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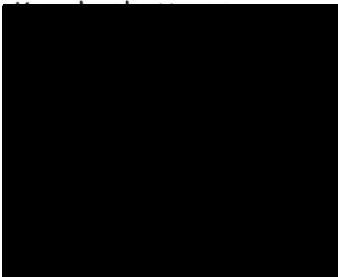
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To Whom it Concerns,

Please find attached a submission to the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029.

Kind Regards,

Stephen Mc Donagh



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As Labasheeda is located along the banks of the Shannon Estuary, it is essential that Clare County Council continues to support the Community with regards Climate Change adaptation and mitigation measures.

Funding was recently granted from the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works for 2021 for the raising of sea walls along the R473 but this financial support will need to be continued into the future and people supported for any loss or damage to property and land as a result of coastal flooding.

The people of Labasheeda are fully aware of the move towards a greener economy with the reduction of Carbon Dioxide emissions but better infrastructure needs to be put in place in the village if this is to be successful. What is being asked of farmers when it comes to Climate Change needs to be fair (Methane).

Labasheeda has benefitted from the new TFI Local Link route 337 which showcases the spectacular and unspoilt Shannon Estuary. Supports for cycling infrastructure and the provision of electric charging points in the village of Labasheeda are essential.

Labasheeda has a unique rural location which improves people’s physical and mental wellbeing. There is a great sense of place in the village of Labasheeda with its peacefulness and tranquillity (“come rest in the Bed of Silk”). We have many green spaces in the village which are important habitats for biodiversity and great places for people to get out and explore. Support needs to be provided to Community Gardens in Labasheeda like Mountshannon Park (Tidy Towns) and the ICA Pollinator Friendly Garden which are both doing their bit for our beleaguered bees. There has been a clear move in the village towards bee-friendly all year round planting.

The Labasheeda Projects Group has been working hard since 2018 to develop sustainable tourism growth in the Labasheeda area and consists of business owners but also people who have a passion for our Heritage. The Shannon Estuary Way makes promoting and marketing our village to a wider audience easier and connects with communities on both sides of the water. We have an estuary settlement so therefore our natural heritage (nature based tourism) is

valued eg. Clonderlaw Bay We must not forget our Built and Cultural Heritage including the protection and Conservation of our historic buildings including:-

- Kilkerrin Napoleonic Battery
- Killofin Church
- Kilkerrin Church
- Holy Wells
- Ring Forts

I am not sure why there are only three protected structures listed for Labasheeda??

***Should Map 4B Scenic Routes not include the Kilkerrin Peninsula**

We need support from Clare County Council in providing new community infrastructure but also improving our current services and facilities

- Shops/Pubs
- Post Offices
- Cafes
- Schools
- Holiday Accommodation / Glamping sites / B&Bs
- Community Centre
- Labasheeda Quay
- Church
- Playground / GAA pitch

Labasheeda as a village was to receive a sewerage and wastewater treatment plant at the same time as Carrigaholt and Cooraclare. It is disappointing to note that Labasheeda is now not being mentioned at all in recent discussions. It is imperative that this infrastructure is brought to Labasheeda to enhance further development of the area.

An audit of derelict sites in the village is required and support provided to owners to bring these properties back into use which is in line with your policy of bringing new homes into small towns and villages

The surrounding townlands of the village do not have adequate broadband in 2022. I am a teacher and during lockdown I was unable to teach from home due to broadband issues. If remote working / blended working is a policy of Clare County Council, then this cannot continue.

Support from Clare County Council and Enterprise Ireland would be much appreciated for businesses such as artisan food producers and craft industries including baking, pottery, jewellery etc. that are part of the community.

The very successful Dan Furey Set Dancing weekend takes place every year in August but any advice and support on other Evening/Late night entertainment would be appreciated. This could take the form of artistic / cultural events which would bring benefit to the area. We did have the Estuary Sessions prior to the pandemic which was a great success.

You have mentioned in the Draft County Development Plan of how the Cloon River flows into Clonderlaw Bay and is an important heritage landscape for Aquaculture and Freshwater Pearl Mussels. This has been included in previous County Development Plans where you have discussed how the habitat is currently not in a good condition. Will there be help and financial support from Clare County Council and NPWS with regards habitat restoration?

