

CLASHAVOON DUNMANWAY COMMUNITY FORUM

MINUTES 21ST JULY 2021

In attendance:

Avril Wilson- Eirgrid

Colleen Savage- MCO

Marion Weymes- MCO

Clare Zuk, Municipal District Officer in West Cork, Cork CoCo

Dave Foley, Avondhu-Blackwater Partnership CLG

Cllr. Declan Hurley, West Cork Municipal District

Cllr. Ted Lucey, Macroom Municipal District

COMMUNITY FORUM MEMBERS

Ger Coakley, Rusheen School.

Noel Howard and Terry Datson, Kilmurry Historical and Archaeological Association.

Tadhg Twohig, Chairman of Aghinah GAA

Michael Murphy, Canovee Circle of Friends

Deirdre Kelly, Chamber of Commerce in Dunmanway

Frances O’Riordan, Secretary of Kilmichael Pitch & Putt Course,

Anne Bradley, Retiring Principle of National School in Kilmichael, Secretary of Kilmichael Historical Society

Tommy Collins, Dunmanway Community Council

Dennis Collins, Doheney GAA Club

Donal Daly, St. Anne’s Ladies Football Club

Caroline Corkery, Rusheen Bealnamorrive Community Watch Group, and Rusheen Community

Liz McCarthy, Chairperson of Dunmanway Historical Association

Kevin and Colm Fehily, Canovee GAA Club, National School and Tidy Towns

Clare Murphy, Deputy Principle of St Mary’s School in Dunmanway

Moira Deasy, Friends of Dunmanway Hospital

Michael Carrol, Chairperson of Shanacashel Community Centre

Noelle Walsh, Ahakeera Drama Group and Ahakeera Community Hall

Introductions and context

- **Clare Zuk**- Here to see how she and the council can help or how they can dovetail with the funding stream. They have done a number of feasibility studies in the Dunmanway area.
- **Ger Coakley**- Representing a number of other groups who he will be conveying this information to: Local Active Retirement, Community Alert Group, Church Maintenance Group.
- **Noel Howard and Terry Datson**- Approx. 175 active members at the moment and have a large community hall, 15-16 communities use the facilities at present, Would tie this in with community wellbeing and mental health
- **Tadhg Twohig**, Aghinah GAA covers the entire parish of Rusheen, About 550 members, Site right beside the station in Clashavoon and have a small hall which is the main centre of the parish

- **Dave Foley**, Avondhu-Blackwater Partnership CLG who deliver the LEADER programme in the area and more expansive across West Cork.
- **Michael Murphy**, Canovee Landowner where the line has gone through. The old Canovee school is on one side of the line and the GAA pitch and town of Carrigadrohid are on the other side. The line caused a lot of tensions in the area and it's good to see EirGrid give back to the community
- **Deirdre Kelly** –Cork county council and the Chamber of Commerce in Dunmanway are working closely with the Dunmanway Community Council. Doing a lot of work in the town at the moment on the playgrounds and tennis courts. A lot of ideas bouncing around, especially around hill walking, the Sally River rejuvenation project and biodiversity/nature trails. Have also been speaking with Cork Sports Partnership who have other ideas on funding that may be available
- **Frances O’Riordan**, Pitch & Putt has a very active club, older age group but need to maintain the machinery and course.
- **Anne Bradley**, wants to see what is available for the National School in Kilmichael, and for the Kilmichael historical society. School has a sports field and KHS maintain historical sites and trails.
- **Tommy Collins is part of the** Dunmanway Community Council, a Voluntary community organisation – aim to identify the current and future priorities of the area for the benefit of the economic, cultural, social and environmental welfare of the area. Liaise with almost every organisation in the town to promote it as best they can.
- **Dennis Collins**, Doheney GAA Club has 350 members and ongoing work in maintaining the club. There is a particular need for changing room and toilet near their second pitch.
- **Donal Daly**, St. Anne’s Ladies Football Club has approx. 300 members. It has been difficult in recent years fundraising and don’t have their own pitch but tied in with the men’s pitch in Canovee.
- **Caroline Corkery**, Rusheen Bealnamorrive Community Watch Group, is a c alert group set up to protect the elderly and vulnerable in the community. Approx. 90 members signed up to text alerts from the Gardaí in Macroom and have installed monitored alarms in the community. Also represents the Rusheen Community Clean-up Group – volunteer group of approx. 15 people.
- **Liz McCarthy**, the Dunmanway Historical Association aim to investigate and research books, artefacts and memorabilia of historical importance to the area.
- **Kevin and Colm Fehily**, Looking to upgrade Canovee GAA Club, National club facilities – e.g. walking track around pitches, gym and expanding car park.

- **Cllr. Declan Hurley** -Working with many community organisations in Dunmanway
- **Clare Murphy**, St Mary's School in Dunmanway, Caters for children from 2nd to 6th class, with two special classes. Serviced special education for west cork for the past 20 years, continually looking for money and resources for these children in particular
- **Cllr. Ted Lucey**-Looking to support local organisations and find out how the funds will be applied for etc.
- **Moira Deasy**, Friends of Dunmanway Hospital- Fundraising for equipment etc.,Currently working on landscape gardening project for the benefit of patients with dementia.
- **Michael Carrol**, Chairperson of Shanacashel Community Centre-A number of infrastructural projects being looked at that can bring longterm benefit to the community
- **Noelle Walsh**, Ahakeera Drama Group and Ahakeera Community Hall is a Travelling drama group in West Cork. Looking for funds for the hall and drama group

Q&A

- **Ger Coakley** asked if all applicants were required to be a PPN member and whether 3 quotes would be required per application
 - **Colleen** stated that we would come back with the detail on application requirements but that for the bigger funding stream, quotes would be required
 - **Colleen** stated that applicants can apply for PPN membership and PPN number now, PPN members would be preferred
- **Noel Howard** suggested that we prepare a short note/bullet points to help forum members share the context and parameters of the scheme
- **Dave Foley** asked what exactly is needed in terms of documentation for the draw down stage
 - **Colleen** stated that detail to follow
- **Cllr. Declan Hurley** asked how community groups can be supported with their applications and making it accessible to all, and attract as many applications as possible
 - **Avril** stated that we have a user friendly application portal
 - **Marion** stated that application forms will be tailored to the specific funding streams, e.g. micro -vs- large
 - **Colleen** stated that there is also the option to do a video upload as part of the application
 - We will do a workshop with applicants on the application process and system
 - We will also do 10-minute clinics with organisations putting together applications
- **Clare Zuk** asked about whether applicants will be able to draw down finance in stages if there is approval, as some might be put off due to need for bridging finance / upfront costs
 - **Colleen** stated that detail to follow