

# Let's Develop Our Vision for Community Wellbeing for This and Future Generations in Tipperary



What community groups said at the Tipperary PPN community workshop held in Kilfeacle on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019



## Why are we collecting the views of community groups?

The Tipperary PPN is working with its members to produce a shared vision for the future wellbeing of the Tipperary/ Cahir/ Cashel area for this and future generations. This vision will be used to inform the work of the PPN and its representatives.

Community wellbeing combines a number of issues such as health, social and community development, the environment and public participation. All the different aspects of community wellbeing are captured in the diagram set out below. We want to hear your organisation's or group's ambitions and aspirations for our community around these issues.



As part of the consultation process Tipperary PPN has held a workshop in Tipperary/ Cahir/ Cashel area. The inputs made by representatives of PPN member groups at that workshop are presented here for your information.

There is now a 2-week opportunity for groups that were not able to attend the workshops, or who were present but have additional inputs they want to make, to contribute their views. This can be done online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TipperaryCahirCashel\\_SubmissionForm](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TipperaryCahirCashel_SubmissionForm) or in writing (please see the form at the end of this document).

All the responses received will be collected and considered with those from the workshop (presented here) and incorporated into a Draft Vision for Community Wellbeing for the Tipperary PPN for This and Future Generations. This draft vision will be made available for feedback from all PPN member groups before being finalised and published.

## This document

This document includes all the inputs that were made at the workshop, presented under the headings where they were made. They have been grouped by themes where this appeared to be helpful, but please note that these themes are only provided to help make the material more accessible.

### Supported Living:

- More sheltered housing and care for our ageing population
- Carer Support Groups
- More support for carers in the homes and community

### Amenities for better health:

- Better sports facilities
- Walkways and cycle paths
- Proper footpaths and walkway tracks
- Free amenities for young people e.g. skate park
- Community garden type facilities – physical work being out in nature
- More amenities like Castlecomer Amusement Centre

### Safe Communities:

- Feeling safer in your own home/ neighbourhood
- Community police – people feel safer
- Safe places for teenagers to go out at night (not binge drinking in pubs)
- Greater law enforcement regarding drugs

### Healthy eating:

- Healthy eating focus and education
- Improved availability of chemical free food
- Cooking classes – local ingredients for all ages
- People should be time rich time to cook healthy for families

### Policy:

- Insurance is a huge issue

### Addiction services:

- Online gambling is regulated and targeted
- Decent services for addiction as well as prevention (legal and illegal drugs)

### Education and skills:

- Drug awareness programs and workshops for the community
- More in depth anti bullying and drug awareness education – include children in policy making.
- People to be more open about mental health – early intervention education in schools.
- Education on the use of social media (regarding bullying and safeguarding)

#### Accessible & Inclusive:

- Wheelchair friendly community
- All facilities to be inclusive of all age groups
- Accessible and available transport for people living on their own
- Better facilities for children with autism and special needs
- More visibility of LGBT inclusion – e.g. flags/posters
- More positive approach to aging – take up new activities at any stage

#### Health facilities and services:

- Better hospital facilities in County
- Hospital in Cashel and Clogheen
- More health care staff and home helps
- Primary care centre – keep people out of hospitals
- Health services when people need them – no waiting list

#### Caring Community:

- School age children making regular visits to day care centre
- Community spirit
- No rushing around – time to have a conversation
- Society is more caring & tolerant
- More information meetings with smaller groups or organisations

#### Employment:

- Better Employment opportunities

#### Mental Health Supports:

- Better mental health support for all aspects of mental health
- Community Wellness clinic – including alternative medication
- Wellness groups accessible and open to all
- Better outreach services for after school late evenings
- Better mental health services
- More mental health supports for young people
- Standalone youth mental health services.
- Better after hour services in mental health area
- Continuous support after suicide – therapy sessions
- Use of sport music and play groups to promote mental health.

# Participation, Democracy and Good Governance

## Effective Consultation and Participative Decision-Making:

- Opening up our County Council to members of the community.
- Community inclusion in the decision-making process.
- As an aging society we need to educate; listen to youth.
- Council need to consult properly before making decisions for the community; one line in a website is not consultation.
- The views of the community should not be ignored.
- Funding is allocated to services with more community consultation as to where it is needed.
- Local Councils to represent local people.
- Youth Council so the voices of youth can be heard. Consultation with the people on issues that affect them.
- Town Hall approach in identifying issues.
- Town Councils in all towns.

## Awareness, Training and Education:

- Better awareness of Council, what it does, and the role of councillors.
- Stop confusion and explain things clearly so all can understand.
- Regular open days in our Local Authority; family and community days.
- Accessible training for community groups in lots of aspects.
- Facilitation training for groups and decision-makers.
- Support for training in the Council.
- Governance training for all community groups.
- Include all community members in training and governance.
- Education on active citizenship for young people.
- “Active Citizen” training in all schools.

## Elected Representatives:

- Councillors need more power.
- Authority and responsibility to democratic representatives.
- Rotation of representation.

## Good Service Delivery by Local Authority:

- County Council to have fast turnover and no empty houses or buildings.

## Active Communities:

- Lots of positive volunteers contributing
- Improve community co-operation.

## Reduced burden on Community Groups:

- Community groups enable volunteering without excessive bureaucracy.

## PPN:

- A strong PPN with strong representatives bringing forward ideas for policy.

#### Transparency and Accountability in Local Authority:

- Councillors in the Municipal Districts to be accountable for what they do.
- Council transparent and easier access to information; a direct phone line.
- Accountable strategic planning and goal setting.
- Live streaming of full Council and Municipal District meetings.

#### Engagement in Democracy:

- Compulsory voting.
  - High voting rates >50%, i.e. 80%
  - High turnouts in elections.
  - Secure online voting and voting on Sundays for students, those away on holiday, people who are working, etc.
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- National Service
  - Activate more men.
  - Civil War politics is very much alive in Tipperary town and County.

# Social and Community Development

## Support for communities:

- Conflicting Community groups in one area

## Education and training:

- More training for trades
- Education for 100% literacy
- To ensure everyone is enabled to participate by having supports to develop social skills.

## Value our heritage:

- Local history and folklore written down for future generations
- We need to know about the different cultures in our area
- Develop projects that have an inter-generational focus such as choir groups or drama.

## Sharing between generations:

- Mentoring programme between young and older people
- The swapping of skills and hobbies
- Intergenerational Choirs - for young and old
- More activities in the community with interests for young and old – integrating the two

## Information and communication:

- Positive use of social media to bring people together and not bring people down.
- Getting information out about all facilities
- Better networking

## Volunteering:

- Promote volunteerism in the community

## Equality:

- Re minorities – equality meaning equality
- Cross Community Participation
- Equitable social and community development providing opportunities for all in the community

## Support for families:

- Support for young parents on childcare and health
- Resources to support young mothers from other countries while children are in school/creche etc
- Support/services for all parents regarding families
- Everyone should have a stake in society
- Present intervention system needs to be reviewed and properly resources

#### Support for young people:

- Better facilities for our youth to help them make the next step on the employment ladder
- Better resources for early intervention for children and young adults

#### Funding for communities:

- Funding needed to implement services in local communities
- Fund family support projects that are providing broad services
- Community development workers to support communities
- Realistic funding for relevant services to continue in the area
- Council and agencies to use community buildings rather than hotels

#### Accessibility:

- Making all our centres wheelchair and disability accessible
- Intergeneration of people with various abilities for e.g. Goldstar
- All individuals are included in all services

#### Support to older people:

- To provide relevant contact details for older people living alone – Muintir Na Tire revitalised in every town and village
- Community visitors for the elderly to tackle rural isolation
- More active retirement centre's
- MOT tests for older people
- Clubs to have rates suitable for unemployed and old age pensioners
- Inclusion of the elderly who need encouragement to socialise
- Support services for middle age people regarding "becoming older"

#### Community facilities and services:

- More sports involvement and less use of social media
- Healthy Tipperary
- Seasonal calendar of events
- Organise intercultural events
- Well maintained vibrant community centre in villages
- Have open social events for whole communities to participate e.g. open evening BBQ's etc
- Protecting all communities and all those in rural areas – CCTV, Senior alert/text alert
- Outdoor communal spaces/coffee shops
- Facilities for children and young people who don't play sport
- Outdoor communal spaces
- Playground in every village



### Multicultural Activities:

- Affordable cultural activities for example Irish dancing music lessons
- More accessible classes for people to learn (non- National) English
- International community day non-nationals run it – Food entertainment etc locals invited
- Community outreach officer for non-national residents
- More formal intercultural events
- cultural events in estates/ communities

### No Discrimination:

- Better tolerance of other cultures
- Empowering all races
- No racism
- No discrimination on any grounds
- Awareness campaigns regarding racism
- Recognising of EU citizens
- Equal employment opportunities -welcome all immigrants

### Housing:

- Improved consideration re housing of non Irish nationals by Local Authority to avoid placing families in clients together

### Irish culture:

- To value our own Irish culture
- Promote Scór and Comhaltas
- Irish language being encouraged in daily life
- Céile music
- Maintain local pride in our place/GAA/Sports/culture
- Be secure in our own Irishness and culture then we won't be afraid of immigrant communities
- More support for our own language
- Irish bands playing in local communities; housing estates etc

### Local communication:

- Tipperary people local papers newsletters
- Local radio
- Local programmes
- Support local radio and media to increase integration of non-nationals
- Use of social media and technologies to promote culture

#### Intercultural understanding:

- Encourage integration of non-nationals
- Not just understand our history but also theirs
- Language barriers encourage better interaction
- Understanding of all our religious beliefs

#### All people actively involved in their neighbourhoods:

- Culture of voluntary activity maintained for example community bus, resource centre for example Moorehaven etc
- Getting to know who your neighbours are
- Culture of neighbourliness; values, helping out

#### Education:

- Remove pre-requisite barriers to formal VEC courses
- Schools to provide programmes to promote integration
- Formal education in communities regarding racism
- What is racism?
- Improved opportunities for older non-nationals to learn English
- Compulsory history in schools
- Education around disabilities
- Equal education opportunities for all
- Increased educational opportunities

#### Documenting of heritage:

- Documenting and support folklore and history of the locality
- Documenting old songs/ stories before they are lost
- History of town/area documented and celebrated for example decade of centenaries

#### Appreciation of heritage and history:

- Understanding our Irish history
- Better promotion at history and heritage

#### Welcoming and respectful communities:

- Respect for all people
- Communities where everyone is welcomed and valued

#### Inclusive community activity:

- Invited non- nationals to join local clubs and voluntary organisations
- More engaged communities between locals and non-nationals; share culture values
- Increased opportunities for interaction with younger and older generations
- Community developments groups became more inclusive for example age and culture
- Look at perspective of young people

Support for community group:

- Improved community support for administration, paperwork, form filling etc

Inclusive communities:

- Community where all accepted regardless of sexual orientation, race or ability
- LGBT visibility, acceptance for example flags, posters etc

Value name our values

### Accountability for public funds

- More accountability for local public expenditure
- Government money needs to be given directly to applications and not to the council where money granted ends up being re-directed

### Agriculture

- Reduction of Tipperary town pollution
- Unpolluted farmland
- Agricultural and equine tourism

### Social Enterprise

- Promotion of social enterprise as a way of doing business
- No supports for the community co-ops unless you register as a company

### Green economy

- Encourage innovation re green environment for example energy production from agriculture
- Create an industry around green economy
- Develop bio-economy (Lisheen connection exploited)
- More planting; tree etc
- Environmentally friendly

### Energy

- Energy; bio, wind, coal free, Agri
- Clean smokeless fuel
- Recycle

### Infrastructure

- Broadband to be continually upgraded
- Broadband remote work and getting the 25-30year olds to come back
- Requirement to keep up with employment demand for example broadband

### Education and training

- Community education, lifelong learning
- Educate for employment and employment locally
- Children to receive education to a standard that ensure good employment prospects
- Better education for our grand children
- Avail of back to college education
- Change the criteria to apprentices

### Support for those not in work

- More training for people who are unemployed
- Long-term employment
- Better transport

### Recreation and amenities

- Advertise amenities
- Outdoor recreational facilities
- Better sporting facilities
- Develop walking/ fishing/ cycle path

### Housing

- Decent affordable housing for all; magnet to get people out of Dublin

### Tourism

- Indoor attractions for tourists
- Integrate more towns in the tourism group
- Flouring tourism across the whole Municipal District
- Promotion of museums
- Agritourism
- Tourist high quality accommodation across the whole area
- Themed festivals
- Market the name 'Tipperary' better
- Hotels in Tipperary and Cashel

### Community facilities and support

- Tea rooms as social centre in all communities
- Keeps rural post offices open
- Encourage people to shop local

### Transport

- A bypass for Tipperary town and more travel friendly generally
- Better work friendly timetable for busses and trains
- Train line properly resourced
- Bus stop for tour buses in town centres
- Better transport through our towns
- Develop environmentally friendly transport for example better train services locally

### Supports for new and existing businesses

- Enterprise hubs co-working spaces, hot desks
- Develop small indigenous business such as craft
- Rates should be turnover based

- Encourage new businesses to increase local employment
  - Planning costs is the greatest barrier to business start ups
  - Remove parking privileges cost to business setting up as customers already pay at the meters
  - More supports for people starting their own business – more supports from Enterprise Ireland
  - Town with population under 10,000 need to be included for IDA factories not the case currently
  - More small businesses with lower rates and structured insurance using empty buildings in the Municipal district
  - Support local businesses around water and rates
  - Tax relief for 1<sup>st</sup> time business owners
  - Co-ops for local food producers to help sell produce
  - More factories more employment
  - Use existing factories for small businesses
  - Encourage entrepreneurship through grants etc
  - Development company funds application needs to be onerous simplified
  - Change of use planning not necessary need broader categories
  - Parking free for 2 hours
  - Promote Tipperary being a commuter town
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- Property tax removed
  - Future generations will be proud of our efforts
  - Tipperary town creamery pollution is reduced

### Minding Nature:

- More native Irish trees planted in existing green areas.
- Clean rivers
- Encourage all citizens to preserve bee friendly flowers.
- More sustainable green area shrubbery replacing grass
- Reduce pesticide use.
- Encourage people to look after bees and birds through funding schemes.
- Wildflowers in all green areas.
- Preserve our current tree stock.
- Continue to maintain the pollinators.
- Replace any tree cut down with 2 native trees.
- Promotion and funding for biodiversity.
- More funding to ensure the continued upkeep of Tipperary Hills.
- Sustainable management of Galtees and trails for flora and fauna.

### Housing:

- Extend the building and painting scheme.
- Retrofit of vacant council houses preventing delays in re-letting.
- Take a more proactive approach to prevent houses falling into disrepair.
- Faster turnover for Council houses and vacant houses.
- Restore all closed up houses.

### Transport:

- More regular transport services to all towns in the Municipal District and to Thurles.
- Lots of electric car charging points.
- Car sharing (e.g. GoCar)
- Better scheduled timetabled rail services.

### Waste, Re-use & Recycling:

- Generate less waste; no plastic, reduced food waste.
- Deposit and return systems on plastic bottles and cans.
- Promotion of re-use; second-hand shops, education around waste as a resource.
- Make it compulsory to have refuse bins.
- Dog warden to be more active.
- Dog waste bags.
- More promotion for Donohill Recycling Centre.
- Incentivised recycling and waste disposal.
- Waste removal returned to local Council.
- Zero fly tipping with stringent monitoring.
- Use all brown bins for compost and open a community composting facility.
- Community composting of food waste and garden waste.
- Return the waiver for clients to access waste services.
- More bins and litter wardens in towns and at amenities.

#### Built Environment:

- Historical buildings are used and renovated within the Municipal District.
- Penalties for vacant buildings.
- Car free built environments.
- Pavements in towns and villages.

#### Food Production:

- Beginning of conversation around changing farming processes; how, what, etc.
- Encouragement for green farming (no sprays)
- Grow It Yourself farmer/ grower co-operatives.
- Community supported agriculture.
- Further awareness around allotments and self-sufficiency.

#### Energy:

- District heating; one boiler for the town powered by timber.

#### Awareness, Education and Skills:

- Environmental awareness in secondary schools and practical classes to promote involvement.
- A shared Skills Co-operative.
- A "Share Shop", like a library but with various tools, e.g. lawnmowers, tools, etc.
- Promote sharing economy, e.g. library of things.
- More awareness raising workshops around climate action.

#### Local Authority Action:

- The Council to use environmentally friendly products.
- An equine warden with full responsibility to impound horses.

#### Support for Community Groups:

- More funding for Tidy Towns groups.

#### Environmentally Friendly Business:

- Sustainable eco-tourism; walking, hiking, cycling.

#### Tourism:

- Positive promotion of Tipperary town and surrounding area.

If you want to make an input to the Tipperary PPN Tipperary/ Cahir/ Cashel Vision for Community Wellbeing, you can do this either online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TipperaryCahirCashel\\_SubmissionForm](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TipperaryCahirCashel_SubmissionForm) or in hard copy (see the form over the page).



## WRITTEN SUBMISSION FORM

(you can also go to [Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD - SubmissionForm](#) to fill in an online submission)

### Input to Tipperary PPN consultation on the aspirations of community groups in Tipperary/ Cahir/ Cashel area to inform a Vision for Community Wellbeing for This and Future Generations



#### Data Protection Statement:

Before filling out the consultation, we need you to read the follow data protection statement. It explains what we do with the information you provide us.

In accordance with our obligations under Data Protection legislation, we will keep your personal data, including any data that may be capable of identifying you either on its own or when used with other data in our possession, safe and secure and will not disclose it to anyone outside of the Tipperary PPN and our external facilitators who are supporting us in our work.

Your contribution to this consultation will be anonymised and aggregated as part of the consultation process. Your personal data will be only be used to help us develop the Tipperary PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing, to keep you informed of any Community Wellbeing Activities in the Tipperary/ Cahir/ Cashel area and for related purposes.

Your personal data will be held for no longer than is reasonably necessary for us to complete our work. On completion of this work, your personal data, such as your email address, will be retained for 12 months in accordance with our data protection policy. We reserve the right to retain anonymised and statistical data. Should you want us to delete your personal data from our database, please contact Avril on 0504 61014 at [ppntipperary@gmail.com](mailto:ppntipperary@gmail.com) or by post Tipperary PPN, Thurles Chamber Enterprise Centre, LIT Campus, Gortataggart, Thurles, Co. Tipperary E41 T6K5

By sending this form to us with your submission, we understand that you consent to the use by Tipperary PPN and our external facilitators using your personal data in the manner set out above.

## How to respond to this consultation

This consultation aims to understand what your organisation considers to be the important factors for the future wellbeing of your community under the six wellbeing themes below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation/ Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Social and Community Development

Describe what you want future generations to have in relation to Social & Community Development

*If you are including more than one issue or topic in your response, please separate these with a full stop.*

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### Participation, Democracy and Good Governance

Describe what you want future generations to have in relation to Participation, Democracy and Good Governance.

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## Health (Physical and Mental)

Describe what you want future generations to have in relation to Health (Physical and Mental).  
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## Economy, Work and Resources

Describe what you want future generations to have in relation to Economy, Work and Resources.  
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## Environment and Sustainability

Describe what you want future generations to have in relation to Environment and Sustainability.  
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## Values, Culture and Meaning

Describe what you want future generations to have in relation to Values, Culture and Meaning.  
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*Please note that this consultation ends on the <insert date>. Submissions received after this date will be kept to inform PPN work, but may not be included in the Draft Vision for Community Wellbeing for This and Future Generations.*