Mayobridge

Village Renewal and Development Plan

Addendum and Updated Action Plan: January 2018

The Village Renewal and Development Plan review was funded under Priority 6 (LEADER) of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and the European Union, and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.
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.

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<td>1.1 Community gym</td>
<td>MCA, NMDDC</td>
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<td>RDP, Priv</td>
<td>Assessment of potential locations.</td>
<td>No progress to date.</td>
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<td>Consult with Gaelic Club on potential to share facilities.</td>
<td>GAA club has indoor gym with facilities, however need for gym facilities for wider community was highlighted</td>
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<td>1.2 Allotments</td>
<td>MCA, NMDDC</td>
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<td>RDP, NMDDC Live Here Love Here</td>
<td>Assessment of suitability of allotment sites and land ownerships.</td>
<td>No progress to date.</td>
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<td>Access potential funding for scheme.</td>
<td>Allotments remain a high priority for the community, particularly due to the social and educational value attached.</td>
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<td>Discuss collaborating with St. Patrick’s Primary School to increase support for the project.</td>
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<td>2.1 Traffic calming measures, signage and gateways</td>
<td>TNI</td>
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<td>TNI</td>
<td>Review of feasibility of traffic calming measures.</td>
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<td>Consult with TNI on further traffic calming measures:</td>
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<td>Consultation with TNI, road improvement works.</td>
<td>Traffic calming measures: rumble strips, school signs, resurfacing and roundabout implemented.</td>
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<td>Feasibility study, design work, statutory approvals, installation of gateway signage and artwork.</td>
<td>Speeding continues to be an issue and remains a high priority for a community safety perspective.</td>
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<td>- Replacement of lights</td>
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<td>- Review position of speed signs</td>
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<td>Village entry signs and speed limit signs</td>
<td>TNI, NMDDC, MCA</td>
<td>H/M</td>
<td>S/M</td>
<td>RDP, TNI, Big Lottery</td>
<td>- Consult with TNI on opportunities to introduce new signage.</td>
<td>Completed.</td>
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<td>Mayobridge signage and fresh 30mph speed signs implemented at key gateways – However community feel additional signage is required.</td>
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<td>River clean up</td>
<td>MCA, RA</td>
<td>H/M</td>
<td>S</td>
<td>RDP, TNI, Live Here Love Here</td>
<td>- Consult with TNI and NMDDC on responsibility for upkeep of river. Potential for community clean-up project.</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>M</td>
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<td>Continue to encourage and support the river clean. Raise awareness within the village and seek to recruit more volunteers.</td>
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<td>Street lighting extension</td>
<td>TNI, MCA</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>S/M</td>
<td>TNI, DfI</td>
<td>- Consult with TNI on the issues and health and safety concerns.</td>
<td>Ongoing process</td>
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<td>Continue dialogue regarding street lighting, dimly lit areas and the need for a quicker response in replacing broken lights.</td>
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<td>Christmas lighting scheme</td>
<td>MCA, NMDDC</td>
<td>M</td>
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<td>RDP, NMDDC, Big Lottery</td>
<td>- Research appropriate lighting and costs prior to application for funding</td>
<td>Ongoing process</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>S</td>
<td>Discuss with council the opportunity to add and enhance to the existing scheme. Explore potential funding options.</td>
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### 2012 Action Plan

#### Key Stakeholders

- MCA, TNI, NMDDC.

#### Potential Funders

- DfI, TNI, NMDDC Live Here, Love Here, Big Lottery

#### Actions

- 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.

### 2017 Update

#### Progress @ Jan 2017

No progress to date. Tourist information centre is not a priority. Potential to explore if other projects fail to materialise. Could be accommodated within an existing facility such as the Post Office.

#### Priority

- H, M, L

#### Time Frame

- Ongoing

#### Actions

- Continue to engage with NMDDC during the implementation of the Play Strategy.
## 2012 Action Plan

### 4.3 Multi-purpose sports hall
- **Key Stakeholders:** MCA, MGAC, MYACC, NMDDC
- **Priority:** H
- **Time Frame:** S
- **Potential Funders:** SNi, Lot, Priv, NMDDC

**Actions:**
- Ongoing process. Planning permission in process and response pending.
  - 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.

**Progress @ Jan 2017:**
- No progress as yet.

**Priority:** H, M, L

### 4.4 MUGA Pitch
- **Key Stakeholders:** MCA, MGAC, NMDDC
- **Priority:** H
- **Time Frame:** M
- **Potential Funders:** SNi, Lot

**Actions:**
- Discussed and consulted with relevant stakeholders the potential sites to facilitate a MUGA pitch.
- Assessed the feasibility of converting the existing grass pitch into a 3G pitch.

**Progress @ Jan 2017:**
- Limited progress to date.

**Priority:** H, M, L

### 4.5 Highway to health
- **Key Stakeholders:** MCA, Comm, NMDDC, MGAC
- **Priority:** H
- **Time Frame:** S
- **Potential Funders:** SNi, Lot, RDP, NMDDC

**Actions:**
- 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.

**Progress @ Jan 2017:**
- No progress to date.

**Priority:** H, M, L

### 5. Infrastructure and services

#### 5.1 Health care improvements
- **Key Stakeholders:** SHSCT, MCA
- **Priority:** H
- **Time Frame:** S/M
- **Potential Funders:** SHSCT

**Actions:**
- Consult with SHSCT on improvements to existing services

**Progress @ Jan 2017:**
- No progress to date.
- While existing services are limited, a highway to health project has the potential to improve the health and wellbeing of the village.

**Priority:** H

#### 5.2 Increased health care services
- **Key Stakeholders:** SHSCT
- **Priority:** M
- **Time Frame:** M/L
- **Potential Funders:** SHSCT

**Actions:**
- Consult with SHSCT on viability of additional services.

**Progress @ Jan 2017:**
- Limited progress to date.
  - Defibrillator recently installed at Eurospar shop.

**Priority:** H

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**Exploration of new highway to health project:**
- Investigate the feasibility of a multi-purpose outreach centre (pharmacist and consultant).
- Consult with stakeholders regarding a mobile health unit to deliver necessary health services to multiple villages on prearranged days.
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| 5.3 Wind turbine project| MCA, Priv, NIE   | M/H     | L          | Priv              | • Likely to be a longer term aspiration.  
• Feasibility work could be undertaken. | Limited progress. One turbine (private) has been completed.  
Wind turbine project reprioritised as a low priority initiative due to the current constraints in implementation.  
Project may still become an aspiration in the foreseeable future. | 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
- HRFN - 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
- PTA - Parent Teachers Association
- PSNI - Police Service Northern Ireland
- TNI - Road Service
- SNI - Sport Northern Ireland
- SEEUB - 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