

Cullyhanna & Dorsey

Village Renewal and Development Plan

Addendum and Updated Action Plan: December 2017

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1. Introduction

The Village Renewal and Development Plan (Village Plan) was produced for Cullyhanna and Dorsey 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.

It should be noted that the progressing of a 'Village Plan' under the Rural Development Programme does not mean that the settlement or area, to which the 'Village Plan' applies, is designated as a village in the settlement hierarchy as identified in the current development plans that apply to the district (i.e. the Banbridge/Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015, and the Ards and Down Area Plan 2015) or the Council's new Local Development Plan for the District, which is currently under preparation.



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1. Rural Infrastructure											
	1.1	Provision and upgrade of footpaths	DfI NMDDC	H	S-L	DfI	Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the provision of footpaths linking small rural settlement to the key facilities such as sporting clubs and primary schools are prioritised. Ensure the timely upgrade and maintenance of footpaths where required. 	Footpath extension not completed but still relevant. Provision of pedestrian crossing and speed management also still relevant.	H	S-L	Continue engagement with TNI and NMDDC.
2. Tourism, Leisure and Recreation											
	2.1	Improving the tourism potential of the Ring of Gullion AONB	NMDDC Community and Business Sector Tourism NI CAAN Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Initiative	H	S-L	RDP NMDDC Tourism NI	Issue: Ring of Gullion AONB is a key asset for the area. It is already well used by locals and visitors. However, the full potential of the Ring of Gullion is not yet realised. Its strength is its natural beauty and built heritage, therefore the protection and enhancement of these features is the priority, therefore projects should be well deigned and sensitive to their environment.	Several projects and initiatives have greatly enhanced the tourism and recreation potential of the Ring of Gullion in recent years. Including:	H	Ongoing	Continue implementation of the Ring of Gullion AONB Management Plan for 2017-2022, and implementation of the Landscape Partnership Scheme as the key delivery body for the enhancement and conservation of the Ring of Gullion AONB

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							region's most treasured landscapes.				
3. Environmental Improvements											
	3.1	Gateway Project	NMDDC Community and Business Sector Tourism NI Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Initiative	H	S	RDP NMDDC	<p>Issue: The need for strong gateways and improved signage came across very strongly throughout the consultation for all towns and villages in the Ring of Gullion area. Rather than progressing gateway projects on an individual basis, we feel an overall gateway project for South Armagh would be much more beneficial, where a strong brand can be established for the area.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the development of a 'South Armagh Gateway' Prepare a Gateway Strategy and brand for the South Armagh Area focusing on entrance features to settlements and tourist attractions, consisting of public art or unique signage for the area.. The Strategy should consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique image / brand for South Armagh depicting the heritage of the area and its Vision for the future Design and location of gateway features / signage Commission public art through a design competition, encouraging unique and innovative designs from local artists 	This remains a valid project, however requires a suitable group to take ownership of it and drive it forward.	H	S	Consult potential stakeholders regarding funding for unique gateways and signage.

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tourist Trails – Walking / Cycling and Driving - Accompanying marketing and promotional material 				

4. Cullyhanna- Review of 2012 Action Plan

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1. Community Facilities										
1.1	Revitalisation of Áras an Chairdinéil Ó Fiaich Cultural Centre	CCA, NMDDC, Tourism NI	M	S/L	RDP, Lot, NMDDC	<p>Build on the tourism, recreational and cultural potential of this centre. It is a strong asset for the community and is situated in a very prominent location within the Village.</p> <p>Potential to promote this as the hub of tourism activity, being the base for guided walks to encourage enjoyment of the built and natural heritage in the area.</p> <p>The acoustics within the centre was highlighted as a constraint on the activities and events which can be accommodated. Addressing this issue should be a priority.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the employment of a guide to take tours of the area – based in the Cultural Centre Commission acoustic specialists to address this sound issue within the centre Prepare a programme of activities and events to encourage the wider community and visitors to take part in cultural events. 	<p>Progress has stalled due to a recent retirement.</p> <p>No progress has been made on the employment of a guide, acoustic specialists or a programme of activities and events.</p> <p>Community feel strongly that the Áras an Chairdinéil Ó Fiaich Cultural Centre is an underutilised resource with vast potential to benefit the village and cultural heritage which the town offers.</p>	H	M	<p>Consult within the community about the desire to revitalise the cultural centre, possible uses and volunteers to ensure its maintenance.</p> <p>Conduct a feasibility assessment on the potential opening hours and rota for the cultural centre to become a hub.</p> <p>Explore potential of changing the use of the building to a heritage centre, cookery school, business hub, angling centre.</p> <p>Additionally, explore the feasibility of transferring the Áras an Chairdinéil Ó Fiaich artefacts to the church in Cullyhanna to explore options of church as a tourist attraction.</p>
1.2	Community Centre: Phase 2	CCA, NMDDC, SNI	H	S	RDP, Lot, NMDDC	<p>Issue:</p> <p>Cullyhanna is located within Creggan SOA which is the 13th most deprived rural area in Northern Ireland. Key issues include proximity to services, income</p>	Phase 1 has been completed however there has been no progress on phase 2 of the initiative.	H	S/M	Community groups to continue work towards the achievement of phase 2 projects

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						<p>deprivation for both children and older people and employment deprivation. Crime and disorder and the living environment tend to be less of an issue in rural areas.</p> <p>Work done to date:</p> <p><u>Community Centre Phase 1:</u></p> <p>Redevelopment and extension of the community centre, which has been recently constructed. This project was part funded through RDP and NMDDC. This was strongly welcomed by the community and provides the infrastructure which will enable the community to thrive. It is crucial now to determine a range of services and facilities which address the specific needs of all sections of the community.</p> <p>Projects and Initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a comprehensive programme of services and facilities • Provision of children's play area • Provide Youth Facilities • Childcare facility • Family Focus Centre • Encouragement of Social Enterprise • Provision of an outdoor covered handball alley <p>Specific Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Groups to prioritise the specific projects under the Phase 2 scheme with regard to the specific needs of the community – this will require a joint effort by all groups, clubs 	<p>Phase 2 has been discussed but only project completed to date has been a handball alley. Community groups to continue work towards the achievement of phase 2 projects</p>			<p>Community meeting / consultation regarding the following projects outlined under phase 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All abilities running track - Green gym area - MUGA pitch - Family focused activities <p>Prepare a feasibility study of each project, apply for required planning permission and source appropriate funding opportunities.</p>

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						and societies within the Village. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put in place statutory approvals such as planning and prepare detailed feasibility studies for each project so that it can feed directly into a funding application. 					
	1.3	Provision of Community Gym: <i>Located beside the Community Centre and GAA</i>	CCA, SPGFC, NMDDC, SNI	H	S/M	RDP, Lot, NMDDC	<p>Issue:</p> <p>It was noted during the public consultation that there is a lack of publically available leisure and recreational facilities. The GAA have shown interest in providing health and fitness facilities which would be open to the whole community:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project to be developed by the Community Association alongside the GAA. Gain planning approval for the scheme if required Secure funding 	Completed. Community facilities exist with provision of classes. A 'Couch to 5K' initiative has been started. On 7 th March there was a health check and registration accompanied by training every week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with trained coaches. The initiative led up to a 5k event scheduled over the May Bank Holiday weekend. Due to the success of the 5k event, subsequent running practice is continuing with the community determined to build upon this through outdoor health and wellbeing initiatives.	M	M/L	Explore the opportunity to provide adult outdoor fitness equipment to complement the existing facilities.
	1.4	Develop the running / athletics facility at the GAA grounds into a specialised training area for disabled users:	CCA, SPGFC, NMDDC, SNI	H	S/M	RDP, Lot, NMDDC	It was noted during the public consultation that there is a lack of publically available leisure and recreational facilities. The GAA have shown interest in providing health and fitness facilities which would be open to the whole community.	No progress to date. Community is concerned at the lack of progress due to facilities being inadequate for all users. The community feels that all users, regardless of	H/M	M	Investigate the infrastructure required to make the existing facilities friendly to all abilities. Potential to tie in with phase 2 of the community centre initiative to ensure

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	Seek to build this as a regional facility.					<p>Work done to date: Recently the community in association with the GAA have secure funding and delivered a running track around the football pitch. This is a welcome addition to the sporting facilities in Cullyhanna, however the community feel there is a need to ensure that the running track accommodates everyone, especially disabled users.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to be developed by the Community Association alongside the GAA. • Bring the existing facilities up to standard that they are suitable for disabled users with the aim of developing this into a regional facility for Paralympic training • Secure funding 	their abilities should have the same opportunities to enjoy recreational and leisure facilities within the village.			all facilities are adapted for all users. Source funding for the project in collaboration with the community, Disability action associations and GAA club.	
1.5	Provision of a new GAA Training Pitch	CCA, SPGFC, NMDDC, SNI	H	S/M	RDP, Lot, NMDDC	Secure funding and relevant statutory approvals	Completed. Second pitch has been implemented and associated work completed.	N/A	N/A	No further action required.	
1.6	Fully utilise the Wald Centre as a centre for education and lifelong learning.	CCA, SELB, NMDDC	H	S/L	RDP, NMDDC	<p>Issue: Rural poverty and social isolation is a serious issue in NI and in particular in South Armagh, the document 'Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolations Framework 2011-2015', outlines the government's actions in relation to this. This is an innovative local project which aims to provide</p>	Ongoing.	M	M	Continue liaising with providers and authorities to widen the offering of activities to ensure that the Wald Centre serves all residents of the village in some capacity.	

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						<p>specific education and learning programmes, tailor made to the needs of the local and wider rural community. Some rural residents are not able to travel to surrounding larger towns such as Newry and Crossmaglen to attend educational programmes. It was noted during the consultation with the community that there was a particular problem in South Armagh in recent years with the reduction of jobs in the traditional industries such as farming and construction. It is crucial to provide training and learning for those working age members of the community who have are now unemployed.</p> <p>What's been done to date:</p> <p>Cullyhanna Community Partnership have delivered educational and learning programmes in the past. The WALD Centre currently has a good standard computer suite which is a major asset to the Village.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop this centre as an Educational / Learning facility for all sections of the community. • Liaise with the wider community regarding their specific needs and what courses and programmes would be more beneficial. • Liaise with SELB regarding the feasibility and support for providing specific courses from the WALD 				

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	1.7	Band Hall: <i>Rebuild and provide additional services and facilities.</i>	CCA, NMDDC	H	M	RDP, NMDDC, Priv Big Lottery Arts Council	<p>Centre.</p> <p>Issue: The band hall was destroyed in a fire in recent years. Prior to this it was an important facility for the Village.</p> <p>Work done to date: P/2011/0521/F – Planning application is currently in the system for the reinstatement and redesign of the hall.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain statutory approvals and source funding for rebuilding the Band Hall • Ensure that it is a facility available for the whole community. • Develop a programme of activities and events in conjunction with the wider public and groups in the Village 	<p>No progress to date.</p> <p>Band is currently using the football club facilities which is unsuitable for their needs and requirements.</p> <p>Planning application for 2 Tullynavall Road, Cullyhanna had full planning permission granted on Monday 24th September 2012. This included the proposed reinstatement and redesign of the existing hall.</p>	H	S/M	Explore funding options to ensure that the renovation is financially viable. If deemed unfeasible, discuss potential for the Áras an Chairdinéil Ó Fiaich Cultural Centre to facilitate the band practice in the short term.
	1.8	Youth Facilities	CCA, NMDDC,	H	S/M	Lot, RDP, NMDDC	<p>Issue being addressed: Youth facilities within the village are limited. There is concern that the younger population have limited space to socialise and engage.</p> <p>There is a request to explore the opportunity of providing a neutral youth facility. Including communal seating, pool tables, ping pong tables, sports/ media spaces and skill workshops / drop in service.</p> <p>Actions Consult with relevant stakeholders, including the Department of Education to investigate the refurbishment of derelict building or a new purpose built facility.</p> <p>Explore capital investment opportunities for youth services and the feasibility of implementing the scheme.</p>				

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1.9	Men's and Women's shed with community garden / allotment	CCA, NMDDC,	H	S	RDP, Tidy NI, CCA	<p>Provision of a Men's and Women's shed with an adjoining community garden / allotment is considered a high priority for Cullyhanna.</p> <p>In addition to the overall health improvements they offer, the sheds are seen as temporary structures for initiating social activities.</p> <p>Actions: Consult with community on the potential location of the Men's and Women's Shed.</p> <p>Discuss the feasibility of providing temporary cabin structures with surrounding allotments.</p>				
1.10	Ó Fiaich Kiosk – coffee and sandwich facility with associated outdoor workshops	CCA, NMDDC	M	S/M	CCA, RDP, NMDDC, Priv	<p>The Ó Fiaich Kiosk initiative is seen by the community as a progressive step in providing an intergenerational amenity. The village currently lacks a communal facility for residents and tourists to pause in the village, socialise and enjoy a coffee or sandwich.</p> <p>Actions: Liaise with NMDDC in relation to potential sites and mobile facility to enable this amenity.</p> <p>Explore potential funding sources or private sector partnership to aid this.</p>				
2. Environmental Improvements										
2.1	Village Face Lift	CCA, NMDDC, DfC, Priv	H	S	RDP, NMDDC	<p>Issue: A number of derelict and rundown buildings within Cullyhanna, some of which are in prominent locations around the village core. In the long term the full redevelopment of these building / sites is an ambition, however in the short term, it is crucial to improve the visual appearance of these buildings, ensure that they are secure form vandalism and do not detract from the positive image which the Village is striving to achieve.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the redevelopment of vacant and underused opportunity sites. <p>Liaise with landowners and provide technical and financial assistance.</p>	Ongoing process. Village face lift conducted during Giro d'Italia however a persistent problem is the lack of redevelopment of existing vacant buildings.	H	S	See 2012 actions. Consult with relevant stakeholders (including landowners) on a potential scheme to repaint shop frontages, add floral baskets and annual clean up. Initiate a committee of community association, volunteer, youth groups, sports club and school representatives to identify innovative ways to deliver environmental improvements, enhance civic pride.

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	Yellow					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of a paint scheme to brighten up buildings within the village centre and key approach roads. Consider the re-use of vacant and derelict buildings for community and youth activities – encourage arts and crafts and showcase local talent. Pop up shops – consider rate relief for short term uses. 				Consider an application to the 'Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme' in the 2018 call for applications.
	Orange	2.2	Digital village communication system	CCA NMDDC TADA	CCA, CDRC, NMDD C	M	M	<p>Issue being addressed Communication of events, activities and meetings are recognised as an issue. A village communication system, digital notice board and online page with updated information would enable residents to have knowledge and contribute to actions taking place in the community.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the opportunity of implementing a digital communication system at the Ó Fiaich Cultural Centre and the required equipment e.g. TV screen, broadband etc. Community to review management and maintenance of the information system. Consult with key stakeholders to explore potential funding sources and the collective benefit of installing a communication system. 		
	Orange	2.3	Improved access and services to historical assets	CCA, NMDDC, UHF, UAHS,	HLF, AHF, RDP	M	S	<p>Issues being addressed Linkages between the existing cultural centre and key historical assets are currently absent. There is potential to link to the proposed ancestral project.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community consultation in relation to ideas / aspirations on potential access to historical assets. Seek funding support to complete a feasibility study and identification of potential options. Community consultation to explore how historical assets could be further enhanced 		
	Orange	2.4	Fishing academy with improved access to the lake	CCA, NMDDC,	RDP, NMDD C SNI, Priv	M	S	<p>Fishing in Cullyhanna has become a popular recreational activity. The community are interested in forming an academy to engage with St Patricks' Cullyhanna and the Men's / Women's Shed to encourage, facilitate and educate on fishing.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved fishing stands, boardwalks and a circular path around the lake periphery are desirable features. Continue discussions with landowner and relevant stakeholders to explore potential for fishing academy. Update findings of Oriel Angling Audit (completed in 2006.) Draw up a plan with locations and development needed for each lake (12 in Cullyhanna area). Create South Armagh Angling Forum and South Armagh Angling Festival. Regenerate Kiltybane Lake – upgrade facilities at lake, pontoons and boardwalk (expand and repair), improved disabled access, lake restock and WC upgrade. 		

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with community and key stakeholders as to future recreational potential of lake. Design feasibility studies Statutory Approvals Secure funding 					
	2.5	Tidy Town	CCA, NMDDC, Tourism NI,	M	S-M	RDP, BIG, HLF, NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with wider community and key stakeholders as to support and feasibility for such a project. Highlight priorities for the village and explore options to revitalise the physical conditions of key areas within the area. Engage with other villages who are currently engaged in the scheme to develop a tidy town strategy for the village. 				
3. Leisure, Tourism and Recreation											
	3.1	Develop an exciting programme of events for all the community and to entice visitors to the area	CCA, NMDDC, Tourism NI, DfI, DfC	H	S/L	NMDDC RDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison between community, voluntary and cultural groups and the Council regarding potential events for the Village and the wider area. Consider and seek funding 	<p>Limited progress.</p> <p>There have been sporadic discussions about potential events but yet to be actioned.</p> <p>The community feel that there is significant opportunity to build upon the heritage of the village. In particular;</p> <p>-Digital Ancestral tracing project -Angling forum for festival -Community dig to build on the 1956 excavation at Cullyhanna Lough by W.H. Hodges.</p> <p>To build on the programme of events delivered through the Ring of Gullion</p>	M	Ongoing	<p>See 2012 actions.</p> <p>Continue efforts to ensure all members of the community are catered for within the development of a community / tourism event programme.</p>

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3.2	Refurbishment of Play Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New children's play area • Multi-Use Game Area • Outdoor Fitness Gym • Teen Zone 	CCA, NMDDC, DfI	H	S	RDP, NMDDC	Issue: The standard of the existing play park was identified as the main issue and the number one priority for the village. The play park not only provides a core recreational facility for the village, but is also the central focal point. Again, the need to provide facilities for the whole community was highlighted; hence the future upgrades to this area should consider all age groups including disabled and older people. A high quality open space would provide a pleasant setting for parents and older people to enjoy the views of the river, while the children's play park and multi-use games are would accommodate children and teenagers. Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission consultants to establish layout and feasibility of particular uses and activities/costs etc. and obtain planning approval; • Source funding and match funding if required. 	Ongoing process. Existing playpark is used however the lack of equipment and refurbishment has been reiterated as a priority for the village. In the 2017 'Play Strategy for Children and Young People in Your Area', Cullyhanna was recognised as requiring an upgrade.	H	M	Engage with NMDDC regarding the upgrading of the play park.	

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	3.3	Walking and leisure facilities: Safe community walking trails	CCA, NMDDC,	H	M	RDP, SNI, NMDDC	Walking and leisure facilities within the village are limited. The community regard this as an important issue for physical and mental wellbeing. Increased footpath provisions and community walking trails would enable residents to establish safe walking routes throughout the village.			
	3.4	Walking and bus tours	CCA, NMDDC, UHF, UAHS,	M	M	HLF, AHF, RDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community consider a walking and bus tour in conjunction with neighbouring villages to be an opportunity. This would increase tourism to the area and throughout the Ring of Gullion. The initiative has the potential for economic, social and environmental benefits for multiple villages Consult with NMDDC, the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme and Historical / heritage societies to identify key assets to further explore as a tourist strategy for the area Explore options to link tours with Co. Monaghan and Louth heritage alongside the rich heritage within the immediate and surrounding rural area (Dorsey and Ring Forts). Develop improved way-finding strategies to direct and guide activity toward the heritage trails. Develop cycle trails to link with heritage walking trails of Monaghan / Ring of Gullion Way. Explore funding to support ongoing work by the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership, such as Community Digs to raise and promote awareness for natural heritage. Explore options to develop a biodiversity walking trail around the village with community artwork to reflect the wildlife, heritage and Lakelands throughout the area. Explore design options to include pockets of space along the trail to include "sensory gardens" and community allotments. Engage with community and key stakeholders regarding preferred / most feasible route alongside opportunity sites along the route to help create an overall sensory trail. Carry out design and feasibility studies if required Seek statutory approval if required Explore funding avenues Secure funding 			
	3.5	Development of Village Graveyard / Cemetery Map	CCA, NMDDC, UHF	H	S	RDP, HLF, NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore potential to develop interpretive / interactive / educational mapping to express and promote heritage, history and stories within the village cemetery. Engage with wider community and key stakeholders as to preferred and most feasible options. Carry out design and feasibility studies if required Seek statutory approval if required Explore funding avenues Secure funding 			
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4.1	Upgrade roads and footpaths where required	CCA, DfI, DfC	M	S/L	RDP, Priv, Lot	<p>Ensure that the provision of footpaths linking small rural settlement to the key facilities such as sporting clubs and primary schools are prioritised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the timely upgrade and maintenance of footpaths where required. 	<p>Ongoing process.</p> <p>Maintenance has progressed around the park area.</p> <p>Areas still require upgrading and maintenance around the village (St. Johns Park). Furthermore, existing disabled and elderly residents experience accessibility problems.</p>	M	Ongoing	<p>Consult with relevant stakeholders and liaise with disabled and elderly residents to highlight areas requiring wheel chair access and maintenance.</p> <p>Discuss with relevant community representatives to raise the issue at the inter-agency meeting.</p>	
4.2	Traffic calming, signage and gateways	CCA, NMDDC, DfI, DfC	H	S/L	DfI, RDP	<p>Issue: The quality and provision of directional signage is a particular problem at Cullyhanna – signage should be provided on the approach roads to ensure that drivers are aware that they are entering a built up area and to advise visitors of the facilities available in the Village.</p> <p>Traffic calming is also a major issue which should be addressed immediately. Creggan is located on the B30 which is a key route between Newry and Crossmaglen, and not enough advance warning is given to drivers passing the village.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and encourage gateway strategy. • Liaise with NMDDC and TNI regarding the need for traffic calming measures on the approach to Cullyhanna/TNI to consider various methods of traffic calming. • Provide direction signage on the approach to Cullyhanna 	<p>No progress to date.</p> <p>Poor signage, traffic and speeding continue to be important issues for the village.</p>	H	S	See 2012 actions.	

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	4.3	Encourage Renewable Energy Projects: Development of a community wind turbine as a potential social / community enterprise	CCA, DAERA, Priv	M	M/L	BLF, RDP, NMDDC	Renewable energy projects developed as a community enterprise can be an excellent way to raise funding for future projects within the Community, especially those which may require considerable funding such as providing broadband to the area. Wind turbines can produce a considerable revenue from selling energy back to the national grid and also produce subsidised electricity for the local community and community facilities. It is important that this is a community led project with clear community benefits. Projects such as this can also have wide ranging social benefits as the community are becoming more self-sufficient and have joint ownership of a community enterprise. Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the feasibility of a small to medium size wind turbine and establish the best location • Liaise with landowners regarding the project and possible lease of the land. • Gain all statutory approvals 	No progress. Community is unsure if there is widespread support for a renewable energy project at this moment in time.	M	M/L	Further consultations between the community association, residents and landowners with the priority of establishing the level of support and feasibility of pursuing a renewable energy project (solar panels or wind turbines).

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4.4	Provision of high standard telecommunications including broadband and wireless zones	CCA, NMDDC, Telecoms Providers	M	S/L	Priv, NMDDC RDP	<p>Issue: Rural NI suffers from under investment in telecommunications. Cullyhanna in particular suffers as it does not have a standard broadband service. This will hinder the future provision of educational and learning facilities.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with telecom providers to encourage high quality services to rural areas. • Consider a community broadband scheme – where the infrastructure is funded through a social / community enterprise. • Consider the potential of utilising Project Kelvin. • Provision of broadband throughout the Village • Provision of improved mobile telephone networks. 	No progress. Community representatives have highlighted that broadband remains a village wide issue. No actions have progressed to a suitable stage.	L	M	<p>Continue consulting with telecom providers regarding the need for improved maintenance and upgrading of village zones.</p> <p>Investigate the potential of providing the Áras an Chairdinéil Ó Fiaich Cultural Centre with a fast wireless hub to facilitate its aspiration as a community hub.</p>
4.5	Development of Car Park at rear of chemist	NMDDC, TNI, PLO, CCA	H	S	NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with key stakeholders, wider community and private landowners in relation to the development of such a scheme. • Carry out Design and feasibility studies • Seek Statutory Approvals • Explore funding • Secure funding 				

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5. Dorsey - Review of 2012 Action Plan

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1. Community Facilities										
1.1	Provision of additional community facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play area to accommodate all ages • Community garden / seating area 	NMDDC, DfC, Priv, DCA, VO	H	S	RDP Priv	<p>Issue: Dorsey benefits from having a very good quality Community Centre which is well utilised and attracts residents from the wider area, however the Village lacks any recreational facilities. It was identified during the community consultation that the provision of leisure and recreational facilities is the number one priority for the Village. At present residents have to travel by car to surrounding areas to find a children's play park.</p> <p>Work done to date: DCA has liaised with the landowner of the land adjacent to the community centre with regard to providing additional facilities for the community. The landowner has indicated that he would be willing to negotiate.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree acquisition of land adjacent to the community centre for community use • Commission design and gain any statutory approvals • Source funding for the community led provision of a children's play park and community garden 	<p>Noted that planning permission for the provision of a children's play park adjacent to Dorsey Community Centre was granted on 17th April 2013. Project collapsed due to the time issues associated with land transfer. Community still feel that the provision of recreational facilities is a high priority.</p> <p>The Play Strategy 2017-2022 does not highlight Dorsey as a priority site for a Council provided play area. Council can however provide advice for a community led play area initiative.</p>	H	S/M	<p>Consider provision of a community led play area initiative. Consult with relevant stakeholders on the potential demand for play, and subsequent design to meet target age ranges.</p> <p>Explore the potential for a community led leisure project, i.e. the provision of a community garden.</p>

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	1.2	Encourage the provision of a local shop	DCA, Priv, VO	M	M	RDP, Priv, NMDDC	<p>Issue: There is no local shop in Dorsey. Residents have to travel to Cullyhanna for daily convenience goods.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the set up of a small local shop within the Village. This is likely to be an opportunity taken forward by an individual within the community and the feasibility of the business needs to be fully considered. Should a local shop not be feasible in the short term it might be worth considering daily community delivery service which would ensure that those residents unable to travel to surrounding towns can have their shopping delivered. 	<p>No progress to date.</p> <p>The provision of a local shop may not be viable due to demand, evident in the closure of smaller shops in surrounding areas.</p>	L	L	<p>Consult with stakeholders and community association to explore the feasibility of providing a community shopping delivery service.</p> <p>Explore the potential provision of a shop and deliver service on a weekly basis for those who are unable to access surrounding towns.</p>
	1.3	Upgrades to Rory Mc Gee Park – Dorsey Emmets GAA: Includes walking track around pitch	DCA, DEGFC, NMDDC, VO	M	S/L	SNI, Lot, Priv	<p>Issue: Dorsey Emmets GAA is a core part of the Dorsey Community and indeed the GAA is a key element within South Armagh. It was highlighted during consultation with the community that Dorsey Emmets GAA would benefit from improved facilities.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of club building to provide indoor playing facilities – should be open to the whole community. Provision of a MUGA to allow for all weather training – should be open to the whole community Provision of a walking track around the GAA pitch – Health Initiative Consider the provision of a mini-bus Aesthetic improvements to the grounds of the Club including a stone wall feature to the front 	<p>Ongoing process.</p> <p>While the actions have not been progressed significantly, there has been an agreement to work better together between the GAA and community.</p> <p>A particular aspect which has gained support is the provision of a highway to health track around the GAA pitch and should be further explored.</p>	M	M	Develop the design of the highway to health at the GAA grounds and explore funding sources.

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2. Environmental Improvements										
2.1	<p>Environmental Improvement scheme along Roxborough Road</p> <p>Refurbishment and upgrades to the area around the bus shelter</p>	DCA, NMDDC, Dfl, TNI, TL, VO	H	S	RDP, NMDDC	<p>Issue:</p> <p>Dorsey has not benefited from any comprehensive public realm improvements in a long time. The Village is generally kept in clean and tidy, however the village environment needs spruced up.</p> <p>This area around the bus shelter was identified as a particular problem.</p> <p>Public realm improvements should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a new bus shelter • Street furniture (benches, bins, fencing, planters) • Provision of parking, including disabled bays adjacent to the Church • Footpaths upgraded • Planting and landscaping • Retain the water pump feature <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission scheme design in consultation with the community and gain any statutory approvals required. • Source funding for the project and implement the scheme • Community information boards to allow the community to provide updates and promote activities and events in the area • Provide information for tourists and visitors to the Village – Ring of Gullion etc. 	<p>Partially completed.</p> <p>A new bus shelter has been installed and parking provision has been carried out with a disabled space allocated.</p> <p>Outstanding actions include a comprehensive public realm scheme including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Street furniture, - footpath upgrades, - planting - landscaping. <p>An environmental improvement scheme remains as a high priority for Dorsey due to the potential social, environmental and economic benefits it could deliver.</p>	H	S/M	<p>See 2012 actions.</p> <p>There is a new prioritisation of:</p> <p>Providing flower beds, tree planting, additional street furniture and entrance features.</p> <p>There is a significant opportunity to enhance the local assets such as ancient Iron-age ramparts of the Dorsey entrenchments and the Ring of Gullion. This would include way-finding, signage and features.</p>

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3. Infrastructure and Services										
3.1	Traffic Calming and Gateways	NMDDC, TNI, DCA, Priv, Tourism NI	H	S	RDP, NMDDC, TNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic calming measures, signage and gateways Pedestrian crossing point at Roxborough Road 	<p>Partially completed.</p> <p>DRD have completed certain actions – Signage and gateways. Community still regard the pedestrian crossing point at Roxborough Road as being an important action. Radar (electronic) speed signage is seen as a potential measure for traffic calming due to its effectiveness in other regions.</p>	H	S/M	<p>Consult with relevant stakeholders on the potential to complete remaining traffic calming measures and gateway features.</p> <p>Investigate the feasibility of implementing radar speed signage at strategic locations within the village.</p>
3.2	Provision of a pedestrian footpath from Dorsey Village to Rory Mc Gee Park (GAA) and possibly to the Primary School.	DCA, DfI, TNI, DEGFC, VO	H	S	TNI	<p>Issue: Currently there is no pedestrian footpath linking Dorsey to the GAA Club which is very well used by everyone within the community, especially kids. The Primary School is also a significant distance from the settlement, however there is not bus provision to the school. The provision of a footpath / cycleway is essential to provide a safe access to both the GAA and Primary School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the provision of footpath / cycleway is provided linking Dorsey to the GAA Club and Primary School. 	<p>No progress.</p> <p>The provision of a pedestrian footpath has not progressed even though the community regard it as a priority project.</p> <p>Key to progressing a project of this nature is a joint up collaborative approach between the various stakeholders.</p> <p>This would set the foundations for progressing the project towards consultation and implementation with funders.</p>	H	S	<p>Consult with PS, GAA club and community associations. Discussions and joint up approach between these stakeholders will be key in delivering this project.</p> <p>Explore potential detailed design and necessary approval for the scheme.</p>

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3.3	Footpath linkage, Improved pedestrian crossing and radar speed signage	DCA, NMDDC, NIEA, TNI	TNI, NMDDC	H	S/M	<p>Issue being addressed As highlighted in the previous plan, pedestrian connectivity, speeding and safety throughout the village is a key priority issue.</p> <p>The implementation of footpath linkages to key assets will improve accessibility. Installation of crossings at key strategic hotspots as improving safety and radar speed signage as reducing speeding.</p> <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with stakeholders inc. TNI, to identify key hotspots of concern for pedestrians. Explore the feasibility of implementing each measure at the desired locations in line with road regulations and requirements. 				
3.4	Improved access to Broadband – village wide.	DCA, Telecom Providers	M	M	RDP, DfE	<p>Issue being addressed Broadband connectivity is an ongoing issue. There is a strong desire to improve connectivity throughout the village to ensure Dorsey avails of the potential social and economic benefits of broadband service.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with telecom providers about the level of improved services which could be implemented. Investigate the Northern Ireland Better Broadband Scheme. 				
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