# History

- Enniscrone United founded in 1978 playing in Mayo League.
- Played on council pitch or borrowed farmers field in initial years
- Purchased current grounds in 1993 & following development had first game in 1998.
- Mayo league went to summer soccer in 1996, Enniscrone United moved to Sligo Leitrim League to continue with winter soccer.
- In 1998 Enniscrone United amalgamated with Kilglass FC to form Kilglass/Enniscrone United FC.
- Started underage Nursery program in 2002 prompting significant growth.
- In 2023
  - 2 Adult teams 1 Men's and 1 Women's
  - 6 underage Boys teams U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17

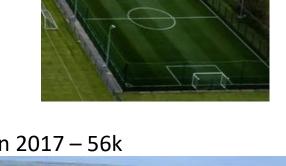


- 3 underage Girls teams U12, U13, U15
- 3 mixed nursery groups U6, U8, U10



## **Development Works**

- 50m x 30m Astro in 2016 110k
  - 37k from Sports Capital grant
  - 30k Bank Loan
  - 20k Supporters Interest Free Loan
  - 23k Fundraising
- Tarmacadam entrance road, footpaths and street lights in 2017 56k
  - 48k Clar Grant
  - 8k Own Funding
- Fencing added around grass pitch in 2020 16k
  - 8k Sports Capital Grant
  - 8k Own Funding
- Tarmacadam Carpark and Street Lighting in 2020 22k
  - 15k Clar Grant
  - 7k Own Funding
- Seating added to covered stand in 2021 13k
  - 1k Sligo County Council Grant
  - 12k Own Funding













## 2022/2023 – Convert Grass Pitch to All Weather

- Why?
  - General Youth Growth driving more teams
  - Addition & Growth of Girls teams
  - Winter Soccer!
- How?
  - Broke into 2 phases
    - Phase 1 Pitch 500k Project
    - Phase 2 Floodlights 120k Project estimated
- Phase 1
  - LEADER Grant 200k
  - Sports Capital Grant 60k
  - Own Savings 30k



- Members Interest Free Loans 30k
- Clann Credo Loan 180k



### Grants

- LEADER
  - Not specifically designed for sports clubs
  - Increasing participation with special focus on areas of deprivation
  - Difficult to get approval if there is similar facility in your area
  - Complex & detailed application required
  - However, you get to make a fulsome case for consideration
  - Submit to your local rep for approval process to begin
  - Must have matching finance (i.e., if you are awarded 100k, project must be 200k)
- SPORTS CAPITAL GRANT
  - Designed for Sports clubs
  - Relatively simple to complete but limited space to make your case
  - Versatile in what you can apply for
  - All done centrally through an online portal
  - Club must provide minimum of 5% of project costs





## How we used Clann Credo

\*\*Important: Your club must spend money before you can claim it back – LEADER and SPORTS CAPITAL GRANT\*\*

- We needed a 180k loan Term Loan obtained from Clann Credo over 12 years
- We needed Bridging for 60k Sports Capital Grant Provided by Clann Credo
- We needed Bridging finance for 200k LEADER Grant Provided by Clann Credo
- On project we needed quick turnaround on payments < 1 week from Clann Credo
- Assistance and advice available at end of a phone call
- Pay off loan early if extra revenue stream comes in





#### Watch outs

- Get a team onboard with you with expertise. Project managers, Engineers, Finance people etc
- Before you convince grant body, convince yourself! Develop a business plan and budget for inflation and things going wrong.
- Land Title. Do you own your grounds?
- Do you have a lease. Can it be extended?
- Do you know who the trustees of your club are?
- Speed of solicitors!!
- Who are your preferred vendor, work with people you trust.
- Choose an engineering house to work with if applicable
- Have you thought of everything? In our case Topsoil removal, rock breaking ...





### Watch outs Continued

- LEADER 3 months to recoup an invoice, only deal with one drawn down submission at a time! – Plan this.
- Sports Capital break your project into pieces for submission
- Sports Capital around 3 week to recoup an invoice however you need to get their Lotto sign up first!





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#### Before

## **No Going Back**









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