

TENDER REPORT

For

Ardrahan GAA CLUB

Preliminary Groundwork's and Ball/Retaining Wall.

INTRODUCTION:

This report is prepared in response to the tender process recently carried out on behalf of Ardrahan GAA Club for their proposed developments works. The tender process was prepared and carried out by Ardrahan GAA Club Development Committee.

Ardrahan GAA Club were recently awarded funding of €112,000 from the Sports Capital Programme 2014 towards the construction of a new All Weather Sports Pitch and Ball Wall. This tender process involved obtaining quotations to carry out both the initial phases of the All Weather Pitch construction and the new Adult Pitch Construction. The tender documents therefore were split into three separate schedules. The schedules comprised of the following works.

Schedule A: These works comprised of the stripping and stock piling of the topsoil on part of the newly purchased lands, removal of existing stone wall and removal of the recently tipped construction material behind the small pitch. These works are not part of the works for which funding was awarded. They are not subject to approval of the Sport Capital Programme Unit.

Schedule B: These works comprised of the stripping of topsoil and excavation to formation level of the All Weather Pitch, the construction of the sub base of the new adult pitch and some soil retaining works at the corner of the existing adult pitch adjacent to the All Weather Pitch.

Schedule C: These works comprised of the construction of a reinforced concrete retaining/ ball wall along the edge of the All Weather Pitch and the backfilling with gravel material behind the wall upon completion. This wall is designed at 5 metres in height. Providing a 300mm gravel base layer under the All Weather Pitch was also included in the scope of works.

TENDER PROCESS

The proposed works were publicly advertised in the Connacht Tribune inviting submissions of interest. They were also advertised on the Clubs Facebook Page and on the Club House notice board. Expressions of interest were submitted by nine interested parties. Tender Documents were prepared and sent out to all parties that expressed an interest in tendering for the project.

Tender documents were also sent out to both Frank Higgins and Patrick Mahoney. While no expressions of interest were received from either party they had previously been requested to submit a tender for part of the above works and hence they were also sent a copy of the tender documents.

Tenderer's had the option to price schedules A and B or all three schedules.

Seven tenders were received by the tender submission date of the 29th September.

The tenders were opened and recorded at a meeting of the Development Committee on the 29th September in the Club House. A summary of the tender prices submitted for the three separate schedules is included at the end of this report.

TENDER DETAILS

There was a large variation in the tenders submitted. The overall combined cost of the lowest tenders for schedules B and C amounted to €133,964.05 with the lowest quote for the retaining/ball wall element amounting to approximately €80,000. Please refer to tender summary at the end of report for details of all tender prices submitted. All prices are inclusive of vat which the Club is obliged to pay.

TENDER ANALYSIS

The Development Committee discussed the merits of spending so much of the grant allocation on the retaining/ball wall element of the works. The length of this wall was dictated solely by its retaining wall function.

The development committee felt that a 30 metre long ball wall would serve the club's requirements adequately. The cost of a standalone pre cast ball wall located at the eastern side of the All Weather Pitch will cost in the order of €18,000 (quote provided by Banagher Concrete).

The lowest cost tender is in line with the committee's budget estimates. Further potential savings have been identified by the reduction/omission of the Stone Gabions with an alternative proposal. These potential saving amount to approximately €10,000 for Schedule B.

The proposed retaining/ball wall can be omitted by moving out the All Weather Pitch approximately 3 metres from the walkway and sloping the edge of the walkway. Its re location will not compromise the All Weather Pitch or the remainder of the development.

It will provide potential net savings of over €60,000 when costed against the Pre Cast Ball Wall option and will facilitate the commencement of the next stage of the All Weather Pitch after the current works are completed.

The lowest cost tender for both schedules A and B were submitted by the same contractor Seamus Coleman. Mr Coleman is based at Aggard Craughwell. He has experience in sports field development works and has recently carried out works to Craughwell FC's pitch and works in conjunction with Emerald Pitch Developments Ltd on many sports pitch developments. He also carries out maintenance works for Irish Rail.

He has submitted details of his insurances, health and safety management systems and tax clearance certificate, all of which are in order.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Development Committee makes the following recommendations to the executive.

1. Omit retaining/ball wall and replace with 30 metre long precast wall located at the short side of the All Weather Pitch (Michael Fahy's Side).
2. Award contract for works in both schedule A and B to lowest priced tender i.e. Seamus Coleman. (Please note the three lowest priced tenders for schedule B have to be submitted for approval to the Sports Capital Programmes Unit.
3. Precede with schedule A works immediately pending approval from Sports Capital Programmes Unit.

Ardrahan GAA Club Development Committee

Summary of Tender Prices

Tenderer:	Schedule A Tender Price Including VAT	Schedule B Tender Price Including VAT	Schedule C Tender Price Including VAT
Maveric Contractors	*****	*****	*****
P McHugh	*****	*****	*****
Kenny Plant	*****	*****	*****
PJ Loughlin	Not Tendering	Not Tendering	Not Tendering
Patrick Mahoney	No Tender received	NoTender received	NoTender received
Brian Murphy	No Tender received	No Tender received	No Tender received
Frank Higgins	Not Priced	Not Priced	*****
Martin Freaney	*****	*****	*****
Bayform	Not Tendering	Not Tendering	Not Tendering
Finnerty Plant Hire	Not Priced	Not Priced	*****
Seamus Coleman	*****	*****	*****

Figures highlighted in **RED** are lowest price for respective.