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Fivemiletown United Football Club

- Mid Ulster District Council
- *Capital Discretionary Grants*
- Presentation
- *Monday 16th October 2023*



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Fivemiletown United FC

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“Football clubs can have a transformative effect on local people and businesses—inspiring movements with togetherness” (Maggie Murphy, CEO of Lewes FC)

Club Background

- Long established club, Fivemiletown United Football Club was formed in **1888** and is one of the oldest football clubs in the country.
- The club are a constituted sporting and charity-based organisation.
- Mid Ulster Intermediate A (fourth tier NI football pyramid).
- Irish FA People and Clubs Accredited.
- Queens Award Voluntary Service.
- Currently the club has 3 senior teams, 12 youth teams and 1 girls SSG team.

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- (a) To provide a safe environment for members to participate in soccer.
- (b) To develop soccer for both communities within the area by:
 - (i) Encouraging participation in this activity
 - (ii) Providing members with suitable competition
 - (iii) Assisting members to improve their personal soccer standards
 - (iv) Organising soccer competition locally
 - (v) Providing equal opportunities for successful participation by all sectors of the community
- (c) To support or subscribe to such charities and other charitable purposes as shall be recommended by the Annual General Meeting.

Fivemiletown 1899/1900



Back row:- Master Braydon, Jim McKenna, T Droogh, Master Hankinell, W Kyle, F McLoughlin
Front row:- T Branigan, W J Gillespie, W Sloan, P Roche, D McCaffrey



Prestigious Mid Ulster
Ivan Marshall Cup
winners 2021/2022



OUR VALUES

Our values underpin everything we do and strive to achieve at Fivemiletown United Football Club.

RESPECT - We treat our teammates, opponents, officials, club members and community respectfully.

INTEGRITY - We act in a fair, consistent, and transparent manner.

TEAMWORK - We (players, managers, parents, volunteers, and committee members) work and collaborate both on and off the pitch; this is our club.

INCLUSIVITY - We promote and deliver an environment for all to enjoy the game of football.

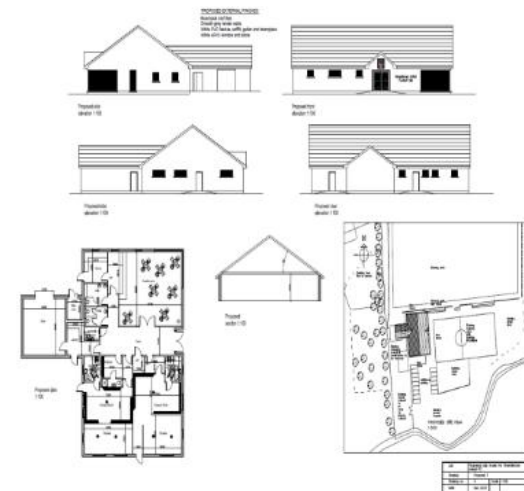
EXCELLENCE - We strive to be the best in all that we do; the way we play, engage with others, and promote the values of our club.

COMMUNITY ASSET

Fivemiletown United Football Club and the facilities at The Valley Stadium 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 Fivemiletown, Clogher Valley 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.



OVERALL PROJECT DETAIL

- To **improve the football and community facility** sited at Fivemiletown United Football Club at **The Valley Stadium**, Fivemiletown.
- The “Valley” Community Project – Playing for the Future, specifically, upgrading and improving existing structures to supply and install a **FIFA standard full size 3G pitch and floodlighting**.
- 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 other community organisations/clubs.
- 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 Fivemiletown United 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 DCMS.



Our vision is to build and sustain Fivemiletown United Football Club and The Valley Stadium in its important position within the Council 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 The Valley Stadium.

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

This project will enable us to offer:

- ✓ Improve facilities for Fivemiletown United Football Club teams at all levels.
- ✓ Enabling other football clubs and sports clubs to use the facilities for their specific activities to help meet their needs e.g., Clogher GAA, St Maccartan Ladies, Clogher Valley Rugby Club.
- ✓ Facility to host domestic show piece games and Irish FA localised events. (visitors to the area)
- ✓ Enhancement of community and sporting facilities in Fivemiletown and the wider region.
- ✓ Potential for school usage and schools programme development.
- ✓ Local charities and community groups offered space for activities.
- ✓ Revenue created (not for profit) to be invested in volunteers, community programmes and the sustainability of facilities at Stangmore Park.
- ✓ A community space for all.



PROJECT AIMS

3G Pitches around Fivemiletown

Full size 3G Pitch Locations

- Fivemiletown United Fc
- 3G Ballinamallard
- 3G Dungannon
- 3G Clones
- 3G Lisnaskea
- 3G Enniskillen
- 3G Inverinstown
- 3G Omagh
- 3G Omagh

Other 3G playing areas

- training Omagh
- Gortin
- Aughnacloy College
- Augher
- Maguirebridge
- Ballygawley
- Omagh Cbs
- Castlecaulfield
- Killycurragh



ownership model that will complement Mid Ulster District Council Sports and Leisure facility strategy.



Fivemiletown United Football Club Chairperson David McQuigg said:

“Developing our facilities, will only help develop our community”

“The 3G pitch and floodlight project has the potential to be a flagship facility for sport in the Clogher Valley and Mid Ulster District Council. Fivemiletown United Football Club is at the heart of the community and the club are committed to improve our home ground at “The Valley Stadium” 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. We hope that this will not only benefit our club in expanding its activities, but further help other local clubs and organisation to do the same.”

SMART OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate the membership of **Fivemiletown United FC** to deliver sports programming i.e., **approximately 300, fielding 3 senior teams, 10 Youth teams**, as well as having a thriving mini soccer section. Host 300 participation opportunities each week.
- Host **Irish FA Games Development Centre** with **400 participation opportunities** each month.
- Minimum of **2 other football clubs** and **200 participation opportunities** per month (e.g., 1. Augher Stars FC 2. Orchard Farm FC 3. Fintona Swifts FC 4. Maguiresbridge FC)
- Minimum of **2 GAA Clubs** and **200 participation opportunities** per month (e, g., 1. Clogher Eire Ogs 2. Augher St McCartans 3. St MacCartans Ladies GFC 4. Brookeborough Heber MacMahons 5. Tempo Maguires 6. Fintona Pearses 7. Maguiresbridge St Mary's)
- Facilitate **Clogher Valley Rugby FC** i.e., Senior, Youth & Ladies – **100 participation opportunities** per month
- Host sports participation for a minimum of **4 schools** creating **200 participation opportunities**
- Host **2 x Community / Youth Groups** each month creating **200 participation opportunities**
- Develop multi sports opportunities via Football, Rugby, GAA, Athletics, Walking
- 2x Cross Community seasonal sports camps **80 participants**
- Multi-sport youth intervention programme **30 participants**
- 1x Access to Sports Facilities for People with a Disability

The “Valley” Community Project – Playing for the Future 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 pitch) The 3G will help people learn more and have the best chance in life through sport.
- **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** (The 3G pitch and floodlights will deliver health and wellness opportunities through participation in sport and community cohesion). The 3G pitch and floodlights 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 Playing for the Future 3g and floodlight 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’.

[Mid Ulster District Council Pitch and Recreational Spaces Strategy](#) – this document outlines the need for developing “additional floodlit 3G training provision where need is evidenced, i.e., “Benburb, **Fivemiletown**, Moy”.



Project Finance

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>Costs (inc. VAT)</i>
<i>FIFA Quality certified 3G pitch with shockpad</i>	<i>353,688</i>
<i>LED Floodlights</i>	<i>68,808</i>
<i>Contingency on construction costs – 5%</i>	<i>21,125</i>
<i>Consultancy Costs</i>	<i>33,272</i>
Total	476,893



3G Pitch & Floodlight Capital Investment Income

FUNDING SOURCE	Amount £
<i>Irish FA/DCMS Grassroots Facilities Investment Fund 23-25 - Secured</i>	400,000
<i>Mid Ulster Council Capital Discretionary Grant 2023</i>	50,000
<i>Community Finance Ireland (CFI) - Secured</i>	22,500
<i>Club Contribution - Secured</i>	7,500
Total	480,000



Thank You!

Any questions?



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