



**Terenure Badminton Centre  
(Midland Branch Badminton Club)**

**Report to Leinster Badminton AGM**

**For Year ended 31st December 2022**

**Committee Members:**

Joe Byrne, (Acting Chairman), Grainne Kinnerk (Honorary Treasurer),  
David Murphy ( President Leinster Badminton ), Jean Kelly, Ita Marron, Adrienne Taylor,  
Elaine Horgan (Secretary)

**Trustees:** David Hogan

**Changing Roles:** Eamon McKay resigned as Chairman from the Midland committee mid last year – in July 2022. Joe Byrne agreed to step in as “acting Chairman” in the interim till a replacement found.

Elaine Horgan was appointed as Centre staff in July 2022 , part of her role included acting as Bar / Function room Manager for the Midland activities.

**Terenure Resident Clubs:**

The following clubs are resident in Terenure Badminton Centre in 2021/22 Season

- Ailesbury (Adult/League)
- Pembroke (Adult/League)
- Viking (Adult/League)
- Old School (Adult/League)
- South Dublin (Adult/League)
- The Titans (Adult/League)
- Flying Trojans (Special Olympics)
- Whitehall Juvenile (Juvenile)

**External Tenants:**

In addition to courts the Centre also has the following amenities which are provided by third parties on a tenant rental basis.

- “Amazing Minds” Montessori School (Main Function Room Mon – Fri Mornings)
- Barbara's Art Classes (Autumn – Spring - Small Function Room Tuesday & Wednesday)
- Slimming Ireland (Every Thursday Evenings – Main Bar Area)
- Massage Therapist – John Nolan (By Appointment)
- Karate Club – (Main Bar Area - Wednesday and Saturday mornings)
- “Tiny Toes” – Mother and Toddler Group – (Main Bar area Thursday / Friday and Saturday mornings)



## **Bar & Functions Operations**

The Midland Bar slowly got back into operations last year following the “Covid closed down period”. It opened initially on an ad hoc / part time basis mainly to provide refreshment facilities for any Leinster Badminton weekend activities being held in the Centre.

This commenced with the Juvenile Christmas Events in 2021 and covered all Leinster Badminton tournament and events up to and including the DDLC Finals in May 2022.

For the months between Jan to May 2022 – the main bar activity was supporting badminton events with no functions booked or run bar a number of internal “End of Season Club Parties.

From External Activities point of view, they started to commence in June with the Bar hosting the World Quiz Event once more and there was a handful of external events, including 2 table quizzes, a book launch and most notably, the Rugs Music Night in December 2022.

It was agreed early in 2022 that with the bar opening only on an ad hoc basis – to minimise potential loss of stock, we would only provide limited “bottle beer” options, with no ‘beer on draught’ until opening and booking became more frequent.

In tandem to the above, enquiries were also made to a number of external operators to see if any would consider coming in as “Operators for the Bar” on some lease basis – however none materialised in the end.

## **Tenant Activities / Operations**

In respect to Tenant activities these have now all come back to pre-covid usage, although it was agreed by the Committee to keep the Main Function room solely for Amazing Minds / Montessori.

This meant that the bar area and smaller function room was made more available for Slimming World / Karate and the Art Group.

In mid-October we had a new Mother and Toddler group – “Tiny Toes” - start up in the Bar area on three mornings each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

This proved to be successful in terms of operation, however did generate a lot of additional “furniture moving” in the bar area to satisfy the varying Tenant requirements and normal Bar set up activity.

### **External Functions**

The majority of current Midland committee have been in place for some 6 years now and reached a point of overload - there is a real need for new members to join and provide a new energy, ideas and impetus to the Bar committee.

### **New Works / Initiatives:**

With the bar facilities only opening on an ad hoc basis, in order to have tea, coffee and refreshments available for badminton players, parents and members, the Midland committee have had a new ‘Tea and Coffee’ station installed in the front reception area. This is due to open shortly and in co-operation with the Centre Office staff we hope will provide the much-needed Tea and Coffee facility for all.

The intention is that this facility will operate on a “Honestly Basis” like the Confectionary Honesty Basket.

The Midland committee also funded the installation of the new Trophy Cabinet in the main reception lobby for Leinster Badmintons use to display some of the many trophies dotted around the Centre



### **Centre / Bar Staffing:**

With the reopening of the Bar on a phased basis the Centre / Bar staff have been either operating out of Reception or from the Bar - depending on if any activity taking place.

All this night-time staff are new and all had to undergo training in office work as well as barista / bar operations work.

I would like to express thanks to all the new bar staff for their work, dedication, patience and flexibility in the varying work involved.

This also takes a lot of pre-planning and organisation, and many thanks to Elaine in her role as Bar / Function manager for rostering and managing of the night-time Centre / Bar staff across the many varied events and activities.

### **New Members / Committee**

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In June 2021 I stepped down as Chairman of the Midland Branch and handed over to Eamon McKay. However, with the resignation of Eamon in July 2022, stepped back into the Role as "acting chairman. I am once more seeking to stepdown from the position after 6 years and seeking a committee member to take up the mantel of Chairman for the coming 2023/24 season.

I would like to thank each and every one of the Midland Committee for their hard work and commitment and their continued support for my role over the past number of years.

Joe Byrne

**Chairman Midland Branch – May 2023**