skills and level of commitment, which is going to be very challenging to manage U13s.

U11s for 2023 would be a Division 2 team.

---

## **Team: U13 Hurling**

**Manager:** Brian Sargent

We began the season with 17 players – 9 U13s and 8 U12s.

The two priorities were identified by the coaching team back in January. Firstly, the need to increase the size of the squad and secondly improve the overall standard of play to enable the team to be competitive in North Kerry.

The primary strategy to increase squad size was to run an in house blitz. This took place in April, where every player was requested to invite a non-member to take part in a one off event. We also contacted all former players to join in. On the day, 5 teams played a round robin blitz. This event directly resulted in 6 new players joining the squad. Huge thanks is due to David Brick for conceiving and organising this event.

As for development of the squad, we trained as much as possible. In total, we had 62 training sessions – (10 astro, 3 ballwall and 49 in Caherslee). Gradually over the course season the level of competitiveness increased.

After winning just one of their first six matches, the boys won seven and drew one of the next twelve games. Early in the season we lost to Ballyheigue, Causeway and Kilmoyley by a combined 39 points. We played the same three team later in the season and came away with 2 wins and a draw. In total we played 18 Matches and the in-house blitz.

By the end of the season we still had all 17 players who began the year and 7 additional recruits - all 7 recruits were at the U13 age.

There is every reason to expect that this group will be competitive in North Kerry U14 in 2023 and will contribute significantly to the 2023 U15 Féile squad.

The 8 U12s, combined with the U11s, played three blitzes and 2 standalone games in the U12 season. While there were a lot of encouraging performances, there is a gap to bridge to reach the standard of the top 3 or 4 teams. It may be beneficial to grade the team as Division 2 for the early part of the 2023 U13 season and see how things progress from there.

In terms of access to facilities, we would like to thank Carmel Maloney for her great support all season. Everything we asked for was accommodated.

In terms of equipment, no major issues although we ran short on sliotars as the season progressed and we are grateful to the U15s for helping us out later in the season.

I would like to pay particular tribute to the team mentors - Paudie Sugrue, Brendan Cullinan and David Brick. With volume of activity, a combined 81 between matches and training, it would not have been possible to have a season at all without their ever-present commitment and positivity. I cannot thank them enough.

I would also like to thank the Tralee Parnell's Committee for their support of the U13s and all other teams in the Club.

Brian Sargent  
Manager U13 Hurling 2023

---

### **Team: U15 Hurling**

**Manager:** Brian Shanahan

**Coaches:** Mark Ryall, Andrew Morrissey, Diarmuid Brennan, Morgan Madden, Sean Urquhart

As the season is coming to a close we can reflect on a job well done, a lot of matches played and a lot of exposure for the club in a county and a nationwide setting.

We started our training programme towards the end of January. We were aiming for a 10 week (approximately) block. This would bring us up to the start of April and the start of matches. When the matches did start, there were a lot of them over a very short period of time, with the majority of our players playing several sports, between school and club. There was a huge workload on our 13, 14, 15 year olds. Although, more matches, obviously less training.

We had a good run in the County League and a never to be forgotten run in the county Féile, an amazing competition to be involved in. Winning this brought us to the national stage, which we thoroughly enjoyed. An experience and memories made that will never be forgotten. Of the teams involved in the

All-Ireland Féile, we were the best organised, on and off the field. You need to give yourself the best possible opportunity to compete at that level.

We returned to the County League and continued our good form by also winning this competition also.

We had a panel of 23 players this year, the age profile was as follows, we brought three players from the u13 squad, and we have eight players on the age of 14. We have 12 players on the age of 15 going forward to play with the minor grade for 2023.

The North Kerry Board arranged an u14 and an u16 league, while we were in the “B” side for both. We treated these as development leagues to ready players for next season. Winning the u14 league and we are currently waiting for our final of the u16 league. Many thanks to Brian Sargent and Paudie Sugrue with the u14 and to Dermot Reen and the u16 for their help.

Another pleasing aspect of the year was the relationship we had with the football clubs in town, with trying our best to accommodate as many people as possible. While this isn’t always possible, on the whole it was achieved.

The support we received from the coaches, parents and friends in our club has been nothing short of amazing. I think we all enjoyed the journey that we had this year. The amount of work, on and off the field, while not surprising, needs to be acknowledged. There are so many people involved who helped us all year long, our sponsors, and the Féile fundraising group. If I start mentioning names, I’m sure to forget someone, but you know who you are. But if I were to mention two people, David Brick being one and Carmel Maloney being the other, both are an absolute pleasure to work with.

It is very pleasing that all our players when in school, are doing very well in the other sports that they are involved with, which will keep them occupied along with their academic studies. Sport being a very healthy distraction for any student.

All in all, a hugely successful season, which is great for the younger players that want to follow this group and see where it brings them. To Mark Ryall, Andrew Morrissey, Diarmuid Brennan, Morgan Madden and Sean Urquhart, the depth of knowledge and experience that you brought to the group is never to be forgotten. These guys are highly respected by the players and parents alike. I should also mention that the help and support that I get from at home is of great ease.

Many, many thanks...

Yours in sport,

Brian Shanahan

---

**Team: Minor Hurling**

No Report Submitted

---

**Team: U21 Hurling**

**Manager:** Ronan Gilsenan

**Coaches:** Andrew Morrissey, Tim Kelliher, Diarmuid Brennan, Dermot Reen

Our U21's team were entered into two competitions for the 2021 season, the County Championship and the North Kerry Championship.

In the County Championship we were drawn away to Abbeydorney. Unfortunately, due to not having much notice and the fixture clashing with numerous football fixtures we travelled out with a weakened squad. In true Tralee Parnells fashion those who played gave absolutely everything they had on the field of play and ended up losing to a strong Abbeydorney side by a couple of points after extra time.

In the North Kerry Championship, we were drawn again against Abbeydorney but this time the fixture was to be played in Caherslee. Unfortunately, again due to not having much notice and clashes with football matches, we again fielded a weakened team to what should be available for championship matches. Massive thanks must go to Dermot Reen especially for trojan work in the days leading up to the match to ensure we would have 15 players to take to the field. Just like the previous game between the two sides there was only a puck of a ball between us at the end with Abbeydorney again progressing to the next round.

32 players were eligible to play for our U21s this season and the fact that across two matches we had 17 and 18 players tog out. This is not good enough for a club who are both looking to constantly improve and progress along with being the defending champions of the North Kerry title.

All hurling clubs deserve to be given more time and notice of matches to prepare our teams accordingly.

Thank you to all our management team, to our club officers, our supporters but mostly to those players who togged this season.

Regards,

Ronan Gilsenan

---

**Team: Junior Hurling**

**Management Team:** Kevin O'Mahony  
Geariod Doherty

The junior team were entered into four competitions for 2022, County League division 3, South Kerry League, South Kerry Junior Championship and County Junior Championship.

We began our season with the South Kerry Junior League on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April with a draw away to the newly formed Rathmore. We were then beaten in our next game at home to Dr Crokes.

We then competed in County League Division 3 alongside Dr Crokes, St Pats, Duagh, Rathmore, St Brendan's C and Abbeydorney C.

We had three wins in the league against Duagh, Abbeydorney and St Pats.

We were beaten by both St Brendan's and Dr Crokes.

Unfortunately, we were unable to field against Rathmore.

It was then onto the South Kerry Junior Championship in which six teams had entered.

We were paired with Dr Crokes in the semi-final. When we met Crokes earlier in the year, we were well beaten but with a much stronger squad available on the evening we ran out winners by 10 points.

Next, it was onto a final against Kenmare. Played on a warm Monday evening in Fitzgerald Stadium we faced a physically strong Kenmare side. It was a close contest throughout with Kenmare pulling ahead by four points as we headed for injury time. However, our boys never threw in the towel and scored 1-1 in the last 60 seconds to force extra time.

Tralee Parnell's scored two quick goals in the first half of extra time but Kenmare were not lying down and came back with two of their own. We eventually ran out winners on a score line of 3-12 to 3-10. Ronan Gilsenan accepted the cup on behalf of the team. This was a historic night for the club as it was the first competition won at adult level.

The final competition of the year was the County Junior Championship. Hopes were high of a good run despite losing a number of key player in the Intermediate Championship. We were drawn away to the competitions favourites and eventual winners St Brendan's. Despite this the team put in a big performance, played some very good hurling and got some great scores on the day. We lost out by 4 points.

In total 37 players toggled and played for the junior team in 2022. Despite this, it was a struggle for many games to make 15. This is a pity as there was definitely the talent available to win a few more trophies over the year. Thanks to all these players for their effort during the year.

Finally, I would like to thank Gearoid Doherty and Ronan Gilsenan for all their help throughout the year.

Kevin O'Mahoney

---

### **Team: Senior Hurling**

**Management Team:** Kevin O'Mahony

Ollie Broughton

David Doyle

Stephen Buttimer

Our Intermediate team were entered into four competitions for 2022, County League Division 1, County Intermediate Championship, North Kerry Senior Championship and South Kerry Senior Championship.

The first competition for the year was the county league division one which for the first time ever in Kerry was a one league with 10 teams. This ensured the team had plenty of games week on week right up to the end of May to prepare for championship.

We got off to the best start in round one with a victory away to Dr Crokes.

In round two we were beaten by Crotta.

Then in round three we put in a great performance to draw away to Lixnaw.

Hopes were high that we would pick up a few more points in our remaining games but unfortunately, this did not happen. The team was severely weakened due to the unavailability of players involved in various county panels.

The league concluded on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May so now the focus had turned to the Intermediate Championship. We were drawn away to Kenmare in the first round. This game was played on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July in wet conditions. Kenmare started the better and led at half time. A number of changes were made at half time and Tralee Parnell's pulled through by three points, 1-14 to 1-11.

The draw for the quarter final resulted in a home game against Kilgarvan. We prepared well with two challenge games against Banteer and Killeedy. The Kilgarvan game started very evenly and was point for point up to until half ways through the first half Kilgarvan struck for two vital goals and led at half time. Our boys never gave up in the second half but Kilgarvan ran out easy winners by five points to put an end to our championship run.

To finish the year we were drawn against senior champions Causeway in the North Kerry Senior Championship and Kenmare in the South Kerry Senior Championship. Unfortunately due to a number of reasons, injuries, holidays and a large number of players involved in the football championship we failed to field for both games.

This brought the curtain down on a disappointing season. The hope at the start of the year was to win the Intermediate Championship but sadly, it was not to be. In total 33 players played for the intermediate team in 2022. Thanks to all these players for their effort during the year.

I would like to thank Ollie, David and Stephen for their excellent preparation of the team during the year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the officers of the club for all their help during 2022 especially Stephen Buttimer, Dermot Reen, Natalie Hennessey and Carmel Maloney.

Kevin O'Mahoney

---

## **Camogie Team Reports**

**Team: U6 camogie**

**Management team involved:** Ann and Jessica O'Loughlin

**Number of players for the season:** 11

**What matches they had:**

3 in Caherslee. Against Cillard, Causeway and Abbeykilix

**What they felt they achieved over the season- did the players reach the skill level they were capable of?**

Covered the basics: Correct grip; Ground strike on both sides; blocking a ground strike; Ground passing; Tackling ground ball; started marking; Started defence near goal  
We felt that each player reached the skill level they are capable of.

**What they felt could have been achieved and what would have helped them reach this level:**

Encourage practice at home.

**End of Stock take of Equipment and Jerseys:**

No jerseys (not provided); 12 large sliotars—all accounted for; Cones- all accounted for

What Equipment the age group needs for next season:

Jerseys (like every other team)

**Any other points of interest:**

Coaches needed for under 6s next season.

**Where the coaches see themselves next season:**

Following the girls to under 8, as present under 8 coaches are

---

**Team: U8 Camogie**

Hazel O'Leary and Grainne Joy were the U8s team coaches. Youth coaches Caoilinn Hickey and Darragh Maloney came on board this year and were valuable contributors as they bring a wealth of knowledge as they play the game.

There was 15 registered players, one girl joined towards the end.

This season's matches consisted of four blitzes and 5 matches. We started off with Tralee Parnells blitz in May, well received as the players were still in school, Cillard blitz, Abbeykillix blitz and County blitz.

We played Abbeykillix twice, Causeway, U7sTP hurling, Ballyduff cancelled and Killarney.

We joined forces with the u10s mostly when playing away and it worked out nicely for us.

Much progress was made over the season, we got more game time which really stood to them compared with the last two years due to covid, blitzes also really helped with the progress of their confidence and cohesion as a team.

Players reached their skill level for their age and we were practicing striking in the air and hand passing for when the girls move up to U10S.

**What they felt could have been achieved and what would have helped them reach this level:** game time experience was lost over the lack of matches in June and July, although many players were also absent due to holidays. Many matches were arranged and due to various reasons including lack of numbers on either side and/or no responses from teams made it difficult and disheartening.

The ball wall would be a welcome addition to the practice regime of the girls.

If there was a specific date per month set in stone that each team on the Kerry camogie teams list had a blitz. Much time each year is lost trying to arrange matches. E.g. first sat of the month, Tralee Parnells-May, Abbeykillix -June and so on.

End of Stock take of Equipment and Jerseys: 21 jerseys, First aid kit, 20 bibs, 30 cones.

**What Equipment the age group needs for next season:** preferable to have a pair of ladders, tackle bags, spare helmets.

**Any other points of interest:** players from the same class seem to bring their friends to camogie.i.e. Word of mouth

Certain teams not hosting Blitzes but participating in them.

**Where the coaches see themselves next season:** Unfortunately Hazel will be not be continuing in her coaching role, she was very appreciative of the opportunity and really enjoyed seeing the girls improve. Grainne is happy to help out next year if required but will be moving on from the U8s also.

---

### **Team: U10 Camogie**

**Management team involved:** Katie Trant Main Coach/Manager,  
Chloe Griffin Assistant Coach, Lana O Connell Youth Coach & Youth Ref

### **Number of players for the season:**

18 registered, 1 dropped out, 2 new girls from 2021 – 1 stayed on and registered, the other didn't – 17no played consistently for the season

### **What matches they had:**

TParnells Blitz 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Cillard Blitz 10<sup>th</sup> June

Abbeykilix Blitz 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Tesco Caman County Blitz 17<sup>th</sup> Sept

Wed Evening Matches June-August: V Causeway at home, V Killarney at home, V Ballyduff at home, V Abbeykilix at home, v Killarney away

5 of the older U10's played with U12 for the season and 7 of the older U10's played U11 in the Veronica Stack Blitz – unfortunately we had to pull out the U9's as we didn't get enough numbers.



**What they felt they achieved over the season- did the players reach the skill level they were capable of?**

Huge progress from the majority of the girls, definitely helped by the matches, they all have a great base level of ground hurling and other skills from U8's and it makes a huge difference. There was also great attendance and you could see the girls that had the practice in at home as well. Because of the abilities and the skills and the interest we were able to move up to more complex drills and exercises and they all rose to the challenge of it. They all seemed to enjoy the year, the training sessions and loved the matches. They really got stuck in as well and you could see their confidence in themselves as hurlers building as the season went on, also a great bond in the group and even though we counted a mix of 7 primary schools they were all buddies which makes it more enjoyable for them in the long run.

**What they felt could have been achieved and what would have helped them reach this level:**

A little bit of work to be done in getting the girls understanding of how to tackle effectively and without as much chopping, match play helped this and while I agree with the ref's trying to let the games flow I think there is more learning that could be done during the matches from the refs to allow the girls to understand where they are going wrong – nothing to be gained by allowing them to push and chop especially at this age group where a bad knock can turn them off the whole thing.

Also I think a mix of coaching helps the dynamic and the girls benefited when Alan took a session and Chloe and Lana also started running sessions and having more input as the season went on, the mix of training styles and approaches was great and we could definitely do more of this, guest sessions from the senior players maybe.

Note for next year is maybe to organise a trip to one of the Kerry Camogie matches as there were several played locally this year, would be good for the girls to see the higher skill levels.

**End of Stock take of Equipment and Jerseys:**

1 Set of Jerseys – second set with the U12's,

Cones, Bibs, & Sliotars, have a set of poles but will bring these back to the container in the next few weeks

**What Equipment the age group needs for next season:**

None

**Any other points of interest:**

27<sup>th</sup> May Guest Coach – Goalkeeper Alan Conway, great session – should do more of this and focus on a skill set per session with guest coach i.e. Defense, Free Taking etc

Disappointed with the commitment from the other clubs in relation to the blitzes and not a lot of communication in relation to challenge matches, we reached out in most cases and only got a return invite from Killarney and ABL, nothing from Causeway, Ballyduff, SL, Cillard. Could do with a more regular format of matches for the season e.g. Regular Wednesday go games but on an organised basis.

Big fall off in the summer weeks for training and matches need to front load the season for games and blitzes (April – June) and take break during peak summer and maybe join the U8 & U10 groups for these weeks also, no training or matches for the weeks of the Cul Camp and Parnells camp.

By mid-sept there is too much winter activities started, end of year and final matches should be aimed for this time of year and then if there is a requirement start the winter training from Mid Oct/Nov.

Special thanks to Lynda who organised and helped out with catering for practically every event we had and the events we didn't (County Blitz!)

**Where the coaches see themselves next season:**

Lana & Chloe both enjoyed the year and are happy to stay with the U10 group again next year if required.  
Katie happy to go with U10 again or where required.

---

**Team: U12 Camogie****Registered players:**

2010: 13 (1 left but 1 joined late in season)

2011: 16 (8 regular, 4 semi-attendance, 4 No attendance)

**Training: x 3 sessions**

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

**Two Teams:**

Blues (16 panel- 2010 & 2011)

Ambers: 16 approx (1 x 2010, remainder 2011 and U10's 2012)

**Mentors:**

**Blues:** David Brick, Suzanne Chute and Aine Culotty

**Ambers:** Mikey McCarthy and Claire Salmon

Both teams trained together at all sessions.

U10's also trained regularly with the U12's.

**Season commenced in February:**

**February:** 1/week Ball wall session in Crotta – **40% attendance**

**March:** 2/week (wed/sat) CBS Astro – **40-50% attendance**

**April:** Caherlsee 3/week (Mon/Wed/Sat)

3 sessions to try and accommodate the clash between football training and football league matches Wednesday nights- not very successful Blues rarely trained together as Stacks and Churchill footballers trained on Monday and Wednesday nights respectively. In hind sight 3 sessions was difficult to maintain as attendance low so challenge to run a beneficial session. Recommend 2 sessions in future once football training established but due to limited access to Caherslee on Tues/Thurs this was not possible in 2022.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Challenge game v Cillard

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** Challenge game v Killeedy

Following challenge game performances, the Blue and Amber teams were selected on ability rather than age.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** U12 league commenced in round robin format of 11 rounds. Three Clubs fielded 2 teams (TP, CA, AKL)

**Ambers:** This team struggled throughout the season to field a team for every fixture, they would have had to forfeit games only for the U10's that were extremely reliable. It was testament to Mikey and Claire's dedication to keep this team going throughout the season. They played Killarney in the shield final and showed huge improvement from the start of the season. The format of this season round robin didn't suit the weaker teams. Although they got plenty of game time, the divide between the abilities was just too great for certain fixtures. The younger players moving up and the U10's progressing to U12's should certainly have gained valuable experience that will hopefully stand to them.

**Blues:** This panel of 16 players were dedicated from the beginning of the season to match fixtures. Training together as a team was a challenge as previously outlined. These players played very well as a team with all players having improved all aspects of skills by the end of the season. They placed second on the table at the end of the eleven rounds and went on to win the Division 1 cup final against Ballyduff. Several the 2010 players played up with the U14 Ambers team which will stand to them next season, when playing 15 aside full pitch. The 2011 players certainly stepped up the task alongside the 2010 players throughout the U12 season.

**End of Stock take of Equipment and Jerseys:**

**Jerseys:** Mixture of two sets pink/white icons

**First aid:** 2

**Sliotars:** -

**Cones:** -

**Mentors 2023:** Suzanne Chute; Claire Salmon and Aine Culloty: U12; David Brick: help U12 Mickey McCarthy?

---

**Team: Minor Camogie 2022**

**Management team involved:** Mike Roger O Sullivan, Lynda Murphy

**Number of players for the season:** 16 registered. Bolstered by several under 16s

**What matches they had:**

Minor County League, 3 round robin games. First ever Parnells Minor Camogie semi-final, Shield Final. Also played with the adults in their matches.

**What they felt they achieved over the season- did the players reach the skill level they were capable of?**

Some players who regularly attended training and matches showed marked improvement. But attendance was very patchy for a large number of players.

**What they felt could have been achieved and what would have helped them reach this level:**

We're capable of achieving Minor Shield, if training and early match's attendance had been better. Could have got great development benefit from sustained attendances at training and sufficient player numbers to properly participate in the Limerick Junior League.

**End of Stock take of Equipment and Jerseys:**

Adult jerseys (Roadbridge Set). First Aid kit. 1 dozen used sliotars. Cones soft set, cones hard set. Water bottles set.

**What Equipment the age group needs for next season:**

As above, plus new size 4 sliotars.

**Any other points of interest:**

To try and get better training critical mass, adults, minors and u16s together in 2023? Many thanks to Diarmuid, Carmel, Siobhán and Under 16 Mentors for help throughout the season.

**Where the coaches see themselves next season:**

Would like to see new people taking on the minor management in 2023

---

**Team: Junior Camogie**

**Management team involved:** Manager/Trainer: Diarmuid Brennan.

Selectors: Mike Rogers O'Sullivan, Carmel Maloney, Lynda Harris

**Number of players for the season:** 22 -26

**What matches they had:** Played 6 in total

Challenge games v Milstreet and Causeway in March

Limerick Junior A championship game v Mungrud St. Pauls

Junior league games v Cillard and Causeway

Junior championship game v Causeway

**What they felt they achieved over the season- did the players reach the skill level they were capable of?**

Very disappointing second half to the season. The season started off very positive with 12 girls joining the complex gym in November and doing the free program I gave them including 2 more girls who worked remotely in their own gym. Numbers were good when we went from the gym to the Astro turf pitch in the Green school and the vibe around was very good. We started to feed the girls after training and this soon turned in to the great Parnell's bake off with brownies, flap jacks, rocky roads being produced on a weekly basis. Our first 2 challenge games went very well beating Millstreet well and narrowly losing to Causeway in Ardfer. For our first game in Limerick, we struggled to get a team together and ended up with the bare 15, four of them were still eligible to play U16.

This seemed to be the downfall of our season as I struggled to get numbers at training and had to cancel the next 5 games. I tried to rearrange games due to severe lack of numbers. We took a break for the leaving cert hoping things would improve after the exams were completed but unfortunately it seemed to only make matters worse with many training sessions only having two to four players and on one occasion when we had a guest training nobody showed up. Our next two league games and our championship games went as expected with little to no training.

I was excited by the 5 year plan we had spoken about as the potential of these girls is huge and the additions this year from our new recruits only strengthened this group of players but we failed to reach our potential for the year

**What they felt could have been achieved and what would have helped them reach this level:**

As noted earlier, we had not laid out any real goals for the year. Our aim was to improve our overall fitness and play more games as we developed a style of play. The obvious answer to help reach our level is a bigger commitment to training and games which was very poor this year.

**End of Stock take of Equipment and Jerseys:**

No new sliotars were got for the senior ladies this year. Carmel gave me plenty from her stock pile from last year and we also had access to Mike's equipment from the minors and both teams trained together. First aid bag was still fully stocked at the end of the year and the training poles I received from Mike McCarthy were returned to the container at the end of the season.

**What Equipment the age group needs for next season:**

The sliotar number had got quite low by the end of the year but otherwise there is no need for any new equipment to train the Junior Ladies.

**Any other points of interest:**

What we felt was it ended up being a very disappointing and tough year. The potential is huge for this team as was evident from our earlier games. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the girls all the best in the future as this year was my last involvement with the Camogie Club.

**Where the coaches see themselves next season:**

I have stepped down as manager/trainer of the Junior Ladies as I feel I am not the right person to inspire them to train and play games as was evident for the second half of the season.

---

Summary of Proposals from Tralee Parnells Club to go to the Camogie County Board

1. To uphold the integrity of the Age bands as per Rule 28.4 of the Camogie Association
  2. All league final venues and dates to be set at the start of the season and that such venues should be neutral and completed by end of August.
  3. Go Games and Blitzes Inter Kerry to be mandated by the County Board
  4. To Submit a motion to Munster Council to re-instate the Seven a Side in Munster for the u16, Minor and Adult teams
-

## **Secretary's Report 2022**

For my second year in this role, I learnt a lot more and it was great to be able to get out and about and meet everyone properly. I have thoroughly enjoyed this year and it is great to get involved with the Senior Teams whether it was doing sub slips, attempting to do stats or making sure the lads had their belongings. We had many successes with the U21's and Junior's in the South Kerry Championship, the Feile U15's being all Ireland winners, and many more. Being witness to these victories and also the losses has made me fall in love with this club and Hurling. It was great to be part of the fundraising this year and I particularly enjoyed the table quiz even though I left slightly deaf. Tralee Parnells is like a big family and that is shown in their actions and dedication to making Club the best that it can be. Everyone deserves a big well done.

This past year the club colours were dominate to see on the field. The players, coaches and supporters were all kitted out and this is vital to Tralee Parnells identity and recognition. The St. Patricks day parade was awash with blue and white.

2022 saw the Club Lotto being launched. There is always teething problems but they will come right and the lotto will grow with the right advertising.

2022 saw many sponsors come on board and a huge thank you to all those for the kind donations. You are essential to a clubs development

Thank you to everyone in the Executive Committee who has helped me along the way and to the County Board and Joe Wallace for the use of Caherslee.

Well done to all Parnells players and Coaches in Hurling and Camogie that represented the County this year. The club is extremely proud of every player that has worn the County Jersey.

I would like to extend my sympathies on behalf of the Club, to all officers, players, members and friends who have suffered bereavements during the last year.

It has been a great 2 years and I have made some lovely friends. I am stepping down from this role at the end of this term and it has been an honour to be your Secretary for Tralee Parnells.

I wish the new Secretary the very best of luck.

Natalie Hennessy

## **Chairperson's Report 2022 – Camogie**

### **Summary of Season:**

#### **On field:**

- The 2022 season began early in February for U12's upwards to Senior Ladies. Some teams choose to hold a number of ball wall sessions in Crotta followed with Astro sessions held in both CBS the Green and Blenerville.
- Healthy attendance at early sessions saw an increase in numbers when we all started back in Caherslee early April.
- All age groups had adequate mentors but still there is still a need for more experienced hurling/camogie coaches to develop the players and progress the coaching ability of current mentors that have requested it.
- Our juvenile teams U6/8/10's had a positive season, but mentors expressed need for more blitzes next season and additional experienced coaches.
- First year of a round robin league format for U12 and U14 this had mixed views, but on a positive it allowed for more games but difficult challenge for our B teams- U12 won the Div 1 cup for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year running.
- U16/minor very few games and huge challenge to keep these players engaged- only the same dedicated players attending training on a regular basis.
- Seniors- entered Limerick league for first year which was a great achievement but unfortunately not the experience we were looking for. This squad again faced difficulties throughout the season for a variety of factors.

#### **Off field Achievements:**

- Launched Club Lotto
- Buster Night Fundraiser
- Secured new Camogie Club sponsors:

I would also like to thank our main sponsors of the Camogie Club - Mikey and Sinead McCarthy of The Kerry Wedding Store, Tralee. In addition to Fairies Cross Medical Centre and Coolballyshan Stud. Your support is invaluable to the development of the Camogie Club and our players.

#### **Proposed Planning for 2023**

- As a Club we need to target the primary schools' especially younger classes to grow our numbers from U6's upwards- Feb/Mar 2023.
- Promote the use of Scoil Mhic Easmain Ball Wall
- We need more new volunteers not only in an experienced coaching capacity but also in non-coaching roles- the same volunteers have been multitasking for a number of years now and are burnt out.
- Our U16/minor and senior panels are extremely high risk for 2023 - numbers low as well as lacking enough committed players- we need a serious plan to keep the committed players we have.
- Enter a 7 aside tournament for U16 upwards.

- From a camogie development perspective, the County Board does not have an adequate planning structure in place to help Clubs progress, unless the Co Board Executive changes in 2023 this issue will probably not be resolved.
- Plan to invite more teams from outside Kerry for challenge games.
- Invite guest coaches during the season and develop goalkeepers.
- Liaise with MTU to engage new potential player/coaches.

**Decision to stepdown as Camogie Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of Tralee Parnells:**

There are a number of contributing factors as to why I am stepping down, these have been previously mentioned at Executive meetings, but I do feel it is time for me to step aside for fresh ideas to come forward and develop the Camogie club so we can progress further.

I have been a member of the Club Executive for the past 6 years with the last two as Camogie Chairperson. I have worked with some extremely talented and dedicated people and have enjoyed my role although it has had its challenges at times.

I am passing on the role of Camogie Chairperson to two very strong able ladies, Lynda and Aine, and would like to wish them both the very best in the position. I am happy to be available in the background to help when needed.

I would especially like to thank Carmel who initially convinced me to get involved with Tralee Parnells Camogie. She has always helped and guided me since then!

I would like to sincerely thank all the Camogie and Hurling Club Executive Officers, coaches, mentors, and volunteers that have given their time and talent to make Tralee Parnells Hurling and Camogie Club what it is today.

I am especially proud of the Camogie side and think the growth of the club, player development and number of County players we have says that we are going in the right direction!

Finally, I would like to wish all the Executive Officers, especially those taking up new roles the very best for 2023.

With thanks  
Suzanne Chute



## **Chairperson's Report 2022– Hurling**

A chairde, tá fáilte romhaibh chuig Cruinniú Ginearálta Bliantúil Na Pairnéalaigh Trá Lí 2022. I'd like to welcome everyone to our AGM for 2022. Bliain stairiul a bhí 2022. In our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, it was a historic year and also a year of firsts:

- Our first Féile title at County and National level
- Our first North Kerry U21 Championship
- Our first adult trophy
- Our first ball wall
- Our first pitch
- Our first Scór na nÓg County title
- Our first 7-a-side tournament

Our season was book-ended by two titles on the field of play. At the time of our AGM last year, our U21s had reached the North Kerry Championship final. This final was eventually played in January 2022 and it certainly was worth the wait, with the lads coming from 5 points down with 10 minutes to go to win the final by a point. It was a historic victory for the club and little did we know at the time that it would lead to further success later in the year. A lot has already been written and said about our U15 Feile team. For me, I'd like to once again congratulate the management and team on their county and national success. They certainly put Tralee Parnells on the map from a juvenile hurling perspective and made people sit up and take notice. While their preparation throughout the year wanted for nothing, acknowledgment has to be given to all the coaches who over the past 10 years introduced those boys to hurling and gave them a love of the game. Well done also to our minors who won a County League title during the summer and to our U16s who finished the season by winning the North Kerry B title.

With regard to our Academy players and coaches, Caherslee was a hive of activity once players returned to grass in early April. It was a joy to see the boys and girls being put through their paces and enjoying their hurling every Tuesday and Friday throughout the year. Well done to Dermot, Suzanne and all our coaches for ensuring that a full and enjoyable training and games programme was provided for all our young hurlers and camogie players.

Our Seniors had a mixed year on the pitch. While we were delighted that 6 Parnells players had been called in to the Kerry senior hurling squad for training, this proved something of a double-edged sword, as it meant that the players weren't available to play for Parnells while Kerry were still in competitive action. Following on the success of the U21s, our Seniors, who played in Div 1 of the County League this year, got their campaign off to the best possible start with a victory over Dr Crokes and a draw with Lixnaw in the first 3 games. However, after that we struggled with numbers until Championship time when the Kerry players were available to us again. As with previous years, our objective was to win the Intermediate Championship. However, as in 2021, we came up short against the eventual winners. Having had a good win away to Kenmare in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, we were beaten by a better Kilgarvan side in the ¼ final in mid-July. That unfortunately was the end of our hurling for the year for our Seniors. We were subsequently due to play in both the North Kerry Championship and the South Kerry Championship but in both instances, we were forced to give walkovers to our opponents due to lack of numbers. While this was immensely disappointing as well as embarrassing, we were left with very little choice. Kerry Co Board made the controversial decision to complete all hurling activities in the county by the August Bank

Holiday weekend to allow for club football competitions to start. This left the district boards to pick up the crumbs from the fixtures table and try to arrange their competitions around the football season. By the time the fixtures had been made, our players had gone back to their football clubs or were unavailable for one reason or another. I would urge the Co Board to revisit this decision for 2023 and ensure there is a full programme of matches for all club hurlers across the summer season. I'd like to thank the management team of Kevin, Ollie and David for their commitment to the team throughout the year in less than ideal circumstances and I hope they will consider remaining in place for 2023.

Our Junior team competed in Co League Div 3, Co Junior Championship, South Kerry League and South Kerry Cup. I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of the South Kerry Board and in particular Vice Chairman Dermot Reen for getting a programme of games going which ensured more games for this group of players. In fact, our Juniors won the South Kerry Cup after an exciting extra-time victory over Kenmare in Fitzgerald Stadium at the end of August, the first adult trophy for the club. I'd like to thank Kevin O'Mahoney and Gearoid O'Doherty for their management of this team. It was an added responsibility for Kevin to manage this Junior team so I would hope for 2023 that this responsibility can be carried by others.

We were asked by Kerry Co Council to run a 7-a-side senior hurling tournament in October as part of the An Turas Mor initiative. Though we ran into a few challenges along the way, a successful event was held on October 1<sup>st</sup> which we would hope will become an annual event. Thanks to Gearoid for his help in organising it and for all volunteers who put their shoulders to the wheel on the day itself to make it a success and an enjoyable day's hurling.

Congratulations is also due to our Scor na nOg Trath na gCeist team of Oisín, Dan, Donnacha and Brian and their manager Damien who won the County title in March, came second in the Munster Final and acquitted themselves excellently in the All-Ireland Final in June. The team is underage again next year, so we have every confidence that they will defend their title successfully.

## **Off the field**

### **Facilities**

This time last year, I spoke about the hope that we would have access to the complex pitch in Oakpark and access to a new Ball Wall in Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn. Well good things come to those who wait - both have become a reality. We were finally granted a licence agreement by Kerry GAA to use the complex pitch, to be known from now on as Parc na Darach. There are still a few bridges to be crossed but the hope is that our Academy players will be based there from next April. I'd like to thank Carmel and her Development working group for their persistence and patience in making this a reality. I think it will certainly be something to look forward to in 2023 as we make Oakpark the fulcrum of all juvenile hurling activities in Tralee. Similarly, the ball wall is also a reality. Though confirmation of the Sports Capital Grant was only received less than 12 months ago, it is fantastic to see the wall now complete, the first wall of its kind in the town. Again, this is another exciting development in the club's progression and I look forward to seeing all our players using the wall in 2023. At this stage, I would particularly like to acknowledge the foresight and vision of an Príomhoide Cáit ní Chonchuir and thank her for her invitation for Tralee Parnells to have use of the wall outside of school hours. I would also like to wish her well on her impending retirement.

In terms of Caherslee, we enjoyed relatively unrestricted access in 2022, but this is likely to change as Parc na Darach becomes available and demands on Caherslee increase from other teams. Our older

juvenile teams and our adult teams will still be based in Caherslee so we look forward to continuing the good working relationship we have with Joe Wallace, Eamon O’Sullivan and the Kerry Co Board. Towards the end of the year, bike racks were installed in Caherslee at the pedestrian entrance as part of our Green Clubs initiative. The car park is due to be tarmacked in the Spring, so we will be encouraging many of our players to come to training via bike. With the opening of the nearby Greenway, I would hope we will have some fundraising events in 2023 which will allow us to capitalise on this wonderful amenity, as well as highlighting both our Healthy Club and Green Club status. I’d like to thank Caroline Somers, our Health and Wellbeing Officer, along with Carmel, for their work in getting the bike racks installed.

### **Fundraising**

Ger has presented a comprehensive report on the state of our Finances and I would like to thank him for his work as Treasurer over the past year. I would like to personally thank anyone that provided financial assistance to Tralee Parnells this year. Whether it was sponsorship for our U15 Féile team on their way to their All-Ireland success, support for our Rose of Tralee “Day at the Dogs”, kits for our juvenile hurling or camogie teams, contributions to our new Lotto initiative or specific financial contribution of any kind towards the club, I am extremely grateful. I’d like to particularly acknowledge Fexco, John McElligott of Sean Ógs and the Rose Hotel who gave us substantial payments during the year. I’d like to thank David Brick for his commitment to not only the Feile fundraising but also to the Day at the Dogs fundraiser. In both cases, David knew what was needed, got some people to row in with him and the results speak for themselves. In addition, I’d like to thank Claire Salmon and her Lotto committee for getting the Parnells Lotto off the ground. With a full year ahead of us, and with some strategic thinking around membership, we should be in a position to capitalise on the Lotto in 2023. I’d like to mention our Registrar, Siobhan, who is stepping down this year. The effort she has put in over the last few years to get us to a position where all our registration is online has been immense and very much appreciated. As you can see from our accounts, it is our biggest source of income and ease of registration ensures we can rely on this income every year. Thank you Siobhan.

Though the dust has only just settled on the 2022 season, we are already looking towards 2023 with ambition. As mentioned earlier, we are in the process of preparing Parc na Darach so it will be ready for play in April 2023. This in itself will require a financial outlay, as it has been in a state of disuse for quite some time. Similarly, the tarmacadamming of Caherslee will require an outlay from Parnells. So, as you can see, we have ambitious plans, but with ambition comes cost. We will be launching our National Club Draw towards the end of the year, which will hopefully offset some of this cost. However, we will require other support throughout 2023 to ensure we can provide the best facilities and equipment for all our juvenile and adult teams.

I mentioned last year that we needed to setup a Finance subcommittee that would be responsible for all finance and fundraising activities. Now more than ever I think this is essential – we can’t continue to expect people like David and others to run fundraising events as well as carry out their other commitments. We need to reach into our membership and identify people who would be prepared to come on board with us, even for specific one-off events.

### **Kerry Teams**

It gave me great pride again this year to see the Kerry jersey worn by our underage hurlers and camogie players from U14 to Minor, hurling and camogie. It was great to see our U14 and U15 camogie players being honoured recently for their successes with the Kerry teams at those age groups. Congratulations

also to Brian Sargent and Ollie Broughton who were coaching with the Kerry U14 and U15 development squads respectively. Congratulations also to Diarmuid Brennan who was a member of the Management team of the victorious Kerry U14 Ladies Football team that won the All-Ireland earlier in the year. A special word of thanks to Colm O'Brien for his help and assistance with all the coaches and teams over the past year.

### **Social**

The first Tralee Parnells Social is planned for February 2023 which will recognise all the achievements of the past year but will also kick-off the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the camogie side of the club. I am really looking forward to this event and I would encourage everyone to ensure it is very well supported. A great night is promised.

### **Congrats**

Congrats to those who got married during the year, welcomed new family members and had exam success. We remember all those club members who lost loved ones during the year and I would particularly like to offer our sympathies as a club to the family of Morgan and Agnes Sheehy on the sudden death of Morgan's brother in Australia. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

### **Conclusion**

As we become more successful, we mustn't forget what the club is about – bringing the game of hurling and camogie to the young people of Tralee and the surrounding areas and allowing them to play it in an enjoyable and safe environment. We must keep our discipline and always remember that providing playing time to all boys and girls is as important as winning trophies. If a boy or a girl leaves Parc na Darach or Caherslee with a smile on their faces and is looking forward to coming back to the next training session or next match, then we have all done our jobs.

To finish, I would particularly like to recognise and thank all outgoing members of our Executive committee who worked tirelessly throughout the year. I would particularly like to thank our Secretary, Natalie, for her excellent work, dedication and help over the past 2 years and our Camogie Chairperson Suzanne neither of whom are not seeking re-election. Suzanne, you have put in a mighty effort over the last two years and the camogie side of the club is in a very healthy place, with great playing numbers. Natalie and Suzanne have assured me that they aren't going anywhere and will continue to help out wherever needed. Similarly, if there is anyone that hasn't put their name forward for election, but would like to help out the club in some way, please let me know and we would be delighted of the help. I am happy to put my name forward for election as Chairperson again in 2023 as I would like to continue the work we have started over the past few years and if successful, I look forward to working with most if not all of you again.

Go raibh maith agaibh go leir agus go n-éirí leis an gclub i 2023.

Stephen Buttimer  
Cathaoirleach.

## Election of Officers and Members of Executive Committee 2023

Position	Code	Nominated Person	Proposed	Seconded
<b>President</b>	Both	Rory Kerins		
<b>Chairperson</b>	Hurling	Stephen Buttimer		
<b>Vice Chairperson/ Chairperson (Camogie)</b>	Camogie	Lynda Murphy Harris/Aine Culloty		
<b>Vice-Chairperson (Camogie)</b>	Camogie	Katie Trant		
<b>Secretary (x2)</b>	Senior Hurling	Ger Donnellan		
	Camogie	Claire Salmon		
<b>Treasurer (x2)</b>	Hurling	Gerard O'Connell		
	Camogie	Katie Trant		
<b>PRO (x2)</b>	Hurling			
	Camogie	Sean O'Mahoney		
<b>Joint Registrars (x2)</b>	Both	Kieran Fitzgerald		
		Grainne Joy		
<b>Development &amp; Facilities Officer</b>	Both	Carmel O'Shea-Maloney		
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Officer</b>	Both	Diarmuid Brennan		
<b>Coaching &amp; Games Officer (x2)</b>	Hurling			
	Camogie			
<b>County Board Delegate &amp; North Kerry Board Delegate</b>	Senior Hurling	Dermot Reen		
<b>Camogie County Board Delegate</b>	Camogie	Claire Salmon		

### Proposed by Outgoing Committee

Position	Code	Nominated Person	Proposed	Seconded
<b>Childrens Officer (x2)</b>	Hurling	Agnes Sheehy		
	Camogie	Caroline Somers		
<b>Culture &amp; Irish Language Officer</b>	Both	Damien Kissane		
<b>Player Representative (x2)</b>	Hurling			
	Camogie			

### Coiste na nÓg Sub Committee

Position	Code	Nominated Person	Proposed	Seconded
<b>Chairman</b>	Hurling	Dermot Reen		
<b>Secretary</b>	Hurling	David Brick		
<b>Coiste na nÓg Delegate</b>	Hurling	Dermot Reen		

## **Other Business**

### **Approval of Membership Fees**

- Family – €200
- Senior Player - €110
- Student Player – €80
- Juveniles – €70
- Nursery – €30
- Non-Playing Adults - €40
- €120 Annual Membership to include 1 entry in each Lotto draw