



Turning our ambitions into reality...

St. Jude's GAA
Playing Facilities Development Plan
2015-17

A message from chairman Liam Larkin

From humble beginnings, St Judes GAA Club emerged from the new housing estates that sprung up around Templeogue during the 1970's. Initially just 2 Juvenile teams, it has now grown to over 1,000 members and fields over 55 teams across all 4 major codes, incorporating football, hurling, camogie and ladies football.

The legacy of the hard work and investment is evident today in the current facilities and success enjoyed by the Club. The commitment, passion and determination from each of our participating members has helped us to grow and develop our Club into one of the country's finest.

The last major investment in our playing facilities took place over 10 years ago and for any Club with strong ambitions for success, that is too long. Development should never stop and we need to provide facilities that secure the success of current and future generations on the sporting fields of St Judes. It is imperative that we plan for long term growth and development. That is why this Playing Facilities Development Plan is essential.

A good community effort and collaborative support from all our members will be vital to ensure that this project is successful. It is no one code, no one team and no one person that will make this a success. It will be the collective responsibility of all members of St Judes to ensure we put in place a legacy that will pave the way for our Club for the next 25 years.

What is being proposed?

An Executive led review was carried out on the Club's current playing facilities. This review included engaging with 3rd party specialists and other GAA Clubs who have carried out similar developments. Following this review, the initial plans were presented to a number of Juvenile mentors and Adult members of the Club, in order to obtain their input and feedback.

Arising from this process, a comprehensive playing facilities plan was formalised and overwhelmingly approved at a Special General Meeting of the Club held on the 9th November 2014.

The Playing Facilities Development Plan consists of the following elements:

1. Installation of ball stop nets on pitches 1 and 3.
2. The complete redevelopment of Pitch 4 to a state of the art sand-based grass pitch, to include an irrigation system, flood lights, spectator railing and ball stop nets.
3. Expansion and enhancement of the current skills wall facility.



The timings are as follows:

	2015	2016	2017
Ball Stop Nets Installation on Pitch1 & 3			
Pitch 4 Redevelopment			
Pitch 4 Floodlight Installation			
Skills Wall Enhancement			

What will the proposed developments cost?

The total estimate cost of the Playing Facilities Development Plan is €770,000, summarised as follows:

Ball Stop Nets Pitches 1 & 3		€45k
Sand Based Pitch including Irrigation	€295k	
Flood Lighting & Electricity	€230k	
Fencing, Ball Stop Nets, Miscellaneous	€100k	
Pitch 4 Redevelopment		€625k
Skills Wall Enhancement		€100k
Total		€770k

How will the development costs be funded?

It is envisaged the Development will be funded through a combination of members' contributions, the Tax Relief for Sporting Bodies Scheme and grant funding broken down as follows:

Fundraising		
Members Donations	€300k	
Tax relief	€75k	
Total Contribution		€375k
Sports Capital Grant 2015	€200k	
Sports Capital Grant 2016	€145k	
Leinster Council Grant	€50k	
Total Grants		€395k
Total		€770k

It is the intention of the Club to submit applications for grant funding over the proposed development timeline, with a view to maximising the contribution to the developments from this source. However, it should be noted the Club's ability to draw down any approved grant funding will be conditional upon it raising the balance required to complete each distinct phase. Applications for support under the State Sports Capital Grant Programme and the GAA Leinster Council Grant scheme will be submitted in advance of each phase of development.

All monies raised will be ring-fenced for playing facilities developments only.



How can you contribute towards the success of this project?

To ensure the success of this project and pave the way for current and future generations, we are asking members to make a minimum financial commitment of €750 to ensure success. There is no maximum. We have put in place a number of proposed payment options.

Payment options	Total donation
From Jan 2015, 36 x monthly donations of €20.84	€750
From Jan 2015, 3 x annual donations of €250	€750
One off donation of €750	€750

In addition, the Club intends to maximise the benefits available under the Tax Relief for Sporting Bodies Scheme in relation to any donations received. Details of how the scheme works are set out as follows.

It's not just financial donations needed. All Clubs stand together and we would welcome any additional support from members who are willing to provide their time and energy towards the current fundraising activities or the day-to-day management of the Club and the promotion of Gaelic games in St Judes GAA Club.

The tax relief on donations scheme – your questions answered

The Finance Act 2002 introduced arrangements for Approved Sports Bodies to benefit from tax relief provisions. For the purposes of the scheme, St Judes GAA Club is recognised by the Revenue Commissioners as an 'Approved Sports Body'.

The Revenue scheme allows tax relief on voluntary donations in respect of expenditure on capital projects. In order to qualify for this tax relief, the minimum donation in any tax year (1 January to 31 December) is €250.

The specifics of the scheme depend on whether the donor is a PAYE taxpayer OR an individual on self-assessment OR a company.

PAYE taxpayers

For a PAYE taxpayer, the Club is deemed to have received any donation "net" of tax. At the end of the tax year, the taxpayer gives the Club an "Appropriate Certificate". The Club is then allowed to reclaim, from the Revenue, the tax paid by the individual.

For example, a taxpayer who donates €20.84 per month to the Club will give a total of €750 to the Club over three years.

For a standard rate taxpayer (20%) the Club reclaims €188 from the Revenue, so the total received by the Club is €938.

For a higher rate taxpayer (40%) the Club reclaims €500 from the Revenue, so the total received by the Club is €1,250

On an annual basis, the Club will prepare the required certificate from information provided by the taxpayer and will send it to the taxpayer for their signature.

Example 1 - PAYE Tax Payer

Payment options	Standard Rate Taxpayer 20%	Higher Rate Taxpayer 40%
Donation / Cost to donor	€750	€750
Tax rebate reclaimed by St Judes GAA Club	€188	€500
St. Judes GAA Club receives	€938	€1,250

Non PAYE taxpayers and corporate donors

In the case of a donation by an individual who pays tax on a self-assessment basis, the individual will be entitled to claim a tax deduction on the individual's annual tax return.

All donations are made gross to the Club with the taxpayer reclaiming the tax themselves. In order to facilitate this, the Club is required to give the donor a receipt. This receipt must state that it is a receipt for the purposes of Section 847A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, that it is a donation to an

approved sports body and is relevant for the purposes of relief under the said section.

Example 2 - Self Assessed Tax Payer

Payment options	Standard Rate Taxpayer 20%	Higher Rate Taxpayer 40%
Donations Received by St Judes GAA Club	€938	€1,250
Tax relief claimed by the Donor	-€188	-€500
Actual cost of the donation to the Donor	€750	€750

An SME / Corporate that makes a donation is entitled to claim a deduction as if it was a trading expense.

Donors taxed under self-assessment but also PAYE taxpayer

A donor who is taxed under the self-assessment system but who is also a PAYE taxpayer MUST claim the relief on his or her return of income under the self-assessment system. A donor in these circumstances should not complete the "Appropriate Certificate".

All information provided to the Club will be treated in the strictest confidence.





What next?

It is the intention of the Club to canvass members with a view to having as many members sign up to the scheme as possible with a minimum contribution of €20.84 per month for PAYE taxpayers and €35 for non-PAYE taxpayers.

In order to meet the minimum donation requirement of the Revenue, for any donors committing to the monthly standing order scheme after the 31st January 2015, it will be necessary for the taxpayer to pay to the Club any "arrears" of contributions from January 2015 by cheque.

Please return to the Club the following information to the Club, either directly to the Club Treasurer or via a Club Development Fundraising Co-ordinator:

PAYE Taxpayers

- Completed Registration form
- Completed Standing Order form
- Cheque for "arrears" (if applicable)
- Completed "Appropriate Certificate"

Non PAYE taxpayers

- Completed Registration form
- Completed Standing Order form
- Cheque for "arrears" (if applicable)

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