



Greencastle Community Plan 2022-2027

*Our Community, Our future
- Ár bPobal, ár dTodhchaí*



*People working together in a strong
community with a shared goal and
a common purpose can make the
impossible possible.*



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Introduction

The Greencastle Community Plan ('The Plan') sets out a clear vision for the local area for 2022 to 2027 which has been co-designed through consultation, detailing the actions which the wider community feel are needed to build upon the unique strengths and qualities that Greencastle has. This Plan has been developed based on a shared vision from the local community of Greencastle as a thriving area where people live, visit, work, and play and where the wider community collectively thrive and prosper.

The Plan, while also highlighting key issues and concerns from residents within the area, focusses more so on aspirations and hopes for services, facilities and projects which can be developed in the area – setting foundations for plans for the next five to ten years.

Whilst the Plan also includes a range of actions which assign priorities and timescales to the projects, it should not be treated as a final blueprint for development. Rather, it should be viewed as a series of priorities and actions which will deliver significant benefits for the area.

The key aim of community planning is to ensure the Greencastle community has a clear role and input into agreeing the issues which need addressed and the actions to be taken forward as part of the plan – aimed at improving community life within the Greencastle area.

***“Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.”***

Helen Keller



Methodology

As part of the consultation process, to ensure maximum engagement and input from the local community a 4-month period of community engagement and consultation took place between January and April 2022.

The following methods of engagement were delivered:

Insight Solutions was commissioned to support the development of this Plan. Consultants met with the local community to outline objectives and introduce the development of a new Community Plan for Greencastle. Following this, a community survey was developed and period of consultation delivered. Based on findings, a draft Community Plan was developed and presented to the local community via a community meeting. Local groups and community members were then given the opportunity to review and develop the Plan over a 4-week period, with further actions added before final sign-off of the Greencastle Community Plan.

Community Survey	212 survey respondents
Engagement with Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	55 survey respondents
Secondary Information	Including previous consultation work and survey work, community/deprivation profile statistics and any other relevant information.

Area in Focus

Greencastle is a hamlet in County Tyrone within the townland of Sheskinshule. The village sits at a crossroads in the foothills of the Sperrin Mountains with the Owenkillew and Owenreagh rivers running nearby.

This Community Plan has been completed by Insight Solutions on behalf of An Caisleán Glas (Greencastle) St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club ('the Club', 'Greencastle GAC') and Greencastle Community Association ('GCA').

3.1 Community Infrastructure

3.1.1 Active Groups

An Caisleán Glas (Greencastle) St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club

An Caisleán Glas is a rural Gaelic Athletic Club first founded in 1934 as 'Greencastle Erin's Hope'. The Club fields teams across all ages from U8 up to adult level. The Club is a not-for-profit sporting organisation that promotes Gaelic games and culture in the local rural community. An Caisleán Glas encourages participation and skills development in the areas of Gaelic sports, music, language and culture to children and adults from the ages of 6 years–90 years. As well as promoting Gaelic games, the Club encourages community integration for all ages. There are currently 220 adult members and 205 youth members playing football, with a further 19 adults and 36 young people playing camogie with Fr. Shields Camogie Club. Since its inception the club has continued to develop and grow, achieving success both on and off the field. The Club has ensured that there are opportunities for all ages and abilities through the provision of Football, Camogie, Dads and Lads and Mothers and Others recreational football, Couch to 5k running groups and men's walking groups.

Greencastle Handball Club currently has a membership of 19 adults and 71 young people. It was one of the first clubs to be awarded with awarded Gold Status Club 'Iontach Accreditation'. Club Iontach is GAA Handball's new quality standards programme for Handball Clubs across Ireland.

The programme was devised to help guide clubs to achieve minimum operating standards in core areas, aimed at improving all aspects of club development and create a positive sporting experience in a safe, enjoyable and supportive environment.



Greencastle Community Association

Greencastle Community Association was formed in 2009. It is a not-for-profit community organisation that works with and promotes issues that are important to the local community of Greencastle. Greencastle Community Association works with the local community and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation. Greencastle Community Association maintain Greencastle Community Centre and plays an integral role in coordinating a range of programmes and activities in partnership with other local organisations.



3.1.2 Community Facilities

Greencastle GAC

Greencastle GAC provide high quality sporting facilities to the Greencastle community including outdoor pitches, walking track and outdoor 3G facility. These facilities are predominantly used by Greencastle GAC, Sperrin Óg GAC and Fr. Shields Camogie Club.



3.1.2 Community Facilities (continued)

Greencastle Community Centre

Greencastle Community Centre has provided an important focal point for the delivery of services to improve quality of life. It provides an important physical space for local community development activity and is a place for people to meet, learn, develop and grow. Greencastle Community Centre enables the delivery of core activities which facilitates social interaction, builds skills and empowers local people. More specifically, the Centre provides a base for 19 groups (majority independent and constituted) to operate from and deliver important services and activities for local people. These include:

- An Caisleán Glas men agus Sperrin Óg ladies football clubs youth to adult teams
- Fr. Shields Camogie Club
- Oige Mhuintir Luinigh (Irish Youth Club)
- Greencastle Youth Club
- Greencastle Vintage Club
- Greencastle Retirement Club
- Music group/classes
- Ceili group
- Greencastle Athletic Club
- Exercise/fitness classes
- Environmental groups
- An Caisleán Glas Handball club
- Community Association
- Greencastle Social Group
- Recreational football groups
- Card Group
- Oidreacht Mhuintir Luinigh
- Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School

The Centre also provides an important space to host additional events throughout the year including but not limited to:

- Concerts and cultural events
- Funeral dinners
- Family occasions
- Community consultations
- Fundraising events
- Education and awareness raising sessions
- Annual Boxing Day 5 mile run.

Across all groups and activities, it is estimated that the total number of beneficiaries is approximately

3500 people per year



“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

Margaret Wheatley



3.2 Capital Developments

Greencastle Community Centre

The Club and community has significant experience in delivering programmes and projects for the local area.

Capital developments over the years have included:

- 1986 - Development of the first pitch with fencing and car parking (total project costs £100,000);
- 1988 - Development of 4 changing rooms and hall (costing £200,000);
- 1999 - Development of a handball alley, changing rooms and toilets (costing £135,000);
- 2003 - Development of a second pitch with floodlighting, fence and track (costing £135,000);
- 2006 - Installation of floodlighting at original pitch (costing £28,000);
- 2008-2010 - Covered stands at both fields (costing £65,000);
- 2014 - Greencastle St. Patrick's secured £380,871 as part of the NI Rural Development Programme 'Basic services for the Economy and Rural Population' for the development of an outdoor 3G facility and fitness equipment;
- 2017 - £25,000 was secured from Department for Communities for a new fire alarm system and low energy lighting. In the same year £20,000 was secured from the Strategic Investment Fund for installation of a new heating system and windows for the community centre;
- 2018 - £6000 secured from Fermanagh Omagh District Council for new fencing at the community centre;
- 2018 - £220,251.80 secured from Rural Basic Services For Greencastle Community Services Hub;
- 2019 - £23,000 secured for new fire safety doors at the community building;
- 2020 - £5000 secured for the development of a new outdoor club shop on the grounds;

- 2021 - £6000 secured from Fermanagh and Omagh Council for the installation of a new speed system at the community centre.
- 2021 - £11,989 secured from Rural Community Pollinator Grants Scheme by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and managed by the civic-pride campaign Live Here Live Here for the implementation of new beds, benches and fencing.

There have also been a small number of verti-drain investments from Fermanagh Omagh Council over the years for the 2 pitches.

3.3 Meeting Community Needs

In addition to the delivery of capital programmes, the Club and Community Development Committee has successfully secured, managed and delivered additional programmes and interventions to meet the needs of the local community. These range from recreational, sporting to educational, and social programmes. In recent years health and wellbeing interventions have been popular in relation to needs identified.

In 2011 Greencastle GAC became only one of 7 clubs in Ulster who were awarded the Gold Standard Club Maith accreditation - one of which the club has continued to review and maintain. In 2016, the Club was one of the first in the North to be awarded Healthy Club Status from the GAA. The Club met the requirements of the initiative in terms of the development of meaningful, mutually beneficial, partnerships with additional private and community health-orientated entities. This is an accolade that has a strong basis within the Club and community and has seen the Club being the host to many interventions to support the health and wellbeing of the local community. These have included health and wellbeing days, farm family health checks, blood donor clinics and more recently a hub for the covid vaccine mobile clinics, charity walks and other fundraising functions.

3.3 Meeting Community Needs (continued)

During the Covid-19 pandemic, a Community Covid Response team was set up to provide ongoing support for the community during the pandemic – working alongside Fermanagh Omagh Rural Forum, South-West Rural Community Development Service, Department for Communities, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, and Community Foundation on the ‘Warm Well and Connected Programme delivering warm packs and dinners to over 65 community members who were isolated due to Covid.

The community also work in partnership with Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School including on a defibrillator programme with associated training for the wider community.



AN CAISLEÁN GLAS HEALTH & WELL BEING DAY

SLAINTE IS TÁINTE
Helping An Caisleán Glas build a stronger and healthier community for everyone.

20TH NOVEMBER 2021
10AM - 5PM

HEALTHY BODIES
HEALTHY MINDS
HEALTHY CLUBS

HEALTH ADVICE
Avail of a range of health initiatives available including: Farm Families, AWARE, Drugs & Alcohol, Mental & Emotional Support, Smoking Cessation, Rural Support and Advice NI.

FITNESS CLASSES & HOLISTIC THERAPIES

FITNESS CLASSES
Spinning, Indoor Circuits, Pilates and Running workshop

HOLISTIC THERAPIES
Reflexology, Sports Massage and Aromatherapy & Baby Massage.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES & THERAPIES VIA QR CODE OR CONTACT DARRYL ON 0792937732

Donations in aid of Terence McGuire Cancer Patients Comfort Fund & Friends of the Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital

3.4 Greencastle Community Profile

Greencastle is captured within the Owenkillew Super Output Area (SOA)¹: Information relating to the community profile for Greencastle has been sourced from the NI Statistics and Research Agency² through the NI Neighbourhood Information Service (NINIS)³.

Owenkillew SOA Community Profile⁴









Population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population, 2492 ON 30 June 2020. Between 2010 and 2020 the population of Owenkillew Super Output Area increased by 159 people or 6.8% 	Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19.36% of people had a long-term health problem or disability that limited their day-to-day activities. 79.83% of people stated their general health was either good or very good. 11.40% of people stated that they provided unpaid care to family, friends, neighbours or others.
Age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24.68% were aged under 16 years 11.06% were aged 65 and over The average age of the population was 34 	Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20.96% of people had a degree or higher qualification 43.56% of people had no or low-level qualifications
Gender 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51.02% of Owenkillew SOA residents were male 48.98% of Owenkillew SOA residents were female 	Labour Market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 68.69% of people were economically active and 33.70% were economically inactive 60.25% were in paid employment 5.58% were unemployed
Religion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the residents in Owenkillew SOA, 90.72% belong to or were brought up in the Catholic religion 8.30% belong to or were brought up in a 'Protestant and Other Christian' religion 	Households 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 81.50% of households were owner occupied and 21.25% were rented 48.39% of households were owned outright 8.04% of households were comprised of a single person aged 65+ years 5.90% were lone parent households with dependent children 8.31% of households did not have access to a car or van

Table 1: Owenkillew SOA Community Profile

1 Northern Ireland is divided into 890 Super Output Areas which are relatively small-scale areas containing on average just over 2000 people. SOAs are the core reporting geography of the NI Multiple Deprivation Measure (2010).

2 Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (www.nisra.gov.uk).

3 NINIS (<https://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/Home.aspx>).

4 Population statistics are based on 2017 estimates and all other figures are based on 2011 Census data (27 March 2011).

3.5 Deprivation

An indication into the level of deprivation local areas experience can be identified through the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures. All 890 Super Output Areas (SOAs) in Northern Ireland are ranked with a score, 1 being the most deprived and 890 being the least deprived. These are summarized in Table 2.

Overall Deprivation Measure

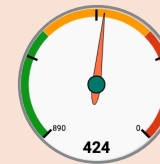
Score 257



Owenkillew SOA is ranked within the top 29% most deprived areas in NI in terms of overall deprivation.

Health and Disability Deprivation

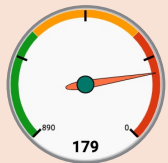
Score 424



Owenkillew SOA is ranked within the top 48% most deprived areas in NI in relation to health and disability deprivation.

Income Deprivation

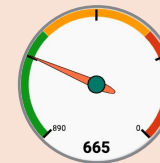
Score 179



Owenkillew SOA is ranked within the top 21% most deprived areas in NI in relation to income deprivation.

Education, Training and Skills Deprivation

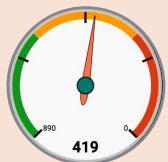
Score 665



Owenkillew SOA is ranked within the top 25% least deprived areas in NI in relation to education, training and skills deprivation.

Employment Deprivation

Score 419



Owenkillew SOA is ranked within the top 48% most deprived areas in NI in relation to employment deprivation.

Access to Services Deprivation

Score 9



Owenkillew SOA is ranked within the top 1.5% most deprived areas in NI in relation to access to services deprivation.



Living Environment Deprivation		Crime and Disorder Deprivation	
Score 282		Score 813	
	Owenkillew SOA is ranked within the top 32% most deprived areas in NI in relation to living environment deprivation.		Owenkillew SOA is ranked within the top 8% least deprived areas in NI in relation to crime and disorder deprivation.

Table 2: Deprivation Statistics Profile

Previous Work

Development of this Community Plan builds on previous work including the following:

2012	Development of 'Community Club Development Plan'	Through consultation with the local community, a number of key challenges, deficiencies were highlighted in current provision, facilities and infrastructure in Greencastle. The Plan was revised in 2014.
2014	Development of the Greencastle Village Plan	The Village Plan highlighted a number of weaknesses and threats to the quality of life in the area.
2017	Development of a Feasibility Study	A Feasibility Study was developed by Insight Solutions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate a robust assessment of need and demand for the introduction of new services; • Outline priorities for service delivery options.

Development of a new Community Plan will build on previous work and allow an up-to-date Plan which is representative of current needs within the community.

Key Findings⁵

Development of this Community Plan builds on previous work including the following:

Respondent Profile

- 62% of respondents have lived in the Greencastle area for 20+ years.
- The majority of respondents were aged 40-60 years old (41%) with 33% aged 25-40 and 15% aged 16-25 years.
- 16% of respondents rate life in Greencastle as 'excellent' with 43% rating it as 'very good'.
- 99% of respondents felt the facilities provided at Greencastle GAC are 'very important' or 'important' to the local community
- 73% of respondents feel their **personal needs are met** through existing facilities and services in Greencastle.
- 66% of respondents strongly agree or agree that there is **sufficient information about the services and facilities available** in Greencastle.
- 55% of respondents feel that services and facilities in Greencastle are **reflective of local resident needs** – 29% neither agree or disagree.
- 57% of respondents feel that community facilities in Greencastle are of a **high standard and meet local needs**.

Top 10 Concerns

1. Broadband provision or coverage
2. Housing issues
3. Access to transport or cost of transport
4. Facilities and opportunities for older people
5. Social isolation
6. Facilities and opportunities for young people
7. Access to services
8. Health and wellbeing Issues
9. Environmental concerns, in particular Goldmining
10. Quality/level of community infrastructure

Top 5 Needs

1. Sport and leisure facilities
2. Health and wellbeing initiatives
3. Community events
4. Environmental initiatives
5. Activities specifically for young people

⁵ Based On 212 survey responses.

5.1 Examples of What People Have Told Us

Strengths	Weaknesses
'Although it is rural it is a very tight knit and supportive community.'	'Poor roads.'
'Nice place to live, nice scenery, good community spirit.'	'The opportunities are limited within Greencastle, particularly as we are in a rural area with limited access to public transport or at a greater distance from further opportunities to avail of.'
'Good community.'	'Previously strong community relationships have been damaged by Dalradian. In terms of local infrastructure poor roads, mobile phone and broadband provision have affected people even harder during the course of the pandemic.' 'Prospect of a goldmine'
'Rural environment, great community spirit!'	'Limited amenities.'
'It is where I've grown up my whole life and played football since I was a child.'	'Very good but without factors creating divisions it can be tense now.'
'Good facilities for all ages and good friendly people.'	'Facilities in Community Centre serve a wide range of activities, however, some of the facilities are in a poor state of repair and no longer fit for purpose.'
'Greencastle is a great community of people.'	'A new pavilion is badly needed, at the moment the club/community are just amending what's wrong. it will never be an end product'
'Have access to good local facilities.'	'Investment to expand existing facilities to provide more services'/New Centre'
'Good Club, beautiful scenery, friendly people.'	'Tourist promotion and funding for tourist projects'
'Excellent initiatives for youth.'	'New houses because the younger generations will end up moving away as they have nowhere to build or rent in Greencastle.'
'I love the scenery and sense of community life.'	'Footpaths from village allowing those who have no transport access'
'Lots to do.'	'Possibly a shared tech and office space for people who work from home with access to rent an office for a day to longer term rent, shared canteen facilities and a meeting room available but mainly a desk with fast Internet service and printing facilities'
'Good community however could offer more for young people and children.'	'More of a focus needed on our elderly population. Running social clubs/teas/befriending service for them and the vulnerable elderly in the community.'

5.2 Young People's Survey

Alongside survey work undertaken as part of this assignment, a young people's survey was carried out by Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School with 55 survey respondents.

The key findings were as follows:

- 60% of young people feel there are enough activities for young people in Greencastle.
- 40% of young people meet friends at the pitches/hall/ community centre with the remaining 60% meeting friends at home.
- While most children feel safe, their safety concerns include no pedestrian crossings.

Young people would like to see:

- Activities including music classes, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, dance classes, drama, tennis, soccer, running track.
- An improved playpark.
- Reduced litter.
- Planting/flower beds.
- Pitch side café/coffee dock.



Understanding the Plan

Greencastle Community Plan						
Outcome in Fermanagh and Omagh Community Plan	Focus	Priorities and Actions	Priority Level (L, M, H)	Timescale (S, M, L)	Potential Costs (L, M, H)	Potential Key Partners/ Stakeholders
<p>This column outlines key outcomes included within the FODC Community Plan.</p> <p>This helps identify how local actions outlined within this Plan align with and contribute to strategic plans at Council level.</p>	<p>This column breaks the key outcome into thematic areas i.e. Sport and Recreation, Health & Wellbeing etc.</p>	<p>This column provides detail on the key actions that have been deemed important and relevant through consultation and engagement in the development of the Greencastle Community Plan.</p> <p>If actions are taken forward, they will be subject to further investigative work.</p>	<p>This column provides an indication of the level of priority for each action (High, Medium and Low).</p> <p>It is likely that priorities will change over time.</p>	<p>This is intended to provide indication as to the length of time required for delivery of each key action as follows:</p> <p>S – Short (0-18 months)</p> <p>M – Medium (18 months – 3 years)</p> <p>L – Long (3-5 years).</p> <p>This is subject to change and will depend on a range of other factors.</p>	<p>The costs of each action have not been scrutinised and no professional input has been provided. However, three bands of costs have been developed as a guide as follows:</p> <p>Low – <£50,000</p> <p>Medium – £50,000 – £150,000</p> <p>High – >£150,000</p>	<p>For the purpose of this action plan, potential partners and stakeholders for each action have been included.</p> <p>This is not intended to be exhaustive and does not bind any named partner to lead or be involved in the delivery of that action.</p> <p>In taken forward any action, it is likely that these will be subject to further change.</p> <p>Key Used</p> <p>FODC – Fermanagh and Omagh District Council DFI – Department for Infrastructure DFE – Department for Economy NIHE – Northern Ireland Housing Executive HA – Housing Associations CT – Community Transport MNP – Mobile Network Providers</p>

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People and Communities <i>To improve the wellbeing of all our citizens and develop thriving rural and urban communities.</i>	Sport and Recreation	Major refurbishment of existing community centre to develop a modern and fit for purpose community and sporting hub to enhance local services and contribute to improved quality of life for local people.	H	M	H	GGAC, GCA, SOGAC, OML, GYC, FSCC	
		Potential development of an outdoor handball facility.	M	M	M	HC	
		Equal provision for men and women within the Club.	M	S	L	GGAC, SOGAC	
		Continued development of underage structures within the Club to ensure maximised involvement from local children.	H	S	L	GGAC, SOGAC	
		Potential to develop price incentive/free membership of gym for Club members	H	S	L	GGAC, SOGAC	
		Further actions outlined below (highlighted in blue) have been taken from the Greencastle GAC Development Plan 2020 - 2024 for consideration within the Greencastle Community Plan.					
		Development of a cross-community approach to events and fundraising.	M	S	L	GGAC, GCA, SOGAC	
		Continue to make improvements to Club facilities and pitches including drainage, seeding, painting. Working towards Clubhouse upgrade, lighting etc to maintain quality.	M	S	M	GGAC, SOGAC	

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People and Communities <i>To improve the wellbeing of all our citizens and develop thriving rural and urban communities.</i>	Health and Wellbeing & Community Development	Ensure provision of a range of projects, programmes and initiatives with a non-sporting focus including accessible initiatives for disabled members of the community.	M	S	M	GCA, OML, GYC
		Deliver a suite of programmes and initiatives for specific age groups including older people (60+ years) and adults (40+ years) including social opportunities. To include but not limited to bingo, arts and crafts, and health and wellbeing activities.	H	S	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC, OML, GYC
		Continue to provide a suite of health and wellbeing/ fitness and exercise initiatives including running programmes, fitness classes, Couch to 5k etc.	H	S	L	GCA
		Develop a suite of mental health and wellbeing programmes focussed on issues such as resilience, diversity awareness, mindfulness, emotional wellbeing, drugs, bullying etc with potential to introduce counselling programmes.	H	S	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC, OML, GYC
		Develop opportunities for family focussed events and programmes.	M	S	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Potential to develop support services and or facilities within the community for families with children with SEN and people with disabilities.	M	S-M	L	GCA, OML, GYC

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People and Communities <i>To improve the wellbeing of all our citizens and develop thriving rural and urban communities.</i>	Health and Wellbeing & Community Development	Develop more frequent social opportunities to include coffee mornings, social nights, trips and guest speakers on a range of health and wellbeing topics.	H	S	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Ensure ongoing consultation with community members to allow sharing of ideas, issues etc and to focus development of community initiatives.	M	M	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Work to promote activity happening within the community via community billboard, email, WhatsApp etc.	M	M	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Potential to run Summer Schemes outside of GAA provision.	M	M	L	GCA, OML, GYC
Community Infrastructure and Community Facilities		Ensure maximised use of Community Centre and Club facilities (including bar) for community events and initiatives.	M	M	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Potential to develop 'dog friendly' area where dogs can run off-lead.	L	M	L	GCA
		Potential to develop community café within current facilities.	M	L	M	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Potential to purchase and/or build a stage to host productions, drama, musical performances at Greencastle Community Centre.	M	S-M	M	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC

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People and Communities <i>To improve the wellbeing of all our citizens and develop thriving rural and urban communities.</i>	Heritage, Arts and Culture	Explore potential development of skills programmes for young people including Drama, Performing Arts, Ceoltas, music lessons etc.	M	S-M	M	GCA, OML, GYC
		Potential to purchase and/or build a stage to host productions, drama, musical performances at Greencastle Community Centre.	M	M	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Potential to develop historical/archaeological/ language and townland initiatives focussing on the area's heritage, history and culture.	M	S-M	M	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Potential development of the current community centre to include a cultural/heritage and exhibition hub/facility for local historical exhibitions/events.	M	S-M	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
Community Infrastructure and Community Facilities		Development of programmes/initiatives to promote Irish Language for all ages.	L	L	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Promote local areas of heritage interest including Cashel Rock, Dún Ruadh, Crock and Ogham Stone.	M	M	L	GCA
		Explore potential development of a Men's / Women's Shed Facility / Services facility in the area.	M	S-M	L	GCA
		Potential to develop/run courses based on adults' community need and skills gaps including basic English, Maths, accounting, First Aid, farm safety.	M	S	L	GCA

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People and Communities <i>To improve the wellbeing of all our citizens and develop thriving rural and urban communities.</i>	Heritage, Arts and Culture	Encourage more volunteers to join community organisations and help in assisting events, programmes and initiatives.	M	S-M	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Identify and secure funding for a part-time Community Development worker/co-ordinator to develop and deliver on the Plan focussing on health and wellbeing programmes, building community capacity etc.				GCA
	Early Intervention and Family Support Services	Potential to provide support for Newcomer families.	L	M	L	GCA
		Scope potential for a childcare facility within the community.	L			GCA
		Potential to introduce parent and baby classes, Baby Sensory, Jump Jiggle Juice etc.	M	S-M	L	GCA
		Potential to improve parking at playschool.	L	M	M	
		Explore options of Irish-Medium education within the area.	L	M	M	GCA, EA
	Play Provision	Potential to make improvements to the play area (cleaner surface, potential expansion).	M	M	M	GCA
		Scope potential for indoor play facility within community facilities.	L	M-L	M	GCA

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Environment <i>To promote positive action on climate change, sustainable management and enhancement of the natural, built and cultural environment.</i>	Village Appearance/ Environment	Undertake litter pick-up and litter deterring projects and roll out campaigns to ensure litter on roads is reduced as well as responsible dog handling initiatives.	H	S-M	L	GCA, GGAC, SOGAC
		Develop a suite of awareness initiatives focussed on preserving countryside and importance of caring for the local environment including planting schemes.	M	S-M	L	GCA
		Work collaboratively to ensure any new environmental developments in the local area are communicated to local residents with information made available to local community by the relevant agencies	H	S	L	GCA, GGAC, FODC
	Connecting to the Environment	Explore opportunities for the development of walking routes focussed on areas of interest that are done in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner.	M	M-L	H	GCA, FODC

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Economy, Infrastructure and Skills <i>To improve employment opportunities for all by supporting the development of growth of a more sustainable local economy and better connected area.</i>	Housing	Potential for more support for local people to identify sites for building dwellings.	M			HA, NIHE
		Work to lobby for the development of more housing within Greencastle including affordable housing and opportunity for self-build development.	H			GCA
	Transport	Explore potential transport options to local schools for those outside of school bus radius.	L	M	M	DFI, CT
	Digital Connectivity	Work towards making significant improvements to broadband connection and speed.	H	M	M	DFI
		Address mobile phone coverage and signal.	H	M	M	DFI, MNP
	Road Safety	Explore potential development of additional street lighting in the community (e.g. from Community Hall to Chapel)	M	L	M-H	DFI, FODC
		Potential repair of roads within the Greencastle community including pot holes, uneven surfaces.	H	M	L-M	DFI, FODC
		Potential development of footpaths in the area i.e. from Community Centre to crossroads, continuation of footpath from Chapel to football pitch.	H	M	H	DFI
		Potential to implement speed reduction measures deterrents at Community Centre/GAA Facilities.	H	M	M	DFI, FODC
		Ensure more extensive road gritting during periods of bad weather.	H	M	M	DFI, FODC

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Economy, Infrastructure and Skills <i>To improve employment opportunities for all by supporting the development of growth of a more sustainable local economy and better connected area.</i>	Business Development	Potential to scope out opportunity for enterprise/ business units within the area.	L	M	H	FODC
	Tourism	Explore opportunities to maximise tourist offering and attract tourists to the area.	L	M	M	Local businesses, FODC

Key / Abbreviations

CT - Community Transport

DFE - Department for Economy

DFI - Department for Infrastructure

EA - Education Authority

FODC - Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

FSCC - Fr. Shields Camogie Club

GGAC - An Caisleán Glas/ Sperrin Óg

GYC - Greencastle Youth Club

HA - Housing Associations

HC - An Caisleán Glas Handball Club

MNP - Mobile Network Providers

NIHE - Northern Ireland Housing Executive

OML - Óige Mhuintir Luinigh (Irish Youth Club)

Implementation & Monitoring

Considerable time, effort and resources has been committed to developing this Community Plan for Greencastle. It has been the product of significant collaborative working between many local groups. It is important that the Plan is seen as a fluid document which will need to be reviewed and updated on an annual basis. A steering group involving key stakeholders from a range of organisations and areas of interest to provide oversight for its implementation and review would be advantageous with specific resources and teams developed on a thematic basis with task and finish groups to ensure accountability and progress.

Priorities can and will change depending on a number of external factors. It is important that local organisations take collective ownership of this plan and use it to shape the future direction of travel for Greencastle and its residents. Continued engagement with the local community is critical to ensure that there is buy in and support for the actions being taken forward, but also to ensure that the Plan always continues to meet local needs.

