



## Ladies Committee Secretary Report

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It is with great pleasure that I provide a report on behalf of the Ladies Committee for this AGM. After the low of 2020, we kicked off the new season on 1<sup>st</sup> May with tentative hope for a better season and we weren't disappointed. Despite Covid, we had almost 80 girls pass across the green fields of the Peace Link and St Tiarnachs park. We were able to field competitive teams at U14 and U12 along with our non-competitive teams at U8 and U10. We also had 4 girls overage for U14 who sought permission to play with Eire Og, Killeevan and Aghabog.

At the end of 2020, we had been successful in our application for Super Games. Unfortunately, Covid thwarted the running of this programme but we have the go-ahead for early 2022. The committee will continue to push forward with additional age groups so that we can provide football for any girl who wants to play. The aim for 2022 will be to register an U16's team. Cognisant of this, we have made an application to the LGFA to participate in their Gaelic 4 Teens programme. Successful clubs will be notified mid-December. During the year, we also made 2 Grant Applications for €1,000 both of which were successful – making Frankie a very happy man.

We are nothing without our coaches and volunteers. Finian, Orla, Kerry, Finbarr, Teresa, Fintan, Brian, Sharon, Alexia, Nuala, Ann, Orla – thank you for your drive, your energy and enthusiasm.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks all sponsors of the club but particularly John Slowey, Carafinn Foods and Finbarr Dunwoody, FJD Surveyors. Your support is so important to us.

We would also like to thank the Club Executive, both past and present, for firstly taking those initial steps to bring ladies football back to Clones and secondly for their continued support and backing. The formalising of the Men and Ladies as a "One Club" at the start of 2021 is testament to this.

Last but not least, we would also like to thank the parents who continue to support the club in so many ways – membership, sponsorship, taxis to matches and training, the jersey washers and the coffee runs! When everyone gives a little, it adds up to a lot.

Although we have no silverware at the end of this year, we do not count our successes in trophies and medals. Success is in every girl who turns up to wear the Clones jersey. The future of Clones Ladies is bright and hopefully some day, not too far away, we will see Clones Senior Ladies take to the field.

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Secretary, Ladies Committee

***If she can't see it, she can't be it***