

Mayobridge

Village Renewal and Development Plan

Addendum and Updated Action Plan: January 2018

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1. Introduction

The Village Renewal and Development Plan (Village Plan) was produced for Mayobridge in 2012. This has now been reviewed and updated by the community in conjunction with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. The review has taken the form of an addendum to the Village Plan and should be read in conjunction with it. The addendum includes an updated Action Plan (see Section 2), which identifies which projects and initiatives have been implemented since the original plan was published and highlights projects which could be focused on over the next phase of implementation.

Ove Arup and Partners (Arup) was appointed as the consultancy team to facilitate the review and update of the Action Plan. This update has been facilitated by a stakeholder workshop. The outcome of this is an updated Action Plan which includes a range of projects and initiatives that we believe will have a real impact on the area.

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The Rural Development Programme uses the LEADER approach which adopts a community led model to assist rural communities to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area, through the allocation of funds based on local need. Village Renewal and Development is an important element of the Rural Development Programme.

The Village Plan is a working document that requires the support of the community, and in many cases the community working in partnership with other agencies and statutory bodies.

It is important to note that some projects and initiatives set out within the action plan may be subject to future feasibility studies and analysis, detailed design, landowner agreements, statutory approvals and available funding.

2. Implementation

This plan is designed to improve the social and economic fabric of the area.

The Updated Action Plan provides an indication of the key tasks which need to be undertaken to progress specific projects. This often includes detailed scheme design, preparation of the business case and funding application, and in some cases further feasibility and analysis. The source of funding will often dictate the order in which tasks need to be undertaken, for example the Rural Development Programme expects all statutory consents to be in place before the funding application is submitted. There are potential sources of funding available for the projects and initiatives set out within this Village Renewal Plan. It is important to note that reference to potential funding is for guidance only. Other funding opportunities may become available during the lifetime of this plan, and all projects will be subject to appropriate eligibility checks, application and assessment procedures as set by each funding body.

The Updated Action Plan also provides an indication of the priority level of each project based on discussions with key stakeholders during plan preparation. Alongside this, a lead delivery agent and key stakeholders have also been noted. There may also be other interested groups who should be engaged during project implementation or those whose agreement must be sought, such as a private landowners or statutory bodies. It is also important to recognise that priorities may change as funding opportunities become available.



3. Mayobridge- Review of 2012 Action Plan

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1. Community Facilities											
1.1	Community gym	MCA, NMDDC	M	M/L	RDP, Priv	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of potential locations. Consult with Gaelic Club on potential to share facilities. 	<p>No progress to date,</p> <p>GAA club has indoor gym with facilities, however need for gym facilities for wider community was highlighted</p>	M	M	See 2012 actions.	
1.2	Allotments	MCA, NMDDC	M	S/M	RDP, NMDDC Live Here Love Here	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess suitability of allotment sites and land ownerships. Access potential funding for scheme. 	<p>No progress to date.</p> <p>Allotments remain a high priority for the community, particularly due to the social and educational value attached.</p>	H	S	<p>See 2012 actions.</p> <p>Discuss collaborating with St. Patricks Primary School to increase support for the project.</p>	
2. Access and Circulation											
2.1	Traffic calming measures, signage and gateways	TNI	H	S/M	TNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of feasibility of traffic calming measures. Consultation with TNI, road improvement works. Feasibility study, design work, statutory approvals, installation of gateway signage and artwork. 	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Traffic calming measures: rumble strips, school signs, resurfacing and roundabout implemented.</p> <p>Speeding continues to be an issue and remains a high priority for a community safety perspective.</p>	H	S	<p>Consult with TNI on further traffic calming measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional rumble strips - Replacement of lights - Extension of footpaths - Review position of speed signs - Radar speed signs (flashing) 	

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2.2	Village entry signs and speed limit signs	TNI, NMDDC, MCA	H/M	S/M	RDP, TNI, Big Lottery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with TNI on opportunities to introduce new signage. 	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Mayobridge signage and fresh 30mph speed signs implemented at key gateways – However community feel additional signage is required.</p>	H	S	<p>Discuss the potential for a more prominent and visually attractive gateway feature.</p> <p>Consult on the introduction of a new radar speed sign at strategic hotspots.</p>	
3. Environmental Improvements											
3.1	River clean up	MCA, RA	H/M	S	RDP, TNI, Live Here Love Here	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with TNI and NMDDC on responsibility for upkeep of river. Potential for community clean-up project. 	<p>Completed</p> <p>River clean-up implemented regularly.</p> <p>(approximately 3 times per year)</p>	M	M	<p>Continue to encourage and support the river clean.</p> <p>Raise awareness within the village and seek to recruit more volunteers.</p>	
3.2	Street lighting extension	TNI, MCA	H	S/M	TNI, Dfl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with TNI on the issues and health and safety concerns. 	Ongoing process	H	S	Continue dialogue regarding street lighting, dimly lit areas and the need for a quicker response in replacing broken lights.	
3.3	Christmas lighting scheme	MCA, NMDDC	M	S	RDP, NMDDC, Big Lottery,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research appropriate lighting and costs prior to application for funding 	<p>Ongoing process</p> <p>Christmas lighting scheme occurs, with part funded.</p> <p>The quality of the Christmas lighting should be enhanced to provide a welcoming atmosphere to the village.</p>	H	S	<p>Discuss with council the opportunity to add and enhance to the existing scheme.</p> <p>Explore potential funding options.</p>	

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3.4	New pathway, Street lighting and floral installations.	MCA, TNI, NMDDC.	H	S	DfI, TNI, NMDDC Live Here, Love Here, Big Lottery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental issues persist within the village. A new footpath linking the village to the Eurospar is a priority due to safety concerns about pedestrian movement and speeding traffic. Street lights to be extended to ensure that pathways are suitably lit and decrease pedestrian vulnerability. Improved floral installations, hanging baskets, visual signs and wayfinding to create a more welcoming atmosphere. Consult with Transport NI regarding the feasibility of installing a new footpath and upgrading existing pathways. Highlight areas requiring new and improved street lighting and raise as a discussion point at the inter-agency meeting. Explore funding opportunities for an environmental improvement scheme to ensure that implemented elements are fit for purpose and improve the overall character of the village 					
4. Tourism, Leisure and Recreation											
4.1	Tourist information centre	TNI	M	M/L	TOURISM NI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with TourismNI on the potential need for this facility 	<p>No progress to date.</p> <p>Tourist information centre is not a priority. Potential to explore if other projects fail to materialise.</p> <p>Could be accommodated within an existing facility such as the Post Office</p>	L	L	See 2012 actions.	
4.2	Safe, all-inclusive play area	MCA, NMDDC	H	S	RDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source funding for implementation of existing play park plan. 	<p>Ongoing process.</p> <p>Priority issue. Planning permission obtained and included in play strategy.</p>	H	S	Continue to engage with NMDDC during the implementation of the Play Strategy.	

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4.3	Multi-purpose sports hall	MCA, MGAC, MYACC, NMDDC	H	S	SNI, Lot, Priv, NMDDC	<p>Actions:</p> <p>Ongoing process. Planning permission in process and response pending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning reference: LA07/2017/0522/F • Removal of sports equipment store for construction of multi-purpose sports facility at 40m west of No 4 Old Road Mayobridge Newry. • Submitted: 30 Mar 2017 Status: Consultations issued. <p>Application for funding has been submitted. Review when planning permission is granted or refused. Follow up on the funding application and detail additional funders if initial application is unsuccessful.</p>				
4.4	MUGA Pitch	MCA, MGAC, NMDDC.	H	M	SNI, Lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No progress as yet. • Discuss and consult with relevant stakeholders the potential sites to facilitate a MUGA pitch. • Assess the feasibility of converting the existing grass pitch into a 3G pitch. 				
4.5	Highway to health	MCA, Comm, NMDDC, MGAC,	H	S	SNI, Lot, RDP, NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support exists for the provision of a highway to health initiative. • The project would increase the recreational facilities in the village, promote safe walking and increase well-being. • Discuss a joint collaboration between the community, youth and football club. • Assess the required infrastructure required around the pitch and enquire about funding. 				
5. Infrastructure and services										
5.1	Health care improvements	SHSCT, MCA	H	S/M	SHSCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with SHSCT on improvements to existing services 	<p>No progress to date.</p> <p>While existing services are limited, a highway to health project has the potential to improve the health and wellbeing of the village.</p>	H	S	Explore the new highway to health project detailed.
5.2	Increased health care services	SHSCT	M	M/L	SHSCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with SHSCT on viability of additional services. 	<p>Limited progress to date.</p> <p>Defibrillator recently installed at Eurospar shop.</p>	H	M	<p>Investigate the feasibility of a multi-purpose outreach centre (pharmacist and consultant)</p> <p>Consult with stakeholders regarding a mobile health unit to deliver necessary health services to multiple villages on prearranged days.</p>

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5.3	Wind turbine project	MCA, Priv, NIE	M/H	L	Priv	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likely to be a longer term aspiration. Feasibility work could be undertaken. 	<p>Limited progress.</p> <p>One turbine (private) has been completed.</p> <p>Wind turbine project reprioritised as a low priority initiative due to the current constraints in implementation.</p> <p>Project may still become an aspiration in the foreseeable future.</p>	L	L	See 2012 actions.
Stakeholders and Potential Funders										
ACNI- Arts Council of Northern Ireland BPT -Buildings Preservation Trust BT – British Telecom CA- Community Association DAERA- Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs DFC -Department for Communities DFI- Department for Infrastructure RDP- Rural Develop Programme HRN- Heritage Trust Network HLF – Heritage Lottery Fund HSCNI- Health and Social Care Northern Ireland Lot – Lottery funding			ORNI Outdoor Recreation NI RA - Rivers Agency PLO - Private land owner Priv - Private Sector PSNI Police Service Northern Ireland PTA Parent Teachers Association TNI – Road Service SNI Sport Northern Ireland SEELB South Eastern Education and Library Board			MCA – Mayobridge Community Association MYCC – Mayobridge Youth Club Committee MYACC - Mayobridge Youth and Community Centre MGAC- Mayobridge Gaelic Athletics Association SPPNS – St. Patricks Primary and Nursery School				