

Clooney Spencilhill

Summary Community Development Action Plan

2019 -2024

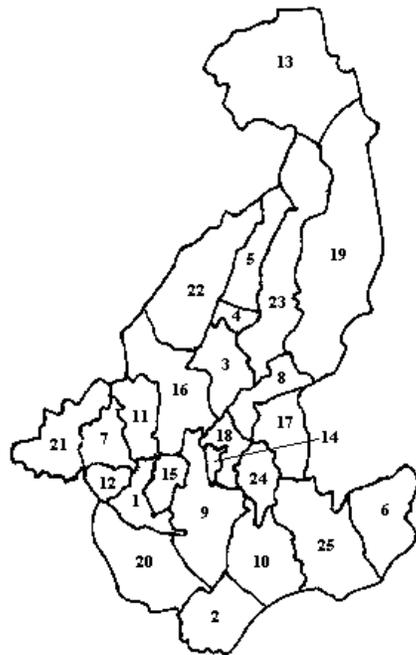
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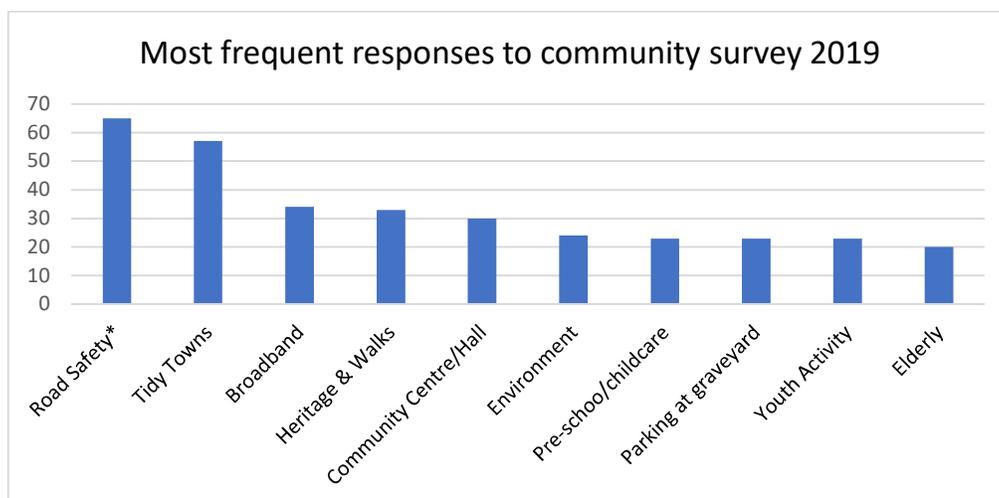
This document is the result of a process initiated in autumn 2018 with the support of Clare County Council and finished with support from Clare Local Development Company. The process leading to this plan was led by a group of local volunteers who worked closely with facilitators whose role was to guide and inform the planning process. The actions proposed in this plan have been informed by the needs, interests and concerns of those living in the area.

Boundary map of the area this action plan serves i.e. Clooney Parish (Bunnratty Upper)



1. ▶ Ballycrighan	2. ▶ Ballyhickey	3. ▶ Ballyvergin	4. ▶ Ballyvroghaun Eighter
5. ▶ Ballyvroghaun Oughter	6. ▶ Caherloghan	7. ▶ Cahershaughnessy	8. ▶ Carrahan
9. ▶ Clooney	10. ▶ Corbally	11. ▶ Cranagher	12. ▶ Curraghmoghaun
13. ▶ Derrycalliff	14. ▶ Feenagh	15. ▶ Kilgobban	16. ▶ Knockanoura
17. ▶ Knockaphreaghaun	18. ▶ Lassana	19. ▶ Maghera	20. ▶ Moyriesk
21. ▶ Muckinish	22. ▶ Rathclooney	23. ▶ Rylane	24. ▶ Sraheen
25. ▶ Toonagh			

A big “thank-you” to everyone who completed the community survey. The responses have been analysed and the priority action areas that emerged are outlined below:



*Road safety includes - *reduce speed / lighting / footpaths / road maintenance / hedge cutting / signage / road markings / bollards*

In accordance with the responses we received, the Clooney Spencilhill Community Development Group (CSCDG) have prioritised the following areas of activity to focus on:

- Road Safety
- Tidy Towns
- Broadband
- Heritage & Walks
- Community Facilities & Infrastructure
- Environment

The actions CSCDG will pursue under these themes are:

Road Safety:

The priority action is to upgrade the main road R352 from East Clare Roundabout Junction 13 to – the Tulla side of Henchys pub.

The CSCDG committee will lobby for upgrade and improvements to priority blackspots -

- Spencilhill (Duggan’s pub to the Clooney side of Spencilhill Cross)
- Remove bend at Ennis side of Clooney village
- Level road before and after Henchy’s pub, widen road / crossroads and have proper road junction installed

Broadband:

- Research all Broadband Suppliers in the Clooney, Spencilhill, Rathclooney and Maghera areas in order to provide a recommendation to the wider community on which supplier can best meet the needs of the area.
- Determine whether a Community Broadband scheme is feasible and if Broadband suppliers can provide this service.

Culture & Natural Heritage:

- Research and determine feasibility of off-road walks for walking/heritage trails
- Develop knowledge of and pride in our local heritage sites

Community Facilities & Infrastructure:

- CSCDG committee will endeavour to identify a suitable location for a community centre/hall.

CSCDG is aware that the following facilities and services are needed in the Clooney Spencilhill area:

- Pre-school / childcare
- Community playground
- Parking at Clooney School
- Wastewater treatment
- Parking at Clooney Graveyard

Tidy Towns:

CSCDG will submit annual applications to the National Tidy Towns Competition. Priority actions are:

- Enhancing the visual landscape of the area by defining entry, exit and focal points of the villages
- Improve signage
- Organise anti-litter initiatives

Environmental:

In response to concerns about climate change and the Climate Emergency declared by the Irish Government, Clooney Spencilhill Community Development Group has decided to pursue actions to improve environmental sustainability.

- CSCDG will explore sustainable energy community initiatives and increase awareness of actions to reduce carbon emissions, e.g. home insulation grants and renewable energy initiatives.

And Finally!

More can be achieved if additional volunteers and resources become available! If you can help, please email clooneyspencilhillcdg@gmail.com or contact us via our Facebook page 'Clooney/Spencilhill Community Development Group'.

You can make donations to our activities through our Go Fund Me page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/clooneyspencilhill-community-development>

You can download the full-length version of our plan at this address

www.clooneyspencilhill.ie/plan

Thank you once again for doing our survey - we hope to see you at our AGM in January.