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## The Chairman's Address December 2011

The Secretary's Annual Report usually gives a very comprehensive resume of the year's activities and on the presumption that her report today will follow that of previous years I have decided to confine my address to expressing my personal observation on the current situation within the club.

First I would like to touch upon the Senior Teams performances. Despite being relegated the team produced a number of fine performances and much of their hurling was a joy to watch. The main failing was their inability to sustain momentum for the full sixty minutes of the games. Shane, who undertook the position of Manager, despite initially not having the support of all the players, gave great commitment to the job and as far as I could see won over any wavers and certainly progressed a number of the younger players.

On the administration side I am happy that the committee discharged their duties with due diligence with Maggie our secretary shouldering the main burden of the work. I would like to express my thanks to all of them and I know no offence will be taken if, together with Maggie I also single out Hugh my Vice Chairman who gives huge support to me.

It is always a disappointment that so few club members attend General Meetings as more support in decision making would be welcomed by the committee. At General Meetings reports are given by Sub-Committees and only by your attendance at these meetings can you be properly informed and not influenced by hearsay which often distorts the true facts.

While on the subject of sub committees, the number of which has increased, these play an increasing important part in the running of the club affairs and while of necessity they have a decision making role, it should be emphasised that they are under the overall control of the main committee and important decisions must be sanctioned at General Meetings of the club.

The work involved in applying for Club Maith accreditation is well advanced and 'The Friends of Glenariffe' are making really good progress raising funds for the proposed new development, it is rather unfortunate that some club members are not committed to the project and I have heard statements that some people claim not to know much about it.



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There is no excuse for this as there have been many discussions at various meetings which have been open for all to participate in. If there are a sizeable number of club members who have reservations about the project they should request a special meeting to discuss the matter.

I will conclude my address by touching on the important subject of Child Protection. Everyone who has participated in Child Protection Courses is aware that accusations can be made on sometimes very feeble grounds. I had to deal with one such situation this year and fortunately what could have been a very unpleasant and embarrassing situation for the club was resolved by diplomacy and common sense. There is no guarantee that other situations could be resolved by these means and I would remind those involved with young people to be vigilant.

Our club is strong and vibrant and we can all look forward to a further year of progress. The festive season is fast approaching and I would like to wish all club members a Happy and restful Christmas. The hard work will recommence soon thereafter.

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