

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!



Before



No Going Back



Kilglass/Enniscrone Case Study – August 2023

