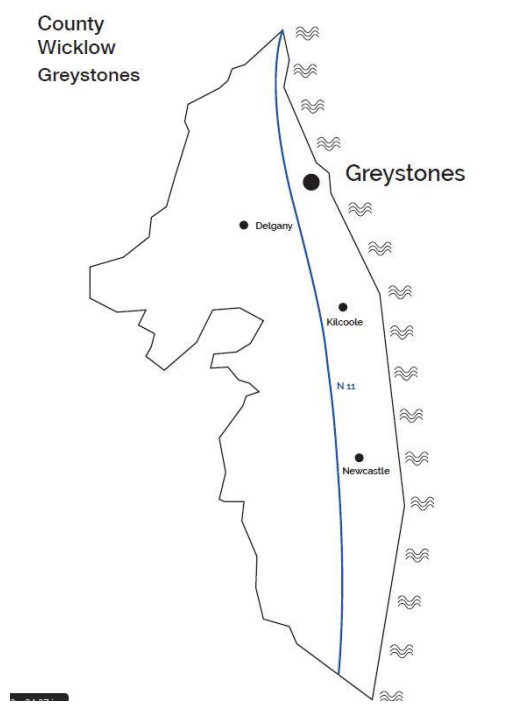


Let's Develop Our Vision for Community Wellbeing in the Greystones Municipal District



What Community Groups said at the Co Wicklow PPN Community Workshops held in Greystones Tennis Club 2 Oct, and Newcastle Community Centre 4 Oct



Introduction

Co Wicklow PPN consulted with community groups in the Greystones Municipal District on their vision for community wellbeing. As part of the consultation process Co Wicklow PPN held workshops in Greystones Tennis Club and Newcastle Community Centre. Groups were asked - "What are your hopes and aspirations for your community in the future under the Community Wellbeing Headings"? Their responses are below.

Co Wicklow PPN is now inviting member groups who wish to add to their input on the day and those who couldn't attend on the day, to participate in an online consultation to ensure their voice is heard fully in this process

*** The responses that were more specific than visionary have been separated and will be passed on to our PPN Representatives to bring to the committees they sit on.*

Co Wicklow PPN will develop a Wellbeing Statement for the Greystones Municipal District based on all the information provided through the consultation process

Participation, Democracy & Good Governance

Everyone should have the right to prosper

Community Wellbeing to be recognised as a crucial part of local development

Youth

- More youth participation – intergenerational – meaningful consultation with youth
- Youth friendly restaurant/community space
- Youth participation – youth programmes in schools – teenager programmes – TY projects

Information

- Promotional campaign for public participation
- Role of local authority in coordinating groups – sharing of information (local authority could support a new voluntary group to do this)

Transparency

- More transparent decision making at local level

Local Government

- Town councils – directly elected mayor (non-party political)
- Voting for policies rather than politicians
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Governance

- Clarity around Governance Code

Consultation

- Real informed consultation around local area plans development
- Effective communication
- Local Authority/Local Government to meaningfully consult

Volunteering

- “jobs centre” for volunteering in the community

Needs

- Basic Needs met
- More awareness of needs
- More awareness of the needs of community

Supporting Community

- More self-autonomous villages/communities with funding
- Paid community workers
- Implement strategic plan for village – support from LA
- Health Audit expert to support/facilitate group
- Build support for people to engage with community
- Local Community Development Workers
- Leader company provide more support to a group to access funding
- More community schemes- staffing/schemes
- More support for Community Activity (funding & resourced)
- Community Development Expertise available
- Paid staff to support local community
- More enforces structures and support around governance for community groups

Social & Community Development

Caring supportive LOCAL community/environment

Housing

- Housing for life
- Sheltered housing
- Housing density reduce size

Inclusion

- Welcome party in new estates links to facilities
- Inclusive social structure to help bring people together
- Acknowledgement that social issues due exist & resources for same
- Women’s refuge
- Engagement of all ages (Community activity for all ages)

Inclusion – Older People

- Age friendly town
- More seating, kerbing on footpaths
- Community nursing
- Carers support
- Primary Care Centre

- Positive ageing groups
- Home help & companionship programme
- More support for middle aged + to use modern technology

Inclusion – Youth

- Youth cafes – more facilities for youth
- More play, fun, laughter for young people
- Less structured schooling
- More nature
- Community National School
- Less screen, social medial parental guidance

Inclusion – People with Disabilities

- Disabled parking & toilets
- Wheelchair friendly towns
- Inclusiveness for physical & intellectual disabilities – roads and paths
- More visual supports for people with disabilities
- Access in streets for disabled wheelchair users – better visuals
- Disabled adult changing facilities
- Sport/activity groups to support people with disabilities
- Include inclusivity initiatives
- Autism classes – disability awareness in general
- Accessible community venues

Community Development

- People are/get involved in community
- Communication within village groups
- Community week
- Someone to do a Plan
- Structure/clarity about how to move forward
- More supports, structures
- More defined communities
- Enhancing existing community development
- Sustainable communities
- Accessible Community Centers

Infrastructure

- Outdoor gym, more playgrounds & shared community areas
- Community childcare provision
- Pedestrian crossings and road markings
- More schools, hotel facilities & mixed living facilities
- Include other development infrastructure services in initial plans, not just focus on housing
- Community infrastructure, run by FRC, fully inclusive and accessible

Volunteering

- Wicklow volunteer association broadens into other areas – volunteering promotion

Values Culture & Meaning

Sense of Pride & Ownership

A landmark to inform locals & visitors about the history of the formation of the state

Equality

- Youth involved and valued and engaged

Empathy

Supportive Caring Community

Less Racism and discrimination

Culture

- Acceptance
- Identity

Respect

- For humans
- For Natural Environment – clean environment

Natural Environment

- Make more of the natural environment
- Greater use of green space next to local amenities
- Greening of Greystones – tree planting

Volunteering

- Encourage volunteering/participation
- Active Community Volunteers
- Culture of Volunteers
- Involvement in Community

Resourcing & Funding

- Access to adult education and night classes

Communications & Information Provision

- Welcome pack for all newcomers to town outlining resources etc
- Reaching out
- Cultural Directory
- Support newcomers (language classes & guides to local services)

Supporting Arts & Culture

- GRAPE – arts & photo expo
- Christmas Market in the Harbour
- School cultural programmes
- More cultural programmes & access to arts for everybody
- Irish language programmes within the community

Self-Care

- Men's Sheds groups
- "Quiet spaces2 – mediation/yoga/mindfulness – headspace & self-care

Inclusion

- Build an inclusive society that values the contribution made by those from other cultures 7 backgrounds
- International events

Facilities

- Library space
- A mix of sustainable, affordable, & social housing in new developments
- School facilities available to communities (financially support)
- Facilities for artists, writers etc
- Greater use of school facilities during non-term time
- Maned Community Centers/hubs
- Youth Amenities
- Openness of facilities to all especially youth

Transport

- Better public transport to education centres in Greystones

Local Heritage

- Awareness of Heritage of area
- Retain fabric of village and village spirit

Safety and Security

- Low Crime Rate

Economy & Resources

Planning & Development

- Issues re expansion/explosion – too small/too large – not urban not rural!
- Anchor business/industry – environmentally friendly
- Review state of the roads including standardising ramps
- Free accessible public toilets

Transport

- Reverse privatisation of public transport
- Better public transport (goods & people)

Tourism

- Promote tourism by making areas more visually appealing & identifying sites of historical interest

Local Economy

- Use Local
- Business to support people to work from home

Education

- Training schemes – third level
- Continued – educated workforce
- Library – more resources for education

Enterprise Support

- Enterprise centre
- Facilities for start-ups (working hubs)
- Local professional services hubs (less commuting)
- Support for local enterprise
- High speed broadband to facilitate startups and working from home
- Startup business retail

Information provision

- Boards and signposts
- Forum/structure to share information

Natural Environment

- Greenway
- Less packaging in supermarkets and shops
- Food cloud
- Discounts for sustainable practices
- Low carbon buses

Employment Supports

- Services for unemployed people – especially young unemployed
- More diverse employment
- Trade down construction incentives – home share
- Job seekers hub, training, education and job preparation

Inclusion

- Facilities for homeless people & supported services
- Employ someone to coordinate disabled access on and off trains

Tourism

- Soft tourism

Transport and Infrastructure

- Better wider access to broadband
- Access to infrastructure for unemployed
- Public Transport to larger towns
- Low carbon buses

Environment & Sustainability

Facilities & Infrastructure

- Seating in the village centre
- Cycleway
- Proper green spaces in housing developments
- Natural playground
- Outdoor gym
- Greenway
- Develop Walks at the Sea
- Develop walkways
- Facilities accessible for all – people with Disabilities
- Public areas fully accessible to wheelchair users

Recycling & waste management

- Sea bins
- Recycling bins for compostable cups
- Education on protection & recycling
- Bottle refund schemes
- Remove plastics from supermarkets & services
- Renewables
- Alternative plastic uses
- Upcycling
- Circular economy
- Reduce food waste
- Single use / plastic free zone

Biodiversity

- Biodiversity & wildflower verges
- Allotments – greater use & promotion
- Create more wildflower meadows
- More trees in the towns
- Pedestrianize town centres
- No pesticides/chemicals
- renewal, restored, revitalized bogs – more carbon banks to create carbon sinks
- Preserve/protect east coast nature reserve
- Open Biodiversity
- Protect native flowers
- Knowledge & appreciation of the marine environment habitats

A linked-up approach in relation to our marine heritage, rivers, beached, coastal development, recreation and education

Energy

- Solar energy
- Self-sufficient energy towns
- Use of renewal resources
- Suitable lighting

Water

- Improved water quality networks
- Water to not be privatized

Lifestyle

- Less meat and dairy consumption
- Healthier eating and living

Conservation

- Conservation & promotion of heritage sites

Awareness Raising

- Walking groups to school for primary schools
- Encourage green flag programmes in school
- Programmes for children to get outdoors

Transport

- Better DART services – environ friendly – lower fares
- Increased number of electric car charging points
- Link public transport – decrease dependency of cars

Information

- Shared information – linking groups who are collecting environmental information
- Event to link access info. from all local groups – town calendar
- Promotion of walking routes & natural outdoor activities
- Marine information included in publications on wildlife & its preservation in Wicklow

Planning

- Commitment to survey of local environment – baseline
- Planning regulation to increase density – build around infrastructure in existence
- Appropriate Development – enough green fields left
- Suitable Development
- Integrated Development
- Policing Development
- Linked up approach

Maintain Village Spirit

Secure Environment

Health (Physical & Mental)

All basic human needs met

Connection to others

Housing

- Appropriate housing
- Community living for people with disability, older people and support services

Natural Environment

- Make more use of our environment and supports
- Use local environment
- Nature Camps
- Connection with physical environment

Mental Health

- Mental health workshops in schools (resilience)
- Jigsaw Project for Youth mental health
- Drop-in centres & mental health care clubs
- Cohesive suicide prevention programmes that taps into physical activity & mindfulness as a way of protecting & improving mental health

Statutory Health

- More health specialists
- Easily accessible affordable Public health system
- Out of hours GPs
- Primary Health Care centres
- Respite services for carers and other support networks
- No waiting lists
- 'sitting' of HSE team once a month in smaller villages
- CITs – Community Intervention Centers
- Walk in Health Centers

Infrastructure

- More small playgrounds
- Accessible Infrastructure – pathways and cycle ways
- Expand and maintain (including clean up) Greenway
- Seating in Town
- Ramps for accessing footpaths
- Paths and Walkways
- Sign posting and lighting in public areas
- Make areas child friendly
- Towns more user friendly/accessible

- Space for youths (healthy space)
- Improve Footpaths and lighting
- Additional MUGAs to support sporting activities
- Speed ramps/speed limits
- Link villages/towns to sea with footpaths
- Coffee shops/meeting places
- Maintain and repair roads
- Footpaths to support/enable physical activity
- Development of community-based exercise/physical activity session using outdoors as much as possible
- Community resources fully accessible to wheelchair users & people with visual impairment

Access and Transport

- Greater accessibility on local and public transport
- Improved Public Transport
- Transport to medical services and Health Centre
- Maintain service for older people to Wicklow Town – look at similar model for others to access health services

Inclusion

- Inclusion of people with disabilities and mobility issues

Connection

- Integrated supports for older people
- Linkage between groups and services
- Sharing of information and services
- Knowing what assets are available

Education

- Social media awareness through school programme

Lifestyle

- More healthy eating, community gardens
- More Sudbury schools, supported by state