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# Club Developments

## Car Park – Phase 1

It was great to see the spade and bucket of local construction company John Gaynor Developments Ltd.'s JCB hitting the turf at Lisnamult two weeks ago to initiate the long awaited commencement of Phase 1 of the Club's Car Park Development. While it has been some time since the fundraising ended, situations beyond the clubs control hampered the commencement of this development. Thankfully now there are no restrictions preventing this from getting underway.

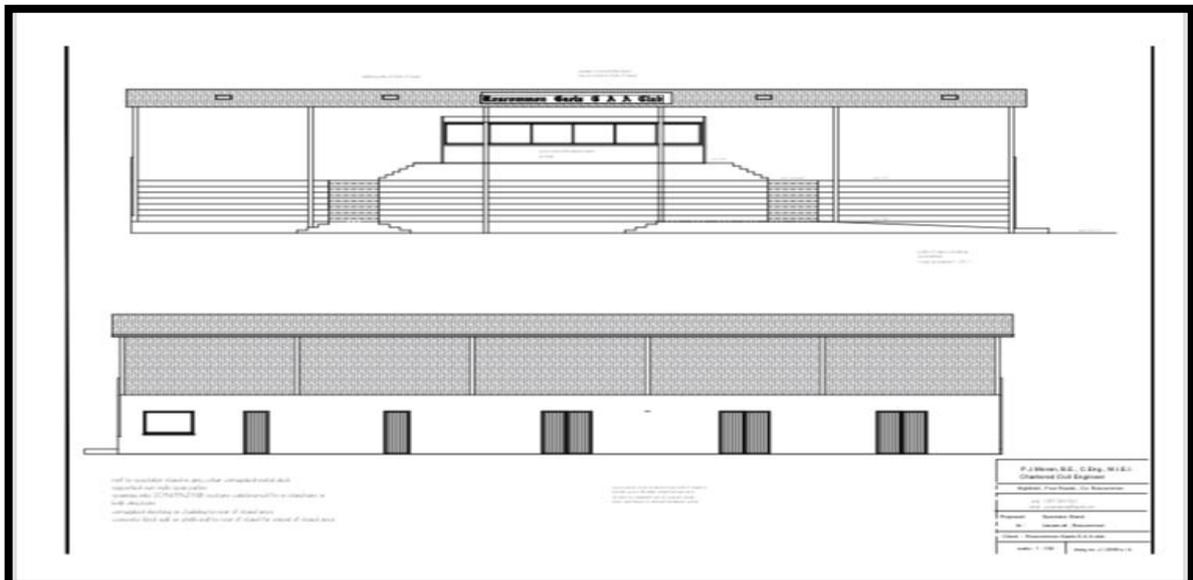
The Works to be completed in this phase are as follows:

- Development of a New Entrance to the Grounds
- Drainage of Existing Car Park Area
- New Lights in the Car Park
- \* Footpaths
- \* New Lights on the Training Pitch
- \* New Set Down/Drop off Area



## New Stand

The second major infrastructure development that our club is about to undertake is the erection of a new spectator stand with storage rooms, a small meeting room and a shop underneath it. The stand has a mix of seating and standing as well as a wheelchair / buggy accessible area and a press box. This will be welcomed by all spectators who have stood in wet and the cold over the years at matches. It will be located beside the dressing rooms between the two dug outs overlooking the main pitch. It will accommodate approx. 500 people. The tender process has just finished and the contract will be awarded shortly. It is a wonderful development for our club and it is very exciting to be embarking on this major project for all in our club - what a massive difference it will make to our facilities in Lisnamult.



# Casey's sponsored Roscommon Gaels Senior Footballers close the Curtain on Championship 2021

Overall 27 players were used in the championship this year with additional 9 used in the O'Rourke Cup. This shows that the potential is there. Hopefully our players will take the learnings from this year to further develop and progress again next year. The future is bright.



Our Casey's Roscommon sponsored senior footballers championship dreams were ended at the hands of Clan Na Gael on a score line of 0-14 to 0-10.

Having overcome Oran by 2-05 to 0-10 in the quarter final our lads were again big underdogs going into the semi-final. We started very brightly and went toe to toe with the Clan team for much of the first quarter with teams locked at 0-04 each at the water break. After the water break we went ahead and playing well within ourselves but some unforced turnovers gave Clan the edge to pull 2 points up at the break at 0-08 to 0-06.

The second half saw an exchange of points early on but then Clan got on top and led 0-10 to 0-08 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> water break. Our lads put everything into the last quarter and were 0-11 to 0-10 in arrears when the referee harshly pulled Mark Healy going through for charging. A key decision as what looked like an equalising opportunity ended up with Clan getting a point the other end for a key 2 point swing. Clan used this opportunity and despite an excellent effort our lads just couldn't pull it out of the fire.

On review this was a difficult year as the team lost key members to injury, but, in turn blooded many new young players who performed excellently throughout the year. The team has offered much hope for the future and under the stewardship of Decie Hoare, Kevin Stritch, Shane O'Donnell & John Nolan showed that they are not a million miles away.

Well done all and many thanks to all who helped with the Senior Team this year and to those who gave kind sponsorship to help us also. Gaels Abú

## Minor Championship Semi Final

Roscommon Gaels 2-20 EireOg/M Glaveys 3-03

After a long-awaited stroke of luck on the part of this group of lads, when Oran defeated Strokestown in their final game of the championship in the last week of September, it allowed Roscommon Gaels to fall into fourth place in the group. We are very thankful to Oran/St. Croan's.

Following a very up and down championship campaign, where three games were won and three were lost and a final game that resulted in a draw with close rivals Boyle on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>, we didn't know then if we were still in the championship. But alas after the result between Oran/St. Croan's & Strokestown in the following days, we started to plan for the EireOgs/M Glaveys game on October 9th which had to be switched to the Centre of Excellence at Began because of the rain.

On a great day for football, and not deterring the fact that we had to travel out of the county for a county semi-final, our lads played with a slight breeze and kicked on early. With points coming from DJ Hession, Ryan Conlon, Rory Carthy, John McGuinness and Liam Naughton, we were heading into halftime pretty strong with the score showing 0-12 to 0-2.



**The Roscommon Gaels Minor Team 2021. Back Row L to R:** Kevin McStay Manager, Stephen Kennedy Coach, Rory Carthy, Senan Lambe, Cormac Dolan, Fionnán Wynne, James Connolly, David Hough, Edimar Filho, DJ Hession, Ryan Conlon (Captain), Ciaran Purcell, Andriu Oates, Michael McAteer, Thomas Connolly, Liam Ó Corcoran, Jack Fleming, Seamus Carthy Coach, Orla Fleming Covid Officer. **Front Row L to R:** Ethan O'Reilly, Rodhan Dowd, Eoghan Gilleran, Michael Gillooly, Ben Donnellan, Calum Grogan, Nathan Halligan, Ciarán O'Reilly, Jack Donnelly, John McGuinness, Zaway Al Khan, Conor Grogan, Eoghan Carthy, Liam Naughton, Cian Regan, Finbar O'Reilly Coach (Missing : Cormac Feeley, Joshua Lemos, Thomas King, Kilan O'Brien)

However, suddenly, within minutes to half time Eireog/Michael Glaveys managed to get a goal with a Robert Henegahn penalty and soon afterwards another goal which rocked our lads going into the break only 4 points up. We were rattled!

However, after a good talking to and gathering of heads at the half time break, the second half kicked off with DJ Hession popping a lovely point over the bar, starting off the half as we meant to go on and thereafter we never looked back. Ciaran O'Reilly went to sweeper which cut out the supply of ball to the opposition's dangerous forwards.

We saw lovely football played with John McGuinness scoring a great goal midway through the half and Edimar Filho crossed the ball to Michael McAteer, who was only seconds on the pitch following a substitution, palmed the ball into the back of the net.

The game was over before the 2nd water break. We relaxed a little which allowed the opposition to gain a consolation goal before the whistle blew to end the game.

So, with one week to go now to County Final Day on November 7<sup>th</sup>, this group of young men are busy preparing themselves for a Div 1 Co. Final against Boyle GAA. Training has been going on in the background – all the lads are working hard to be ready for the big game.

All support will be very welcome to Dr. Hyde Park on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Best of Luck to Management and Team. Roscommon Gaels Abú.



**Half Time Talks Co. Semi Final v Eireog Michael Glaveys.**

## Under 7's & Under 9's

Over the last couple of weeks the curtain came down on the U7 and U9 footballer's season. While the season was not straightforward we had an very enjoyable and progressive season with over 75 lads between both groups. They trained in rain hail and even sunshine, representing Roscommon Gaels in games impeccably throughout the season.

A big thank you to all the coaches for their time effort and dedication, hopefully the positive contribution and

actions by coaches will leave a lifetime impression on our young players which hopefully will benefit all in the future.

We would also like to thank Jason and Ben Hoare for making time available to come and view our youngsters in the Annual "Bernie Hoare" games in Lisnamult.

Pictured below is Senan Talbot following the presentation of the Bernie Hoare Shield to him for achieving U7 Player of the Year.

Pictured below also is Liam Fleming from the Under 9 group who was presented with the Bernie Hoare Cup as Player of the Tournament.



## Sponsorship of Roscommon Gaels U13 & U15 Football Teams

The U13 & U15 Teams would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the businesses and individuals that sponsored both jerseys and zip tops.

With regard to the U13 Team, we would like to thank Marcus Hoen, the owner of Lifestyles Roscommon based in Roscommon town, for his generous sponsorship of a new set of jerseys.

An anonymous parent contribution was also made towards the U13 Teams zip top. Whilst a separate anonymous donation was gratefully received for a second set of U13 jerseys.

Our U15 Team also received two sets of jerseys from an anonymous donor, for which we are very grateful for. We would also like to thank Oliver & Arlene McGuinness of McGuinness Total Health Pharmacy for their contribution towards U15's zip tops.

The players and management involved in both teams are very grateful for the generous support we received. Both these age groups had and will continue to have large playing numbers into the future. To acknowledge this generosity we would ask parents and the wider Roscommon Gaels community to support not only these local sponsors but indeed all club sponsors.

Regards

*U13 & U15 Management Team*

## Under 15's



*Players missing from U15 photo below: Cian Escosio, Liam Naughton, Darragh Gubbins, Adam Hannon, Tommy Naughten, Conor Mulry, Liam Dunne, Tom Beisty & Jack Feeley*

## Under 13's



*Enjoying the speeches at End of Season Under 13's*



*Under 13 Team Management Pic: Philip Fleming, Shane Killeen, Gerry Donohoe, Seamus Carthy, Gary Green, Joe Biesty, John Connolly, Derek Dolan, Declan Hussey*

# Hurling

## U11 Hurling

Our U11 season wrapped up Friday evening in Lisnamult with an end-of-year game amongst our panel of players. Parents and coaches were treated to a high-skilled demonstration of hurling which was a joy to watch. In summarising the season, the U-11 management team pointed to the goals which were set at the start of the year. These focused on the development of our hurlers through an encouragement, participation & fun-based environment.

Fielding two teams during our summer league contributed to the strong development of this fine group of Gaels. On the evening, recognition was given to the following who contributed to the running of our season:

- Coaches - Shane / Dion / Nicola / Bobby / Jason / Fergus / Fergal & Pádraig
- Covid Supervisor Síle Geraghty
- Brenda for catering on the evening
- Philip Mullen for facilitating pitches for training & match fixtures

Players & supporters were then treated to pizzas which were kindly funded by the Management Team. After all was said and done, our panel of players were presented with a surprise of Roscommon Gaels tops generously sponsored by Triest Press. We are very thankful to Triest Press for this sponsorship which allowed us wrap up the season 'in style'.

While Roscommon Gaels contribute so much to the youth of Roscommon town and surrounding areas, Triest Press give back in spades. Their social enterprise print & design house in Roscommon provides meaningful work opportunities to people with intellectual disabilities. We are very thankful to Triest Press for their generous sponsorship and are very proud

to wear their logo on our tops. Thank you!



## U-13 Hurling

It was an absolute pleasure to be with our SuperValu-sponsored U-13 hurlers in Athlone, playing in the Artie Pyke Memorial Tournament hosted by Southern Gaels. After a slow start, which was to be expected, our boys, to a player, were excellent. To see their skill, passion and determination was great. Their opponents on the night were tough but our boys really dug in.

A very pleasing aspect was the way in which our boys conducted themselves and represented Roscommon Gaels, culminating in a great speech from Daniel Fleming, captain for the tournament. It was fantastic to get a trophy on the first occasion of wearing our beautiful new jerseys, generously sponsored by SuperValu Roscommon. Thank you Orla and Shane.

Unfortunately for various reasons some of our boys could not make the game but this win was for all. The parents of all the players, of those who played and those who couldn't make it on the night, should be very proud of your boys. They really are great hurlers, but equally importantly, great boys.





## U-12 Hurling

Our U-12 boys, meanwhile, have recently recorded two very impressive wins, defeating both Oran and Four Roads. They are playing very well and all players are getting plenty of game time. Our next game is v Padraig Pearses and a win in that game would see our boys through to the semi-final.

## Ladies Football

### Under 10 Girls End of Season Party Time



Our Under 10 girls football team enjoyed an end of season party recently in the Hyde Centre. The girls got dressed up for Halloween and were treated to delicious homemade pizzas by Neville and Ashling McCormack with Declan Walsh on decks.

Kevin Keane, Goretta Dwyer and Mairead Doyle decorated our Club Lounge at the Hyde Centre and Roscommon Ladies Intermediate star Ashling Hanley presented the girls with their medals. Thanks to all on the evening and coaches (including the above) and Martina Finneran and Michelle Hughes Walsh.



### Junior Ladies

Our Ladies Junior Team started 2021 with a great league campaign. We won 6 out of our 7 matches to reach a semi-final against a fancied Clann na nGael II. This was played in early August and we won a very competitive game by the tightest of margins.

The League Final against St Dominics was played mid August. On the day Dominics played a surprisingly strong team, and the Gaels girls were beaten.

The Junior Championship was played in September and October and Roscommon Gaels had mixed results losing a number of games but winning a tight quarter against Kilmore on October 17th. The game was a draw in normal time but the determination of the girls gave the team a win in extra time by a margin of 7 points.

Roscommon Gaels paired with St. Faithleachs in the semi-final on October 24th. The Ballyleague girls won the spoils at home on the day but the Gaels completed well and never gave up. Thanks to management team of Paul Beisty, Leo Mc Guinness, Tom Killion and Eileen Mc Neill. Special thanks to Leo Mc Guinness, Vincent and

Annie Timothy at Timothy's Londis and Declan and Roberta Hanly from Hanly Motors who also sponsored training gear/tops for the ladies.



## U19 Ladies

Our Division 2 team await their League quarter-final game against St. Ciarans which will be a home venue.

Our Division 4 played St. Faithleachs in their semi final on Sunday Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, coming away with their pass to the County Final. The girls put on a great display playing some lovely football. Thanks to all at St. Faithleachs for hosting the game. The girls await the result of the second semi final between St. Michael's/St. Ronans and Michael Glaveys to see who they will meet on Final Day. Well done to all.

Cúinne  
Gaelach  
Gaelic Corner



Tomhas!

1. Droichead ar loch,  
gan maide gan cloch

Cad é?

Leac oighir



2. Cén fáth go raibh an bhó  
caillte?

D'imigh sé amúúúúú.

## Seanfhocail na Míosa:

Tús maith leath na hoibre:

A good start is half the battle...

Níl saoi gan locht:

Everyone has their faults...

An té a bhíonn síúlach, bíonn sé  
scéalach:

He who travels has stories to  
tell....

## How well do you know your GAA?

1. What Roscommon player has won the most All Stars?
2. Who was the last Roscommon player to win an All Star?

## Who Am I?

Can you name this Roscommon Gael's Player below?

