



ROSCOMMON GAELS

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Roscommon Gaels

Development of Parks & Facilities

The fantastic success of the recent Subaru Fundraiser has ensured our Development Plan launched at the beginning of the year, will now come to fruition. This will allow our grounds to be more accessible and safer for everyone. This is, in no small part aided, by the Parks and Facilities Committee who dedicate their time managing and maintaining the Lisnamult grounds. It also would not have been possible without you, our community members who so generously bought and sold Subaru tickets.

Planning has now been submitted to the Council for the development plans outlined below. Below outlined are Questions and Answers that we hope will inform you of what is coming down the road. You will also see the outline/layout of the submitted planning to Roscommon County Council.

1. Can you explain what the new proposed Development is?

Various illustrations and versions of the **Lisnamult Development Project** have been compiled and analysed over the past year or so, until the Executive decided on the most optimal design to fit the needs of the Club. The development works will be completed inside the entrance area to the Lisnamult grounds and the following works will be completed:

- a. A new tarmac surface for car parking,
- b. A 900sq meter Astro Turf training facility in front of the Sports Wall.
- c. The creation of an "EXIT ONLY" from the Car Park

The old house located on the development was examined and the Club Executive agreed to seek an engineer's report to assess options. When the report was completed and all its defects were outlined, it became clear that while it could have been upgraded, it would not have been economically viable to do so. The Club Executive subsequently agreed as that the house should be removed.

This work has subsequently been completed and it will provide more car parking spaces. The introduction of a new one-way traffic system, will help alleviate and control traffic movements via a dedicated drop-off zone.

2. Do we need planning permission for the works?

Yes, planning is required and has been submitted to Roscommon County Council. It is hoped that we will receive the green light by the end of October. Development works will begin immediately afterwards should we be successful.

3. Are we sure there is enough room for car parking?

This has always been a contentious issue. Everyone agrees that the Sports Wall is underutilised, and in turn, we need to maximise usage for all club codes. By reducing the size of the Astro-Turf facility in front of the sports wall to approx. 900sq meters, along with the removal of the old dwelling house, this has given us more room for car parking spaces. The proposed layout can cater for 60 – 70 car parking spaces including two disabled parking slots. We have also been granted planning permission for 25 additional car parking spaces near the main pitch from a previous planning application to develop.

4. Is lighting required for the Astro area?

Yes. A full Lighting Requirements Evaluation was completed and the findings were reported back to the executive committee. Lighting design from Lumeno LED Lighting Solutions was organised to ensure the correct Lux levels are achieved. This lighting will form part of the overall project plan to allow our club members a facility to enjoy during the autumn, winter and spring months when daylight hours are short-lived.

5. Who can use this Astro surface playing area?

The astro area was designed for all club members to play on and enjoy. It will be a fantastic space for

Boundary fence to club grounds to hedgehog and post and wire fencing

Training Pitch
(dimensions subject to ground level)

Astro turf surface
(100.00 m x 60.00 m)

Fixed lighting details
7 no fixed lighting columns to be erected at locations shown about the perimeter of the training pitch
4 no fixed lighting columns to be erected at locations shown about the perimeter of the Astro turf area
All columns, at locations shown to be 12 m in height with light beams focused onto training pitch and Astro turf surfaces
2 No-light columns located in car park, situated on S.D. and with over all height of 25 m

Boundary fence to club grounds to hedgehog and post and wire fencing

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Boundaries of site which is subject of planning application: Car parking area, astro turf playing area and fixed lighting provision are shown subject to real time. Planning application does not relate to the construction of Roscommon Goals club grounds.

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SUBARU Drives away in style from Roscommon Gaels GAA Club.

Friday afternoon, September 5th, saw the end to one of the most successful fundraisers Roscommon Gaels GAA Club has run to date. Jamie Leonard from Palmerstown, Dublin, travelled to the Roscommon to collect his new Subaru Impreza at the club's grounds in Lisnamult. Arriving at the pitch with Jamie were his entourage of local supporters from the Corcoran family, who are all very involved with the club, to cheer him on as he drove away in his new car. Knowing that, and also the fact that Jamie himself being a member of St. Pat's GAA Club in Palmerstown made it all the sweeter for Club Chairperson Teresa Hession to hand over the keys of the beautiful Subaru Impreza to Jamie.

Teresa Hession stated that all the club was on a "bit of a high" since the winning ticket was pulled from the drum the previous Saturday by County Board Chairperson, Seamus Sweeney at Hannon's Hotel in Roscommon. The draw was streamed live via the Roscommon Gaels Facebook page due to the restrictions that remain in place on the holding of events. Only 6 people could be in attendance. "It was disappointing that we couldn't have had more people present after all the extremely hard work the Win-A-Subaru team and the club members had put in over the past number of months selling tickets, and in- particularly, the past 6 weeks".

"Looking back over the past 12 months, from when the club won the car in the Subaru / TG4 Sport sponsored competition for an initiative that we are proud of which was the All Stars team, the planning of the raffle to raise funds for our club which (was a stipulation of the prize) and finally, to the launch of the WIN A SUBARU fundraiser by the club on February 5th seems such a long time ago", the Chairperson said. The launch of a new website dedicated to the selling of tickets in value bundles, as well as individually and the social media campaign and the sale of hard copy tickets, kicked off in earnest. A team of extremely dedicated, hardworking and innovative club personnel set out

to run the campaign for 12 weeks up to May 3rd, which was the initial date for the draw. However, the brakes were pulled on it because of Covid 19 and Government restrictions. All activity ceased and it had to be rescheduled to August 29th.

Also present at the presentation of the car in Lisnamult was Subaru Team member Oliver Moran. He spoke about the restart of the campaign in July when Covid restrictions had eased and Gaelic games had returned to action, he said "in mid-July, between zoom meetings and conference calls the team started the ball rolling again. The work that has been put in by the group and numerous club members has been astonishing. During the last week leading up to the draw, people came from all parts wanting to contribute to the fundraiser. For this we are truly grateful as a club. The support from club members locally, former members, the wider community of Roscommon, people living in other counties and globally has blown us away."

"The monies raised in the fundraiser are earmarked to go towards the development of the car park are at our GAA grounds in Lisnamult. This work includes drainage & groundworks, lighting, fencing, a fully tarmacadamed surface with a marked traffic management system, a safe set down area, pathways, new designated disabled car park spaces, an astro turf surface in front of the sports wall and lighting on the training pitch. This will make the access to our grounds a lot safer and user friendly for the very many members and spectators that utilise the grounds all year around. Funds will also be set aside towards the upgrading and purchase of specific equipment for our All Stars team. Sadly, they have been unable to return to play with the club this season due the current pandemic but we really look forward to seeing them soon, returning to club activities as soon as it is safe to do so. This car park project is ready to start as soon as the green light is given the go ahead by the planning authorities and it hoped that we will have a decision by late October" Teresa Hession said. "It is a very exciting time for the club and we are pleased that this fundraiser will go a long way, but not fully, towards the financing of these very extensive and much needed developments at our club grounds in Lisnamult". The Chairperson concluded by saying that the "success of this fundraiser is a testament to the hard work done by the club Win-A-Subaru team

(Garreth Carroll, Ollie Moran, Orla Fleming, Davy Waldron, Cahal Mahon, Nikki Nerney, Declan Molloy and Aisling McCormack and Tommy Mulry) who ran an extremely professional campaign which was by supported by the entire Roscommon Gaels Club both near and far, as well as the community of Roscommon who really got behind this draw. We are very much indebted to everyone who helped with and supported this fundraiser, without whom it would not have been the massive success that it was”

The Club would like to thank a number of people for their assistance with the fundraiser: the members of the club Win-A-Subaru committee, Subaru & TG4 Sport, Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon; Caseys Londis, Roscommon; Golden Island Shopping Centre, Athlone; Declan & Roberta Hanly Motors, Roscommon; RBK Accountants; Fiona Dunne Design Ltd.; Roscommon Mart; McNeills Store, Abbeytown; Fleming's SuperValu, Main Street; Molloys Bakery, Abbeytown; & Keane Productions.



Camogie

Under 14 Camogie B Final

Roscommon Gaels V Four Roads

Date: Saturday 12th September

2020 Venue: Four Roads Pitch

Roscommon Gaels faced Four Roads in the County Under 14 B final in Four Roads on Saturday 12th September with David Cunningham as referee. It was a bright Saturday morning that both teams had been looking forward to. Roscommon Gaels had met St Dominic's and Athleague on the way to the final and Four Roads had met Oran, Padraig Pearses and Tulsk. The Gaels started strongly with Jane King and Emma Hough scoring two goals and point. Siofra Hession added to the score line with three consecutive points, one of which came from a fantastic free near the sideline that found it's way between the posts. Alannah Sutton secured another goal and Shauna Walsh got a point before the water break. Four Roads were battling well with pressure on their back line but they did not lie down and fought to defend every ball. Following the water break Shauna Walsh and Alannah Sutton got a goal each and Emma Hough scored two points.

Half time saw Roscommon Gaels bring on their substitutes. As the second half opened, Leah Lennon struck the sliotar and got a great point from play. Maria Fox struck a ball on the ground and landed it in the back of the net. Two points from Eve Mc Neill ended the game and brought the score to 6:10 to 0:0. A young Four Roads team battled through and showed great determination.

Roscommon Gaels; Molly Rose Finneran, Martha Mc Sharry, Ciara Killeen, Molly Tully, Lile Mc Caffrey, Emma O Farrell, Eve Mc Neill, Alannah Sutton, Emma Hough, Grace Geraghty, Siofra Hession, Anna Kiernan, Amy Winston, Shauna Walsh, Jane King, Ava Naughton, Leah Lennon, Jessica Mc Sharry, Shauna Carty, Maria Fox, Lauren Fallon, Aisling Harlow, Ella Donnellan.

Four Roads: Eimear Gately, Annie Kate Thorose, Mollie Coleman, Anna Galvin, Aisling Brennan,

Catherine Keane, Maria Bolger, Celine Gacquin, Elizabeth Coyle, Katie Ann Gacquin, Deborah Finneran, Niamh Byrne, Shifrah Burke Beirne, Moira Delaney, Alanna Campbell, Lisa Morris, Moya Kelly.



Under 16 Camogie B Final

Roscommon Gaels V Athleague

Date: Thursday 10th September

Venue: Athleague Pitch

Roscommon Gaels faced Athleague in the County Under 16 B final in Athleague pitch on Thursday 10th Sept. The two teams lined out 13 aside with Matthew Farrell, referee in charge. Athleague stormed ahead with two opening points one after the other by Tara O' Brien. Roscommon Gaels were unsettled and Athleague capitalised on this in the first 10 minutes. Ava Mulry scored Roscommon Gaels first point. Then Athleague answered with a great goal. With Athleague accurate in their striking and superb first touch the pressure was on the Gaels. Ellen Beisty, Roscommon Gaels scored a point followed by another that came from a brilliant hand pass from Zara Fallon. But Athleague quickly followed with a point from Tara O'Brien again. Jennifer Morris for Roscommon Gaels stormed up the pitch at her impressive lightning speed and blasted a goal into the net. The Gaels got their courage back and the game was on again. With the score Athleague 1:3 to Roscommon Gaels 1:3 tension was mounting. Tara O'Brien again reigned and she scored another goal and a point putting Athleague strongly in the lead. Ava Mulry Roscommon Gaels scored a free and as the half time whistle blew a great ball by Eadaoin Walsh deflected off Ava Mulry's hurl secured the goal to make the sides even at the break 2:4 to 2:4.

Roscommon Gaels started strongly and three minutes into the second half, Ava Mulry scored a goal followed by a point from a 45. Another attack by Roscommon Gaels resulted in a disallowed goal. Roscommon Gaels maintained pressure on Athleague for the first 10 minutes of the second half. A free to Ava Mulry again was converted followed by a seamless point from play by Claire Mc Neill. Back in the Roscommon Gaels half the pressure was on and Ava Mulry blocked the goalie and the sliotar was struck into the net for a goal for Ava Mulry. Then Eadaoin Walsh who was fighting hard for scoring chances got a chance and scored a goal. Zara Fallon Roscommon Gaels then got a chance and a ground strike resulted in the fourth

goal of the second half followed by a 45 for a point for Roscommon Gaels. A welcome water break allowed Athleague to regroup. Athleague pushed on to put pressure on the Gaels and Tara O'Brien took a low flying free in an effort to score a goal but Roscommon Gaels back Eimear O Farrell cleared her line. Athleague followed with a point. Alison Mc Namara was brought on for Ellen Tully and Gwen Killion came on for Zara Fallon. Athleague's Sadhbh Conneally went down with a calf injury and had to be stretchered off leaving Athleague with 12 players. Roscommon Gaels took off Eadaoin Walsh to bring Roscommon Gaels team to 12 also. Beibhinn Hoare swatted an approaching ball in the Roscommon Gaels backline and again cleared her lines. Anna Kelly came on for Caoimhe Walsh and Ellen Dolan came on for Ava Mulry. Tara O'Brien from Athleague worked extremely hard with low flying ball to try to secure a goal. Athleague's no 12 Anna Murray scored a point and a goal for Athleague in the dying minutes of the game and as the final whistle blew the final score was 3:6 to 6:8.

Roscommon Gaels; Chloe Donoghue, Béibhínn Hoare, Eimear O Farrell, Caoimhe Walsh, Mikayla Martin, Holly Harkins, Alison Mc Namara, Ellen Beisty, Jennifer Morris, Zara Fallon, Claire Mc Neill, Ellen Tully, Gwen Killion, Ava Mulry, Eadaoin Walsh, Anna Kelly, Maria Satchwell, Alannah Glynn, Katie Harlow, Eimear Faughnan, Ellen Dolan, Ailbhe Donnellan, Grace O Gara, Isabell Stephens Lohan.

Athleague: Caoimhe Connaughton, Katelyn Lynch, Mary Kate Miller, Aideen O'Brien, Kerri Smythe, Eabha Dowd, Hollie Smythe, Megan Molloy, Sadhbh Conneally, Tara O'Brien, Anna Murray, Ciara Dowd, Aoibhinn Murray, Roisin Hamrock, Jenny Flynn, Katie Curley, Jessica O'Brien, Lora Cruise, Orlaith Mulryan, Marianne Monaghan.



our Junior C Ladies narrowly missing out in their County Final at the weekend; our U16's winning the Div 2(a) County Final; our U14's winning the Div 2(a) County Final with our U14 Div 4 team narrowly missing out in their semi-final. A great year of football and silverware for the Gaels Ladies who are going from strength to strength. Keep it going girls. Well done to all the players, coaches/management and parents.



Under 16's

Roscommon Gaels v Eire Óg

Date: Tuesday September 1st, 2020

Tuesday September 1st, 2020 was a big day for Roscommon Gaels Under 16 Girls as they headed into their Division 2(a) County Final for a second year running having narrowly missed out last year to Shannon Gaels. This years final saw the Gaels

Ladies Football

Well done to our U12 footballers and their management who were crowned U12 Div 1B champions this evening. The girls never gave up and came out on top. This success follows on from

girls come up against Eire Og who had beaten them in the round games. This was the Gaels only defeat in this years championship, so it back down to Loughlynn to hopefully even the score after the initial loss and possibly emerge as victors. Toss of coin saw Carragh Kennedy opt for the Gaels to play with the wind. The Gaels took a few minutes to settle having converted a few narrow sides. The girls took stock with Claire Mc Neill putting the first score over 6 minutes into the game. Another wide for the Gaels shortly after but the Gaels won possession of the ball and with some lovely footwork in backs up the field and passes from Ava Mulry & Claire Mc Neill gave Ellen Beisty the opportunity to convert a point which she did. Midfielders Holly Harkin working hard created a goal opportunity for Ava Mulry - narrowly missing the chance but she made up for it at 10 minutes in when she got the first goal of the game from a swift manoeuvre and pass from Grace Dwyer. The full forward went on to score a further goal. Great assistance and hard work from Zara Fallon, Eadaoin Walsh and Eva Green made scoring chances easy up front.

Heading into the water break saw Eire Og held scoreless to Roscommon Gaels 02-03 lead. Eire Og hadn't got much of a look in - this was due in no small part to the corner backs Megan Donohue and Caoimhe Walsh who constantly outfought and outsmarted the forwards. Carragh Kennedy, Eimear O'Farrell & goalie Carole Green were steady in keeping the Loughglynn ladies at bay. Jennifer Moris and Eadaoin Walsh worked hard on the wings. Shortly after return to play the ball was in the Eire Og net. Eire Og responded with a goal from Amy Doorly and it wasn't long after that the Gaels were caught on the hop with a second goal conceded and a point in succession. Roscommon Gaels rallied again scoring a point with Eire Og clocking up one more in the first half which brought the scoreline to 03-04 v 02-02 at half time. The beginning of the second half Claire Mc Neill and Ellen Beisty narrowly missed out on points but at 4 minutes in an opportunity from a free awarded to the Gaels saw Claire Mc Neill convert the first point of the second half. Ali Beirne had come into play and with support from Jennifer Morris, Zara Fallon shortly after put over a great score. Great work at No. 6 from Eimear O'Farrell made life hard for the Loughglynn ladies. Eire Og got their first point of the second half 7 minutes in from Amy Doorly and 4 minutes later Claire Mc Neill converted followed by Ava Mulry. Mikayla Martin worked hard alongside Holly Harkins at midfield. Eire Og's Amy Doorly put another score up after 15 minutes with

the Gaels having missed a number of scoring chances before that heading into the last water break. The scoreline now reading Roscommon Gaels 04-07 Eire Og 02-04. Back to play and one minute of short well executed passing gave Claire Mc Neill the opportunity to convert which she did.

21 minutes in saw Eire Og's Nikitta Regan put the ball in the back of the Gaels net and a free to Eire Og saw another point from Lilly Vickers. The Gaels didn't let their guard down. Zara Fallon put the ball away in the net. Eire Og responded with further points from Amy Doorly and Nikitta Regan. Ref. Tony Conroy who did a good job on the game may possibly have been seeing double when he gave Caoimhe Walsh the Sin Bin in the last minutes with giggles from her twin Eadaoin and the Gaels girls! The final whistle blew with Roscommon Gaels coming out on top. County Champions 2020 on a scoreline of 05-08 to 03-08. Roscommon Gaels deserving winners on the evening. A superb County Final with an excellent game of football provided by two worthy hard teams. The cup was presented by Roscommon's LGFA executive member Michelle Hughes Walsh to captain Carragh Kennedy. History was made with this being the first time the U16 Roscommon Gaels girls were presented with this cup.

Roscommon Gaels Team. Carole Greene, Caoimhe Walsh, Carragh Kennedy, Megan Donohue, Jennifer Morris, Eimear O'Farrell, Eadaoin Walsh, Holly Harkins, Mikayla Martin, Eva Greene, Ellen Beisty, Claire Mc Neill, Zara Fallon, Ava Mulry, Grace Dwyer, Ali Beirne, Grace O'Gara, Anna Kelly, Gwen Killion, Alison Mc Namara, Isobelle Steven's Lohan, Chloe Donoghue, Eimear O'Connor. Management/Coaches Fergal O'Gara, David Martin, Sean Mulry, Yvonne Donohue, Bernadette Mulry. Sincere thanks to Creta Construction Ltd. sponsors and to parents, to Roscommon Gaels LGFA & club and Roscommon LGFA for support & assistance along the way.





Pictured below is the Roscommon Gaels Junior C Ladies team who lost out to Oran in their County Final last week in Ballyforan.



Minor Hurling Championship

Roscommon Gaels 2-20
Padraig Pearses 2-12

On a wet and windy evening on Tuesday, 8th September, our Minor hurlers took to the field in Woodmount for the last round-robin game of the year. The Gaels started very brightly with an excellent score from play inside the first minute by the talented Mark Purcell. A few minutes later Eoin Kiernan was fouled inside the square, and he duly converted a well taken goal. Sean Canning for Pearses tagged on a couple of points and we really began to have an exciting game on our hands from the off. Kevin Glynn made a fantastic run from midfield and cut through the defence and unleashed an almighty shot which just blazed over the bar. Half-time finished up on a scoreline of 1-8 to 0-9 to the Gaels.

The second-half started brightly again for the Gaels, with Finn Killion on target for some excellent long-range frees in wet conditions. Ryan Conlon and DJ Hession played some magnificent ball into Eoin Kiernan who tagged on a few more scores to leave the Gaels men nine points up with 10 minutes to play. Then the comeback came. In the space of two minutes, the Pearses men upped the ante and found the back of the net on two occasions. Game on, only three points between the sides with five minutes to play.

HURLING

Under 8's

The older boys in the Under 8 Hurlers group had a game against Four Roads on Monday evening last at home in Llsnamult. The boys didn't let the wet weather conditions hamper their display of skills. They showed great determination and worked brilliantly together fielding some great scores into the back of the net and over the bar. Well done to everyone and also thanks to Four Roads for travelling over.



Then another fantastic ball into the square found the hand of Eoin Kiernan, who unleashed a powerful shot into the top corner of the net. Now the Gaels men found their rhythm and some real character to push the difference out to eight points by the time the final whistle was blown.

Next up is a semi-final date with Athleague/Tremane/Oran on Tuesday next, 22nd of September at 7 p.m. in Athleague.

FIXTURES

U-16 Hurling Championship Semi-Final

Roscommon Gaels v Four Roads

Venue: Lisnamult on Wednesday, 16th of September at 7 p.m.



Best of luck to the lads in this game which will be a very tough test against a talented Four Roads side at this age group.

Best of luck also to our U-12 Hurlers who also have their semi-final next Wednesday when they play St. Dominic's in Athleague.

Pictured is the Roscommon Gaels minor hurling team who beat Pdraig Pearses last week.



Football

Under 12's are new 2020 County Champions

U12 boys won the Division 1 County Final on a score line of Roscommon Gaels 11 pts Pdraig Pearses 4 pts. Our lads played with the wind in the first half and settled into the game early after shaking off some pre match nerves. The teams were evenly matched in the first half and we were 4 – 2 up at half time.

Playing against the wind in the second half it was important that the Gaels started the second half well. The boys really got stuck in and held the Pearses onslaught. The score was 6 – 2 at the second water break and we were unlucky not to be more ahead having missed a few scoreable attempts playing against the wind.

Pearses put the pressure on us in that third quarter but the lads were equal to it and extended the half time lead. With the final quarter to play our lads kept going strong playing some lovely football and closed out the game on a final score of 11 – 4.

This is a fantastic group of lads who have worked hard all year. The standard of football they played in the final and all year was very impressive. To finish county champions is just reward. The future is bright!



Back row l – r ; Joseph McSharry, Daniel Nerney, Sam Walsh, Myles McSharry, Adam Killian, David King, Mark Biesty, Harry King, Michael Byrne, Tom Sexton, Sam Hannon

Front row l – r

Conor Gilmore, Gerald Greene, Cian Kiernan, Jeff Dolan, Cahal Mulry, Daniel Fleming, Seamie Carthy, Darragh Killeen, Darragh Donohue, Ethan Hussey, Eoin Naughten

Under 12 Div 5 & 6

The division 5 team played their Cup semi-final against Clann na nGael on Monday evening last. This was a great game with two evenly matched teams. The Gaels were two points down with two

minutes left on the clock. We managed to score two late points and the game ended level.

The replay is next Sunday morning at 12.30 in Johnstown.

Our Division 6 team played their Shield Final last Sunday morning against Padraig Pearses. Our boys put up a great fight against a stronger Pearses team but lost out on a scoreline of 12 pts to 6.



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a Winner !!*