



Clare Community Action Plan 2017 – 2021

A strategy for developing sustainable and inclusive economic growth and enhancing the beauty of Clare

Key Elements: Whole Town Planning – Sustainable and Inclusive Development

Action Point 1A– Town Planning

To carry out research into the three planning options listed above to identify which would be the best option for Clare.

To formulate and implement a development plan as appropriate. This to be based on improving the sustainability of the town and growth that is inclusive and supportive of all sectors.

Action Point 1B – Housing Association

To encourage support for Clare residents who want to use Home Link to apply for Housing Association placement.

To lobby for the addition of more Housing Association and affordable homes in Clare.

Action Point 1C – New Developments

To meet regularly with SEBC Planners to influence their new Rural Vision Plans and keep parishioners aware of what is happening so that they can add their voice.

Key Elements: Whole Town Planning – Sustainable Economic Development/Businesses

Action Point 2A

To include sustainable economic development as part of the new town/neighbourhood plan.

Action Point 2B

To maintain an up-to-date list of businesses within Clare on the Town Council website.

Action Point 2C

To work in partnership with Clare Business Association and the New Anglia Growth Hub to facilitate conferences or workshops that would help developing businesses.

Action Point 2D

To explore the possibility of expanding work experience opportunities for the young people of Clare.

Key Elements : Developing Community Spirit

Action Point 3A

To continue to use start-up funding as the mechanism to support local charitable organisations running local events. In this way the widest possible number of groups and individuals can become involved in their community and enjoy the experience.

Key Elements: Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Development – Shops, services and tourism

Action Point 4A

To include sustainable economic development as part of the new town/neighbourhood plan.

Action Point 4B – Essential Services

To continue to monitor the impact of National Government initiatives on Clare's essential services.

To lobby local and National Government and national organisations in support of maintaining the services within our Key Service Centre.

Action Point 4C – Market

To support the development of markets in Clare that would include some of the facilities/outlets requested by parishioners.

Action Point 4D – Footfall

To encourage increased footfall e.g. through supporting local and tourist attractions within Clare, wider advertising of what Clare has to offer and co-ordinated links between the Country Park and the town centre so that visitors move between the two.

Action Point 4E - Parking

To work with SEBC and SCC to improve parking management and to continue to lobby for a central car park. *(See also Section 7)*

Action Point 4F

To continue to promote the “Clare Brand” e.g. on group/event adverts etc. (e.g. use of Clare colours and chevron).

Action Point 4G

To maintain a high quality website.

Action Point 4H

To “dress” the town centre to improve the ambience for residents and encourage visitors to stop.

Action Point 4I

To work with the SEBC and local organisations to maximise what the SEBC Market Town Development Strategy can offer Clare as part of the Four Wool Towns initiative.

Key Elements – Supporting Education**Action Point 5A– School Travel Plans**

To support local schools with their travel plans as appropriate.

To continue to upgrade footpath surfaces to the schools.

Action Point 5B

To encourage the establishment of workshops and classes for adults by linking providers, locations and times.

Action Point 5C

To advertise all adult education workshops on the Town Council website to signpost those courses already taking place and new ones.

Key Elements – Supporting the Development of Sport and Leisure**Action Point 6A**

To use the website to signpost the activities which are currently running Clare.

Action Point 6B

To encourage further development of activities through discussion with groups and organisations.

Action Point 6C

To support the Trustees of Clare Country Park in their many projects to create activities for the community of Clare, particularly through their Heritage Lottery Fund bid.

Action Point 6D – Footpaths

To continue to improve footpaths e.g. by taking over the cutting of footpaths formerly cut by Suffolk Council. To level, widen, improve surfacing as time and funds allow.

Key Elements – Traffic and Transport**Action Point 7A – Parking**

To establish a clear evidence base of parking issues to include a map showing where parking can be enforced, inadequate road markings, unrestricted areas, and private parking areas available/not available to residents.

To lobby SCC to have lines properly marked.

To look into the feasibility and costing of a dedicated parking enforcement officer.

To consider future options for parking development as part of a neighbourhood/town plan.

Action Point 7B – HGVs

To collate all evidence relating to HGVs and ensure that it is current and comprehensive.

To work with other parishes, the County Councillor, the Borough Councillor other relevant agencies to lobby for the reduction/removal of HGVs from the A1092 and B1063.

Action Point 7C – Safety

To establish Speed Watch groups for the main routes in Clare, to increase the points where the VAS sign can be used and to share speed reports with the police for enforcement.

To consider methods for improving road safety as part of the new town/neighbourhood plan.

Key Elements – Promoting Safer Neighbourhoods**Action 8A**

To seek further advice from the Police Safer Neighbourhoods team on the benefits of establishing more neighbourhood watch schemes and CCTV.

Action 8B

To regularly monitor paths for obvious trip hazards and report them to the appropriate authority for repair.

Key Elements – Improving Broadband coverage**Action Point 9A**

To continue to lobby for improved broadband coverage for the whole parish of Clare.

Key Element – Encouraging Activities for Young People**Action Point 10A**

To share survey findings with CPFA and CCCP to see if requested activities might be incorporated with their plans.