

October 12th 2020 Plenary Meeting

Clare PPN College Discussions of preliminary findings of Wellbeing Vision Survey:

C&V

Damon – Sports events and opportunities for people from Traveller, Asylum Seeker communities and people with disabilities should be included in results.

Peggy- results reflect very strongly the same issues communicated in Clonlara community survey.

There is a need for more Addiction Supports in Clare and a reduction in stigma and awareness raising about these supports

Monica noted that there is a need for affordable counselling to be readily available and that as we have learned from the pandemic- connections are all important for wellbeing. There was a brief discussion of social prescribing and social farming.

Cillian noted that a rural youth perspective was available from Macra Na Feirme and that outlets other than the GAA no matter how good it is are needed for those who are not sports minded. Within our current situation are the ingredients for a different future for rural Ireland (remote working, people moving home from Dublin etc)

All agreed that there is a need for multi-purpose community spaces which could facilitate social events, service provision, hot desking, cafes, etc and that Clare PPN should strongly encourage such developments in all its submissions including County Development Plan etc.

Environment:

Notes from Environmental College discussion

What did you feel was missing from the preliminary results of Wellbeing Vision survey? And what should Clare PPN focus on in the next 12 months?

- Repair cafes
- Permaculture courses
- Focus on the circular economy / lifecycle of products

- No to Shannon LNG fracked gas import terminal
- More focus on native forestry
 - Coillte forests to be managed as amenities (walking etc)
 - Mix species
 - Plant forestry on public land
 - Develop a forest culture
- Better access to beaches
- Tackle Covid litter & alcohol-related litter
- Develop small-scale anaerobic digesters to turn slurry into gas

Social Inclusion:

Breakout room – Social Inclusion

Anything left out?

Affordable spots for teenagers to meet up

More inclusion for all walks of life. Opportunities to belong (volunteer run café, meeting space etc.)

Accessible public utilities (wheelchair users struggle to find suitable toilets)

Mental health peer support hubs

Community mediation services (for disputes or anti-social behaviour in housing estates)

Increased pedestrianisation

Priorities for the final quarter

County Development Plan training and submissions

LSMATS

Focus on youth and older people (example of renovated park in Shannon where outdoor exercise equipment was promised but never provided, what can be done?)