

## Tuamgraney Community Plan

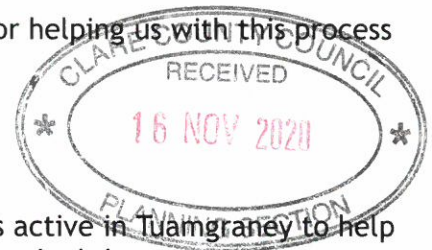
### Why plan?

Community planning is an important part of community life. New issues arise in communities over time and it is very useful to pause every so often to reflect on these to see what actions can be taken to address them. It is easy to rely on the ideas of people who are active in the many groups that work so hard to maintain and improve the quality of life in Tuamgraney. Their ideas and commitment to making them happen are enjoyed by all of us.

What makes this plan different is that all groups and residents were invited to contribute their views on what would improve life in Tuamgraney. The fact that every resident, young and old, was given the opportunity to give us their views means that we can be confident that the actions that emerge have come directly from the community. For the first time, we have consulted with children attending the National School. And, by making the survey available to everyone, we have been able to get the views of people who find it hard to attend public meetings for a variety of reasons.

This plan will also help us to get grants that will help us to do the actions that have been prioritised. There are many good ideas that we couldn't prioritise because we don't have enough volunteers. If you see an action that hasn't been prioritised and you think you could help to get it going, we would be delighted to hear from you.

We would like to thank Clare Local Development Company (CLDC) for helping us with this process by providing a facilitator to advise and assist us.



### How the survey worked

At the beginning of this process we invited members from all groups active in Tuamgraney to help us design the survey and form a temporary planning group. We also asked them to encourage their members and everyone they knew to complete it. We would like to thank all these groups for helping us:

- Tuamgraney Development Association
- Tuamgraney Community Weekend
- Bodyke/Tuamgraney Pastoral Council
- Tuamgraney NS Parents' Council
- Blossom Harp Festival
- St. Cronan's Church Committee
- Tuamgraney Handball Club
- Bodyke/Tuamgraney GAA Club
- Bodyke/Tuamgraney Camogie Club
- Raheen Hospital Support Group

We let people know about where to get the survey in the Clare Champion local notes, the parish newsletter and by publishing an online version of the survey that was circulated via social media. We printed 450 copies of the survey, delivered one to each house and also made them available at Niland's shop, parish house and at St Joseph's church. The National School kindly helped by encouraging the 6th class pupils to complete the survey.

After three weeks, we had received 100 completed surveys. The comments on the surveys were analysed by the facilitator provided by CLDC and results compiled for review by the planning group.

The planning group then prioritised suggestions in the surveys by looking at which ones were most popular and most practical. The results follow and will guide us in our work for the next three years.

A summary of the new Community Plan is overleaf. The full 14 page Plan including all of the survey results is available to view if you go to [www.tuamgraney.ie](http://www.tuamgraney.ie)

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. we are very grateful for your ideas.



## Tuamgraney Community Plan - Prioritised Actions

	Prioritised Action	Lead Group	Location	Timeframe
1	Children's play equipment	TDA & Parents' Council	The Park (subject to consultation)	2 years
2	Form a representative group to explore Community Centre options	All the main community groups.	Explore all options within village	1 year
3	Implement other main recommendations of Tuamgraney Community, Tourism and Cultural Study (May 2018) - Handball Museum and Develop Castle.	TDA and other partners	Various	After community centre plan
4	Form (sub)group to develop off road walk/cycle route(s)	TDA & partners, e.g. CLDC / Clare Co. Co. / Waterways Ireland / Scariff Community Council / Ogonnelloe group	1. Complete the link to Ogonnelloe 2. Lough Derg Route	1 year to form groups
5	Welcome & information pack for new residents	TDA form sub-group	N/A	1 year
6	Information sharing on local activities/events for residents and visitors	TDA for representative group	N/A	1 year to form group
7	Evening classes	TDA - circulate poster on how to organise classes/ clubs and encourage people to start classes themselves	Explore all venue options within village	1 year
8	Lobbying for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade of quays</li> <li>• Traffic plan implementation</li> <li>• CCTV</li> <li>• 60km speed limit at Steiner school</li> <li>• New housing</li> <li>• Improved road surfacing</li> <li>• Electric car charger point</li> <li>• Uber type transport solution</li> </ul>	TDA	Various	1 - 5 years