

## **Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes & Photos 5/11/18**

### **Kevin O'Donovan appointed Cork GAA secretary/CEO**

The family, members of Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA and the close-knit rural community of Rossmore were immensely proud when the announcement was made about Kevin's impending appointment as Cork GAA secretary/CEO. Kevin has been involved in our club since childhood. His family are steeped in tradition in the club, his father Tom is President and his family are avid supporters of all club affairs. Kevin was an instrumental part and driving force behind the extensive development of club facilities, including new dressing rooms, ball alley, meeting rooms and playing areas.

Kevin has served in many roles in the adult/underage club including secretary, chairman, registrar, coach, selector, manager and coaching officer. Kevin has inspired and supported many other people within the club, in different roles. Kevin has trained teams extensively at underage/adult level for many years. The great success of adult and underage teams at all levels, in recent years, is testament to Kevin's coaching talents but also his hard work and dedication. Kevin has established and run annual Cul Camps and coached in the local school nursery programme. Kevin's coaching talents have been widely acknowledged at county and national level, as GDA, development squads administrator, county coaching officer and Cork GAA vice-chair.

Kevin is a dairy farmer and has also been successful in the world of amateur drama. He has received many accolades as an actor but remarkably also directed the Rossmore Drama Group to an All-Ireland winning performance. Kevin is a member of the GAA National Fixtures Analysis Committee, chairs the Cork GAA Competitions Control Committee. He holds a B. Agr. Sc. degree and a Ph.D from University College Dublin, along with a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from University College Cork.

Kevin lined out at full forward last Sunday, when the club's second team defeated Ballinascorthy in the championship final. The veteran forward scored some great frees and an all important goal that ensured victory. This was a most historic occasion for the club and Kevin, a future Cork GAA secretary/CEO still showing he has the magic touch on the field of play.

## **Junior C Hurling Final**

Kilbree's Junior C hurling team played Ballinascarthy on Sunday morning in the championship and league final. The match was played in Ahiohill in damp wintry conditions. Both sides were evenly matched. Kilbree's points came from Jack Coffey, Michael Mennis and some excellent free taking by Kevin O'Donovan. A goal by Kevin O'Donovan just before half time put the distance between the teams. Kilbree lead 1-6 to 0-5 at half time.

Kilbree dominated a little more in the second half. Some fine defending kept Ballinascarthy at bay. The final score was Kilbree 1-13 Ballinascarthy 0-12. Kevin O'Donovan scored 1-8 out of the total Kilbree tally.

Captain Seamus Tobin was delighted to receive the cup on behalf of his team. Congratulations to everyone involved with this team including selectors DJ Daly and Kevin O'Donovan.

## **Junior A Hurling**

The Junior A hurlers played Lisgoold in Blarney on Sunday afternoon, in the county league semi-final. Lisgoold poached an early goal. However Martin O'Donovan came back with the perfect reply, a goal of his own. Darragh Coakley, Ray Collins, Damien O'Gorman and Dylan Coffey scored some fine points. Kilbree finished the first half strongly and lead by 1-8 to 1-5.

Lisgoold showed great spirit and fought to the bitter end in the second half. Darragh Coakley accurate frees made the difference between both sides. Oige Scannell and Joseph O'Donovan also got on the scoresheet in the second half. The final score was Kilbree 1-15 Lisgoold 1-14. Kilbree now play either Erin's Own or St Vincent's in the league county final. They play St Colums in the West Cork league final scheduled for next weekend.

## **Lotto**

There was no winner of this week's lotto jackpot. The numbers drawn were 4, 10 and 33. The lucky dip winners were Donal Daly, Finbarr O'Donovan and Jerry Keohane.