

Clare PPN

Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement

A proclamation for Co Clare, setting out our shared vision for the kind of community we want to live in

What kind of Clare do you want to live in?





Survey responses

157 people responded to our survey

Ennis: 67

Killaloe: 24

Shannon: 21

West Clare: 45

Vision for Community Wellbeing survey

Preliminary overview of findings

Health (Physical & Mental)

Outdoor/exercise

More cycle and walking paths esp. in countryside

Car-free town centres with more trees

Sports facilities other than GAA

Affordable exercise classes

More access to open spaces

Walking groups, community walks

Health (Physical & Mental)

Healthcare system

Free healthcare, equal access for all

Affordable access to counselling & suicide prevention

Ennis Hospital upgraded, with A & E

More rural GPs

Mental health hubs

Mindfulness classes

Health (Physical & Mental)

Community

Non-commercial social spaces, youth clubs, men's sheds

Older people: organised walks & activities

Nature workshops & crafts workshops

Include travellers and asylum seekers in sport

Miscellaneous

More public transport. Free rural transport

A Pieta House in Clare

Better monitoring of air quality

Social & Community Development

“Not everyone is on social media. There is a lot of loneliness in rural areas; more local events are key to ensuring everyone is involved. Events that one time were a key part of the community such as sports days and fairs no longer take place. Use community centres and local buildings for events and activities to suit all ages.”

Social & Community Development

Tackle isolation and loneliness

More social settings especially for older people

More community gatherings, community cafes & gardens

More youth groups

Diversity

Greater welcome for migrants

More spaces where diverse people can get together

Social & Community Development

Housing & transport

More social housing

Co-housing schemes to bring together different generations

More public transport, especially for older people

Less one-off housing

Disability

Better accessibility

More services for children with disabilities

Social & Community Development

Miscellaneous

Encourage young and old to learn from each other

Close direct provision centres

Community newsletters

Participation, Democracy & Good Governance

Transparency & accountability

Live-stream council meetings online (*many people asked for this*)

More accountability from council officials

Decentralisation of power

Make democracy more local – town councils

Adopt French 'Marie' system

Participation, Democracy & Good Governance

Participation

Town hall style meetings where council *listens*

Council to genuinely take on board submissions from public & groups

More community-level forums

More participation, less brokerage

Public education

Especially around voting

Especially for new members of community

More teaching about democracy in schools

Participation, Democracy & Good Governance

Miscellaneous

More funding for local government

More representation of minority voices

Council's funding should depend on level of public participation

Environment and Sustainability

Energy

Community-owned wind & solar farms

More renewable energy in general

Food & farming

Support for organic growers for local sale

Encourage people to grow their own food

Less slurry spreading

Ensure food security by growing fruit, veg & cereals

Environment and Sustainability

Biodiversity

Ban glyphosate (Roundup weedkiller)

Less fertiliser & pesticide

Public green spaces to be left unmowed

More native trees

More environmental education

At school and for adults

School gardens tended by students

Environment and Sustainability

Infrastructure

Invest in public transport and cycling & walking routes

Use less concrete & more sustainable materials

Overhaul outdated sewage systems

End one-off housing

Miscellaneous

More community clean-up days

Community gardens

All county plans must have climate & biodiversity crises front & centre

Economy, Work & Resources

“Every village should have a remote working hub... We need to offer remote working, broadband and engender a sense of community. People need peer support, working from home can be isolating. Do this successfully and we reinvigorate communities, schools, post offices and the county as a whole.”

Economy, Work & Resources

Remote working

Less commuting

Hubs for remote working - peer support

High-speed broadband

Access to internet in the community centre

Community-owned businesses

Serves local needs & keeps money in community

Community farms, farm shops & community cafes

Promote co-operative model

Economy, Work & Resources

A sustainable economy

Local businesses valued & supported

Low-impact eco-tourism, e.g. Greenways & Blueways

Subsidise environmentally friendly farming

Promote buying local produce

Economy, Work & Resources

Workers' rights & conditions

Family friendly / flexible working hours

Decent living wage & end to zero-hours contracts

Affordable childcare

Miscellaneous

More training opportunities, esp for unemployed

Proper public transport in rural areas.

A universal basic income.

A small business hub for crafts, art & design

Values, Culture and Meaning

A welcoming county

“Promote the idea of Ireland as a place from where many have emigrated and a place that welcomes migrants”

Promote the value of diversity

Inclusion & belonging as core values

Pride in our culture while respecting & accepting all cultures

Traveller history & culture to be taught in schools

End the institutionalisation & abuse of asylum-seekers

Values, Culture and Meaning

Events, festivals & celebrations

Bringing together people from different cultures

Allowing for cultural exchange

Outdoor theatres and concerts

Traditional music & culture

Support for Irish language, music, dancing and storytelling

Traditional crafts & skills promoted

Subsidised music classes for children

Cover streets in Ennis & promote busking

Values, Culture and Meaning

Miscellaneous

Promotion of local history

A valuing of our older people

Less dependence on pub culture

Media studies taught in school