

Moortown St Malachys

Presentation to MUDC October 2022

History of Moortown St Malachys

- Established 99 years ago
- Centenary in 2023
- Previously catered for male Gaelic Football
- Ladies branch established in 2017 and going from strength to strength
- Purchased new grounds in 2012

Recent Developments

- Purchase and development of 3 playing fields, one with floodlighting
- Building new Community Hub
- Community Walkway (Lighted)
- Ball wall and 4G practice area
- Basketball Court
- Entrance laneway
- 2 Carparks
- Spectator Steps

Overview



Community Hub

Croí na Mona – Heart of Moortown



Cost

- Total cost of overall development to date is

Two million, two hundred thousand pounds.

£2,200,000

Income Sources

The main sources of funding were:

Proceeds from sale of previous land

Various Grants including 2 major grants from SportNI and Rural Development

Moortown St Malachys Fundraising

Club Moortown

Friends of Moortown (Weekly lotto)

Club Moortown

Club Moortown is a voluntary scheme whereby individuals contribute £20 per month to help fund development projects. It is primarily used to repay capital and interest on the existing club loan which currently stands at £118,300. This loan will be paid off by 2028.

In preparation for the new development, 44 new members have been recruited in last two months, bringing total Club Moortown Membership to 112.

This demonstrates the commitment and support of the local community.

Proposed Project

Construction of Changing Rooms and Community Gym.

The proposed project is to construct 4 No Changing Rooms (2 male and 2 Female) and a Community Gym adjacent to the Community Hub on the site within St Malachy's Moortown GAC complex.

The changing rooms will include safe changing facilities for females and also disabled toilets.

The new building will incorporate a Solar Collector with photovoltaic panels in order to reduce carbon footprint.

Business Plan

A Business Plan for the project has been prepared and forwarded to MUDC.

This includes

- Capital Costs and Funding
- Operating Costs
- Cash Flow
- Risk Management
- Governance
- Contingency Plan

Need

The changing rooms are needed for users of the Community Hub, adjoining Playing Fields, Ball Wall, Basketball Court and Community Walkway. Users range from Under 6 upwards, both male and female.

The Community Hub facilitates a range of Health & Wellbeing and Social activities on a weekly basis, including Exercise Classes for Over 50s, Yoga, Pilates, Walking Club, Dance classes and Cookery Classes.

These are mainly organised by Loughshore Community Services (LCS)

The Community Hub is managed jointly by Moortown St Malachys and LCS

Funding for Changing Rooms and Community Gym

Grant sought from Community Ownership Fund	£229,125
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Bank Loan	£100,000
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Mid Ulster Council Discretionary Grant	£50,000
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Moortown St Malachys GAC	£79,125
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TOTAL	£458,250
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Match Funding

Community Ownership Fund.

- Stage 1 (Eligibility) – Successful
- Stage 2. (Assessment) – Decision expected end October 2022.

Bank Loan

Agreed in principle. Formal application underway.

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Over 50% already raised. Remainder will be raised through fundraising events.

Contingency Plan

In the event of the Community Ownership Fund application being unsuccessful the project will be downgraded to 2 No Ladies Changing rooms and Community Gym on the Southern side of the Community Hub. This will reduce costs by £162,005

Danskebank Loan	100,000
MUDC Discretionary Grant	50,000
Moortown St Malachys GAC	146,245
Total	296,245

Conclusion

In the overall development of the Moortown St Malachys Sports and Community Complex, this project represents the final essential phase.

It will provide users of the site, both sports people and community people, with an up-to-date, fit for purpose facility which will be used on a daily basis throughout the year.

We ask that you support this project through the Discretionary Grant.