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Dear Members,

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ATHLONE TENNIS CLUB CLG

We've had a lot going on over the last few months and wanted to provide you an update on Phase 1b of the Clubs Development Plans.

1. Club Ambition

The Club's ambition is to build three additional courts under a Dome enclosure, with the facility to be fully operational in the next 18/24 months. The Development will be a Turnkey Project with a build timeframe of 6 months.

2. Current Position

To achieve this, a number of key milestones have already been reached, and a Strategic Plan is in place to guide the project through to completion.

3. Milestones Achieved

- Land secured – The land on which the Dome will be built is already under a 50-year lease to the Club.
- Planning permission obtained – Full planning approval for the Dome has been secured.
- Regional Centre status achieved – The Club has successfully established itself as a Regional Centre, enabling ATC to secure a CSFF grant of €485,000.
- Professional Team – A professional team of consultants has been assembled to oversee the build development. The Executive Committee will determine the most appropriate timing for contract execution and the formal engagement of these professionals.

4. Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan has two strands, with the success of the first directly influencing the progress of the second.

Strand 1: Funding

- Estimated project cost: €800,000 (Does not include the playing surface)
- Confirmed grant: €485,000 (CSFF)

Potential sources to bridge the gap include:

- Members Bonds will be our main contribution to funding the gap
- Fundraising campaigns
- Possible additional grants and public funding streams (**However after receiving close to half a million euro this will be very limited**)
- Sponsorship from local and regional businesses

Strand 2: Delivery & Operations

Once funding is secured, the focus will immediately shift to delivery and implementation. The steps are as follows:

1. Tendering & Contractor Appointment
2. Construction Phase
3. Compliance & Grant Claim
4. Operational Readiness
5. Community & Regional Impact

Conclusion

The project represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Athlone Tennis Club. If the club does not use the grant we will lose it. With milestones already achieved, the focus now is on closing the funding gap and moving seamlessly into the delivery phase. Success will secure not only a world-class facility for members but also long-term recognition of ATC as a Regional Centre for tennis development.

We're pleased to invite all club members to a pivotal Development Meeting featuring two distinguished guests:

The Bounty, Coosan Rd., Athlone, Co. Westmeath – 22nd Oct @ 20.30

- **Mr. Kevin Quinn**, CEO of Tennis Ireland
- **Mr. Gareth Howe**, Rocklyn Engineering – our preferred Dome supplier and Tennis Ireland's trusted partner

This meeting will focus on the strategic importance of our club's development plans and the exciting opportunities ahead. Your presence and input are highly valued as we shape the future of our facilities and community.

Yours In Sport,

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