

## Update on actions for Kilmore Football Club

Dublin City Council area management and elected members met with committee members of Kilmore FC in December 2019 to discuss some issues that the club were experiencing. The club spoke of their need for a base (clubhouse) for children to meet and change, about the need for somewhere for parents to park, the need for a footpath to the containers and a fence along the wall surrounding the pitch. There was also discussions about developing an all-weather pitch and/or clubhouse on the Oscar Traynor site.

We looked into a number of these issues. As was agreed at the meeting, we spoke to the management of The Range who have agreed to allow the club parking there on match days and during training when the gates are open.

We spoke to Parks about the need for a footpath to the containers. If this was to be installed from the pedestrian lights at the entrance to the industrial site it would cost about €25-30,000, with another €5-6,000 for a set of kissing gates.

Due to the length of the perimeter from Larch Hill to the Range, it would cost circa €150,000 for railings of 1.1 to 1.3 metres in height and another €50-60,000 to erect them.

With regard to a clubhouse we have facilitated meetings with the trustees of St Lukes Youth Club and members of Kilmore FC. We are working on drawing up a local agreement between both entities where the football club will be able to use the building for gathering and changing facilities in the short to medium term.

There are discussions ongoing between the school behind St Lukes and the soccer club and it is hoped that the girl's teams will be able to play their games within the school campus. This will lead to parents being enabled to park beside St Luke's YC.

Discussions are ongoing to arrange the younger boys teams to play on the lower pitch and this will allow for parents to park in The Range car park. It is hoped to either move one container down to this pitch or to obtain another one.

Due to the cost of railings it may be a more prudent option to plant circa 40 trees along the length of the pitches which would cost circa €5,000. There is also a need to look at repair and capping of the small wall along the site.

If we provide a new container (or move one of the present ones) on the lower pitch we can provide a small footpath from a new kissing gate to the container. We can then also provide a small footpath up the higher end from the cross footpath to the containers. Both footpaths and a kissing gate at the lower end will cost circa €20-25,000.

In the longer term the development of a clubhouse and/or an all-weather pitch will require consultation, design, planning, sports capital applications and club fundraising. The sports capital programme will only provide 85% funding so the club would have to help in the fundraising to provide the remaining 15%. There is also significant ongoing costs involved for clubs in covering the costs of a sinking fund, annual maintenance costs and lighting costs.

We have made some good progress with the club and will continue to work with them to move on to the next steps. Funding sources for the works in the medium term will need to be agreed.