

Crois Darach CLG

Club Development Plan

2023-2028





1. Aitheasc An Chathaoirligh / Chairperson's Address

Chairman's Address



It is with great pride that I introduce to you this comprehensive plan for the continued development of Darragh Cross GAC and the wider community. This plan will provide us with a structured approach to the development of our club, games and community over the next three to five years through to 2028. Darragh Cross GAC has always been an ambitious club, striving for excellence at every opportunity. Previous generations have had their vision for the future of our club. They have handed down a legacy of success on the pitch and excellent facilities off it. Now is our opportunity to write a new chapter in our clubs' history and hand over the same legacy to future generations. This plan centres around two key themes - Club and Community. Building a strong relationship between these two pillars will drive our club to new heights, both on and off the playing field. Our plan will provide the framework to achieve just that. Finally, I wish to sincerely thank all the officers of the club and the club committee, both past and present, for the work they have done in contributing to the development of this plan.

Le meas,

Pat Mc Mahon

Cathaoirleach



2. Stair An Chumainn / A Brief History Of Our Club

Crois Darach CLG/Darach Cross GAC, or to give the club its proper title, Noah Mochais CLC, was founded in 1964 by several brave and visionary Gaels from within the local community. The first pitch was a less than appropriate field located on the main Darragh Road, where the founding members would prepare for the club's inaugural football match v Kilclief. The men of Darragh were victorious while in the same year the minor team beat Newtownards to win the North Down League 4-14, 2-1. In later years, the club went on to also establish a senior hurling team which saw outstanding success and soon gained much respect from within the hurling



Betsy Gray Cup - 2005

teams across the county. The first success was in 1983 when the hurlers won the Special Junior Championship. This victory was the start of a long list of hurling success which included four Junior Championships 1986, 1991, 2001, 2005, three league wins 1983, 1988, 2000 and two Betsy Gray Cups 2000, 2005. However, the biggest hurling success came with beating a strong Ballygalget side to win the 1992 Intermediate Hurling Championship. Camogie was also established in the club and soon brought silverware with several Junior Championship wins in 2006, 2011 and in 2022, when the Camogs beat



Intermediate Hurling Champions - 1992



Down Intermediate Football Championship

2004, and 2006



and reached intermediate championship finals three times in recent years. But the club recognises that the future is with its youth, and we will continue to invest in youth to produce strong teams for the future. We also strive to promote our rich and flourishing heritage, culture and language amongst our membership and wider community. We continue to participate in the Scor and will encourage our members to show case their talents through our native music, poetry, dance, language, and drama.

Newry Shamrocks to lift the Junior Championship Shield. Senior football in the club continues to be strong and has seen significant success across all age groups.

The seniors have won several league titles including 1994,



Div 3 League Winners 2004



3. An Próiseas Pleanála / The Planning Process

In line with GAA guidance, the executive committee agreed to put in place a plan that would guide the club's growth over next three to five years. The plan would build on the strengths and successes of the club and give it a road map for improvement over the next number of years.

In creating the plan, the club wanted it to:

- Be constructed around the values and traditions of the club,
- Be created by club members and mentors,
- Maximise participation across all areas of the club,
- Provide a roadmap for the club's future development.

We agreed that the plan should be for everyone—most importantly the players, members and parents and must have clear and understandable objectives. We agreed that the process needs to begin with listening to the members of the Club, but also recognised that it was equally important that we carefully listen to the wider community, non-members and other stakeholders. Consultation took place over a 4-week period, which included a community survey where everyone had the opportunity to express their views and provide feedback to the club development committee. The views, ideas, and comments were all taken onboard and helped shape the strategic Club development plan

The actions and desired outcomes will be reviewed annually against the targets defined and will be refined and developed. Other areas may well emerge and be included as the planning process evolves over the coming years. A key outcome from the process is that the Club should keep on using this strategic planning methodology and continue to survey its members and the community so everyone has their say in the future direction of Darragh Cross GAC.

Development Committee appointed:

- Paul O'Callaghan
- Pat Mc Mahon
- Aidan Mc Sorley
- Kieran Fitzpatrick
- Georgette Mc Alinden
- Tracey Milligan
- Paul Sheridan



4. Cuspóir, Fís Agus Luachanna / Purpose, Vision and Values

OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to promote Gaelic games, culture and lifelong participation as a community-based, volunteer-led organisation which enriches lives and communities.

We are dedicated to ensuring that our games and values enrich the lives of our members, families, and the communities we serve.

- We are committed to active lifelong participation for all.
- We provide safe and inclusive facilities and environments for everyone.
- We are committed to applying a sustainable development ethos to managing our resources and activities.
- We actively seek to engage with and include all members of our society.
- We promote individual development and well-being
- We will strive to enable all our members to achieve their full potential in their chosen roles.

OUR VISION

Our vision is a sustainable community-based and volunteer-led Association where as many as possible, participate in Gaelic games and culture, for as long as possible.

OUR VALUES

Community Identity

- Community and Club 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
- We support our members in contributing to the well-being of their respective communities

Amateur Status

- All our players and members participate in our games as amateurs
- We provide a games programme at all levels to meet the needs of all our players

Respect

- We respect each other on and off the playing field
- We operate with integrity
- We listen to 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 to enjoy our sports and reach their potential
- As with our players, we value the welfare and wellbeing of all our members



- We safeguard our position as the leading amateur games organisation in the world.

Inclusiveness

- We welcome everybody to be part of our Association
- We are open to diverse opinions and cultures while respecting our Irish heritage and language
- We cater for all abilities

Teamwork and Volunteerism

- We are a volunteer-led and democratic organisation
- We flourish through the voluntary efforts of our membership
- Our voluntary ethos inspires the engagement of members in the broader community
- The cornerstone of our Association and sustainability is effective teamwork on and off the field.

“A club at the heart of the community, committed to inclusion and respect”





5. Comhthéacs Straitéiseach / Strategic Context

Darragh Cross GAC or Naomh Mochais CLG is in the village of Darragh Cross, within the parish of Saintfield and Carrickmannon. The parish has a youthful population of just over 4000 with 22% of the residents estimated to be under the age of 16. The area has a growing population and over recent years has seen considerable new housing development. As a Club, we anticipate this will help provide a solid platform to enable us to continue to grow our membership base over the next three to five years. Darragh Cross GAC foundations are based in the heart of the local community. We design and grow our development programmes and events through involving and listening to the needs of the community. As a club, we currently have over 300 registered members, with a variety of roles within the club, including players past and present, parents, volunteers, committee members and coaches. We have developed teams from U6 through to Senior Reserve and Senior level. We have successfully increased our female participation in the code of camogie with both senior and underage teams and most recently we have established a Gaelic for Mothers and Others (G4MO) team.

To help shape the 3-5 year strategic plan, a community survey was carried out to ensure everyone had opportunity to have their say. All feedback and comments in the survey will be taken seriously and considered by the executive committee.

Summary of Key Research Findings:

26% of respondents were non members

21% stated they would join the club

51% do not currently volunteer for the club

68% will support funding raising events

41% would like to see hurling return to the club

39% stated they would like to see Ladies Gaelic Football (LGF) established in the club



What we could do better ?

- *Better use of the club hall facility for activities both social and other*
- *More Irish language signage and Irish cultural events*
- *More community-based events*
- *Activities other than GAA*
- *Get more parents involved in coaching*
- *Get more people involved in volunteering*
- *Promote camogie better*
- *Improved communication with the community*

What we do well ?

- *Good underage coaching and structures*
- *Infrastructure and facilities development*
- *Bringing the community together*
- *Providing focus for children*
- *Standard of coaching*
- *Good engagement with the schools*
- *Providing activities and mentoring for our youth*
- *Robust child safeguarding policies*

6. Straitéis / Strategy

Key Focus Area 1. Cóitseáil & Forbairt Cluichí / Coaching And Games Development

By 3-5 years we will be able to say...

“The Club remains committed to placing tremendous effort on having a top-quality coaching system and structure, ensuring games and enjoyment for all players, while helping them reach their full potential.”

Games are the essence of what a GAA club is about, and all children should have the opportunity to experience playing our great Gaelic games. To help achieve this goal, the Club has established close relationships with our schools and is currently delivering coaching sessions in St Caolans PS, Millennium IPS, Academy PS and St Josephs PS. We aim to



provide a safe environment in which all players are encouraged to express themselves ,

develop the skills of the game , build their self-esteem, grow their confidence while making new friends and feeling part of a greater community. Through our coaching, programmes, and activities we are helping to provide your children with the skills and attributes

(academic, professional and social) to help them on their life journey. We also endeavour to help all our players to look after their mental health, a key priority for the club across all ages. We believe each player should embark on a defined player pathway from underage to adult games and along that journey , it is our duty of care to assist them in fulfilling their full potential, to have a positive enjoyable experience and to encourage all to then give back to the new upcoming players.



Key Projects:

CLUB COACHING OFFICER

We will appoint a Club Coaching Officer, who will be chairperson of the Coaching and Games Subcommittee. He / She will have responsibility for managing the affairs of the committee and for overseeing all coaching and games related activities and policies.

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 the relevant experience and 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. The



chairman of this committee will sit on the Club Executive Committee and will provide a report to each meeting.

CHILDREN'S OFFICER

The Children's Officer key responsibility will be to ensure the implementation and promotion of the GAA Child Protection Codes and Guidelines in our club, to ensure that our young people can participate, enjoy and benefit from our Gaelic Games in safe and enjoyable surroundings.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

The School Liaison Officer will form close ties with the local Primary School to help cement the participation of all children in the club. They will visit the school on a regular basis to maximise the coaching support provided.

#	Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Responsibility
1.1	Appoint Club Coaching Officer	To oversee all coaching and games related activity managed through a subcommittee	2023	Executive Committee
1.2	Establish a coaching and games development subcommittee	To oversee all aspects of games development in the Club, including identifying new coaches in the community, encouraging parents to become involved in coaching and ensure a consistent approach to coaching across the club.	2023	Club coaching officer
1.3	Club-School link in place. Club-School liaison officer appointed	To cement the relationship between the local schools (primary & secondary/grammar) and the Club and ensure that the children are receiving GAA coaching.	2023	Club coaching officer
1.4	Identify and train match first aiders	Have trained first aiders at all coaching sessions and matches to ensure the health and safety of our players.	2023	Club medical officer-
1.5	Ensure more Football, Hurling and Camogie are played in our local schools	More pupils engaging in GAA sports and joining the club	2023-2028	Club-School liaison officer
1.6	Appoint an underage Ladies Gaelic Football Coach (LGF) coach	Conduct a trial of underage LGF to establish initial interest and feasibility	2024 – when pitch expansion is completed.	Executive Committee
1.7	Appoint an underage hurling development coach	Conduct a trial of underage hurling to establish initial interest and feasibility	2024 – when pitch expansion is completed.	Executive Committee

1.8	Ensure all coaches have the required level of knowledge and experience of their code to act as coaches.	To ensure coaches can maximise the benefits they bring to their teams and can get the most out of the players they coach.	2023-2028	Club coaching officer
1.9	Ensure all underage coaches have the necessary child protection training and vetting/Access NI	To ensure the safety and welfare of all underage player and their coaches.	2023-2028	Children's officer
10.0	Club Defibrillator in place and coaches trained in its use	To ensure the medical safety of all players, coaches and spectators	2023-2028	Club medical officer

Key Focus Area 2. Forbairt An Chumainn & Áiseanna / Club Development and Facilities

In 3-5 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.”

We are very proud of our facilities at Darragh Cross GAC which are a great achievement for a small rural club. Our main playing field is in very good condition but can often be overused, especially when conditions are poor. We would like to develop further options to take the pressure off the main pitch. We aim to develop the number of pitches and the overall club facilities to ensure all teams, both underage and senior have the necessary facilities to maximise their sporting excellence in a safe and enjoyable setting. We aim to improve our facilities and have several projects lined up for the coming years. This includes a major project to extend the clubhouse facilities which will include, a viewing gallery, social function area and multipurpose state of the art gym. This will be a key project for the club which can only be delivered with the full support of the wider community.

Key Projects:



Development of Second Pitch – We have acquired land adjacent to the existing training pitch and will develop this into a second pitch with floodlights, and ball catchers.

Development of Ball Wall - We will develop a ball wall adjacent to the clubhouse fully equipped to help with skills development.

Development of Third Pitch – Land will be acquired for the development of a third pitch.



Play Park – We have developed a playpark at the entrance to the grounds for use by the children of the wider community and will continue to ensure it is available for the community.

raise the necessary funding to complete construction. This will be the biggest project undertaken as part of



Extension to clubhouse – We have submitted planning permission for the extension to the clubhouse and will start preparations to

our latest plan. It is important that we develop a facility which can continue to meet the ever-increasing needs of our club and leave a first-class facility for all our members and the wider community to



enjoy.

	Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Responsibility
2.1	Commence development of second pitch adjacent to existing training pitch	Fully complete development of training pitch for use by all codes	2023	Development Committee/Executive committee
2.2	Complete stage 1 of second pitch development	Carry out all necessary works to complete the playing surface of the second pitch	2023	Development Committee/Executive committee
2.3	Install catch nets, goal posts and floodlights on second pitch	Have pitch completed with all necessary infrastructure.	2024-2025	Development Committee/Executive committee
2.4	Complete playpark	Have fully completed playpark ready for use by the youth of the area.	2023	Development Committee/Executive committee
2.5	Design extension to clubhouse facilities and submit planning permission	Have planning permission fully in place with building control reference number	2023	Development Committee
2.6	Carry out community survey of those willing to use new club facilities including gym	Have evidence that club extension and facilities will be used by the community to help achieve grant funding	2023	Development Committee
2.7	Secure funding to commence building the new club facilities	Have sufficient funding in place from grants and community support to complete the clubhouse extension	2024 - 2027	Finance Committee
2.8	Acquire land for the development of a third pitch	Development of a third pitch to meet the growing demand for pitch playing area.	2023-2028	Development Committee/Executive committee



Key Focus Area 3. Airgeadas & Tiomsú Airgid / Finance And Fundraising

In 3-5 years, the Club wants to say:

“Our Club is successful in fundraising and in financial management in supporting the continued development of our Club. We have new and innovative fundraising ideas and have new people helping in the fundraising efforts”

The club will develop a finance model to enable it to separate day to day finance requirements and future development requirements. Finance and fundraising activities will consistently communicate the “clubs’ vision” through its activities and leverage the “clubs’ vision” to optimise fundraising activities. The club will endeavour to provide sponsors and investors with as much visibility and recognition as possible, including demonstrating and communicating return on investment where applicable. The Subcommittee will report to the “clubs executive committee” and liaise with other subcommittees to establish the financial needs of the club to deliver on the “clubs’ vision” and development plan.

Key Projects: Finance and Fundraising Subcommittee: We will appoint a subcommittee to take care of finance and fundraising in the Club. The Club Treasurer will act as Chairperson of this committee and will present a report at the Club Executive Committee meeting. The subcommittee will organise fundraising events for the Club and can assist the club treasurer who will lead the preparation of a budget for the Club each year and prepare the accounts for the AGM.

#	Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Responsibility
3.1	We will appoint a finance and fundraising sub-committee to manage all fundraising matters relating the Club	Have a fundraising subcommittee outside of the executive committee to support all fund-raising activities within the club	2023	Treasurer
3.2	Avail of all grants	Ensure applications are submitted for all relevant grants.	2023-2028	Fundraising sub-committee
3.3	Promote lotto	Maintain and increase lotto tickets sales	2023-2028	Lotto committee
3.4	Investigate other fundraising events and activities, social and community.	Confirm a list of potential fund-raising and social events including maximising use of main hall, summer activities, community initiatives.	2023-2028	Fundraising sub-committee
3.5	Endeavour to clear all outstanding loans and debts	To encourage fund raising and ensure 100% of income is used to cover club overheads and for club development purposes.	2023	Fundraising sub-committee
3.6	Provide an update on club finances at each committee meeting in line with GAA Club Maith guidance	Good financial governance and transparency is established	2023-2028	Treasure



Key Focus Area 4. Bainistíocht An Chumainn Club Management

In five years, our Club 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 demonstrates good leadership and we have increased number of people volunteering in the Club.”

The Executive Committee elected annually at convention shall comprise of the serving officers of the club as laid down in the Club Constitution. The Club Constitution will be updated annually after each AGM to serve as the key governing document for club administration. It is there to both guide and protect the work of all club officers and club members.

This plan lays out a new club structure, which is proposing to share an increasing workload that is now involved in running our club. It also intends to allow for equal and inclusive representation by putting in place reporting structures which will deliver the aims of this plan. The newly formed committees will be vital to the success of this work. The Executive Committee will be responsible at the beginning of each year for the appointment of all sub-committee’s members. The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all sub- committees.

Executive committee members:

Chairperson – Pat Mc Mahon
Vice Chairperson – Gareth McGovern
Secretary – Marie-Louise Sloan
Vice Secretary – Cathy McMahon
Treasure – Paul Sheridan
Asst Treasure Aidan Mc Sorley
Registrar – Eugene Murray
PRO – Daniel Murray
County Board Representative – Kieran Fitzpatrick/Club Medical Officer

Irish Language and Cultural Officer – Michael McGreevy
Players Representative – Rory Miskelly
Children’s Officer – Naomi Carson
Coaching Officer – Gareth Quinn
Camogie Representative – Claire Miskelly
Healthy Club Officer – Paul McLaughlin
Development Officer – Paul O Callaghan
Social Officer – Eoin Sweeney
Maintenance Officer – Martin Keating



#	Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Responsibility
4.1	Appoint Health & Wellbeing Subcommittee	To oversee all aspects Health & Wellbeing within the Club, including identifying and delivering new initiatives to serve all members and the local community.	2023	Healthy Club Officer
4.2	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	2023	Healthy Club Officer
4.3	Develop a Critical Incident Response Plan	Outlines the strategic approach to planning and implementing a response to a critical incident	2023	Healthy Club Officer
4.4	Register as a GAA Healthy Club and commence an 18 month Journey to achieve Foundation level accreditation	Seek to make the club setting /environment as healthy as possible and set a good example through new practices, policies, and partnerships.	2024-2026	Healthy Club Subcommittee
4.5	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	2023-2028	Registrar
4.6	Plan Implementation	To monitor, review and action the implementation of the club plan	2023-2028	Development/Executive Committee
4.7	All decisions taken by the Committee are minuted and agreed through proper and formal due process	To ensure good governance and recording of all decisions.	2023-2028	Executive Committee
4.8	No decisions that impact the members, reputation or constitution of the club will be taken without agreement of the committee	To protect the reputation of the club and all its members.	2023-2028	Executive Committee



Key Focus Area 5. Cultúr, Pobal & Caidreamh Poiblí Culture, Community & PR

In 3-5 years, our Club will be able to say:

“Our Club is a vibrant, open, and inclusive sporting, cultural and social organisation within our local community. All our members, families, friends and wider community feel connected to the Club and are informed of all planned activities and events that are happening in the Club.”

Key Projects:

Club Culture and Communications Subcommittees

We will establish a communications subcommittee whose remit will include: (i) A review of all existing communications in the Club (ii) Establishment and maintain a clear and consistent communications policy and methods (iii) Promote events that positively impact the clubs standing with our members



and community. We will establish a cultural subcommittee. The cultural subcommittee will make every effort to promote the use of the Irish language and culture. At the start of each year the cultural subcommittee will agree a list of events and activities to promote Irish culture. The proposed list will be presented to the executive committee and once agreed will



be promoted through the relevant communications channels.

“teanga agus cultúr na hÉireann a chur chun cinn”





#	Action	Outcome Sought	Timescale	Responsibility
5.1	Appoint Chair of PR committee	Chair to have oversight and management of all club Communications and PR activity	2023 -2028	Executive Committee
5.2	Appointment of members of Communications and PR subcommittee	To establish a communications framework and oversee all channels of communication within the Club.	2023-2028	Chair of Communications and PR sub-Committee
5.3	Maintain content on Club social media using Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and public notice board	PRO supported by panel of news contributors representing every team and committee in the Club. A process for gathering news content is established.	2023-2028	Communications and PR sub-Committee
5.4	Develop and maintain a set of guidelines and policies for the use of social media by club members, coaches, and committee.	To ensure consistent language messaging and controlled communication standards. To avoid any potential for abuse of the club, its players, or its members.	2023-2028	Communications and PR sub-Committee
5.5	Publish regular Club notes, newsletters and any other communications established	Have a monthly newsletter both online and paper to inform the community of Club news/notices. Promote Club/Community engagement.	2023-2028	Communications and PR sub-Committee
5.6	Provide regular updates of club activity to the wider community and promote community engagement	That all in the wider community feel fully informed about club activity and progress and allow for those who may not be on club social media channels	2023-2028	Communications and PR sub-Committee
5.7	Establish Irish cultural sub-committee to promote the Irish language and culture	Encourage everyone to enjoy the Irish language, culture, music.	2023-2024	Irish Language Officer
5.8	Increase permanent Irish language signage	To help the promotion and learning of the language	2023-2028	Irish Language Officer
5.9	Agree annual list of Irish cultural events and activities for the club	To give everyone the chance to enjoy Irish culture through the club	2023	Irish Language Officer
6.0	Communicate the list of Irish cultural events to club members and wider community	To maximise attendance and support for the events and help attract wider community involvement	2023-2028	Irish Language Officer



7. Feidhmiú & Athbhreithniú Meicníochta An Phlean / Implementation And Review

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 three years. The Club Executive Committee has put in place a Development Subcommittee, which will meet on a quarterly basis and assess the progress being made against the Plans stated objectives. The Subcommittee, which will report directly to the Club Executive Committee 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 the goals and objectives. If necessary, the Plan will be modified and adapted as required. The Committee will also be responsible for communicating any modified Plan to all Club members.

8. Aitheantas / Acknowledgements and Support

All the actions contained within this Club Development Plan came from the membership and from the wider community that engaged in the process. A huge thank you is due to everyone who gave their time so freely to give feedback during the planning process, to suggest the actions needed to see the plan delivered. They have all provided their “vision” of where they would like Darragh Cross/Crois Darach CLG to be in the next three to five years. A final word of thanks goes to the members of our Club development committee for their work in the preparation and realisation of this Plan. But as we move through 2023, we ask that the whole club and more importantly the whole community roll in behind actively supporting the delivery of the plan. The club and its facilities are here for the whole community and especially for your children. Be part of improving the life and wellbeing of your children through the sport, activities, and friends they will meet at the club. Be part of leaving a legacy for the generations that will follow us and help us deliver our three to five year vision for the Club.

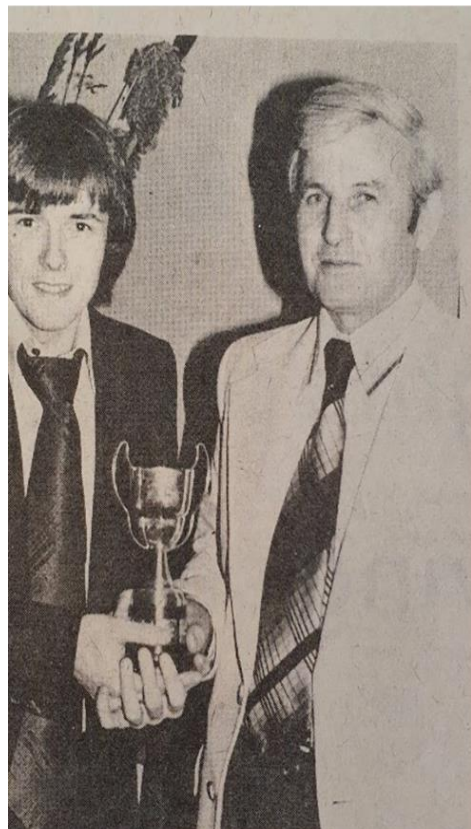
I personally ask that you help support the club and our vision by becoming a member, player, or volunteer. Everyone in the community has a part to play, no matter how small, so contact me or any member of the committee, if you would like to join in our journey.

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Mr. Rooney presents the 'Sportsman of the Year' trophy to Eamonn Mullan at Darragh Cross GFC's annual dinner in the Park House Inn, Drumaness, on Friday night.



Officials and prizewinners who attended Darragh Cross GAC's annual presentation dinner at the Abbey Lodge Hotel on Friday night. PHOTOS: Jim Miskimmin.



The Darragh Cross side which won the Feis Sovens hurling title were presented with their awards at the club's annual presentation dinner.



**DARRAGH CROSS
DOWN SPECIAL JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPS, 1983**
Back: J. Burns, M. McClements, G. Smith, P. Murray, J. Flynn, S. McGreevey, M. Murray, M. Donnelly, P. Nugent.
Centre: L. Murray, O. Murray, L. Swail, E. Murray, B. Jones, P. McGreevey, F. Murray, J. Murray.
Front: T. Casey, M. McGreevey, K. Murray, M. Sweeney, J. McMullan.



Members of the Darragh Cross GFC's committee who organised the annual dinner dance in the Park House Inn, Drumaness on Friday night.



Members and friends of Darragh Cross GFC who held their annual presentation dinner in the Park House Inn, Drumaness on Friday night.

A BOLD LOOK TO THE FUTURE

ST. MOCHAI'S GAC, Darragh Cross, are taking ambitious steps to improve their facilities at the little ground which is tucked away in the heart of the townland.

The committee hope to build a new complex, incorporating a new pitch, clubhouse and changing rooms. Phase one of the extensive programme began this week with the levelling of the soil, an operation which will cost in the region of £60,000.

When the entire programme is complete, the club hope to have a pitch completely surrounded by a rising bank with car parking facilities and trees enclosing the entire complex.

The club was formed in 1983 and over the years it has been steadily improving its facilities.

To help pay for the costs the club has been fundraising over the past number of years. Shortly they will hold a 350 members draw with £100 in prize money going each week and a star prize of £1,000 going every 17 weeks.

Anyone wishing to help out should contact officials of the club.

St. Mochai's GAC (Darragh Cross) chairman, Mr. Thomas Murray, casts his eye over the model of the new complex which the club hope to complete in the not-to-distant future. Included are Mr. Robert Oagle (left), works engineer and Mr. Pat Mageean.

Memories



**Go raibh maith agat as do chuid
tacaíochta.**