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To the Councillors of the Municipal District of Newcastle West. Councillors Seamus Browne, Michael Collins, Francis Foley, Liam Galvin, Jerome Scanlan, John Sheahan

On behalf of the steering committee of the Regional Athletics Hub in Newcastle West, and on my own personal behalf we would like to say a huge and sincere thanks for your help and support for our project in the County Town. Its hard to believe that over 4 years have passed since that meeting in Castletown Conyers on the 4th March 2015 where your support that day gave this project an opportunity and a heartbeat. We would also like to thank all your fellow Councillors from the full Limerick City and County Council Chamber for their support which has given us great hope and pride. To the Management and Staff of Limerick City and County Council who have been involved in this project to date, you have been an inspiration and your commitment to our project in Newcastle West has been humbling, and you have done so in a very professional and helpful way, thank you. As the end of the current council term approaches, and the new chapter is ready to begin. The Steering Committee would like to wish all the councillors the very best of luck in the upcoming elections in May, and to those who are not seeking re-election thank you for your support for our project in Newcastle West and to wish you all the best for the future.

In relation to the building of the facility, it have gone through a process over the last 4 years, and while we still don't have a physical facility on the ground today, all the necessary preparatory and ground works required for the delivery of this facility have been put in place, it is a shovel ready project, and all concerned are working extremely hard to put the final piece of the jig saw in place. While all this has taken a considerable amount of time, it has all been very necessary to do the job in a proper and transparent way, to take a quote from Nano Nagle founder of the Presentation Order from Ballygriffin in Mallow Co. Cork "The best works carry the greatest crosses".





The Steering Committee and the people involved in this project have the community at the core of what we are trying to achieve and develop in Newcastle West, we are all volunteers who are trying to give the citizens of the region the same opportunities as others. There has been a lot of changes over the last few years in rural Ireland, and a town like Newcastle West is becoming a very important support and a key service centre for a huge rural community as well as a very multi-cultural urban community, having a facility like the one proposed in Newcastle West can only improve the health and wellbeing of the people, while at the same time it will help nurture real talent when it comes to the sport of athletics and give hope and opportunity to all our children, which is all we ask for, and allow them to dream, and some day a child from this region will go on to represent Ireland in a World Championships or an Olympic Games, it has happened in the past!! And I have no doubt, it will happen again in the future.

Yours in Sport

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Chairman of steering committee.

