



Clann Róba Development Update Summer 2026

WE'RE WELL ON THE WAY

The Clann Róba Development was never conceived as a vanity project.

It was a response to a simple reality: Ballinrobe GAA & LGFA continues to grow, with more players, more teams, more training sessions and greater demands on our facilities every season.

In 2024, we launched the Clann Róba Development with an ambitious vision for our expanding club. We asked our members, supporters, local businesses and the wider Ballinrobe community to help transform Flanagan Park into a vast complex of new and enhanced facilities. The response has been very encouraging. Thanks to that support, the development is well underway and the plans we first shared are steadily becoming reality.



This update outlines what has been achieved, where the project now stands and what comes next.



PROGRESS

A vision becoming a reality

The Clann Róba Development has always had one over-riding objective: giving our players the facilities they deserve.

Every decision over the last two years has reflected this objective and the project itself has evolved to meet it. The committee has continually reviewed designs, specifications and construction methods to ensure the greatest possible long-term benefit for the club and the best possible value for money.

Construction costs have risen sharply over the lifetime of the project, yet every aspect of the development continues to be examined so that every euro entrusted to us delivers the greatest benefit.

In several cases, we have improved on the original plans, as the updates below outline. The result will be an even better Flanagan Park than the one first presented when Clann Róba was launched.

If you haven't visited Flanagan Park recently, we encourage you to call up and have a look. The transformation is becoming more evident with every passing month.



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COMPLETED & OPERATIONAL

The Ballinrobe Credit Union Gym



The Ballinrobe Credit Union Gym - significantly improved from the originally-envisioned design, with more space allowing for more comfortable team sessions and classes - is now complete and fully operational.

Our underage squads used it extensively for strength and conditioning throughout winter and spring. Senior men’s and ladies’ teams have also made it a central part of their preparation.

This year’s U15 boys’ football panel trained here during their campaign to become Mayo champions and the first club team to qualify for the John West GAA Féile Peile na nÓg finals. This is exactly what this project was designed to do: provide local players with first-class facilities in their own community.



It is already reaping rewards for our teams and will continue to do so.

The quality of the facility has attracted attention beyond Ballinrobe. Members of the history-making Mayo senior football panel, including our own Diarmuid Duffy, used the gym earlier in their All-Ireland-winning season before a challenge game at the Tim Kelly Group Pitch, Flanagan Park, and spoke very positively about the standard of what has been created.

(Above): Mayo players and All-Ireland champions (l to r), Aidan O'Shea, Jack Coyne (captain 2026), Ryan O'Donoghue and Tommy Conroy at our gym.



Treacy's Pharmacies Astro Pitch



The Treacy's Pharmacies Astro Pitch has now been completed and is in full use.

Measuring 60 metres by 35 metres (60% larger than originally planned), it provides a superb all-weather training facility that is being used throughout the year by players of every age.

It increases training capacity significantly while reducing pressure on the grass pitches during difficult weather.

Treacy's Pharmacies Astro Pitch in action: Watch players making full use of our new all-weather training facility.



The Cummins Pitch



The club's new full-size, sand-based pitch is on course to open next season.

Meanwhile, the new Cummins Pitch continues to develop well.

The full-size, sand-based playing surface has now been seeded and recently received its first cut.

Ten metres longer than originally planned (138m instead of 128m), it is the same size as the existing pitch, with extra space also behind the goals. Fully drained and built to modern standards, it is expected to open next summer and will transform the club's ability to accommodate the ever-increasing number of teams using Flanagan Park.



SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Equipment store & stand access

The new equipment store has replaced the former machinery shed, providing greatly improved storage while freeing up the space needed for future development.

Visitors will also notice another important improvement - new access has been created through the stand, linking the gym, dressing rooms and playing areas more effectively while preparing the site for the next phase of construction.

WHAT COMES NEXT

The next phase

NEW DRESSING ROOMS • SHOWERS • PHYSIO FACILITIES

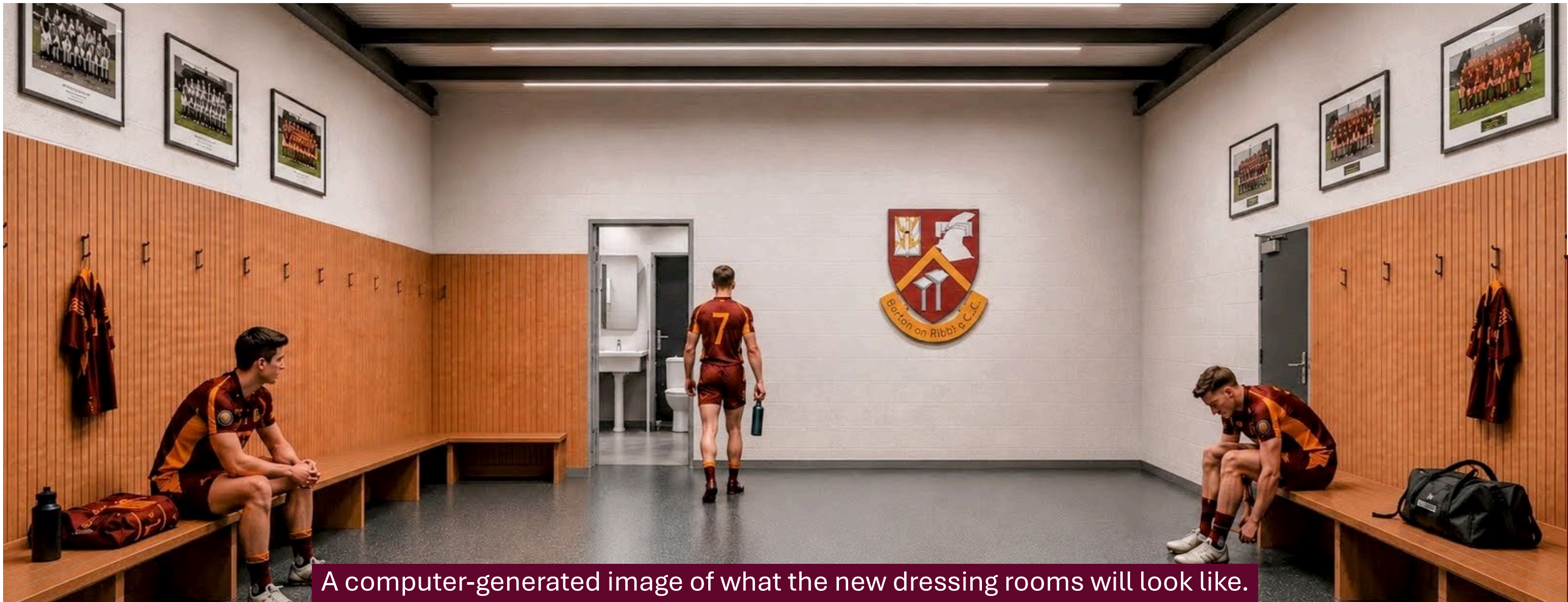
A phased approach has allowed the Clann Róba Development to continue while keeping Flanagan Park open and active. Training, matches and club life have continued throughout the construction programme, despite the inevitable challenges of working on a busy sporting campus. Every completed element is strengthening the overall development.

Attention now turns towards the next major stage of the project: new dressing room facilities.

The development will include two modern dressing rooms together with showers and physio facilities. Instead of connecting to the existing dressing rooms as per the original plan, these will now be in a standalone building adjacent to the gym, with a separate entrance and tunnel leading onto the main pitch. They will also be larger than under the original plan with better toilet and shower facilities. Work on these facilities will commence in late July and is expected to be completed by the end of December 2026.

WORK BEGINS
LATE JULY 2026

WORK ENDS
END DECEMBER 2026



A computer-generated image of what the new dressing rooms will look like.

MOMENTUM CONTINUES

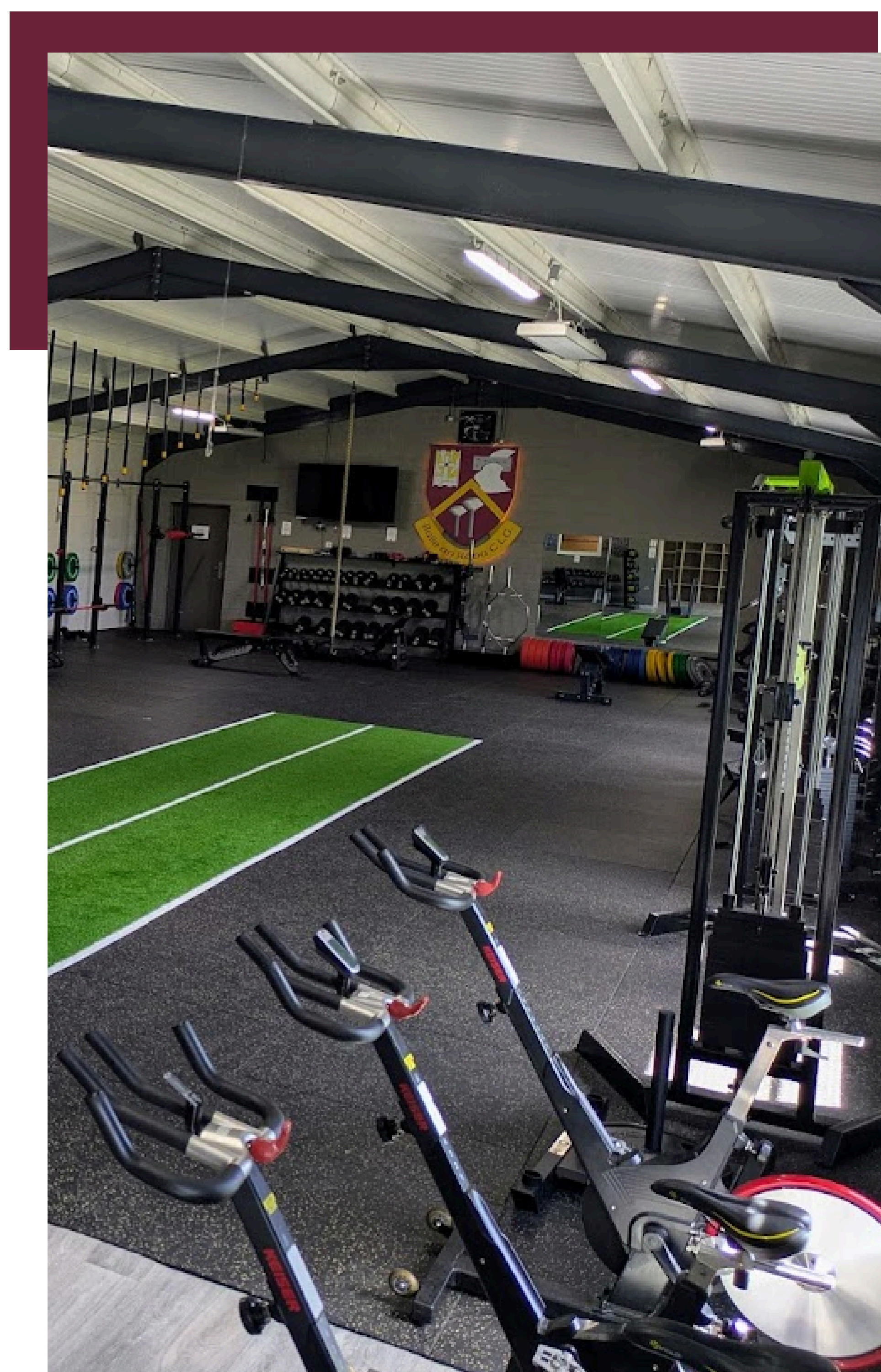
Looking ahead

The progress outlined in these pages has only been possible because so many people believed in the project from the very beginning. But the work isn't over.

Fundraising therefore continues as we work towards the dressing rooms, clubhouse and the remaining site improvements.

If your standing order or pledged contribution is nearing its conclusion, we hope you will consider continuing to support us as we move towards the finish line.

The objective has never changed: to create facilities that match the ambition of our players and leave something of lasting value for future generations. We can do this, but only if we do it together.



**THE VISION IS NO LONGER SIMPLY AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION.
IT IS TAKING SHAPE BEFORE OUR EYES.**

Our partners & supporters

A development of this scale depends upon strong partnerships.

We are particularly grateful to our title sponsors:

- **Tim Kelly Group – Tim Kelly Group Pitch, Flanagan Park.**
- **Ballinrobe Credit Union – title sponsors of our gym.**
- **Treacy's Pharmacies – title sponsors of our astro pitch.**
- **Cummins Group – title sponsors of our second pitch.**

Their support has become a permanent part of the Flanagan Park complex and of the future of our club. Their confidence in the project has encouraged others to become part of the journey.

This has also been a community movement. Hundreds of individuals, families and businesses have contributed in different ways, investing in the future of the club through generous donations. Members have opened doors, made introductions and given countless volunteer hours to help the campaign succeed. Every one of those contributions has helped move the project forward.

We also acknowledge the support received through the Sports Capital Programme, Mayo County Council, the Community Recognition Fund and every other grant secured along the way. Public funding and community fundraising have gone hand in hand throughout this development.



Thank you

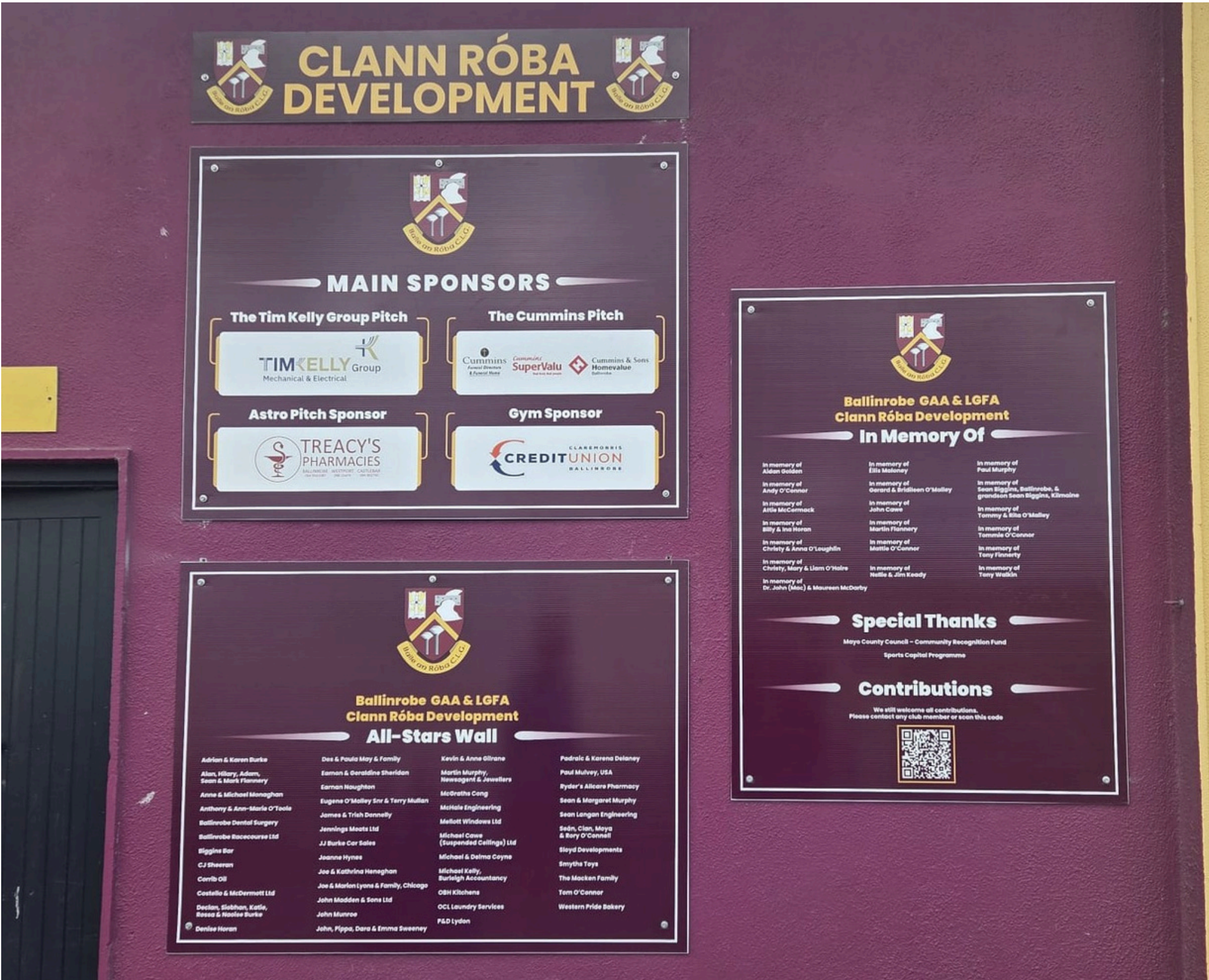
The Clann Róba Development belongs to the entire Ballinrobe community. It is being funded by sponsors and donors, strengthened through public grant support, guided by volunteers and, every day, brought to life by the young people who train and play at Flanagan Park.

As promised, your support will be permanently recognised at Flanagan Park. The Clann Róba Patrons' Wall and the two All-Star Team Walls will become lasting features of the completed development, acknowledging those whose generosity has helped shape the future of our club. Temporary displays are already in place, offering a preview of what these permanent installations will look like.

Our list of patrons can be viewed here:
<https://www.ballinrobegaclub.com/flanagan-park-walls/>



Temporary Clann Róba Patrons' Wall



Temporary Clann Róba All-Stars Team Wall

Every generation leaves something behind.
Previous generations gave us Flanagan Park.
This generation is helping to shape what it will become for those who follow.

STAY CONNECTED

Watch the journey



Watch our original
Clann Róba launch video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jT0lYzMzHGo>



The plans in detail
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8toiNFcaHA>

CLANN RÓBA COMMITTEE

John Flannelly, Martin Murphy (joint chairpersons), Annette Conway, Gerry Donnelly, Sarah Gibbons, Denise Horan, Liam Horan, Des May, Paul McElarney, Elaine O’Brien, John Sweeney, Kevin Tuffy, David Walsh.

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Tax-deductible development

Clann Róba Development has been approved as tax deductible. This means that for PAYE tax payers – if you do not submit a self-assessed tax return you are considered PAYE – we can recoup tax from Revenue equivalent to the marginal rate the donor pays. Thus a €1,000 donation from someone on 40 per cent tax rate means we can claim €660 back from Revenue. PAYE workers cannot claim this themselves so they either agree to us claiming it or the money stays with Revenue. Self-assessed individuals can claim relief themselves which means a donation of €2,000 effectively costs them €1,200.

How to donate

Enter this link in your browser www.ballinrobegaclub.com/clann-roba-development, or scan the QR code, and complete the simple online form. Please contact any member of the club executive or Clann Róba Development Committee if you wish to discuss any of the above options. Cash contributions are also welcome and can be made by contacting Gerry Donnelly (+353 87 299 7021).

