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Please see letters from Shamrocks GAA and Mucklagh Soccer



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5th October 2020

To Whom It Concerns,

Shamrocks GAA Club incorporates the areas of Mucklagh, Killina and The Island.

We would strongly support, and stress the necessity for, improvements to the road Brocca Road in Mucklagh, i.e. from the main road in the village to our playing grounds.

Shamrocks GAA Club urges that a footpath, floodlights and a wider road be developed, if at all possible.

Shamrocks GAA Club caters for boys aged from six upwards in both Gaelic football and hurling. We field GAA teams at all underage levels, in addition to adult teams in both codes. In addition, Shamrocks GAA Club are closely aligned to the Shamrocks Ladies' Football Club. While the ladies have a separate committee, we provide our facilities to them on a daily basis and support each other in other ways such as summer camps, etc.

In addition, we provide coaching support and the use of our facilities to St Coleman's NS, Mucklagh.

Shamrocks GAA Club have recently developed a walking track and this will increase the footfall on the Brocca Road.

Our statistics include the following:

- Over 70 adult playing members (male)
- Six adult hurling and football teams (male)
- Over 200 underage members (male)
- Twelve underage hurling and football teams (male)
- Similar figures to above in ladies' football.

Yours Sincerely,

Gerry Buckley
(Secretary, Shamrocks GAA Club).

06/10/2020

To Whom it concerns,

Mucklagh Schoolboys/Girls Community Soccer Club provides soccer for both schoolboys & girls, in the Midlands Schoolboys League, along with teams competing within the CCFL. Our club incorporates members from Mucklagh, Rahan, The Island ,Killina ,Tullamore and further areas. We currently have 125 schoolboys/girls members and 32 CCFL members, fielding 10 teams from U7 age groups to U19 CCFL division. We provide Summer Soccer Camps and also a successful Sports For All Inclusion program to the area. We have provided coaching support to our local national school, St Colemans NS Mucklagh, and also have a close alignment with soccer in Killina Secondary School.

In February 2020, our club purchased 12 acres of land at the Screggan cross, Mucklagh, on which to develop our club. We would strongly support, and highlight the necessity for footpath access from the Screggan Cross to extend further, up to the bypass junction. The addition of lighting to the road area is also a necessity, as there is no road lighting currently in place past the Screggan Cross junction. The inclusion of a pedestrian crossing here also would be hugely beneficial, for the safety of all local pedestrian users.

With so many of our club members from the Mucklagh village area, the provision of footpaths and lighting along the road, will allow for members to access the new grounds safely on foot, and therefore reduce their carbon footprint by reducing the use of cars necessary to access pitches. The development of this new club grounds will no doubt increase the footfall to that area, and this needs to be facilitated in a safe manner.

We would appreciate your consideration of these proposed developments , as we strongly feel they would be hugely beneficial to the Mucklagh area in its entirety , and provide additional safety to all road users , both vehicular and pedestrian.

Yours in Sport

Mr Brendan Galvin

Chairperson of Mucklagh Schoolboys/Girls Community Soccer Club

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