

GAA Committee Meeting 23/11/2022

In the Parish Hall at 9.00pm

Present: Owen Murphy, Aoife Roche, Keith, Declan O'Leary, Brian Curran, Patrick O'Connor, Anthony Roche, Declan Whelan, Paul Murphy, RJ Blake, Jimmy Whelan, Mike Carroll, Senan Lillis, Lar Leacy, Denis Carroll, Eddie Rowe, Owen Leacy, Ger Corrigan, Robert McGuinness, Aideen Sutton, Sean Doyle, John Purcell, Michael Lillis, John Whelan, John Roche, Joe Cullen, Neil Murphy, Noeleen Murphy, Larry Kelly, Liam Buttle.

Apologies: None

Purpose of the meeting

Owen said the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the potential purchase of land from William Dempsey. He is asked for €65,000 for it and we don't know if anyone else is bidding on it.

RJ asked would phase 2 be put on hold if we buy the field.

Owen said it could be and we shouldn't be too long raising the money for this.

Anthony said Dempsey told him €65,000 is non-negotiable.

Owen said if we are going to buy it, we need to decide now. Dempsey had told us a few years ago that he would take half then and half a year after.

RJ asked what the plan for Elaine Barrett's land is.

Owen said she has told him that she would rent on a long-term lease but they haven't discussed any further than that.

Declan said Dempsey's land is c.1.3 acres.

Owen asked is anyone against buying it.

Senan said 100% for buying it but not to be turned into a car park.

John Purcell said the main thing is to buy it and then we'll decide what to do with it.

Sean Doyle asked what funds are available to buy it.

Owen said the GAA club have €60k but we need to fundraise to buy this.

Senan said let's have no regrets, lets buy it.

Owen asked if anyone objected. No objections.

Lar said I think we've established we're going to buy it but how are we going to raise the money.

Senan asked how about a shedfest.

Owen said we'd destroy the grass and covering it down costs a fortune.

Dex suggested we run a major competition.

Owen said we need to set up a committee first.

Owen also said this will cost c.€75k including fees & stamp duty.

Owen asked if each club should raise their own share or all clubs go together.

Aideen, Declan, Keith, and Eddie all said clubs should go together.

Paul suggested if doing the mayor competition then we could pick 4 people from 4 areas of the parish.

Liam suggested members get together and give €1,000 each as a donation. He said we may be able to collect a lot to go towards the cost.

Mike asked if it could be used as a training pitch.

Owen said it could be.

Owen suggested 2 people from each club go on a finance committee to arrange fundraising. All agreed. Owen asked if we wanted to set up a committee tonight or go back to each of the clubs to put forward 2 people.

Aideen said she would go on the committee, and she would get someone else from the LGF club also.

Mick said mayor competition could be launched at the parish league.

Larry & Joe said to ask members for a donation of €500. A few agreed this could probably work. Lar suggested that we could offer long term membership for the €500 for non-playing members.

Sean Doyle suggested we ask for donations and run the mayor competition.

Lar said we shouldn't do both, we'd be asking the same people for money both ways.

Lar said several good ideas.

Paul said we should go back to the clubs and set up a committee.

Owen thanked everyone and called the meeting to a close.