

Clonown Community Site Project



UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2014

4. CONTACT AND NEW MEMBERS

We value your opinion, so please contact a committee member with any ideas or suggestions. We will be holding our AGM on Monday 3 Nov 2014 at 9.00pm in Clonown Community Centre, so please come along for further information on the project. We welcome new members at any stage, so please contact us today!

Chairperson: Jackie Cunningham (086 3559003)

Secretary: Ronan Gavin (086 3029804)

Treasurer: Kenneth Macken (086 8446511)

Finally, many thanks for your continued support for this project which we hope will benefit current and future generations of people in our community.

Some of our events:

The Mid Shannon Cycle Tour
Distance 110k & 65k
Registration from 8.30am at Clonown Community Centre
Both cycles start at 10am sharp from Clonown Community Centre
Refreshments served on route and also after the race
Price €20
family 10k fun cycle from Clonown Community Centre at 13.00 Sunday 28th September



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1. FACILITIES

We are pleased to announce that the walking track will become available for use from Sunday the 7th September. Lights will be timed to come on once darkness falls. For the month of September the lights will be timed to be switched off at 9:30pm. Based on the demand and usage of the track and the cost of the lighting, the time at which the lights are to be switched off will be reviewed and altered accordingly. Any potential changes to the time at which the lights are to be switched off will be communicated to the public.

This a momentous moment for us the committee and also you the local people who have generously contributed in so many ways over the last number of years to this development. As a community we should be all very proud in what we have achieved to date.

We would appreciate your comments, feedback and suggestions as we embark on the opening of the walking track. It is only with your feedback and support that we can strive to improve the facility. Feel free to contact any committee member. From a health and safety point of view dogs are not allowed on site. The main gate will be locked at all times and we would ask that people use the small gate to enter and leave the site. We would also ask people to keep the gate closed.

The committee applied for funding for a children's play area to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (under the 2014 Sports Capital Programme) but were unsuccessful. The committee is still considering funding options for this element of the project.

We hope to have an official opening of walking track and field in early 2015. The committee, along with Clonown Rovers FC, are very grateful for all the support shown at the FAI visit to Clonown on 23 July 2014. We are also very grateful to the Clonown Community Centre committee for the continued use of the Community Centre.

2. FINANCIAL POSITION

The project received €154,000 of funding from the Roscommon Leader Partnership (RIDC). The funding was issued on a recoupment basis. This meant that the committee needed to secure a loan for the full cost of the project which was paid to the builder in stages as the works progressed. It was only on the completion of each work stage that the committee could apply to RIDC for draw down of our funding that would allow repayment of the loan. To date we have received 80% of our allocated funding from RIDC with 20% still outstanding. The cost of the bridging finance to date is €5,600. The expected total cost of this bridging cost is ~€5,900.

This cost has been a massive drain on our funds and will require the committee to seek additional ways to raise funds to meet our financial commitments.

The committee signed a 99 year lease with Roscommon County Council in 2012 for €30,000. To date, €10,000 was paid in 2013 with the remaining €20,000 due in four equal instalments over the next 4 years. Therefore along, with raising funds annually to maintain and operate the site, the committee will still need to raise enough to service the lease until it is fully paid in 2017.

3. UPCOMING FUND-RAISING EVENTS

- a) Mid Shannon Cycle Tour (28 Sep 2014): A 65km and 110km cycle will take place from Clonown Community Centre on Sunday 28 Sep 2014 at 10.00am costing €20.00, and €10.00 for U16s. There will also be a family cycle taking place at 1.00pm on the same day where a donation can be made if desired. Children on the cycle must be accompanied by an adult. Both events will have refreshments served in the Centre. For further details, please see the poster and local press.
- b) Drama nights in Clonown Community Centre (25/26 Oct 2014)
- c) Quiz night in Shamrock Lodge (20 Nov 2014)

