## **Greystones MD**

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## Let's Develop our Vision for our Community

#### **Participation Democracy and Good Governance**

## More resources – more staff – more efficiencies and coordination

More resources for the development of a more efficient local authority

Better communication & understanding between different sections of the council

More specialised local authority roles eg coastal officers,

#### **Communication**

There is centralised and clear communication

Earlier communication with communities, at the beginning of planning and actions

Better and more extensive timelines/time frames for community consultation and community input

More outreach clinics from different sections of the council to promote understanding & dialogue

More opportunities to meet decision makers

More interaction with council officials

#### **Information – Promoting Understanding**

More information about the departments & work of the local authority

More/clear access to data that would help the community to formulate plans

## **Local Decision Making**

Local government works in a decentralised way e.g. town councils

Local decisions are made locally

Development is local government led and not developer led

## Joined up thinking/coordination

Better communication & understanding between different sections of the council

Local authorities are more in tune with people/communities

## **Deliberative Democracy**

Development is local government led and not developer led

That the community feels that they have democratic power

Better and more extensive timelines/time frames for community consultation and community input

That the council would be more responsive to issues

That the community voice is validated

More opportunities to meet decision makers

Better democracy

More consultation between planning and the community

More interaction with council officials

More evidence that people are being heard and that consultation is being acted upon

Decentralised funding/participatory budgeting

Local authorities are more in tune with people/communities

## Partnership in decision making – visible outcomes

## Mutual understanding and communication between stakeholders

## Values, Culture & Meaning

#### **Equality**

Girls in sport – equal money invested in men's and women's sport

Gender respect to feel included

Gender neutral language & valued

#### **Health & Wellbeing**

Quality of life developments

Green spaces, community facilities

## Resourcing

Necessary infrastructure

Inclusive grants for education

#### **Sustainable Development**

Development that is sustainable & proportionate

Transition town model

### **Deliberative Democracy**

Bottum up (democracy) & change

## **Social & Community Development**

#### **Equality & Inclusion**

Sports Clubs – more diversity needed, support to small clubs be improved

Greystones Harbour – full access to the harbour for all the community

Social Inclusion for new community members

Assisted living community

School places for all students, all levels, special education units in all schools

Also please make Delgany Wheelchair Friendly. I have a disabled child

#### **Accessibility**

Social Inclusions – services & facilities need to be accessible to all

Current issues with facilities for wheelchair users reaching letter boxes & car park entrance machines

Assisted living community

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## **Community Supports/Services**

Platform app for water safety for all water users

**Urgent Care Services** 

GP Services - more needed, currently there's not enough in the area - Big growth in Delgany

Local E -Doc

Late night pharmacy

Needed: Primary Care Services, physiotherapy, OT, Counselling services, dental

Central Contact Point for emergency details – 24 hours online telephone app

Safe houses & refuges

Fill "gap" left by move away from religious groups (Priests had a "social worker" role)

Dental services needed especially for medical cards

Mental health services

#### Resources

Community Information Centre, resource centre

New building or included into existing building – Greystones library, GMD office, Delgany HSE building

support to small clubs be improved

People's Park needed for groups activities

Lack of facilities for elderly

Place for a cup of tea and chat

## **Transport & Roads Infrastructure**

Safer Roads Please. Would be great if Delgany was safe for children and adults could walk safely to school. From the Wicklow Arms be one way going Up into the village with roundabout at Convent then two way all around. Down Delgany Wood and two way up to ChristChurch. Then one way from Delgany Church into the village. Plenty of room for one car and wide footpath and cycle path and parking. Traffic Calming. Zebra Crossings — especially opposite Pigeon House for Bus stop and walkers.

Local link buses badly needed

#### **Communication & Coordination**

Communication – feedback about what is being done

How is/has our input been used

### **Placemaking**

## Heart – every town/village needs a social heart meeting place

Commuting times – makes it difficult for social & community inclusion

Fragmented Community-community centre "causes" needed,

#### Housing

Housing availability, social housing & adapted housing

Assisted living community

#### **Natural Environment**

Nature – marine environment for mental health – it needs to be taken care of

Community resources/spaces/services

**Accessibility & Inclusivity** 

#### **Environment and Sustainability**

#### Leadership

Valuing our natural environment: Very inconsistently, some individuals concerned, authorities performance very variable

Conservation & Protection: Authorities need to be seen to lead and set the standards, encourage volunteers

#### **Environmental Protection**

How do we value? We as a public by and large value it but decision making is not local so it is hard to get stuck into protecting it

Extend the Glen of the Downes Nature Reserve to include the 3 trouts stream+25m each side of every river

Consistent tree policy across the district

Take care of our beaches and rivers

#### **Education & Capacity Building**

Encourage through education to reduce CO2

Sustainable entrepreneurship – see CCA secondary school

Keep it local, get the schools involved, heritage centres

It is valued, need to learn more about nature and local species and how they can be preserved

We need to develop knowledge of underwater ecology

Sustainability: Get the communities involved from the grassroots eg new sustainable Greystones?

#### **Sustainable Transport**

Control traffic pollution

Reduce speed limits to 100K max

#### **Sustainable Behaviour**

Sustainability – Doing business in a way that cause the least impact on the environment

Sustainable entrepreneurship – see CCA secondary school

Sustainability: Get the communities involved from the grassroots eg new sustainable Greystones?

## **Planning & Development**

Sort the Greystones Fishermen

Budgeted funding that is ring fenced and not allowed to be over ridden by developers etc.

KCDA good for 20 years – listen to them

Build the natural heritage centre in Delgany

The only problem with the environment is that we all think someone else should do something about it (urgently)!

Partnership in decision making - resource community action

Value & Protect, Education & Awareness Raising

Sustainable Behaviours

## **Economy & Resources**

## **Transport Infrastructure**

Efficient public transport connections

Electric shuttle bus connection Delgany to Greystones commuter belt

Connectivity

## **Planning & Policy**

Joined up policies across all areas

#### **Local Infrastructure**

Need Hotel?

More infrastructure

Remote work support, broadband/support (meetings etc)

Public employee parking

Not attractive as destination without schools

Connectivity

Services

Need for hubs

### **Local Industry Provision**

**Movie Studio** 

Greater local employment, media sector a good start

## **Education & Apprenticeships**

University in Greystones needed for industry clusters

Maximise the local employment opportunities for the new media campus via training by KWETB

Wicklow MBA in Climate Biodiversity and Sustainable Community Leadership in Greystones, ? & KWETB

Build Village Universities: Delgany – Climate & Sustainable Planning, Greystones – media, Kilcoole – Sustainable Agriculture

#### **E** commerce

Connectivity

Remote work support, broadband/support (meetings etc)

Where would jobs come from? No employers or employment here (Delgany)

## Transport & Infrastructure

## Resources for Education & local employment opportunities

#### **Health (Physical & Mental)**

### **Transport**

#### **Natural Environment**

Forests, Retain & Expand

Trees preservation development

Maintain rights of way (walking)

#### Infrastructure

Safe footpaths & cycle routes

Parking spots for disabled in all villages

Public open space & playgrounds are badly needed in Delgany, most facilities are in Greystones

Encourage more exercise by providing better facilities for cycling, walking, swimming

**Public toilets** 

#### **Community Supports**

Community Cafés

Allotments

**Community Gardens** 

Need centres to attract multigenerational socialising

#### **Access & Inclusion**

Disability wheelchair access – cannot reach letter box

It is necessary no to exclude older people because of lack of technology knowledge

Ensure that everybody has access to preventative medicine through easier access to medical centres and education on health & wellbeing

People with Special Needs – more accessible facilities

## **Funding & Resources**

HSE Funding for access to health resources

#### **Health Facilities & Resources**

Daycare centres in each area which will look after the physical & social needs of our ever -increasing aging population. This needs to be intergenerational i.e. the youth of the area help deliver the activities – hairdressing, IT, food etc.

Community sensory rooms would be great

Extra lifeguards (Greystones Cove)

#### **Policy & Resources**

Social welfare payments tied to inflation so that those on fixed incomes can look after their mental & physical health better

#### **Communication & Accessibility**

It is necessary no to exclude older people because of lack of technology knowledge

More use of natural resources to promote good health

Resource social & community actions that promote health & wellbeing

**Access for all**