



Managing Project Development Costs.

Tuesday May 24th 2022

Athlone Boat Club Overview



Humble beginnings



- ❖ Founded in 1837, located on the Shannon river in the middle of Athlone
- ❖ Provide rowing facilities and coaching to youths and adults.
- ❖ Long successful tradition of teaching rowing to the local community and competing at all levels throughout Ireland and Internationally
- ❖ Rowing is a strength endurance sport

Our Clubhouse up to 2020





Club Membership

Our Family

- ❖ Currently 154 members
- ❖ 94 Youths from Under 14 – Under 18 Female & Male.
- ❖ Senior Ladies & Senior Men
- ❖ Master Men & Ladies Crews
- ❖ Leisure Rowing members

A group of our members





Club Development Funding Source

- ❖ Overall Project cost; €850,000
- ❖ Handover to Club; Oct 2021
- ❖ Shortfall Funding; €100,000

Project Funding Sources

- Sports Capital 2014, 2017 €180k - 21%
- LEADER 1 & 2 €412k - 48%
- Clan Credo Term Loan €100k – 12%
- Own Funds €158k – 19%

Where we began 1837



Moving forward 2021





Development Journey Challenges

- ❖ €110k of costs above tender
- ❖ (P. Fees €30k, P. Upgrades €40k, Extra works €40k)
- ❖ Planning, Sewage, Extra ground works
- ❖ Underestimate of LEADER claim process & interest costs
- ❖ Managing External relationships and Internal expectations
- ❖ Shock change in LEADER offer
- ❖ Fund raising during CV 19 lockdown
- ❖ Continuing club activities during the build and lockdowns





Summer & Autumn 2020

Looking Back

National Championship
Winning Quad



Junior Boys



Clubhouse Floods



Junior Ladies early morning Row



Training on Lough Ree



Season Highlights



Golf Classic



Galway Head of River



Fog on the lake





Future Plans

Moving Forward

Plans for the Future

- Adaptive Rowing
- Tour Rowing
- Use of premises for Community in off peak times (Fitness Programmes)
- Other

