

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 20 October 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by Virtual Means**

**Members Present**

Councillor Clarke, Chair

Councillors Black\*, Burton (7.37 pm), Corry\*, Doris\*, Elattar\*, Kerr, \* Milne\*, Molloy\*, Quinn\*

**Officers in Attendance**

Mr Black, Strategic Director of Communities and Place  
Ms Linney\*\*, Assistant Director of Development  
Ms McKeown\*\*, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes  
Mr McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services and Engagement  
Mr Kennedy\*\*, ICT Support  
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

Councillor N McAleer

**Deputations**

CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille  
Clonoe Rural Development Agency  
Dungannon Swifts  
Moortown St Malachy's GAC

\* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

\*\*\* Denotes Others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

*The Chair, Councillor Clarke welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor Clarke in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.*

**D166/22 Apologies**

Councillors Ashton, Cuddy and Wilson.

**D167/22 Declarations of Interest**

The Chair Councillor Clarke reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest.

**D168/22 Chair's Business**

The Chair advised that questions would be taken after each completed presentation.

## **D169/22      CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille**

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives from CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille and invited them to address the committee (appendix 1).

Mr O'Neill thanked the committee for allowing them to make their presentation tonight which updated members on the Rise of Youth Membership, Development Plan and Financing.

He referred to the Development Plan and said that Phase 1 and 2 were complete and now were looking forward to the next Phases of 3,4,5 & 6 which included:

- Phase 3 -      (Target £150,000)  
Hurling Wall  
NCC next Development Phase  
Huge Benefits:
  - Sharpens Speed, agility & reactions
  - All weather & all Year
  - Improves hand eye co-ordination
  
- Phase 4 -      (Target £150,000)  
Rural Community Focal Point:
  - Exercise
  - Shared Family TimeAttracts new NCC Members
  
- Phase 5 -      (Target £300,000)  
Indoor Fall Facilities
  
- Phase 6 -      (Target £120,000)  
Access Lane  
Parking & Floodlight upgrade

The Chair thanked the group for their presentation and said that it provided an update on what the Club has done to date and want their intentions were moving forward.

Councillor Kerr commended the group on their impressive presentation which indicated the ambitious plans they have and wanted to wish the club well on their endeavors over the next few years. He said that it was great to see hurling being recognised as usually it takes second seat to Gaelic football which took into the different areas like Coalisland, Clonoe, Derrylaughan, Loughshore, Brackaville and the wider area and was also great to see the provision of hurling strengthening in the area. He reiterated his best wishes for the group in their future intentions and wished to pass on his best of luck to Naomh Colum Cille this Saturday and hoped they take the championship home and make some history which would be great for

the Gaelic scene in East Tyrone. He also hoped they would be County Champions next week.

Councillor Molloy congratulated the group on their fantastic presentation and said that he was in the Chair last year when the Club had made their presentation similarly and at that time it was said that it would be great to see the Club progressing to be in a County final and winning the Benburb cup and bringing it back to the Loughshore and the area. Now 12 months on the team were in a final and only one game away from achieving that and wished the players, management and committee every success in that. In referring to the project, he said that it was great to see the ongoing development to date which was magnificent and also great to see the whole community getting behind not only the hurling and sports activities, but indeed the wider community coming together through the facilities of a walking track, which kept people safe from walking on the roads and also the social enterprise and social inclusion that this brings for the wider community. He wished that group well for the future and anything that members were help to help in any way they could.

Councillor Doris praised the club on their impressive presentation and video which was sharp and straight to the point. She concurred with previous member's comments and said that she also recalled the group coming into Council last year where it was stated that the Girls camogie was just starting out and was great that it was a good successful year for the Club. She said that she had visited the club and agreed what was stated within the presentation about the facilities being way behind, which was an understatement, as she witnessed the work which has been done but also needed to be done. She said that the club was much more than a sporting facility and was vitally important for all age groups as it provided different events including health & wellbeing courses and Irish language courses etc. She wished to reconfirm that any commitment that the Council can provide, then they would definitely try their best to help. She wished the Club the very best of luck for this coming Saturday in their championship.

Councillor Quinn concurred with previous members on an excellent presentation. He said that he had a great cup of tea down at the club at the weekend and for someone like himself who used to walk past that field and to see what it was now turned into was astonishing. He referred the quality of the Club was adding to hurling, not just within the Clonoe or Coalisland parish catchment area, but within the county in general and the buzz that it has now created which was excellent to see. He said that he had his Naomh Colum Cille flag flying outside his home at present and added that any help that was needed, he would be more than happy to try and provide for the club as it was a fantastic facility and looked forward to watching the team in the final next week. He wished the Club the very best of luck for next Saturday.

The Chair said that he recognised the commitment that the Club have put in and that the Council would be there to provide any help in any way they can. He wished the team the very best of luck in the Country Final on Saturday and if they successful it would be a great win for the area.

The representatives from CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille left the meeting at 7.14 pm.

## **D170/22      Clonoe Rural Development Agency**

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives from Clonoe Rural Development Agency (CRDA) and invited them to address the committee (appendix 2).

Mr O'Neill updated members on the need identified, the lack of infrastructure within the community, nowhere for the younger and more senior members of the Clonoe community to congregate and socialise whilst these segments of this community population.

He said that CRDA had met over recent years to devise and plan for extensive infrastructure to be developed over the coming years which included:

- 1.5 km floodlit perimeter walkway around the development
- Community Hub meeting Rooms
- Outdoor Coffee Shop
- Large Outdoor Playground areas
- Wall-Ball Area
- Spectator Terrace and Cover Stand – fully accessible for wheelchair users
- 2 X New Training Football Fields

He concluded by saying that Clonoe Rural Development Agency believed that they were well placed to deliver Phase 1 of their overall Project to qualify for the Capital Discretionary Grant.

The Chair said that it was useful for the Council to see what the work which was being done and asked for members' comments.

Councillor Kerr thanked the club for their fantastic presentation and said it was great to see the members of Clonoe Rural Development Agency in attendance tonight. He said that it was great to see the ambitious plans which the club has for the long term and it was now the time and imperative that Clonoe was recognised as a village due to the rise in population through new housing developments. He said that more investment and infrastructure was needed and that there was no better place in Clonoe to provide it than the local Club as they provide a lot of resources to the community and for all ages, male and female. He wanted to pass on his best of luck to Clonoe Ladies in their forthcoming championship and wished the group well. He asked if the Club needed any help in any way, then do not hesitate to make contact. He hoped that within the next 8 to 10 years that the project will be a reality and that the Ulster Council and himself would help in every step of the way.

Councillor Quinn commended the group on an excellent presentation and said that it was great to see the 5k walkway which was obviously a fantastic facility. He hoped that help and support can be provided by the Council if need be as Clonoe was one of the fastest growing communities within our district and this project would not just be the local area but for everyone. He said that any help in which may be required that members would be happy to help in any way they can.

Councillor Molloy thanked the group for their excellent presentation and said that he was aware the Clonoe fell into a two DEA catchment areas, and he had a vested interest as a DEA Councillor for the area. He concurred with previous comments and said that everything which was being proposed was a great asset for the local and wider community area as it just didn't involve football but also included provision for walkers, young people, older people, social inclusion and safety aspect so people will not feel the need to be walking on the roads. He wished that group well and said that the Council will try and help in any way they can.

Councillor Doris commended the great presentation and added bonus of the video clip as it was great to see what the project would look like virtually in the future. She said that this was a community which kept growing including businesses and there was a need to have more facilities in that area due to the growing population. She referred to young mothers and said that she was glad to hear this being referred to as this was something that she received regular feedback on as they were a fairly socially isolated group. There is a lot of young families within Clonoe and the need was just going to grow a lot more. She said that it was impressive that the group had yet again included disability friendly aspects within the project as Clonoe had always gone above and beyond when thinking of other people's disabilities and how they could be involved in the Club within the community. She stated that this was a great project and shovel ready and Sinn Féin would continue to support in any way they possibly can.

The Chair said that it was easy to see what Clonoe group had delivered and how they progressed over the years as it was evident to see what they needed. He advised the group that the Council were here to help in any they could and wished them well for the future.

The representatives from CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille left the meeting at 7.34 pm.

## **D171/22      Dungannon Swifts**

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives of Dungannon Swifts FC and invited them to address the committee (appendix 3).

Mr Grant advised that Dungannon Swifts was a long established club which was formed in 1949. The club is a constituted sporting and community-based organisation and a NIFL Premiership Club (top tier NI football pyramid)

*Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.37 pm.*

The club's vision is to establish Dungannon Swifts Football Club as a leading Football Club in Northern Ireland through providing an environment in which young people can realise their full potential as Footballers. The Club also aim to make Dungannon Swifts a model of best practice in Football development.

The project will enable the Club to offer:

- Improved facilities for Dungannon Swifts FC teams at all levels

- Enabling other soccer clubs and sports clubs to use the facilities for their specific activities to help meet their needs e.g. Newmills FC, Mid Ulster Ladies
- Facility to host UEFA, International Representative and domestic show piece games (visitors to the area)
- Enhancement of community and sporting facilities in Dungannon and the wider region
- Potential for school usage and schools programme development
- Local charities and community groups offered space for activities
- A venue to host local, regional and international events
- Revenue created (not for profit) to be invested in volunteers, community programmes and the sustainability of facilities at Stangmore Park.

The Chair thanked the group for their impressive presentation and said that it was very helpful to clarify to committee what Club were doing and proposing to do and asked for members comments

Councillor Molloy thanked the group for their presentation which was excellent as always. He said that this was a broad spectrum of the residents of the wider Dungannon area and it was evident the good work in which the Swifts carry out and as the feeder club with Dungannon United Youth. He felt that it was great to help local talent as this was a top level team playing within the area and was also good to see where Clubs own their own facilities and now they were asking for a little bit of help, but not coming looking everything handed to them. It was good to see investment and reinvestment by the Club when they have some money collected that they reinvest this again. He wished the club all the very best with the project and future development of it.

Councillor Quinn thanked the group for their presentation and commended them on what they were doing. He said that he was a supporter of the Club and great to see local talent which has come out of the Club over the years like Conor Bradley and Darren Robinson. He said that this was an excellent Club which was cross community and we need a place like Swifts for young people to play on the big stage in which everyone is proud of. He wished the group all the best for the future and asked that any help that is required, not to be afraid to come forward.

Councillor Burton apologised to committee for being late as she was at another event. She said that it would be remiss of her not to acknowledge the efforts put in by Swifts Football Club in trying to progress and push ahead with their project. She stated that she was a former Minterburn's mummy when Swifts came to work with the children in that rural area years ago, which was a huge thing to them and now some of them have moved on to bigger and better things and sadly the school is now closed but will always remember the dedication the club had shown in helping these school children. She commended the work that the Club did within rural areas in that time and as a Clogher Valley Councillor which feeds in the area, and as someone else alluded to previously, the opportunities given both to girls and boys in terms of some of the work in which the Club is involved in is second to none. She thanked the group for coming along to provide their presentation tonight as it was good to see what the Club was involved in and trying to keep going and as a Council we will do our best to provide support in any way we possibly can.

The Chair thanked the group for their good presentation and the great comments from the Councillors and said that even though he lived quite a bit from Dungannon he was very aware of who the Club were and the great work they have carried out and are planning to carry out. He wished the Club the very best and that the Council would support and help them in any way they can.

The representatives from Dungannon Swifts FC left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

## **D172/22      Moortown St. Malachy's GAC**

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives of Moortown St. Malachy's GAC and invited them to address the committee (appendix 4).

Mr Monaghan provided members with the history associated with Moortown St. Malachy's GAC from when it was established 99 years ago. Update was provided on the development of the Community Hub (Croí na Mona – Heart of Moortown), income sources, Club Moortown, Proposed Project, Business Plan, Need, Funding for Changing Rooms and Community Gym, Match Funding and Contingency Plan.

In the overall development of the Moortown St Malachy's 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.

The Chair thanked the group for their presentation and asked for members comments.

Councillor Molloy said that it was an excellent presentation and impressive to see the fallback within the contingency plan in the event that some of the funding not going ahead. He said that being involved with Gaelic himself, that changing rooms were essential especially for the growth of involvement of young girls in football, it is essential that additional changing rooms is available which may be a challenge for a number of Clubs across the country going forward, but it was a necessity. He wished that Club all the very best for the future.

Councillor Quinn commended the group on their very good presentation and said that it was good to see the potential for good health being involved within the community. He said that he remembers playing against Moortown at the old field and to compare the two fields from then to now was hardly possible to believe. He said that Moortown was similar to Clonoe as it was a huge growing community with lots of activities taking place and lots of young people emerging. He referred to the growth of the ladies games around the Loughshore which was massive to be built in around Moortown especially. He was happy to provide any support in which the group required and looked forward to seeing continuous growth within the community.

Councillor Kerr congratulated the group on the great presentation and wished them well in this project in the long term. He concurred with previous comments and said that Moortown Seniors had a good year and wanted to pass on his best of luck to the

team and fair play to the Ladies and hoped like Clonoe that they get to the semi-final of Ulster and wished them every success in the long term.

Councillor Doris commended the great presentation and said that it was essential that females using the Club facilities have access to adequate changing facilities, where they feel safe. She said that she would be supportive of the project and anything that Sinn Féin can do they would be happy to help.

Councillor N McAleer thanked the group for their excellent presentation. He said that being local to the area he has witnessed the transformation Moortown has gone through over the past 10 years which has been spectacular. He referred to the Club, committee, volunteers and all those who have raised funds in the past and commended them on their very hard work. He said that he also would be very supportive of the application and wished the group the very best for the future.

The Chair thanked everyone which contributed to the meeting tonight and commended them in carrying out the good work already achieved on their projects and advised that the Council would make sure to assist them along the way where possible. He said that it was good to see such great work being done across Mid Ulster in the four different communities by four different independent organisations, over a period of time and still continuing to do it for the good of their communities.

Councillor Molloy commended all the excellent presentations brought to committee tonight and felt that their communities should be proud of the self-funding and facilities in which they provide, which showed the standard that was provided right across Mid Ulster.

#### **D173/22      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.11 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson**

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Dungannon/Magherafelt] and virtually.

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I let you know before this happens.

Just some housekeeping before we commence. Can I remind you:-

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening please raise your hand in the normal way and keep raised until advised to lower it
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting
- For any member attending remotely, if you declare an interest in an item, please turn off your video and keep your audio on mute for the duration of the item
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to
- Lastly, I remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda.



# Naomh Colm Cille Hurling & Camogie Club

Mid Ulster – Development  
Committee

20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

# Presentation Agenda

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## The Rise of Youth Membership

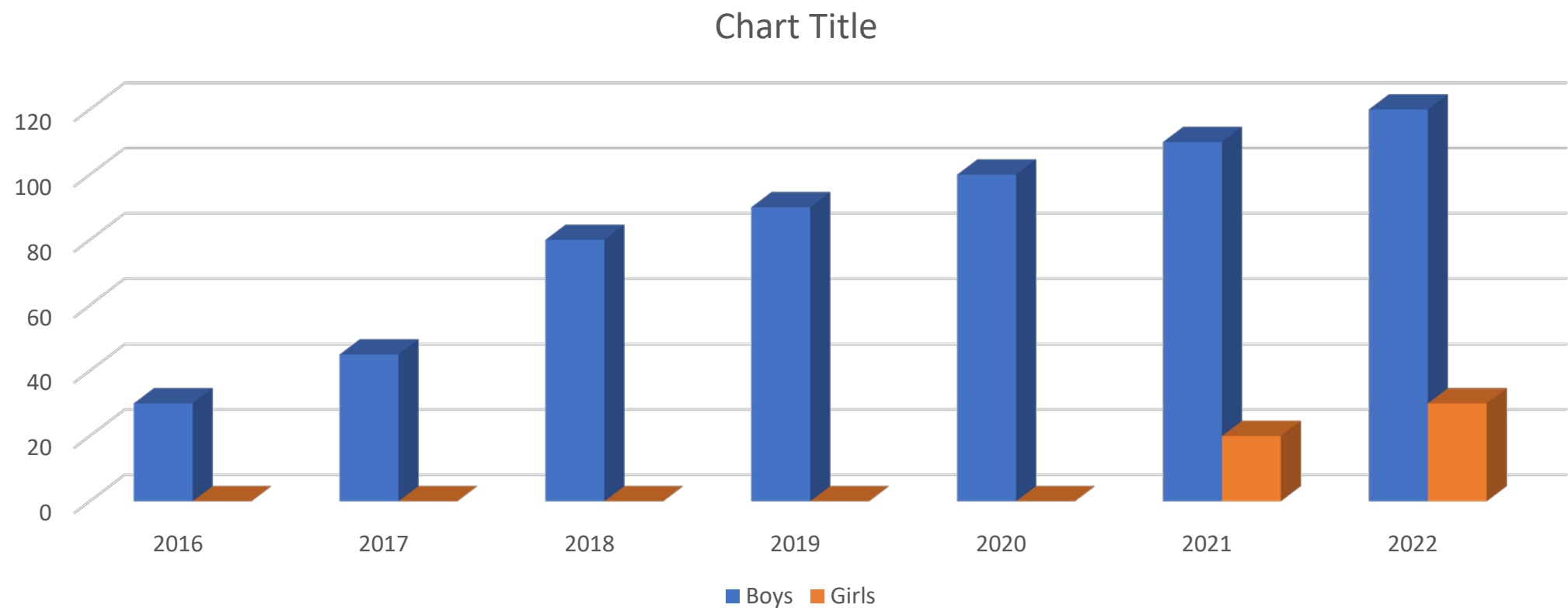
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## The Development Plan

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## Financing

# The Rise of Youth Membership



# The Development Plan

We have been busy these few Years



## Phase One (Complete)

Land Acquisition &  
Pitch Drainage Upgrade

TARGET

£50,000



Naomh Colum Cille Hurling pitch has become the envy of many local sports teams. It is important to note that this wasn't always the case.

To help attract new playing members meant significant investment in ground works around the NCC pitch, so that members had a playing environment that was an enjoyable experience.

Club investment was required to purchase land adjacent to the pitch to help facilitate improved drainage. This investment along with a dedicated grounds maintenance team has created a playing surface that's among the best in the County.



## Phase Two (Complete)

Pitch Acquisition, Pavilion Extension  
& New Gym

TARGET

£80,000



The past 5 years have seen substantial increases in youth participation within NCC and as a result the club has invested in several areas.

The pitch has been purchased outright and the existing pavilion extended to cope with the growing membership. The extension to the pavilion now provides improved catering and meeting capabilities. Multiple playing Teams, Parents and the Club Committee use the hall and new kitchen facilities regularly during training, match days and group meetings.

A new gym has been installed to provide strength and conditioning for players to cope with the rigours of the game and option for non-players to use the gym through a family membership scheme.



# The Development Plan – The Next Phase



## Phase Three (Year 1-2) Hurling Wall

TARGET  
**£150,000**

Naomh Colum Cille Hurling Club are planning to build a Hurling Wall facility to improve ball control and allow players to practise off-season and in all types of weather.

An hour on the wall either individually or as part of a team session allows a player to get hundreds of touches and it provides a huge aid in developing and mastering the skills of the game.

The benefits of having a Hurling Wall facility within Naomh Colum Cille will include:

- Sharpen your speed, agility & reactions
- Develop fantastic footwork
- Improve hand eye coordination
- Attract new members
- Recreational game for parents
- Fitness outlet for retired players



- The Hurling Wall
- NCC next Development Phase
- Huge Benefits:
  - Sharpens Speed, agility & reactions
  - All weather & All Year
  - Improves hand eye coordination

# The Development Plan – The Next Phase



## Phase Four (Year 2) Playground & Walking Track

TARGET  
**£150,000**

Naomh Colum Cille plan to build a playground and walking track for kids and older people in the local rural community who may find it difficult to access these types of facilities in towns and residential areas.

Although a playground may seem like just fun, many benefits come from children spending time with other kids and using playground equipment. In addition to physical well-being, playgrounds can provide essential experiences and development for children in areas as diverse as social skills, creativity, problem-solving, reasoning and more. The playground will also provide the opportunity for children to enjoy physical and social activities whilst a sibling or a parent is participating in Hurling practice, training or matches.

The walking track in Naomh Colum Cille is designed to enhance the role of the club as a focal point for physical activity in the rural community. The track is hoped to bring new people and energy into the club by providing a central, safe and social space for people to walk and get physically and mentally active in the backdrop of Hurling Club activities. Parents can leave kids off at training or in full visibility of the playground and enjoy a healthy walk.



- Rural Community Focal Point:
  - Exercise
  - Shared Family Time
- Attracts new NCC members



# Finance

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Hurling Wall, Playground & Walkway - £300,000

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Loan Approved – Community Finance Ireland - £120,000

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Dedicated Fundraising Committee £20,000

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Grant - £40,000

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Private Investor - £70,000

# Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



- Infrastructure Development
- In attendance
- John Paul O'Neill
- Adrian Hughes
- Sean McCabe

# Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



Identified Need.

Current lack of infrastructure for our community.

Nowhere for the younger and more senior members of our community to congregate and socialise.

These segments of our community population, continues to grow.

# Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



## Identified Solution and Plan.

CRDA have met over recent years to devise and plan for extensive infrastructure, to be developed over the coming years.

- 1 x 5km Floodlit Perimeter Walkway around the development.
- Community Hub meeting Rooms
- Outdoor Coffee Shop
- Large Outdoor Playground area.
- Wall-ball Area
- Spectator Terrace and Cover Stand - fully accessible for wheelchair users.
- 2 x New Training Football Fields

# Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



Phase 1 of our plan, for which we are applying for the Capital Discretionary Grant is:

- 1 x Full Size Training Football Field

Including:

- Perimeter spectator fencing
- Ball Catch-Nets
- Associated Car Park and necessary Civil Works

# Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



## Progress to date:

- Development Land is acquired
  - Full Planning Permission is granted for overall plan
  - Funding has been secured.
  - Design Consultants have been appointed
  - Advance works already complete
    - le: Archeaological Dig completed & Site Clearance
  - Main Contractor to be appointed in Quarter 1 2023 and work commencing Spring 2023
  - Objective to have Phase 1 completed Autumn 2023
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- CRDA believe we are well placed to deliver Phase 1 of our overall Project to qualify for the Capital Discretionary Grant.



The glorious Clonoe Stand

Sponsor a Brick, Building our future

# Dungannon Swifts FC

Mid Ulster District Council

*Capital Discretionary Grants*

Presentation

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Comhairle Ceantair  
**Lár Uladh**  
**Mid Ulster**  
District Council





Dungannon Swifts FC

*The Premier Soccer Club in Tyrone*

Stangmore Hub for Community



# Club Background

- Long established club, Dungannon Swifts FC was formed in **1949**.
- The club are a constituted sporting and community-based organisation.
- NIFL Premiership Club (top tier NI football pyramid)

## OUR VISION

To establish Dungannon Swifts Football Club as a leading Football Club in Northern Ireland through providing an environment in which young people can realise their full potential as Footballers. As such, we aim to make Dungannon Swifts Football Club a model of best practice in Football development.

So that Dungannon Swifts FC realises its vision, the Club has several objectives to:

- provide a **pathway** which encourages long-term player **development** for players of all ages
- provide **opportunities for children and young people** to enjoy football **participation** within a structured programme
- provide a **positive coaching experience** for all young players through the provision of **quality coaching** and development programmes of young players
- develop **effective partnerships** in the **local community** to support player development among young players Dungannon Swifts Football Club in the provision of its Development Programme.



# Football..... the glue that binds us together

*"Football clubs are constituent parts of our communities. There is such a thing as society and the beautiful game is a vital part of what makes it up."*

*We discovered during lockdown that we need our regular meeting points, our communities, our places to gather. Those institutions are the glue that binds us together."*

**Gary Neville (2022)**





No standing still, keep pushing forward.

Prestigious Harry Cavan Youth Cup winners 2022

Dungannon Swifts FC

#### Dungannon Swifts FC - VALUES

**RESPECT:** respecting our stakeholders, partners and young people in everything we do

**INTEGRITY:** operating with honesty and transparency in undertaking our work

**EXCELLENCE:** commitment to quality and focus in all aspects of our programme

**PARTNERSHIP:** commitment to building two-way partnerships with all our stakeholders

## COMMUNITY ASSET

Dungannon Swifts Football Club and the facilities at Stangmore Park add value to the wider community.

We seek to create community development structure and to build resources that will enable the greater wellbeing and social inclusion for the people and groups of Dungannon and Mid Ulster District Council area.

We do so through community engagement in recreational activities such as sport, recreation, community development, wellbeing, active citizenship and leisure time.





Dungannon Swifts Football Club Chairman Keith Boyd said:

## Flagship Football Facility Ambition

*“The 3G pitch project has the potential to be a flagship facility for sports in the Western region and beyond. Dungannon Swifts is at the heart of the community and the club are committed to improve our home ground at Stangmore Park to include state-of-the-art training and match facilities that will not only benefit our club but the wider sporting community across the district. This will allow our club to further expand its activities, which, in turn, will allow even more young people to participate in sport. The club and its facilities are vital to Dungannon (the wider District) and its relationship with football/sport.”*

## OVERALL PROJECT DETAIL



- To **improve the football and community facility** sited at Dungannon Swifts Football Club at **Stangmore Park**, Dungannon.
- This Sports Capital Works Scheme, specifically, upgrading and improving existing structures to supply and install a **FIFA standard full size 3G pitch**
- improvement to the existing grass surface to become 3G surface will **increase our capacity** as a club to deliver **more sports opportunities** and **create a safe facility** for people of the to use for multiple sporting activity, principally football activities.
- The proposed project will create better sports facility to strengthen operating capacity of the club to **increase sports participation in the Mid Ulster District Council** area.
- **STRATEGIC FIT:** will support and maintain the capital infrastructure of the Dungannon Swifts Football Club facility and will align with the Irish FA strategic direction, **local Council Sport Facility Strategy**, and other government policy such as Sport NI and the Department for Communities.



Our vision is to build and sustain Dungannon Swifts and Stangmore Park in its important position within the District as a home of football, recreational, community and volunteering opportunity.

# Project Vision

It is the clubs aim to generate wider community benefit through football, sport and non-sport activities, particularly in the areas of health and wellbeing, education skills and employment, social inclusion and volunteering by creating a sustainable model for delivery of new sporting and community facilities at Stangmore Park.

The proposed improvements aims to deliver benefits for the local community, schools, sports clubs and charities across the District and wider region.

# This project will enable us to offer:

- ✓ Improve facilities for Dungannon Swifts FC teams at all levels.
- ✓ Enabling other soccer clubs and sports clubs to use the facilities for their specific activities to help meet their needs e.g., Newmills FC, Mid Ulster Ladies.
- ✓ facility to host UEFA, International Representative and domestic show piece games (visitors to the area)
- ✓ Enhancement of community and sporting facilities in Dungannon and the wider region.
- ✓ Potential for school usage and schools programme development.
- ✓ Local charities and community groups offered space for activities.
- ✓ A venue to host local, regional and international events.
- ✓ Revenue created (not for profit) to be invested in volunteers, community programmes and the sustainability of facilities at Stangmore Park.



## PROJECT AIMS

- Construct **FIFA standard 3G pitch** to improve Football and Sports facility sited at Stangmore Park, Dungannon.
- improve the **health and wellbeing** of local people, including males/females, youth, older people and those in a rurally isolated area of the Mid Ulster area.
- enhance the **health and wellness benefits** of the local population through sports and first-rate facilities
- enhance **personal development** through sport by growing discipline, motivation and self confidence
- **improve accessibility to safe/secure sports facilities** in Mid Ulster District Council area for local community
- project will increase the **capacity of club** facilities to act as a **community hub** for sporting, charitable and wider community activity, ultimately adding value to the sporting, **social and community responsibility** of the club.



## Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC)

### Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024

The Stangmore 3G project will complement and help deliver across Mid Ulster District Council policy:

- **ECONOMIC GROWTH** (fitter and more active people are better equipped for the workplace and sustainable employment) The facility will help businesses do well and bring jobs to Mid Ulster through sports, recreation and community.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE** (Sporting, recreational and Community Infrastructure strengthened in the District Council). The 3G pitch will make the basic systems and services that Mid Ulster uses better in terms of capacity and physical sporting and community shared space.
- **EDUCATION AND SKILLS** (pitch users, volunteers and wider public will enhance skills and education through programming at the new 3G) The 3G will help people learn more and have the best chance in life through sport.
- **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** (Stangmore 3G pitch will deliver health and wellness opportunities through participation in sport and community cohesion). The 3G will help people live longer, healthier and more active lives through accessible and regular sports / recreational participation.
- **VIBRANT AND SAFE COMMUNITIES** (connected, happy and active communities using the 3G pitch) Sports is proven to enhance how the community feel safer and stronger.

The project will support the delivery of the **Mid Ulster (MUDC) Sports Facility Strategy**

The Stangmore Park 3G project aligns with the Strategy vision ‘Development of an evidence-based assessment of facility need, which will inform and prioritise future INVESTMENT IN, AND DEVELOPMENT OF, A NETWORK OF HIGH QUALITY SPORTS FACILITIES, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS FOR INCREASED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN MID ULSTER’.

The Stangmore Park 3G project particularly aligns with the **Sports Facilities Strategy recommendation 3**: A ***programme of pitch investment*** is developed based on MUDC, clubs and the Mid Ulster League, GAA, soccer and rugby, working together. This programme should prioritise 3G pitch provision on education sites where community use can be developed.



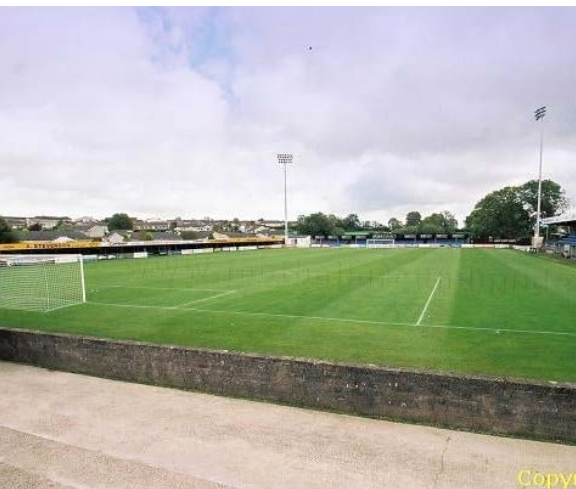
# Project Finance

ITEM OR ACTIVITY	TOTAL COST
Excavate existing topsoil from proposed area (100m) and deposit in stockpile. Take off site.	£3,000
Excavate subsoil from proposed area and deposit in stockpile. Take off site.	£3,000
Grade subsoil base to required gradients.	£2,600
Excavate for and lay new 150mm twin wall main drain.	£2,100
Excavate for and lay new 80mm lateral drains at 5m centres.	£16,200
Construction of inspection pits.	£1,200
Supply and lay Terram 1000 geotextile layer between lateral drains.	£6,460
Supply and place 200mm layer of type 3 modified stone.	£51,000
Supply and place 50mm blinding layer to carpet area.	£18,620
Supply and lay shock pad, carpet and infill.	£205,200
Installation of sockets for goalposts.	£600
Testing of pitch installation to the required standards.	£3,000
PC Sum for irrigation system	£54,500
PC Sum for geogrid reinforcement over 25% pitch	£8,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£375,980</b>



## 3G Pitch Capital Investment Income

Funding Sources	Amount £
FIFA Funding Relief Plan	£300,000
Dungannon Swifts FC club contribution	£25,980
Mid Ulster District Council – Capital Discretionary Grant	£50,000
Total Income	£375,980



*Thank You!*

*Any questions?*



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# 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.

## **Moortown St Malachys.**

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

<b>Danskebank Loan</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>MUDC Discretionary Grant</b>	50,000
<b>Moortown St Malachys GAC</b>	146,245
<b>Total</b>	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.