**Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 4/11/19**

**Minor Camogie girls are county champions!**

Kilbree camogie girls completed the “double” on Saturday. They defeated Clonakilty to win the minor camogie county championship. The girls had won the county league, defeating Castlemartyr, earlier in the season. This is the first year that Kilbree camogie club has fielded a minor team so this is a truly incredible achievement. They girls defeated Erins Own, Cobh and Castlemartyr in the earlier rounds of the championship. The club’s junior team also won the county championship against Rockban in 2019. There will be great celebrations at the club’s victory dinner dance on January 4th 2020.

Kilbree lost the toss and played against a strong wind in the first half. However, Kilbree started very brightly and led by 2-1 to 0-1 within ten minutes, thanks to scores from Caoimhe Murphy, Aife O’Neill and Mairead Crowley. However, from this point on, Clonakilty took advantage of the wind especially with frees. The score at half time was Kilbree 2-2 Clonakilty 0-7.

Against the run of play, Clonakilty scored an early second half goal to put them two points up. This was the only time in the match where Clonakilty took the lead. In the final twenty minutes of this match, Kilbree dominated all over the field. Heather Brimble made some fine saves in goal. Kilbree’s backs lead by Rachel Deasy and Emily O’Donovan were rock solid throughout the entire match. A sublime overhead swing in front of goal netted Caoimhe Murphy a super goal. Maeve O’Neill ably assisted by her sister Aife netted another great goal. Mairead Crowley’s accuracy from frees settled the team and put the final result beyond doubt. There were great scenes of jubilation when the final whistle sounded. The final score was Kilbree 5-7 Clonakilty 1-7.

Mairead Crowley was awarded the “player of the match” accolade. Captain Leanne Sheehy was delighted to accept the cup on behalf of her team.

Well done to Tony O’Neill, Aidan O’Shea, Anna O’Neill and Deirdre O’Leary for their great work with this team. Thanks to all the parents who have helped out during the year, the loyal supporters and most of all the girls themselves for an incredible year.

Team: Heather Brimble, Sarah O’Donovan, Rachel Deasy, Katie Lancaster, Margaret Collins, Kate O’Donovan, Jessica O’Driscoll, Mary Murphy (0-1), Emily O’Donovan, Rebecca Hurley, Caoimhe Murphy (2-1), Mairead Crowley (1-5), Aife O’Neill (1-0), Leanne Sheehy (captain), Maeve O’Neill (1-0), Lorna O’Brien, Alice O’Donovan and Alison Collins.