



# *Report*

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**Westmeath**

*Public Participation Network*

*on*

*The WPPN 2018 Submission  
to Mullingar Municipal District  
on Matters Relating to  
Mullingar Municipal Electoral Area  
for the 2019 Budgets*

Affiliated to Westmeath Public Participation Network



This is final report regarding local issues, identified by the members of **Mullingar Municipal District PPN (MMD/PPN)** on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2018, for submission to the Mullingar Municipal District of Westmeath County Council for considered in the budget allocation for 2019.

The Mullingar Municipal 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 **5 Themes** as agreed by consensus by the Mullingar Municipal 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 Mullingar Municipal District PPN Forum was aware that Westmeath County Council were under budgetary and resource constraints, however urged Mullingar Municipal District and Council officials to support their submission as much as was possible.

Eighty-Two submissions were received by the MMD/PPN on behalf of its member groups. These 82 submissions were categorised into 5 main Themes as follows:

- 1. Landscaping**
- 2. Public Lighting**
- 3. Facilities**
- 4. Road Safety**
- 5. Other**

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

| <i>Elected PPN Representatives</i> |                       |                          |
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| <i>Maureen McCormack</i>           | <i>Breda Keeley</i>   | <i>Rose Daly</i>         |
| <i>Cathryn Whelehan</i>            | <i>William Keeley</i> | <i>John Carter</i>       |
| <i>Kevin Brady</i>                 | <i>John Mangan</i>    | <i>Catherine McEntee</i> |

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## 1. Breakdown of WPPN/MMD Submissions

In total 25 Mullingar Municipal District PPN Groups made 82 submissions

(Illustrated below in Figure 1 & outlined in Appendix 1 & 2)

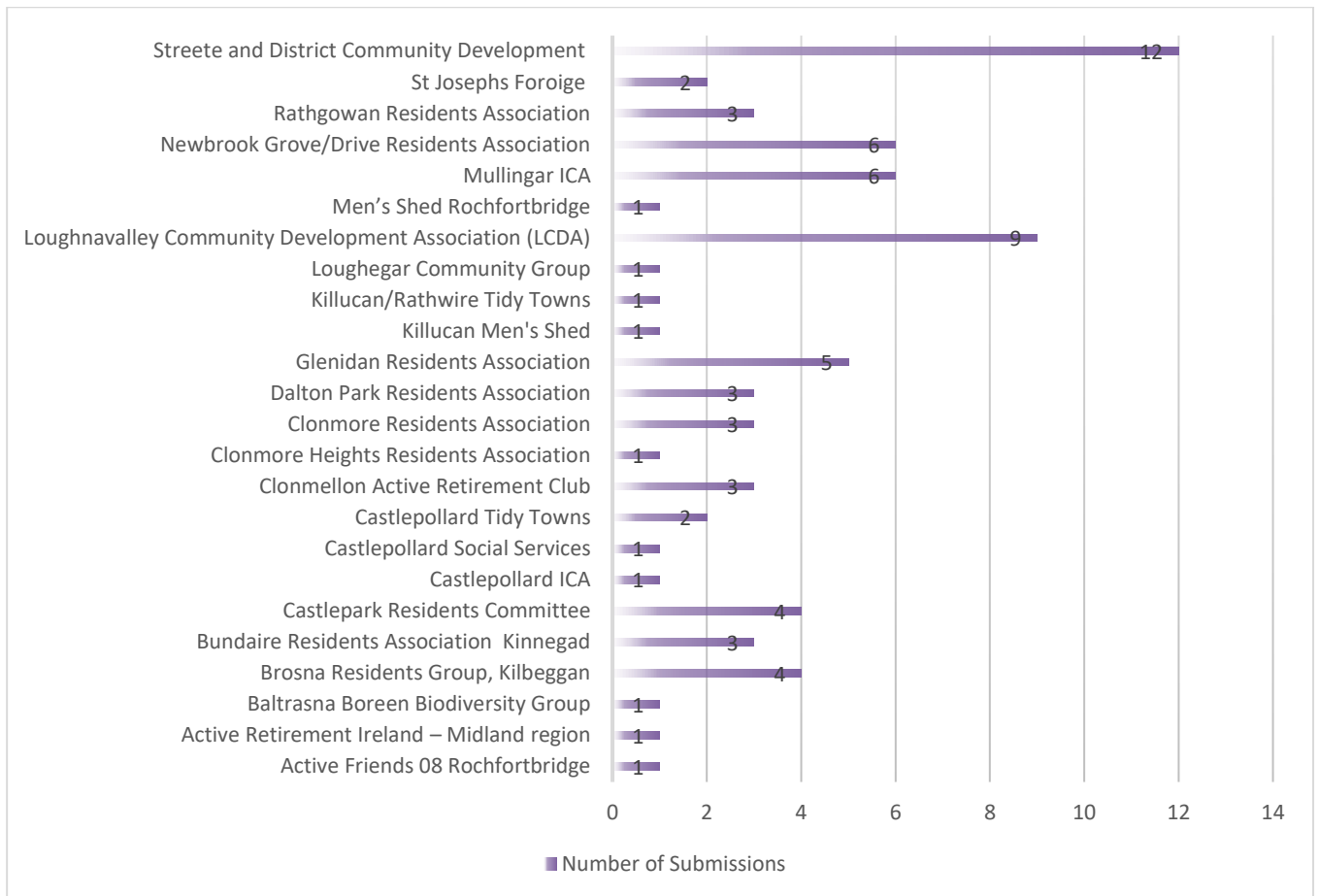


Figure 1: 26 MMD/PPN groups made 82 Submissions to Mullingar Municipal District September 2018 for 2019 Budget

## 2. Number of MMD/PPN Submissions under each Theme

The following is a breakdown number of submissions under each theme

- 1. Landscaping -11
- 2. Public Lighting - 4
- 3. Facilities - 17
- 4. Road Safety - 28
- 5. Other - 22

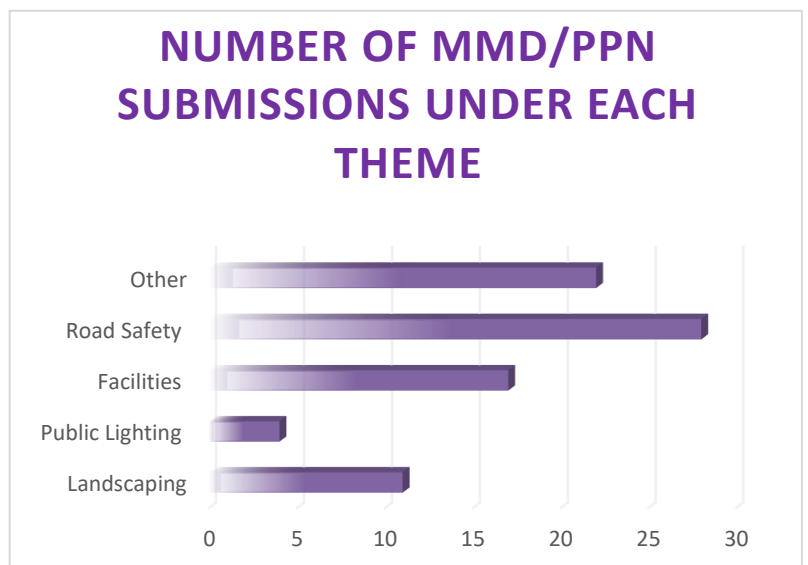


Figure 2 PPN Submissions to Mullingar Municipal District September 2018 for 2019 Budget

### 3. Meetings

MMD/PPN delegates attended Mullingar Municipal District meetings on behalf of WPPN groups. The MMD/PPN delegates presented the initial submissions document to the Mullingar Municipal District members; outlining the submissions, giving and seeking clarification. They further attended meetings in which Mullingar Municipal District 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 MMD/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 MMD/PPN delegates were treated with great courtesy and respect by the Municipal District members; they were listened to and treated with equity. MMD/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

25 MMD/PPN made 82 Submissions; of these 82 submissions; 12 were not issues pertaining to Westmeath County Council. 46 were acted upon by Mullingar Municipal District and 10 delayed due to insufficient funds in budget to complete in 2019; however, may happen when funds are available. 14 were referred to another relevant agency or organisation (shown in Figure 2 below)

#### 82 Submissions

#### 12 Not council issue

- **46 Acted upon/ Completed**
- **10 Delayed due to Budgetary Constraints in 2019**
- **14 Referrals**

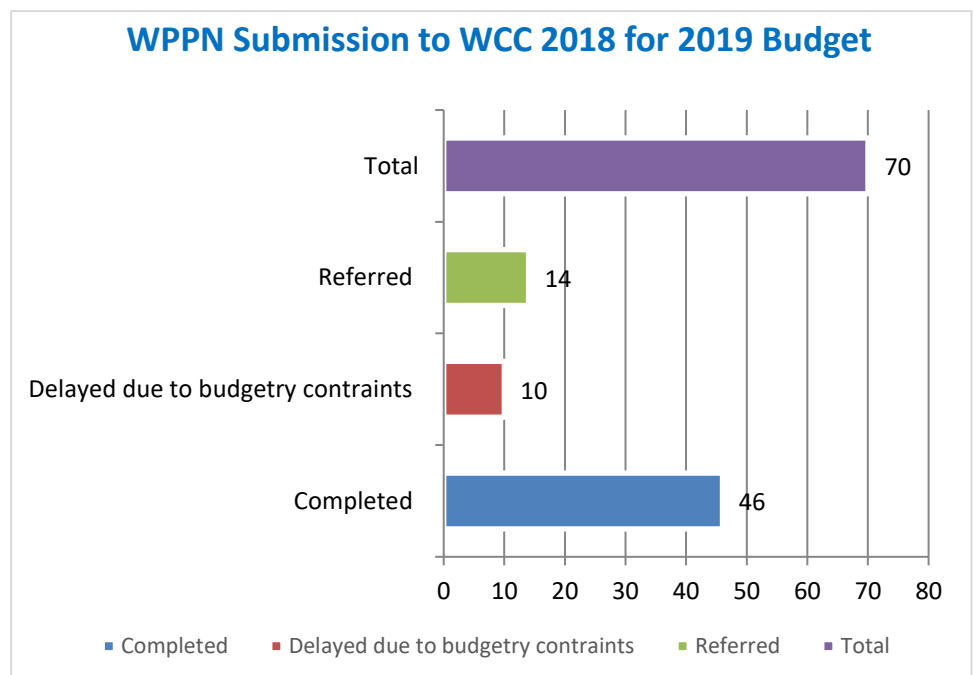


Figure 2 PPN Submissions September 2018 for 2019 Budget to Mullingar Municipal District

## Appendix 1

### Community Groups who entered Submissions

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| Active Friends 08 Rochfortbridge                       |
| Active Retirement Ireland – Midland region             |
| Baltrasna Boreen Biodiversity Group                    |
| Brosna Residents Group, Kilbeggan                      |
| Bundaire Residents Association Kinnegad                |
| Castlepark Residents Committee                         |
| Castlepollard ICA                                      |
| Castlepollard Social Services                          |
| Castlepollard Tidy Towns                               |
| Clonmellon Active Retirement Club                      |
| Clonmore Heights Residents Association                 |
| Clonmore Residents Association                         |
| Dalton Park Residents Association                      |
| Glenidan Residents Association                         |
| Killucan Men's Shed                                    |
| Killucan/Rathwire Tidy Towns                           |
| Loughegar Community Group                              |
| Loughnavalley Community Development Association (LCDA) |
| Men's Shed Rochfortbridge                              |
| Mullingar ICA  |
| Newbrook Grove/Drive Residents Association             |
| Rathgowan Residents Association                        |
| St Josephs Foroige                                     |
| Streete and District Community Development             |
| Streete and District Community Development             |

## Appendix 2:

### Westmeath PPN Submission to Mullingar Municipal District October 2018 for 2019 Budgets

| <b>1. Landscaping</b> |                                |  |  |  |
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| <b>PPN No.</b>        | <b>Organisation name:</b>      | <b>Issue/Concern</b>   | <b>Proposed Solution</b>               | <b>Westmeath County Council Replies to 15/09/19</b>  |
| 1.1                   | Castlepark Residents Committee | Lack of Maintenance to Westmeath County Council lands at the rear of Castlepark Residents Estate | Clearing, re-seeding and cut regularly | A site visit was arranged by the Property Management Section to meet with a representative of the Castlepark Residents Committee regarding the lands to the rear of the estate in the coming days. |

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| 1.2  | <b>Castlepark Residents Committee</b>             | Wired fencing around grass area; Health & Safety issue   | Ranch/Stud fencing to be installed. (This will reduce upkeep and repairs to the fence)   | A site visit will be arranged by the Property Management Section to meet with a representative of the Castlepark Residents Committee regarding the lands to the rear of the estate in the coming days.   |
| 1.3  | <b>Glenidan Residents Association</b>             | Large Tree   | Need to be investigated for safety in the area   | The Council is not aware of any public roadside trees requiring attention in this area. It is the responsibility of landowners/householders to ensure that their roadside trees do not become hazardous to the public. Landowners/householders should employ a suitably qualified tree specialist to inspect their roadside trees on a regular basis and carry out the recommended works. Westmeath County Council has placed advertisements in local papers and social media this autumn advising landowners and householders of their responsibilities with respect to roadside trees. |
| 1.4  | <b>Rathgowan Residents Association</b>            | Plot of waste land in the estate which is an eyesore and invites anti social behaviour   | To have area cleaned and turned into a green area for residents  | This is private property and is not deemed to be derelict however this can be monitored. Anti social behaviour is a Garda matter.  |
| 1.5  | <b>Rathgowan Residents Association</b>            | Electric box located beside green area   | To have the box cordoned and protected from kids climbing on it  | The Residents Association should make contact with the ESB.  |
| 1.6  | <b>Rathgowan Residents Association</b>            | Green Areas and front of estate with trees   | More trees to be planted around the estate and at green zones in the estate  | This is a private estate and a matter for the residents association.   |
| 1.7  | <b>Newbrook Grove/Drive Residents Association</b> | Trimming of Trees around the green area in our estate - Dangerous - trees way too tall plus one tree was uprooted during recent storm 19/09/18   | Prune trees around the green area and carry out necessary works on the uprooted tree   | Pruning has taken place in this estate. Root of tree removed.  |
| 1.8  | <b>Dalton Park Residents Association</b>          | Health & Safety Concern i.e. infestation of Rodents at house in area due to rubbish pile up at back of a house in area, causing the infestation of rodents. Concern for neighbours in this area. | Intervention from HSE and Environment WCC. This is problem for some time and there has been some intervention by WCC & HSE but no progress to date dealing with the problem. | A letter was issued to HSE.  |
| 1.9  | <b>Dalton Park Residents Association</b>          | Shopping Trolleys strewn around Dalton Park looks unsightly and takes from the area.   | Need for Dunnes Stores Supervalve, Lidl & Aldi to collect trolleys from Dalton Park Areas.   | Reports of trolleys will be checked by Community Wardens who will contact relevant supermarket. Letter issued to super markets.  |
| 1.10 | <b>Streete and District Community Development</b> | Litter Dumping on L 1927 Rathowen to Lismacaffrey road   | We ask Westmeath County Council to instruct the litter warden to investigate this matter and view CCTV footage at the local supermac's in Ballinalack.                       | Community warden to continue to work with local business and observe area.   |
| 1.11 | <b>Killucan/Rathwire Tidy Towns</b>               | Litter dumping at Recycling Facility in car park   | CCTV Camera - Killucan/Rathwire Tidy Towns would work with Westmeath County Council  | Community Warden will liaise with Tidy Towns and environment section regarding this.   |
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| <b>2. Lighting</b> |  |  |  |   |
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| <b>PPN No.</b>     | <b>Organisation name:</b>                | <b>Issue/Concern</b>   | <b>Proposed Solution</b>   | <b>Westmeath County Council Replies to 15/09/19</b>   |
| 2.1                | <b>Clonmellon Active Retirement Club</b> | Very dark on Kells road leading into Clonmellon village; only 3 or 4 lights there; particularly dark and dangerous during winter   | Add additional street lighting   | While the provision of additional public lights as proposed may be advantageous, there is no capital funding for new lights as the existing network is in need of very significant investment; there is a need to consider the wider issue of the condition and maintenance of the overall public lighting network before isolated additions such as this are considered. |
| 2.2                | <b>Glenidan Residents Association</b>    | More Lighting needed at crossroads at footpath on all approach roads at Glenidan Crossroads.   | Need additional lighting at crossroads on all approach roads to Glenidan Crossroads  | While the provision of additional public lights as proposed may be advantageous, there is no capital funding for new lights as the existing network is in need of very significant investment; there is a need to consider the wider issue of the condition and maintenance of the overall public lighting network before isolated additions such as this are considered. |
| 2.3                | <b>Glenidan Residents Association</b>    | Existing Lights obstructed by trees. Tree between Doynes Pub & Glenidan Old Hall   | Tree needs pruning around the lights   | These trees will be inspected and appropriate notices served on landowners if required. Hedge and tree cutting notice will issue in the next pruning season at this location.   |
| 2.4                | <b>Brosna Residents Group, Kilbeggan</b> | 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 anti-social 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 so that Residents can see where they are going and feel safe walking at night. | Some lighting at Brosna Park/Brosna View has been changed to LED and some more will be changed in the coming months. There is no capital funding for public lighting in playgrounds. There was a LED replaced and others are scheduled.   |

### **3. Facilities**

| <b>PPN No.</b> | <b>Organisation name:</b>                         | <b>Issue/Concern</b>  | <b>Proposed Solution</b>   | <b>Westmeath County Council Replies to 15/09/19</b>   |
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| 3.1            | <b>Brosna Residents Group, Kilbeggan</b>          | Lack of Facilities for children/younger people aged 12  | MUGA – Multi Use Games Area comprising of areas for football, basketball and tennis courts. Having a MUGA will benefit all the residents but especially the teenagers who are currently have no other social outlets and the result is anti-social behaviour in the form of destruction of the current playground equipment in the playground that targets the younger children, along with other issues. Having a MUGA installed benefits the entire community but especially the teenagers as it impacts positively on their health and wellbeing physically, mentally and emotionally. It also allows the community to become more inclusive as it will encourage more participation. | This was referred to WCC community section. Community Section advised for group to apply for LEADER funding. LEADER funding application is now in process.  |
| 3.2            | <b>Brosna Residents Group, Kilbeggan</b>          | * Broken and unsafe equipment in the playground area in Relic Road which is a Health & Safety issue for the children playing there.   | Repair, upgrade and install new safe playground equipment.   | All the equipment has been checked and repaired.  |
|                |   | * Currently 1 piece of equipment is missing and the springs remain where the piece of equipment was, that had been used by toddlers. This is a hugh Health & Safety concern for all those who use the playground.   |  | All the equipment has been checked and repaired.  |
|                |   | Other equipment is very worn and needs updating & replacing.  |  | All the equipment has been checked and repaired.  |
| 3.3            | <b>Clonmellon Active Retirement Club</b>          | Lack of access at church in Clonmellon  | Put in ramp at church in Clonmellon  | This is a matter for the property owners  |
| 3.4            | <b>Clonmellon Active Retirement Club</b>          | Lack of access at school in Clonmellon  | Put in ramp at school in Clonmellon  | This is a matter for the property owners  |
| 3.5            | <b>Active Retirement Ireland – Midland region</b> | Mullingar Swimming Pool; Difficulty in getting into the pool. Older people need to use this facility, but are not doing so, as they cannot get in or out of the pool comfortably. It is too degrading to be told 'use the hoist'. Older people want to be able to take part in Water aerobics; Swimming classes; Community Swimming | Walk in Steps with hand rails and non slip surfaces  | There are no plans to provided walk in steps to the Swimming Pool, but the pool Management are available to meet with active retirement and or disability groups to consider any improvements with the existing hoist.<br><br>Reason: Size of pool cannot facilitate gradient steps.<br><br>New sports facility in Robinstown, will take above into account |
| 3.6            | <b>Killucan Men's Shed</b>                        | 1. Lights   | Hire Electrician   | This will be referred to community section. Community Section advised for group to apply for LEADER funding.  |
| 3.7            |   | 2. Building needs to be Rewired   |  | This will be referred to community section. Community Section advised for group to apply for LEADER funding.  |



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| 3.8  | Castlepollard Tidy Towns                   | Provision of an Amenity Park for Castlepollard                                     | Area beside tennis court, Water Street or area beside One Stop Shop (WCC Library) Mullingar Road   | Under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund funding was sought in September for the provision of a park on lands adjacent to the Council offices. However, the Department have indicated that funding will not be forthcoming, awaiting formal notification. However a pathway is being extended from Castlepollard to Tullyally Castle to facilitate park space for the community. |
| 3.9  | Castlepollard Tidy Towns                   | Restore/Repair of windows in Castlepollard Town Hall                               | Restore/Repair of windows  | Under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund funding was sought in September for the provision of a park on lands adjacent to the Council offices. However, the Department have indicated that funding will not be forthcoming, awaiting formal notification.  |
| 3.10 | Active Friends 08 Rochfortbridge           | Bus Shelter needed. To Dublin & to Galway at city link stop. Young & old use it    |  | This matter can be referred to The National Transport Authority who are responsible for funding for bus shelter. A letter was issued to The National Transport Authority.   |
| 3.11 | Castlepollard ICA                          | Restore & Repair windows in Castlepollard Old Town Hall                            | Restore & Repair windows in Castlepollard Old Town Hall  | Under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund funding was sought in September for the provision of a park on lands adjacent to the Council offices. However, the Department have indicated that funding will not be forthcoming, awaiting formal notification.  |
| 3.12 | Streete and District Community Development | No disabled or wheelchair friendly equipment at the Playground.                    | At Streete Parish Park Community centre. We ask Westmeath County Council to consider development of the playground and redesign an area which can be used by children and adults with a disadvantage. This would be welcomed by many.  | The playground in Streete is not a Westmeath County Council facility. Group were advised to liaise with Community Section with regards taking in charge, advised that there is an taking in charge policy and C&E section will assist with application if they wish to proceed.   |
| 3.13 | Streete and District Community Development | Need for EV electric vehicle charging point. Streete Parish Park Community Centre. | By installing an EV vehicle charging point in our community centre, we would lead the way forward in the future development of our community. Streete Parish Park community centre would be the first rural community to encourage people to change over to cleaner motoring. This would promote the economic, social and cultural development of our community centre, build confidence in our future, improve quality of life for our citizens and promote a more sustainable and inclusive society. | These are provided by various service providers who should be contacted directly  |

#### 4. Roads

| PPN No. | Organisation name:             | Issue/Concern   | Proposed Solution        | Westmeath County Council Replies to 15/09/19  |
|---------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| 4.1     | Glenidan Residents Association | Flooding at Genidan Hall & between Doynes Pub & Glenidan Hall | Drainage on side of road | This road is part of the 3-year restoration programme and is listed for works in 2021. This will solve the drainage issue permanently. Water cuts will be opened in the interim |

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| 4.2 | <b>Castlepark Residents Committee</b>             | Blind exit spot coming out of Castlepark estate. No view of right onto main road   | Mirror access the road, giving fuller view of right hand side of road; it's a massive hazard  | There are no proposals for any works at this location.  |
| 4.3 | <b>Newbrook Grove/Drive Residents Association</b> | Resurfacing of footpaths & roads in the estate   | Resurfacing of footpaths & roads in the estate  | These roads and footpaths were examined and considered in the context of future budgets. No funding allocated in 2019 Budget, however normal maintenance works will be carried out as required. |
| 4.4 | <b>Newbrook Grove/Drive Residents Association</b> | Traffic Calming measures to be carried out on the main road of Newbrook Grove - cars travelling way too fast in residential area.  | Speed ramps or other traffic calming measures carried out on main Clonmore/Newbrook Grove Road  | A review of ramp numbers in estates will be carried out by the district but there is a 30kph speed limit in this housing estate. Enforcement is a matter for the Gardaí.                        |
| 4.5 | <b>Newbrook Grove/Drive Residents Association</b> | Area of Business Park very dangerous   | Speed ramps or other traffic calming measures carried out on main Clonmore/Newbrook Grove Road  | There are already two speed ramps on the Clonmore Road and a new set of traffic lights have recently been installed in Clonmore Business Park. There are no plans for further works.            |
| 4.6 | <b>Newbrook Grove/Drive Residents Association</b> | Drain outside No. 32 as it floods when it rains. WCC has confirmed that this is their responsibility. This drain floods into both the front and back garden of No. 32.   | Remedial works needed to be carried out as soon as possible   | This is a sewerage issue and should be referred by the group to Irish Water.  |
| 4.7 | <b>Clonmore Residents Association</b>             | 1. Footpaths in estate need resurfacing  | 1. Resurfacing of footpaths in estate   | Footpath works complete at Clonmore Heights.  |
| 4.8 | <b>Clonmore Residents Association</b>             | 2. Roads in estate need resurfacing  | 2. Resurfacing of Roads in estate   | Roads in Clonmore were examined and considered in the context of future budgets. No funding allocated in 2019 Budget, however normal maintenance works will be carried out as required.         |
| 4.9 | <b>Streete and District Community Development</b> | Council erected village signs too close together, these village name signs were erected in 2016 and are sited much too close to each other giving the impression Boherquill is a very small . place. Speed limit signage is also required in this area. location of the issue: L 1927 at Boherquill village. | These signs need to be moved back around the bend on the Streete Side of the village and also moved up the hill on the Lismacaffrey side. The erection of speed calming signage can also be placed in the same area as suggested. | There are no plans to move the village signs as they are positioned at the village boundaries.  |

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| 4.10 | <b>Streete and District Community Development</b> | Dangerous Junction: It is impossible to see towards Lismacaffrey when coming out of this junction from Coolnagun. This has been the scene of many minor accidents over the years and has been recently been highlighted as a health and safety concern. At the junction of the Lismacaffrey to Boherquill road L 1927 and the new line road L 58281 at Boherquill church.  | By removing approximately 20 meters of hedgerow on the Lismacaffrey side of this junction and replacing with it suitable fencing. The removal of the hedge grow would create a step back which would allow clear vision to the L 1927. | The District Engineer has inspected this location and is satisfied that there is adequate sight distance.   |
| 4.11 | <b>Streete and District Community Development</b> | Footpath Needed at Boherquill connecting the church and cemetery. This is a very busy junction. The hedgerow at this junction is growing out to the edge of the road. When a funeral or other church event is taking place, cars park along the verge in this area which means people, children and wheelchair users are forced to walk on the road amongst the traffic. This is very dangerous. At Boherquill Church at the junction of the L 1927 and the new line road L 58281.             | Remove hedgerow and replace with a wheelchair accessible footpath connecting St Mary's church at Boherquill with the new St Fintan's cemetery. This would also leave this junction safer and enhance the area.                         | The Parish own the lands between the Church and the Cemetery, and it would be a matter for the Parish to create a pathway connecting both.        |
| 4.12 | <b>Streete and District Community Development</b> | Streete village. Urgent need for traffic calming. Vehicles are passing through this village at high speed completely ignoring the speed limit signs. Streete have highlighted this in the past and are still waiting for promised correction measures to be put in place. Numerous near fatal accidents have happened down the years between motorists and people crossing the road at the shop and public house in Streete village. Location: On the L 1927 traveling through Streete village | Better speed calming signage such as high visibility flashing radar speed signs on both sides of the village. These flashing signs are very effective and remind drivers they are over the speed limit in that area.                   | Enforcement of speed limit is a matter for the Gardaí. Director of Services (DOS) advised that driver alert are being deployed around the County. |

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| 4.13 | <b>Streete and District Community Development</b>             | At Streete Parish Park Community centre. We ask Westmeath County Council to consider erecting a stop sign and marking the road with white stop lines. This will make this a safe place, where cars leaving the community centre, walking track and playground are directed by signage to stop and then negotiate safely onto this busy road. This may avoid the possibility of a future accident.  |  |   | This is not public property and is a matter for the property owners<br><br>Note: Community can erect signs |
| 4.14 | <b>Streete and District Community Development</b>             | Dangerous busy Route during winter months. This road carries a High volume of traffic all year round. The L1927 is a main link road between N4 Dublin to Sligo, and the R 395 Delvin to Edgeworthstown also connecting Granard. This has been the scene of many minor accidents over the years in winter months, This could possibly have been avoided if the road had been gritted. This route has been recently highlighted as a necessary emergency route connecting north Westmeath and North Longford to the Cavan border. We wish to raise a health and safety and wellbeing concern. This road was blocked last year by the adverse weather conditions. We relied heavily on local farmers who used their machinery to open the road. We call on Westmeath County Council for this road to be part of the winter road gritting and snow clearing plan. From the junction of the Lismacaffrey crossroads on L 1927 to Main N4 at Rathowen church, approximately 7 km's |  | The Council has an agreed a schedule of priority routes, consisting of mainly National and Regional roads, which are treated with salt when ice or snow is forecast. This schedule includes a strategic network of roads to insure that all areas are relatively close to a treated road, and therefore a treated network.<br><br>The October meeting of the Transportation & Planning SPC discussed the Westmeath County Councils' Winter Service Plan for the upcoming season. The SPC were advised that detailed consideration was given in respect to requests for extending the current routes however there is currently no additional capacity to include any additional routes. |  |
| 4.15 | <b>Streete and District Community Development</b>             | At Lismacaffrey national school. New speed signage urgently needed to possibly work in conjunction with existing flashing signs. <b>Radar-based LED Speed Displays may</b> influence drivers to change their behaviour by showing them what speed they are doing and prompting them to slow down   |  | Enforcement of the speed limit is a matter for the Gardaí. DOS advised that driver alert are being deployed around the County.  |  |
| 4.16 | <b>Loughnavalley Community Development Association (LCDA)</b> | Lack of safe access routes throughout village  | A. Install new public footpaths to allow safe access to and from amenities within village. Specific attention to be given to;                              | Mullingar Municipal District have limited funds for footpaths. The Members have agreed to use these limited funds to repair existing footpath rather than create new footpaths.   |  |
| 4.17 |   |  | 1. Extend public footpath to designated residential areas (as per development limits set out on Loughnavalley Unserviced Settlement map published by WCC). | Mullingar Municipal District have limited funds for footpaths. The Members have agreed to use these limited funds to repair existing footpath rather than create new footpaths.   |  |
| 4.18 |   |  | 2. Provide footpath/walkway from village to GAA grounds on Ballymore road  | Mullingar Municipal District have limited funds for footpaths. The Members have agreed to use these limited funds to repair existing footpath rather than create new footpaths.   |  |

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| 4.19 | <b>Loughnavalley Community Development Association (LCDA)</b> | Lack of safe access routes throughout village  | B. Install a designated pedestrian crossing controlled or uncontrolled to allow safe crossing of main R392 road that passes through the village, within the 50km speed limit. A possible suitable location would be at the church as the main car park and graveyard is located on the opposite side of the road from the church (NB this is especially dangerous on a Saturday evening during winter when church goes are crossing the road.) | There is an uncontrolled crossing between the church and the graveyard and there are no plans for further works at this location. |
| 4.20 | <b>Loughnavalley Community Development Association (LCDA)</b> | Issues with vehicles exceeding the speed limit passing through village on R389 (Ballynacarrigy to Castletown Geoghegan). LCDA acknowledges that speed is an offence and is a matter for the Gardaí however it should be noted that this is a serious issue within the village and if it continues will lead to a serious accident. | 1. MMD to forward letter to Gardaí noting speeding on this road entering and leaving the village on both sides of the crossroads.  | A letter has issued to Gardaí. Garda have indicated that speed will be monitored in these locations.                              |
| 4.21 |   |  | 2. Some type of traffic calming should be introduced especially in front of the houses on the Ballynacarrigy road adjacent to the pub where children are regularly at play on public path (even just "SLOW" road markings as a trial).   | Enforcement of speed limit is a matter for the Gardaí. DOS advised that driver alert are being deployed around the County.        |
| 4.22 | <b>Loughnavalley Community Development Association (LCDA)</b> | 50km speed signs are too close to centre of village and do not take account of recent residential development or designated residential development zone   | Move speed signs to at least the Unserved Settlement Development Limits as set out by WCC (see attached map with current locations of signs and development limits (that have been developed to on Ballynacarrigy road currently)  | This has been referred to Transportation for consideration in the next countywide review of speed limits.                         |
| 4.23 | <b>Loughnavalley Community Development Association (LCDA)</b> | Road safety concerns around community hall situated on Castletown Road due to blind spot facing Castletown also issues with car parking around hall.   | 1. Improve/remove high bank on Castletown side of hall.  | This is not a matter for Westmeath County Council.  |
| 4.24 |   |  | 2. Provide new car park to side or rear of hall.   | This is not a matter for Westmeath County Council.  |
| 4.25 | <b>Dalton Park Residents Association</b>                      | Barriers needed at c-link road as its dangerous for children as they can go straight out onto the road. There is a need for barriers to stop children going straight onto road.  | Barriers would solve this issue and would stop children from dashing out onto the c-link road.   | Barriers have been erected at Community Centre via RAPID funding  |

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| 4.26 | <b>Streete and District Community Development</b> | Dangerous Water pool on L 1927 Rathowen to Lismacaffrey road at the bottom of Ballykildevin hill near Boherquill. This water appears after the slightest shower of rain, traffic travelling towards Streete village from Lismacaffrey has to pull out onto the wrong side of the road on this dangerous blind bend: This has been the scene of a few minor accidents over the years and has been recently been highlighted by our group as a road safety concern. | Dangerous Water pool on L 1927 Rathowen to Lismacaffrey road at the bottom of Ballykildevin hill near Boherquill. This water appears after the slightest shower of rain, traffic travelling towards Streete village from Lismacaffrey has to pull out onto the wrong side of the road on this dangerous blind bend: This has been the scene of a few minor accidents over the years and has been recently been highlighted by our group as a road safety concern. | The gully at this location will be cleaned. This drainage issue is part of the 2019 programme of works. |
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## 5. Other

| <b>PPN No.</b> | <b>Organisation name:</b>                  | <b>Issue/Concern</b>   | <b>Proposed Solution</b>  | <b>Westmeath County Council Replies to 15/09/19</b>   |
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| 5.1            | <b>Men's Shed Rochfortbridge</b>           | Lack of Space currently to expand activities   | Provision of site by WCC with or close to utilities. A previous suggestion that more than one group could be included certainly bears consideration. Preferably lease at nominal rent | This will be referred to property Management Section.   |
| 5.2            | <b>Baltrasna Boreen Biodiversity Group</b> | Proliferation of plastic waste   | A "Make Mullingar Plastic free" Campaign; focused on schools & take always e.g. <a href="https://www.plasticfreekinsale.com/">https://www.plasticfreekinsale.com/</a>                 | This is a very valid proposal and is supported by the green schools programme. Funding local projects can be considered under the LA 21 Grant schemes.  |
| 5.3            |  |  | Part of this should be 'post-box' bins at points along the canal & old Railway walk; which are collected regularly, but too narrow in opening to allow dumping of household waste     | It is not Council policy to provided any additional litter bins as the message that needs to issue is that people take responsibility for disposing of their own rubbish.   |
| 5.4            | <b>St Josephs Foroige</b>                  | Grant Funding. Our club receives a grant, but we find town, based clubs receive more though. Its rural clubs who have no amenities at our doorstep and have to spend a fortune on buses to go anywhere and do anything | <b>Solution:</b> increase in grants & and increase in percentage paid by from Rural Link  | Local Link Longford Westmeath has funding available to provide financial support to provide transport to community groups on a once off basis. Groups can access this funding by completing an application ( <a href="https://westmeathppn.ie">https://westmeathppn.ie</a> ) and Local Link Longford Westmeath will arrange the transport directly with one of our suppliers and then change the group 60% of the total cost. This funding come from the National Transport Authority and Local Link Longford must apply for it every year, this funding may not always be available. |
| 5.5            | <b>Castlepollard Social Services</b>       | Main concern that there will be no more cuts in grants   | That our weekly group continues (need grants to do so)  | WCC intend to continue to give Community Action Grants to Community & Voluntary Groups in Westmeath and do prioritise Older Person Groups & Services.   |

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| 5.6  | <b>Loughegar Community Group</b>                  | Promotion of Community Facilities Available  | Westmeath County Council Community Section to carry out audit of community facilities available in MMD and to centralise promotion of these facilities. E.g. Room available for hire, grounds available etc | Refer to Community Section. Community Section advised for group to apply for LEADER funding. An audit of Community Centres was carried out in 2014. The new recreation strategy will progress this action.   |
| 5.7  | <b>Newbrook Grove/Drive Residents Association</b> | Implementation of Derelict Sites Levy on owner of Clonmore Shopping Centre (complete eye-sore, rats, anti-social behaviour & devaluing properties)   | Owner should be directed to adhere to the terms of the Derelict Sites Act   | This site was inspected on 17th October and a letter has issued to the reputed owner in relation to grass cutting and weeds. It will continue to be monitored.   |
| 5.8  | <b>Clonmore Heights Residents Association</b>     | Clonmore Shopping centre - Complete eye-sore - Derelict site - anti social behaviour - Green area not maintained by owners                           | Owners should be directed to adhere to terms of Derelict Sites Act, also to maintain the green areas around the centre  | This site was inspected on 17th October and a letter has issued to the reputed owner in relation to grass cutting and weeds. It will continue to be monitored.   |
| 5.9  | Mullingar ICA                                     | Money (Grant) towards a budget for hosting speakers and events for our ICA Group. Speakers on rural, cultural, mental health & positive thinking etc | More Grant Aid  | It is possible for Mullingar ICA can apply for a Community Action Grant early in 2019 to host speakers and events for their ICA group. Details of grants and workshops will be distributed via PPN early in 2019. It might also be worthwhile contacting Westmeath Arts Officer or Heritage Officer regarding possibility of funding sources for speakers on cultural subjects. HSE may also be in a position to provide speakers on mental health & positive thinking. Note as with all grant aid, community or otherwise, funds are limited. |
| 5.10 | Mullingar ICA                                     | Grant aid for educational craft/keep fit & cookery courses   | More Grant Aid  | It is possible for Mullingar ICA can apply for a Community Action Grant early in 2019 to host speakers and events for their ICA group. Details of grants and workshops will be distributed via PPN early in 2019. It might also be worthwhile contacting Westmeath Sports Partnership re keep fit classes. HSE may also be in a position to provide speakers on healthy eating and cookery. Note as with all grant aid, community or otherwise, funds are limited  |
| 5.11 | Mullingar ICA                                     | Grants towards a budget for advertising our organisation   |   | Mullingar ICA are welcome to advertise/market their group and their events on both the PPN website & PPN Newsletter at no cost. If they wish to do other types of paid advertising, would suggest that Mullingar ICA apply for a Community Action Grant early in 2019. Details of grants and workshops will be distributed via PPN early in 2019   |
| 5.12 | Mullingar ICA                                     | Erection of sign out side our office   |   | Mullingar ICA can apply for a Community Action Grant early in 2019 to erect a sign outside their office. Details of grants and workshops will be distributed via PPN early in 2019   |

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| 5.13 | Mullingar ICA                                  | Advertising through leaflets and in the paper  |   | Mullingar ICA are welcome to advertise/market their group and their events on both the PPN website & PPN Newsletter at no cost. If they wish to print leaflets or advertise in newspapers, would suggest that Mullingar ICA apply for a Community Action Grant early in 2019. Details of grants and workshops will be distributed via PPN early in 2019 |
| 5.14 | <b>Bundaire Residents Association Kinnegad</b> | 1. No Community Centre in village  | Community Centre in Village with Sports Equipment for children and Youth. GAA Centre too far out of village for people with no transport.   | Refer to Community Section. WCC have secured funding under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund for carrying out an assessment of needs for Community Facilities in Kinnegad in 2019 and issues raised can be considered as part of this exercise.   |
| 5.15 |  | 2. Lack of Facilities for Children and Youth Children with a disability  | Sensory Garden would benefit children with a disability and would be beneficial to their overall health.  | Refer to Community Section. WCC are currently seeking Expression of Interest from community groups for projects including Sensory Gardens under the CLAR programme – See Rural Support Schemes in Community Development Section of Council website. Referred to Westmeath Community Development SICAP & WCC Enhancements Grants.                        |
| 5.16 |  | 3. Parenting.  | Parenting course as this would benefit young mothers in the area, and would also have positive impact on children and youth, hence they would be in a more stable environment.  | Refer to Community Section. This matter should be followed up with by the group the HSE or Westmeath Community Development who run parenting programme on behalf of the HSE. CYPSE Triple T Programme.  |
| 5.17 |  | 4. Play Area.  | Need a Play area/Grounds  | Refer to Community Section. Grant support of up to 95% is currently available to community groups for play area development under the LEADER programme – Contact Westmeath Community Development.   |
| 5.18 |  | Anti-Social Behaviour Unsupervised children at play late at night between hours of 11-12pm-1am. Safety issues with speeding cars at small roundabout at entrance to Bundaire causing concern to other neighbours : Children as young as 2years playing at roundabout (Image Submitted) | 1. Parenting Courses/Educational Triple P. .  | Refer to Community Section. This matter should be followed up with by the group the HSE or Westmeath Community Development who run Tripe P programme.   |
| 5.19 | 2. Garda Presence in area at night             |  | Refer to Community Section. Anti-Social Behaviour issue can be dealt with by Housing if details of the nature of the ASB, perpetrators, etc. are provided to the Housing Liaison Officer to investigate.  |   |
| 5.20 | 3. Secure Playground for children              |  | Refer to Community Section. Grant support of up to 95% is currently available to community groups for play area development under the LEADER programme – Contact Westmeath Community Development.   |   |
| 5.21 | 4. Sensory Garden                              |  | Refer to Community Section. WCC are currently seeking Expression of Interest from community groups for projects including Sensory Gardens under the CLAR programme – See Rural Support Schemes in Community Development Section of Council website. |   |
| 5.22 | 5. Drop in clinic for advice and guidance.     |  | Refer to Community Section. Citizen Information centre available in Mullingar with some satellite services to other towns – Need to contact Citizens Centre if they have proposals to provide such services in Kinnegad.                            |   |



