

Newbliss Killeevan

Community Plan 2018-2028

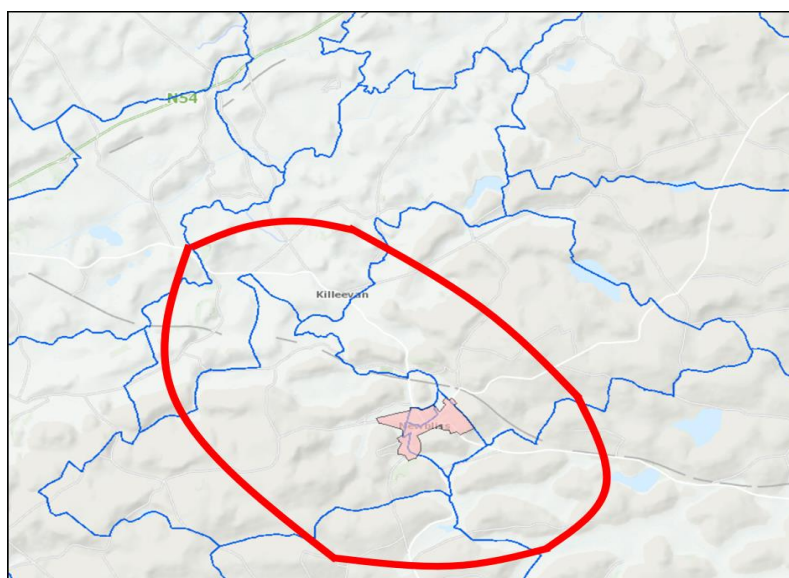
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**Approximate study area, showing Newbliss village in pink, and
Census Small Area boundaries outlined in blue**

Foreword

Co. Monaghan communities have a long and proud tradition of community development. Community development is not about building a footpath, or keeping the roads in good condition; yes, these things are important, and it would inconvenience a community if they weren't done, but they are not the most important things in the community. What is most important in any community is the people, and the bond they create in the area.

A strong community takes a special sense of pride in the area, reaches out to those that are vulnerable, cares for those most in need, celebrates together when times are good, and gathers around to support one another in the sad times.

People get involved in their communities because they love where they live, and they want to look after their area. They also want to protect it and ensure it prospers in the future.

If someone asked you what kind of community would you like to live in, what would you say to them?

Perhaps you would tell them that you would like to live somewhere where you feel welcome and safe, where the people are friendly, where there is lots going on that you can join in, and where you have access to all the services that you need. You would probably like to think that if there was something wrong, you could call on a neighbour for help, or if you were ill and hadn't been out of the house in a few days, someone would notice and come to check if you were ok.

Monaghan County Council is committed to supporting communities to be the best places to live, work and visit in Ireland. As part of our drive to support communities, we are helping communities to prepare Community Plans. Through a process of consultation with the people living and working in your community, Council staff have drafted a Vision of the Future for Newbliss/ Killeevan and compiled a set of Priorities which will help the community to develop towards this Vision over the next ten years.

This document is a Draft Plan, which is a first try at gathering up everyone's thoughts on the way forward. We'd like you to take a look and let us know what you think. It's not too late to add new ideas, take some things out, or even go back to the drawing board, if necessary!

- What would make the Newbliss Killeevan area a great place to live?
- Have the right priorities been identified in this Plan?
- If everything in this Plan was achieved, would life in Newbliss Killeevan be better? For everyone?

At the back of this Plan, you will find a short questionnaire, which you can tear out and send back to us with your thoughts. We'll use those to make any necessary changes and additions to the document, before finalising the Community Plan.

Monaghan County Council is committed to supporting the communities of Co. Monaghan to become the best they can be. We hope to play a significant role in many of the projects outlined in the Plan and view the drafting of this document together with you, the community, as the first step in a long and fruitful partnership.

We will continue to assist you in delivering the Plan and will fund a Facilitator to help you through the first twelve months, to ensure the best possible start is made.

Thank you for your investment in Co. Monaghan.

Eamonn O Sullivan

Chief Executive

Monaghan County Council



At the back of this document, you will find a short survey, which is provided for you to give us your thoughts. Please detach and return to any of the following:

Community Dept
Monaghan County Council
The Glen
Monaghan

Clones Ballybay MD Offices
Pringle Building
Monaghan St
Clones

Box provided in
Acorn
Community Centre

You can also fill out the survey online by following this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLZCMQZ>

Please return your submission by Friday January 18th 2019.

We hope to publish the final Plan by the end of February 2019. If you would like a copy of the final Plan, please make sure to supply your contact details with the survey form.

1. Introduction

Monaghan County Council and the community of Newbliss/ Killeevan have a long history of collaboration, covering many areas, including sport, heritage and the arts. In 2017, the Council secured funding for Newbliss under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and organised a public meeting in November 2017 to give control of how this funding was to be spent over to the community. At that meeting, the various groups and residents present agreed that a Development Plan was needed. A follow up meeting in February 2018 identified many key needs in the area. An online needs survey was then carried out, to give those not present at that meeting an opportunity to have their say.

This draft Community Plan considers all of the comments submitted throughout the various meetings, emails, and online submissions. It will be circulated to the community for discussion, before being further developed to take into account any comments received during the consultation period. It will then become the final Plan for the community.



One of the Protected Buildings in Newbliss Village, the Market House

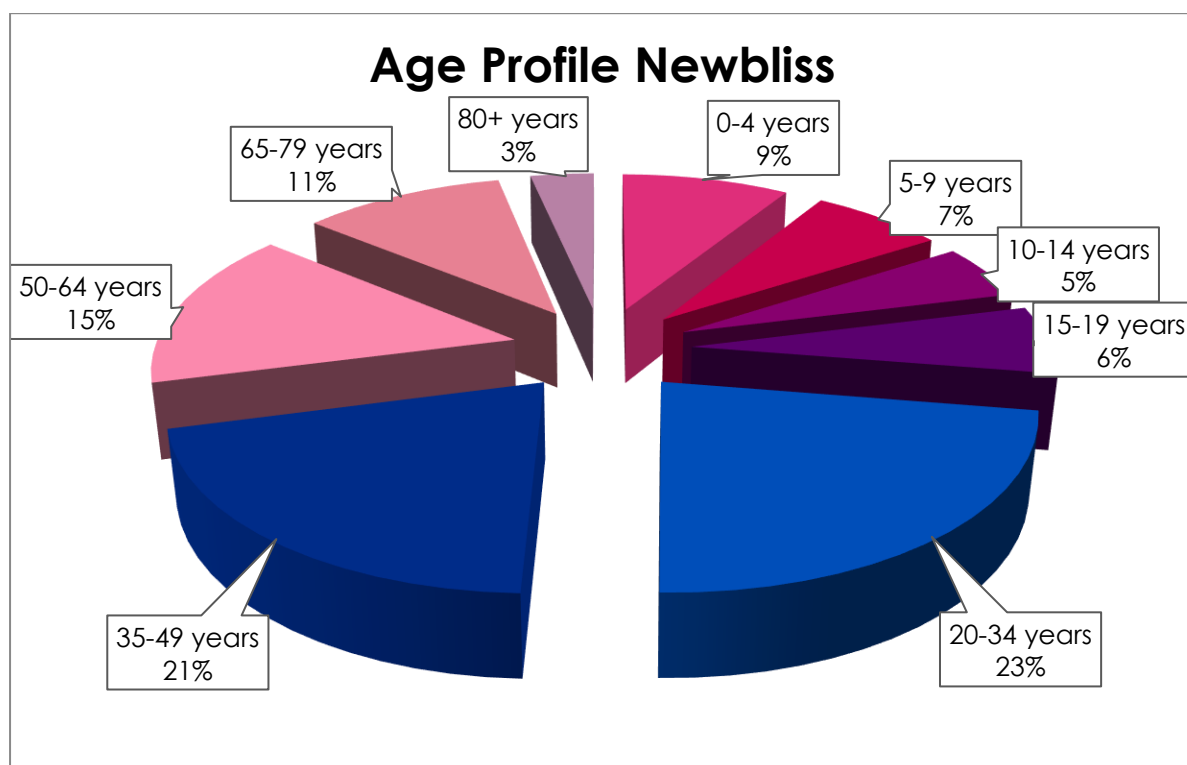
2. Community Profile

Location

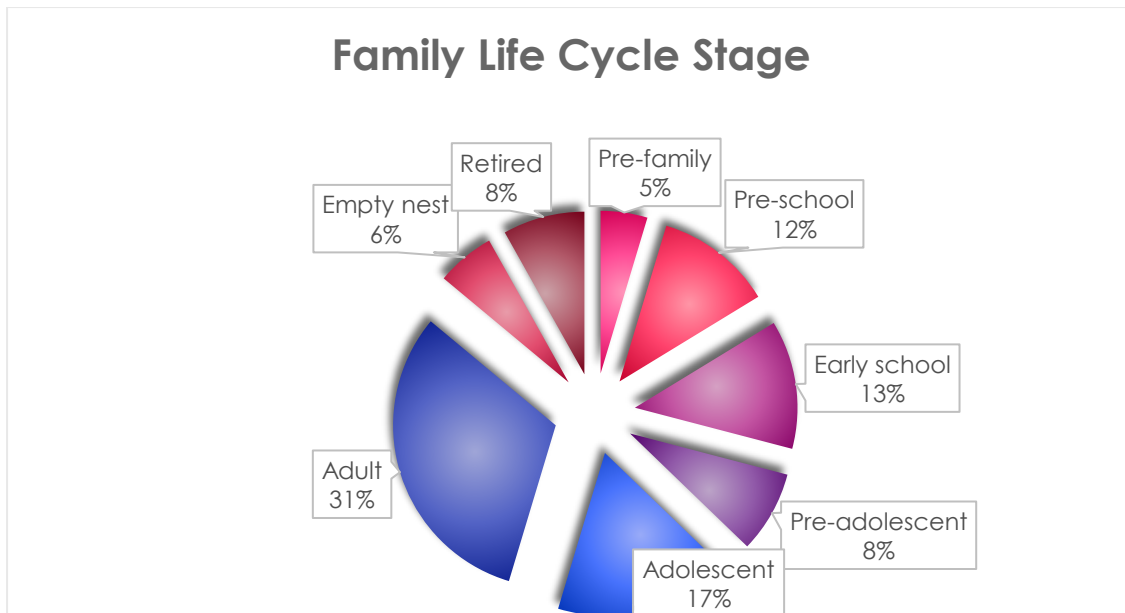
The community centred around the village of Newbliss identifies itself also with the old Civil Parish of Killeevan, which gives the area its ecclesiastical and footballing identities.

Population

The population of Newbliss village in the last Census (2016) was 327. Approximately another 600 – 700 live in the rural area around the village, in the area identifying itself as Killeevan 'Parish'.



- 16% of the population are under the age of 12, and 9% are under 4.
- 27%, or over one quarter of the population of the village is aged under twenty
- Over 50's account for 29% of the population
- There are 70 families with children in Newbliss village
- 70% of them have children still in the pre-adolescent age group
- The lone parent rate in Newbliss village is over twice the county rate (41% compared to 17.8%)



Disadvantage

On the HP index of Disadvantage, the area in general was classified as 'marginally below average' based on the 2016 Census data, as is much of Co. Monaghan. However, the village of Newbliss is ranked as 'Disadvantaged'. This represented a worsening from 2011 and 2006. Key factors in this rating of 'disadvantaged' for the village are a high % of lone parent households (41% - the county figure is 17%) and a high level of unemployment amongst men (29%).

Housing

Almost 40% of the houses in the village are rented, 27% from the local authority and 13% from the private sector.

Nationality & Religion

There is a small, but growing, number of Lithuanian and Polish people living in the area. Newbliss Killeevan is a cross community area, with a strong minority Protestant presence in the community.

Education & Employment

22% of the workforce has progressed no further than primary education within the formal education sector. A further 22% ceased their formal education at lower secondary level (ie Junior or Intermediate Certificate). 72% of males progressed no further in education than Upper Secondary. 49% of females ceased education at this level.

The unemployment rate in the village in 2016 was 29.63% amongst males, and 16% amongst females.

Culture & Heritage

This ancient landscape is dotted with monuments dating from the Bronze Age through to modern times. Notable national figures in Irish history, James Connolly and Arthur Griffith, had connections to the area. The Great Northern Railway once passed through the village, and its mark can still be seen in a number of fine buildings and sections of the railway line. The area was once closely associated with the linen trade, and some fine residences remain from the period.

The international artists' retreat at Annaghmakerrig, left to the state by the renowned theatre producer Sir Tyrone Guthrie, is located just outside Newbliss village. Some artists who come to the estate remain in the general area after their stay has ended, having developed a connection to the unique landscape of the area. The TGC is currently working with Monaghan Co. Co. on a plan to develop an artists' centre in Newbliss village.



The Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig

The lake, woodlands and environs of the estate are designated as an Area of Secondary Amenity value in the County Development Plan.

The area has a relatively high number of Protected Structures with Regional Importance (19) and a further six Protected Structures of Local Importance. These are Listed in Appendix C.

Social & Community

Buildings & Facilities:

- Acorn Centre
- Killeevan Sarsfields GFC. Facilities include a main playing pitch and small training pitch, as well as a small astro turf area. The facilities also include new club rooms with changing facilities, meeting room and gym. The amenity is

located along a narrow road and has limited car parking. This can be an issue on a busy match day, but is managed by careful traffic stewarding.

- Newbliss Community Creche
- Union Hall, in Newbliss village
- Old School, in Killeevan
- Old School, in Greenan's Cross
- Masonic Hall, in Newbliss Village
- Heritage House, in Newbliss Village. Hosts music classes, prayer meetings, and mass twice a week, as well as heritage group and vintage group meetings
- Playground
- St Laebhan's Church of Ireland, Killeevan
- St Livinius Catholic Church, Killeevan
- Killeevan Central Primary School, which is located between the Sarsfields pitch and the Community Creche, out on the Clones road just outside Newbliss village

Projects in development:

Monaghan County Council and The Tyrone Guthrie Centre are currently collaborating to develop an artists' residence, workshop space and gardens at the former County Council Offices building on Main St., Newbliss.

Groups:

- **Killeevan Development Association** is the group which owns the Acorn Centre which is located on Main St, Newbliss. It is a sizeable community building combining sports facilities with meeting rooms.
- Newbliss Development Group is an umbrella group consisting of all groups in the area. It was set up to facilitate the establishment of a Community Employment Scheme in the parish and has been going for over 20 years as a limited company.
- The **Union Hall** is managed by Newbliss Presbyterian Church.
- **Killeevan Gymnastics Club** operates from the Acorn Centre, in which they have their own purpose-built hall with a sprung floor.
- **Killeevan Sarsfields GFC**, which fields both mens and ladies teams from juvenile up to senior level
- **Killeevan National School Parents Association** manages the Central School
- **Newbliss Tidy Towns** operates in the village. Most of the work is carried out under the direction of the CE scheme. Newbliss last entered the National Tidy Towns competition in 2010, when it scored a mark of 208.
- **Killeevan Tidy Towns** operates around the area of the two churches. Again, most of the work is carried out under the direction of the CE scheme. After a hiatus of seven years, Killeevan made a return to the National Tidy Towns competition in 2018, scoring 204 marks.
- Newbliss branch, IFA
- Newbliss Macra

- **Newbliss Killeevan Heritage Group** has been in existence for over twenty years, running music classes, storytelling nights etc from their house at the bottom of Main St.
- Foroige
- Vintage group
- **Athletics Club**, which uses a tarmac track developed around the perimeter of the grounds of Killeevan Central School. The club also uses the amenities provided at the Peace Link in nearby Clones.

Activities

There are a range of activities on offer through the local halls, including:

- The county's most successful gymnastics club is based at the Acorn Centre and benefits from a purpose-built facility. Club members have won many national titles.
- The snooker club has a dedicated room in the Acorn Centre. However, in recent times the club has become inactive and the room has fallen into disuse.
- Bowling at the Union Hall. There are bowling mats in the Acorn Centre, but they are not used often, with bowling mainly gravitating to the Union Hall.
- Foroige meets at the Acorn Centre, as does Macra.

Human Resources

There are 20 CE workers allocated to the area, managed from the Clones CE Scheme. The work undertaken by the workers includes:

- Tidy Towns / environmental maintenance
- Ground maintenance at the Churches, GAA ground and athletics club, as well as at a number of historic sites restored by Killeevan Heritage Group
- Maintenance at Greenan's Cross & Acorn community centres

Attractions

The Tyrone Guthrie Centre is a retreat for artists, and the enjoyment of its facilities and grounds is confined to the artists in residence. The amenity is not open to the public, and despite the facility's proximity to the village, there is little benefit to the local people from its presence on a day-to-day basis.

The area is known for its unspoilt landscape and the quality of its coarse fishing.

Festivals

A St. Patrick's Day Parade used to be held in Newbliss, but has ceased recently. Up until 2016, a summer festival was held, but this fell victim to several years of bad weather and has also been discontinued.

Environment

The landscape of the area is typified by rolling drumlins, offering spectacular views across the hills, with pockets of wetlands and small lakes laced in between. Outside

of Newbliss village, the area is very rural, and agriculture – mainly dairy and beef farming – is the predominant feature. Fields are typically bordered by whitethorn hedges, and these are the typical boundary along the roads through the area, including on the approaches to Newbliss.

Transport

The former railway line from Ballybay to Clones passed through Newbliss, and the station remains. There is a heavy reliance on the private motor car throughout Co Monaghan, and the Newbliss Killeevan area is no exception in this regard. The fledgling rural transport bus service, Local Link, is developing routes from the villages to the main towns. A new daily commuter service between Cavan and Conaghan was introduced in September 2018. This service will make it easier for people without private transport to access employment and educational opportunities in nearby towns.

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Pick Up Point	Monday - Saturday				
Cavan General	07:30	09:45	11:30	16:00	17:55
Cavan Bus Station	07:33	09:48	11:33	16:03	18:00
Cavan Institute	07:36	09:51	11:36	16:06	18:03
Ballyhaise	07:41	09:59	11:41	16:11	18:08
Scotshouse	07:53	10:13	11:53	16:23	18:20
Clones	08:05	10:25	12:05	16:35	18:32
Newbliss	08:16	10:39	12:16	16:46	18:43
Threemilehouse	08:26	10:51	12:26	16:56	18:53
Monaghan Dawson St	-	11:03	12:38	17:08	19:05
Monaghan Library	-	11:06	12:41	17:11	19:08
Monaghan Hospital	08:38	11:09	12:44	17:14	19:11
Monaghan Bus Station	08:40	11:11	12:46	17:16	19:13
Monaghan Institute	08:45	-	-	-	-

MONAGHAN - CAVAN VIA THREEMILEHOUSE - NEWBLISS - CLONES - SCOTSHOUSE - BALLYHAISE					
Pick Up Point	Monday - Saturday				
Monaghan Institute	-	-	-	16:15	17:30
Monaghan Bus Station	07:35	09:00	13:00	16:20	17:35
Monaghan Hospital	-	09:06	13:06	16:26	17:41
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Ballyhaise	08:37	10:08	14:08	17:28	18:43
Cavan Institute	08:47	10:18	14:18	17:38	18:53
Cavan Bus Station	08:51	10:22	14:22	17:42	18:57
Cavan Hospital	08:57	10:28	14:28	17:48	19:03

3. Area Character Assessment

The primary character of the area is rural, with a small cluster of dwellings around the churches at Killeevan, and the main centre of population being the village of Newbliss. The 'grand' past of the village, with its importance as a centre for the linen trade and as a stop on the Great Northern Railway route, has left the village with a legacy of many fine buildings and a wide, well laid out street scape.

Works carried out by Monaghan County Council at the turn of the millennium have already provided Newbliss Main Street with a general face-lift, with the main high-cost infrastructural works already having been undertaken, such as the undergrounding of overhead wiring, resurfacing of pavements and installation of ornamental cast-iron street lighting. This has removed a lot of 'street clutter' and left a blank canvas for the community to stamp its personality on.

The village is mainly residential in nature, with a few small-scale retail properties, and one industrial enterprise of moderate scale (in comparison to the scale of the village). In general, the majority of properties are in good repair, appropriately designed for their surroundings and well presented. However, there are some vacant properties which are sliding towards dereliction, and this needs to be addressed.

The colour palette of the village tends towards greys and beiges. A co-ordinated colour scheme would bring much to the village and would pay homage to the creative influence of nearby Tyrone Guthrie Centre.

There is no discernible theme which has been adopted by the community and which is being repeated throughout the village or wider area. (themes such as the boats which are being built in the village, or references to the area's connection to linen or the railway, for example). This remains an area rich for exploration.

4. SWOT Analysis

Every community, and every place, has things which give it an advantage over its neighbours, and maybe a few things that are still a work in progress. Arranging the key attributes of an area under the headings of '*strength, weakness, opportunity, threat*' can help a community to decide how to harness the assets and tools it has at its disposal, and to get the best from them.

We have prepared a draft SWOT analysis for Newbliss Killeevan. This will be further developed at the public consultation workshop at which this draft document will be presented.

Strengths	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newbliss village is large enough to support shops, pubs, hairdressers, butchers, providing a good range of produce and services locally - Well laid-out village, with good street scape and some fine buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rich heritage could be made more accessible to the public - Opportunity to develop a 'brand' or theme for the area - While the majority of artists coming to the Tyrone Guthrie Centre wish to

- A growing population
- A relatively young population
- A well-established tradition in the area of community working together to deliver projects
- Long established heritage group

benefit from the seclusion offered by that facility, some may be interested in also participating in a cultural programme linked with the surrounding communities, so that the people of the area might benefit more from the talents of the people passing through the facility

- Perhaps one of the gardens to the rear of a substantial property on Main St might become available to the community, to be developed as a park?
- Strong local interest in the Irish language

Weaknesses

- Some older buildings are in decline
- Few public spaces in the community
- Few public events during the year, where the community comes together
- No Community Alert, which leaves older people living alone feeling especially vulnerable
- Tidy Towns is left mostly to the CE workers rather than done by volunteers. Village doesn't enter the national Tidy Towns competition

Threats

- Some vacant properties in danger of becoming derelict
- Important to continue to strengthen cross community bonds, as well as reach out to new arrivals – failure to do so could lead to a breakdown in community spirit

5. Community Views

We invited the people of Newbliss and Killeevan to give their views through a Community Survey in April/May 2018. This helped us to see the area through your eyes, both the good and the bad, and to understand what your needs and wishes are for the future development of the area.

You had plenty of good things to say about your community. On average, you gave living in Newbliss/ Killeevan a score of 65%. You liked the sense of community (this was commented on by newcomers to the village as well as those who have lived in the area a long time), the friendliness of the people, and that there was a good range of activities on offer.

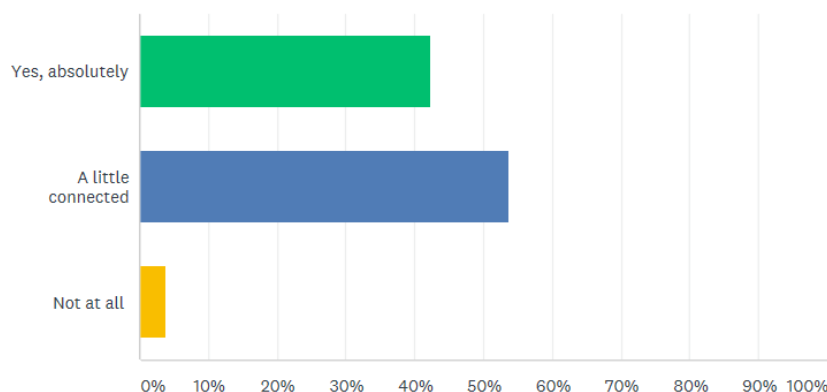
"Great community Spirit, always something going on for the kids"
"good neighbours inclusive community"
"Strong community spirit. Contains all the basic necessities"

When asked what was not so good about life in Newbliss Killeevan, your number 1 bug bear was how derelict properties are affecting the appearance of the village. You also wanted more for young people to do. Connectivity was a concern also, both physically in the form of rural transport, and over the internet in the form of an improved broadband service.

We asked you how you would go about strengthening community spirit. You had some ideas on that:

"Fundraising for facilities everyone will use, e.g. more focus on street lighting, flowers, education classes. A lot of funding is done in the community for GAA and not for much else"
"More outdoor facilities for families"
"Greater use of the Community Centre for activities other than sport – bridge, cultural activities, initiatives to help newcomers to integrate"
"More activities for people to get together "
"Have more community events"

While over 40% of you feel very connected to the community, 50% feel only 'a little connected', and some of the people in your community don't feel connected to it at all. This is not to say you don't care about it; you cared so much that you responded to our survey, after all! This is a clear shout that there is a disconnect at some level within the community. One of the main objectives of this Plan will therefore be to fix this.



One facility lacking in the village, that you pointed out quite a lot, was a restaurant/ café – somewhere to go sit over a coffee and meet friends for a chat. There was confusion over the public playground, with some feeling unwelcome in it, feeling that it was only for the use of the children belonging to the adjacent estate, due to its layout. Some people also felt unwelcome in other community facilities, such as the GAA pitch, the Acorn Centre and the Union Hall. Comments seem to suggest that this is due to not knowing if they are welcome, rather than having specifically been excluded.

There was some disagreement amongst respondents about the amount of activities in the area. Many people felt that the area was a great place for children and for families and that one of the things you liked about it was that it has lots of things to do. However, the young people who took the time to complete the survey told us that there was little for them in the area. This needs to be looked at. There was a feeling that the activities on offer at the Acorn Centre have become too focused on sport/ gymnastics, to the detriment of other needs in the community.

In summary, you told us:

- You'd like to socialise more together as a community
- You'd like more non-sporting activities in the Acorn Centre
- The young people would like somewhere to just hang out and socialise
- You'd like the physical environment to look better, especially lower Main St.
- You'd like improved transport links to Monaghan and Clones – this has been put in place since the survey was carried out
- You would like to have some kind of public space or community garden, which could be enjoyed by all, and could be used for community events

So, let's try and bring as much of this to life as we can. Our Community Plan for Newbliss Killeevan focuses on building opportunities for the community to come together as often as possible, so that the people of the area can strengthen their connection to each other, building up 'social credit' with one another against

tougher times, when they may be called upon to provide one another with the support that strong communities excel at.

Turning Views into a Vision

The people of Newbliss/ Killeevan have spoken. You have said what you like about your community and about the area. You have spoken about what you think is missing, and what would make Newbliss and Killeevan even better places to live. So, let's try and bring as much of this to life as we can.

The next section of this document puts forward a Vision for what Newbliss/ Killeevan might become if we all put our shoulder to the wheel and worked together to make it a place which is welcoming and supportive. It includes a number of projects which we think will help to get us there. Some of these can be done by people in the community; some will need a little help from the County Council to get across the line. By working together, we'll get there.

6. A Vision of the Future

A 'vision' is a picture that the community creates in its head of the end result of its efforts. It describes what Newbliss Killeevan will look like at a specified time in the future –say in ten years' time - after all the hard work has paid off, and the various initiatives have been put in place to create the 'Ideal Newbliss Killeevan'.

A Vision for Newbliss Killeevan in 2028:

"Everybody feels welcome in Newbliss Killeevan, and everyone has a part to play in the community. There is always something going on, and nobody is left out, young or old.

When you enter Newbliss village, you are greeted with a sense of welcome and happiness. The village is well kept and has its heritage proudly on display. This extends out to Killeevan, where the area around the Churches is lovingly maintained.

The community spaces are well used by all in the community, and are hubs of community life, where people from the area regularly come together for organised social gatherings, as well as for informal drop-ins, training events and to access a range of services.

There are regular social gatherings, which help to keep this community closely connected, and helps to ensure that the needs of the people are identified and acted upon, thereby ensuring this community will remain strong and successful for many years to come."

There are four key elements to this Vision:

1. The **physical appearance** of the area
2. The **activities & amenities** which are built up within the area
3. The **connections** which are made and maintained by the people of the area
4. **Building community spirit**, so that everyone feels equally welcome and knows how they can contribute best to their community. The idea of giving back to community should be automatic to everyone in a strong community.

7. Main Strategies & Priorities

Addressing the Physical Appearance of the Area

The rural part of the community in general is well kept and does not need much attention, beyond bringing out a little of its heritage and creating some welcome features.

There are two main issues to be addressed in Newbliss village:

- A general air of disrepair on lower Main St
- The overly 'hard' landscaping of the urban area

Whilst some properties are beautifully presented, others show a lack of care and detract from the appearance of the village. A few of these are of considerable size, or occupy a prominent location within the village, so have a large impact on the overall feel of the village. Many of the buildings share common structural issues, such as a problem with damp arising from an issue with the level of the street outside, and the presence of untidy old electricity cabling on the front of the buildings. There are also some gaps on Main St where buildings have been removed, and some issues with buildings which are of an inappropriate size for a residential



village. Monaghan County Council will work with the owners of the properties concerned to address the appearance of the buildings.

The overall streetscape of the village is very 'hard', with little natural planting. The buildings also tend towards grey and beige on the colour spectrum, lending to the feeling of hardness. It is proposed to engage the services of an artist to devise a more colourful street scheme for the village. The scheme will include a colour palette for buildings, as well as a planting scheme.

It is proposed that the planting of some trees along Main St be undertaken as part of this work, to provide colour, to create height and scale, to provide habitat for biodiversity, and to act as focal points which encourage people to spend time outside.

'Softening' the built landscape of a street with trees can really add to a village's visual appeal. Trees are also low maintenance, create habitat for wildlife and provide shade.

It is proposed to create welcome features for the area and install these at entrance points and at the centre of both Newbliss and Killeevan. The features will draw from the heritage of the area, e.g. the linen trade or the railway. The theme for these features will be developed by the Heritage Committee, with the assistance of a public consultation process. It is important that in developing the theme, as much discussion as possible is enabled by the development process, so that the process of choosing a theme becomes a tool by which the community buys into the concept, are more aware of the heritage of the area, and more committed to the development of their community.

Tidy Towns

At present, much of the work of the Tidy Towns is carried out by the CE scheme workers. Whilst their efforts are laudable, this is not the spirit of the Tidy Towns competition, which is meant to be about getting people involved in looking after their own area. CE workers should be used to support and assist the volunteers in a Tidy Towns committee – they shouldn't be doing it all! The people of Newbliss and Killeevan need to step up and do more for themselves on this issue. This would free up the CE workers to make real inroads into larger projects which would bring significant benefit to everyone.

Improving Community Amenities

Upgrading Existing Facilities at Acorn Centre

The Acorn Centre on Main St is a well-used facility by those who are engaging in organised activities and events. However, its present layout and management arrangements have historically made it more difficult for it to offer drop-in facilities, and thus limited its ability to serve as a social hub for the community.

With the recent purchase of the adjacent property, the Committee now hopes to have the ability to develop space in the Centre which will serve as a social hub, so that members of the community may pop in and hang out, either just to meet up with

friends, or to check out the information on offer, borrow a book or make a coffee while they wait to collect the kids from gymnastics.

We have identified three gaps in activities which could be filled by the Acorn Centre:

- A Social Hub/ Coffee Dock/ Lounge area, to encourage people to drop in and spend time in the centre, meeting and catching up with neighbours, finding out what's going on in the Centre, and hopefully signing up for courses etc. This area will also be well used by parents waiting for children who are taking part in activities, as well as children waiting to be picked up.

With the new space we can build added activities, such as a community library, coffee mornings to coincide with mass in the Heritage House twice a week, a citizens information point for information on a range of public services, entitlements etc as well as an information on what's on in the Centre and elsewhere in the community.

The aim of the committee should be to give every member of the community a reason to call in to the Acorn Centre at least once a week, so that the Acorn Centre becomes the central contact point, or Hub for the community.

- A dedicated youth space – to be designed and decorated by the young people themselves.
- An Older People's area. The Acorn Centre has always provided hot dinners for the senior citizens of the area at Christmas. We are suggesting that this service be expanded and that other needs of older people, such as access to information, training in IT skills, a coffee & crosswords club to provide companionship and a way to check in with older people to ensure they are ok be considered.

The feasibility of gaining first floor access by way of a gentle external ramp from the street, thus in effect turning the first floor into ground floor, might also be explored, which would enable the upstairs meeting rooms be re-purposed for use by older people.

While there is a need to continue to develop the building, we suggest that it might be possible to make progress on both the buildings and activities front simultaneously by setting up two committees:

- A Building Development Committee will continue to ensure that the Centre meets the needs of the people of Newbliss/ Killeevan, by developing the property appropriately
- A separate Activities Committee should be set up, which would focus on how the Centre is being used, and by whom; what sectors of the local community

are not using it, what their needs might be and how the Acorn Centre might help.

In starting new activities, we suggest running 'Come and Try it' taster sessions, offering a different activity each week over a series of week. This would enable the Centre to see which activities go down well without having to commit to running a whole series of the same activity initially. It also encourages people to try out new things, as likewise they don't have to stick with anything if they find they don't like it – next week the activity is something different anyway.

We also suggest that the Centre upgrades their communication methods. Perhaps a digital noticeboard might be erected on the external front wall of the centre, so that those passing by can be made aware of what is going on in the Centre, how to book, etc. Or more use could be made of social media.

Manager/ Resource Worker

Killeevan Development Association, which runs the Centre, has identified the need for a full-time manager to run the hall. This person could provide supervision for the new social hub and youth facility, as well as organise additional training classes and activities and manage the digital noticeboard and community website. They could also act as meetings co-ordinator for the Community Council, could organise the 'ten minutes a month' (see 'Pulling Together') initiative and plan the two community festivals.

This person could be an invaluable resource for the whole community.

Maintenance of Union Hall and Masonic Hall Buildings

These buildings play important roles in the life of the community, and must be maintained, both internally and externally.

Upgrading GAA Facilities

Much work has been undertaken already at the GAA grounds, and the core infrastructure is there, with a state of the art main pitch and all-weather pitch. Ladies dressing rooms are being constructed presently, as is a walking track, which will join up with the tarmac track around the perimeter of the adjacent Central School grounds. Gym equipment is to be added also.

Car parking and traffic flow on match days are issues which require further attention. It is proposed that the club will work with the engineering staff of Monaghan County Council to maximise the space available and put a traffic management plan in place.

Enhancing Services and Activities

Rural Transport

Cavan Monaghan Rural Transport Co-Ordination Unit (CMTCU) operates a service on Fridays at 10.15 to Clones via Scotshouse. It returns at 12.15. From 1st September, a

daily commuter service between Cavan and Monaghan has been introduced which provides a service passing through Newbliss six times a day in both directions.

It is important that people use these services if they are to be sustainable. Otherwise, there is a danger that the resources will be pulled and deployed to other parts of the county.

Community Alert

A new Community Alert group to be started, or else Kilmore Swanns Cross group to be invited to extend their service to cover the Newbliss Killeevan area, so that the community can avail of the county-wide Text Alert service which Monaghan County Council is setting up early in 2019. Property Marking events to be carried out in the community, availing of Monaghan County Council's free property marking scheme.

Youth Facilities

The Acorn Centre is currently working on a proposal to develop a dedicated youth space within its extension into the newly purchased building next door. This will be done in consultation with young people, who will be given as much control over the design process as possible, as well as responsibility for running the facility once complete.

Playground Enhancement

The community survey carried out by the Council in Spring 2018 revealed that many users felt uncomfortable using the playground as they didn't know if it was for the use of the whole community or for the use of the residents of the estate only. To clarify, the playground is for the whole community. Some car parking and signage will be added to the playground, to clarify that it is an all-community facility. Additional equipment will also be added to extend the amenity.



A small pull-in area to facilitate visiting cars to be added at playground, as well as additional play equipment

Investigation of Future Projects

Some projects have been suggested during the course of the consultation with the community which have a lot of merit. However, at this stage, they are only suggestions – there is a long way to go to turn them into projects. Things like investigating whether the landowners are amenable to the project proposals, or whether planning permission would be granted, for example, remain to be determined. Therefore, these projects can only be listed in the Community Plan as projects which merit further investigation, as there are still too many uncertainties around them to be able to commit to them at this point in time.

Community Garden/ Park

There is limited public space which can be used by the whole community, and this is something that many people have highlighted during the consultation. People have expressed that they would like to have access to a community garden or park, but suitable sites are limited.

One possibility might be to develop the area to the rear of the Council Depot. This will be investigated as part of the planned artists' facility, to see if both can be accommodated. Another might be presented by the yard opposite the Council depot, or perhaps the space to the rear of the Market House, or the lands to the rear of the Acorn Centre. The Council is very interested in hearing from any property owners who might have suggestions in this regard.

Off Road Walk

The lack of a safe place to take a walk was mentioned many times during the public consultation. Many people wish to walk daily, as part of a healthy lifestyle, and have expressed fears over the narrowness of the roads in the area, combined with the amount and speed of traffic, feeling that it is no longer safe to walk along the roads. The old GNR railway line has been suggested as a possible resource which could be developed to provide a stretch of off-road walking route, connecting to existing footpaths to provide a looped route around the village. The proposal will require discussion with the owner(s) of the land, as well as the preparation of ecological surveys, detailed design drawings and planning application before being cleared to proceed.

Building Community Spirit

Community Festivals

Strong communities come together often, and we need to create those opportunities. You told us that you miss the old Newbliss Festival, we recommend that an event of that nature be re-instated. A family day, with a bit of craic, food and music, and which may even raise a bit of money towards the next community project.

We suggest that the successor event focuses on showcasing the many activities which go on in the community and is billed as a 'Connect with your Community' day, with each group putting on displays and offering samples of what they have been doing all year. It is an opportunity to show the community the progress that has been made over the year, what has been done with any money that was raised and gather feedback from them on what they would like to see done over the next twelve months. Done well, such an event can really increase community participation in local activities as well as act as a fundraiser. The previous Newbliss Festival was affected by a few years of bad weather, so we suggest that the format be suited to either indoors or outdoors, so that it can be moved indoors if the weather doesn't look good at the 5-day forecast stage.

We are suggesting that TWO community-wide events be held each year; one summer festival, and one at Christmas. The summer festival should showcase what is

happening in the community and get people's feedback. Call it 'Connect with your Community' and make it a two-way opportunity to communicate with the people of Newbliss and Killeevan so that people

- a) Know more about their community
- b) Know what is going on, and understand the 'why' behind it
- c) Have an opportunity to have a say in what is agreed for the next twelve months

The second event should take place near Christmas and should focus on celebrating and being thankful. It should look to build a sense of pride in being part of this community, and pride in what you have achieved together during the past twelve months and longer.

The event should also be about thanking those who have made it happen; the volunteers. Those who have served on committees, the parents who have brought kids along to litter-picks, the people who have done jobs from the 'Ten Minutes a Month' board. Perhaps an awards ceremony might be run, with awards for things like 'most ten-minute tasks' completed, or 'most cheerful volunteer', or maybe made-up awards referring to incidents which happened during the year, like 'best impression of a bog monster after watering the hanging baskets'.

Community Council

Newbliss Development Group was formed primarily to facilitate the setting up of a Community Employment Scheme in the parish. The CE Scheme has been amalgamated into a larger regional scheme, leaving the group perhaps with spare capacity to take on a new challenge.

All the groups in the area are already represented on Newbliss Development Group, so it works just like a Community Council. This makes it the ideal structure for co-ordinating the overall development of the area, and for facilitating the community in general to stay in touch, agree what needs to be done, etc.

We suggest that Newbliss Development Group officially adopts this Community Plan, and then co-ordinates meetings with the County Council and the community to decide which projects should be done first, where funding should be allocated, etc.

A key part of successfully implementing this approach will be communication:

1. Between the groups
2. Between the groups and the community
3. Between the groups and the County Council

A community website, similar to Clones Noticeboards, Emyvale.net or Glaslough Life, would help the groups to get their message out to the community, and to communicate with one another. Posts to the website would automatically be pulled through onto the digital noticeboard on Main Street.

Groups should all ensure that they are registered with Monaghan County Council's Public Participation Network, which is an excellent way of keeping informed of national and county initiatives.

NDA should also hold annual meetings with the Municipal District Co-Ordinator, and with the Community Development Officer of Monaghan County Council, in order to:

1. Review progress on this Plan
2. Discuss emerging needs, and upcoming funding opportunities

Pulling Together

We heard from many sources during the consultation phase of this project, 'it's all left to a few people to do'. Sometimes, people simply don't realise that their help is needed, and would be more than willing to give a few hours if asked.

We suggest that everyone in the community be asked, as part of the process of committing to this Development Plan, to sign a Pledge of Support stating that they are committing to playing their part to making Newbliss Killeevan the best it can be.

This should be followed up with a list of groups looking for help and a list of activities which need help to get organised.

A '10-minute Volunteer' notice board should be started in the Community Centre where groups needing a particular task done can post it up and ask for support from a member of the community. This initiative should also be run through social media channels. A link-up with Monaghan Volunteer Centre will assist in getting this initiative started.

Tasks listed can be as simple as 'put the library books back on the shelves in the social room', or 'count the chairs in the store room & set aside any that are broken' and might have no specified time against them. Others might be more specific, like Tidy Towns might list 'meet Saturday at 10am at Forde's hut to paint fence. Paint and brushes provided'.

By asking people to give '10 Minutes a Month', groups are enabling people with very little time, but who still would like to help in some way to contribute and feel valued. They are more likely to stay connected to the community, to use the services and participate in activities if they feel they can give something back.

A 'Task Board' might have 'To Do' and 'Job Done' areas, with people able to sign their names up, and move tasks over as they get done. Perhaps a junior board might feature a tally board, with stars awarded for tasks – so a difficult task might be a 'five-star task', and children might earn stars over the course of a month, competing for a 'Taskmaster' title and trophy or some suitable reward. This might build up to a Taskmaster of the Year award at the Christmas Community Festival.

Improving Communication

A Community Noticeboard should be considered. This should take both a physical form, e.g. a place in the village where people can check for news, and a digital form, i.e. a website. Websites are very cheap and easy to design and add content to nowadays; if you can write a Word document, you can make a website!

Consideration should also be given to investing in a community newsletter which is distributed around the houses, and to joining Monaghan County Council's new county-wide Community Alert scheme, which will enable communities to send free texts to subscribers. To join this scheme, the community will need to set up a Community Text Alert Group and collect subscribers' phone numbers.

The Main Objectives Behind the Priority Themes

Addressing Isolation

The research has shown that for many reasons, there are many people in the community who are at risk of becoming isolated, be it because they live alone, or they are newly arrived to the area, or they have small children and can't get out much, or they are disabled, or they have no transport or no internet access.

Councils and community groups working together can be very good at addressing causes of isolation, through the provision of services, the development of amenities, and the running of activities such as fun days, evening classes, etc.

A number of actions are proposed for Newbliss Killeevan, including the creation of a Community Park, where people can come together, and the creation of an annual family festival, to enable people to celebrate together and strengthen community connections.

Involvement in community activities can be difficult when you don't know many people; it can be intimidating to step into a gathering where you're the only person who seems to not know everyone there. Clubs need to be mindful of this and find innovative ways of providing a less 'closed' face to those who may not have the confidence to approach them. Could you introduce a 'newbies' day into your calendar of events, for example?

Promotion of Community Spirit & Pride

Giving the community – young and old, newly arrived and lifelong residents alike – a Community Plan to get behind, to sign up to, and to play an active role in delivering, gives everyone a chance to be a part of a fresh start for Newbliss Killeevan. Everyone will be asked to identify what part they play, and what gifts they bring to the community, and to pledge '10 Minutes a Month', where they put something back into their community.

As previously mentioned two reward / community-wide events will be introduced, to motivate and thank those who volunteer in whatever capacity throughout the community.

Sensitive Development & Promotion of Local Heritage

The community is situated in an ancient pocket of the county and has much heritage to be explored. However, there is little signage, or literature promoting the area's history and culture. The Plan includes actions which will promote the area's heritage and make it more accessible for visitors. This will also help to generate local pride in the area.

8. The Actions & Actors

The table below outlines the wider suite of projects and activities which have been suggested by you, each of which will play a part in achieving the Vision we've set out for Newbliss Killeevan.

We find that unless a task is assigned to someone, it doesn't get done, and unless you give that task a deadline, it never moves forward. So, against each Action, we have listed the organisation/s which need to take the initiative to make that project happen, and an indicative cost and timescale for delivering the action where possible.

These Actions, Costs and Timeframes are for guidance only. Plans work best when they stay flexible and respond as local circumstances change. This is why we recommend that the community comes together once a year to review how things are going and see if it's priorities remain the same.

When prioritising projects, as a community, we recommend that the following criteria be used, in determining how one project is given priority over another on the list:

- **their potential to impact on a large number of people**
- **their potential to have far-reaching impact through facilitating people accessing personal development opportunities**
- **their potential to improve the quality of life for people in the community through improved services, access to opportunities, etc**

Only the people of Newbliss Killeevan will know the right balance of projects to meet their needs.

Project Detail	Who	How
Address dereliction at lower Main St	Monaghan County Council	
Redevelop Council Depot into artists centre	Monaghan County Council & Tyrone Guthrie Centre	Commission a feasibility Study, including architect's drawings and costings. Then consider the recommendations of the report
Speed reduction measures on Scotshouse and Clones roads	Monaghan County Council	Council to commission a Road Safety Audit. Implement the measures recommended in the report
Extension to Acorn Centre, to create Social Hub, Youth Amenity, storage facility	Newbliss Development Association	Consultation with young people to design their area. Research other community centres to look at successful social hubs. Commission drawings. Apply for funding. Carry out works. Young people to decorate own space
Upgrade playground & improve layout, to make more obvious that the amenity is for the use of the entire community rather than just those living in that estate	Monaghan County Council	Council to consult with local children on what they would like to see in the playground, then design improvements & seek funding.
Construct footpath from Newbliss village to Killeevan	Monaghan County Council	Council to commission a road safety audit. If the report advises that there is sufficient width to provide a safe footpath, then Council to proceed to Design stage for a new footpath
Provide car parking at GAA grounds	Killeevan Sarsfields GFC	Investigate feasibility of creating linear parking opposite grounds along roadside.
Provide women's changing facilities at GAA grounds	Killeevan Sarsfields GFC	Underway
Address structural issues of older buildings on Main St, such as untidy external wiring, poor energy efficiency and rising damp	Co-ordinated approach supported by Monaghan County Council	Examine potential for 'better energy communities' group project to cover deep retrofit upgrades, or village enhancement project.

Create a community park	Monaghan County Council	Identify suitable location, secure services of a landscape designer, consult with community on proposed design & location, negotiate with plot owner, secure funding
Improve the streetscape by 'greening' it	Monaghan County Council / CE Scheme	Trees to be planted along Main Street to replace some of the brick paving. Native hedging and pollinator friendly planting to be used throughout the village
Bring colour to the village by engaging an artist to design a colour scheme for the streetscape, then implement the scheme	Monaghan County Council/ property owners	Council to issue invitation to artists to tender for contract to design a colour scheme. Consultation with property owners to secure their participation, with a view to securing funding from a village enhancement scheme
Create a heritage trail, including information points, signage and an app	Heritage Group & County Council	Killeevan Heritage Group
Create a safe off-road walking facility	Killeevan Development	Investigate looped walking route using railway line
Provide a youth drop in zone & resource area, to include library, Wifi, and youth information	Newbliss Development Association	Consult with young people about their needs. Help them to plan their area. Apply to LEADER for funding under their Rural Youth measure
Re-focus Newbliss Development to serve as a Community Council to facilitate communication between all the groups in the area & oversee delivery of this Community Plan	All groups supported by Monaghan County Council	Monaghan County Council to host initial meetings. Each group to have a seat. First year's programme to be agreed at first meeting
Introduce two Community Celebration events - 'Community Check-In' in summer, and 'Community Thankyou' at Christmas	Newbliss Development	To be organised by the new Community Council (a refocused Newbliss Development), with support from Monaghan County Council
Create a 'brand' for the area, drawing from local heritage and the area's association with nearby Tyrone Guthrie Centre. Use the brand on welcome signage	Killeevan Heritage Committee	Run a local competition to find the brand. Engage an artist to design feature signs to welcome visitors to the area. Secure funding to erect signs

Run a 'come and try it' series of taster activity sessions, then continue to offer the ones which prove most popular	Newbliss Community Council	Activities to be sourced from various agencies and run in every venue. To be promoted using the enhanced 'community noticeboards'
Provide training opportunities locally, both for individuals and for committees	Newbliss Community Council	Outreach courses to be sourced from the ETB and Monaghan Integrated Development, amongst others. Committee skills training and other training to assist groups to develop will also be sourced
Work with Cavan Monaghan Local Link to enhance rural transport links between Newbliss and surrounding towns	Newbliss Community Council/ Cavan Monaghan Local Link	Underway. Service 4 times daily to Monaghan and Cavan introduced September 2018. Important to promote its use or it could be discontinued
Set up a global community fundraiser, to be run continuously, and agree a schedule of beneficiary projects/ groups	Newbliss Community Council	Investigate fundraising ideas. Agree on a fundraiser. Set up team. Agree the causes/ projects which are to benefit & how long the first 'term' is to run for. Carry out fundraiser. Review. Repeat.
Revive Tidy Towns movement	Newbliss Development/ CE/ Monaghan County Council	Recruit new volunteers. Start a Junior Tidy Towns. Publish Judges Comments from the previous year's national competition. Prepare a new Plan, based on the judge's comments. Report back to the Community Council on progress every year. Post tasks to the '10 Minute Tasks' board. Incentivise and reward effort with a local competition.
Sort out Japanese Knotweed problem	Tidy Towns/ County Council	Commission a village-wide survey & treatment plan.
Enhance activities for older people	Acorn Centre Activities Committee	Carry out a needs survey of older people Create a base of operations at Acorn Centre & build activities around it.

9. Making it Happen

To transform any Community Plan from a document into reality needs three key ingredients:

1: Commitment from the Community

2: A Process/ Structure which enables everyone to play their part

3: Resources

We would like to energise the whole community behind this Plan and use it to get people who are not yet active in community life to come out and find out more about the benefits that being more closely connected to the community brings.

We propose to use the adoption of this Plan as an opportunity to ask people for a formal commitment to their community. This presents everyone with an opportunity for a fresh start and to travel forward together in building the Newbliss Killeevan they wish to share.

To help give this new approach the shape and structure it will need, we propose a new Community Council be put in place to facilitate communication between the many groups in the area. The Community Council will work to co-ordinate the efforts of all, for the overall benefit of the area rather than the good of any one organisation. It will also seek to address gaps, get new activities going, etc if there is an agreed need. It will also meet with the County Council to review progress and address any barriers. And critically, it will develop and run a fundraising initiative which will provide the community with the means to finance its projects going forward.

We propose the following simple steps to ensuring there is follow-through on this Plan:

1. A Community Launch for this Plan

At the launch, the concept of every person signing up to playing their part in community life will be launched, and the '10 minutes a Month' volunteer campaign launched. Also on offer will be volunteering opportunities with existing and new organisations in the community.

Opportunities will include;

- To create and maintain a Newbliss Killeevan web presence
- To plan and promote the 'come and try it' activities
- To get the '10 Minutes a Month' volunteering scheme off the ground
- To plan the first Community Reward Night

2. First meeting of Community Council

The business of the meeting will be:

- to agree a Terms of Reference
- to lay out a Workplan for Year 1
- to set up a Fundraising system

3. Agree when the first Community Feedback Event will be

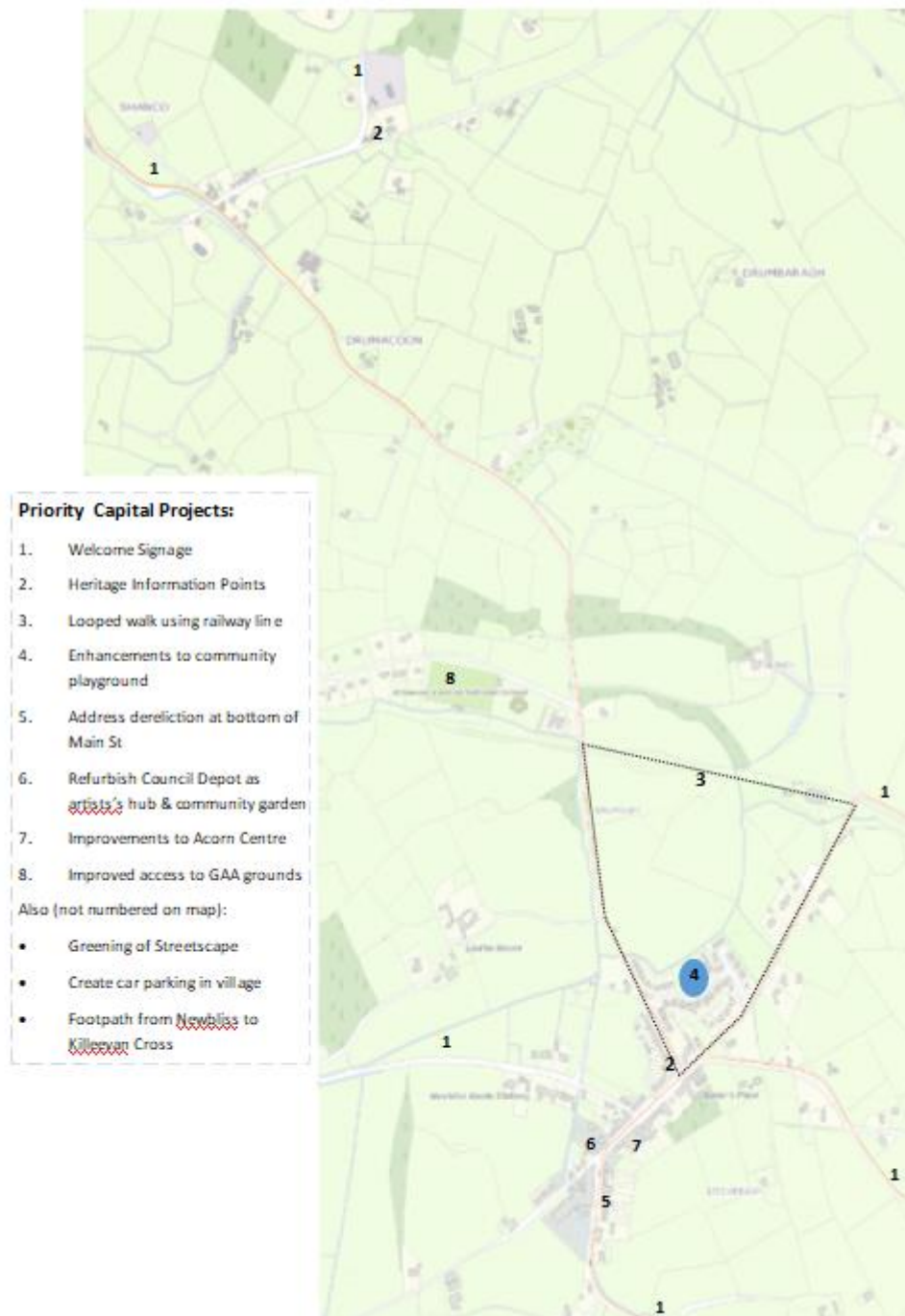
There are two Feedback Events designed into the Plan – a summer one and a winter one. As well as being designed as opportunities to celebrate together as a community and build community links and raise local morale, they provide an opportunity to update everyone on progress, which is critical to maintaining public support.

Monaghan County Council will cover the cost of a Facilitator to organise the first twelve months' set up of the implementation phase of the Plan, to help get the process off to a smooth start.

4. Hold Review Meetings with Monaghan County Council

This meeting will take first place six months after the Community Council is formed, then every three years after this. The purpose of the meeting will be to review progress on the Plan and discuss how the Council can assist the community.

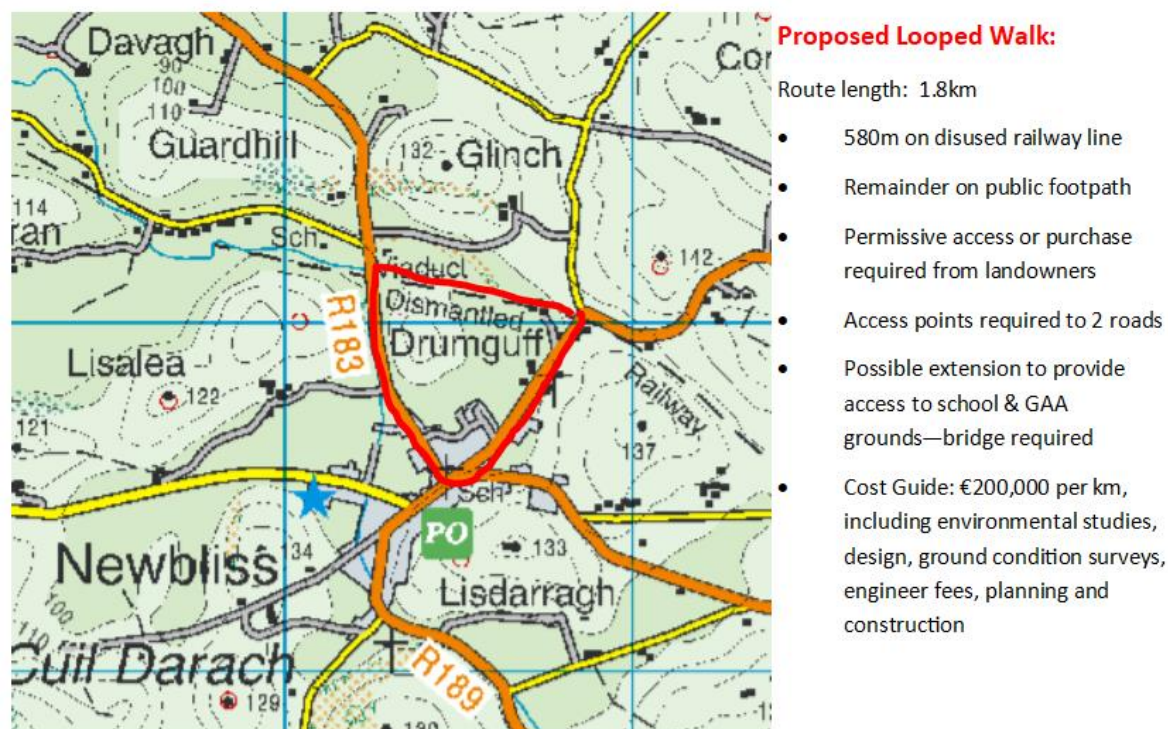
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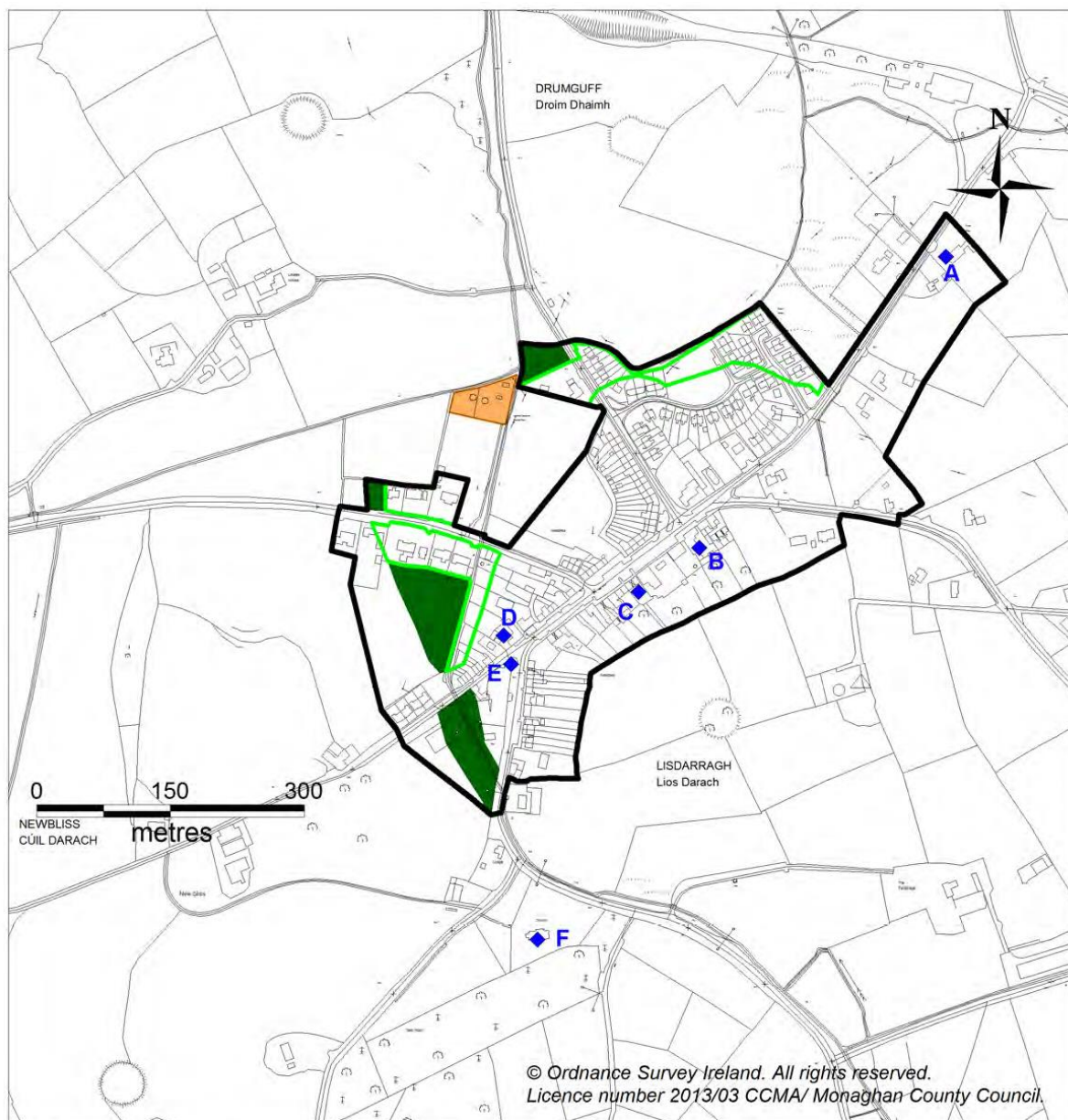
Proposed infrastructure projects around the village



Proposed footpath to Killeevan cross



Proposed looped walk, using disused section of railway line



Newbliss

Monaghan County Development Plan 2013-2019

	Proposed Development Limit		Flood Risk Area
	Sewerage Treatment Works		Protected Structure/Structure
			Landscape Protection/Conservation

Development Constraints - NEWBLISS

- (A) Newbliss Presbyterian Church (Protected Structure) and its grounds
- (B) The Inn, Main Street, Newbliss (Protected Structure)
- (C) The Market House (Protected Structure)
- (D) County Council Offices (Protected Structure)
- (E) Water Pump (Protected Structure)
- (F) The Church of Ireland (Protected Structure) and its immediate surroundings

Development Constraints Map from County Development Plan

Appendix B: List of Protected Structures

Structures listed in Monaghan County Development Plan as Protected, with Regional Importance are:

41401220	Killeevan Folly - Freestanding hexagonal folly with vaulted roof	Killeevan, Newbliss
41401221	Killeevan Rectory - Detached five bay two storey rectory	Killeevan, Newbliss
41401223	St. Laebhan's Church of Ireland	Killeevan, Newbliss
41401227	Killygorman House - Detached three bay two storey house	Newbliss
41401228	Wright's Mill View Corn Mill - Irregular bay four storey mill	Killeevan, Newbliss
41401701	Scarvey House Gatelodge - Detached three bay single storey gatelodge	Killeevan, Newbliss
41401702	Scarvey House – detached three bay single storey house over basement with Greek revival tetrastyle portico	Killeevan, Newbliss
41401706	Glinch House – Detached three bay two storey house above basement.	Newbliss
41401707	Newbliss Presbyterian Church	Newbliss
41401708	Market House - Five bay two storey former market house	Newbliss
41401709	The Inn - Three bay three storey house	Main Street, Newbliss
41401711	Church of Ireland - Three bay cruciform plan	Newbliss
41401712	The Parsonage - Detached three bay two storey house	Lisdarragh, Newbliss
41401713	Aghaboy Church of Ireland - Five bay single cell church	Newbliss
41401716	Annaghmakerrig House - Three bay two storey Tudor revival house	The Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Newbliss
41401717	Lake Lodge - Detached three bay single storey red brick gatelodge	The Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Newbliss
41401718	Scarvey House - Farmyard buildings	Killeevan
41401801	Soupy Mills - Corn and flax mill	Aghnaskew, Newbliss
41401802	W. Sloan - Detached three bay two storey house	Swan's Cross

A further six structures are recorded as being of Local Importance and given Protected status under the Plan:

- St Livinius Catholic Church, Killeevan
- Annalore Mill
- County Council Offices, Main St, Newbliss
- The Lodge at Church of Ireland, Newbliss
- Water Pump, Main St, Newbliss
- Millennium Pole, Main St, Newbliss

Appendix C: Draft Plan Feedback Form



PUBLIC FEEDBACK SECTION

Newbliss Killeevan

COMMUNITY PLAN

DRAFT PLAN – November 2018

Thank you for taking the time to review this document. We hope that you found much to like in it. Please let us know how the Plan can be further improved upon, by filling out the form below and returning it **before the 18th January 2019** to any of the following:

Community Dept
Monaghan County Council
The Glen
Monaghan

Clones Ballybay MD Offices
Pringle Building
Monaghan St
Clones

Box provided in
Acorn
Community Centre

You can also fill out the survey online by following this link:

Q1. Have we got the best projects/ actions in the Plan? Please tell us about any that should be added or taken out, in your opinion

Q2. Do you have any other ideas which you wish to see included in the Plan?

Q3. Do you support the idea of developing a theme or brand for the area?Yes ☐No ☐

If you wish to propose an idea for the theme, please give details here:

Q4. What are your thoughts on the following ideas which are proposed in the Plan?

	Don't like it	No opinion	In favour of it
Address dereliction in the area			
Introduce speed reduction measures at entrances to Newbliss village			
Provide dedicated Youth Area within Acorn Centre			
Provide coffee dock/ socialising space in Acorn Centre to encourage people to drop by and spend time there apart from when taking part in an activity			
Construct footpath from Newbliss to Killeevan			
Upgrade playground in Newbliss village			
Find a suitable site in village and create a community park			
Enhance car parking at GAA grounds			
Provide womens changing facilities at GAA grounds			
Soften the streetscape of Main St with tree planting			
Create a 'brand' or logo for the area			
Strengthen Newbliss Development's role as a Community Council			
Run summer festival			
Run Christmas celebration event			
Better communication of what's on in the area			

Introduce 'ten minutes a month' volunteering initiative			
Electronic Community noticeboard to promote what's on			
3-year progress review meetings with County Council			

Q5. Which project(s) should be prioritised?

Q6. If you have anything else you would like to say, here's your chance:

If you would like a copy of the final version of the Strategic Plan, when it is available, please supply your contact details here:

For a hard (paper) copy, supply your name & postal address:

For a pdf (digital) copy, supply your email address:

Your information will only be used to send out the Plan to you and will not be stored.

Thank you for helping to make Newbliss Killeevan a fantastic place to live.

