



Report
to
Westmeath
Public Participation Network

on

The 2019 WPPN Group Submissions
to Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad (MDMK)
on Matters Relating to
Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad Electoral Area
for the 2020 Budgets

Affiliated to Westmeath Public Participation Network



This is final report regarding local issues, identified by the members of **Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad PPN (MDMK/PPN)** on 30th Sept. 2019, for submission to the Mullingar Municipal District of Westmeath County Council for considered in the budget allocation for 2020.

The Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad PPN made their recommendations for this submission having considered the paper entitled, "*Interaction between the Area Committees of the Council and the Community and Voluntary Forum*". This paper received approval from the Corporate Policy Group and members of Westmeath County Council on 29th July 2002 and the policy document "*Westmeath Public Participation Network (PPN) Interaction with Municipal Districts*" adopted by Westmeath County Council July 2016.

This report reflects on the issues, divided into **6 Themes** as agreed by consensus by the Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad PPN forum. Some of the issues highlighted had little or no financial implications and were more concerned with process, while other issues had financial implications. The Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad PPN Forum was aware that Westmeath County Council were under budgetary and resource constraints, however urged Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad and Council officials to support their submission as much as was possible.

Forty-six submissions were received by the MDMK/PPN on behalf of its member groups. These 50 submissions were categorised into 6 main Themes as follows:

- 1. Road Safety**
- 2. Facilities**
- 3. Environment**
- 4. Anti-Social Behaviour**
- 5. Access**
- 6. Public Lighting**

Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad PPN selected a deputation to meet with the Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad and to present the submissions document on behalf of PPN members. The deputation was as follows:

<i>Elected PPN Representatives</i>			
<i>Maureen McCormack</i>	<i>Anne Drury</i>	<i>John Carter</i>	<i>Cathryn Whelehan</i>
<i>Pat Grimes</i>	<i>Kevin Brady</i>	<i>Paula Griffin</i>	<i>Jonathan Donoghue</i>

An In-Committee meeting with Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad PPN with MDMK Members was held on the 2nd December 2019. The PPN request were then considered at MDMK Budget committee.

Facilitators of PPN

Brigid Geoghegan, Westmeath PPN Resource Worker, Community Development Section, Westmeath County Council
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1. Breakdown of WPPN/MMD Submissions

In total 23 Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad PPN Groups made 50 submissions – (4 submissions were not council related) (Illustrated below in Figure 1 & outlined Appendix 1 & 2)



Figure 1: 23 MMD/PPN groups made 50 Submissions to Mullingar Municipal District September 2018 for 2019 Budget
(Note: 4 of the submissions were not pertaining to Westmeath County Council)

2. Number of MDMK/PPN Submissions under each Theme

The following is a breakdown number of submissions under each theme

- 1. Road Safety 15
- 2. Facilities 16
- 3. Environment 6
- 4. Anti-Social Behaviour 3
- 5. Access 3
- 6. Public Lighting 3

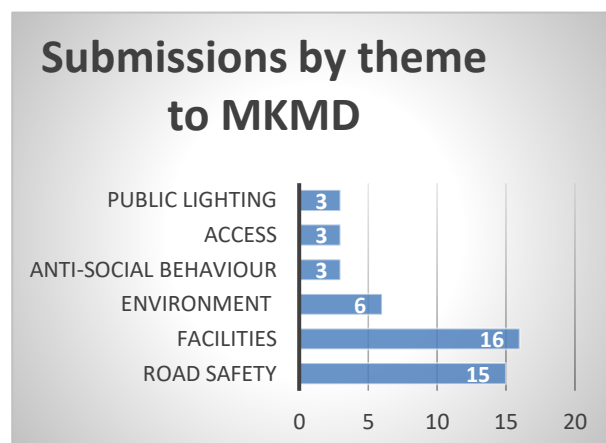


Figure 2 PPN Submissions to Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad September 2019 for 2020 Budget

3. Meetings

MDMK/PPN delegates attended Municipal District Mullingar Kinnegad District meetings on behalf of WPPN groups. The MDMK/PPN delegates presented the initial submissions document to the Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad members; outlining the submissions, giving and seeking clarification. They further attended meetings in which Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad gave responses to the submissions. The responses to each individual submission are outlined in Appendix 2

It should be noted that at each meeting the MDMK//PPN delegates represented the community groups very professionally, with great confidence and passion. Great credit is due to MMD/PPN delegates for their diligence and commitment, without them this process could not have taken place.

It should be equally noted that the MDMK/PPN delegates were treated with great courtesy and respect by the Municipal District members; they were listened to and treated with equity. MDMK/PPN offers its gratitude to the Mullingar Municipal District members and look forward to building upon foundations begun with this second set of submissions.

4. Results

23 MDMK/PPN made 50 Submissions; of these 50 submissions; 4 were not issues pertaining to Westmeath County Council. 24 were acted upon by MDMK and 4 delayed due to insufficient funds in budget to complete in 2020; however, may happen when funds are available. 11 were referred to another relevant agency or organisation, 4 other 3 unsuccessful (shown in Figure 2 over)

50 WPPN Group Submissions to MDMK 2019 for 2020 Budget

Note - 4 Not council issue (not included in graph)

- 24 Acted upon/ Completed
- 4 Delayed - Budgetary Constraints in 2020
- 11 Referrals
- 4 Other
- 3 Unsuccessful



Figure 2 PPN Submissions September 2019 for 2020 Budget to Municipal District of Mullingar Kinnegad

Appendix 1

PPN Member Groups which made submissions to MDMK 2019 for 2020 Budget		No:
1	Active Friends 08; Rochfortbridge	1
2	Active Retirement Ireland	2
3	AIRC Midlands	1
4	Brosna Residents Group	1
5	Bunbrosna, Multyfarnham Ballinafid Active Retirement Association (BMB)	2
6	Bun Daire Resident's Association Kinnegad	6
7	Castlepark Residents Association Rochfortbridge	1
8	Clonmellon I.C.A.	2
9	Collinstown Action Group	6
10	Dalton Park Residents Association	2
11	Dalton Park Women's Group	1
12	Disability Working Group	4
13	Fore Heritage & Amenity Group	1
14	Glenidan Residents Association	6
15	RAPID Areas	1
16	Killucan Tidy Towns	1
17	Miltownpass Community Action Group	4
18	Mullingar Congress Centre	1
19	Mullingar Jets Swimming Club	1
20	Mullingar Mental Health Association	1
21	Newtown Lawns Residents Association	1
22	Rochfortbridge Men's Shed	1
23	The Hill Residents Association, Collinstown	2

Appendix 2:

Westmeath PPN Community Submissions to Mullingar Municipal District Oct 2019 for 2020 Budgets

1. Road Safety

No.	CCMS	GROUP	ISSUE	SUGGEST SOLUTION	Response issued to PPN on 02.12.2019	Update Response following In-committee meeting and MDMK Budget meeting. 2020
RS 1	248701	Killucan Tidy Towns	The danger of traffic speed entering Killucan at the entrance to the park, children's play area & Columba College Secondary School	Flashing speed warning lights or similar	This is beside the Gardaí station. MDMK will write to the Gardaí on this matter	Letter issued to An Garda Síochana
RS 2	248721	Active Friends 08; Rochfortbridge & Rochfortbridge Men's Shed	Speeding through Rochfortbridge particularly by HGVs. There are many school children and older people around this village and new houses means there will be an increase. Speeding a particular problem opposite Derrygreenagh Estate.	Traffic calming measures	There are traffic calming gateways at both ends of Rochfortbridge. MDMK will write to the Gardaí.	Letter issued to An Garda Síochana
RS 3	248723	The Hill Residents Association, Collinstown	Cars racing around the back of the houses; dangerous as children play there. Some form of 'road safety' put in place	Traffic calming measures	This was previously asked at a Municipal District Meeting and Members were advise that, there is a 30km/h speed limit in this estate. There are no plans for further traffic calming measures at this location.	No updates
RS 4	248724	Bun Daire Resident's Association	Speeding through the estate. Children & residents feeling unsafe.	Ramps required	WCC have included, as part of the construction of the 12 no. new house at Bun Daire, Kinnegad, the removal of the mini-roundabout and it's replacement with a priority junction. The priority junction will give priority to traffic on the Boreen Bradach. There will be a stop junction entering and exiting Bun Daire. As part of the project design rationale, it is proposed to put in a speed ramp on the Boreen Bradach as it approaches this junction from both directions. We do not intend to put in ramps within the housing estate.	No updates
RS 5	248725	Glenidan Residents Association	1. Trees blocking light at Doynes Pub, Glenidan crossroads	Cut trees and high hedge	These trees are on private land and not a matter for the MDMK.	PPN requested to submit specific on location.

RS 6	248726	Glenidan Residents Association/Fore Heritage & Amenity Group	2. Doynes pub to Glenidan Hall, trees and high hedge overhanging the road.	Trees to be inspected and pruned back by Council or notices to owners as applicable	The hedges along this stretch of road will be inspected and hedge cutting notices issued if required.	Tree letter issued to landowner.
RS 7	248727	Glenidan Residents Association	3. Flooding at Glenidan Hall at stop sign	Drainage needed	This will be examined.	This was examined and water cuts opened at this location in December.
RS 8	248728	Glenidan Residents Association	4. Flooding on road between Doynes pub and Glenidan Hall	Drainage needed	This will be examined.	This was examined and water cuts opened at this location in December.
RS 9	248729	Glenidan Residents Association	6. Replace Yield Right away sign with Stop sign on road from Doynes pub to road number L1633 at green area (cut).	New stop sign.	These signs will be changed.	This was examined and New STOP sign erected
RS 10	248730	Brosna Residents Group	1. Speeding cars along the Relic Rd, Kilbeggan, between Brosna Park and the head of the main street – safety issue for all residents mainly children, elderly and Gym members (Fit Factory)	Speed Ramps/ Traffic Calming measures on Relic Road at 1) Brosna Court, 2) Across from Fit Factory Gym, 3) Across from Children's playground, 4) Entry of Brosna Park.	This has been referred to the Municipal District of Athlone Moate..	MDAM
RS 11	248735	Clonmellon ICA	Speed limit of 50km in Clonmellon is not being observed. Articulated lorries etc speeding through village. It is extremely dangerous for young and old in the village	Traffic calming measures, particularly at the church and school	There is adequate signage at this location including vehicle actuated signs. Enforcement of the speed limit is a matter for the Gardai	No updates
RS 12	248736	Collinstown Action Group	Traffic calming measures need to be put in place to slow oncoming traffic on the main thoroughfare through the village from both the Delvin and Castlepollard side of the village.	Flashing lights at these two locations to warn motorists of their speed when entering the village may help.	There is adequate traffic calming signage and road markings at this location. Enforcement of the speed limit is a matter for the Gardai	No Updates

RS 13	248737	Collinstown Action Group	There is a need for two additional Pedestrian crossings: One in the village to enable people cross the main road safely and one beside the National School on the Castlepollard Road to bring students safely to the Hurling Pitch.	Request New Pedestrian Crossings	The District can consider providing a pedestrian crossing if there is community agreement, as part of the Age Friendly Town & Village Renewal Grant Scheme.	When putting forward these plans they will be examined with the Community through Support from PPN.
RS 14	248738	Collinstown Action Group	2. The existing Pedestrian on the Mullingar Road Crossing needs to be upgraded.	Request New Pedestrian Crossing	This can be examined in the context of the Age Friendly Town and Village Renewal Scheme.	No Updates
RS 15	248739	Miltownpass Community Action	Bad visibility of traffic slowing road centre features at Dublin end of village at night time and from the weather.	Provision of overhead light directly above the traffic slowing signs on centre of road at church end of village	There are no plans for additional lights at this location.	No Updates

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2 Facilities

No.		GROUP	ISSUE	SUGGEST SOLUTION	Response issued to PPN on 02.12.2019	Update Response following In-committee meeting and MDMK Budget meeting. 2020 Updates
F 1	248742	Mullingar Mental Health Association	There is currently no accommodation available to allow for functions and mental health services out of hours or at weekends when people might need to talk.	Request WCC to provide premises/community hub in Mullingar town for local voluntary groups to use for meetings, social inclusion events, information events on a shared basis.	It is not the role of Westmeath County Council to provide Health Services.	This was referred to property management section to request update on status of lift.
F2	248743	AIRC Midlands	Lack of Disability access and furniture in the Mullingar town park. The town park should be a resource every member of the community can access	Wheelchair accessible town park benches and a sensory garden	The Mullingar Town Park is very accessible for people with disabilities and wheelchair users. There are a number of benches in The Park, the concrete base under the benches can be extended to facilitate a wheelchair. The Mullingar Tidy Towns Group recently partnered with the MDMK to develop a pollinator bed and fruit orchard in the Park. This will develop over time. The MDMK would consider a proposal for a sensory garden in the Town Park. However, space is a consideration as there is limited space available in the Town Park.	An application from a community group under measure 1 can be made through community section.

F 3	248757	AIRC Midlands	Lack of Disability access in the playground in the town park. There are no wheelchair user, suitable equipment	Investment needed in an inclusive playground with wheelchair accessible swing and playground equipment	The Mullingar Town Park is wheelchair accessible. There is a basket swing and a special needs swing installed for use by people with disabilities. The addition of a wheelchair accessible swing can be considered, however these require supervision / management, as they need to be locked when not in use.	A specific request can be considered.
F 4	248760	Mullingar Congress Centre	New transport layout in Mullingar has reduced the number of short-term parking spaces in the town. While this will improve shopping and commercial activity in the town it should be examined to see that drivers get fair treatment.	More short-term parking spaces in Mullingar Town.	Mullingar has excess carparking capacity in the town and 5 No. additional car parking spaces will be provided in Oliver Plunkett Street in early 2020.	
F 5	248761	Active Retirement Ireland	1. There are no public drinking water fountains in Mullingar.	Consider please putting in public drinking water fountains as part of the Mullingar rejuvenation plan	MKMD are currently installing, at no cost to the schools or Department of Education, water bottle fountains at 12 of the schools that will be used during the Fleadh. Additionally, a specific action in the Climate Change Adaption Strategy is to install water fountains in the Mullingar area before the 2020 Fleadh.	
F 6	248763	Active Retirement Ireland	2. Hoist at Mullingar swimming pool is degrading to older people, young mothers and people with disabilities.	There should be better access available for young mothers, older people and people with disabilities to the Mullingar swimming pool other than the degrading use of the hoist	The Pool Management are available to meet with active retirement and or disability groups to consider any improvements with the existing hoist.	
F 7	248764	Disability Working Group	Problematic access to Mullingar Swimming Pool for people with Disabilities	Provide full access facilities for Mullingar Swimming Pool for people with disabilities	The Pool Management are available to meet with active retirement and or disability groups to consider any improvements with the existing hoist.	Awaiting for funding for new pool. Limited in the current pool, but the pool manager will assist any persons
F 8	248765	The Hill Residents Association & Collinstown Action Group	As the original L.A. Housing Estate has been built for a considerable number of years, most of the residents are now elderly. The only way by foot to access their homes is up steep steps. These steps are in great need of repair as there are holes, pieces of slabs missing and uneven slabs	Remedial work to make safe access for older residents. Highlighted in Collinstown Walkability Study by Collinstown Action Group	Housing propose to carry out a refurbishment of this area. We are presently awaiting signing up our new contractor for this type of work and that should be done in the next month. We will then issue a task order for the repair works and hope that the works will commence and be completed in Q1 2020.	No Updates

F 9	248766	Bun Daire Resident's Association	No facilities for the children to play. Concerns in particular while building works is going on, as building site attracts the children.	Facilities for children to play	There are 12 social houses under construction at Bun Daire, Kinnegad by a contractor on behalf of Westmeath County Council. The contractor is required to secure the site at all times. The development will include a generous green are that will be available to both the existing and new housing in Bun Daire. WCC is aware that the Bun Daire Residents have proposals in relation to a MUGA and they are being supported by WCC via Westmeath Community Development under the SICAP in this regard.	No Updates
F 10	248767	Castlepark Residents Association Rochfortbridge	Fencing at end of estate that council owns.	A fence required that the committee will maintain. Already had a meeting with WCC Property management. Property Management proposed a solution that is not acceptable to Castlepark Committee Association.	Property Management staff have met on site with the Chairperson (and others) of the Castlepark Residents Committee and have outlined the Councils willingness to replace the existing fence. It is an important consideration for the Council that the entire of the residual lands be visible from the housing estate, in order to minimise the risk of dumping and all other anti-social behaviour. Property Management staff of WCC have outlined the requirement that the design of any replacement fence would allow a view of the residual lands, through the replacement fence. Property Management propose that the fence be of a timber post and four timber rail construction, with a mesh attached. Property Management section have also put arrangements in place for the flailing of the grass cover on the residual lands, on three occasions annually, being March, July and October.	No Updates
F 11	248768	Collinstown Action Group	The Main Square outside "Daybreak" has parking available but at the best of times people park precariously	There is a need for car parking to be marked out in such a way as to make this area both accessible and safe for all pedestrians and wheelchair users.	Previous proposals to improve parking at this junction were not acceptable. Agreement could not be reached on this matter.	This matter is being further considered under Town and Village Age Friendly Application by Community Group for Collinstown.
F 12	248770	Collinstown Action Group	The Community Hall is used for Bingo every Tuesday evening and the patrons park haphazardly in the village i.e. on footpaths, outside Shop, Pub and Hall.	Additional parking areas would be very beneficial especially as the use of the community hall has expanded over the last two years and will continue to grow in the future. Forward planning for additional	Matter for hall committee to provide necessary parking and bingo organizers to manage parking for their functions.	No updates

				parking would support all the community.		
F 13	248771	Collinstown Action Group	The Hill Road (towards Delvin) – Footpaths are not extended to this whole stretch of road where there are houses and what footpaths there are not well maintained. Cars were parked along this stretch affecting people walking. There are also overgrown hedges.	Upgrading of these footpaths need to be looked at.	a. There are no plans for extending the footpath on the Delvin road Collinstown. Illegal parking is a matter for the Gardai.	No updates
F 14	248772	Newtown Lawns Residents Association	Long Wooden boundary fence (275m) at front of estate in very poor condition; between green areas and public footpath.	Upgrade and/or replacement	This is a matter for the resident's association.	Clarification, is this a private estate going on to public property. DOS advised this is a matter for the resident association
F 15	248773	Milltownpass Community Action Group	Lack of shelter at the two bus stops in village	Provision of bus shelters as provided in neighbouring villages. A lot of people commute and use the bus routes	<p>Wrote to NTA on this before below is reply: We refer to your recent letter, copy attached.</p> <p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) has a policy to prioritise the installation of shelters in towns and rural areas on the following basis:-</p> <p>A. One bus shelter in each direction at the busiest stop in all towns that have a population size exceeding 1,000 people;</p> <p>B. Bus shelter at the two busiest bus stops in each direction in towns that have a population size exceeding 3,000 people;</p> <p>C. Bus shelter at the three busiest bus stops in each direction in towns that have a population size exceeding 10,000 people; and</p> <p>D. In locations other than A, B and C where such stops are served by 10 or more Public Service Obligation (PSO) services per day.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Milltownpass does not currently meet the policy criteria. Given current funding constraints, it will take a number of years to complete the delivery of bus shelters at the locations encompassed under the policy. Accordingly, it is not possible to indicate at this stage when the policy will be expanded to address other locations outside the policy such as Milltownpass. We regret that we are not in a position to provide a more positive response in this instance. Yours sincerely NTA Oireachtas Liaison</p>	The provision of bus shelters is a matter for Bus Eireann.

F 16	248774	Miltownpass Community Action	Safety concern about uneven paving stones in footpath beside railing at Grennans corner due to water main repairs.	Take up and put back down correctly.	Water services has not carried out any water main repair works at the footpath location in Milltownpass since 2016. Upon inspection there does not appear to be any trip hazard within the cobbled footpath area. There is a very small depression of approximately three paving sets but this is not due to watermain works and more likely due to minor settlement of the existing path. These three paving sets will be repaired.	No Supplementary re this issue at in-committee meeting.
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3. Environment						
No.		GROUP	ISSUE	SUGGEST SOLUTION	Response issued to PPN on 02.12.2019	Update Response following In-committee meeting and MDMK Budget meeting. 2020 Updates
E1	248776	Dalton Park Residents Assoc & Dalton Park Women's Group	Illegal dumping skips remaining at houses- rubbish build up. Rubbish left for long periods of time causing serious issue of rodents. Issue ongoing last 5 years. Communication from agencies ongoing. Reported numerous times. Names and house numbers have been given but no action.	More involvement of Environment officer. More patrolling of bin collections.	The Community Warden has carried out an inspection in this area and will continue to work with the residents.	No issue raised by PPN.
E2	248777	Bun Daire Resident's Association	Cruelty to dogs and recurring dog issues. Dog fouling and dogs roaming the estate.	Dog warden needed in estate regularly	Dog warden visited this area recently and there were no dogs out loose, he will continue to monitor the area.	The District will continue to respond to individual complaints
E3	248778	Bun Daire Resident's Association	Illegal dumping in homes and gardens. In turn attracting rodents.	Enforcement of Council Tenant Handbook regulations and checks by council staff	Properties are inspected on a regular basis and all complaints in relation to illegal dumping/storage of refuse are dealt with as per the tenant handbook and tenancy agreement. Specific complaints will be further investigated.	All complaints will be followed up re: tenants in line with the tenant handbook.

E4	248779	Brosna Residents Group	Overflowing of sewage effluent onto Relic Rd and into some residents back yards and onto public walkways	Repair and if required upgrade of sewer & manhole that is causing problem.	This matter has been referred to the Municipal District of Athlone Moate	MDAM
E5	248780	Brosna Residents Group	Play park is being flooded by Brosna River.	Proper flood defence measures that are still amenable to general public	This matter has been referred to the Municipal District of Athlone Moate	MDAM
E6	248781	Miltownpass Community Action	Village litter. Shortage of litter bins. Some existing ones fill up	Provision of extra bins on or near end of the footpath to the school from the village. One also for the area in front of the closed shop unit at the bus stop near the GAA field and at the gate of the GAA field.	There are no plans for additional litter bins in the District. The Council promote a "Leave no trace" and bring their litter home message.	No updates

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4. Anti Social Behaviour						
No.		GROUP	ISSUE	SUGGEST SOLUTION	Response issued to PPN on 02.12.2019	Update Response following In-committee meeting and MDMK Budget meeting 2020.
ASB 1	248782	Dalton Park Residents Association	There is a noticeable increase in Anti sociable behaviour and the severity of this anti-social behaviour	More garda present	A letter can be issued to the Gardai	Letter issued to An Garda Siochana.
ASB 2	248783	Bun Daire Resident's Association Kinnegad	Anti-social behaviour, incl. having loud music, littering/dumping. Setting rubbish on fire. Attempted break in.	Enforcement of Council Tenant Handbook regulations. Co. Council to have penalties in place to deal with tenants who are not obeying tenant rules.	Specific complaints will be dealt with in line with ASBO legislation and there is a case presently before the Court.	No updates

ASB 3	248789	Mullingar Jets Swimming Club	Anti-social behaviour in and around Mullingar Swimming Pool. Children are afraid to walk through park to swimming pool for lessons etc. (Drug dealing, bullying, lude comments etc.)	Request that council do something to curb this anti-social behaviour in town park. E.g. implement bye-laws	Gardai have advised that they regularly patrol the town park and the area is also monitored under Gardai CCTV system.	PPN advised Jets swimming club did a survey. WCC are working to assist the gardai, this issue was raised at the JPC, and 2 CCTV camera. Gardai are being very proactive. PPN are to advise Jets to link into pool re survey carried out.
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5. Access						
No.		GROUP	ISSUE	SUGGEST SOLUTION	Response issued to PPN on 02.12.2019	Update Response following In-committee meeting and MDMK Budget meeting. 2020 Updates
A 1	248791	Disability Working Group	Little supports in place for people with Dementia in Mullingar	To organise a Dementia café in Mullingar and other towns/villages if possible perhaps using the Libraries	The library service are currently working with C&E Department to set up a dementia café in Mullingar. WCC has applied for funding to develop this initiative which will include funding for a dementia table in Mullingar initially.	No updates
A 2	248792	Disability Working Group	Social Inclusion learning opportunities for people with disabilities using council facilities	To install projection 'Magic 'tables in libraries to support people with disabilities	The library service are currently working with C&E Department to set up a dementia café in Mullingar. WCC has applied for funding to develop this initiative which will include funding for a dementia table in Mullingar initially.	No updates
A 3	248793	Disability Working Group	Regeneration work in town and villages should include people with disabilities from the beginning and groups in certain areas where works are taking place, should be consulted prior to works commencing	For example carry out walkability studies in Mullingar & kinnegad before works begin in these areas	The needs of the disabled are considered in all plans proposed by WCC.	Westmeath County Council comply with all guidelines for consultation under these schemes.

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6 Public Lighting						
No.	GROUP	ISSUE	SUGGEST SOLUTION	Response issued to PPN on 02.12.2019	Update Response following In-committee meeting and MDMK Budget meeting. 2020 updates	
PL 1	Glenidan Residents Association	Extremely dark on approach roads to Doynes pub	New light to be erected	There is no funding available for new lights.	Public lighting throughout the County requires significant upgrading and there is a large capital cost associated with this. This matter is currently being considered at national level and Westmeath County Council is liaising with this group. A dedicated multi-annual capital budget would need to be put in place to achieve an upgrading programme. At present, the Council is continuing to upgrade existing public lights within the limited funding currently available. No additional lighting is being considered in the interim.	

PL 2	Brosna Residents Group	Note- this is a re-submission from 2018. No lighting in the park where the playground is located (from 1 Relic Road, Kilbeggan to entrance to Brosna Park) which makes residents feel unsafe as they cannot see into the area at night time and are afraid of antisocial behaviour occurring there. Also, would like if lights were changed as some of the lights in Brosna are very dim so residents feel nervous to go out at night due to lack of clear lighting.	Lighting to be installed in the Playground and new strong LED bulbs to be put in the area	The Council are not in a position to light the playground. There lighting in the adjacent area will be changed to LED in the coming weeks.	Public lighting throughout the County requires significant upgrading and there is a large capital cost associated with this. This matter is currently being considered at national level and Westmeath County Council is liaising with this group. A dedicated multi-annual capital budget would need to be put in place to achieve an upgrading programme. At present, the Council is continuing to upgrade existing public lights within the limited funding currently available. No additional lighting is being considered in the interim.
PL 3	Clonmellon I.C.A.	Kells Road out of Clonmellon extremely dark	More streetlights on the Kells Road.	There is no funding available for new lights.	

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Referred by WPPN to other Agencies						
No.	GROUP	ISSUE	SUGGEST SOLUTION	Response issued to PPN on 02.12.2019	2020	
Ref 1	Bunbrosna Multyfarnham Ballinafid Active Retirement Association (BMB)	The scrapping of the free travel pass for the elderly. Scrapping the Free travel pass will severely impact on our older generation in accessing medical appointments in the capital. Later trains after rush hour would not get them to their appointments for 9am or 10am. The Dublin return fare is €24, a lot of money out of the weekly pension.	Retain the free travel pass	Referred to Westmeath Age Friendly Programme under WCC	No updates	
Ref 2	Bun Daire Resident's Association Kinnegad	Child safety concern. Children under 2 & young people have been left unsupervised wandering the estate.	HSE	Referred to Tusla	No updates	
Ref 3	Bunbrosna Multyfarnham Ballinafid Active Retirement Association (BMB)	Lack of rural transport		Referred to Local Link	No updates	
Ref 4	RAPID Areas Mullingar	Increased Anti-social behaviour etc		Referred to Gardai; RAPID Forum	No updates	