



**BALLYMACELLIGOTT LADIES GAA CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2020
SUNDAY 17TH JAN @ 19.30PM
ON – LINE ZOOM MEETING**

AGENDA:

Minute of Silence

Previous Minutes of 2019 Ladies AGM

Matters Arising from Minutes

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report (There was no Treasurer's report as the senior club looks after this)

Chairman's Address

Election of Officers for ladies club 2021

Registrar report

P.R.O Report

Coaches/ mentors for 2021 season

A.O.B

BALLYMACELLIGOTT LADIES CLUB OFFICERS 2020

CHAIRMAN : SEAN HENNESSY

SEC: PATRICK WHITE (3 YEAR TERM SERVED)

REGISTAR: EMMA SWEENEY

P.R.O : VERONICA O DONNELL

Minutes of Ballymac Ladies AGM held on the 25th November 2019.

ATTENDANCE: JAMES GODLEY, PATRICK WHITE, EMMA SWEENEY, SEAN HENNESSY, DONAL RAHILLY, GER COLLINS, KIERAN SAVAGE, JER LYNCH AND JOANNE LONG.

Minutes of previous meeting were read out – proposed by Donal Rahilly -
Seconded by Ger Collins

No matters arising from the minutes.

Secretary report was read out by Patrick White – proposed by Donal Rahilly – seconded by Ger Collins

There was no Treasurer's report as the senior club looks after this .

Chairman`s Report was read out by James Godley - proposed by – Donal Rahilly -Seconded by Joanne Long

Nominations of club board 2020

Chairman : James Godley (outgoing) Sean Hennessy (incoming)

proposed by James Godley

Seconded by Ger Lynch

Sec: Patrick White (returned)

Registrar: Siobhan Creedon (outgoing)

Emma Sweeney (incoming) proposed by Ger Lynch, seconded by Kieran Savage

P.R.O: Veronica O`Donnell (returned)

Minutes Of The 2019 Ballymacelligott Ladies Club A.G.M

Coaches/ mentors for 2020 season

u. 8`s Position to be filled

u.10`s Kieran Savage

u.12`s John O Rourke

u.14`s Don Brosnan – Fintan Kelly

u.16`s Donal Rahilly, Anthony Griffin , Siobhan Leen and
Sean Hennessy

Minors : Anthony Curran, Donal Rahilly.

Seniors : Anthony Curran, Linda Gleeson, Dave Keane

A.O.B:

- Joanne Long again reminded everyone that all coaches would need to be Garda Vetted and to have a Foundation and Child Welfare course done in order to coach players within the club. Donal Rahilly also mentioned that coaches should have a Foundation course done and that these courses which are run by K.L.G.F.A and any forthcoming Foundation courses being run Donal would get information as to when these courses are being run again.
- Joanne also mention help was needed with Michael Crossan with the u.8's James also said more coaches were needed in all age groups.
- Kieran Savage mentioned there was too big of a gap between games being played at u.16's and that they were spending more time training without sufficient game time between training sessions.
- James Godley stated that numbers playing at underage level at the club was down 15% year on year and that we needed to try and increase numbers playing by visiting schools and looking at avenues like social media to increase the profile that might enhance numbers joining the club. Emma Sweeney stated that it would be good if we could get players from the club to visit schools as there are many girls that don't have parents that have an interest in Gaelic football. Kieran Savage also said we should go to the schools for an 1 hour session over a 3 week period showing girls basic footballing skills and the enjoyment current players have playing for the club.
- Donal Rahilly asked why there was no report from the u14 b team , Patrick White stated that no report was sent prior to the club meeting and therefore was not mentioned in the annual club report for the year. The onus is on coaches to have end of year reports in prior to ladies club agm`s.
- James Godley then asked for any suggestions on fundraising ideas. Ger Lynch then said that any fundraising idea must go through the club executive as there is ongoing fundraising ideas being discussed by the club executive.
- Jer Lynch wanted to wish Emma Sweeney well on behalf of Ballymac Club in her Nomination to Kerry County Board as Asst. Sec. James Godley concurred with Ger's sentiments and wished Emma good luck in the process on behalf of the ladies club.

- Jer Lynch also thanked outgoing Chairman James Godley for his valuable work done in his 3 year term, especially the work he put in on fundraising and his general input to the club. James also thank Jer for his contribution to the club as outgoing Chairman of the Ballymacelligott GAA Club.

Meeting concluded.

Ballymacelligott Ladies Club A.G.M 2020

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT The Ladies Club would like to acknowledge Mike Sweeney (Club Chairman), Fionnan Fitzgearld (Club Sec.), Declan O'Connell (Coiste na nÓg Chairman), Stephen O'Brien, Maureen O'Shea, all our coaches/mentors who went above and beyond in giving up their time during the challenging times we were faced with as a result of Covid-19 and the requirements that were needed to be met with, regarding the safety of all our players during this pandemic, training nor games could have been played without the work you put in to ensure the safety of all our players and the ladies club thank you.

Also, deserving of mention is Joanne Long who ensured that there was a plentiful supply of hand sanitiser and other essentials that were needed during the year. The amount of time Joanne gave up is truly remarkable and it was really appreciated by players, coaches and officers of the Ladies Club and our heartfelt thanks for the tremendous work you have done.

Sean Hennessy your contribution and enthusiasm to the club has been great. Firstly, ensuring our Senior Ladies looked great with their new club tops in the County Junior C Final, organising new jerseys for U16 and Minors that were sponsored by Sports Direct and also for the tireless work you put into organizing the LAST MAN STANDING fundraiser which raised an incredible amount of money €2,400 and bag packing earlier in the year. Many thanks Sean for all the work you did in the background in assisting our coaches, organising food for our u14's, being a helpful ear on the other end of a phone call On behalf of fellow club officers, coaches/mentors and players our sincerest thanks.

Ballymac Academy 2020 for the U 8Girls

During our shortened 2020 year the U-8 girls trained every Sunday morning at the academy with up to 15 girls in attendance each morning.

Special thanks to all those who helped over the course of the year Liz Sheehan, Kevin Leen, Niamh Rahilly, Eve Creedon, Eimear Curran and Grainne Galvin. Without the generosity of all of these volunteers we would not have been able to facilitate the training sessions.

Despite the difficult circumstances all the girls worked hard and continue to improve. Hopefully 2021 will allow us to increase our player numbers and core skills.

Ballymac Academy 2020 for the U10 Girls

With the very short season, due to Covid-19, the under 10 girls got out on the pitch for the first time in 2020 on July 5th. With a few sessions under their belt we entertained Castleisland Desmonds at home in a friendly game. With numbers tight by us, the ten players available put in a great performance on the day. Knowing our game time would be limited for the year we did our best to organise games where at all possible if the chance arose. We trained away for two weeks and made our way to John Mitchell's on a fine Sunday morning in August for another friendly game. With our panel gaining numbers the coaches saw a huge improvement by all players in training in the short few weeks the girls were together as they were outstanding throughout the game.

It was back to training again the following few weeks and our final game for the year ended up being in Killarney against Dr Crokes. Again, a beautiful morning for a game. We had a ding dong battle with the Crokes girls with all our players emptying the tanks on the pitch. There was only a kick of a ball between them in the end.

While it was such a short season and game time limited, it really was heartening to see the U 10 girls improve so much in such a short space of time. With the 2021 season not too far away it would be great to see all the girls back out on the pitch representing themselves, their club and families in the year ahead.

Panel as follows:

Michaela O Connor, Aoibhinn Sheehan, Natalie Turner, Rachel Pendergast
Rachel Kelliher, Amy Roche, Fiona McCarthy, Grace Kelly, Alice Savage
Cait Griffin Kirby, Holly O'Neill, Katie Linehan, Kate O'Neill, Aideen Healy and
Abigail Geary.

Coaches:

Fintan Kelly
Cora Savage
John Sheehan
Roisin Long
Kieran Savage

U12 report

The season started with an unexpected win in a pre-season friendly against Div.1 Castleisland. Even though we only had a panel of fourteen to pick from it was a fantastic boost for the girl's, half of whom were playing competitively for the first time. Another boost for them was that there were going to be no bench warmers for the games ahead and they realised they were going to be playing all the time.

The North Kerry League started with a home fixture against Duagh. Unfortunately, prior to the game we lost two players. This however didn't deter the girls and they put in a spirited display of football and determination to come away with the result on a score line of 5-10 to 5-05. This had been a great start for the girls and optimism was high for the other games.

Duagh later went on to win the league suffering their only defeat at the hands of Ballymac.

We didn't play again for another two weeks, as on the eve of the league starting Currow had pulled out, this time we were at home again to a very strong Beale team and once again we were short on players and fortunately, we were able to bring up a couple of academy players who stayed with us for the remaining games. The first half was a hard-fought affair with the teams going in fairly level at the break however two quick fire goals at the start of the second half put Beale ahead, the girls didn't put their heads down and kept fighting till the end but couldn't claw it back going down 1-08 to 4-04.

The following game was once again at home, it was a wild evening with a gale blowing hard across the pitch. Finuge / St. Senans were the visitors this time and, in the conditions, proved too big and strong for us; no matter how hard we tried we couldn't get into the game and went down by 2-03 to 2-09.

Our final league game was away to Daingean Uí Chois. Once again, we found scores hard to come by no matter how hard the girls tried (and did they try). We threw everything at them, once again outscoring our opponents as we had done in previous games but unfortunately once again it was the goals that counted and we went down on a score of 3-01 to 1-05. This was the only game that we had seen the girls upset after the final whistle as some bad finishing on their part and some dubious decisions going against them didn't reflect on how the game had gone.

This defeat meant that once again the following week we travelled to Dingle for the trophy final. This time the girls were ready and for the first time since the game in Castleisland we had all fourteen girls and the two girls from the academy ready and raring to go.

It was a tight game early on and Dingle got two quick scores starting off. The girls then started to get on top and control the game not letting Dingles main players run with the ball. Defensively nothing was getting through, midfield was in charge of the game and going forward nearly every attack yielded a score. We started receiving some heavy knocks during this time due to some overzealous tackling by the opposition, but if anything, this spurred the girls on even more and they kept attacking Dingle at every opportunity. The intensity shown by the girls was showing and they never let them back into the game coming out victorious on a score line of 5-08 to 2-01.

Funniest thing was after the final whistle the girls were so engrossed in the game that some of them never realised, they had won so there were slightly delayed celebrations.

I'd like to thank Avril for all the work she put in with the girls, they really enjoyed having her there and loved all the training, chat and warm ups. Sean for

all the spare time he gave up to be with us, and finally the girls for the determination and hard work they put in during the short time we were together they were fantastic to work with.

U14 REPORT:

Our u14 Girls season began in late June with challenge games against Desmonds, Firies and Scartaglen in preparation for Division One of the Trophyworld Co League.

Our first game saw us travel to play Austin Stacks where the Tralee side emerged victorious.

We welcomed ISG the following weekend where we had a comprehensive victory.

Next up was a trip to Waterville to take on eventual winners Southern Gaels. The Girls put up a great battle against a very good team and were only one point down entering the final quarter but the home side finished stronger to seal the win for them.

We were on the road again for the following two weekends with games against Glenbeigh and Beaufort.

In these games the team played their best football of the year to record well deserved victories on both occasions.

Our penultimate group game saw us take on MLK Gaels in Ballymac where our failure to make the most of the scoring chances that came our way meant that our hopes of getting into the top two in the group were at an end.

A home victory over Glenflesk saw us qualify for the Shield Final against Austin Stacks.

Already missing players due to injury going into the game our cause certainly wasn't helped with two key players having to come off early in this match.

We struggled to compete with such losses and Stacks ran out convincing winners.

Nevertheless our Girls can be very proud of their achievement of finishing in the top four in Division One of the County.

Many thanks to Sean Hennessey for organising refreshments for the squad after this game.

Following the completion of the Co League a Tralee District competition was organised. Ballymac requested to be included in this; however, for no valid reason we were refused entry.

Those involved in this refusal should hang their heads in shame for denying young Girls the opportunity to play football.

Ballymac officers Sean Hennessey and Pa White helped put in place a St Kieran's District League but unfortunately this could not proceed due to a lockdown.

Many thanks to Sean and Pa for all the work they do on behalf of the Club and also many thanks to Veronica O'Donnell for her work in her role as PRO of the Ladies Club.

U14 Panel 2020:

Aoibheann Broderick Rose Brosnan Alexa Weiss Maire Culloty Ashlinn Baily Anna Collins Laura Kelly Alice Brosnan Rachel Griffin Jill Quirke Kate Collins Rachel Creedon Laura Daly Laura Sugrue Orla O Connor Aoife Sweeney Katie Landers Sarah West Katie Hobbert Niamh Rice.

Mentors: Don Brosnan, John Creedon, Leo O'Connor, Liam Sweeney, Ger Collins.

U16 REPORT:



U16 Rose Hotel Div 1 Semi Final Southern Gaels v Ballymacelligott, has a ring to it !

Our club with such a small player base and to face perennial Champions Southern Gaels ...the best four ladies teams in the county.... what an achievement from this group of young ladies.

While it was a daunting task this was always about how far this group had come, having won Div 2 U14 2 years ago they stepped up admirably to the plate in 2020. Wins v Firies and Rathmore earned us a place in this semi-final. The win over Firies

showed the improvement the game has made as Firies always had this groups number at U12 & U14, however this year we bridged the gap and then some!

Our first game was away in Templenoe to I.S.G who won the U15 A championship in 2019 , the first half saw the girls trying to adapt to the pace and standard of Div. 1 football . Mistakes easily made under pressure and doubting that they were good enough for this level. However, a burst of 1-2 before halftime settled them. The girls stepped up a gear in the 2nd half and performed very well and were it not for the display of Kerry U16 keeper Jodie Moore this score line could have been a lot closer. Still the group was very happy with the performance

Wins v Rathmore and Firies gave two very good displays particularly the Firies game where we reeled off 5-7

Next up we welcomed Southern Gaels to Ballymac, with both sides missing some players on the night. However we togged out 23 girls on the night which was amazing. This was a game where we went toe to toe with SG, 1-3 to 0-3 after 15mins, 3-6 to 0-5 at half time , we created 4 clear goal chances in that first half, hitting post twice and crossbar ! 2nd half we performed very well again and it was Southern Gaels being more clinical on the night with the chances they presented the main difference as they won 5-11 to 0-9 and if a score line didn't reflect the effort and bravery of the Ballymac girls it was this, BUT at this level chances have to be taken.

Austin Stacks were the next visitors to Ballymac on a wet August evening, and they were well up for this and a very strong 1st half showing from them settled the game really despite a good defensive effort by Ballymac, again the girl's responded very well in the 2nd half and we outscored them in the 2nd half.

The outcome of all the games saw us paired with Southern Gaels in the semi-final The long journey to Caherciveen seem to have a bit of an effect on the girls, as the hoped for start from us did not materialize, instead we were under the cosh from word go. So much so that we were 2-4 to a Ciara Palmer point from a free down at the water break, but it could have been a lot worse only for some great defending by the Ballymac Ladies, some excellent saves by Kerry Hennessy in goal and great work by Player of the Match Roisin Rahilly, by far the best player on the pitch. Our girls galvanized themselves for the second quarter of the game and got our first goal from Kate Collins and we should have scored more as we owned this quarter of the game. Southern Gaels did hit us for 2-1 on turnovers in that first half while also making our kick outs difficult to win.

Into the second half and we started with a bang...a second goal from Kate Collins and a quick point again afterwards. At this stage we had lost star player Alyssa Leen O'Shea to injury and were now carrying a few knocks. Our bench was strong and we had some great performances from there. Into the final quarter and we again were able to add another 1-1 with a goal from Ciara Palmer and a point from Roisin Rahilly. We were very unlucky for a few more goals and points tonight, but the ladies played their hearts out right to the final whistle and have proved that we belong in this, the highest level.

Goalkeeper Kerry Hennessy really worked hard tonight but kept us in touch the whole time with good handling, point blank saves and good kick outs under a lot of pressure.

The backline put in some performance with tight marking corner backs Lorna Daly and Abbey Leahy flanking another towering performance from Grainne Galvin. Wingbacks Ella Quirke and Cathy Palmer worked their socks off and Alyssa Leen O'Shea was rock solid at centre back until injury when Keelin Enright moved back to cover and did a mighty job there. Rachel Griffin made a huge contribution when introduced and Laura Kelly got in some outstanding blocks on the Southern Gaels forwards.

Shonagh Griffin put in an incredible work rate at Midfield alongside the player of the game Roisin Rahilly.

Our half forwards Ciara Palmer, Keelin Enright and Kate Collins tormented the opposition backline and the inside line of Emer Curran, Emma Leen and Rachel Creedon did very well with limited amounts of ball. Niamh Lynch was very unlucky to not add another goal to last week's, Jill Quirke, Roisin Raggett and Emma Daly all made big contributions when introduced. Missing this evening due to injuries and other commitments were Ciara Kerins, Anna Collins, Charlotte Geary, Sarah Mason and Maura Culloty. We are so proud of the improvements made this year by the team and are so proud of every single one of them and their commitment to the Ballymacelligott Ladies Club in 2020 .

We also congratulate Roisin Rahilly who made the Kerry U16 panel for 2020 even though she underage again in 2021 .

To all the parents and guardians of these mighty ladies, thank you for all the help, encouragement and travelling in this difficult year, our club and community relies on you so much and you always come up trump's for us.

Finally to the coaching team of Donal Rahilly, Anthony Griffin, Siobhan Leen and Sean Hennessy, thank you for your huge commitment to the cause and the Trojan work done over the year.

Minor girls 2020

Again similar to the U16s this group dominated Div2 two years ago so were placed in Div. 1 for this year. The year started very positively when the County Minor panel was announced we had 4 representatives on it! Aisling O'Connell, Cora Savage, Eve Creedon & Ellie McElligott were all named.

A fantastic achievement for the girls, their families and the club.

The competition itself didn't go our way however , for various reasons e.g. work commitments , injuries and sickness we never managed to put our full team out for any game and for us to survive in this division we need all our top players on the pitch . However, the girls performed admirably and bravely despite going under heavily in a couple of games

The minor league began with an away trip to Rathmore; again despite being short a few on the night we played well enough but Rathmore had more quality on the night winning 4-10 to 11pts

Corcha Dhuibhne /Castlegregory/Annascaul came to Ballymac for Rd 2 and inflicted a heavy enough defeat as did Laune Rangers /Cromane in Ballymac as well. The

combinations of these teams were very strong and despite a spirited and willing performance they were much too strong for us.

Sadly we had to concede to Southern Gaels as we couldn't muster 13 girls to play the game which was most unfortunate. Our final game was away to neighbour's Castleisland Desmonds who managed to pull away from us at the end of the game with their ability to get goals on the night.

With many of the girls playing on the senior team as well, the experience of playing in Div. 1 should stand to them. The lessons learnt in decision making when under pressure can only be learnt and corrected. Despite the year panning out as it did this year for the group there are some excellent footballers on this team and should they apply themselves to the standards needed Ballymac LGFA senior team will improve no end .

Special thanks to all who helped out during the year with the team- Dave Keane, Linda Daly, Emma Sweeney, Una Kerins, Robyn Whyte and Siobhan Leen O'Shea. Great to see such involvement with the ladies.

SENIOR LADIES REPORT

What a fantastic year! The year started off in December with a team meeting taking place between players and management. A few issues were discussed and it was agreed that from the start we would all give 100% to each other in terms of attendance and attitude.

Our first training session took place in the hall on January 5th. 23 players came nice and early. It was a sign of things to come.

We entered the Paudi O'Sé tournament that day and set it as our short term goal. Started training on the Astro turf in Castleisland on Tuesday 18th. Players really enjoyed being outdoors. It gave us a chance to play more football and spread things out. It was fantastic.

Paidi O Sé tournament took place on Saturday February 22nd in a wet and cold Gallerrus we had 14 brave girls show up and play their hearts out over two games. We played and lost to Annascaul/Castlegregory and a magnificent Dublin out Ballyboden St Enda.

All though we didn't win it gave us management a great insight into the girls and what needed to be done. From there management created a plan and style of play to work on.

Back to the training field and there was an excitement building within the group for the games to come. Numbers were high and intensity fierce. It was all outdoors from now with our training moved to the Training Pitch.

Everything came to a halt with Covid-19 racing through. Players were given instructions on what to be doing while we were in lockdown and not to waste all the hard work done pre-season.

After 109 days out of football we finally came out of the shadows.

Players and management had to get reeducated on player welfare in regards Covid-19. The club as a whole really came together and held firm in our fight together. The players really took responsibility and made our jobs much easier. Training started again on June 29th. Again 24 girls showed up and preparation was under way for our Junior Championship coming at us.

First challenge match against old friends Annascaul/Castle. Our winning streak had started, our hard work was starting to pay off.

Junior Championship started on August 3rd against Rathmore B. Wins followed for this hard working dedicated team. Wins over Kerins O Rahilly, Beale/Ballyduff and Annascaul/Castle landed us undefeated in the County Final on September 13 behind “closed doors” in Castleisland Desmonds.

A heartbreaking defeat to the stronger Annascaul/Castle on the day meant not only had we lost our winning streak but our years’ work in the County Final. On the day it just wasn’t meant to be.

We came together again and put together some sessions for North Kerry. The girls went out to Dingle with low numbers but put a mighty performance together and won a great game. Spirits were improving after the earlier loss.

Unfortunately the Covid-19 came again and shut us down completely for the year.

Training sessions held—26

Cancelled sessions due to weather —2

Cancelled session due to low numbers —1

GAMES

Paidi o Se —2

Challenge —2

Junior Championship—6

North Kerry —1.

THANKS

Massive thanks to our Ladies Chairperson, Sean Hennessy, who was an ever present ear on the phone. He helped with everything which was personally a great support. As well as all that he also managed to get the team sponsored half zips for the county final from Sports Direct.

Also Pa White, who worked tirelessly in the background with all fixtures and problems. These two men along with Fionnan Fitzgerald and Kerry-Ann Hennessey made our ladies club the envy of most clubs with their inspirational work in regards to Live Streaming all our games when the gates were locked to parents and friends. They followed us on wet days and dry days through wins and losses. Commentating like seasoned Pros without hesitation. I know some grandparents got to see their grandkids playing maybe for the first time. Thank you again from the whole community.

To the ladies club PRO Veronica another thank you. You were always on hand to make sure reports went out and the players got their fair share of attention on social media.

To the senior club committee a massive thank you for having the main pitch for us and having everything in great order.

To team sponsor Johnny McElligott of Séan Ógs bar in Tralee, who hosted team and management after the county final in Sean Ogs. The food and space was much needed after the final to de-compress. Thank you again Johnny.

Forgive me if I have left anyone or anything out. It's been a crazy year.

Yours in Sport,
Linda Daly
Anthony Curran
David Keane

COUNTY:

Congratulations: The ladies club would like to congratulate Emma Sweeney who was nominated to be Assistant Sec to Kerry GAA Board. Our heartiest congratulations to you Emma and no doubt you will be a great addition to the Kerry GAA Board.

Our own Anthony Curran stood down as Treasurer of the Kerry Ladies Board, Anthony certainly brought great guidance in his role as Treasurer putting the finances of Kerry ladies football in good order to which great credit is deserved , thankfully Anthony continues his role in Kerry ladies as Asst Treasurer and we wish him well in his new role.

Our Ladies Club would like to congratulate six club players who had the distinction of being named on our Kerry Ladies County teams this year, at U14 was Kate Collins, at U16 Roisin Rahilly and Minor level were Aishling O'Connell, Cora Savage, Ellie McElligott and Eve Creedon. It's a great sign to see the increasing

number of club players being picked to play for our county teams and hopefully many , many more to come. It's such a great reflection on the work put into them by our coaches and mentors. Thanks to Donal, Anthony and Ger for the following reports

MINOR :

Ballymac Quartet make Kerry Minor Ladies Football Panel for 2020

Needless to say the Ballymacelligott GAA club as a whole and indeed the entire parish are so proud of the incredible achievement of having 4 girls on the Kerry Minor Ladies Football Panel for 2020.

This truly was some going and a great endorsement of our ladies club and the way they do their business.

After months of trials in all sorts of weather Aisling O'Connell, Eve Creedon, Cora Savage and Ellie McElligott made the panel.

Their first game was Round 1 of the Munster Minor Championship V Tipperary held in John Mitchell's on Sunday 1st March 2020. They had a very good 7-12 to 1-04 victory. Aisling started the game at midfield while Eve and Cora made appearances on the day also. The following week they were due to play Cork but the dreaded CoronaVirus then kicked in. Despite a few attempts the competition was never completed. This was really disappointing as the team were expected to be in the running to give the All Ireland a right rattle. However, it does not take away from the fantastic achievement by the girls in making it and by Ballymacelligott Ladies club, only formed 10 years earlier, to have players of that ability competing with the very best. The future is indeed very bright.

Baile Mhic Ealagoid Abu.

KERRY U16 S

All Kerry Ladies underage teams were massively impacted by the pandemic but the U16 team were 2 days from commencement of their competition when it was cruelly cut short by Covid which was very disappointing for all involved. Despite this there were a lot of positives to be taken from the season, once trials were completed in December 2019 a panel was picked for the year ahead & Ballymacelligotts Róisín Rahilly was selected on the panel . Up until the 1st lockdown in March they had quality training Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Caherslee and the group were introduced to S & C sessions in Bounce gym on Thursdays evenings in Tralee . Challenge games v Limerick , Tralee IT & Galway were benefiting the group. On lockdown the management team were very proactive in keeping the group busy with weekly challenges and S & C work done online .

Róisín performed very well in the challenge games and benefited positively from the experience despite no actual championship game being played .

KERRY U14'S

Following a number of trials games in late 2019 Ballymac u14 player Kate Collins was selected for the 2020 Kerry u14 Ladies panel.

Training began pre-Christmas and challenge games against Waterford, Galway and Roscommon were played in preparation for the Munster Championship.

On February 22nd in U.L Kerry topped their Group with wins over Clare and Limerick with Kate playing her part in both games.

This set up a Munster Final against Cork(who topped the other Group).

The emergence of a deadly virus saw this game continually put off.

Throughout the Year the panel continued training as individuals and as a squad(when permitted)hoping the game could go ahead at some stage.

Unfortunately due to continuous lockdowns it didn't take place.

Kate and many of her Clubmates making County panels is testament to the great work being done within the Club promoting Ladies Football.

THANKS

We like to thank Sean Hennessy, Kerry Hennessy and Fionnan Fitzgearld who made a fantastic contribution to the club by facilitating our Senior games to be live streamed online. This ensured that people within the club could watch our Senior Ladies matches including our Junior C Final to which both Sean and Fionnan were co- commentators for the game. We had in excess of 5,500 people who viewed the final .

Also want to say our thanks to all parents of club players who allowed their children to partake in training and games this year. THANK YOU PARENTS !!!

Thanks also goes to our P.R.O Veronica O'Donnell whose tireless work in ensuring updates, match reports, photos are promoted on our social media platforms,

To our sponsors, thank you for your continued contributions to the Ladies Club. Without our sponsors we would be lost. A great deed is truly acknowledged and we very much appreciate our sponsors and their support.

Finally, with the unknown still ahead as to when we resume our football activities, I just ask all our players, coaches / mentors , supporters to continue to follow Covid-19 safety guidelines. If any parent could make themselves available to help out this year could forward their name to any officer or coaches within the club your help would be most welcomed. Happy New Year to all.