



**PATHWAY
TO 2030**

Pathway to 2030 Newsletter | August 2025



Welcome to the second edition of our Pathway to 2030 Newsletter. We're delighted to share the latest progress on Clarinbridge Camogie and GAA's Facilities Development Plan as we work to build a lasting legacy for our clubs and community.

Our mission remains clear: to deliver timely, equitable access to high-quality facilities that promote activity, inclusion and participation for all age groups in Clarinbridge. Let's take a look at what has been achieved since June, and what lies ahead.

Season Highlights So Far - Off the Pitch

Green Club

Phase 3 is now underway, with recycling bins across the grounds and a focus on energy and waste reduction.

To get involved email
clarinbridgegreenclub@gmail.com.

One Club Working Group

Work continues on exploring how to integrate the Camogie and GAA clubs into a single entity, in line with best practice encouraged by both associations. A survey has been shared with members. If you haven't yet participated, please complete it. Complete the survey at www.clarinbridgegaa.ie or pick up a printed copy in local shops.





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Season Highlights So Far

On the Pitch

Clarinbridge Camogie and GAA continue to show that talent, commitment and passion are in abundance. Now we need facilities to match.

- Camogie is thriving, buoyed by Galway's Senior All-Ireland success. Pride overflowed as Clarinbridge's Carrie Dolan lifted the O'Duffy Cup, with unforgettable homecoming scenes in the village. Congratulations also to Niamh, Aoibhe (U-23 All-Ireland winner earlier this summer) and backroom representatives Fiona, Philip, Mike, Thomas and Audrey. Clarinbridge was also strongly represented in Galway underage squads: five girls contributed to U-15 All-Ireland glory, while another five played with the U-14s in Croke Park.



- Both clubs hosted their largest-ever Kellogg' Cúl Camp with over 315 children participating.



- At club level, the Senior A team opened with a strong win over St. Thomas's. For the first time, the Camogie club is fielding two adult sides, providing a clear pathway for all players.

- Social Camogie has enjoyed county blitzes, while the U-12s hosted a hugely successful Festival of Camogie, welcoming 17 teams from four counties. From U-5s upwards, underage teams remain busy with training, Go Games and competitions, all aspiring to follow in Carrie's footsteps.

- On the GAA side, pride and participation are equally strong. The Minors secured three wins from four games, guaranteeing a playoff place. The U20s rebounded from early defeats to push Sarsfields in a narrow quarter-final loss. Both Junior C and Junior E teams reached the knockout stages.

- The Intermediates faced a tough opening defeat to Ballygar, while the Seniors hit the ground running with strong wins over Turloughmore and Ardrahan. Fielding four adult teams continues to underline the parish's deep commitment to hurling, even if player movement between grades brings its own challenges.

- There was plenty of excitement at juvenile level. The U15C1 claimed Shield honours with a superb win over Craughwell, and the U14s are set to contest their own Shield final. August also brought special recognition, with three of our U15 players proudly representing Clarinbridge in the Galway GAA Hurling Academy, competing against Wexford and Offaly. From juvenile to senior, players, coaches and management are giving their all. Now they need the facilities to match their ambition.



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Strong Governance

A robust governance framework underpins the Pathway to 2030 plan, ensuring delivery with transparency, accountability and clear direction. Dedicated working groups are focused on specific elements of the programme.

Despite unforeseen delays, the development project team has worked hard to maintain momentum. The communications and events team is preparing for the launch of the Ball Wall and Astro pitch, while the fundraising team continues to deliver exceptional results with 132 personal donors and 21 business donors now signed up.



Development Plan in Action

Here are the latest updates on key projects in Phase 1 of the Facilities Development Plan:

Wastewater Treatment System

Installation is now complete after minor delays. Commissioning will be finished this week, enabling progress on the Ball Wall and Astro pitch.

Ball Wall and Astro Facility

Work is scheduled to begin in September, with completion expected within 6–12 weeks. A bat survey has been completed to support lighting plans, with approval submissions due in early Autumn.

Dressing Room & Toilet Upgrade

Shower and toilet areas will be complete by the end of August, with final painting and partitioning due by late September.

Scoreboard

Our electronic scoreboard has been re-installed following wastewater works, with final power connections expected by the end of August.

Power Supply

ESB has approved our 3-phase 29kVA application. The supply proposal will be finalised by the end of August, with first-phase works beginning in late September.

Flemings Field

A bill of quantities has been issued to three pitch specialists for final costings, with work scheduled to begin in Spring 2026. The pitch will be decommissioned for that season.

Clubhouse Redevelopment

Professional support has been engaged to evaluate cost effective and efficient options for rejuvenation and extension.

Looking Ahead: Phases Two, Three and Four

While Phase 1 remains the priority, planning for Phases 2–4 will commence in Autumn 2025.



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Financing The Future



Grant Funding

Significant funding has already been secured:

- **€150,000** for the Astro/Wall Ball facility
- **€143,000** for the Clubhouse/Gym development
- **€33,000** LEADER grant for the Wastewater Treatment System

Preparation is underway for a new Climate Action Fund application in September 2025, in partnership with the GAA Green Club Programme and the Kilcolgan & Clarinbridge Sustainable Energy Community. Expertise from community members is welcomed to strengthen our grant applications selection process.

If you can offer such help please email: clarinbridgepathwayto2030@gmail.com

Friends of the Bridge Donations Update (as of 28 August 2025)

Just four months after launch, donations have already reached **€131,000**.

We extend our sincere thanks to every donor for their generosity.

A virtual donor wall will go live in September on our website:

pathwayto2030.clarinbridgegaa.ie.

Finally

We hope these updates provide reassurance that Pathway to 2030 is progressing with diligence and accountability. The next newsletter will issue at the end of October.

Please help spread the word within the community. Pathway to 2030 is more than a facilities plan. It is a legacy project, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a space that will serve Clarinbridge for generations. Every contribution, whether time, expertise, or funding brings us closer to realising this future.

Current Donor Progress:

- **132** individuals signed up as personal donors
- **74** additional individuals committed to sign up
- **21** businesses signed up
- **10** businesses pledged support but not yet registered

Based on those who have signed up, our current projected donation total for 2030 stands at **€429,565**.