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Submission attached as word doc.

Location Map



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Clooney is located very close to Ennis on the main road to east Clare, the R352. The area comprises 25 townlands with a population of approximately 900 people and 332 houses. Please refer to the attached parish map. We are just a 5-10 minute drive from Ennis, with many businesses operating in the area. Key community assets are the churches in Clooney and Maghera, Clooney National School, Clooney Quin GAA Grounds in Ballyhickey and the Clare GAA's Centre of Excellence in Caherlohan (townland of Clooney).

We have many natural amenities such as Rathclooney Lake (O'Brien's Big Lough) that have potential for development as a Recreational and an outdoor education center for schools etc., in partnership with Coillte. (see point 3 below).

There has been a significant traffic increase in vehicular traffic on this road (R352) in recent years as we are the gateway to East Clare and the main artery to Ennis for surrounding smaller towns such as Tulla & Scariff.

Lack of progress on infrastructural needs and road safety measures led to the development of the Clooney Spancilhill Community Development Group (CSCDG) and the formation of a Clooney Spancilhill Community Development Plan 2019 - 2024.

The main objective of the group is to achieve improvements in village infrastructure to create the visual impact of a 'village' on approach and exit on this very busy Regional road. The group applied to the County Council for inclusion in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVR) and the Killaloe MD have since facilitated the installation of a footpath and public lighting under the scheme.

Killaloe MD informs us that Phase 2 extension to Walsh's cross is to be completed shortly. We will continue to lobby and apply for funding to extend the footpath at Ennis side of Clooney village, please refer to point 2 below.

The existing Church car park is used as the starting point for two walking trails that are currently under development and will be augmented with heritage information boards. A Community Library will be installed in the Church Car park, under the Community Support Scheme 2021.

Our community group has entered into a partnership with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and we have signed up as a Sustainable Energy Community (SEC). We are in the final stages of completing our energy master plan. Date for completion is the 24th June 2022.

The community is particularly concerned with the drop in numbers at the local school, having lost a Teacher this year.

The CSCDG has identified the following priorities for inclusion in the County Development Plan to help the Community to achieve the goals of our Community Development Plan as follows: .

1/ **'Community Field' Church Car Park: Re-zone site Folio No:** CE18205F from Agricultural use to Community Development use, C1 on attached Clooney Village map. This will allow the community to develop Community Hub facilities in the area. This area is held in trust by the Parish Council for the Community. Please see attached consent letter from Parish Council.

2/ **Clooney Village Boundaries:** To manage increased traffic and mitigate road safety issues, we request Clooney Village boundaries to be extended towards Ennis at the Ennis side of Village. The Road Safety Committee of CSCDG has had representation from the community requesting that the speed signs (50k) zone be extended at least to the last residential house on the road before Cranagher cross. In some parts of this road there are houses on both sides and residents note significant issues with speed and have road safety concerns.

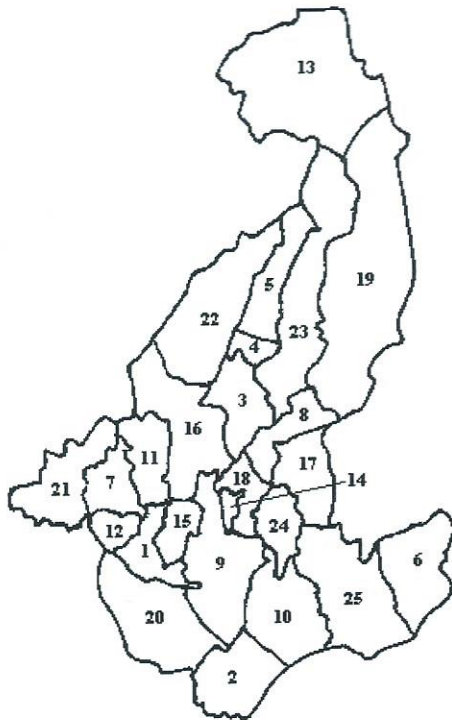
3/ **Rathclooney Lake, Coillte owned area:** I possible please re-zone Folio no CE56435F for Recreational / Leisure use for the greater catchment area as a first step to the development of Rathclooney Lake in partnership with Coillte. Please include this development as a priority in the County Development plan.

4/ **Additional Village growth areas (VGA) potential for development purposes:** In line with the county development plan, to allow for small cluster developments in the area, we ask the Council to favorably consider any submissions made from landowners to request rezoning of agricultural land to residential status. We appreciate that there are 3 areas designated as VGA's 1 – 3 inclusive, however these areas are all within the existing Clooney village boundary and may not have landowner agreement to develop. In line with our request to extend the village boundary towards if not to Cranagher Cross we respectfully request that consideration also be given to re-zoning of lands in this area should the landowner make a request in respect of same.

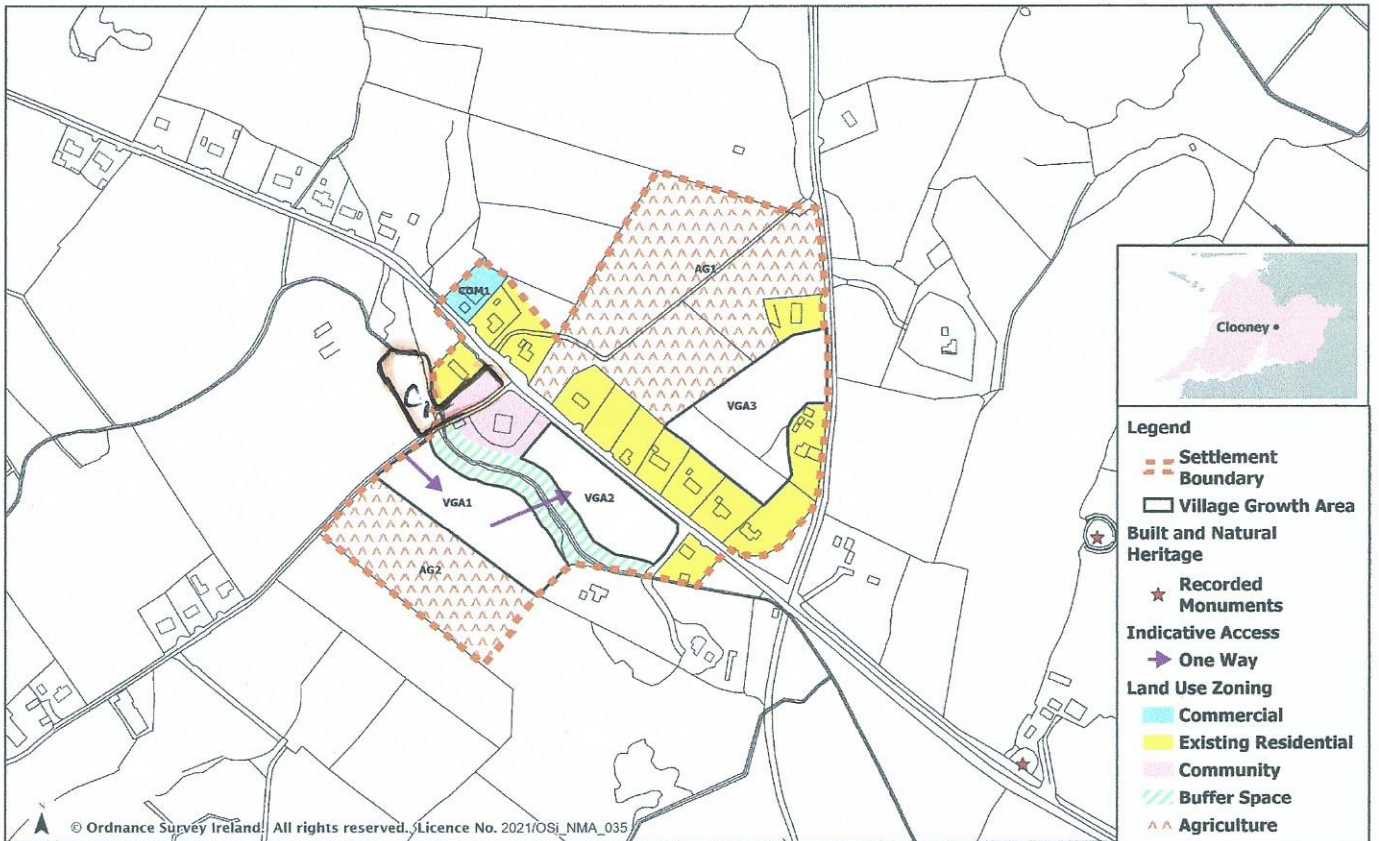
Clooney Spencilhill Community Development Group Action Plan 2019 – 2024

This document is the result of a process initiated in autumn 2018 with the support of Clare County Council and finished with support from Clare Local Development Company. The process leading to this plan was led by a group of local volunteers who worked closely with facilitators whose role was to guide and inform the planning process. The actions proposed in this plan have been informed by the needs, interests and concerns of those living in the area.

Boundary map of the area this action plan serves i.e. Clooney Parish (Bunratty Upper)



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| 1. ▶ Ballycricghan | 2. ▶ Ballyhickey | 3. ▶ Ballyvergin | 4. ▶ Ballyvroghaun Eighter |
| 5. ▶ Ballyvroghaun Oughter | 6. ▶ Caherloghan | 7. ▶ Cahershaughnessy | 8. ▶ Carrahan |
| 9. ▶ Clooney | 10. ▶ Corbally | 11. ▶ Cranagher | 12. ▶ Curraghmoghaun |
| 13. ▶ Derrycalliff | 14. ▶ Feenagh | 15. ▶ Kilgobban | 16. ▶ Knockanoura |
| 17. ▶ Knockaphreaghaun | 18. ▶ Lassana | 19. ▶ Maghera | 20. ▶ Moyriesk |
| 21. ▶ Muckinish | 22. ▶ Rathclooney | 23. ▶ Rylane | 24. ▶ Sraheen |
| 25. ▶ Toonagh | | | |



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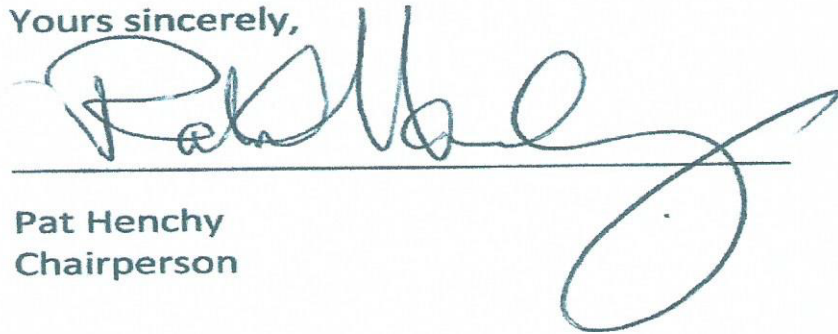


Date: 08/03/2022

We in the Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Council give consent that Folio: [REDACTED] in the name of St Flannan's (Killaloe) Diocesan Trust be changed from Agricultural use to Community use.

Signed on Behalf of Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Council

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pat Henchy', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and extends to the right of the line.

Pat Henchy
Chairperson