



My Town, My Plan

Community Training Programme

September 2019 - May 2020

Idea's Summaries - West Cork
Clonakilty, Kinsale, Rosscarbery & Skibbereen



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CLONAKILTY

Clonakilty Ideas

1. Greenways to various places within the town of Clonakilty.
2. Climate Adaptation Strategy: take Clonakilty off grid and develop 'COOL CLON' more to achieve this.
3. Historical / environmental heritage: more development of our various historical figures that have national and International importance and link them on a trail that would tie in with the greenway / pathways.
4. Biodiversity: collaborate with the local Tidy Towns committee to develop the biodiversity garden planned for the town and promote more biodiversity projects as they are central to the Tidy Town competition.
5. Cork Rebel Way: tie in the history, landscape, people and culture in a co-ordinated way to promote Clonakilty and surrounding areas for visitors and locals alike.

Clonakilty - Ballineen & Enniskeane Ideas

1. Traffic Management
2. Historical Heritage
3. Environmental Heritage
4. Revitalise Villages' Centres
5. Climate Adaptation Strategy
6. Rebel Way

Clonakilty - Dunmanway Ideas:

1. Traffic Management
2. Greenway / Walkway
3. Retail Centre: Re-vitalise town Centre.
4. Biodiversity: Extend Wildlife Habitat at Lisheen Field.
5. Rebel Way: Extend scope of Rebel Way Route.



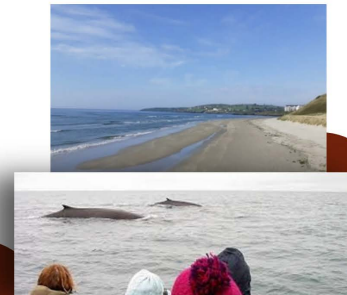
MAKE CLONAKILTY
"THE FESTIVAL CAPITAL OF WEST CORK"



DEVELOP WALKING ROUTES IN AND
AROUND CLONAKILTY



DEVELOP FURTHER WHALE WATCHING
TOURS OFF THE COAST FROM CLONAKILTY



SAMPLE THE WIDE VARIETY OF LOCALLY
PRODUCED FOOD AT THE WEEKLY
MARKET IN CLONAKILTY



EXPAND ON THE FREE BIKE RENTAL SCHEME



PROMOTE THE HERITAGE OF CLONAKILTY
AND THE SURROUNDING AREA



Le Chéile is Féidir Linn Le Dearcadh Deasrach



Ballineen & Enniskeane

Smaointe Forbairtá Dár Sráibhailte Nasctha Áille



- **Traffic Management** and upgrading the R586 on which the villages are situated to the standard of the N71 coastal road.
- **Revitalise the Villages' Centres** to encourage and facilitate local and wider-scale tourism.
- Develop a holistic local **Tourism Package** to encourage visitors to stop and spend time in the villages.
- Further development of **Biodiversity and Climate Adaptation Strategy**.
- Consultative process in relation to the establishment of a **Greenway** from Enniskeane to Drimoleague.
- Put strategies in place for our community to **Survive and Thrive** during the new normal and beyond.



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Dunmanway

Hometown of Sam Maguire

Key Themes

Traffic Management

Upgrade R586 to National Route Standard
Re-Designate East / West Green
Road Resurfacing



Retail Centre

Re-vitalise Town Centre



Greenway / Walkway

Construct a Greenway / Walkway from Ballineen to Drimoleague along Old West Cork Railway Line



Biodiversity

Extend Wildlife Habitat at Lisheen Field

Rebel Way

Extend Scope of Rebel Way Route

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Kinsale Ideas

1. **A representative Community Partnership** to catalyse action through collective decision making and with this decision-making underpinned by Care.
2. **Environmental-Socio-Economic Plan:** Creating an environmental-socio-economic plan for the area which would map resources and highlight potential opportunities and vulnerabilities.
3. **Prioritisation of Projects:** Prioritisation of projects to promote wellbeing of our physical and mental health while cherishing our future environment and with the urgency of climate change foremost in our minds.
4. **Social Enterprise Centre:** The creation of a social enterprise centre. It was suggested this could be entwined with a business hub which would create a revenue stream.
5. **Flagship Project:** To create connections within our area, we would like to develop a Greenway-Blueway which will exemplify this care for our well-being and where we live. We also advocate for more pathways within our towns and villages.



Kinsale & Hinterlands

Creating our future together



Ballinspittle, Ballinadee, Dunderrow, Belgooly,
Kinsale, Riverstick, Minane Bridge, Nohoval, Tracton

Our Values

Care of each other, care of the earth, inclusivity,
openness, sustainability & resilience.

Our Ideas

- *Set up a Community Partnership
- *Produce an Environmental-Socio-Economic Plan
- *Projects to promote wellbeing and climate action
- *Establishment of a Social Enterprise Centre
- *Development of a Greenway-Blueway

Rosscarbery Ideas

1. **Pride of Place:** An attractive place for everybody to live, work and enjoy. To identify different types of walks and cycle trails including beaches, cliffs, sand dunes, boreens and hillsides.
2. **Capitalise on the Wild Atlantic Way** project and the area's landscape, environment, history and culture to offer a unique immersive experience for the visitor
 - a. Create new walks and upgrade existing trails with trailheads to link villages and places of historical interest to each other for the benefit of both visitors and local residents
 - b. Give clear signage and interpretive information on the historical sites and the stories that have shaped the local culture
3. **Enhance sense of community:** identify the health benefits associated with walking and outdoor activities. Create awareness of the extraordinary beauty of both the coastal and inland scenery, its biodiversity and the kindness of the people
4. **Increased employment** with all-round visitor season. Maximise the potential for wellness tourism

ROSSCARBERY

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A great place to live, work and play. Come to visit, leave stimulated and restored. Experience great natural beauty, historical heritage and walking trails.

KEY THEMES



Pride of Place ~ Feasibility study of walks, cycle routes and historical sites



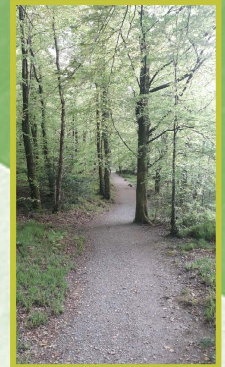
Capitalise on the Wild Atlantic Way ~ Increase standard of existing walkways



Enhance sense of community in the region linking us together with a common purpose.



Increase Employment ~ Outdoor and wellness tourism to benefit from enhanced amenities



**Sharing of Local Culture.
Providing Greater
Awareness of Local
Heritage**



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Skibbereen Ideas

1. Traffic Management

Revisit the 2011 Skibbereen Traffic and Transportation Study - Final Report with specific consideration to:

- Alternative to the completion of the eastern relief road incorporating the new Community School;
- Implementation of a one-way system to relieve congestion on North and Bridge Streets;
- Improvement of parking situation in the town centre e.g. development of the Marsh area to include car parking area and bus stops.

2. **Pedestrianisation and Cycle Opportunities:** Pedestrian access over the bridge to Levis' Quay, pedestrianisation of Main Street and user accessibility along all streets. Implementation of cycle corridors at peak school times.

3. **Age Friendly Town:** Apply for Age Friendly town status from Cork county Council and be accepted into the programme for 2020/2021

4. Community Facilities for All Ages

- Secure a permanent home for the Community and Family Resource Centre.
- Consider options for Emmet Hall (scout hall) space subject to lease agreement by Cork County Council and Skibbereen Tidy Towns.
- Host an annual community open day for clubs and groups to share details of their activities.
- Develop a directory with contact details for all voluntary groups in the area.
- Develop greenway alongside the Ilen River from Chapel Quay to Kennedy Bridge.
- Investigate potential to develop a commercial venture for a cinema.

SKIBBEREEN

An Sciobairín



Skibbereen is the most southerly town in Ireland. A market town with a population of 3000+ people, serving a hinterland of 10,000+ within a 16km radius.

A thriving town of activities!

A Taste of West Cork
West Cork Arts Centre
Ludgate
Heritage Centre

"It is a wonderful, wonderful place to live"
David Puttnam

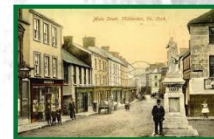
An historical town with a modern day vision

KEY THEMES

Traffic Management

Pedestrian & Cycle Accessibility

Community Facilities For All



This is no ordinary town... this is Skibbereen!



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