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It gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to wish Shannon Gaels all the very best in the coming year.

I congratulate everyone involved in the club on another brilliant year in 2013.

It was my pleasure to meet many members and players at the CYC games in Philadelphia at the end of July. The children performed to the usual high standards set for them by their mentors. Their behaviour on and off the field is a credit not only to the club, but to their families as well. With a little bit of luck they could have won even more competitions.

I congratulate Collie Mathers and all the Committee on their efforts to secure playing facilities for all the young people involved in the club.

It is a remarkable vote of confidence in the club that the local City Borough is willing to lease Frank Golden Park to Shannon Gaels. I wish you all the best with your fundraising and I assure you that Central Council will approve an appropriate grant for your Pitch Development Project.

I wish you continued success and happiness in 2014.

Leis an uile dea-ghuí.

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