



# **CLONMORE GFC**

## **FIVE YEAR PLAN**

**2014 – 2018**



*“Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad”*

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## 1: MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

It is with great pleasure that I have this opportunity to introduce Clonmore GAA Club's Five Year Plan which will form the basis of the club's evolution to 2018.

The aim in putting our Five Year Plan in place is to ensure that the club is in the right Position to offer players at all levels, mentors, parents, supporters and the local community the best possible facilities and environment to progress the club on and off the pitch.

The Five Year Plan started when we held our club forum in November and over the next couple of months our Focus Groups met and produced 77 Recommendations and they have all been laid out in the Plan tonight.

I would like to thank everybody that attended our Club Forum, also those who got involved in the Focus Groups. This was a great opportunity for everybody in the community to get involved in the planning of the club for the next five years.

Finally I would like to thank the Steering Committee for all the hours they put into this project with a special thanks to Ger Doyle for his exceptional work in putting the history and facts of the club together for this document.

Over the next five years I would encourage all members of the club to get involved in implementing this Plan to make it the success its deserves to be.

Mise le meas,

*Seamus ó Dúill*

Cathaoirleach  
CLG Clúain Mhór



## 2: METHODOLOGY

The GAA Strategic Vision and Action Plan 2009-2015 envisages all GAA clubs having a Five Year Plan in place by end-2015.

Following a meeting with the County Development Officer, John Dunphy, in October 2013 the Executive Committee decided to put in place a Five Year Plan for Clonmore GFC. We held a very successful and well attended Open Forum on 25 November. Following the Open Forum, five Focus Groups were set up to take the ideas and proposals made at the Forum and formulate them into a Five Year Plan.

We would like to thank the County Board facilitators, John Byrne and John Dunphy, and Leinster Council Vice Chairman, Jim Bolger, for helping us run a very professional and effective Open Forum night.

### FOCUS GROUP MEMBERS

<b>Coaching &amp; Games Development:</b>	John Connolly (Chairman), Colin Doyle, Con Murphy, Jordan Kane, Andrew Byrne, Jamie Doyle.
<b>Club Structure &amp; Administration:</b>	Bobby Connolly (Chairman), John McGrath, Eugene Lawlor, Johnny Maguire, Brendan Cullen, Isaac Pollard, Anne Kiernan.
<b>Facilities &amp; Development:</b>	Paddy Quigley (Chairman), Denis Quigley, Pauric Lawlor, Stephen Byrne, Paddy Gahan.
<b>Finance &amp; Fundraising:</b>	James Doyle (Chairman), Juliana Garahy, Bridget Connolly Ger Doyle (Clonmore).
<b>Communications/PR &amp; Culture:</b>	Jim Whelan (Chairman), Ger Doyle (CW), Des Byrne, Andrew Byrne, Larry Doyle, Shirley Myers, Trish Kelly, John Foley (Nationalist).



### 3: MISSION, VISION, VALUES:

The GAA's values are the heart and soul of our Association. In every Club around the world they are what binds us, what makes us unique and what attracts more & more players, members, volunteers & supporters.

#### VALUES:

##### **Community Identity**

- Community is at the heart of our Association. Everything we do helps to enrich the communities we serve
- We foster a clear sense of identity and place

##### **Amateur Status**

- We are a volunteer led organisation
- All our members play and engage in our games as amateurs
- We provide a games programme at all levels to meet the needs of all our players

##### **Inclusiveness**

- We welcome everybody to be part of our Association
- We are anti-sectarian
- We are anti-racist

##### **Respect**

- We respect each other on and off the playing fields
- We operate with integrity at all levels
- We listen and respect the views of all

##### **Player Welfare**

- We provide the best playing experience for all our players.
- We structure our games to allow players of all abilities reach their potential

##### **Teamwork**

- Effective teamwork on and off the field is the cornerstone of our Association
- Ní neart go cur le chéile (There is no strength unless we work together)

#### VISION:

“Our vision is that everybody has the opportunity to be welcomed to take part in our games and culture, to participate fully, to grow and develop and to be inspired to keep a lifelong engagement with our Association.”



#### MISSION:

“The GAA is a community based volunteer organisation promoting Gaelic games, culture and lifelong participation.”

The GAA is a volunteer organisation. We develop and promote Gaelic games at the core of Irish identity and culture. We are dedicated to ensuring that our family of games and the values we live enrich the lives of our members, families and the communities we serve. We are committed to active lifelong participation for all and to providing the best facilities. We reach out to and include all members of our society. We promote individual development and well-being and strive to enable all our members achieve their full potential in their chosen roles.



## THE PLAN

### ACTIVITY AREA 1: COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT

**Focus Group:** John Connolly (Chairman), Colin Doyle, Con Murphy, Jordan Kane, Andrew Byrne, Jamie Doyle.

**In five years time, we will be able to say:**

**“Our underage section is one of the best. We have achieved excellence in coaching standards and in providing games for our young players in a safe and enjoyable environment. Our Club’s adult teams perform to their full potential because we have the best possible coaching and games development structures in place.”**

#### **Key Projects:**

**Coaching and Games Development Sub-Committee:** We will appoint a Coaching and Games Development Sub-Committee to oversee all aspects of games development in the Club. This will include identifying new coaches in the community, encouraging parents to become involved in coaching and ensuring that all our Clubs coaches have GAA Coach Education qualifications. The committee will also ensure that a balanced programme of games is in place and that all players get an opportunity to play and participate. This Chairman of this committee will sit on the Club Executive Committee and will provide a report to each meeting.

**Club Coaching Officer:** We will appoint a Club Coaching Officer, who will be chairman of the Coaching and Games Sub-committee. He/she will have responsibility for managing the affairs of the committee and for overseeing all coaching and games related activities and policies.

**Underage Games Programme:** We will put in place a programme of games for all players involving Go-Games and Super Touch Blitzes within the Club and with other Clubs. This will ensure that all players get meaningful activity in an environment that promotes skill development.

**Coach Education:** We will put in place a programme that makes sure that every player is coached by a person qualified to the appropriate level. All Club coaches will receive GAA coach education qualifications. Each coach will have a minimum of a Foundation Award coaching certificate. We will aim to have all coaches at Award 1 level over time. We will also identify new referees, who will receive referee education and assistance from the County Board.

**GAA Code of Best Practice and Code of Behaviour:** We will put in place the GAA Code of Best Practice and Code of Behaviour. Everyone in the Club will show due respect to each other, to Club officers, to team mentors and to the match officials. We will ensure that all our volunteers working with children are Garda vetted and that our children participate in a safe environment.

**Club/School Link:** We will develop close links with our local primary and second level schools. We will provide support and advice to the schools in promoting our games.



### Activity Area 1: Coaching and Games Development (continued)

Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Milestones	Responsibility
Club Coaching Officer and Coaching and Games Sub-Committee Appointed by the Club Executive Committee	To oversee all aspects of games development in the Club and ensure the best possible coaching structures are in place in our Club	Immediate		Club Executive Committee
Club-School link in place. Club-School liaison officer appointed	To cement the relationship between the local school (s) and the Club and ensure that the children are receiving GAA coaching.	In place		Coaching and Games Committee
Nursery programme in place for 5 to 7 year olds	To encourage our young players to become involved in Gaelic Games in a fun and safe environment	In place		Coaching and Games Committee
Go-Games model in place for all u-12 players, with each player participating in at least 5 blitzes per year	To ensure that all under 12 players get appropriate games in a fun environment that promotes skill development	In place		Coaching and Games Committee
Fun-Do education resource pack (Go Games) available for all Juvenile coaches	To aid our Club coaches in skill development of our players	In place		Coaching and Games Committee
'Super-touch' games programme in place	To put in place a meaningful programme of games for all Youth players (13-18 years).	2015		Coaching and Games Committee
To encourage more parents to become coaches	To increase the number of coaches available to our Clubs	Ongoing		Coaching and Games Committee
All Club coaches receive GAA Coach Education and have access to coaching resources ( <a href="http://www.gaa.ie">www.gaa.ie</a> )	To ensure that our coaches are trained to the best possible standards	2014/15		Coaching and Games Committee





### Activity Area 1: Coaching and Games Development (continued)

Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Milestones	Responsibility
Cúl Camp held and promoted each year supported by our own Club coaches	To give all children in the locality the opportunity to be coached in Gaelic Games	Being done		Coaching and Games Committee
GAA Code of Best Practice and Code of Behaviour in place	To promote an environment of respect in the Club and to ensure that all children participate in a safe environment	Being done		Children's Officer
All coaches working with underage players attend Child Protection Workshop	To ensure that all children participate in a safe environment	Committee to ensure full participation in 2014/15.	Some coaches have already attended.	Children's Officer
All coaches working with underage players have received Garda Vetting	To ensure that all children participate in a safe environment	Mandatory		Children's Officer
Programme of games in place for Adult teams, including challenge games with other Clubs outside the county	To ensure that along with league and championship games, all players get a meaningful program of games.	In place		Coaching and Games Committee
Club Defibrillator in place and coaches trained in its use	To ensure that the welfare of our players and supporters is of top priority	Done & ongoing by Juvenile club. Refresher training in 2014	Put list of trained people beside defibrillator.	Coaching and Games Committee
New referees identified and trained	The Club has sufficient referees at underage and adult level	Club will encourage new Referees.		Coaching and Games Committee



## Activity Area 1: Coaching and Games Development (cont)

### Senior Club

Action	Score/ 70	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Milestones	Responsibility
1. Post training and match attendances.	66	Encourage Player Commitment	Q1 2014	Discuss with new trainer	Team Manager 2014
2. Build up a group of committed players	65	Produce a panel of 25 players who are committed to the intermediate team. This will enable the team to reach its potential and grow year by year.	Q1 2015	Re-launch Code of Conduct	Senior Committee/ Team Manager 2014
3. Provide stats and video analysis.	64	Improve the tactical awareness of teams and coaches	Q2 2014	Run Coaching day for coaches	Team Manager 2014/ Coaching Coordinator
4. Provide higher quality training (BFI's and Beep testing)	62	Produce a fitter Intermediate team therefore enable the team to reach its potential.	Q1 2014	Approach fitness instructor.	Senior Committee
5. Provide separate winter regime/coach for core and gym work.	62	Help players to come back to training in the spring in better condition.	Q4 2014	Approach fitness instructor.	Senior Committee
6. Provide more info to players regarding Diet.	60	Improvement in general health and fitness of playing squad.	Q1 2014	Approach fitness instructor.	Team Manager 2014
7. Provide an out of county coach at regular intervals.	58	Provide variety to the training sessions and a fresh input during the season.	Q1 2014	Liaise with Coaching Coordinator	Coaching Coordinator
8. Provide individually aimed training.	53	Provide for the training needs of individual players.	Q1 2014	Approach fitness instructor.	Team Manager 2014
9. Start looking at match tactics.	52	Improve the tactical awareness of teams and coaches. Enable the team to reach its potential.	Q1 2014	Discuss with 2014 team manager	Senior Committee
10. Bring under 21 training/games earlier in the year.	52	Give the under 21 squad game time together before the under 21 championship and therefore improve the performances of the under 21 team.	Q2 2014	Discuss with 2014 selectors	Senior Committee/ Team Manager 2014
11. Produce more in-house coaches with courses done.	51	Improve the quality of the clubs coaches/selectors.	2014	Liaise with Coaching Coordinator	Senior Committee/ Coaching Coordinator
12. Introduce disciplinary action against players & spectators	50	Encourage positive attitudes towards the team and club officers	2014	Re-launch Code of Conduct	Senior Committee
13. Appoint a coaching coordinator	50	Improve the quality of the clubs coaches/selectors.	2014	Bring to committee meeting.	Senior Committee



## Activity Area 1: Coaching and Games Development (cont)

### Juvenile Club

Action	Score/ 70	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Milestones	Responsibility
1. Team management at juvenile level to be encouraged to have basic first aid training so that each team will have a person competent in first aid at games and training sessions.		Young players are looked after at all times.	Q1 2014	Discuss at juvenile committee meetings	Juvenile committee
2(a). Encourage senior players to become more involved at Juvenile level. 2(b). Introduce senior/juvenile mentoring concept.		Improve the variety of training for juvenile players and ensure a smooth transition from juvenile to senior.	(a) 2014/ 2015 (b) 2014	Discuss at Juvenile committee meetings	Juvenile committee
3. Assist local primary schools in whatever way possible so that more time is dedicated to Gaelic Football.		Improve the standard of football in our primary schools which should improve the standard of our juvenile teams.	2014	Discuss at Juvenile committee meetings	Juvenile committee



**Stars of the future: The Clonmore Under 11 team which won the 2013 County Championship**

Back: Sean Moran, Niall McDonald, Sean Byrne, Billy Lawlor, Anthony Kealy-McDonald, Robert Bulmer, Conor Evans, Adam Deay, Dylan Doyle.

Front: Oisín Doyle, James Whelan, Eoin Connolly, Cathal Foley, Sean Mulvany, Adam Smith, Daragh McKiernan.  
Beat Eire Og 6-7 to 5-8.



## **ACTIVITY AREA 2: CLUB STRUCTURES AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Focus Group:** Bobby Connolly (Chairman), John McGrath, Eugene Lawlor, Johnny Maguire, Brendan Cullen, Isaac Pollard, Anne Kiernan.

**In five years, our Club we will be able to say-**

**“Our Club excels in its administration. We have the structures in place appropriate to the club’s needs. Our Club Executive is vibrant and we have increased the number of people volunteering in the club.”**

### **Key Projects**

**Club Constitution:** We will adopt the GAA Constitution. Our club will be administered in accordance with this Constitution.

**Club Sub-Committee Structure:** We will appoint a number of Sub-Committees to deal with Finance and Fundraising in the Club, Coaching and Games Development, Communication and PR. We will recruit new volunteers to sit on these Committees who have particular a talent for these areas.

**Plan Implementation Sub-Committee:** We will appoint a Sub-Committee to monitor the implementation of the Club Plan. This committee will include the Club Chairman, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Club PRO and Club Coaching Officer as well as others as required.

**Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy:** We will put in place an Alcohol and Substance Abuse policy to make sure that our Club is following best practice regarding the use of alcohol in the Club. All juvenile medal ceremonies will take place in an alcohol free environment and we will comply with the GAA rules banning the drinking of alcohol from cups.

Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Responsibility
1. GAA Club Constitution adopted and in place	To make sure that the Club is being run in accordance with GAA rules.	Available online – adopt in 2014.	Executive Committee
2. Plan Implementation Sub-Committee appointed by Club Executive	To monitor the implementation of the Club plan	Ongoing	Executive Committee
3. GAA Volunteer Recruitment Toolkit used by Club officers ( <a href="http://www.gaa.ie">www.gaa.ie</a> )	That the club is following best practice in terms of recruiting and retaining volunteers.	In place by 2016	Executive Committee
4. GAA online Club Advice Manual used by Club Officers ( <a href="http://www.gaa.ie/clubzone/club-manual/">www.gaa.ie/clubzone/club-manual/</a> ).	To help all Club officers with administration in the Club	In place by 2016	Executive Committee



## Activity Area 2: Club Structures and Administration (continued)

5. Club Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy developed	To make sure that the Club is following best practice regarding the use of alcohol in the Club	1/1/2011	ASAP Officer supported by Executive, Juvenile & Ladies Committees.	
6. All Players and Members registered on GAA online registration system. All teams affiliated to the Player Injury fund.	To comply with GAA regulations on registration of players and members	2012 for both	Secretary / Registrar	
7. All Club property vesting documents in order and Club Trustees up to date	To safeguard all of the Club's property	2013	Executive Committee	
8. Children's Officer and Designated Person appointed	To oversee implementation of the GAA Code of Practice and to deal with any allegations of abuse in the correct manner.	2009	Child Officer	
Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Milestones	Responsibility
9. Provide training for new Committee members	Provide an on-going line of trained officers	Complete in 2 years	Get new members onto Committees	Executive Committee
10. Advertise those involved within all Committees and Sub-Committees i.e website, club newsletter	Inform Club members and public of those involved within all Committees and Sub-committees	Complete in Year 1		Club Secretary and PRO
11. Encourage more ladies to become involved on Executive Committee and Sub-Committees	More ladies involved on Executive Club Committee	Complete in Year 1	Ladies Club rep to attend Executive Committee meetings	Executive Committee and Ladies Club Committee
12. Have an open day to attract and promote the Club.  Get a Senior player to visit schools etc.	Open Day – Encourage new members and recruit more Juvenile members	Complete in Year 1		Coaching & Development committee and Juvenile Committee
13. Approach successful clubs for advice and new ideas	Improve our own structures and affairs	Complete by Year 2		Executive Committee
14. Involve more player representatives on Committee and Sub-Committees	Let the players know how the Club is run from top to bottom	Done at 2014 AGM	Advertise positions on AGM Nomination Paper	Executive Committee
15. Encourage more women members by implementing new facilities i.e. walk track, gym and playground.	Cater for the non-playing members and new members	Complete by Year 2	Availability of funding to provide new facilities	Executive Committee and Facilities & Development Committee



### **ACTIVITY AREA 3: FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Focus Group:** Paddy Quigley (Chairman), Dinny Quigley, Pauric Lawlor, Stephen Byrne, Paddy Gahan

**In five years, we will be able to say:**

**“Our players and members now enjoy the very best possible facilities in the area, both on and off the pitch.”**

**Key Projects: Club Safety Statement:** We will develop a club safety statement that will help identify all potential safety hazards, thus ensuring that our grounds follow best practice in providing a safe environment for players and supporters.

Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Milestones	Responsibility
1. Club Safety Statement developed	Providing a safe environment for players and supporters	In place		Executive Committee
2. Club house to be upgraded or replaced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two sets of plans to be designed by an architect.</li> <li>First set of plans for the upgrade of the existing structure and to include 4 dressing rooms, kitchen, showers, large gym and large meeting room.</li> <li>Second set of plans to include all of the above in a new building.</li> </ul>	To provide top class facilities for players and members	1-5 years	1 year to get designs	Executive Committee
3. Pitch drainage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep seeking experts advice to find a permanent solution to drainage problems</li> </ul>	To have a well drained pitch to the highest standards.	1-5 years		Executive Committee
4. Dressing rooms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two temporary dressing rooms required for girls teams and underage teams.</li> </ul>	To provide a safe environment for boys and girls to change away from adult changing rooms.	2014		Executive Committee
5. Gym. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refurbish machines and replace where necessary.</li> <li>Instruction diagrams for each machine to be placed on wall beside machine.</li> <li>New barbell required for bench press. Boxing bag and exercise matts required.</li> <li>Put up signs to ask members to keep gym clean and tidy and to turn machines and lights off when finished.</li> <li>More keys required for members or a keypad on the door.</li> </ul>	General improvement on existing gym.	2014 (most already done)		Executive Committee



<b>Activity Area 3: Facilities and Development (continued)</b>				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Outcome Sought</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
6. Walking track. • Develop a walking track with lighting around both pitches.	To have a safe place for people to walk and to encourage more people to use club facilities and become members.	1-3 years		Executive Committee
7. Clubhouse appearance • Paint club house and put up new club signs.	To improve the appearance of the building	ASAP but depends on 2 above		Executive Committee
8. Goal mouth development. • Goal mouths to be resurfaced and work reviewed at the end of season to see if it has been a success. • If not, look in to resurfacing goal mouths with astro turf.	To have top quality goal mouth for players safety	1-2 years		Executive Committee
9. Score board. • Fit an electronic score board where players and spectators can see it.	To have a working score board .	1-3 years		Executive Committee
10. Dug outs. • Place signs in dug outs stating for players use only and ask spectators to please use centre dug out .	To have dug outs for team members only.	2014		Executive Committee
11. Hand driers for toilets.	To have a hygienic method of drying hands	2014		Executive Committee
12. Entrance. • Widen the entrance to allow cars enter and exit at the same time.	To have safer access to the grounds.	1-5 years		Executive Committee
13. Parking . • Look in to ways of creating more parking and marking out spaces. • Also try to create a system where cars wont get blocked up at the entrance.	To have more adequate parking	1-5 years		Executive Committee
14. Foot path. • A lighted foot path needed from the town to the football pitch.	To allow kids have safe access to the pitch for matchs and training.	Outside control of club but will ask Council to put in place.	Lobby politicians at every opportunity.	Executive Committee





## **ACTIVITY AREA 4: FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING**

**Focus Group:** James Doyle (Chairman), Juliana Garahy, Bridget Connolly, Ger Doyle (CM).

**In five years, our Club we will be able to say:**

**“Our Club is successful in fundraising and in financial excellence in order to support the continued development of our Club. We have new and innovative fundraising ideas and have new people helping in the fundraising efforts.”**

**Key Projects: Finance and Fundraising Sub-Committee :** We will appoint a sub-committee to take care of finance and fundraising in the Club. The Club Treasurer will act as Chairman of this committee and will present a report to each Club Executive Committee meeting. They will prepare a budget for the Club each year, prepare the accounts for the AGM and will organise fundraising events for the Club.

Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Milestones	Responsibility
1. Finance and Fundraising Committee appointed by the Club Executive	To organize and oversee the preparation of accounts and fundraising in the Club	2014 New Committee		Executive Committee
2. Club Budget prepared at the beginning of each year	To help the Club prepare for the year ahead and to help plan for fundraising events	In 5 years.		Finance Sub-Committee
3. Club accounts audited each year	To ensure best practice is followed	2014/2015	Appoint Professional Auditor	Executive Committee
4. Three years of accounts to be presented to AGM	Members can compare year on year expenditure trends.	December 2014		Finance Sub-Committee
5. Corporate & business sponsorship to be sourced for specific items / products/ projects	Make it more attractive to potential sponsors to donate money to club & thereby increase corporate sponsorship	Open		Finance Sub-Committee
6. Expand On-Line Lotto sales	Increase revenue.	2014/15	Gather as many e-mail addresses as possible	Finance Sub-Committee
7. Support/ sell County Board Tickets	To increase annual sales / club income.	2014/15		Finance Sub-Committee
8. Fundraising	Link to specific projects	Ongoing		Finance Sub-Committee
9. Social Membership	To increase funds	Ongoing		Finance Sub-Committee





## ACTIVITY AREA 5: COMMUNICATION / PR AND CULTURE

**Focus Group:** Jim Whelan (Chairman), Ger Doyle (Carlow), Shirley Myers, Trish Kelly, Des Byrne, Andrew Byrne, Larry Doyle, John Foley (Nationalist)

**In five years, our Club will be able to say:**

**“Our Club is the best possible sporting, cultural and social organisation in our Community. All our members and supporters are connected through traditional and new media. Our members in the community are aware of everything that is happening in the club.”**

### Key Projects

- Scór:** The club should enter the local Scór competitions and aim to promote Irish music, song and dancing. This will help encourage people who have no connection with the GAA to become involved in the club. (Scór: Initiatives and activities in which GAA members engage to promote Irish music, dancing and culture.). **Focus Group:** Agreed
- Irish Language Promotion:** The club should make every effort to promote the use of the Irish language in its day to day activities. This will include the use of the ‘Gaeilge ag an Cruinni’ section in the ‘Culture and Heritage’ section of the online GAA club manual.  
**Focus Group:** Irish Officer to survey members to establish level of interest in Irish language in club.
- Quarterly Newsletter:** The club should e-mail members with a Quarterly Newsletter  
**Focus Group:** With immediate information available from the Website, Facebook & Twitter, a weekly newsletter and the Club Notes in Newspaper and Parish Newsletter, a Quarterly Newsletter is not considered necessary.

Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Milestones	Responsibility
1. Set up a PR & IT Sub-Committee representing three strands of club – adults, juveniles & ladies.	Spread the burden of work and expand the club’s use of social media etc to help improve communication with our members.	Done at 2014 AGM		Executive Committee
2. Launch campaign to encourage positive support. Put up signs at entrance to pitch.	Create positive environment throughout club and counteract negativity.	Immediately	Put up signs in 2014.	PR & IT sub-Committee
3. Launch new Club website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To have an up to date website that is informative, well presented and covers all three strands of club – adults, juveniles &amp; ladies.</li> <li>Add counter, message board, photos and videos to website.</li> <li>Use site for on-line merchandising.</li> <li>Sell sponsorship of website.</li> <li>Include non-GAA material to attract interest from community generally.</li> </ul>	<p>During 2014 if possible.</p> <p>Sponsorship and merchandising not immediate priority.</p>	PR & IT sub-Committee to get assistance from GAA HQ staff with IT expertise.	PR & IT sub-Committee



<b>Activity Area 5: Communication/PR and Culture (continued)</b>				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Outcome Sought</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
4(a) Develop club Facebook and Twitter pages.  4(b). Provide Facebook & Twitter officer with club smart phone.  4(c). Develop club APP.	(a) To help improve communication with our members, particularly younger generation and those abroad. (b) To provide live Tweets from matches. (c) To provide supporters with immediate access to club information.	(a)Q1, 2014  (b)Q2, 2014  (c) 2015	Dependent on person with IT expertise who is able to update regularly.	PR & IT sub-Committee
<b>5.</b> Re-launch Code of Conduct and include code of behaviour for use of social media within club.	Responsible use of social media, respect for players, mentors, officials, own club and other clubs.	2014	Agreement at AGM	Executive Committee
<b>6.</b> Weekly Club notes in the local newspaper & Parish Newsletter.	To inform the local community about all Club activities. Senior club ongoing. Ladies will do it. Juveniles to do it.	2014	Juvenile PRO in place.	Juvenile Committee
<b>7.</b> Collect e-mail address and phone numbers for each Club member	To allow us to communicate directly with all Club members	2014	Aim to have most collected by end Q1, 2014	PROs from Senior, Juvenile & Ladies clubs to collect.
<b>8.</b> Review existing Text messaging service and club phones. Put all members in Group text.	To provide most efficient and cost effective text service to players and members.	2014	Review two club phones & explore other alternatives.	PR & IT sub-Committee
<b>9.</b> Club to enter Scór competition.	To promote Irish music and dance, to attract new people to the Club	Ongoing	Next Scór event.	PR & IT sub-Committee
<b>10.</b> Promote use of Irish language.	To increase the use of our native language	Establish level of interest in club.	Set up group of interested people.	Irish Officer to survey members.
<b>11.</b> Use social media and visit schools to expand Club membership	To increase membership and get more people actively involved in club.	2014	Twitter & Facebook accounts in place	PR & IT sub-Committee

<b>Activity Area 5: Communication/PR and Culture (continued)</b>				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Outcome Sought</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
12. Keep putting up posters and put on school noticeboards.	To get news out to people who may not use website or social media.	Ongoing	Posters up for all major events.	PROs of all three clubs
13. Issue Club newsletter through website	To better inform all members on Club activities (With instant social media in place and website up-to-date, no need for quarterly newsletter).	Ongoing, needs to be expanded	Database of e-mail addresses in place	PR & IT sub-Committee
14. Hold club function every year.	Provide entertaining event at which all players, mentors and members can mingle, socialize & celebrate achievements.	Ongoing	Explore options to make event more attractive.	PR & IT sub-Committee
15. Hold Open Day every few years.	To open club grounds up to local community, to welcome people and create positive atmosphere.	2015	Start planning in 2014.	Executive Committee, PR & IT sub-Committee
16. Keep previous players connected with club	Ensure former players feel welcome to stay involved with club in some capacity.  Let former players know their contribution is remembered and appreciated.	Hold re-union of former players at function to mark club's 70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.	Start planning in 2016.	Executive Committee and PR & IT sub-Committee



**Three winning Clonmore Captains hoisting the cups won in 2011 – Shane McGrath (Minor “B” Championship), Pauric Lawlor (SFL Division 2) and Jamie Doyle (SFL Division 4).**



## 9. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW MECHANISMS FOR THE PLAN

This Plan is a living document. It will be reviewed, assessed and adapted to ensure it facilitates the Club in reaching its potential over the next five years. The Club Executive Committee has put in place a Plan Implementation Sub-Committee. This Sub-Committee will meet on a quarterly basis and assess the progress of the plan against its stated objectives and will report directly to the club Executive Committee. This team will decide on the most appropriate method to carry out a comprehensive annual review of the Plan. This will involve the assessment of the current initiatives, their appropriateness for the needs of the Club and the identification of additional initiatives to assist in the completion of achieving the goals and objectives. If required, the Plan will be modified and adapted as required. The Committee will also be responsible for communicating the modified Plan to all Club members.

## 10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We would like to thank the County Board facilitators, John Byrne and John Dunphy, and Leinster Council Vice-Chairman, Jim Bolger, for helping us run a very professional and effective Club Forum night. Also everyone who attended the Open Forum and took part in the Focus Groups, especially John Foley of the Nationalist who assisted the Communication, PR and Culture Focus Group.

## 11. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programme (ASAP):** GAA programme that focuses on minimising the harm being caused by alcohol and drugs in society.

**Award 1:** Coach education programme that qualifies the participant to be a lead coach for either child, youth or adult players.

**Club School Link:** Club support for local primary schools to ensure promotion of the Club and the games

**Cúl Camps:** An organised camp for children aged between seven and 13. They are run by qualified coaches and usually held during the summer.

**Go Games:** Small sided skill development games for under 12's that focus solely on skill development and participation

**'Have-a-go day':** A series of football and hurling recreational blitzes held for individuals or groups who have had little or no involvement in the GAA previously. These are held at Club locations for newcomer or non-traditional communities.

**Introductory Award:** Basic coach education for beginner coaches for child, youth and adult players.

**Scór:** Initiatives and activities in which GAA members engage to promote Irish music, dancing and culture.

**Supertouch:** Small sided games for 13 to 18 year olds.



Members of the 2013 Executive Committee, including our late colleague Des Kelly, presenting one of the new jerseys to sponsor and club Hon. President, Denis Cullen (August 2013).





## 12: HISTORY OF CLONMORE GFC

The club as we know it today was founded in December 1947 but there were GAA clubs in the Hacketstown and Clonmore areas dating back to 1887. Hacketstown had its own team then, campaigning first under the name of “McMurrough Kavanaghs” (c1908) and later as “Mick McQuaids” and they played in both Carlow and Wicklow at different times. Clonmore also had a team as did Ballybrack, Crecrin and Ballyconnell.

Those clubs found success hard to come by, but there were some notable achievements:

- Crecrin Harps (Ballyconnell) lost by one point to Graiguecullen in the 1890 Carlow County Final.
- Ballybrack won the Wicklow Junior Championship in 1936.
- Mick McQuaids (Hacketstown) won the Carlow Junior Championship in 1922 and the Wicklow Minor C'ship in 1942.

Dr Cullen Park is called after the former Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, Dr Matthew Cullen (1864-1936), a native of Hacketstown and uncle of our Hon. President, Denis. Bishop Cullen was a strong supporter of the GAA in its early years.

In the mid-1940s, hurling was the dominant game in Hacketstown and under the guidance of Kilkenny man, Fr Tom O'Donnell, Hacketstown won the Carlow Senior Hurling Championship in 1947.

A number of players in the area were keen to play football and in late 1947, a group of men led by local publican Larry Kenny approached the curate in Clonmore, Fr Paul Maher, to form a GAA club. Fr Maher, a Laois man, jumped at the idea but said it would have to be a hurling club, to which Larry replied “*if you put hurleys in these boys hands, we won't have fifteen left for any sort of team*”.

So began the story of Clonmore GFC, with the backing of the priest and the publican, and an enthusiastic group including Chairman, Dan Donohue, Secretary, Michael Donohue, Mick Connolly, John J Doyle, Jim Keogh & Jim Doyle (Clonmore). Jim Keogh went from house to house collecting shillings and half-crowns to buy a set of jerseys. The club now has its own grounds with dressing rooms, gym, floodlights .....and several sets of jerseys. From little acorns grow mighty oaks.

### The Fifties:

With the amount of football talent in the area, Clonmore did not have long to wait for success and in 1950, the club won its first honour, a County Junior Championship against Bagenalstown, on an atrocious wet day “*when the only safe pair of hands were those of Paks Connolly*”. This victory elevated Clonmore into Senior ranks and heralded a golden age for the club with two Senior Championships (55 & 56), two League titles (56 & 57) and SFC Final appearances in 1958, 63 & 65.

The Clonmore team of the fifties is regarded as one of the finest club teams ever to play in Carlow. The “Big 5” of the team – Paks Connolly, Martin Molloy, Jim Fogarty, Mick Connolly and Denis Cullen – were regulars on the county team at a time when Carlow were one of the top teams in the country. Paks Connolly and Martin Molloy played for Leinster. Paks was one of the best players ever to play for Carlow and was centre-back on the Carlow teams that reached the NFL Final in 1954 and semi-final in 1962. In a match report on Carlow's NFL win over Kildare in March 1962, the Nationalist stated “*Carlow's man-of-the-match, Paks Connolly, strode the pitch like a colossus.....*”. Ní bheidh a leithead ann arís.



1955 Final: Captain Martin Molloy and Secretary JJ Doyle.



High fielding by Paks Connolly, 1955 Final V O'Hanrahans



### **Sixties & Seventies:**

Clonmore continued to be one of the top teams in Carlow in the early sixties reaching the County Senior Finals in 1963 and 65, where we lost to Tullow and Eire Og. Clonmore defeated Ballinabranna in the County Minor Final in 1962 only to lose the Championship on an objection.

There followed a barren spell in the late sixties and seventies in spite of continuing to compete at Senior level and producing some fine county players such as Tom Kehoe, Tom Boland and Tommy Purser.

A significant landmark for the club was the purchase of the current playing pitch at Woodside from the Land Commission for £1,000 in 1968, a deal brokered by Chairman, Fr Bernard Ryan, and Secretary, JJ Doyle. The club had originally played at Kinsella's field (Clonmore) before moving to Cullen's (Vermount), Hill's (Hacketstown), Connolly's (Eagle Hill), Whelan's (the Moate) and Tallon's (The Curragh).

Clonmore reached U-21 finals in 1976 and 78 and won SFL Div 2 titles in 1974, 77 and 81. But the club was struggling in the Senior Championship and in 1979, the decision was made to drop down from Senior for the first time since 1950. Under the inspirational leadership of Chairman, Sean O'Toole, the team bounced straight back up by winning the Intermediate Championship in 1980.

Regulars on county teams during the 70s were Frank Donnelly, Tony Kelly, Liam Butler, Mick Byrne & Jimmy Lawlor and in the 80s - Larry O'Brien, Kevin Tallon, Mick Doyle, Jim Bolger and John Kennedy, the latter two played on the Carlow U-21 team beaten by one point by Dublin in the 1984 Leinster Final.

### **Eighties & Nineties:**

In 1981, a history of the club entitled "Our Sporting Heritage", written by Jack Byrne and Jim Doyle (Water St) was published. In 1984, the Centenary Year of the GAA, the current club house was built at a cost of £17,000 and opened in December of that year by GAA President, Mr Paddy Buggy.

Following the founding of a Juvenile club and some outstanding work with underage teams, there followed another "golden era" in the late 1980s and early 1990s. In 1987, Clonmore's U-21s played out an epic three game battle with Eire Og in the County Final before going down fighting in the second replay. Undeterred, Clonmore fought back to win the club's first U-21 and Minor Championships in 1991 and won the Minor Championship again in 1992.

This fine group of players went on to win the Intermediate Championship in 1994 and reach the Senior Championship semi-finals in 1997 and 2001 and the 2000 League final.

While this team didn't manage to make it to a Senior final, they were consistently one of the top four teams in the county, beating the reigning Leinster Club Champions on two occasions - Eire Og in a Div 1 game at Páirc Uí Bhriain in May 1993 and O'Hanrahans in the 2000 League semi-final in Tullow.

Thomas Doyle and Philip Cullen were on the Carlow panel that won the All-Ireland "B" title in 1994.

### **The new century – 2000 on**

The new century has heralded major developments at the club grounds with the pitch being levelled, improvements to the dressing rooms and showers, a gym installed, floodlights erected and an adjoining field purchased. In 2005, the Club launched a Five Year Plan for the Juvenile Club entitled "An Tosach Nua".

On the field, Clonmore continued to compete with hope and fervour. The century started with narrow defeats in the 2000 League final by Eire Og, the 2001 Championship semi-final by Palatine and the 2005 All County League final by Kildavin. After dropping from Senior to Intermediate ranks in 2006, the Intermediate teams have put in a huge effort to regain our Senior status, reaching the semi-final in 2006 and 2013 and the final in 2007, 2008 and 2011. The Minors were unlucky to lose the 2008 A Championship semi-final by one point to Eire Og but did win the B Championship in 2011 and reached the B final again in 2013.

On the county scene, Peter Kiernan, John McGrath and Paudge McGrath were involved when Carlow won the O'Byrne Cup in 2001, Con Murphy and Paddy Gahan were in the Minor panel that reached the 2007 Leinster Final, while Con, Johnny Doyle, Bobby Rooney, David Mulvany and Shane McGrath have played for the county





senior team. 2011 was a good year for the club. We won three cups – the Minor B Championship, Division 2 and Division 4 Leagues while the U-21s reached the B Final. In 2012 the Intermediates won Div 2 and the U-21s lost narrowly to O'Hanrahan's in the B Final. In 2013, we reached the U-21 and Minor B championship finals but neither team got the bit of luck that would have turned defeat into victory. The Intermediates played some great football in 2013 but did not do themselves justice in the semi-final against Ballinabranna.

After contesting the Minor and U-21 finals in 2013, and with a vibrant Juvenile club producing an abundance of footballing talent, the future of Clonmore GFC looks assured.



**2013 Intermediate panel**

**Back:** Shane McGrath, Jamie Walsh, Gavin Byrne, PJ Byrne, David Mulvany, Ronan Doyle, Con Murphy, Paul Byrne, John Kelly, Willie Byrne, Willie Rooney. **Front:** Owen Coleman, David McCarney, Bobby Rooney, Kevin McCarney, Enda McGrath, Paddy Byrne, Colin McGrath, Dale McNamara, Jordan Kane, Paul Hogan, Mark D Byrne.

### 13: OVERVIEW OF WHERE THE CLUB IS AT IN TERMS OF THE POPULATION IN THE CATCHMENT AREA, THE NUMBER OF TEAMS, PLAYERS, COACHES ETC.

**Population in the catchment area: 1,500**

**Registered players:**

**Members in 2013: 82**

**Population of schools in catchment area:**

▪ Coláiste Eoin, Hacketstown:	242
▪ St Joseph's National School, Hacketstown:	138
▪ Ballyconnell National School:	161
▪ Tynock National School:	55

**Teams in 2013: 12**

▪ Intermediate:	28
▪ Junior:	25
▪ Under 21:	18
▪ Minor:	18
▪ Under 16:	12
▪ Under 14:	22
▪ Under 11/12:	26
▪ Under 10:	19
▪ Under 8:	25
▪ Under 6:	18
▪ Girls U-11/12:	20-25
▪ Girls U-9:	20



## QUALIFIED COACHES:

No	Name	County Course	County Course	Club Training 2009	Found. Coach Crse	Found	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
		Workshop 2010	Workshop 2013			Coach Girls	Kids	Kids	Kids
1	Colin Doyle			Y	Y	Y			
2	Brendan Ryan	Y		Y	Y	Y			
3	Jim Whelan	Y		Y	Y		Y		
4	Paddy Quigley								
5	Alan Byrne	Y			Y				
6	Jamie Doyle		Y	Y	Y		Y		
7	Johnny Maguire	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
8	John Doyle	Y			Y				
9	Darren Foley	Y		Y	Y				
10	Clive Lambe								
11	Norman Mulvaney			Y	Y				
12	MJ Doyle			Y	Y				
13	Christine Weekes								
14	John Connolly (Sr)			Y					
15	Ger Doyle			Y	Y				
16	Philip Cullen				Y				
17	Willie Deay				Y				
18	Carol Kearney				Y		Y		
19	Carie Keating								
20	Helen Mooney				Y		Y		
21	John Connolly (Jnr)		Y				Y		
22	Michelle Moore						Y		
23	Des Byrne	Y	Y						
24	Ann- Marie Byrne								Y
25	Michael Whelan								Y
26	Ollie Keogh								Y
27	David Ryan								Y
28	Trish Kelly								
29	John Hennessy								
30	Ann Kiernan							Y	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013			

**Foundation Level Coaching:** Jim Whelan, Michael Murray, Tom Cashin, Tom Doyle, M J Doyle, Tommy Kelly, Ger Doyle (CW), Trish Kelly, Ted Forde, Carrie Keating, Clive Lambe, Alan Byrne.

**Level 5 Coaching:** Jimmy Lawlor.



## **What has changed in the community over the years and impact on the Club**

Since the foundation of the club in 1947, the population in the Hacketstown/Clonmore areas has increased due to additional housing in the locality, but neighbouring clubs such as Rathvilly, Kiltegan and Coolkenno have also grown and become more successful resulting in a smaller geographical area for Clonmore to pick from compared with the early years of the club.

Employment opportunities nationally and locally have fallen, resulting in a lot of players having to leave the area and in some cases to emigrate. The numbers of players who go on to third level education has also increased and can result in commuting problems for players when it comes to training and matches.

Both schools in Hacketstown have been refurbished and provided with much improved sporting facilities in recent years and there are teachers in both schools who actively promote Gaelic games which is very positive. Coláiste Eoin has enjoyed success in recent years, winning the South Leinster “C” Championship in 2013 under the guidance of Darragh Kelly and Barry Doogue, while Hacketstown National School won the Cumann na Bhunscoil blitz in 2013 coached by Barry Murphy and Gabriel Keane. We are probably not getting as many players from Ballyconnell and Tynock schools as we did in the early years as they are more closely aligned to Coolkenno and Kiltegan GAA clubs nowadays.

The growth in popularity of other sports such as soccer and rugby means that Clonmore GFC now has to work harder to promote itself and make the GAA attractive to our young people. Likewise, we must sell our games in a professional manner to children who have grown up in the age of technology and we must try to make playing sport an attractive alternative to playing computer games. Alcohol and substance abuse is a big issue in modern society and Clonmore GFC, like all sporting organisations, is doing its best to promote a healthy lifestyle.

While we do face some serious challenges, the club continues to be central to the community and participation levels at both playing and administration levels have never been higher. Silverware is not as plentiful as we would like but Clonmore still competes very well at all grades and to field our own teams. In recent years we have consistently reached finals and semi-finals at Intermediate, U-21 and Minor levels and with the Juvenile club going from strength to strength, the long term future of the club looks secure.

## **The facilities Clonmore GFC has in place:**

- **One full size playing pitch with match standard floodlights**
- **One juvenile pitch with training lights**
- **One training field large enough to be developed into full sized playing pitch**
- **Clubhouse with two dressing rooms, showers, meeting room and gymnasium**
- **Two player's dugouts and one supporter's shelter**
- **Generator house and equipment storage cages**
- **Large car park**
- **Children's playground (in development)**



## 14: CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING TEAMS



**1950 - Junior Football Champions**

**Back (L to R):** John Doyle, Mick Connolly, "J" Connolly, Paddy "Johnson" McDonald, Benny Doyle, Jimmy Crowe, Denis Cullen, Johnny Kelly, Larry Kenny.  
**Front:** Matt Cullen, Bill McDonald, Paddy McDonald, Mick Murray, Jackie Anderson, Pakes Connolly, Billy Byrne. **Score:** Clonmore 2-3 Bagenalstown 1-4



**1955 - Senior Football Champions**

**Back (L to R):** Willie Rooney, Tom Looby, John O'Toole, Jimmy Crowe, Bill McDonald, Denis Connolly, Martin Molloy, Andy McMahon, Denis Cullen, Benny Doyle, Paks Connolly, Paddy McDonald, Mick Connolly, Paddy Doyle, John Doyle, Seamus Doyle, Denis Dalton. **Front:** Paddy Duffy, Bernard O'Reilly, Tom O'Reilly, Patsy Molloy, Eamon Bolger, Jim Fogarty, Ned McDonald, Larry Molloy, Matt Cullen, Liam Bolger. **Score:** Clonmore 2-10 O'Hanrahans 0-7.



**1956 - Senior Football Champions Again**

**Back (L to R):** Denis Dalton, Benny Doyle, Seamus Murphy, Paks Connolly, Denis Cullen, Martin Molloy, Denis Connolly, Andy McMahon, Mick Connolly, Vincent Maher, John Doyle, Sean Doyle (boy). **Middle:** Jim Fogarty, Willie Rooney, Matt Cullen, Patsy Molloy, Pat Duffy, Eamonn Bolger, Bill McDonald, **Front:** Ned McDonald, Liam Bolger, Tom Looby. **Score:** Clonmore 2-8 O'Hanrahans 0-4.





### 1962 – County Minor Champions for a week

**Back** (L to R): Hugh Murphy (Ballasalla), Joe Kinsella (Clonmore), Jim Boland (Hacketstown), Paddy Byrne (Hacketstown), Pat Bowes (Tinneclash), Matt O'Brien (Hacketstown), Seamus Doyle (Tynock), Mick Byrne, PJ Kelly (Rathvilly). **Front:** Harry Pollard (Coolmanagh), Jim Kelly (Hacketstown), Denny McDonald (Hacketstown), Tom Boland (Hacketstown), PJ Conway (Barnhill), Tony O'Brien (Tombeagh), Fay McCoy (Hacketstown), Ger Foley (Rathvilly).  
Beat Ballinabranna 1-6 to 1-2 in the County Final but lost the title on an objection.



### 1978 - Under 12 A Champions

**Back:** Bobby Connolly, Brendan Cullen, John Doyle, Brian Fagan, Michael Farrell, Brian Barrett, Michael Kealy, Michael Scanlon, Paul Byrne, Eddie Coughlan.  
**Front:** Thomas Doyle, Nigel O'Connor (RIP), Ger Byrne (RIP), Anthony Sheeran, Eddie Forde (Captain), John Tallon, Fergal Doyle, Donal McGrath, Martin Doyle.



### 1980 - Intermediate Champions

**Back:** Tom Boland, Declan McCarthy (Captain), Mick Byrne (0-1), Des Kelly (RIP) (0-6), Joe Byrne, Mick Doyle, Frank Donnelly, John Connolly, Larry O'Brien.  
**Front:** Jimmy Lawlor, Kevin Tallon (RIP), Richie McCall (0-2), Tom Doyle (0-1), Tom Kehoe, Pat Coughlan. Sub used not in picture: John Doyle. Beat Nurney 0-10 to 2-3





#### 1981 - Under 14 A Champions

**Back;** Conor McCarney, Pat Kealy, Seamus McCall, Eddie Murphy, Eddie Coughlan (3-1), John Tallon (0-1), Fergus Doyle, Gerard Byrne (RIP), Brendan Byrne, John Duffy.  
**Front:** Michael Walsh (0-1), Harry Strahan, Thomas Doyle, Nigel O'Connor (RIP), Michael Scanlon (0-1), Tony Tallon, Eugene Lawlor, Martin Doyle, Philip Cullen (1-0), Matthew Halpin, Ted Forde. Beat Eire Og by 4-4 to 2-9 in final.



#### 1982 - U-16 A Champions

**Back:** Eddie Coughlan, Michael Farrell, Eddie Forde, Michael Kealy, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Brendan Cullen, Brian Fagan, Paul Byrne, Nigel O'Connor (RIP), Eddie Murphy, Bobby Connolly, Peter Kavanagh. **Front:** Fergus Doyle, John Tallon, John Doyle (Captain), Thomas Doyle, Donal McGrath, Pat Kealy, Conor McCarney, Martin Doyle, Brendan Byrne, John Duffy. Beat Palatine in final.



#### 1990 - Minor B Champions

**Back (Left to right):** Ciaran Byrne, Michael Whelan, Philip Doyle, Philip Lyons, Peter Kiernan, Colin Doyle, Paul Byrne, Dermot O'Connor, Tom Fallon, Michael Quigley, Ollie Keogh. **Front:** Eamon Doyle, Jamie Doyle, James Doyle, Colm Kelly, Danny Doyle, Niall Forde, Richard Hunter (Captain), Brian Dwyer, Colin Pollard, Brian Hunter.





### 1991 - Minor A and B Champions

**Back (LtoR):** Michael Whelan, Colin Pollard, Tom Kennedy, Michael Flaherty, Brian Hunter, Ollie Keogh, Colin Doyle, Paul Byrne, Peter Kiernan, Dermot O'Connor, Kieran Byrne. **Front:** Paudge McGrath, James Doyle, Tom Fallon, Jamie Doyle, Philip Doyle (Captain), Paul Pollard, Brian Dwyer, Philip Lyons, Colm Kelly, Eamonn Doyle. Beat Fenagh 0-12 to 0-8 in a replayed B Final and beat Tullow by 2-12 to 0-3 in the A Final.



### 1991 - Under 21 Champions,

**Back (L to R):** Tom Boland, Dermot O'Connor (0-1), Niall Pollard, Colin Pollard, Danny Tallon, John Kiernan, Brian Hunter, Philip Cullen, Jimmy Lawlor. **Front :** Michael Connolly (0-2), Richard Hunter, Joey Doyle (0-1), Michael Quigley (0-1), Tom Fallon, Eugene Lawlor, Colm Kelly, Philip Doyle, Frank Donnelly. Sub used not in picture: Paul Byrne (0-2). Beat Rathvilly by 0-7 to 0-5 after a replay.



### 1992 - Minor A Champions

**Back Row (Left to right):** Frank Donnelly, John McGrath, Michael Whelan, Ollie Keogh, Paudge McGrath, Peter Kiernan, Eamon Doyle, Dermot O'Connor (0-1), Paul Byrne (0-7), Ciaran Byrne, James Doyle, Jamie Doyle (0-1), Jimmy Lawlor. **Front Row:** Eddie Forde, Liam Doyle, Michael Strahan (1-0), Paul Pollard, Tom Fallon (0-2), Brian Hunter (0-1), Colin Pollard, John Connolly (0-1), Philip Lyons, Damien Doyle, Thomas Doyle. Beat Burrin Rangers by 1-13 to 1-6.





### 1994 - Intermediate Champions

**Back (L to R):** Tom Fallon, Ciaran Byrne (0-1), Brian Hunter, Philip Cullen, Brian Fagan (1-3), Paudge McGrath, Bobby Connolly, Dermot O'Connor (0-1), Philip Doyle.  
**Front:** John Kennedy (RIP) (0-2), Richard Hunter, Thomas Doyle (1-2), John Kelly, Colin Pollard, Paul Pollard, Eddie Coughlan (0-2). Subs used not in picture: Peter Kiernan (0-1) & Michael Quigley. Beat Old Leighlin 2-12 to 0-8.



### 1994 - Junior B Champions

**Back (L to R):** Richard McCall, Brian Case, Jeffrey Hunter, Tommy Kelly, Eamon Doyle, John Byrne, Cathal Casey, Noel Lyons, Brendan Cullen, Pat Kealy.  
**Front:** Eddie Forde, Jim Bolger, Michael Strahan, Jeffrey Deering, Jimmy Lawlor, Mick Doyle, John Connolly, Philip Lyons, Liam Doyle, Peter Doyle.  
 Missing from photo – Frank Donnelly. Beat Palatine 1-9 to 1-6 in replayed final.



### 2003 - Under 12 A Champions

**Back (L to R):** Aine Strahan, Michael Byrne, Christopher Cahill, PJ Byrne, Jonathon Timmons, Shane Howard, Janet Ellis, Mark Hennessy, Michael Murray, Adrian McGrath, William Rooney, Conor McCarney Snr., Darren McGrath, David Kelly, Niall Humphries, John Ellis. **Front:** Deirdre Cahill, Ryan Hickey, Paul Hogan, Shane Murphy (Captain), Stephen Doyle, Christopher Smith, Kevin McCarney, William Byrne, Shane Kehoe, James Doyle. Final 17 July 2003: Clonmore 2-12 Muinebheag 2-5





**2006 - Under 14 B Champions**



**2008 - Under 12 C Champions (Beat Clonegal by 1-5 to 1-2)**



**2011 - Minor B Champions**

**Back (l to r):** Con Murphy, James Shannon, Anthony Byrne, Mark Hennessy, Paul Hogan, Gary Byrne, Shane McGrath (Captain), Andrew Byrne, Mark A Byrne, Jordan Walsh, Paddy Quigley. **Front:** Aidan O'Toole, Gordon Hickey, Mark D Byrne, Martin Doyle, Enda McGrath, Adam Byrne, David McCarney, Conor McCarney, Paddy Byrne, Paul Byrne. Beat Fenagh by 3-9 to 3-8 on 15/10/2011.





## 15: CLONMORE GFC – CHAIRMEN & SECRETARIES SINCE 1947

Chairmen		Secretaries	
Dan Donoghue	1947	Michael Donoghue	1947
Fr Paul Maher CC	1948-52	John J Doyle	1948-76
Fr O'Sullivan CC	1953	"	
Fr Larry Fleming CC	1954-56	"	
Fr Gary Doyle CC	1957-58	"	
Fr Bernard Ryan CC	1959-68	"	
Fr Hogan CC	1969-70	"	
William McDonald	1971-72	"	
Fay McCoy	1973	"	
William McDonald	1974	"	
Denis Cullen	1975	"	
Tommy Kehoe	1976	"	
Sean O'Toole	1977-78	Dan Kenny	1977-78
John J Doyle	1979	Tom Doyle	1979-80
Sean O'Toole	1980-82	Joseph Doyle	1981
"		Tommy Kehoe/ Mick McGrath	1982
John J Doyle	1983-85	Peter Doyle	1983-84
"		Eamonn Bolger	1985
Frank Donnelly	1986-90	Peter Doyle	1986-89
"		Juliana Cullen	1990-97
Eddie Forde	1991-97	"	
Michael McGrath	1998-2000	Jim Doyle	1998-2002
Michael Byrne	2001-2002	"	
Tom Doyle	2003-2012	Juliana Garahy (nee Cullen)	2003-2005
"		Dermot Byrne	2006-2012
James Doyle	2013-	Clive Lambe	2013-



**2011 Under 14 girls team**

Won the Cumann Peil Gael na mBan "B" Final on 31/5/2011 defeating Burrin Rangers by 5-5 to 3-1.



## 16: CLONMORE GFC - AWARD WINNERS 2001 to 2013

	Senior / Intermediate*	Under 21 / Young Player**	Minor	Junior	Clubman	Hall of Fame	Juvenile Clubman
<b>2001</b>	Thomas Doyle	Ronan Doyle				Liam Butler	
<b>2002</b>	Jamie Doyle	Pierce McCarthy	Tommy Phelan	John Kelly	Mick Byrne	Declan McCarthy	
<b>2003</b>	Colin Doyle	Ronan Doyle	Wesley Byrne	Ger Doyle (Clonmore)	Dermot Byrne	Jim Boland	
<b>2004</b>	John McGrath	Pierce Doyle	Collie McGrath	Dinny Quigley	Ger Doyle (Carlow)	1980 IFC Team	
<b>2005</b>	Pauric Lawlor	Wesley Byrne	John Kelly	Ger Doyle	Dermot Byrne	Des Kelly	
<b>2006</b>	Colin Doyle	Bobby Rooney	Gavin Byrne	Damien Lyons	James Doyle	Jimmy Lawlor	
<b>2007</b>	John Connolly	Con Murphy	Shane Murphy	Clive Lambe	Clive Lambe	Mick Byrne	
<b>2008</b>	John Kelly	Gavin Byrne	Shane Murphy	Stephen Byrne	Dermot Byrne	Frank Donnelly	
<b>2009</b>	Ronan Doyle	Enda McGrath	Niall Humphries	James Scott Doyle	Ger Doyle (Carlow)	Jim Doyle	John Maguire
<b>2010</b>	Shane Murphy	Martin Byrne	Willie Byrne	Norman Mulvany	Paul Byrne	Tom Doyle	Tom Moore
<b>2011</b>	Paul Byrne	PJ Byrne	Shane McGrath	Colin Doyle	Paddy Lawlor	Gerry McCarney	James Whelan
<b>2012</b>	Gavin Byrne	Paul Hogan	Anthony Byrne	John McGrath	Eliz Townsend	Eddie Forde	Jamie Doyle
<b>2013</b>	Ronan Doyle	Shane McGrath	Jordan Kane	John Paul Doyle	Des Byrne	Pat Bowes	Ger Doyle (Clonmore)
	*Intermediate since 2008	**Called "Young Player" since 2007					



**2013 Award Winners, Pat Bowes, Des Byrne, Ger Doyle and Ronan Doyle along with Lily Purser who has done a fantastic job looking after the club jerseys for over twenty years.**



## 17: CLONMORE GFC - ROLL OF HONOUR SINCE 1947

1950	JFC winners	2-3 to 1-4	Bagenalstown
1955	SFC winners	2-10 to 0-7	O'Hanrahans
1956	SFC winners	2-8 to 0-4	O'Hanrahans
1956	SF League winners		
1957	SF League winners	3-7 to 2-4	Barrow Rangers
1958	SFC finalists	0-6 to 2-5	O'Hanrahans
1962	MFC finalists	1-6 to 1-2	Ballinabranna (lost on objection)
1963	SFL finalists	0-5 to 1-4	Tullow
1963	SFC finalists	0-5 to 5-8	Tullow
1965	SFC finalists	1-2 to 2-7	Eire Og
1966	U-21 FC finalists	1-7 to 3-3	Eire Og
1974	SFL Div 2 winners	1-9 to 0-9	Palatine
1976	U-21FC finalists	0-3 to 3-13	Kildavin
1977	SFL Div 2 winners	2-10 to 0-2	Fighting Cocks
1978	U-21 FC finalists	1-1 to 4-13	Tinryland
1980	IFC winners	0-10 to 2-3	Nurney
1981	SFL Div 2 winners	0-7 to 0-2	Old Leighlin
1982	MFC (B) winners	0-8 to 1-4	St Brigids
1983	MFC (B) winners	3-9 to 1-4	Burrin Rangers
1983	MFL (A) finalists	2-4 to 5-2	Pal/St Josephs
1984	MFC (A) finalists	0-6 to 1-9	Burrin Rangers
1984	SFL Div 2 finalists	0-6 to 1-9	Tullow
1987	U-21 finalists 2 <sup>nd</sup> replay	0-4 to 2-9	Eire Og
1990	IFC finalists	1-5 to 1-12	Fenagh
1990	SFL Div 2 winners	3-14 to 1-10	Fenagh
1991	U-21 FC winners	0-7 to 0-5	Rathvilly (replay)
1991	MFC (B) winners	0-12 to 0-8	Fenagh
1991	MFC (A) winners	2-12 to 0-3	Tullow
1991	MFL winners	2-6 to 0-5	Fenagh
1992	MFC (A) winners	1-13 to 1-6	Burrin Rangers
1993	SFL Div 4 finalists	0-6 to 1-5	Mount Leinster Rgs
1994	IFC winners	2-12 to 0-8	Old Leighlin
1994	MFC (A) finalists	1-7 to 1-10	Éire Óg
1994	JFC (B) winners	1-9 to 1-6	Palatine (replay)
1994	JFL Div 4 finalists	0-6 to 1-5	MLR
1997	SFC semi-finalists	1-7 to 2-7	Palatine
1998	SFL Div 2 winners	3-11 to 2-3	Tinryland
2000	SFL Div 1 finalists	1-5 to 0-10	Éire Óg
2001	SFC semi-finalists	0-8 to 1-10	Palatine
2002	U-21 (B) finalists	0-3 to 3-13	Mount Leinster Rgs
2005	All County Lge finalists	1-4 to 1-7	Kildavin/Clonegal (replay)
2006	MFC (B) finalists	1-9 to 3-4	Palatine (replay)
2006	MFL (B) finalists	1-7 to 1-9	Naomh Eoin
2007	IFC finalists	0-11 to 2-10	Eire Og
2008	SFL Div 4 winners	1-5 to 0-7	O'Hanrahans
2008	Junior (B) finalists	1-5 to 1-6	Naomh Eoin
2008	IFC finalists	1-6 to 1-9	Kilbride (replay)
2010	SFL Div 4 finalists	0-7 to 2-17	St Andrews
2011	MFC (B) winners	3-9 to 3-8	Fenagh
2011	SFL Div 4 winners	1-10 to 0-8	Ballinabranna
2011	SFL Div 2 Winners	0-9 to 0-7	St Andrews
2011	IFC finalists	0-8 to 2-12	St Andrews
2011	U-21 (B) finalists	0-11 to 2-12	Fenagh
2012	SFL Div 2 winners	0-14 to 1-8	Eire Og
2012	U-21(B) finalists	1-11 to 2-15	O'Hanrahans
2013	MFC (B) finalists	1-6 to 1-12	Slaney Rangers
2013	U-21(B) finalists	0-11 to 1-13	Kildavin/Clonegal



