

# Kilmihil People's Park Ltd

Company Registered Office:  
3 Croí na mBaile  
Kilmihil  
Co. Clare



## A COMMUNITY INITIATIVE



Registered Charity No. 20084370

Kilmihil People's Park is an integrated sports and leisure complex comprising of an open plan park area, recreational equipment and facilities available to all age groups from the village, wider community and beyond. The project addresses the current lack of accessible community facilities in Kilmihil and the west Clare area generally. The project is being developed on a 4.7 acre site adjacent to the village and will be fully accessible to all members of the community. The facility will provide services for all members of the community 'from 1 to 101'. The site is under long term lease for 99 at a nominal annual fee (€10) by Kilmihil People's Park CLG folio 4678F.

**Phase 1** of the project involved the development of the landscape and access elements of the project, including accessible car parking, 300 meters of footpaths, trees, borders and 5 areas with integrated play/exercise equipment. A children's amphitheatre and a horticulture/community garden space are also being considered. Phase 1 of the project is currently near completion and has been funded through LEADER (€125,000), the Tomar Trust (€70,000) and our own funding of €86,940, totalling €281,940.

**Phase 2** involves the development of a full sized all weather/astro pitch/playing surface and associated lighting, fencing etc. Several unsuccessful applications to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme have led to the promoters applying to Clann Credo for assistance in funding this phase. Clann Credo have allowed for funding to the amount of €296,000 having looked at the business model. Tenders for the development of the astro-turf pitch have been received and are currently under consideration by the People's Park Committee.

LEADER funding of €200,000 has been approved by Clare Local Development Company and €100,000 from the Tomar Trust and the balance will be contributed by Kilmihil People's Park Ltd.

This current proposed application represents the development of **Phase 3**, the final phase of the project, which has full planning permission P14/83 and is fully 'shovel ready'; it focuses on the development of a 662m<sup>2</sup> multi-purpose community building. This building will add critical multi-functionality to the project and ensure that all users of the centre will have appropriate facilities in all weather conditions.

Subject to a successful RRDF application and operating as a 'Social Enterprise\*', **Phase 3** will house the indoor community facilities needed by the People's Park, such as changing rooms, community café, meeting rooms (rental), gym memberships, all weather pitch (rental) and co-working space with fully enabled broadband facilities. The project will generate on-going income to support the overall maintenance, upkeep and activities of the centre.

\*The National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022 defines a social enterprise as 'an enterprise whose objective is to achieve social, societal, or environmental impact, rather than maximising profits...'

The building will include the following facilities:

- Games room and youth space
- Bathrooms and changing facilities
- Canteen/café
- Community gym
- WiFi enabled, remote/co-working facility.
- Meeting rooms & common areas

In-keeping with the Peoples Park principle of equal access for all members of the community, all facilities will be fully accessible. Access to the gym and co-working facility will be possible out of hours through a separate entrance controlled by a key-fob system. This will facilitate the use of the facilities by, for example, use of the gym in the early morning, those commuting to work outside the area or, remote workers operating with partners in other time zones. The profile of the community conducted by Neil Haran and appended shows the age cohorts and commuting populations, all of whom with flexibility and professional management of the facility will be attracted to use the facility.

The building will also provide community broadband to the village of Kilmihil making the whole village a 'broadband hot-spot' with speeds in excess of 400 MG. This is already installed in the Park perimeter and used at the moment for the CCTV system currently in operation and is also currently providing broadband to the villages of Kilmihil, Doonbeg, Cooraclare, Quilty, Liscannor, Loop Head and other hard to reach communities. Tomar Trust assisted in financing the facilities to the amount of €25,000.

The People's Park will be a fully inclusive project that will develop programmes and activities targeted at younger people, older persons, people with disabilities, refugees and migrants and will proactively encourage physical, social and cultural integration among all users. We feel that our exhaustive consultations and research over a number of years will bring a new social and economic benefit to Kilmihil and West Clare and hopefully will become a role model for other community groups all over Ireland.

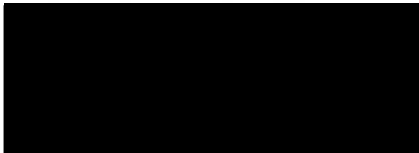
I would like to add that Tomar Trust have committed € 300,000 to Phase 3 subject to a successful RRDF application.

I thank you personally and on behalf of the Kilmihil People's Park Committee and Directors for giving this your attention and would like to guarantee our commitment to this and other projects in the future. We feel as a team it would hugely benefit Clare County Council in the promotion of the County Clare Local Economic and Community Development Plan and we relish the idea of being part of and promoting that plan in future.

If there is any further information required please do not hesitate in contacting me and I look forward to future discussions with you and your department.

Yours Sincerely,

John Carmody  
Managing Director





# Kilmihil

## Smart Community Plan.

Part 1 of 4

**Health, Recreation & Quality of Life**



A Plan by the Community  
for the Community



# 1. Introduction

Welcome to the **Kilmihil Smart Health and Wellbeing Plan** June 2019. This plan has been compiled by the **Kilmihil** community for the **Kilmihil** community. The plan comes at the end of a twelve month process of working to strengthen the community management capabilities in **Kilmihil**.

## Benefits of a Local Plan

- ✓ Better local collaboration
- ✓ Encourages greater volunteerism
- ✓ Provides direction to local development
- ✓ Creates a unified voice and action team
- ✓ Helps identify & understand problems
- ✓ Improves access to outside supports



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**The Wider Project:** The project has been funded by Clare Local Development Company and facilitated by a company called eTownz. The project is part of a wider project in Clare where forty communities across the county have been undertaking similar exercises. As many nearby communities are undertaking similar projects and developing local action teams, it creates collaboration opportunities for neighboring communities.

**The Four-Part Plan:** This document is one of four parts of a community plan for **Kilmihil**. These represent four top tiers of community planning: Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management.



**Kilmihil** may wish to develop more detailed plans for specific areas within one of the four parts, such as a specific Tourism plan under the Economy heading, or a specific Energy plan under the Environment heading.

**Town Teams:** The importance to local development of collaboration between local people, clubs, businesses and service providers cannot be understated. eTownz suggests **Kilmihil** creates teams for each of the four top tiers: **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management**.



## > How Did We Get Here?

The **Kilmihil Smart Health and Wellbeing Plan** has been compiled over 12 months from community feedback. eTownz liaised with a small group of dedicated local volunteers to organise and gather the information in this report.



## > Plan Structure

This is a 'smart' community plan. It draws on information from different sources and can be updated at any time through the eTownz online dashboard- [Click Here](#) . This allows different sections of the community to engage with an ongoing planning process

The plan was compiled by creating a 'model' of **Kilmihil**. The information is logged to a database as 'Record Logs'.

Each record log is assigned both a "Log Type" and a "Log Theme". This provides the framework for the community plan. This modular plan is compiled using the eTownz Dashboard, allowing the plan to be easily updated by the **Kilmihil** team in the future, adding new project ideas and challenges.



**Your Community Idea Card**

1) Type: (circle as appropriate)  
a) Asset  
b) Project (Past / Present / New)  
c) Stakeholder (Club / Groups etc.)  
d) Goal

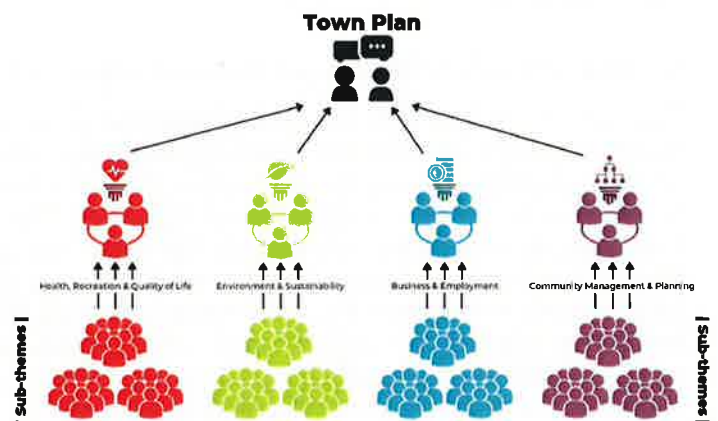
2) Community Development Theme: (circle as appropriate)  
a) Health, Recreation & Quality of Life  
b) Environment & Sustainability  
c) Business & Employment  
d) Community Management & Planning

3) Title: Local GAA Club

4) Summary:  
The local club...

## > What Next?

The plan hopes to assist **Kilmihil** locals with creating a series of community development teams. Each team will cover one of the four top tiers; **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment or Management**. Teams should be composed of representatives from local clubs, businesses and service providers, as well as interested people from **Kilmihil** . Teams will set their own agendas for how often they would like to meet, what projects to undertake and so on.



## > So What Can You Do?

If you have an interest in local issues in **Kilmihil** , there are a number of ways you can get involved:

- **Share:** Read and share this report with others
- **Survey:** Complete the surveys or register your club/organisation
- **Contribute:** Contribute your ideas on any record by clicking on the log record title or visiting the eTownz dashboard
- **Join a team:** Register for a team online or attend a meeting to get involved in the **Kilmihil** plan.



## **2. Executive Summary**

Kilmihil is a village with a strong community spirit set in the beautiful landscape of West Clare. It is located near many popular tourist spots. The village is a great place to live and raise a family but it also faces many challenges. There is a great community spirit in Kilmihil and local people come together for the good of the village. For example, they come together to work on community projects. There is a community centre/hall which provides a great social outlet and many services to the community. Kilmihil has two great schools and a retirement village. The area has a low crime rate. There are many amenities in the village including a pharmacy and pubs. The village has many great sport clubs and facilities. However there are problems facing the area such as a lack of social supports for both young people and old. Social isolation is an issue in the town. Then there is the real problem of young people moving away from the area and not coming back. While the areas young population is growing there are fears because of poor services and a lack of opportunities that they will move away. The village does not have access to enough healthcare facilities apart from the local pharmacy. More investment needs to be done to promote healthy lifestyles by the provision of a gym. The new Kilmihil Peoples Park can help to encourage people to engage in more exercise and can become an important public space where the community can come together.

### **Develop a Health, Wellbeing and Recreation Town Team**

The first step in developing wellbeing initiatives in the community is to create & support a team of relevant people and organizations that can help coordinate activities and facilitate change. The wellbeing team can be small or large and decide its own format. The team may take on its own projects or simply meet occasionally to help coordinate groups with common interests. The team could be comprised of local residents, businesses, club or public service representatives. The team structure can be simple to start with and decide how often they should meet as they see fit. The team can seek to gain a greater understanding of local barriers and opportunities to formulate a plan for future activities. There are also a wide variety of supports available, and a well-prepared team can help the community take advantage of these. Building a local well-being team helps coordinate cross-community initiatives, helps to liaise with service providers, and helps the community understand & address local well-being opportunities.

### **Vulnerable Supports Development Plan**

The wellbeing team may wish to focus on understanding the needs of vulnerable groups such as older people or people with disabilities. One approach to this is to work with service providers to ensure services match the needs of local people. Another is to maintain an age and disability friendly policy for community development projects.



### 3. Summary of Community Stats

In this section we provide a summary of key statistics related to the community based primarily on 2016 Census data. In the appendices we provide further detail via charts and below this table are direct links to the data visualisations.

Kilmihil:	
The following information is based on 2016 Census data for Kilmihil electoral district.	
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19% of females and 27% of males over 15 are classified as "At work" which is below the national average of 24% and 28% respectively. The low number of females in particular in work is of particular note. 10% of females and 11% of males are classified as retired which is above the national average of 8% which illustrates that the community needs to focus on providing services to the elderly</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding occupations, 24% of males are classified as "Skilled trades" compared to a national average of just 12%. While 8% of females worked in "Caring, leisure and other service occupations" compared to a national average of 6%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The local social welfare office for the area is in Kilrush, live register figure for this office show relatively medium levels of seasonality with live register figures highest in Dec - Feb and lowest in Sept/Oct</li> </ul>
Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9% of females and 7% of males ceased education at the age of 21 compared to a national average of 13.1% and 11.4% respectively, while a higher number of males finished education aged 18 of 9% compared to a national average of 5.5%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 people were classified as carers, 14 of which are female and 12 of which are male.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When asked about their health, 29% of females and 28% of males described their health as "Very good" which is slightly below the national average of 30% but 15% of both genders described their health as "Good" which is 1% higher than the national average of 14%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interestingly, 12% of people lived in a one person home compared to a national average of 8.5% and county average of 9.5% which may point towards issues of isolation in the community.</li> </ul>
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a lower % of people who travel to work/education etc between 6:30 and 8:30 while a higher percentage of people travel to work 8:30 - 9 compared to national average and this also is reflected in journey times to work which are considerably lower than the national average which means people spend less time travelling to and from work each day.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A slightly lower percentage of people travel by car 37% to school or work (above the age of 5), compared to the national average of 38%.</li> </ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a relatively old housing stock with 14% being built pre 1919 and 7% built between 19-'45 compared to national average of 8% and 6.5% respectively. This would indicate poorer levels of home insulation in the community</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kilmihil rely on less climate change friendly forms of fuel (Oil 15% and Peat 20% compared to the national average of these fuel types 5% &amp; 5%)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The water and wastewater infrastructure in Kilmihil is considerably less than the national and county averages with 58% of people on public wastewater scheme (compared to 66% nationally) and 68% of homes are on public water mains (compared to 77% nationally)</li> </ul>

## 4. Stakeholders

Good local plans should strive to help all stakeholders within a community, especially the most vulnerable.

Sometimes, plans tend to focus on the most obvious stakeholders, such as local hotels, but forget about the small business owner working from home; they acknowledge the local football team, but ignore the local bridge club.

By building a register of the various local stakeholders, we aim for the Kilmihil Smart Community Plan to be inclusive and relevant to the needs of people and organisations throughout Kilmihil. The image across provides a breakdown of relevant stakeholders types.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Kilmihil Active Retirement Group - 5333</a>	Kilmihil Active Retirement Association is part of the Active Retirement Ireland Network. Membership is open to retired members of the Kilmihil Community aged 55 and over. A number of regular weekly events take place in the Meadow Community Centre and there is a programme of special events and courses that run throughout the year. <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Athletics Club - 5335</a>	The oldest club in the village! Kilmihil Athletic Club celebrated 75 years in 2017. The Club trains twice a week weather permitting at the Athletics Track at St Michael's Community School at 6.30pm on Mondays and Fridays <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation</b> <b>T3: Sport &amp; Physical Activities</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">St. Pat's AFC Soccer Club - 5336</a>	St. Pats AFC Soccer Club was set up in 1982. Its home pitch is based on the Ennis Road in Kilmihil village. They cater for all age groups including underage and have a Senior team as well. St. Pat's aim is to provide soccer for all in a secure, safe and enjoyable environment. <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation</b> <b>T3: Sport &amp; Physical Activities</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Golf Society - 5339</a>	Kilmihil Golf Society hold a golf event at Kilrush Golf Club every Wednesday evening. Tee Time 5.30pm -6.00 pm for April and 6.00pm – 6.30pm May, June, July, August, September <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation</b> <b>T3: Sport &amp; Physical Activities</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Festival of Fun Committee - 5340</a>	The only Festival in Ireland dedicated to fun Always a weekend full of smiles, laughs and family fun. <b>T2: Arts &amp; Music, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Ladies Football Club - 5341</a>	Kilmihil Ladies Football Club field ladies Gaelic football teams from U6 to Senior level. New members are always welcome <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation</b> <b>T3: Sport &amp; Physical Activities</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil GAA Club - 5829</a>	We are a Senior Club in Co. Clare, dedicated to the development and promotion of Gaelic Games in our area. <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b> <b>T3: Sport &amp; Physical Activities</b>	Group/Club	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Publicly elected representatives - 7799</a>	<p>"Elected representatives can assist communities in the development process. There are 3 main groupings of elected representatives relevant to the community. Our representatives include: Councillors: Bill Chambers // Gabriel Keating // P.J. Kelly // Ian Lynch//Cillian Murphy Councillors are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about local issues. Examples would include problems with local infrastructure like refuse collection or damaged facilities. TDs: Timmy Dooley // Michael Harty // Pat Breen // Joe Carey TDs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about national issues. Examples would be the Budget, taxation, Health policy or other nationwide initiatives. MEPs: Billy Kelleher // Mick Wallace // Seán Kelly // Deirdre Clune and Grace O'Sullivan MEPs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about european issues. Examples would be EU treaties and Union wide agreements such as the Common Agricultural Policy or Fisheries Policy. "</p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Clare Accessible Transport - 8044</a>	<p>To endeavour, to provide a flexible and accessible rural transport service available to the whole community in Clare and South Galway but with priority given to those people who are socially excluded either by (perception of) disability, low income, social status, gender, age, or otherwise as decided by the directors from time to time. To work with existing transport providers and relevant agencies to develop a comprehensive local transport network, thereby enabling people who are socially isolated at present and entitled to free travel passes to use them.<a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/038af326-c097-4436-b947-07d21ef128aa/Clare-accessible-transport">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/038af326-c097-4436-b947-07d21ef128aa/Clare-accessible-transport</a></p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Clare Crusaders - 8046</a>	<p>To benefit the community by assisting parents and families of children with Cerebral Palsy in the County of Clare to achieve a better quality of life through information and support by way of workshops, summer camps and other activities. To recruit and finance experienced speech therapist(s) to work with children up to 18 years of age. To recruit and finance physical therapist(s) to work with children in the Clare area. To finance scholarship(s) to graduating Physical Therapy classes in the University of Limerick on the basis that the recipient(s) would work with children in the Clare area in conjunction with Enable Ireland and for a pre agreed period of time.<a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/39b53b93-3c72-423e-838c-31dda20e5198/Clare-crusaders-company-limited-by-guarantee">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/39b53b93-3c72-423e-838c-31dda20e5198/Clare-crusaders-company-limited-by-guarantee</a></p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Clare Suicide Bereavement Support - 8049</a>	<p>Main objectives. - A. To support the suicide bereaved in Co. Clare by establishing and maintaining standards of good practice for the provision of voluntary listening support to families and / or persons bereaved by Suicide. B. To help reduce the number of suicides Subsidiary objectives. A.To employ suicide support volunteers to provide practical information and listening support to families and individuals at their request .C. To Liaise and exchange information with similar support groups .D. to provide leaflets and associated literature to be provided to survivors and appropriate professionals and agencies.<a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/da69b4c5-d1a9-484d-8c0f-5647b840bf82/Clare-suicide-bereavement-support">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/da69b4c5-d1a9-484d-8c0f-5647b840bf82/Clare-suicide-bereavement-support</a></p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">The Clare County Childcare Committee Company Limited By Guarantee - 8054</a>	<p>The main objective for which this company is established is to support the development of quality, affordable, accessible and inclusive childcare and family friendly services for all children in the County of Clare.<a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/77a6c7c3-271d-4253-b3de-ac08532f983d/the-Clare-county-childcare-committee-company-limited-by-guarantee">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/77a6c7c3-271d-4253-b3de-ac08532f983d/the-Clare-county-childcare-committee-company-limited-by-guarantee</a></p>	Public Service	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Clare Comhaltas Community CE Scheme Company Limited By Guarantee - 8060</a>	<p>To carry on all or any of the activities of a community employment scheme and all such related business. The Clare County Board of Comhaltas promotes Irish Music, Song and Dance in county Clare.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Arts &amp; Music</i>  <b>T3:</b> <i>Music</i></p>	Public Service	0	0

## 5. Assets

Identifying, understanding and appreciating the assets within a community is an important part of any community plan. This plan takes elements from a popular approach to community planning called Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD works on the premise that positive and effective community plans are built by leveraging existing assets within a community. Therefore, it is important to properly log all relevant assets in this category.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Kilmihil running track - 6178</a>	There is a running track in the village that is regularly utilised by the Kilmihil Running/Athletic Club <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil GAA Club - 5303</a>	Kilmihil GAA is a Gaelic Athletic Association club. Founded in 1888. The club has underage teams and excellent training facilities. The clubhouse is also used for community events. <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b> <b>T3: Physical Health</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">The Meadow' - 5309</a>	Positives of the area - People look after each other and the ethos of the village is all inclusive. The Meadows facility is an example of how the community look after the most vulnerable. <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Public library - 6163</a>	There is a public library in the community centre that is used by locals in the area. Excellent source for reading material relating to education, business, fiction etc. <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation</b> <b>T3: Reading &amp; Creative Writing</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Sound and lighting system for community centre - 6165</a>	A modern lighting and sound system for the community hall. This would allow for more theatrical and musical shows to be staged in the centre. <b>T2: Arts &amp; Music</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Pharmacy - 6167</a>	Local pharmacy provides medicine and medical advice. <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Low crime - 6168</a>	The area is very safe and people rarely lock their cars <b>T2: Safety &amp; Crime</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Active Retirement Association - 6175</a>	Kilmihil Active Retirement Group is open to anyone over 55, the group covers a wide range of ages and interests Friday morning in the Meadow is the regular meeting where people come together for a chat, tea, cake and to find out what is happening. We try to include activities as well and members have undertaken glass painting , card making and exercise sessions –there is always a card game and usually a bingo session as well. We have regular outings. The last in June 2018 was lunch in the Bellbridge Hotel. We also organise an annual group holiday at a very reasonable price Other Active Retirement activities, which take place in the Meadow, have included relaxation classes, art classes and computer classes. The card night - Gamble in the Meadow as it known- is open to all, not just the older members of the community and very well attended. <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation</b> <b>T3: Hobby Groups</b>	Have	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Kilmihil People's Park - 6176</a>	This community initiative aims to create a green park with play area, outdoor exercise equipment, gym/leisure building and full size Astroturf pitch.. <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Have	0	0

## 6. Objectives

Defining local goals and challenges can often be the most difficult component of a community plan, but it is vital nonetheless.

Of course, different stakeholders within the community may wish to prioritise different goals. As such, defining clear goals is a necessary step in selecting projects and preparing a tailored action plan.

The table below provides a themed breakdown of local objectives, which are divided Goals & Challenges.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Playground - 5291</a>	Completion date set for the development of the playground in Kilmihil People's Park <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Health - 5313</a>	Health – access to an A&E a huge worry for everyone in the community. Many people have to travel to Limerick for treatment. They feel prevention is what is needed and they see the People's Park as being key to the future health of the community. <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing, Safety &amp; Crime</b> <b>T3: Access to Health Services</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Supports for Rural Youth - 5317</a>	People being relocated to rural areas without offering structural supports for the local population e.g. playgrounds. More needs to be done to address the social and health needs of rural youth. <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Goal	0	0

## 7. Projects

Projects are the actions that stakeholders take to improve their community. Local projects can range from things like coaching a youth team to building a hall or organising a clean-up. While sometimes overlooked, it's important to appreciate the projects that have recently been undertaken or that are currently underway in the area, as this helps place the capabilities for future projects in context.

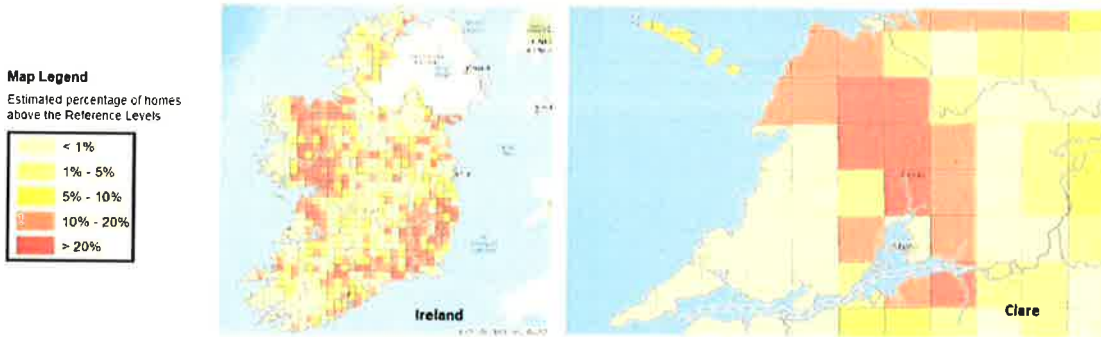
TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Cycling &amp; Walking trails - 5292</a>	Lay out Cycling and walking trails around the village for all levels of fitness. Historians with a knowledge of the area would be very useful in aiding this. <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Physical Health , Sport &amp; Physical Activities</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Running Track - 5295</a>	Local running track which could benefit from repair work <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Sport &amp; Physical Activities</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Cooraclare Community Centre - 5358</a>	Cooraclare Community Centre looked for €250 to rent a training room for a day — CLDC should ask if this is the policy and if it's OK. <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Sport &amp; Physical Activities</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Village Decoration - 5364</a>	Could make the village more attractive by decorating windows in vacant shops, for example, displays of arts/crafts. <b>T2:</b> <i>Arts &amp; Music</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Visual Arts, Arts &amp; Creative Economy</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Health Access - 5366</a>	Access to health services poor —discussed the example of West Cork Rapid Response <a href="http://www.westcorkrapidresponse.ie/">http://www.westcorkrapidresponse.ie/</a> <b>T2:</b> <i>Safety &amp; Crime</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Access to Health Services</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Idle Young Men - 5367</a>	Need to focus on unemployed young men or those who are only casually attached to the workforce — more resources for start your own business courses, apprenticeships and involve them in community groups. <b>T2:</b> <i>Employment, Education &amp; Skills</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Work Local, Youth Education &amp; Skills</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Improve Online Marketing - 5376</a>	Greater online marketing it was felt that a large number of tourists will plan their trips before they arrive. The marketing should focus on an area and it was suggested that the community and tourism staff member should be tasked with this role. <b>T2:</b> <i>Local Enterprises</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Tourism / Hospitality</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Work with schools on students health - 8272</a>	Establish ways that the local community can help local schoolchildren to have the best health outcomes. <b>T2:</b> <i>Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Physical Health , Mental Health, Addiction</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Rural Lift scheme - 8277</a>	A scheme whereby volunteers can drive people around the area. This would be great for the local hospitality sector and also help to combat rural isolation. It could also positively impact on the wellbeing of many members of the community. <b>T2:</b> <i>Arts &amp; Music, Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Physical Health , Mental Health</i>	Idea	0	0



TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Nutrition project - 6169</a>	<p>A study of the impact of supplements on health is planned to be carried out in the community. This would not only provide invaluable data but also help to improve the health of the village.</p> <p><b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b></p>	Planned	0	0

# 8. Appendices

## Radon Prevalence Map (Ireland + Clare)



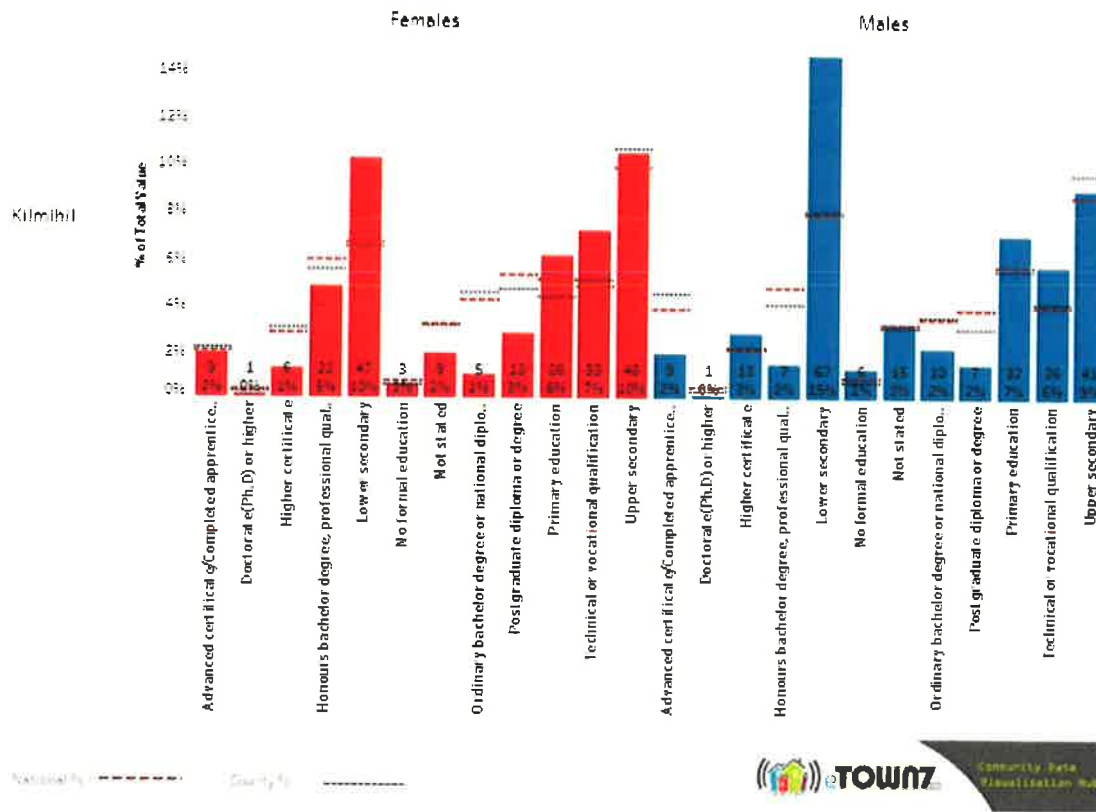
While north Clare has high levels of Radon when compared to national average the south-west of the county has some of the lowest levels in the country.

Radon Prevalence Map (Ireland + Laois)

<http://www.epa.ie/radiation/radonmap/>

## Level of Education (Census '16)

Education Profile - Level of Education Comparison



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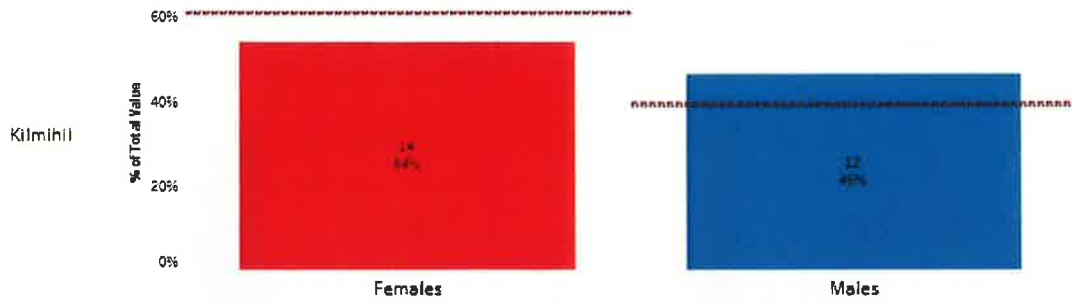
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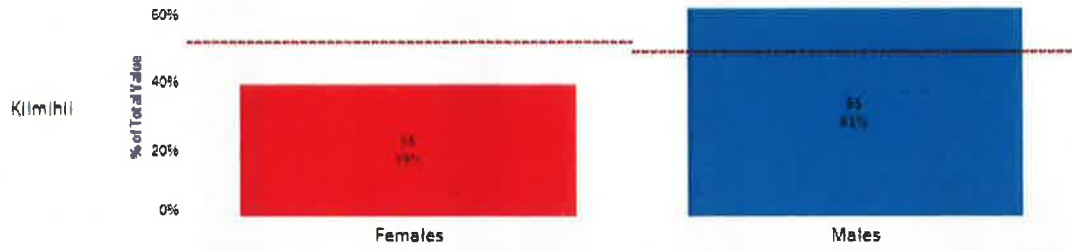
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# Carers and General Health

Carers by Gender Comparison



Disability by Gender Comparison



National % - - - - - County % - - - - -



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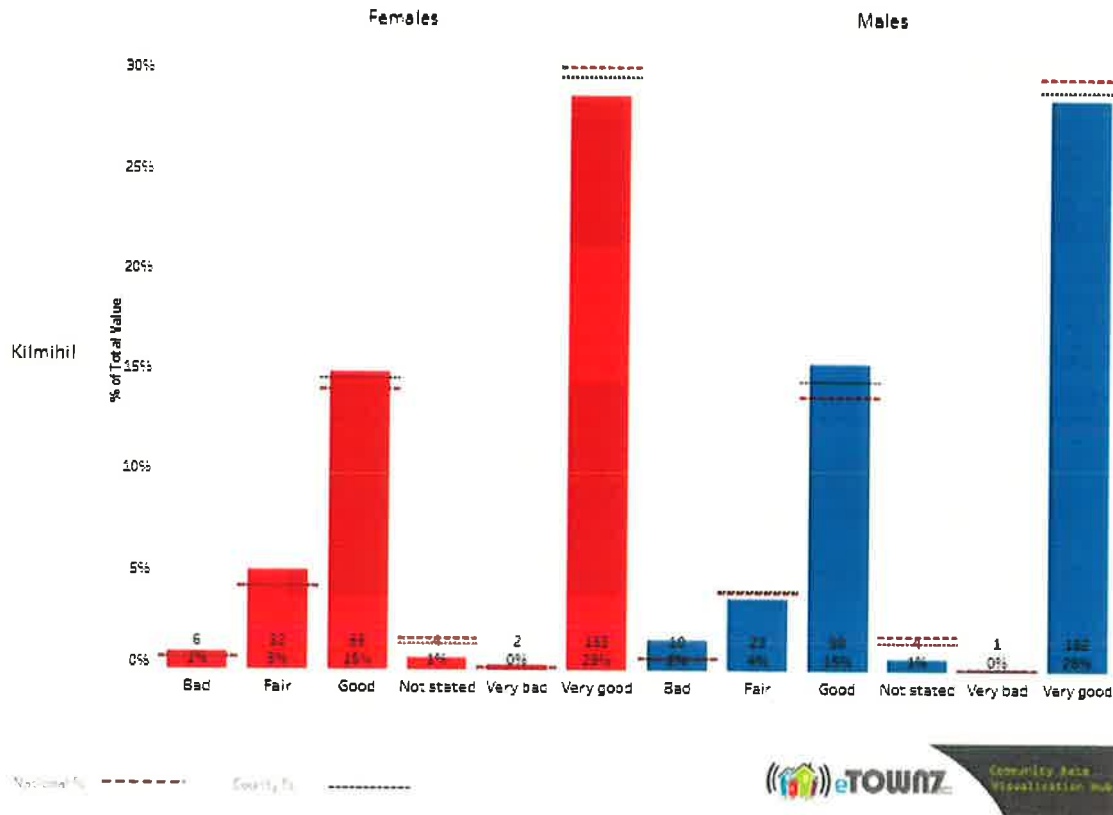
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# General Health by Gender

## General Health by Gender Comparison



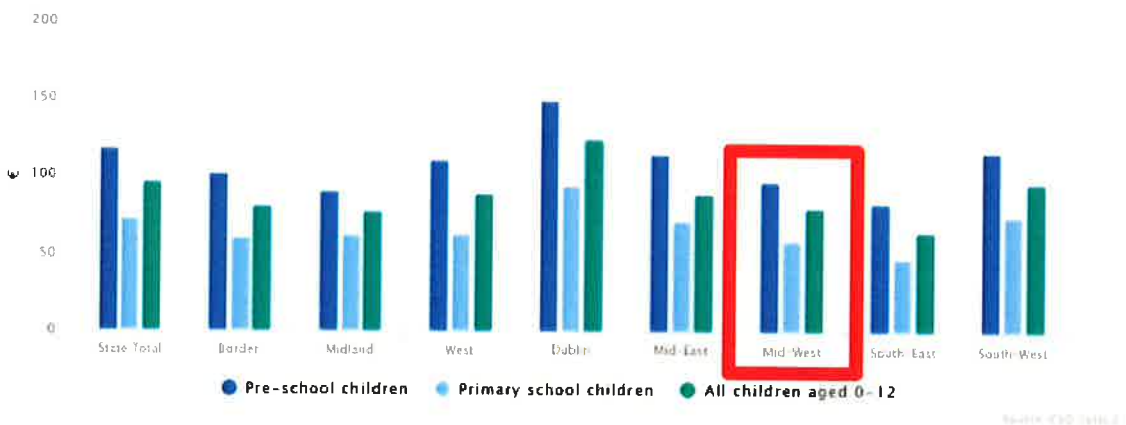
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# Childcare Costs In the Region



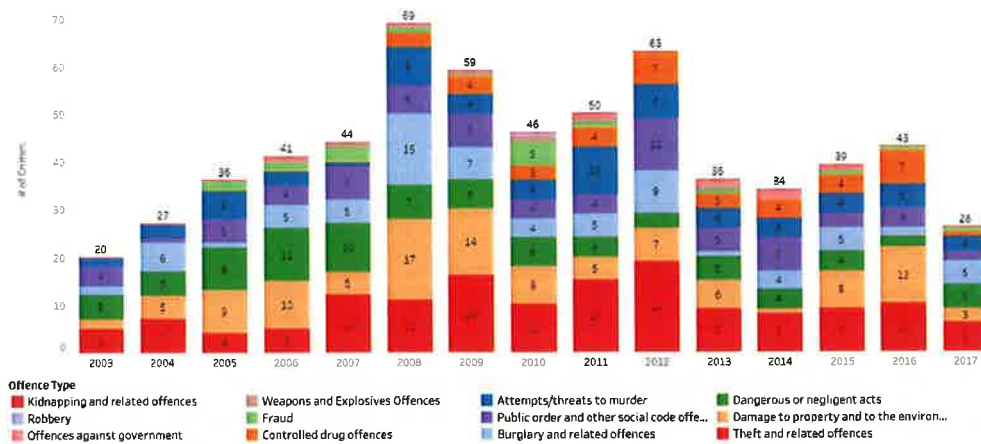
Childcare care costs in the region are relatively low when compared to other regions of the country. This can perhaps be included in a prospectus to encourage families to move to the area.

### CSO

[https://pdf.cso.ie/www/pdf/20170706100048\\_QNHS\\_Childcare\\_Quarter\\_3\\_2016\\_summary.pdf](https://pdf.cso.ie/www/pdf/20170706100048_QNHS_Childcare_Quarter_3_2016_summary.pdf)

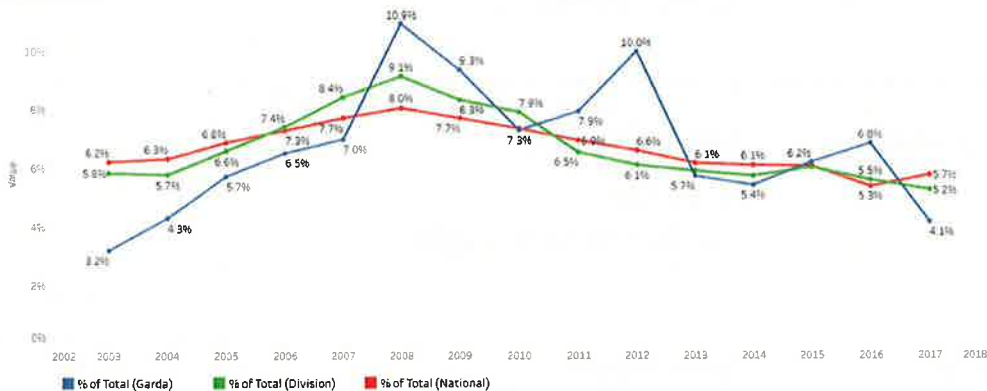
# Crime Data for Local Garda District

Total Crimes Stacked by Type: Kilmihil



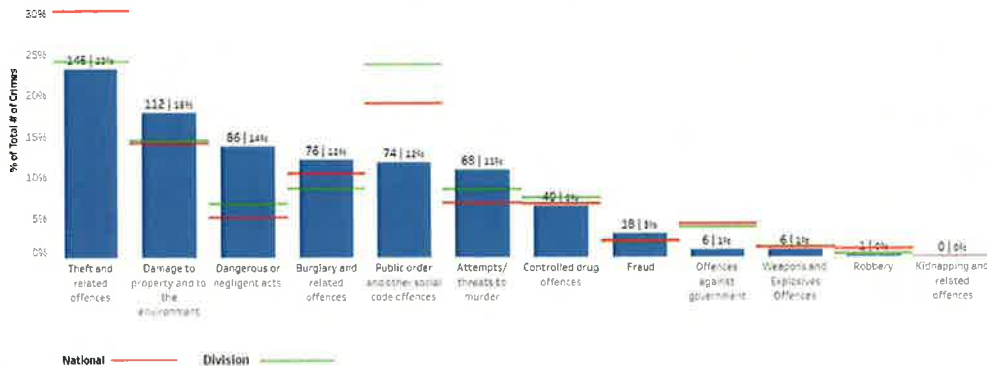
Crime Comparison by Offence Type: Kilmihil vs. Clare vs. National

Offence Type: All



Crime Comparison by Year: Kilmihil vs. Clare vs. National

Year: All



The top bar chart shows the number of offences per year, divided by type, in the local area, from 2003 to 2017.

The bottom bar chart shows the percentage of total crimes of each offence type between 2003 and 2017, going from highest to lowest. The blue bars represents the percentage for the local area, the green line the country or region and the red line the national statistics.

## Crime Data

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# Deprivation Statistics



## Kilimihil

## Clare County

Displaying data for: 2016

### Pobal HP Deprivation Index

2016: Disadvantaged

2011: Disadvantaged

Change: **-0.53** points

### Population

Units: 213

Change (2011-2016): **-0.02**

### Unemployment levels

Male: 26.42%

Female: 25.58%

### Education

Primary education only: 20.00%

Third level education: 18.95%

### Household

Age dependency ratio: 33.80%

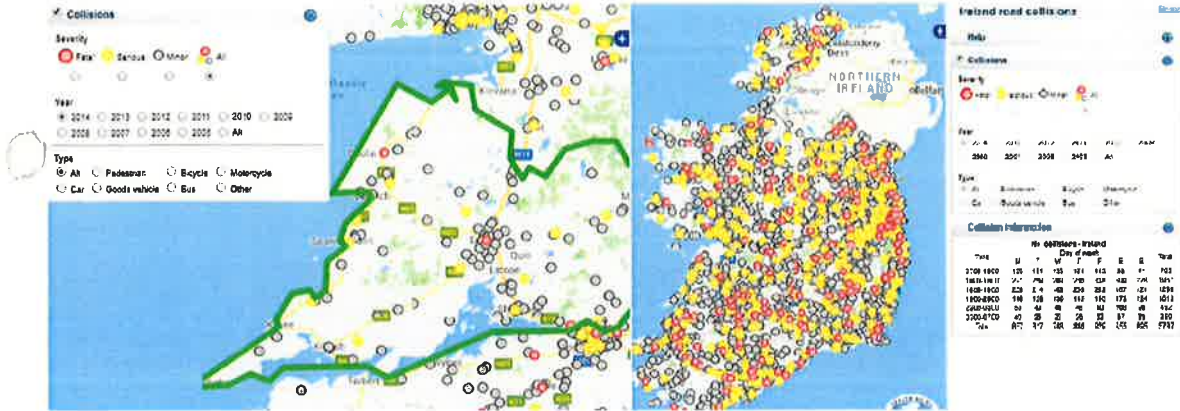
Lone parent ratio: 21.00%

Without a car: 23.00

Without a car (%): 28.75%

Persons with a disability: 14.29%

# Car Accidents Clare



Clare as a relatively low level of road collision and road fatalities when compared to other counties in Ireland

RSA Road Safety Data

<http://www.rsa.ie/RSA/Road-Safety/Our-Research/Collision-Statistics/Ireland-Road-Collisions/>





# Kilmihil

## Smart Community Plan.

Part 2 of 4

Environment & Sustainability



### A Plan by the Community for the Community



# 1. Introduction

Welcome to the **Kilmihil Smart Environment and Sustainability Plan** plan June 2019. This plan has been compiled by the **Kilmihil** community for the **Kilmihil** community. The plan comes at the end of a twelve month process of working to strengthen the community management capabilities in **Kilmihil**.

## Benefits of a Local Plan

- ✓ Better local collaboration
- ✓ Encourages greater volunteerism
- ✓ Provides direction to local development
- ✓ Creates a unified voice and action team
- ✓ Helps identify & understand problems
- ✓ Improves access to outside supports



Clare Local  
Development  
Company

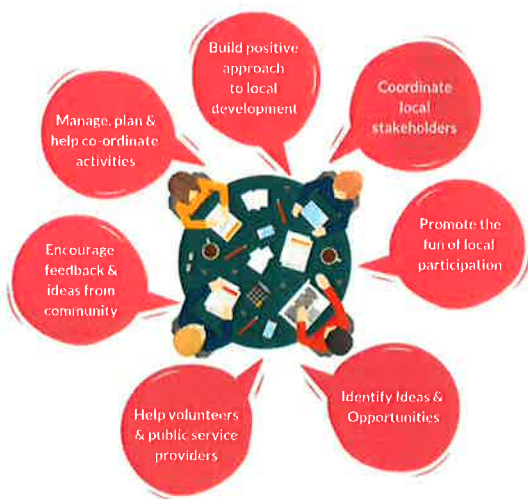
**The Wider Project:** The project has been funded by Clare Local Development Company and facilitated by a company called eTownz. The project is part of a wider project in Clare where forty communities across the county have been undertaking similar exercises. As many nearby communities are undertaking similar projects and developing local action teams, it creates collaboration opportunities for neighboring communities.

**The Four-Part Plan:** This document is one of four parts of a community plan for **Kilmihil**. These represent four top tiers of community planning: Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management.



**Kilmihil** may wish to develop more detailed plans for specific areas within one of the four parts, such as a specific Tourism plan under the Economy heading, or a specific Energy plan under the Environment heading.

**Town Teams:** The importance to local development of collaboration between local people, clubs, businesses and service providers cannot be understated. eTownz suggests **Kilmihil** creates teams for each of the four top tiers: **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management**.



## > How Did We Get Here?

The **Kilmihil Smart Environment and Sustainability Plan** has been compiled over 12 months from community feedback. eTownz liaised with a small group of dedicated local volunteers to organise and gather the information in this report.



## > Plan Structure

This is a 'smart' community plan. It draws on information from different sources and can be updated at any time through the eTownz online dashboard- [Click Here](#) . This allows different sections of the community to engage with an ongoing planning process

The plan was compiled by creating a 'model' of **Kilmihil**. The information is logged to a database as 'Record Logs'.

Each record log is assigned both a "Log Type" and a "Log Theme". This provides the framework for the community plan. This modular plan is compiled using the eTownz Dashboard, allowing the plan to be easily updated by the **Kilmihil** team in the future, adding new project ideas and challenges.

**Your Community Idea Card**

1) Type: (circle as appropriate) a) Asset b) Project (Past / Present / Idea) c) Stakeholder (Club / Groups etc.) d) Goal

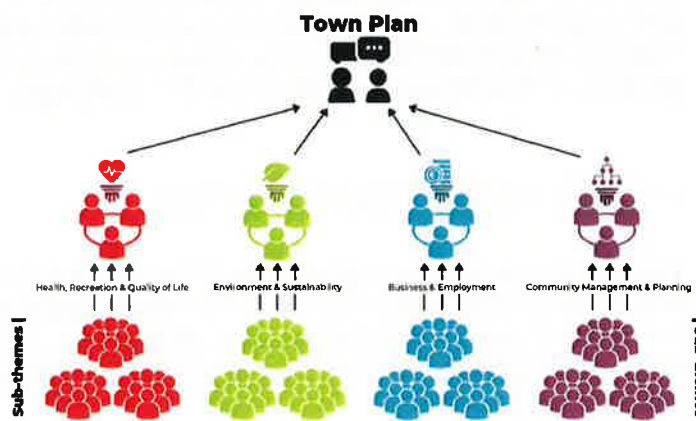
2) Community Development Theme: (circle as appropriate) a) Health, Recreation & Quality of Life b) Environment & Sustainability c) Business & Employment d) Community Management & Planning

3) Title: Local GMA Club

4) Summary:  
The local club is

## > What Next?

The plan hopes to assist **Kilmihil** locals with creating a series of community development teams. Each team will cover one of the four top tiers; **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment or Management**. Teams should be composed of representatives from local clubs, businesses and service providers, as well as interested people from **Kilmihil** . Teams will set their own agendas for how often they would like to meet, what projects to undertake and so on.



## > So What Can You Do?

If you have an interest in local issues in **Kilmihil** , there are a number of ways you can get involved:

- **Share:** Read and share this report with others
- **Survey:** Complete the surveys or register your club/organisation
- **Contribute:** Contribute your ideas on any record by clicking on the log record title or visiting the eTownz dashboard
- **Join a team:** Register for a team online or attend a meeting to get involved in the **Kilmihil** plan.



## **2. Executive Summary**

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More needs to be done to prevent seasonal flooding. The area has a largely unspoilt environment and more help is needed so that the locals can play a part in preserving local wildlife such as bats. More sustainable energy sources such as wind turbines need to be made available to the community. Asia Knotweed is a blight on the locality. There is also an urgent need, if the village is to be sustainable to encourage more local people to return to the village. Protecting the built and natural environment of Kilmilhil also needs to be addressed.

Environment, Habitats and Sustainability Town Team

The first step in developing environment initiatives in the community is to create & support a team of relevant people and organisations that can help coordinate activities and facilitate change. The team can be small or large and decide its own format. The team may take on its own projects or simply meet occasionally to help coordinate groups with common interests. The team could be comprised of local residents, businesses, club or public service representatives. Team structure can be simple to start with and decide how often they should meet as they see fit. Members of the team can seek to gain a greater understanding of local barriers and opportunities to formulate a plan for future activities. There are also a wide variety of supports available and a well-prepared team can help the community to take advantage of these. Building a local environment team helps coordinate cross-community initiatives, helps liaising with service providers, and helps the community understand & address local environmental challenges.

### **Local Energy Efficiency Plan**

There are a range of supports to assist communities in working together to improve local energy efficiency & reduce carbon footprint. The town environment team may wish to appoint people from the community as "champions" to lead the community in adopting the Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) program from Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI). This program can provide access to grants to upgrade facilities and improve awareness.

### **Further Develop Waste Reduction & Reuse Initiatives**

There are a wide variety of waste streams which may be prevalent in a community. The environment team may wish to perform a study of local resource use and waste generation. This would allow setting of short and long-term targets on becoming a resource efficient community. The team may not only look at waste reduction but the economic opportunities of waste reuse in a circular economy. Ultimately the team might look at aiming to be a zero waste community (An example program of this can be seen at <https://www.zerowastecashel.ie/>).

### 3. Summary of Community Stats

In this section we provide a summary of key statistics related to the community based primarily on 2016 Census data. In the appendices we provide further detail via charts and below this table are direct links to the data visualisations.

Kilmihil:	
The following information is based on 2016 Census data for Kilmihil electoral district.	
<b>Economy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19% of females and 27% of males over 15 are classified as "At work" which is below the national average of 24% and 28% respectively. The low number of females in particular in work is of particular note. 10% of females and 11% of males are classified as retired which is above the national average of 8% which illustrates that the community needs to focus on providing services to the elderly</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding occupations, 24% of males are classified as "Skilled trades" compared to a national average of just 12%. While 8% of females worked in "Caring, leisure and other service occupations" compared to a national average of 6%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The local social welfare office for the area is in Kilrush, live register figure for this office show relatively medium levels of seasonality with live register figures highest in Dec - Feb and lowest in Sept/Oct</li> </ul>
<b>Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9% of females and 7% of males ceased education at the age of 21 compared to a national average of 13.1% and 11.4% respectively, while a higher number of males finished education aged 18 of 9% compared to a national average of 5.5%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 people were classified as carers, 14 of which are female and 12 of which are male.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When asked about their health, 29% of females and 28% of males described their health as "Very good" which is slightly below the national average of 30% but 15% of both genders described their health as "Good" which is 1% higher than the national average of 14%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interestingly, 12% of people lived in a one person home compared to a national average of 8.5% and county average of 9.5% which may point towards issues of isolation in the community.</li> </ul>
<b>Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a lower % of people who travel to work/education etc between 6:30 and 8:30 while a higher percentage of people travel to work 8:30 - 9 compared to national average and this also is reflected in journey times to work which are considerably lower than the national average which means people spend less time travelling to and from work each day.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A slightly lower percentage of people travel by car 37% to school or work (above the age of 5), compared to the national average of 38%.</li> </ul>
<b>Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a relatively old housing stock with 14% being built pre 1919 and 7% built between 19-'45 compared to national average of 8% and 6.5% respectively. This would indicate poorer levels of home insulation in the community</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kilmihil rely on less climate change friendly forms of fuel (Oil 15% and Peat 20% compared to the national average of these fuel types 5% &amp; 5%)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The water and wastewater infrastructure in Kilmihil is considerably less than the national and county averages with 58% of people on public wastewater scheme (compared to 66% nationally) and 68% of homes are on public water mains (compared to 77% nationally)</li> </ul>

## 4. Stakeholders

Good local plans should strive to help all stakeholders within a community, especially the most vulnerable.

Sometimes, plans tend to focus on the most obvious stakeholders, such as local hotels, but forget about the small business owner working from home; they acknowledge the local football team, but ignore the local bridge club.

By building a register of the various local stakeholders, we aim for the Kilmihil Smart Community Plan to be inclusive and relevant to the needs of people and organisations throughout Kilmihil. The image across provides a breakdown of relevant stakeholders types.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Kilmihil Tidy Towns Committee - 5337</a>	<p>Kilmihil Tidy Towns prides in trying to keep our village looking as appealing as possible. If everybody does a little we can achieve a lot.</p> <p><b>T2: Habitats &amp; Environment</b> <b>T3: Sustainable Local Living</b></p>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Lissycasey Group Water Co-operative Society Ltd. - 5828</a>	<p>Lissycasey Group Water i is a privately sourced Rural Water Co-Operative supplying water to over 1200 households in Lissycasey, Ballynacally and surrounding areas. in the 1960s/1970s Group schemes flourished, mainly due to the lack of any efforts of Central or Local government agencies to provide tapped water to the rural areas. Upward of 45,000 households are receiving their drinking water supply from a privately-sourced GWS. The actual figure may be significantly higher.</p> <p><b>T2: Waste &amp; Resource Efficiency</b></p>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Publicly elected representatives - 7799</a>	<p>"Elected representatives can assist communities in the development process. There are 3 main groupings of elected representatives relevant to the community. Our representatives include: Councillors: Bill Chambers // Gabriel Keating // P.J. Kelly // Ian Lynch//Cillian Murphy Councillors are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about local issues. Examples would include problems with local infrastructure like refuse collection or damaged facilities. TDs: Timmy Dooley // Michael Harty // Pat Breen // Joe Carey TDs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about national issues. Examples would be the Budget, taxation, Health policy or other nationwide initiatives. MEPs: Billy Kelleher // Mick Wallace // Seán Kelly // Deirdre Clune and Grace O'Sullivan MEPs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about european issues. Examples would be EU treaties and Union wide agreements such as the Common Agricultural Policy or Fisheries Policy. "</p>	Public Service	0	0

## 5. Assets

Identifying, understanding and appreciating the assets within a community is an important part of any community plan. This plan takes elements from a popular approach to community planning called Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD works on the premise that positive and effective community plans are built by leveraging existing assets within a community. Therefore, it is important to properly log all relevant assets in this category.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Bird &amp; Bat Boxes - 5305</a>	Boxes may be large, designed to host a hibernating colony of bats, or small, designed to support a few individual crevice dwelling bats. Bird boxes are likewise diverse in their appearance, specialised to different species requirements. <b>T2: Habitats &amp; Environment</b> <b>T3: Habitats &amp; Biodiversity</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Water Butts - 5306</a>	A Water Butt, often called a Rainwater Tank or Rain Barrel, is used to collect and store rainwater. They come in many different shapes, sizes and colour and are normally made from plastic. The use of water butts has grown over the past decade as environmental issues like water conservation has become a major global talking point <b>T2: Habitats &amp; Environment</b> <b>T3: Habitats &amp; Biodiversity, Sustainable Local Living</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil People's Park - 6176</a>	This community initiative aims to create a green park with play area, outdoor exercise equipment, gym/leisure building and full size Astroturf pitch... <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Have	0	0

## 6. Objectives

Defining local goals and challenges can often be the most difficult component of a community plan, but it is vital nonetheless.

Of course, different stakeholders within the community may wish to prioritise different goals. As such, defining clear goals is a necessary step in selecting projects and preparing a tailored action plan.

The table below provides a themed breakdown of local objectives, which are divided Goals & Challenges.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Japanese knotweed - 6166</a>	There is Japanese knotweed in a field near the village and this may cause future problems and may even impact local house prices. <b>T2: Habitats &amp; Environment</b>	Challenge	0	0
<a href="#">Flood protection - 6170</a>	The local GAA pitch is flooded for several months every year. There is also flooding in the fields around the village. <b>T2: Habitats &amp; Environment</b>	Challenge	0	0
<a href="#">Forestry - 5314</a>	Forestry – there is a large amount of forestry locally and it was suggested that this natural resource could be better used and in doing so would boost the economy. <b>T2: Habitats &amp; Environment</b> <b>T3: Sustainable Local Living</b>	Goal	0	0



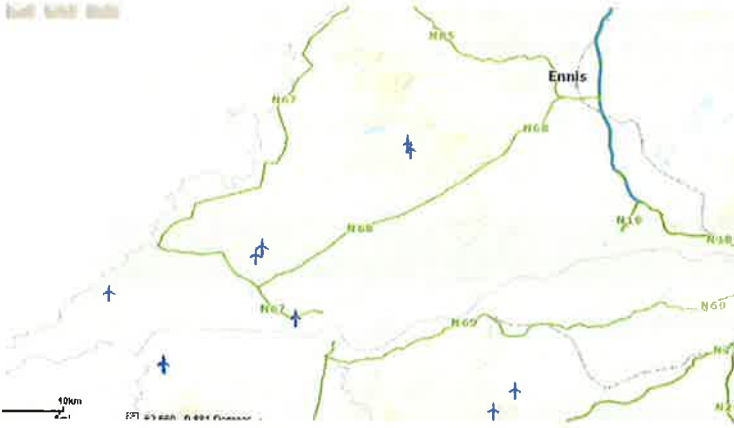
## 7. Projects

Projects are the actions that stakeholders take to improve their community. Local projects can range from things like coaching a youth team to building a hall or organising a clean-up. While sometimes overlooked, it's important to appreciate the projects that have recently been undertaken or that are currently underway in the area, as this helps place the capabilities for future projects in context.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Forge Restoration - 5363</a>	Old forge in Mullagh could be restored/developed. <b>T2: Habitats &amp; Environment</b>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Waste awareness Survey - 5342</a>	Survey to collect data on waste management in the locality <b>T2: Waste &amp; Resource Efficiency</b> <b>T3: Refuse &amp; Waste Efficiency</b>	Past / Present	0	0
<a href="#">Composting Workshops - 5343</a>	Home composting is a great way for people to manage their household food waste and prevent it from going to landfill. It also leads to greater awareness and food waste prevention in the home. <b>T2: Waste &amp; Resource Efficiency</b> <b>T3: Refuse &amp; Waste Efficiency</b>	Past / Present	0	0
<a href="#">Swift Boxes - 8304</a>	The area is home to many swifts and there is a need to install swift boxes, this would help the locality of swifts within the community. <b>T2: Habitats &amp; Environment</b> <b>T3: Habitats &amp; Biodiversity</b>	Planned	0	0
<a href="#">Tidy Towns 2019 - 8309</a>	The community plan on entering the Tidy Towns competition in 2019 and would encourage all residents, business and clubs to assist where they can <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management, Habitats &amp; Environment</b>	Planned	0	0

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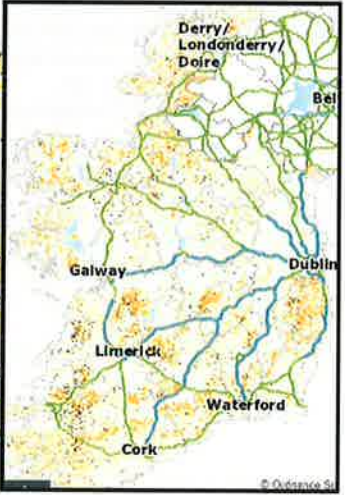
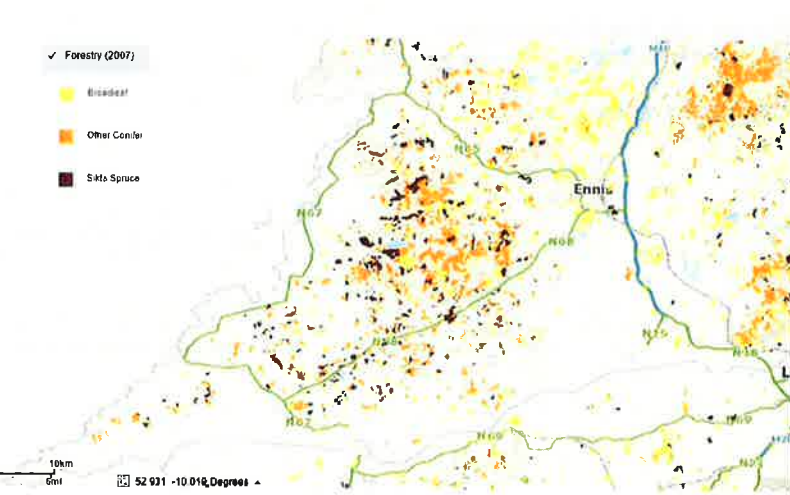
## Breakdown of local wind farms



Name	MEC (MW)	Connection Date
Moanmore Wind Farm	12.6	21/12/2004
Carrownaweelaun Wind Farm	4.6	17/06/2015
Moneypoint (1)	17.25	01/06/2017
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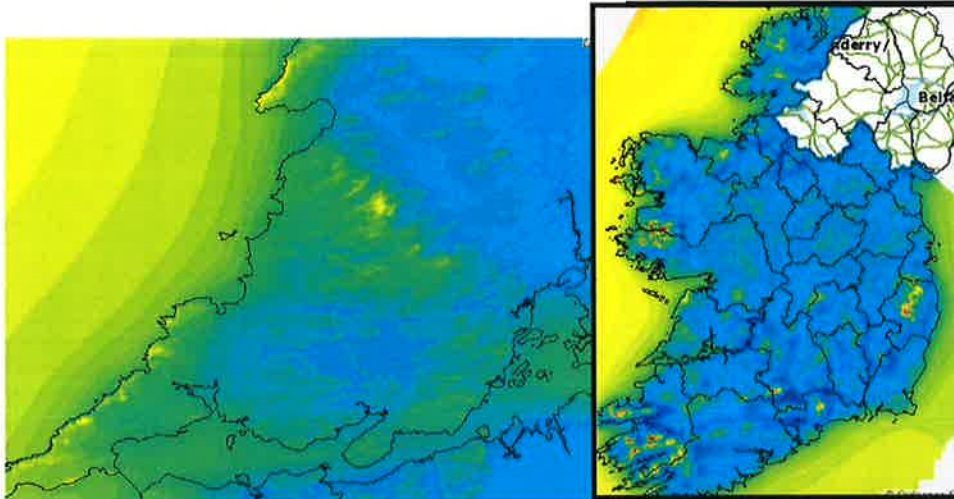
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# Wind Speed at 20m

Wind Speed 20m



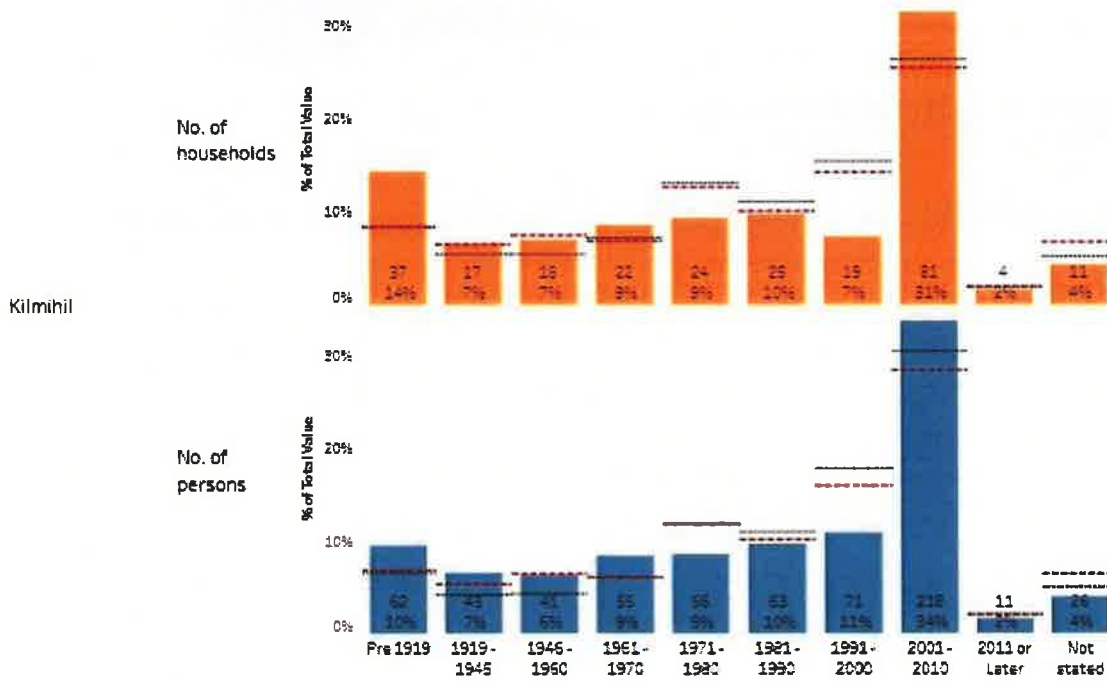
As Clare is located along the Atlantic coast it has excellent wind energy resources.

SEAI Wind Mapping System

<http://maps.seai.ie/wind/>

# Households by Year Built

Permanent private households by year built Comparison



National % - - - - - County % - - - - -



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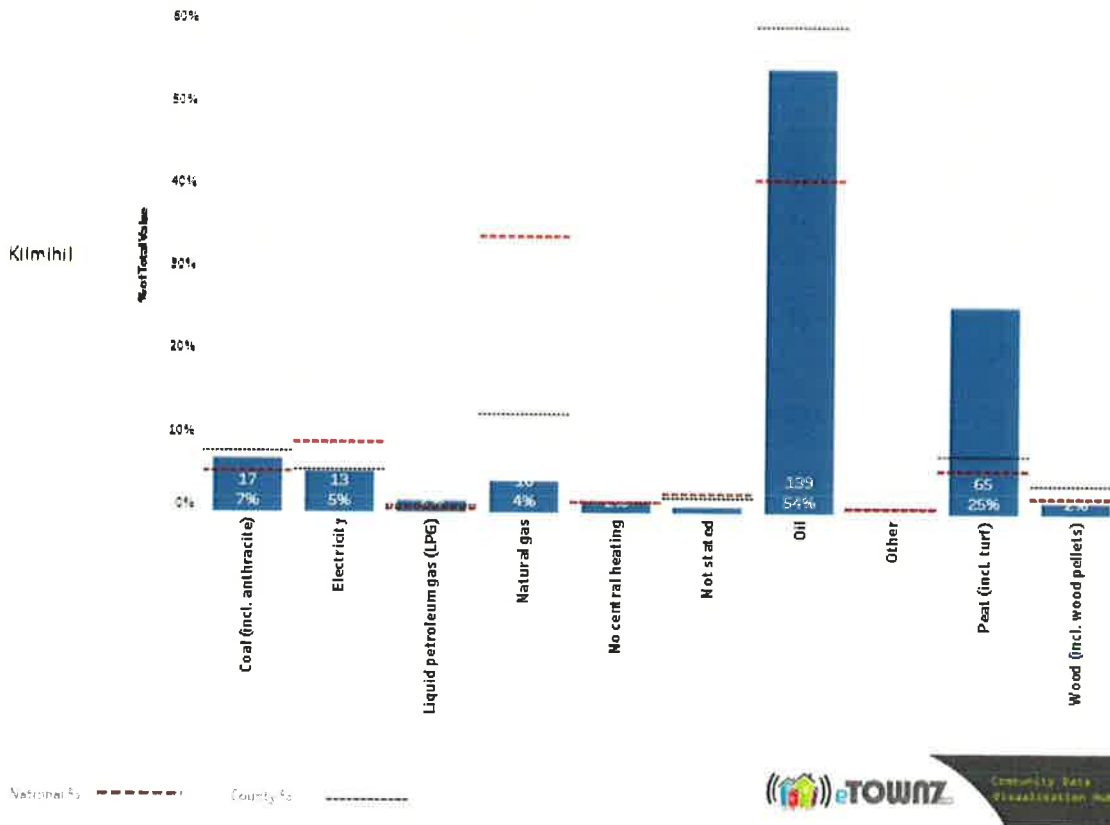
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# Central Heating type by households

Permanent private households by central heating Comparison



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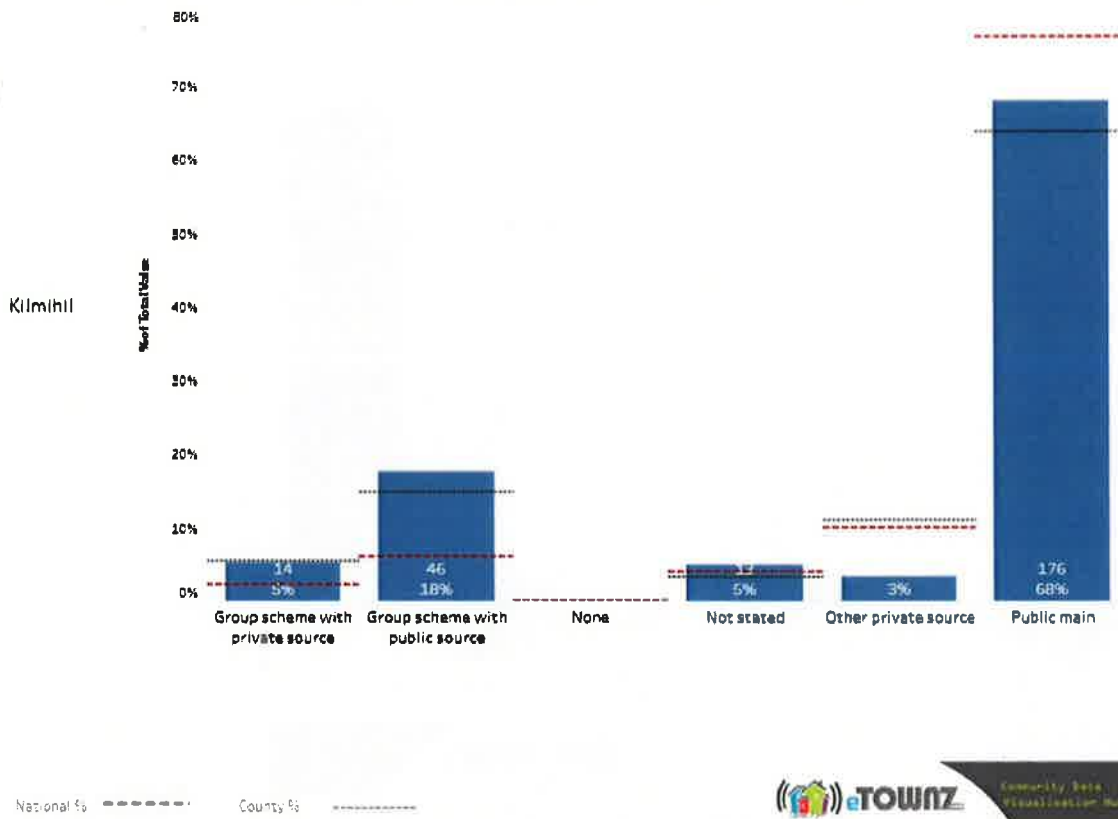
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# Water Supply Type - Permanent private supply to households

Permanent private households by water supply Comparison



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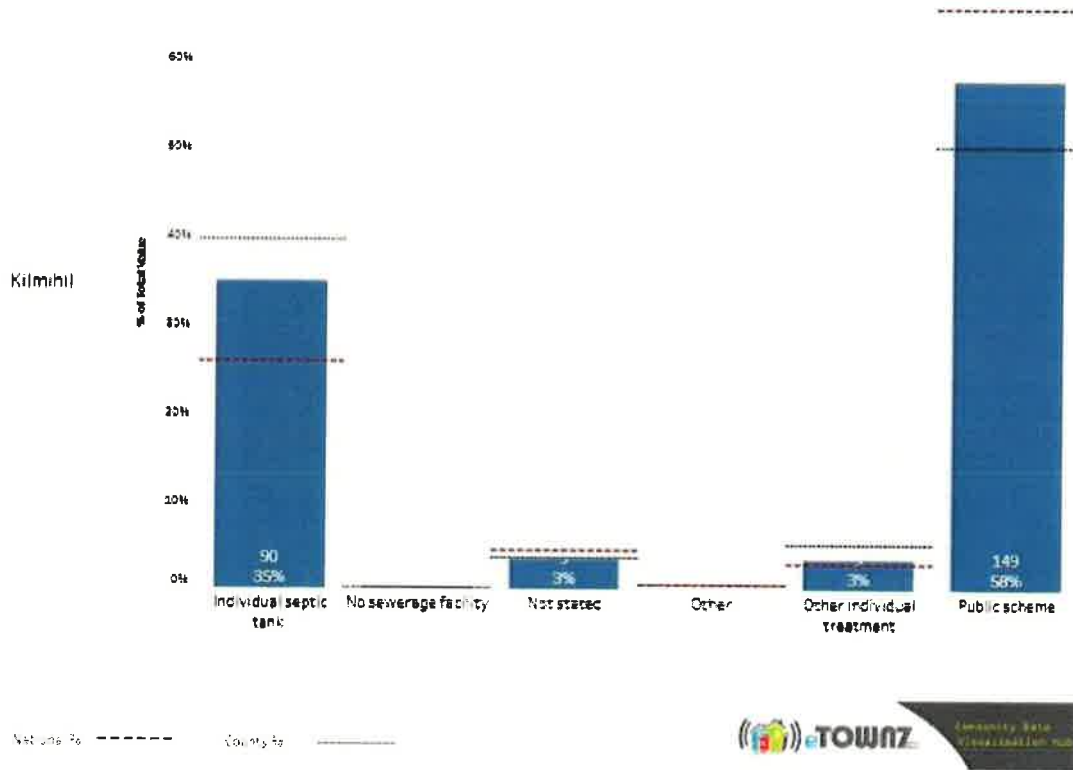
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# Sewerage Facility by permanent private household

Permanent private households by sewerage facility Comparison



**About:** By understanding the number of mains sewerage systems in the locality it helps to understand the risk to groundwater from septic tanks.

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# Kilmihil

## Smart Community Plan.

Part 3 of 4

**Business & Employment**



A Plan by the Community  
for the Community



# 1. Introduction

Welcome to the **Kilmihil Smart Business and Economy Plan** June 2019. This plan has been compiled by the **Kilmihil** community for the **Kilmihil** community. The plan comes at the end of a twelve month process of working to strengthen the community management capabilities in **Kilmihil**.

## Benefits of a Local Plan

- ✓ Better local collaboration
- ✓ Encourages greater volunteerism
- ✓ Provides direction to local development
- ✓ Creates a unified voice and action team
- ✓ Helps identify & understand problems
- ✓ Improves access to outside supports



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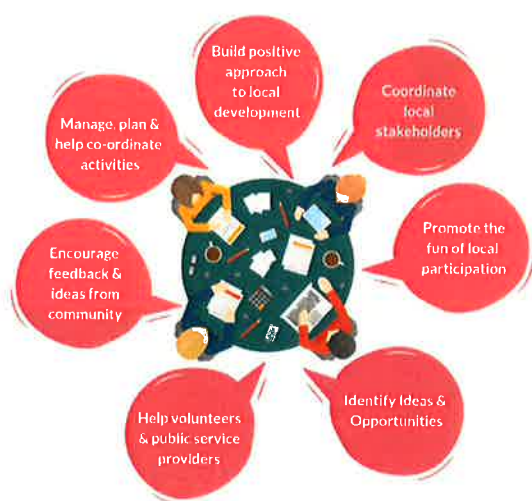
**The Wider Project:** The project has been funded by Clare Local Development Company and facilitated by a company called eTownz. The project is part of a wider project in Clare where forty communities across the county have been undertaking similar exercises. As many nearby communities are undertaking similar projects and developing local action teams, it creates collaboration opportunities for neighboring communities.

**The Four-Part Plan:** This document is one of four parts of a community plan for Kilmihil. These represent four top tiers of community planning: Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management.



**Kilmihil** may wish to develop more detailed plans for specific areas within one of the four parts, such as a specific Tourism plan under the Economy heading, or a specific Energy plan under the Environment heading.

**Town Teams:** The importance to local development of collaboration between local people, clubs, businesses and service providers cannot be understated. eTownz suggests **Kilmihil** creates teams for each of the four top tiers: **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management.**



## > How Did We Get Here?

The Kilmihil Smart Business and Economy Plan plan has been compiled over 12 months from community feedback. eTownz liaised with a small group of dedicated local volunteers to organise and gather the information in this report.





## > Plan Structure

This is a 'smart' community plan. It draws on information from different sources and can be updated at any time through the eTownz online dashboard- [Click Here](#) . This allows different sections of the community to engage with an ongoing planning process

The plan was compiled by creating a 'model' of **Kilmihil**. The information is logged to a database as 'Record Logs'.

Each record log is assigned both a "Log Type" and a "Log Theme". This provides the framework for the community plan. This modular plan is compiled using the eTownz Dashboard, allowing the plan to be easily updated by the **Kilmihil** team in the future, adding new project ideas and challenges.

**Your Community Idea Card**

1) Type: (circle as appropriate)  
a) Asset  
b) Project (Past / Present / Idea)  
c) Stakeholder (Club / Groups etc.)  
d) Goal

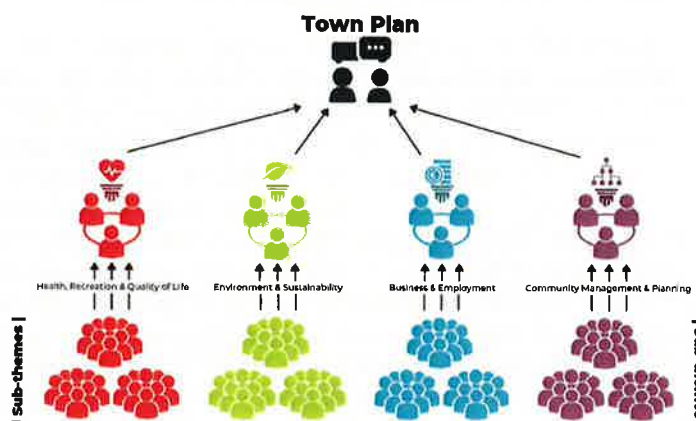
2) Community Development Theme: (circle as appropriate)  
a) Health, Recreation & Quality of Life  
b) Environment & Sustainability  
c) Business & Employment  
d) Community Management & Planning

3) Title: Local GAA Club

4) Summary:  
The club is in

## > What Next?

The plan hopes to assist **Kilmihil** locals with creating a series of community development teams. Each team will cover one of the four top tiers; **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment or Management**. Teams should be composed of representatives from local clubs, businesses and service providers, as well as interested people from **Kilmihil** . Teams will set their own agendas for how often they would like to meet, what projects to undertake and so on.



## > So What Can You Do?

If you have an interest in local issues in **Kilmihil** , there are a number of ways you can get involved:

- **Share:** Read and share this report with others
- **Survey:** Complete the surveys or register your club/organisation
- **Contribute:** Contribute your ideas on any record by clicking on the log record title or visiting the eTownz dashboard
- **Join a team:** Register for a team online or attend a meeting to get involved in the **Kilmihil** plan.



## 2. Executive Summary

Kilmihil has some small and mid-size local businesses that provide much needed employment. Many members of the community are skilled tradespersons. However, there is still a relatively high level of unemployment in the area. Agriculture is still important in the general area. There is a desperate need for more employment opportunities for young people and to help to improve the local economy. There is a need to encourage more young people to set up their own business. A digital hub could be most helpful. The LEADER scheme and other agencies could do more to boost small and medium companies in the area. More mentoring for local entrepreneurs and supports that would allow them to network with larger companies. The village has a lot of traffic going through it and many of these are tourists. The relevant agencies such could do more to ensure that the village benefitted from its location near the Wild Atlantic Way. On the lake, there is a need for a wharf for mooring boats: canoes, kayaks, etc. This could boost the number of boats on the lake and increase the number of visitors to Kilmihil. This could greatly help the various businesses in the village. One area that could be successfully exploited is food production. Kilmihil needs to market itself like a business.

### Business, Employment & Economy Town Team

The first step in developing economic initiatives in the community is to create & support a team of relevant people and organisations that can help coordinate activities and facilitate change. The economy team can be small or large and decide its own format and may take on projects or simply meet occasionally to help coordinate groups with common interests. A good starting point would be formally contacting local business owners and inviting them to a meeting with the goal of forming a team to champion local business development. The team can agree on a format that suits its members including the frequency to meet any initial goals. The team may wish to start with small achievable goals. Priorities might include creation of a local business directory and liaising with other town teams to develop services to support local needs. One focus might be networking and the passing of business referrals. This will provide tangible benefits to business owners, providing value and encouraging support for the team. Building a local economy team helps coordinate cross-community initiatives, helps liaising with service providers, and helps the community understand and take advantage of local economic opportunities.

### Local Business Collaboration & Packages Network

A key area that the town economy team may want to focus on is the collaboration between local businesses. A local business network could invite local businesses to work together to form packages. This can take many forms: a local builder, plumber and electrician working together to offer home renovation services or a local restaurant, tour operator and B&B offering a holiday package. By combining their services, local businesses could collectively market their services and develop new business opportunities. When two businesses collaborate they each benefit from new opportunities. The economy team could coordinate combined promotional activities such as: Meeting to share leads and opportunities. Organizing a local business showcase and invite everyone in the community. Encouraging complementary businesses to create packages of their services (e.g. tourism package or construction related package) Encourage industry to develop partnerships to targeted larger tenders. This project focuses on local business collaboration as a route to business growth but once active can also serve to support new businesses in the area.

## Support the development of a local business development group

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## Develop Flexible Economy Plan

Work practices are changing quickly. Freelancing and working from home allows greater work/life balance. Allowing work to be more flexible, working around people such as friends & families, can open up previously untapped economic opportunities. In the past 10 years, there has been significant growth in the number of people both setting up small home-based business and working for an employer from home. The economy team may wish to develop opportunities and services related to the resilient economy. Bringing together people with an interest, supporting low cost projects and flexible work practices can bring economic benefits to the community. The community could begin by creating or joining a regional chapter of the "Grow Remote" initiative (See <https://growremote.ie/>) or promoting the uptake of Airbnb by locals. The team may want to invite local pubs, restaurants and community centers to help facilitate flexible work by providing facilities like hot desks, conference or meeting rooms, free wifi and parcel collection delivery depots. Flexible work can allow locals to earn additional income, improve the quality of life for busy people and encourage new people to settle in the community.

## Unique Local Tourism Plan

Clare is one of the top five most visited counties in Ireland and tourism is a valued component to the local economy. The economy team may want to explore specific tourism opportunities in the community, for example in the area of wellbeing or wildlife breaks. The team could work with local businesses to develop a tourism plan and publish the offerings through local media, brochures, signs and other marketing channels.

### 3. Summary of Community Stats

In this section we provide a summary of key statistics related to the community based primarily on 2016 Census data. In the appendices we provide further detail via charts and below this table are direct links to the data visualisations.

#### Kilmihil:

The following information is based on 2016 Census data for Kilmihil electoral district.

<b>Economy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19% of females and 27% of males over 15 are classified as "At work" which is below the national average of 24% and 28% respectively. The low number of females in particular in work is of particular note. 10% of females and 11% of males are classified as retired which is above the national average of 8% which illustrates that the community needs to focus on providing services to the elderly</li> <li>Regarding occupations, 24% of males are classified as "Skilled trades" compared to a national average of just 12%. While 8% of females worked in "Caring, leisure and other service occupations" compared to a national average of 6%.</li> <li>The local social welfare office for the area is in Kilrush, live register figure for this office show relatively medium levels of seasonality with live register figures highest in Dec - Feb and lowest in Sept/Oct</li> </ul>
<b>Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9% of females and 7% of males ceased education at the age of 21 compared to a national average of 13.1% and 11.4% respectively, while a higher number of males finished education aged 18 of 9% compared to a national average of 5.5%.</li> <li>26 people were classified as carers, 14 of which are female and 12 of which are male.</li> <li>When asked about their health, 29% of females and 28% of males described their health as "Very good" which is slightly below the national average of 30% but 15% of both genders described their health as "Good" which is 1% higher than the national average of 14%.</li> <li>Interestingly, 12% of people lived in a one person home compared to a national average of 8.5% and county average of 9.5% which may point towards issues of isolation in the community.</li> </ul>
<b>Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a lower % of people who travel to work/education etc between 6:30 and 8:30 while a higher percentage of people travel to work 8:30 - 9 compared to national average and this also is reflected in journey times to work which are considerably lower than the national average which means people spend less time travelling to and from work each day.</li> <li>A slightly lower percentage of people travel by car 37% to school or work (above the age of 5), compared to the national average of 38%.</li> </ul>
<b>Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a relatively old housing stock with 14% being built pre 1919 and 7% built between 19-'45 compared to national average of 8% and 6.5% respectively. This would indicate poorer levels of home insulation in the community</li> <li>Kilmihil rely on less climate change friendly forms of fuel (Oil 15% and Peat 20% compared to the national average of these fuel types 5% &amp; 5%)</li> <li>The water and wastewater infrastructure in Kilmihil is considerably less than the national and county averages with 58% of people on public wastewater scheme (compared to 66% nationally) and 68% of homes are on public water mains (compared to 77% nationally)</li> </ul>

## 4. Stakeholders

Good local plans should strive to help all stakeholders within a community, especially the most vulnerable.

Sometimes, plans tend to focus on the most obvious stakeholders, such as local hotels, but forget about the small business owner working from home; they acknowledge the local football team, but ignore the local bridge club.

By building a register of the various local stakeholders, we aim for the Kilmihil Smart Community Plan to be inclusive and relevant to the needs of people and organisations throughout Kilmihil. The image across provides a breakdown of relevant stakeholders types.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Kilmihil People's Park Company Ltd. - 5827</a>	<p>To establish, promote and operate a community development organisation for the benefit of the community. The aims of the Company is established are: (a) To provide a facility for the promotion of the educational, social and economic welfare of members of the community of Kilmihil and surrounding areas. To provide opportunities for community organisations to work together for the overall benefit of the community. (b) To carry on any other business which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above objects, or calculated, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of, or render more profitable any of the Company's property. (c) To import, export, buy, sell, barter, exchange, pledge, make advances on, take on lease or hire or otherwise acquire, alter, treat, work, manufacture, process, dispose of, let on lease, hire or hire purchase, or otherwise trade or deal in and turn to account as may seem desirable goods, articles, equipment, machinery, plant, merchandise and wares of any description.</p> <p><b>T2: Local Enterprises</b>  <b>T3: Social Enterprise</b></p>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil NS - 5825</a>	<p>Kilmihil N.S. is located in the centre of Kilmihil Village, just beside the local G.A.A. pitch. The Community Centre is also adjacent to the school. The local playschool and after schools' club is situated in this Community Centre, which is a great facility for families. At present they have four mainstream teachers, 1 resource teacher and 1 Learning Support Teacher, who also look after children in Clohanbeg.</p> <p><b>T2: Education &amp; Skills</b>  <b>T3: Youth Education &amp; Skills</b></p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Scoil Mhichil - 5830</a>	<p>Section 9 of the Education Act, 1998 9.—A recognised school shall provide education to students which is appropriate to their abilities and needs and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it shall use its available resources to— (a) ensure that the educational needs of all students, including those with a disability or other special educational needs, are identified and provided for, (b) ensure that the education provided by it meets the requirements of education policy.</p> <p><b>T2: Education &amp; Skills</b>  <b>T3: Youth Education &amp; Skills</b></p>	Public Service	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Publicly elected representatives - 7799</a>	<p>"Elected representatives can assist communities in the development process. There are 3 main groupings of elected representatives relevant to the community. Our representatives include: Councillors: Bill Chambers // Gabriel Keating // P.J. Kelly // Ian Lynch//Cillian Murphy Councillors are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about local issues. Examples would include problems with local infrastructure like refuse collection or damaged facilities. TDs: Timmy Dooley // Michael Harty // Pat Breen // Joe Carey TDs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about national issues. Examples would be the Budget, taxation, Health policy or other nationwide initiatives. MEPs: Billy Kelleher // Mick Wallace // Seán Kelly // Deirdre Clune and Grace O'Sullivan MEPs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about european issues. Examples would be EU treaties and Union wide agreements such as the Common Agricultural Policy or Fisheries Policy. "</p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Clare Co Co - Local Enterprise Office - 8034</a>	<p>The Local Enterprise Office Clare is the first stop shop for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business. The Local Enterprise Office(LEO) provides advice, information and support to you in starting up or growing your business. LEO offer you a wide range of experience, skills and services. The Local Enterprise Office is for people interested in starting up a new business or already in business including; entrepreneurs, early stage promoters, start-ups and small business looking to expand.<a href="https://www.Clarecoco.ie/your-council/departments/local-enterprise-office/">https://www.Clarecoco.ie/your-council/departments/local-enterprise-office/</a></p>	Public Service	0	0

## 5. Assets

Identifying, understanding and appreciating the assets within a community is an important part of any community plan. This plan takes elements from a popular approach to community planning called Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD works on the premise that positive and effective community plans are built by leveraging existing assets within a community. Therefore, it is important to properly log all relevant assets in this category.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">St. Michael Community College - 5301</a>	<p>St Michael's Community College, Kilmihil, is a co-educational school operating under the auspices of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board. The school is the sole provider of post-primary education in the locality and serves a largely rural population with a current enrolment of 227 students. Programmes offered are the Junior Certificate, an optional Transition Year (TY), the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and the established Leaving Certificate.</p> <p><b>T2: Education &amp; Skills</b>  <b>T3: Youth Education &amp; Skills</b></p>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil National School - 5302</a>	<p>Kilmihil N.S. is located in the centre of Kilmihil Village, just beside the local G.A.A. pitch. At present we have four mainstream teachers, 1 resource teacher and 1 Learning Support Teacher, who also look after children in Clohanbeg. Angie Downes is our secretary.</p> <p><b>T2: Education &amp; Skills</b>  <b>T3: Youth Education &amp; Skills</b></p>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Moy Hill Community Farm - 5310</a>	<p>Moy Hill Community farm, run by local people for local people. Sustainable farming practiced. The farm grows worthy food, regenerate systems, plant flowers and trees and work to leave what is in our care healthier than we found it. Provides healthy and cheap food to the local community.</p> <p><b>T2: Local Enterprises</b>  <b>T3: Agri / Food</b></p>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Skilled population - 6171</a>	<p>There are many tradesmen in the area. They have often contributed to local projects such as the re-building of the community centre.</p> <p><b>T2: Employment</b></p>	Have	0	0

## 6. Objectives

Defining local goals and challenges can often be the most difficult component of a community plan, but it is vital nonetheless.

Of course, different stakeholders within the community may wish to prioritise different goals. As such, defining clear goals is a necessary step in selecting projects and preparing a tailored action plan.

The table below provides a themed breakdown of local objectives, which are divided Goals & Challenges.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Mid Atlantic Way - Tourism - 5315</a>	Tourism – The community sees itself as the 'Mid Atlantic Way' and that with development (marketing etc.) they could offer more tourism products. Summer camps for families visiting the West Clare area – traditional skills (hurling etc.) <b>T2: Employment, Local Enterprises</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Job Creation - 5316</a>	There needs to more jobs created. More high-quality jobs are needed that are suitable for graduates. <b>T2: Employment</b> <b>T3: Work Local, Job Seekers</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Entrepreneurial Activity - 5319</a>	need to offer more support to local people so that they can establish micro businesses and SMEs. This would help to diversify the local economy. <b>T2: Employment, Local Enterprises</b> <b>T3: Work Local, Entrepreneurship, Inward Investment</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Increased Support on business plans - 5320</a>	Increased support for business plans and equal access to funding. There's a sense that 'those in the know' are getting the funding. <b>T2: Local Enterprises</b> <b>T3: Inward Investment</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Business Branding - 5321</a>	Branding important on business plans – small local firms 'not carrying weight' need access to larger nationwide companies. <b>T2: Local Enterprises</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Tax Incentives Awareness - 5323</a>	Tax incentives exist in enterprise investment to support private enterprise – this should be widely publicised. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Food Outlet - 5326</a>	There is a dearth of places to eat — for visiting business people or tourists <b>T2: Local Enterprises</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Networking Opportunities - 5327</a>	Need networking opportunities for businesses. <b>T2: Local Enterprises</b> <b>T3: Social Enterprise</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">More Local Jobs - 5331</a>	More local Jobs are needed the following supports were suggested as a way to encourage enterprise start ups and development. <b>T2: Employment</b> <b>T3: Work Local</b>	Goal	0	0



## 7. Projects

Projects are the actions that stakeholders take to improve their community. Local projects can range from things like coaching a youth team to building a hall or organising a clean-up. While sometimes overlooked, it's important to appreciate the projects that have recently been undertaken or that are currently underway in the area, as this helps place the capabilities for future projects in context.

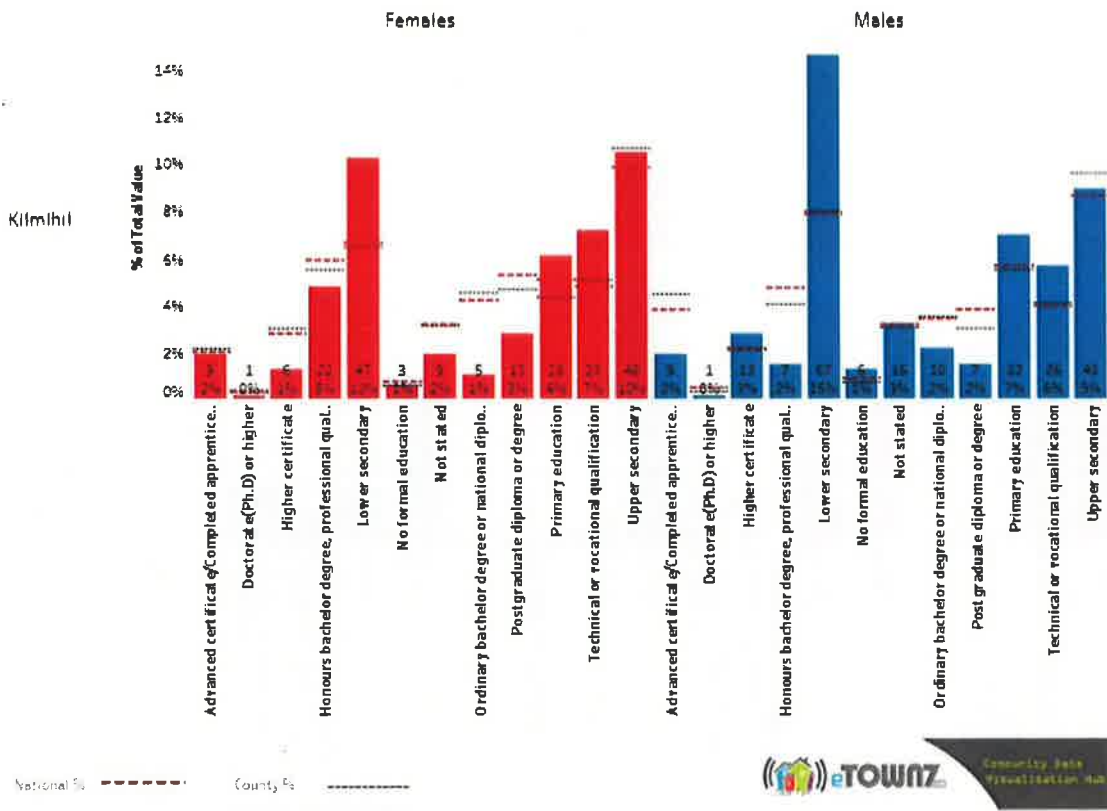
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<a href="#">Enterprise Support - 5348</a>	Support ENTERPRISE CREATION and Entrepreneurial Activity T2: <i>Employment, Local Enterprises</i> T3: <i>Entrepreneurship</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Networking Business Workshops - 5351</a>	Quarterly networking business workshops which could be organised by LEADER and offer: - Community Advice - Sharing supports - Networking opportunities - Real advice and learning. T2: <i>Education &amp; Skills, Local Enterprises</i> T3: <i>Adult Education</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Buy Local - 5353</a>	Should have 'Buy Local' campaigns. Encourage people to shop in the locality. T2: <i>Local Enterprises</i> T3: <i>Other Business</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Community Shop - 5354</a>	No shops in Mullagh — proposals for a community shop. This could also become a social centre. T2: <i>Local Enterprises</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Digital Marketing Courses - 5355</a>	Need Digital Marketing Courses. This would benefit local SMEs T2: <i>Education &amp; Skills</i> T3: <i>Adult Education</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Tourism - 5356</a>	Need to promote West Clare tourism. Develop a brand such as 'authentic Ireland'. Could benefit from increasing commercialisation of WAW and town could be promoted as authentic and traditional. T2: <i>Employment</i> T3: <i>Entrepreneurship</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Community Open Days - 5357</a>	Should have community open days — all organisations in the area to have stands in the hall to promote their work and receive feedback and attract new members. T2: <i>Planning &amp; Management, Local Enterprises</i> T3: <i>Other Business</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Business Investment - 5365</a>	Need to invest in existing businesses, help them to become more sustainable and to grow their staff. There is a need to provide more opportunities for young people in particular. T2: <i>Employment, Local Enterprises</i> T3: <i>Inward Investment</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Start-up Businesses - 5368</a>	Greater supports for Start-up businesses or expansion. T2: <i>Local Enterprises</i> T3: <i>Inward Investment</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Workshops - 5369</a>	it was mentioned that promoters felt that the support ended once the grant had been drawn down. More mentoring — one day workshops in the locality. That LEADER should be there to support businesses at all stages. T2: <i>Education &amp; Skills</i> T3: <i>Adult Education</i>	Idea	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Food - 5371</a>	<p>Food — there is potential to develop more food production businesses. The group would like to see more encouragement in this area</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Local Enterprises</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Agri / Food</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Responsible Tourism - 5374</a>	<p>In order to increase the bed nights of tourists staying in the area, it was felt that in all tourism related projects supported by LEADER should follow a 'Responsible Tourism' model.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Local Enterprises</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Tourism / Hospitality</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Staff - 5375</a>	<p>Staff — it was felt that LEADER should provide dedicated staff member to the area to develop the community and tourism. This staff member should be funded for at least 2 years. It was felt that the animation programmes in the past were too short.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Employment</i></p>	Idea	0	0

# 8. Appendices

## Level of Education (Census '16)

Education Profile - Level of Education Comparison



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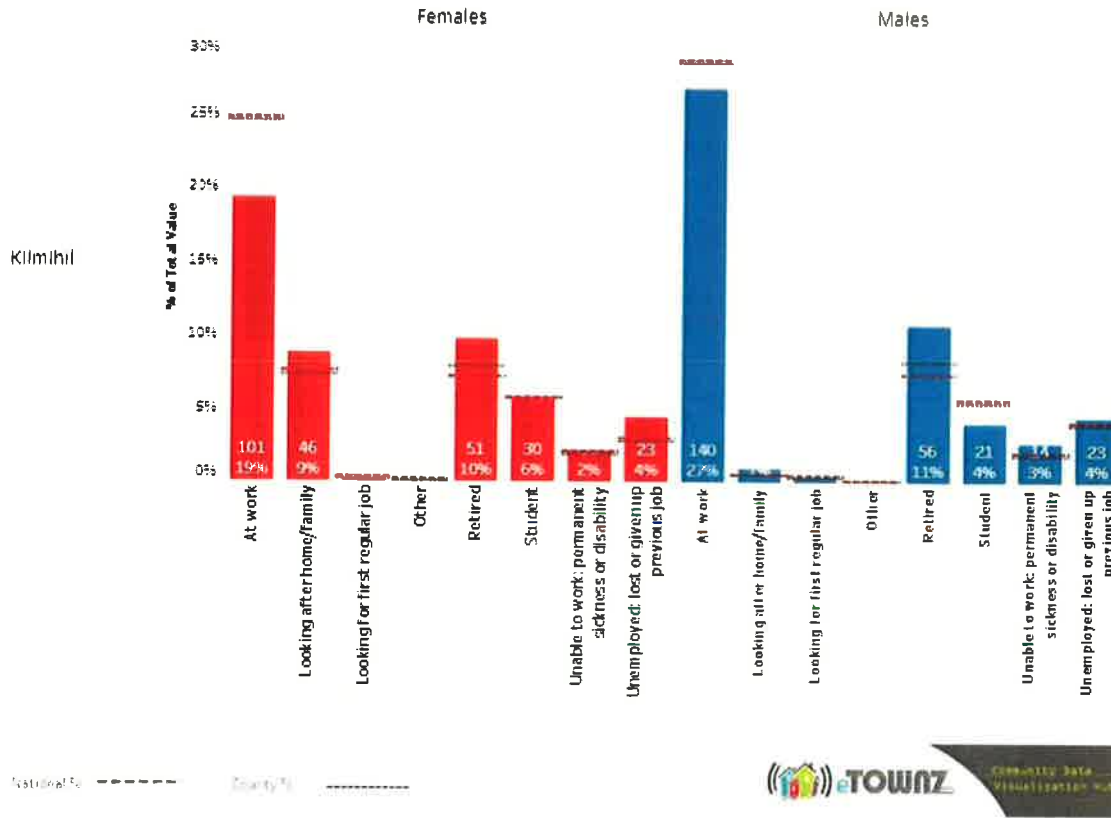
# Principal Economic Status and Sex

Population aged 15+ years by Principal Economic Status and Sex

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Gender  
■ Females  
■ Males

Population aged 15+ years by principal economic status and sex Comparison



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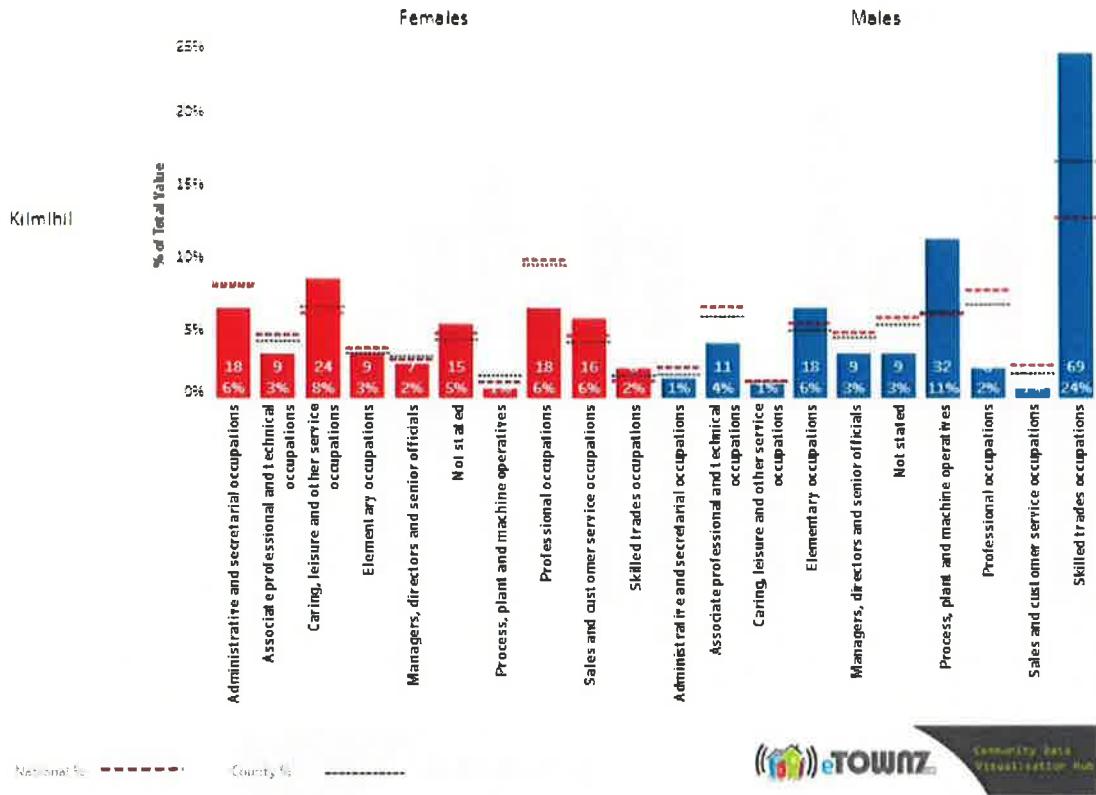
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# Population by Occupation & Gender

Population by Occupation & Gender Comparison



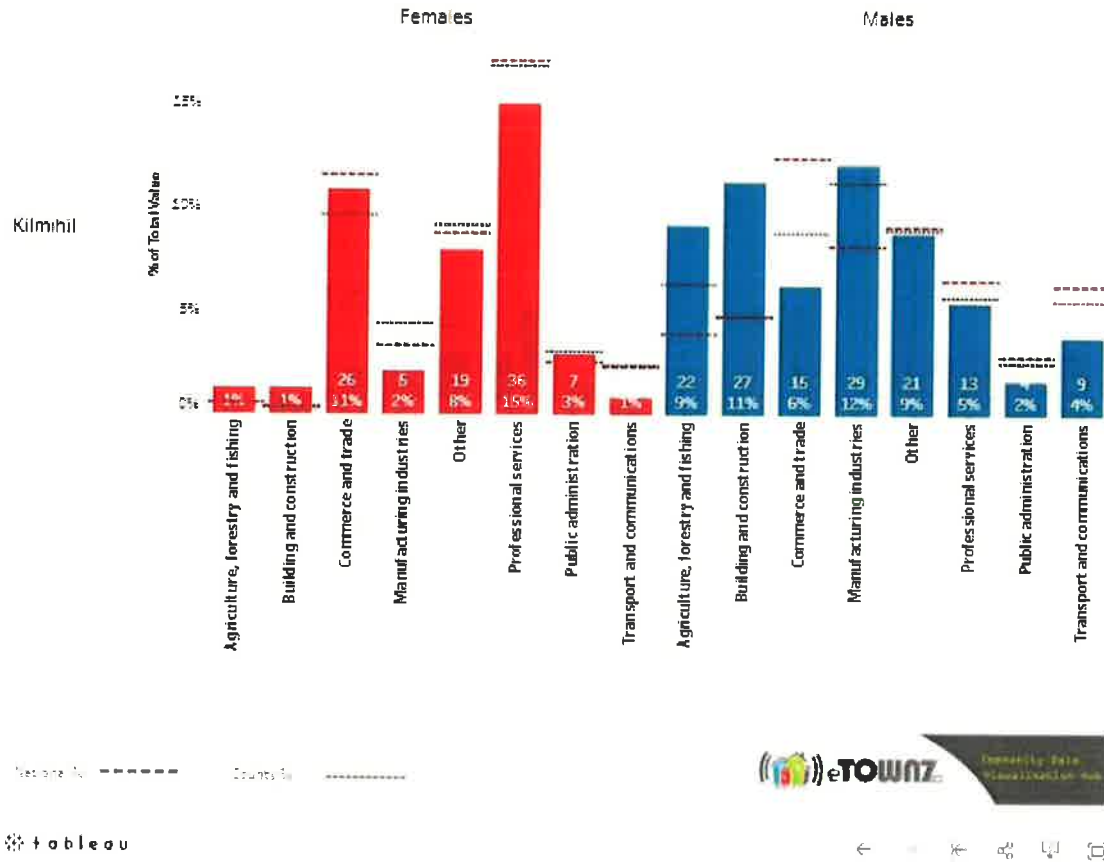
Bar chart showing percentages of local population in occupation, divided by gender.

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# Persons at work by industry and sex

Persons at work by industry and sex Comparison



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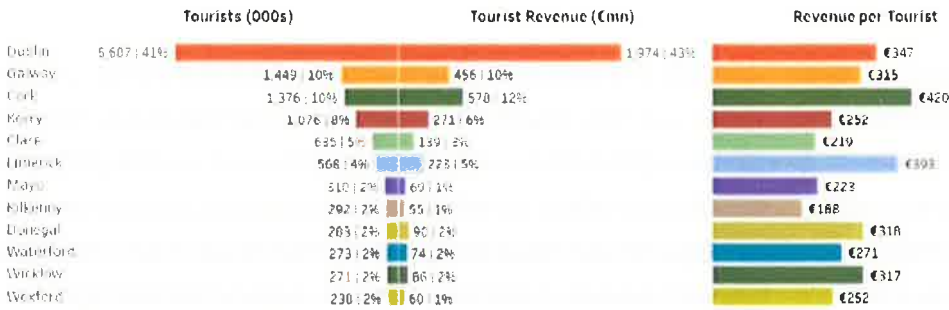
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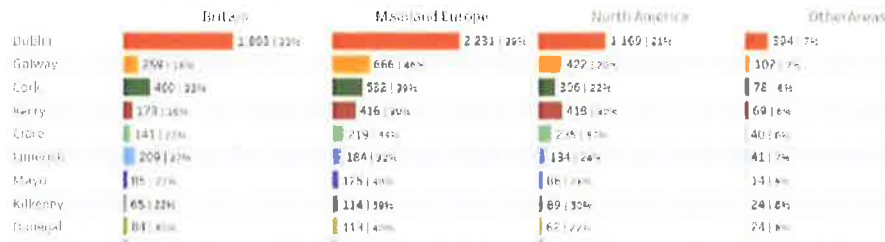
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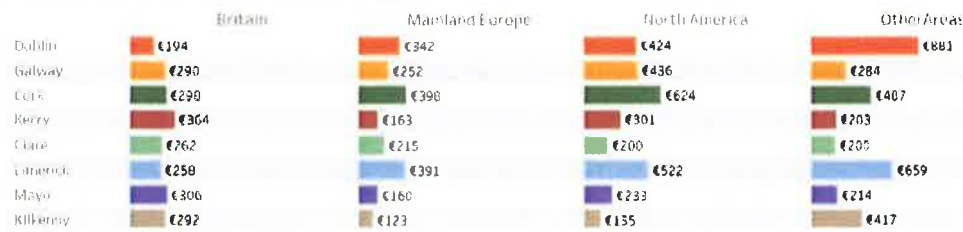
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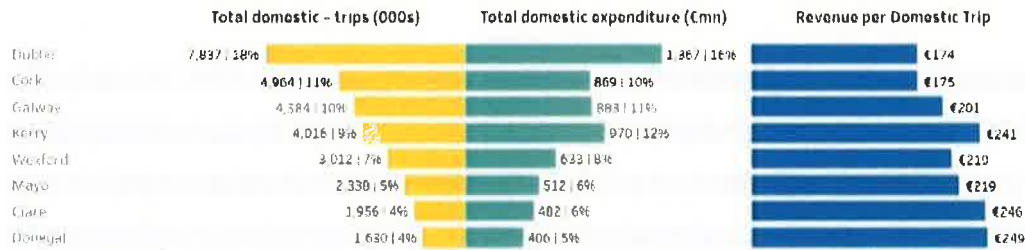
## Number of Tourist by Overseas Origin



## Revenue per Tourist by Overseas Origin



## Breakdown of Domestic Tourists



Provides a breakdown of national statistics on number of, origin of and revenue from tourists to most visited counties.

### Tourism Data

Navigation and control elements for the data visualization, including arrows and a search bar.





# Kilmihil

## Smart Community Plan.

Part 4 of 4

**Community Management & Planning**



## A Plan by the Community for the Community



# 1. Introduction

Welcome to the **Kilmihil Smart Local Management Plan** June 2019. This plan has been compiled by the **Kilmihil** community for the **Kilmihil** community. The plan comes at the end of a twelve month process of working to strengthen the community management capabilities in **Kilmihil**.

## Benefits of a Local Plan

- ✔ Better local collaboration
- ✔ Encourages greater volunteerism
- ✔ Provides direction to local development
- ✔ Creates a unified voice and action team
- ✔ Helps identify & understand problems
- ✔ Improves access to outside supports



**The Wider Project:** The project has been funded by Clare Local Development Company and facilitated by a company called eTownz. The project is part of a wider project in Clare where forty communities across the county have been undertaking similar exercises. As many nearby communities are undertaking similar projects and developing local action teams, it creates collaboration opportunities for neighboring communities.

**The Four-Part Plan:** This document is one of four parts of a community plan for **Kilmihil**. These represent four top tiers of community planning: Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management.



**Kilmihil** may wish to develop more detailed plans for specific areas within one of the four parts, such as a specific Tourism plan under the Economy heading, or a specific Energy plan under the Environment heading.

**Town Teams:** The importance to local development of collaboration between local people, clubs, businesses and service providers cannot be understated. eTownz suggests **Kilmihil** creates teams for each of the four top tiers: **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management**.



## > How Did We Get Here?

The **Kilmihil Smart Local Management Plan** has been compiled over 12 months from community feedback. eTownz liaised with a small group of dedicated local volunteers to organise and gather the information in this report.



## > Plan Structure

This is a 'smart' community plan. It draws on information from different sources and can be updated at any time through the eTownz online dashboard- [Click Here](#) . This allows different sections of the community to engage with an ongoing planning process

The plan was compiled by creating a 'model' of **Kilmihil**. The information is logged to a database as 'Record Logs'.

Each record log is assigned both a "Log Type" and a "Log Theme". This provides the framework for the community plan. This modular plan is compiled using the eTownz Dashboard, allowing the plan to be easily updated by the **Kilmihil** team in the future, adding new project ideas and challenges.

**Your Community Idea Card**

1) Type: (circle as appropriate) a) Asset b) Project (Past / Present / Upcoming) c) Stakeholder (Club / Groups etc.) d) Goal

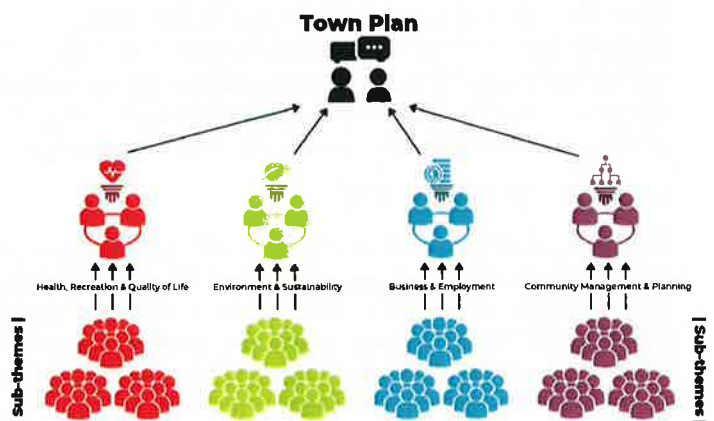
2) Community Development Theme: (circle as appropriate) a) Health, Recreation & Quality of Life b) Environment & Sustainability c) Business & Employment d) Community Management & Planning

3) Title: Local GAA Club

4) Summary: The local club is

## > What Next?

The plan hopes to assist **Kilmihil** locals with creating a series of community development teams. Each team will cover one of the four top tiers; **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment or Management**. Teams should be composed of representatives from local clubs, businesses and service providers, as well as interested people from **Kilmihil** . Teams will set their own agendas for how often they would like to meet, what projects to undertake and so on.



## > So What Can You Do?

If you have an interest in local issues in **Kilmihil** , there are a number of ways you can get involved:

- **Share:** Read and share this report with others
- **Survey:** Complete the surveys or register your club/organisation
- **Contribute:** Contribute your ideas on any record by clicking on the log record title or visiting the eTownz dashboard
- **Join a team:** Register for a team online or attend a meeting to get involved in the **Kilmihil** plan.



## **2. Executive Summary**

The community needs to be improved in that it should be an attractive place to visit. There needs to be more done with the derelict buildings in the area. Shops and business could, for example use window dressing to make the village more attractive. More signage needs to be provided. Need signage to places off the WAW. There is a need to have more visitors to come to the village. There is a feeling that WAW is taking away tourists from the village. Old forge in Mullagh could be restored/developed. A reliable broadband service in the area, which is essential for local enterprises is a priority for the area. The public transport services are not adequate and mean that many older and younger people are isolated. A scheme such as the West Cork Rapid Service to ensure that local people get the health care that they deserve would also benefit the community.

### **Management, Planning & Coordination Town Team**

The first step in developing management initiatives in the community is to create & support a team of relevant people and organisations that can help coordinate activities and facilitate change. The team can be small or large and decide its own format. The team may take on its own projects or simply meet occasionally to help coordinate groups with common interests. Members of the team could be comprised of local residents, businesses, club or public service representatives. Team structure can be simple to start with and decide how often they should meet as they see fit. The team can seek to gain a greater understanding of local barriers and opportunities to formulate a plan for future activities. There are also a wide variety of supports available and a well prepared team can help the community can take advantage of these. Building a local environment team helps coordinate cross-community initiatives, helps liaising with service providers, and helps the community understand & address local management challenges.

### **Local Communication Plan**

Communications is key to effective local development. The town management team may want to work towards communication plans to ensure there are effective channels to communicate messages on local issues & opportunities, such as the work of the town teams. Such a plan might start with identifying local people who would be interested in preparing and implementing a local communications plan. The plan might consider both online and offline channels. Consideration may be given to both promoting the community and its offering to visitors but also keeping locals up to date on local events & activities.

### **Youth Council & Youth Plan**

One challenge in identifying & supporting the needs of local youth is getting them involved in local development. The management team may want to work towards the foundation of a youth council to encourage young people to get involved in community development and to develop a plan for the youth in the area. Local schools and youth-oriented clubs & activities could be involved in the foundation of a youth council or help in a survey of the needs of young people in the area.

### 3. Summary of Community Stats

In this section we provide a summary of key statistics related to the community based primarily on 2016 Census data. In the appendices we provide further detail via charts and below this table are direct links to the data visualisations.

Kilmihil:	
The following information is based on 2016 Census data for Kilmihil electoral district.	
<b>Economy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19% of females and 27% of males over 15 are classified as "At work" which is below the national average of 24% and 28% respectively. The low number of females in particular in work is of particular note. 10% of females and 11% of males are classified as retired which is above the national average of 8% which illustrates that the community needs to focus on providing services to the elderly</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding occupations, 24% of males are classified as "Skilled trades" compared to a national average of just 12%. While 8% of females worked in "Caring, leisure and other service occupations" compared to a national average of 6%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The local social welfare office for the area is in Kilrush, live register figure for this office show relatively medium levels of seasonality with live register figures highest in Dec - Feb and lowest in Sept/Oct</li> </ul>
<b>Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9% of females and 7% of males ceased education at the age of 21 compared to a national average of 13.1% and 11.4% respectively, while a higher number of males finished education aged 18 of 9% compared to a national average of 5.5%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 people were classified as carers, 14 of which are female and 12 of which are male.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When asked about their health, 29% of females and 28% of males described their health as "Very good" which is slightly below the national average of 30% but 15% of both genders described their health as "Good" which is 1% higher than the national average of 14%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interestingly, 12% of people lived in a one person home compared to a national average of 8.5% and county average of 9.5% which may point towards issues of isolation in the community.</li> </ul>
<b>Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a lower % of people who travel to work/education etc between 6:30 and 8:30 while a higher percentage of people travel to work 8:30 - 9 compared to national average and this also is reflected in journey times to work which are considerably lower than the national average which means people spend less time travelling to and from work each day.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A slightly lower percentage of people travel by car 37% to school or work (above the age of 5), compared to the national average of 38%.</li> </ul>
<b>Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a relatively old housing stock with 14% being built pre 1919 and 7% built between 19-'45 compared to national average of 8% and 6.5% respectively. This would indicate poorer levels of home insulation in the community</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kilmihil rely on less climate change friendly forms of fuel (Oil 15% and Peat 20% compared to the national average of these fuel types 5% &amp; 5%)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The water and wastewater infrastructure in Kilmihil is considerably less than the national and county averages with 58% of people on public wastewater scheme (compared to 66% nationally) and 68% of homes are on public water mains (compared to 77% nationally)</li> </ul>

## 4. Stakeholders

Good local plans should strive to help all stakeholders within a community, especially the most vulnerable.

Sometimes, plans tend to focus on the most obvious stakeholders, such as local hotels, but forget about the small business owner working from home; they acknowledge the local football team, but ignore the local bridge club.

By building a register of the various local stakeholders, we aim for the Kilmihil Smart Community Plan to be inclusive and relevant to the needs of people and organisations throughout Kilmihil. The image across provides a breakdown of relevant stakeholders types.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Kilmihil Community Development - 5332</a>	Kilmihil Community Development was formed to promote the physical infrastructure, cultural, social and economic life of Kilmihil parish. KCD has engaged with many organisations and groups over the years to further its aims, including a village renewal scheme partnership with Clare County Council when Main Street was redeveloped years ago. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management, Participation &amp; Volunteering</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Parish Council - 5334</a>	A council that acts as a forum for local people and raises issues facing the community. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Community Council</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil People's Park Ltd - 5338</a>	Kilmihil People's Park is a community initiative to create a green park with play area, outdoor exercise equipment, gym/leisure building and full size Astroturf pitch in Kilmihil. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Community Housing Association Company Ltd. - 5824</a>	a) To carry on for the benefit of the community the provision of housing and associated amenities for persons in deprived or necessitous circumstances. (b) To provide for the relief of poverty and deprivation caused by poor housing conditions and homelessness or other social and economic circumstances. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Community Development Company Ltd. - 5826</a>	To promote, arrange, organise, carry out and direct ventures of all kind in order to improve and further the local and surrounding area of Kilmihil and all other places as the company may from time to time decide. To promote development in the Kilmihil area by whatever means are available to the company and assist in the setting up of new industry. To make contact with support groups and individuals to monitor projects and developments that might provide employment. To provide, establish, manage and organise community activities of all kinds and types. <b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport, Planning &amp; Management</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Tanzanian Village Renewal - 5831</a>	The founders of the charity; Michael and Maureen Mescall from Kilmihil, Co Clare first travelled to Tanzania in 1999 on holiday and at the end of the trip, they stayed for a few days with Dr Margaret Hogan from Killimer, Co Clare, who has worked as a clinical psychologist in Dar es Salaam for over 35 years. Margaret is also a member of the Medical Missionaries of Mary. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management, Participation &amp; Volunteering</b>	Group/Club	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Publicly elected representatives - 7799</a>	<p>"Elected representatives can assist communities in the development process. There are 3 main groupings of elected representatives relevant to the community. Our representatives include: Councillors: Bill Chambers // Gabriel Keating // P.J. Kelly // Ian Lynch//Cillian Murphy Councillors are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about local issues. Examples would include problems with local infrastructure like refuse collection or damaged facilities. TDs: Timmy Dooley // Michael Harty // Pat Breen // Joe Carey TDs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about national issues. Examples would be the Budget, taxation, Health policy or other nationwide initiatives. MEPs: Billy Kelleher // Mick Wallace // Seán Kelly // Deirdre Clune and Grace O'Sullivan MEPs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about european issues. Examples would be EU treaties and Union wide agreements such as the Common Agricultural Policy or Fisheries Policy. "</p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Clare Local Development Company - 8026</a>	<p>Clare Local Development Company has over 21 years experience of providing a wide range of local development services including training, work placements, grants and advice. The mission of CLDC is to promote and deliver supports and services for social inclusion, enterprise, rural and community development, both from our own resources and in collaboration with other agencies.<a href="http://cldc.ie/">http://cldc.ie/</a>  <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b>  <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b></p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Clare Accessible Transport - 8044</a>	<p>To endeavour, to provide a flexible and accessible rural transport service available to the whole community in Clare and South Galway but with priority given to those people who are socially excluded either by (perception of) disability, low income, social status, gender, age, or otherwise as decided by the directors from time to time. To work with existing transport providers and relevant agencies to develop a comprehensive local transport network, thereby enabling people who are socially isolated at present and entitled to free travel passes to use them.<a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/038af326-c097-4436-b947-07d21ef128aa/Clare-accessible-transport">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/038af326-c097-4436-b947-07d21ef128aa/Clare-accessible-transport</a></p>	Public Service	0	0

## 5. Assets

Identifying, understanding and appreciating the assets within a community is an important part of any community plan. This plan takes elements from a popular approach to community planning called Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD works on the premise that positive and effective community plans are built by leveraging existing assets within a community. Therefore, it is important to properly log all relevant assets in this category.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Streetscape - 6177</a>	The village is very well-maintained and attractive. it has a traditional water-pump and a Celtic Cross. <b>T2: Streetscape</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil running track - 6178</a>	There is a running track in the village that is regularly utilised by the Kilmihil Running/Athletic Club <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Community Hall - 5298</a>	Community hall where events and classes are held. Active Retirement events such as dancing are held here. There are classes in Pilates and Taekwondo. This hall is also used as a community forum. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Water Pump - 5299</a>	water pump provides supplies of water to the local community. <b>T2: Streetscape</b>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">St. Michael's Church - 5300</a>	It is believed that St. Michael's Church was founded by St. Senan around 530AD. He dedicated this church to St. Michael. In 1632 reputedly, a woman from Tullycrine, a Mrs O'Gorman dreamt on three successive nights that if she came to Kilmihil church (the old church, which is now in ruins) she would find a clump of rushes on the Southern end of the church grounds and if she dug there, water would gush forth and she would be cured of the gout and other afflictions. On arriving at the church the pony that she that she was riding moved onto the marshy ground and pulled a mouthful of grass . The tuft came away and the pony shook the dripping grass on Mrs O'Gorman and she was immediately cured. She and her son, Tom, went to the parish priest a Father Dermot O'Queally who was also cured . News of this strange discovery and of its power to effect cures spread far and wide and many thousands flocked to the well. The then Bishop of Killaloe Dr O'Moloney dedicated the Well to St. Michael. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b>	Have	0	0



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<a href="#">St. Michael's Shrine - 5304</a>	<p>It is believed that St. Michael's Church was founded by St. Senan around 530AD. He dedicated this church to St. Michael. In 1632 reputedly, a woman from Tullycrine, a Mrs O'Gorman dreamt on three successive nights that if she came to Kilmihil church (the old church, which is now in ruins) she would find a clump of rushes on the Southern end of the church grounds and if she dug there, water would gush forth and she would be cured of the gout and other afflictions. On arriving at the church the pony that she that she was riding moved onto the marshy ground and pulled a mouthful of grass . The tuft came away and the pony shook the dripping grass on Mrs O'Gorman and she was immediately cured. She and her son, Tom, went to the parish priest a Father Dermott O'Queally who was also cured . News of this strange discovery and of it's power to effect cures spread far and wide and many thousands flocked to the well. The then Bishop of Killaloe Dr O'Moloney dedicated the Well to St. Michael.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management, Culture &amp; Heritage</b>  <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b></p>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Street Furniture - 5307</a>	<p>The town has public seating- for visitors and residents and this adds greatly to the town, it provides various locations for community members to rest and meetup.</p> <p><b>T2: Streetscape , Planning &amp; Management</b>  <b>T3: Liveable &amp; Tidy Towns, Built Environment &amp; Landscape</b></p>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Parking Area - 5308</a>	<p>Parking spaces, that are free for visitors, shoppers and residents.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b>  <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b></p>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Facebook Page - 6174</a>	<p>Website provides information on community issues and developments.</p> <p><b>T2: Communications</b>  <b>T3: Digital Communities</b></p>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Safety Equipment for Grass cutting - 5294</a>	<p>Safety Equipment for grass cuttings on approach Roads €4000 - T1 (Wasn't completely clear whether this is something Kilmihil needs or something it has)</p> <p><b>T2: Participation &amp; Volunteering</b></p>	Need	0	0
<a href="#">Coffee shop Hub - 5297</a>	<p>A community run not-for-profit Coffee Shop for older &amp; younger people which could also act as a Digital Hub. Here younger people would have a safe place to go. Older people could meet here. It could also provide digital training to members of the community. The hub would also become an important social amenity.</p> <p><b>T2: Streetscape , Planning &amp; Management</b></p>	Need	0	0
<a href="#">Lighting on road - 6164</a>	<p>There is not enough lighting on the main road and this is dangerous.</p> <p><b>T2: Streetscape</b></p>	Need	0	0
<a href="#">Better broadband - 6172</a>	<p>Broadband coverage is patchy in the village. More needs to be done to improve broadband in the village.</p> <p><b>T2: Communications</b></p>	Need	0	0
<a href="#">Derelict building - 6173</a>	<p>A derelict building in the village is an eyesore and a potential hazed. There needs to be a plan to renovate this building.</p> <p><b>T2: Streetscape</b></p>	Need	0	0
<a href="#">Development of Kilmihil race track - 6179</a>	<p>There needs to be a plan to better utilise the track. There is no legal clarity over the ownership of the track and who can use it. This asset needs to be better utilised for the benefit of the community.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b></p>	Need	0	0

## 6. Objectives

Defining local goals and challenges can often be the most difficult component of a community plan, but it is vital nonetheless.

Of course, different stakeholders within the community may wish to prioritise different goals. As such, defining clear goals is a necessary step in selecting projects and preparing a tailored action plan.

The table below provides a themed breakdown of local objectives, which are divided Goals & Challenges.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Lack of Signage - 5293</a>	There is a lack of signage. This negatively impacts on business & tourism. <b>T2: Communications</b>	Challenge	0	0
<a href="#">Kilmihil Mart - 5380</a>	The Mart is an eyesore. A local company is prepared to buy it but Clare County Council has not provided planning permission. From the Clare County Dev Plan: "ENT1 identifies the existing site which contains the old Kilmihil mart on the outskirts of the village. If this area was developed it could transform the area and provide more economic opportunities and attract new people to the locality." <b>T2: Streetscape</b> <b>T3: Liveable &amp; Tidy Towns, Built Environment &amp; Landscape</b>	Challenge	0	0
<a href="#">Incentives - 5311</a>	The community is committed to making Kilmihil the best area to live in and encourage young people to relocate back to the area. The group felt that incentives (housing tax) could encourage more people to live in the area. There is a great concern over the aging population in the area. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Young Population - 5312</a>	Age profile trend is starting to change there is a growing younger generation (6 to 10-year-olds) The biggest fear is if there is not more infrastructure investment in the area that this age group will move away. Lack of job opportunities the major concern. It was mentioned that even students cannot obtain part-time jobs. <b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport, Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Transport &amp; Logistics, Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">'Resettlers' - 5318</a>	Need to encourage more new people, especially those with connections to the locality return to live and work. <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Transport - 5322</a>	Transport 3 times per day – not adequate <b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport</b> <b>T3: Transport &amp; Logistics</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">State Policy - 5324</a>	State policy an issue. Government not providing enough support for local enterprises and public transport. <b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport, Planning &amp; Management, Local Enterprises</b> <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Broadband - 5325</a>	Poor Broadband — a big problem for local businesses and impacting on local people's quality of life <b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport</b> <b>T3: Phone and Internet</b>	Goal	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Improved Transport - 5328</a>	<p>TRANSPORT — big problem: Elderly housing 'The Meadow' hosts Fri morning social activities for both residents and non-residents, but no transport — have to pick non-residents up and bring them in. Young people also need transport. They are very isolated after school and over weekends. Parents of young children are isolated.</p> <p><b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport</b>  <b>T3: Transport &amp; Logistics</b></p>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Stakeholder model of community development - 5329</a>	<p>Important to adopt the stakeholder model of community development. Need all stakeholders to work for change. Young people are very important if the area is to develop and to be sustainable in the longer term.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b>  <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b></p>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Improve Signage and draw in passthrough traffic - 5330</a>	<p>Kilmihil has a lot of traffic going through it — people going to Doonbeg. Should improve signage to local shops/services, e.g. pharmacy.</p> <p><b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport</b>  <b>T3: Transport &amp; Logistics</b></p>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">More housing - 8276</a>	<p>More housing in the area and this will encourage more people to settle in the area.</p> <p><b>T2: Streetscape , Infrastructure &amp; Transport</b>  <b>T3: Liveable &amp; Tidy Towns, Built Environment &amp; Landscape</b></p>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Community Bus - 8278</a>	<p>A local bus that could help with the transport needs of the local community. It could also combat social isolation and help young people to interact with others.</p> <p><b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport</b>  <b>T3: Transport &amp; Logistics</b></p>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Collaboration between groups - 8280</a>	<p>A forum established whereby local groups can come together for the common good.</p> <p><b>T2: Communications</b>  <b>T3: Communications Team</b></p>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Umbrella structure for local groups - 8287</a>	<p>Local groups can work together in a more formal structure. This many possible be under the direction of the KDC.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b>  <b>T3: Community Council, Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b></p>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">More collaboration with KDC - 8288</a>	<p>A forum where local groups can collaborate with the KDC</p> <p><b>T2: Communications</b>  <b>T3: Communications Team</b></p>	Goal	0	0

## 7. Projects

Projects are the actions that stakeholders take to improve their community. Local projects can range from things like coaching a youth team to building a hall or organising a clean-up. While sometimes overlooked, it's important to appreciate the projects that have recently been undertaken or that are currently underway in the area, as this helps place the capabilities for future projects in context.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Lake walkway - 5289</a>	Develop a walkway around the lake to boost visitor numbers. A walk around the whole lake would be two miles long. There are a number of landowners who would need to be consulted. <b>T2:</b> <i>Streetscape , Planning &amp; Management</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Wharf for Boats - 5290</a>	On the lake, a wharf for mooring boats: canoes, kayaks, etc. This could boost the number of boats on the lake and increase the number of visitors. <b>T2:</b> <i>Infrastructure &amp; Transport</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Transport &amp; Logistics</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Transport Scheme - 5296</a>	Need private taxis ie. Uber. There is currently no way to get to places, day or night. This is impacting on local businesses and is discouraging people from visiting the area. <b>T2:</b> <i>Infrastructure &amp; Transport</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Transport &amp; Logistics</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">SME - 5346</a>	The community feels that every village should be run the same as an SME. The importance of local SMEs to the area is also recognised. <b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Planning, Management &amp; Governance</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Broadband - 5347</a>	Broadband – There is a start up enterprise in the area – ‘Clare Broadband’ the company have been able to bring ‘Fibre Air’ broadband to area, and would like to roll this out to other areas in the county but need investment for the infrastructure needed to install masts etc.. <b>T2:</b> <i>Communications</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Digital Communities</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Fibre Broadband - 5349</a>	Fibre Broadband – satellite issue- lack of broadband a major concern. This means that local businesses can participate in the digital economy. <b>T2:</b> <i>Infrastructure &amp; Transport</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Phone and Internet</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">LEADER support - 5350</a>	There needs to be more support to access the LEADER program i.e. Support, consultation, providing guidance, mentoring. <b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Planning, Management &amp; Governance</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Improve Ennis Road - 5352</a>	Need better roads to Ennis to facilitate business. This is essential especially during the winter months. <b>T2:</b> <i>Infrastructure &amp; Transport, Planning &amp; Management</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Community Open Days - 5357</a>	Should have community open days — all organisations in the area to have stands in the hall to promote their work and receive feedback and attract new members. <b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management, Local Enterprises</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Other Business</i>	Idea	0	0

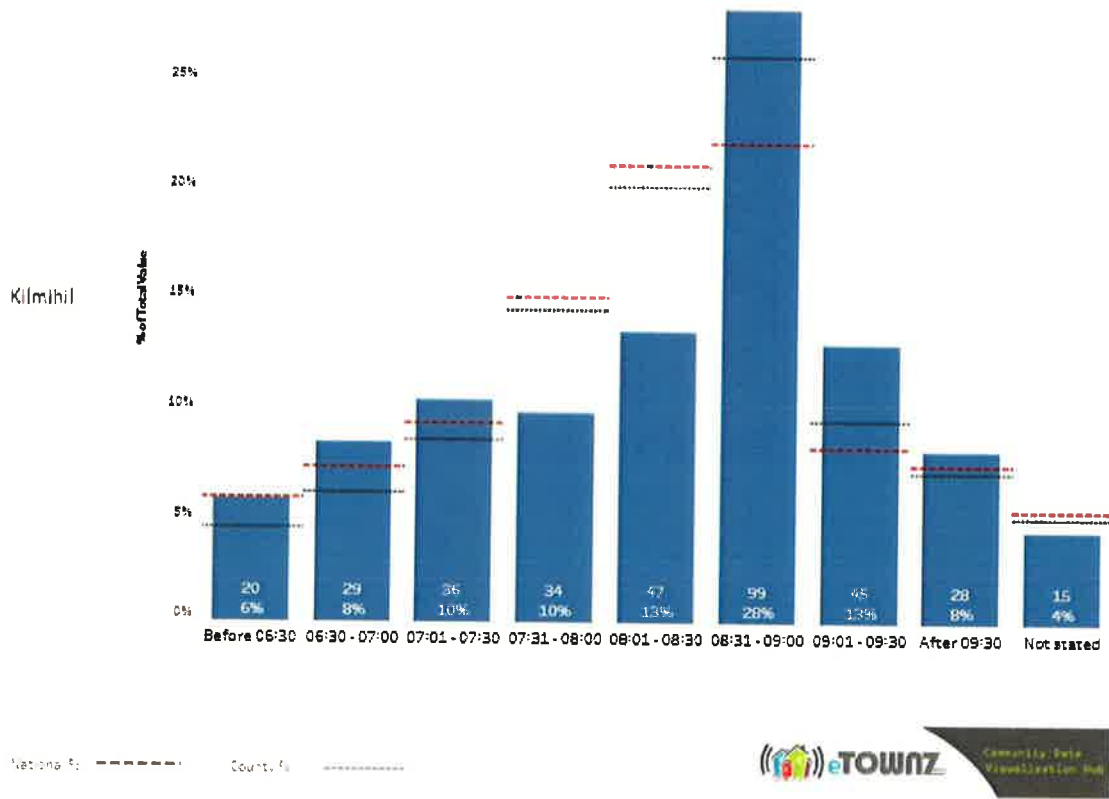
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<a href="#">Tool Banks - 5359</a>	<p>Could create tool banks/tool share schemes, e.g. kiln for pottery. This could support micro businesses and also help older people to find new hobbies.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Planning, Management &amp; Governance</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Kitchen - 5360</a>	<p>Incubation kitchen for new artisan / added value food products. This could also be used for cooking classes.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Apps - 5361</a>	<p>Can develop apps for smartphones/tablets that don't need data connection to work — we could support online guides</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Infrastructure &amp; Transport, Planning &amp; Management</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Phone and Internet</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Signage off the WAW - 5362</a>	<p>Need signage to places off the WAW. There is a need to have more visitors come to the village. There is a feeling that WAW is taking away tourists from the village.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Infrastructure &amp; Transport, Planning &amp; Management</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Planning, Management &amp; Governance</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Office Space - 5370</a>	<p>There is a lack of suitable office/business space to rent in West Clare. There is a need for more office space. It was felt that LEADER should consider an enterprise hub. This hub would provide supports for local enterprises such as reliable broadband</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Infrastructure &amp; Transport, Planning &amp; Management</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Phone and Internet, Planning, Management &amp; Governance</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Broadband - 5372</a>	<p>The broadband isn't sufficient for business use and the group would like LEADER to consider assisting a group to investigate new technologies and to assist the community in attracting new providers into the area.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Communications</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Digital Communities</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Notice Board - 5377</a>	<p>Notice board online and an actual physical notice board to advertise businesses and community events locally.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Planning, Management &amp; Governance</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Community Network - 5378</a>	<p>There was a suggestion that there should be a network developed for community groups across Clare. It was noted that the PPN exists but what the group were suggesting was a network where there are events — themed around issues that affect community groups. Possible mentoring by more established groups towards newer groups.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Planning, Management &amp; Governance</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Volunteer Burnout - 5379</a>	<p>Volunteer Burn out — There is a feeling that the same people are being burdened with the community development locally. The community/tourism staff member noted above could assist with recruiting new members.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management, Participation &amp; Volunteering</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Growing local volunteer base</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Brand the local schools - 8273</a>	<p>Brand the local schools so that people from outside the area want to sent their children here. This may even encourage</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Communications</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Communications Team</i></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Expand creche - 8274</a>	<p>An expanded creche could attract more people to the town as facilities in nearby towns are overcrowded and expensive.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Depopulation</i></p>	Idea	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">More teachers - 8275</a>	<p>There is a shortage of teachers in some areas and this needs to be addressed. If it is it could attract more people into the area.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Depopulation, Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Tus worker/driver - 8279</a>	<p>A person on the community scheme could drive people during the night. This would be an invaluable service.</p> <p><b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport</b> <b>T3: Transport &amp; Logistics</b></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Village Rickshaw - 8282</a>	<p>A rickshaw that could transport older people. This could be especially beneficial for those who live in the retirement village.</p> <p><b>T2: Infrastructure &amp; Transport</b> <b>T3: Transport &amp; Logistics</b></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Group representations KCD - 8286</a>	<p>Local groups need to be represented on local KCD (Development Company). This could help the locality to develop and allow for resources to be more effectively used.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b></p>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">People's Park - 5344</a>	<p>Similar to Lee's road with a multi-purpose building to serve youth clubs – changing facilities a community Gym, hot desks for people currently working at home, and A natural park – without playground equipment. Currently the group have planning permission and have been donated land. They feel they need this project to move to the next level to ensure full local support. Fundraising for this project ongoing. The group feel that their project plans for the People's Park is needed for the survival of the area.</p> <p><b>T2: Streetscape , Planning &amp; Management</b></p>	Past / Present	1	1
<a href="#">FabLab - 5345</a>	<p>Talked about FabLab in Cloughjordan — laser cutters and 3D printing available for people to create prototypes of new products.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b></p>	Past / Present	0	0
<a href="#">Rebrand the community - 8281</a>	<p>A strategy to rebrand the village and demonstrate its high quality of life. This could help in the development of the town and deal with issues such as depopulation.</p> <p><b>T2: Communications</b> <b>T3: Communications Team</b></p>	Planned	0	0
<a href="#">Volunteer recruitment - 8283</a>	<p>A strategy to recruit more volunteers for local groups.</p> <p><b>T2: Participation &amp; Volunteering</b> <b>T3: Growing local volunteer base</b></p>	Planned	0	0
<a href="#">Parish Newsletter - 8284</a>	<p>A newsletter informing people of all the events and groups in the locality.</p> <p><b>T2: Communications</b> <b>T3: Communications Team</b></p>	Planned	0	0
<a href="#">Community group funding - 8285</a>	<p>Local groups come together and support each other in grant and other funding applications.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b></p>	Planned	0	0
<a href="#">Survey of community assets - 8289</a>	<p>A survey of the community assets and this could be used to rebrand the village.</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management</b> <b>T3: Planning, Management &amp; Governance</b></p>	Planned	0	0
<a href="#">Tidy Towns 2019 - 8309</a>	<p>The community plan on entering the Tidy Towns competition in 2019 and would encourage all residents, business and clubs to assist where they can</p> <p><b>T2: Planning &amp; Management, Habitats &amp; Environment</b></p>	Planned	0	0



# 8. Appendices

## Population by time leaving home to travel to Work, School or College



**About:** Population aged 5+ by time leaving home to travel to Work, School or College

**Trendline Key:**

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Census '16

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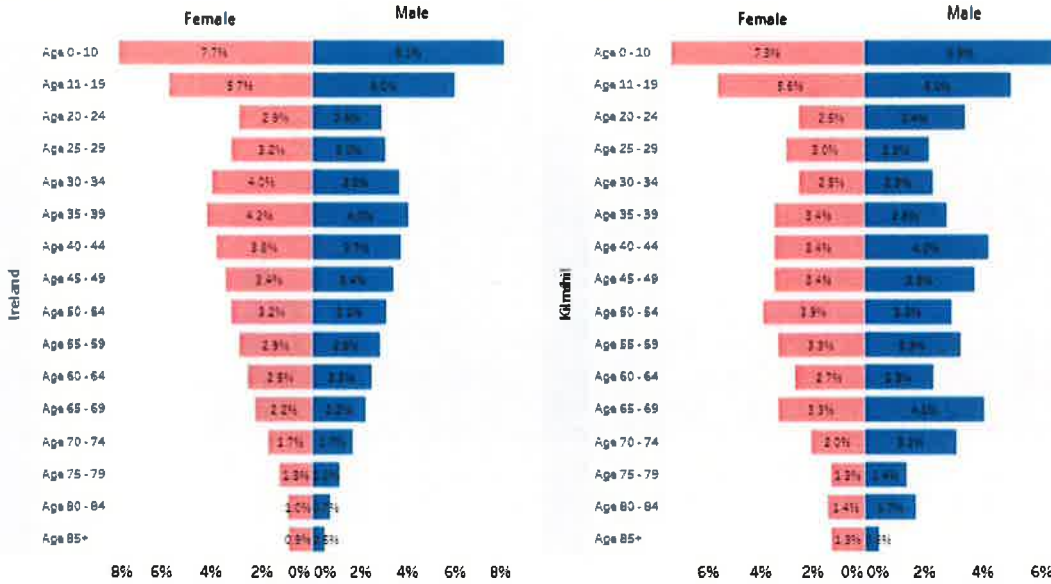
# Local Population Profile - Census '16

Ireland Population by Age Group - Census 2016

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Ireland Age Profile

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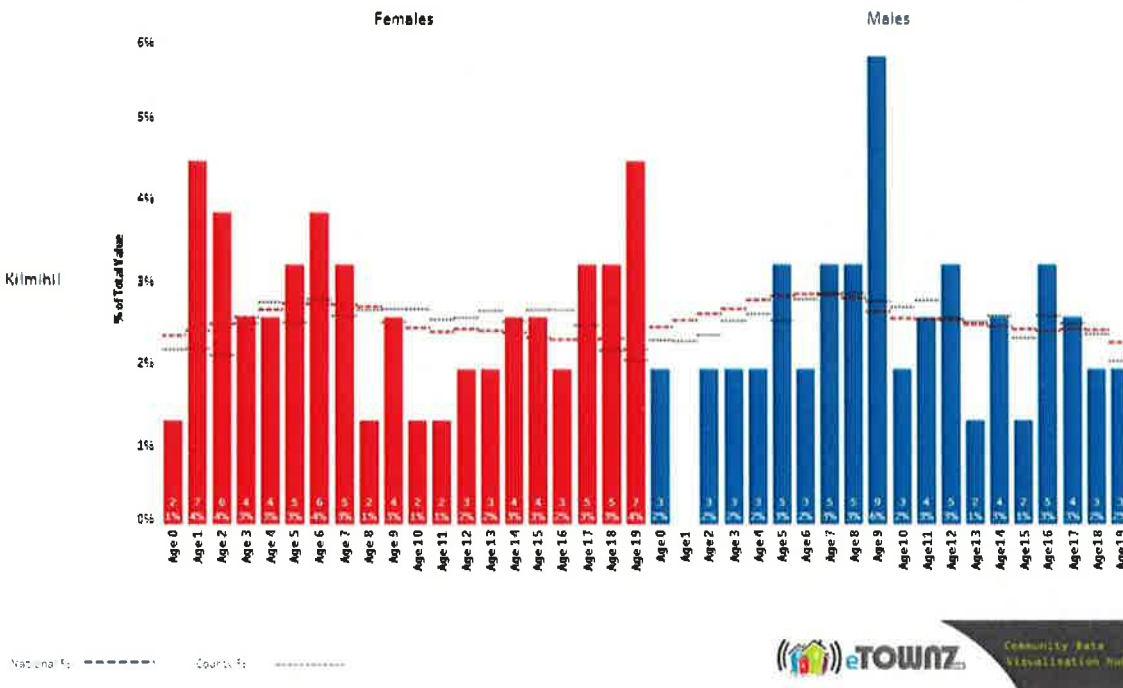


Here is a visualization which compares the national population profile versus the profile for Kilmihil electoral division

Ireland Population by Age Group - Census 2016

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## Age Profile of Locals (0-19yrs)



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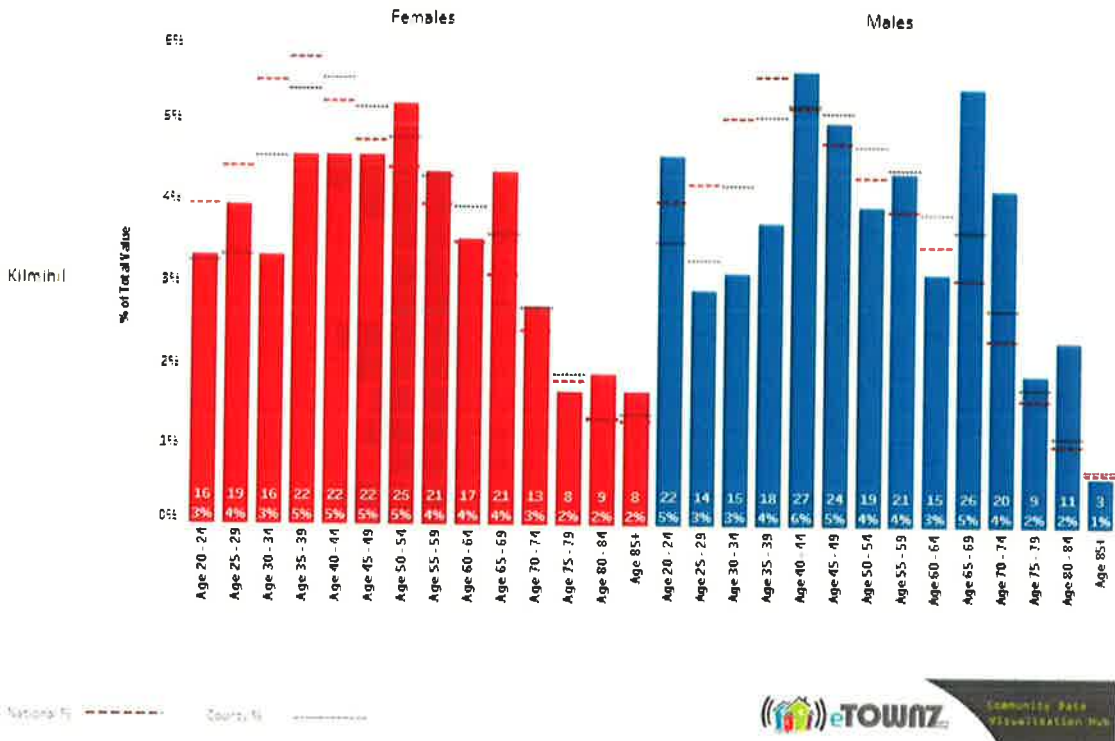
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# Age Profile(20+)



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