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Community Development Plan (2020 – 2023)

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Community Planning Group*



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INTRODUCTION

This document comprises a Community Development Plan for the community of Labasheeda in County Clare and its immediate environs. It has been developed through a seven month (September 2019 to March 2020) facilitated, consultative process in which the actions proposed have been informed by the needs, interests and concerns of those living in the area. The final wrap up meeting was not held due to the Covid 19 pandemic, however progress was made by phone and email.

The process of developing the plan was led by a group of local volunteers who worked closely with a facilitator whose role was to guide and mentor the planning process. The members of the planning group were as follows:

Name	Organisation
Lourda Bermingham	Cúil Gaels
Tina Bermingham	ICA
Fergal Grogan	St. Mary's Athletic
Marie Kelly	Pastoral Council
Manus McGee	Projects Group
Jessica Neenan	Tidy Towns/ICA
Liam Woulfe	Tidy Towns/Community Centre

The planning process was enabled by the Clare LEADER Programme under the management of Clare Local Development Company.

This is a framework plan that outlines broad priority actions to be implemented over the next three years to improve life quality and community experience of the people of Labasheeda. It is community led, evidence informed and realistic in its aspirations. Though this plan reflects the priorities in 2020, it provides a template for future plans and can be viewed as a work in progress.



Labasheeda



Labasheeda village is in the civil parish and Electoral Division of Killofin and the Catholic parish of Kilmurry McMahon. The village is described in the County Development Plan as follows: ‘Labasheeda takes its name from the Irish, Leaba Shioda, which can mean either Sheedy’s Bed or ‘the silken bed’ and is situated on the banks of the Shannon Estuary. The village has a small harbour from which a ferry used to operate across the Shannon from Labasheeda to Tarbert. This was at the time when Labasheeda traded with Limerick. The picturesque village affords outstanding views of the Shannon Estuary to the south of the main street. Views are also afforded of the Kilkerrin Peninsula and Mountshannon Wood. The land is flat to the north and immediately rear of the main street and gradually rises up behind the village providing an attractive, rural backdrop. The village is served by a primary school, community centre and a number of public houses. Labasheeda is connected to the West Clare Regional Water Supply and there is sufficient capacity to cater for the population target. Labasheeda has no public wastewater treatment apart from Mountshannon Estate, which is served by its own system. The remainder of the village is served by individual septic tanks or discharge direct to the foreshore. The EPA Code of Practice for Wastewater Treatment Systems must be strictly adhered to in the absence of a public wastewater treatment scheme in order to ensure no significant long term effects on the River Shannon or the adjacent European sites. The provision of a wastewater treatment system by Irish Water will be subject to the constraints of Irish Water’s capital investment programme and new connections policy. Labasheeda adjoins the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries Special Protection Area (SPA). Future development must ensure that there are no adverse effects on the SAC’s and SPA’s site integrity, or the integrity of any other European sites as a result of the proposed development.’¹

¹ Clare County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 Volume 3d: West Clare Municipal District pg: 96.



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Labasheeda is privileged to have a number of community groups engaged in a range of activities that have a very positive impact on the community. A comprehensive list of community groups and contact information is in Appendix 4.

According to the community survey carried out between October and November 2019², in which over a third of the residents responded (128 out of the 2016 CSO population of 328 persons), the people of Labasheeda appreciate its scenic location, sense of community, it's size, safety and peacefulness, it's school, post office, shop, pub and, that it's a well kept village. On the other hand, residents have indicated that life in Labasheeda would be improved by more shopping facilities, the development of the Quay, an increased use of the community centre, a café or other food service, increased public transport, the restoration of derelict buildings and the development of walking, running and cycling trails.

Community Profile

Labasheeda is located in the Local Electoral Division (LED) of Killofin. The Census data from this LED is used to provide an indicative profile of the community. The following is a summary of the 2011 and 2016 Census results from this LED. The full report is in Appendix 3.



Population

- The population of Labasheeda as per Census 2016 is 328 individuals. This represents a 1.5% decrease in population since the 2011 Census – a total of 5 individuals. The population has

² See Appendices 1 and 2 respectively for the questionnaire and the analysis of the returns



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diminished by 16.54% in the 20-year period 1996 – 2016. The population dropped by 17.8% in the six year period between 1996 and 2002, and has remained relatively consistent since.

- The division of male:female is approximately 53:47, with a total division of 173 males to 155 females in the community.
- Children aged under 14 years account for 19.5% of the overall population (slightly lower than national average of 21%) while those aged 65+ comprise 22% (considerably higher than the national average of 13%).
- 95.5% of the population identifies itself as White Irish.

Deprivation

Following the 2016 Census, Labasheeda is described as disadvantaged, as per the Pobal HP Deprivation Index of levels of advantage or disadvantage.

Households

- As per Census 2016, 84% of Labasheeda's population is living in owner occupied accommodation.
- 12% lives in rented accommodation. Just under 6% of the population is living in accommodation rented from the Local Authority.
- Married couples with children comprise 30% of all individuals living in private households.
- Married couples without children comprise a further 22% while people living in one-person households account for one in four of the population (26%).
- Lone parent households comprise just under 10% of the population
- 186 permanent dwellings identified in 2016 Census; 65% of dwellings in use on Census night but 35% vacant.

Education

Census 2016 shows that:

Proportion Primary Education Only	24.5%
Proportion with Third Level Education	18.38%

Employment

- Practically no change in the number of people at work between 2011 and 2016, though decrease in numbers of unemployed (n=6; 25% decrease).
- Unemployment rate for males in 2016 is 13.77% and 21.4% for females.
- 19% growth in the number of retirees between 2011 and 2016.
- Just under 2% of the population unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability.
- Approximately one in five persons (22.22%) involved in Agriculture and Forestry in 2016 and 21.5% in Professional Services.



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Commuting

- *Considerable amount of travel to work or school is local with 68% of 2016 respondents commuting less than ¾ of an hour.*

Persons with a disability in 2016:

- *Male = 22, Female = 17*
- *Percentage of overall population = 11.9%*
- *Number of full time carers = 20.*

Labasheeda Community Development Planning Process

Following an initial Expression of Interest from a number of community activists to the Clare LEADER programme, a four-phase process was undertaken in the preparation of this Community Plan:

- 1) *An Orientation Phase:* This phase involved an initial meeting with representatives of all of the community organisations active in Labasheeda. This group agreed to participate in a planning group to work with the facilitator to prepare the content of a community survey. It was decided to wait until the survey results and the development of a proposed plan was completed before calling a public meeting.
- 2) *An Information Gathering Phase:* The planning group agreed the final format of the questionnaire and how it would be distributed and collected. Both an online and paper format was used³. The survey was widely publicised and promoted and distribution (and some collection) was done by hand by the members of the Planning Group. The Church, Post Office, National School and Casey's Shop were used as collection points. The survey asked the wider community to identify strengths, needs, interests and concerns from their respective experiences of Labasheeda, and to name three actions that would improve life, which could be addressed in the emerging community plan⁴.
- 3) A total of 128 individuals from across the life cycle responded to the survey (28 online respondents) and the gender breakdown was Male: 50, Female: 67 and not specified: 11, and the age profile of respondents was as follows:

³ Appendix 1

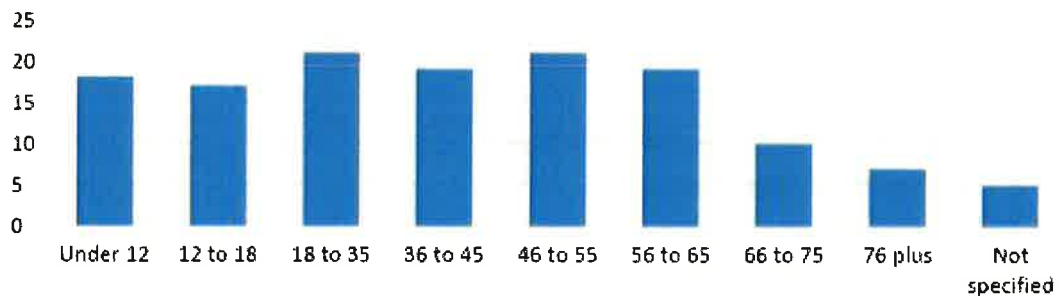
⁴ Appendix 2



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AGE profile of respondents



- 4) *Analysis of Information and Action Planning Phase:* The planning group reviewed the collected surveys and the facilitator prepared a report on the results⁵. A list of possible actions emerged, of which a number had been acted on and developed prior to the survey by the various community groups. Once the priority actions were proposed, the Planning Group organised a public consultation meeting to present these actions to the community.
- 5) *Public Meeting:* The public meeting was held on the 16th of February and there was a very good attendance. The Planning Group presented the proposed actions and these were well received, with an additional action for consideration.
- 6) *Response to the Public Meeting:* At the follow up meeting on 10th March 2020 actions were clarified by the Planning Group and timelines and supports needed to help their implementation were identified. It was agreed that the best structure to implement the plan was to create an umbrella group comprising representatives from each community group with a voluntary co-ordinator/secretary to record decisions and arrange meetings. Each community group would take responsibility for an action appropriate to their particular remit. A number of people were identified as representing a wide range of sectors and groups and these were invited to the planning meeting where it was agreed to establish the umbrella group; ***Labasheeda Together***, later changed to ***Labasheeda le Chéile***.
- 7) *Writing Phase:* This involved the preparation, agreement and finalisation of this document as the core output of the planning process: the Labasheeda Community Development Plan.

⁵ Appendix 2



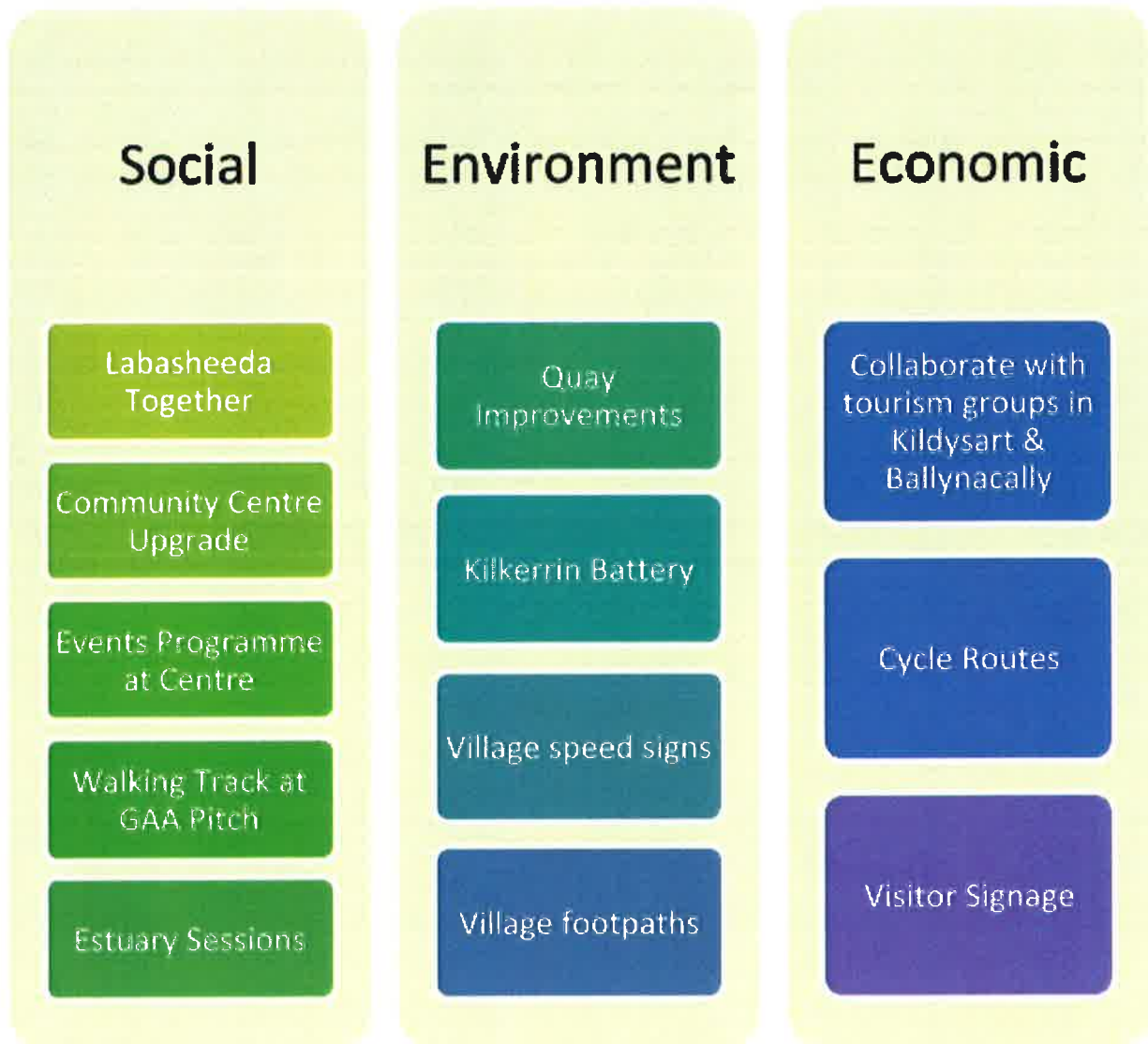
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Labasheeda Community Development Plan; Strands & Actions

The following presents a diagrammatic overview of the **current** core elements of the Labasheeda Community Development Plan. The plan is composed of three strands, summarised in the following table:





Details of Actions

Action	Lead Group	Timeframe
Social		
Labasheeda le Chéile	All community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree the terms of reference, legal structure, administration and promotion of the umbrella organisation for all community groups working in Labasheeda: mid 2020 Agree fundraising strategy to provide co-funding for the projects listed below: early/mid 2020
St. Kieran's Community Centre upgrade	Community Centre Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> €6,000 grant aid from CCC has been spent on structural repairs, paths and drainage Tenders requested for €150,000 structural refurbishment of the building: 2020 Expression of interest submitted to CLDC to conduct a feasibility study on the building's adaptation for multiple uses by the community; mid 2020 Apply for funding to refurbish based on results of the feasibility study; late 2020/early 2021
Events Programme in Community Centre	ICA & Community Centre Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with CLDC feasibility study on the refurbishment and potential use of older community centres: mid 2020 Lead groups to develop an events programme in the centre based on the outcome of the feasibility study: mid/late 2020 – Promote events programme through parish newsletter and social media: late 2020
Walking track at football pitch	Shannon Gaels GAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community walking track developed around the GAA pitch; completed



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agreement to be reached on lighting schedule in the evenings; early 202
Estuary Sessions	<i>Community Centre Committee</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish 'Estuary Sessions' as a regular musical and social event: 2020
Environment		
Quay Improvements	<i>Projects Group</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engage with Clare County Council to clean the quay: mid 2020 ● Investigate recent water quality test methods and results and request further tests: 2020 ● Engage with current users of the quay: ongoing ● Research water/electric/water disposal services for camper vans: ongoing ● Research installation of e-charging point and public compost toilets: ongoing ● Develop quay as a trailhead for cycle routes: 2021
Kilkerrin Battery	<i>Projects Group</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accepted as part of the 'Adopt a Monument' scheme. ● Ecological survey completed ● NPWS conducting a year-long bat survey; completed mid 2021 ● Apply for funding for a conservation report: mid 2021 ● Conduct a feasibility study on the building's development as a visitor attraction based on the outcomes of the conservation report; 2021
Village speed signs	<i>Tidy Towns</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agreement from CCC and funding from local councillors has been agreed ● Installation due mid 2020
Village footpaths	<i>Tidy Towns</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meet with CCC Area Engineer to discuss plans, funding and timeframe: mid 2020
Economic		
Collaboration on tourism development	<i>Projects Group</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review the three tourism reports on the Estuary; early 2020



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<p>with Estuary Way community groups</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arrange a meeting between Labasheeda, Kildysart and Ballynacally community groups; mid 2020
<p>Develop Cycle Routes</p>	<p>Projects Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cycle routes mapped out and signage locations agreed: Completed. ● Meet with Kildysart community development group to discuss collaboration on the development and funding of cycling routes along the Estuary: mid 2020 ● Apply for grant funding to develop content and design for signage and printed/digital maps: mid/late 2020 ● Once funding is secured, apply for planning permission for signage: early 2021 ● National Trails Office and RRO/CLDC Eoin Hogan to recognise the routes and provide insurance cover: early 2021 ● Produce maps and install signage: 2021 ● Promote routes: From 2021
<p>Visitor Signage</p>	<p>Tidy Towns & Projects Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct audit and mapping of existing/potential signage by type and location; mid/late 2020 ● Apply to CCC Village Renewal Fund: mid 2020 ● Agree design & content; late 2020 /early 2021 ● Apply for planning permission: early 2021 ● Seek 3 quotes from signage manufacturers: mid 2021

Operational Structure

Voluntary work is well organised in Labasheeda. Many of the groups have achieved a lot of success in developing excellent projects and events, such as the highly regarded Dan Furey Weekend, organised by the Community Centre Committee. The ICA Committee provides a lot of community activities and support for funerals and social occasions. The Tidy Towns Committee ensures that the village is very attractive, leading it to be considered 'the Jewel in the Crown' of the Shannon Estuary Way. The Projects Group have already achieved much with the Kilkerrin Battery and Cycle routes actions and



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have researched funding streams as well as establishing good working relationships with Clare County Council and CLDC.

An important outcome of this community planning process is to bring the various community groups around Labasheeda together to act as one voice for the overall development of their community and to liaise with funding, planning and tourism authorities.

Three studies were completed recently on the tourism potential for the Estuary area and they point to the importance of local communities working together to produce a range of tourism products and experiences based on the unique natural and heritage assets of the Estuary and River Shannon.

1. Nature based tourism:
<https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/planning/publications/shannon-estuary-way-nature-based-tourism-opportunities-30675.pdf>
2. Cahiracon House:
<https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/planning/publications/cahiracon-house-feasibility-study-2019-35766.pdf>
3. Heritage Recording Project:
<https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/planning/publications/shannon-estuary-way-heritage-recording-project-30674.pdf>

These reports identified the importance of working with neighbouring communities, such as Ballynacally and Kildysart, on the development of tourism in the area.

It was agreed by the planning group that it would best suit their community's needs to create an umbrella group to co-ordinate and communicate the activities of all the groups in Labasheeda and to liaise with funding, planning and tourism agencies and with neighbouring communities.

The umbrella group will be composed of representatives of each community group operating in and around Labasheeda. Each community group will continue to manage its own projects, and individual groups will take on the implementation of actions in the community plan that are appropriate to their skills and remit. It will be the function of the Umbrella Group to co-ordinate and share information about the delivery of the actions identified in the plan. The name chosen for this group is Labasheeda le Chéile.

Labasheeda le Chéile will co-ordinate the implementation and future development of this community development plan. Core responsibilities in relation to this role are as follows:

- Overseeing delivery of the community development plan
- liaising with community groups
- Providing information to the local community on community activities



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- Liaising with funding, planning and tourism agencies
- Liaising with neighbouring communities on the development of tourism products and experiences branded under the Shannon Estuary Way.

Unincorporated Association/Voluntary Group (is this definition acceptable?)

The current representation of community groups and organisations on Labasheeda le chéile are:

Community Centre Committee	<i>Liam Woulfe</i>
Tidy Towns	<i>Jessica Neenan</i>
ICA	<i>Tina Bermingham</i>
Projects Group	<i>Manus McGee</i>
Pastoral Council	<i>Marie Kelly</i>
Shannon Gaels	<i>David O'Connell</i>
Cuil Gaels	<i>Lourds Bermingham</i>
St. Mary's Athletics	<i>Fergal Grogan</i>
IFA	<i>Niall McCarthy</i>
Playground Committee	<i>Lourda Bermingham</i>

Operational Structure for delivery of the Community Development Plan



Labasheeda le chéile will be an **Unincorporated Body with Articles of Association** and will meet **4** times a year to co-ordinate activities and get updates on the progress of the Community Plan. As the



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current strands and actions are delivered, Labasheeda le Chéile will agree other actions to be implemented. This current community plan is designed to be used as the community plan template for future strands and actions.

The meetings will be chaired by Manus McGee who will also represent the group at meetings with agencies. Labasheeda le Chéile meetings will be organised and recorded by Liam Woulfe and Lourda Bermingham will develop and maintain communication between the groups and the local community through an online and printed newsletter that will give regular updates on the development and delivery of the actions in the Community Development Plan. Other promotional platforms will include the Parish Notes in the Clare Champion, Facebook, Twitter, posters in the local shop and pub. All the community groups will undertake to use their own networks and media outlets to support each other and promote their events and activities.

Key contacts	Role	Contact details
Manus McGee	<i>Chairing meetings and representing Labasheeda le chéile</i>	087-2862982 manus@gairdinglas.com
Liam Woulfe	<i>Co-ordination and recording of Labasheeda le chéile meetings</i>	087-2220289 liamdonalwoulfe@gmail.com
Lourda Bermingham	<i>Co-ordination of Labasheeda le chéile communications (eg Newsletter)</i>	087-9156654 lourdabermingham@gmail.com



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Conclusion

It is important to note this document is a framework plan that outlines broad priority actions to be implemented in Labasheeda over the next three years to improve life quality and community experience. The plan reflects the priority needs, interests and concerns of the community as identified by a significant community survey undertaken in Autumn 2019.

The current planning group has created Labasheeda le Chéile with representatives from key community groups and organisations. These people have a lot of voluntary community work experience and have the confidence and capabilities to put this plan into action. The support of the broader community is vitally important for the success of this community plan. This support is needed in the form of more participation and in supporting the endeavours in any way possible, be it through fundraising, participation or simply by using and attending the local facilities. This is a great opportunity for teamwork at a broad level, and the combined efforts of the groups will achieve much.

The Covid 19 pandemic has moved many goalposts and the timeline on the deliverables of the Action Plan agreed in March 2020 will have to be adapted to changing circumstances and an uncertain future. It is of vital importance that the pandemic will not undermine the spirit of community and the collaboration of community and agencies, and it is in this spirit that this plan will be adopted, and eventually implemented.

Appendix 1. Community Survey Questionnaire



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Labasheeda Community Survey 2019

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF LABASHEEDA

Following a successful application for assistance, Clare Local Development Company (CLDC) is working with volunteers active in the community (ICA, Tidy Towns, St. Kieran's Community Centre, Labasheeda Projects Group, Pastoral Council, Shannon Gaels, Cúil Gaels, St. Mary's Athletics, Playground Committee) to create your community development plan for Labasheeda. With your help, the plan will identify the needs of Labasheeda for the years ahead. We would like to find out what you like about Labasheeda, and what you think could be improved. We would like as many people as possible, from all age groups, to complete this survey.

You can also complete the online version here <https://forms.gle/vwiDmqi9PejJq1ZVA>

The **deadline** for returning your survey is **Friday the 15th of November**.

You can **pick up and return your completed survey** to collection boxes at the following locations:

Church Porch, Post Office, National School and Casey's shop.

Your individual response is **confidential**, and we will feed back the overall results to the community at a public meeting and in the community development plan. If you have any queries, contact Manus McGee on 087 286 2982 or Jessica Neenan on 087 989 2139.

Please write your answers clearly. if we can't read your answers, we can't include your views!

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Gender: Male Female

I am aged:

under 12 / 12-18 / 18 – 35 / 36 – 45 / 46 – 55 / 56 – 65 / 66 – 75 / 76 or over

What is good about living in Labasheeda?



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What do you think would improve life in Labasheeda? Please give 3 ideas.

What kind of events would you like to see in our community? (All ideas accepted!!)

PLEASE FILL ME IN, YOUR OPINION MATTERS!



Appendix 2 Labasheeda Community Survey Results Report

Labasheeda Community Survey

December 2019

Responses: 128

The following is a summary of the responses to each question:

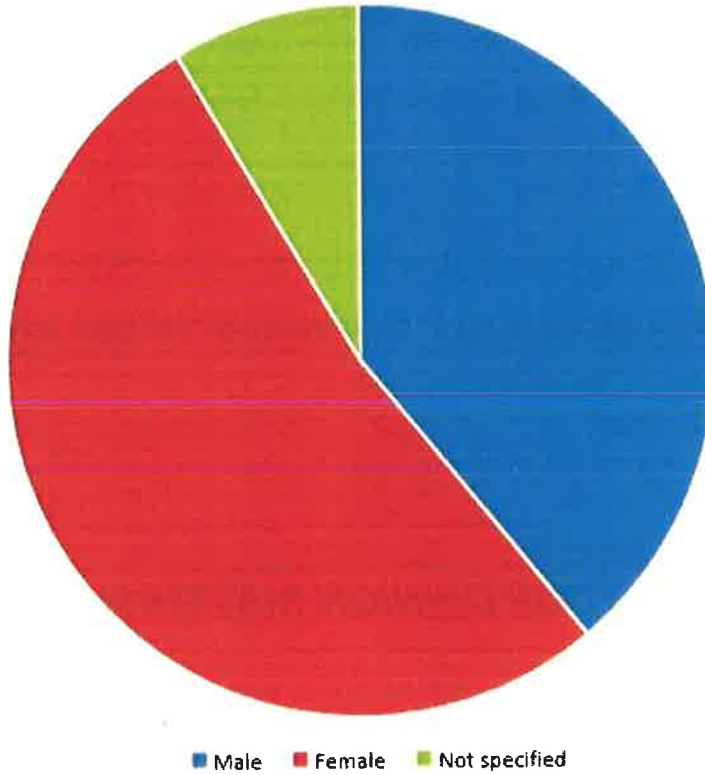
Gender:

<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Not specified</i>
50	67	11



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GENDER

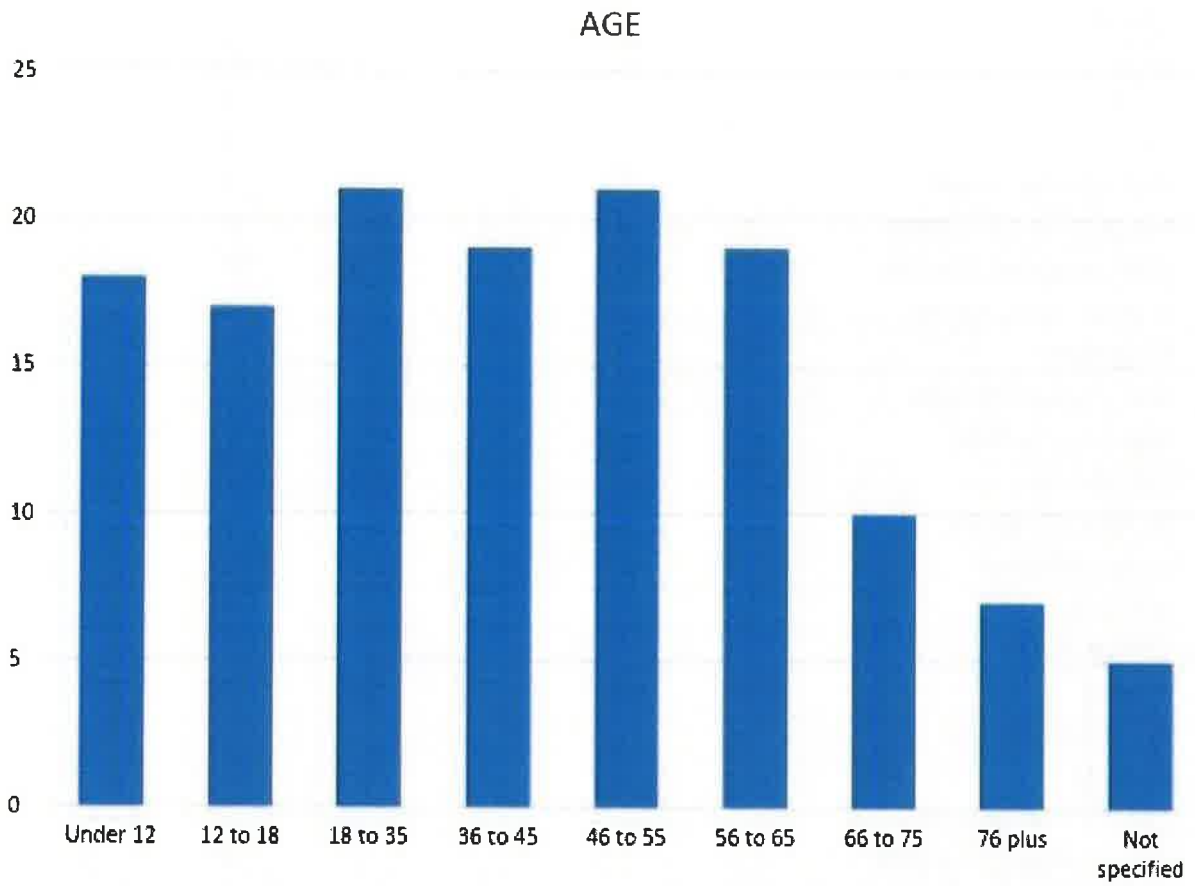


Age:

	12-18	18-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76 plus	Not specified
Under 12								
14	8	12	29	19	12	18	11	5



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What is good about living in Labasheeda?

<i>Scenery/location</i>	79
<i>Community</i>	61
<i>Peaceful/small/safe</i>	48
<i>Schools</i>	22
<i>Post Office</i>	22
<i>Shop/pub</i>	11
<i>Well-kept village</i>	9
<i>Home/family</i>	7



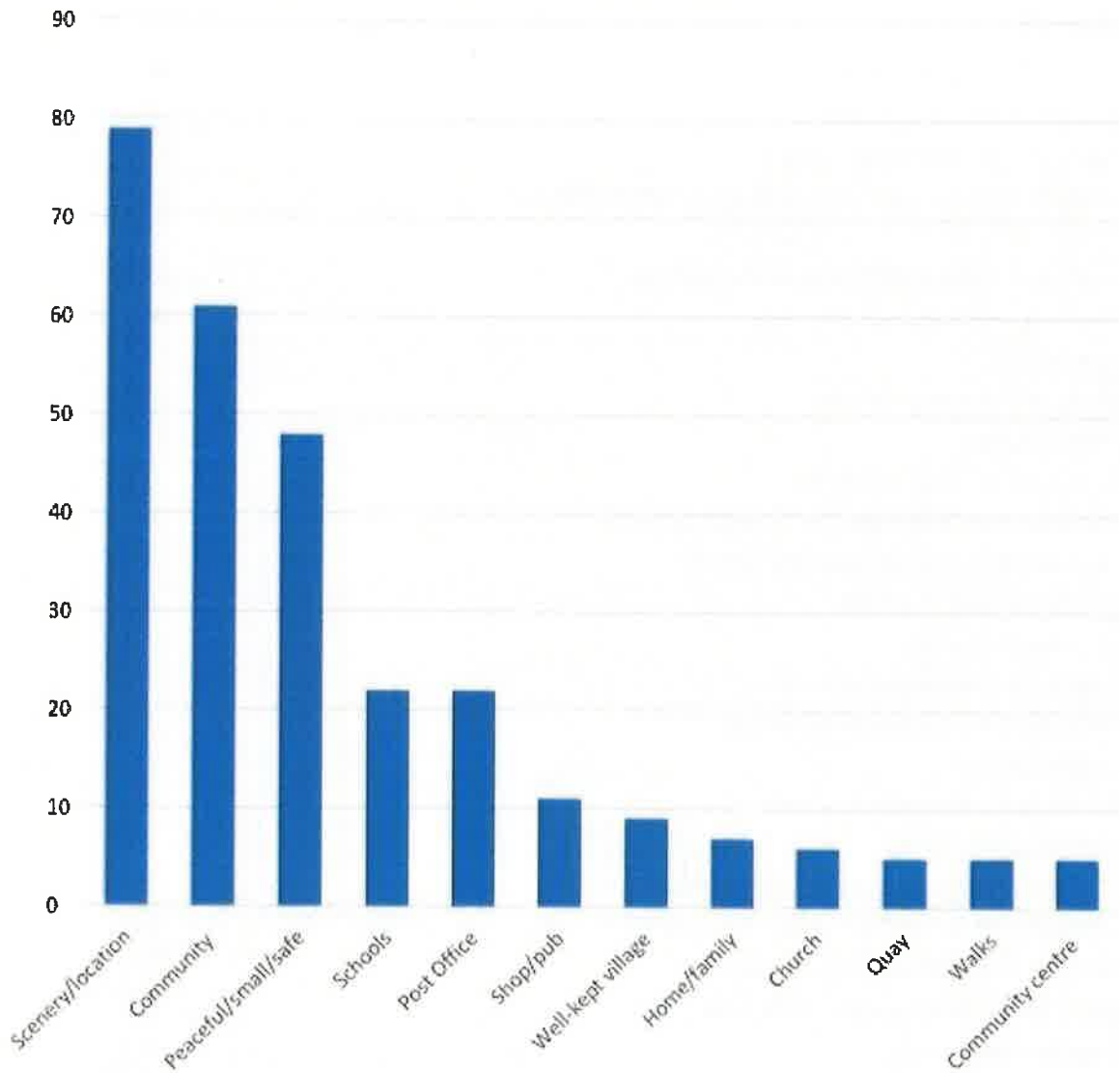
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<i>Church</i>	6
<i>Quay</i>	5
<i>Walks</i>	5
<i>Community centre</i>	5
<i>GAA pitch/astro-turf</i>	4
<i>Range of activities/clubs</i>	4
<i>Biodiversity/environment</i>	4
<i>Football teams/sports</i>	3
<i>Playground</i>	3
<i>Water based activities</i>	3
<i>Dan Furey Festival</i>	3
<i>Battery castle</i>	3
<i>Santa at Christmas</i>	2
<i>Visitors/Tourism</i>	2
<i>Glamping</i>	2
<i>Unique name</i>	2
<i>Stream</i>	1
<i>Beautiful buildings</i>	1
<i>Farming</i>	1
<i>Lower property taxes</i>	1
<i>Christmas party in Centre</i>	1
<i>Best climate on west coast</i>	1



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POSITIVES (top scoring)



What do you think would improve life in Labasheeda?



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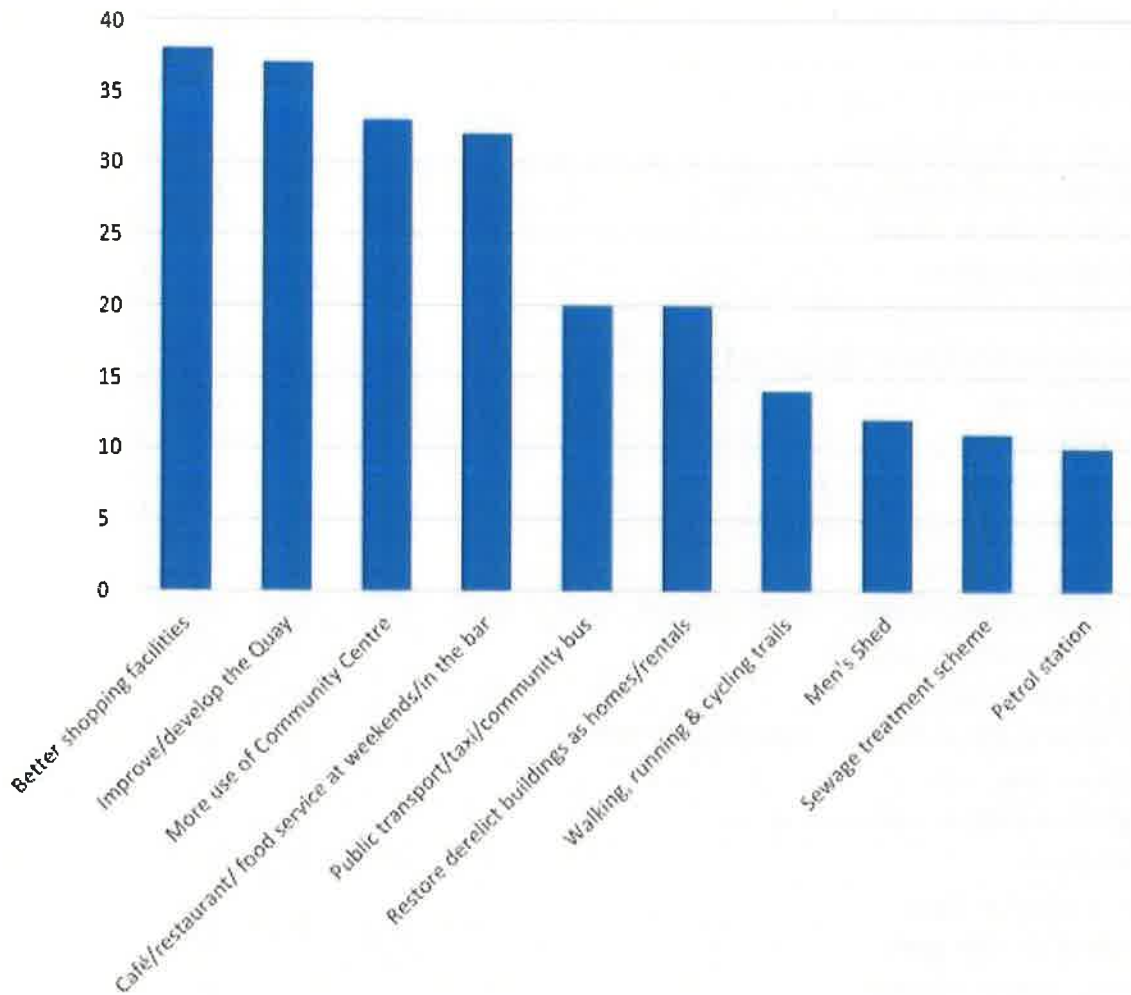
Top 25

<i>More shopping facilities</i>	38
<i>Improve/develop the Quay</i>	37
<i>More use of Community Centre</i>	33
<i>Café/restaurant/ food service at weekends/in the bar</i>	32
<i>Public transport/taxi/community bus</i>	20
<i>Restore derelict buildings as homes/rentals</i>	20
<i>Walking, running & cycling trails</i>	14
<i>Men's Shed</i>	12
<i>Sewage treatment scheme</i>	11
<i>Petrol station</i>	10
<i>Employment/local industries</i>	9
<i>More boat rentals/trips /tours of the estuary</i>	8
<i>Improve access to/develop the Battery</i>	8
<i>Traffic calming in village</i>	8
<i>Improve footpaths</i>	7
<i>Develop Mountshannon trails</i>	7
<i>Improve the entrance to the village</i>	5
<i>Public lighting</i>	5
<i>Maintaining Community Alert</i>	5
<i>Playground</i>	5
<i>Older & younger people interacting more</i>	5
<i>Green/picnic area near water</i>	5
<i>More community involvement/support</i>	5
<i>More colourful houses/more flowers</i>	5
<i>Improve local roads</i>	4



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IMPROVEMENTS (top scoring)



Improvements by theme:



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Infrastructure	
<i>Improve/develop the Quay</i>	37
<i>Restore derelict buildings as homes/rentals</i>	20
<i>Walking, running & cycling trails</i>	14
<i>Sewage treatment scheme</i>	11
<i>Improve access to/develop the Battery</i>	8
<i>Traffic calming in village</i>	8
<i>Improve footpaths</i>	7
<i>Develop Mountshannon trails</i>	7
<i>Improve the entrance to the village</i>	5
<i>Public lighting</i>	5
<i>Playground</i>	5
<i>Green/picnic area near water</i>	5
<i>More colourful houses/more flowers</i>	5
<i>Improve local roads</i>	4
<i>Surveillance cameras at both ends of village</i>	4
<i>Camper van chargers at pier</i>	3
<i>Tidy up/develop park</i>	3
<i>Decorate village at Easter, Halloween & Christmas</i>	2
<i>Improve astro turf</i>	2
<i>Light GAA pitch for walkers in winter</i>	2
<i>Broadband</i>	2
<i>Public toilets at Quay</i>	2
<i>Stand at the GAA pitch</i>	1
<i>Improve basketball court</i>	1
<i>Improve tennis court</i>	1
<i>Environmentally friendly village</i>	1
<i>Jetty on the quay</i>	1
<i>More schools</i>	1
<i>Building homes closer to village</i>	1
<i>Seating at the waterfall</i>	1
<i>Showers at pier</i>	1
<i>Tidy up Children's graveyard</i>	1
<i>Emergency services helicopter pad</i>	1
<i>Welcome Signage</i>	1
<i>Community composting & wormery</i>	1
<i>Cigarette bins</i>	1
<i>Dog waste litter bins</i>	1
<i>Develop land facing Shannon</i>	1



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Services	
<i>More shopping facilities</i>	38
<i>More use of Community Centre</i>	33
<i>Café/restaurant/ food service at weekends/in the bar</i>	32
<i>Public transport/taxi/community bus</i>	20
<i>Food served/take away in Centre on Sundays or after mass</i>	4
<i>Light GAA pitch for walkers in winter</i>	2
<i>Chipper</i>	2
<i>More pubs</i>	2
<i>Sunday mass</i>	2
<i>Pharmacy</i>	1
<i>Garden Centre</i>	1
<i>Vets</i>	1
<i>Ferry service</i>	1
<i>Cattle mart</i>	1
<i>Gym</i>	1
<i>Aldi</i>	1
<i>ATM</i>	1
<i>Return GP services</i>	1
<i>Heritage Centre/Museum</i>	1
<i>Craft shop/studio</i>	1
<i>Use post office more</i>	1
<i>Shorter mass times</i>	1
<i>Part time library</i>	1
<i>Hairdresser</i>	1



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Social and Inclusion	
<i>Men's Shed</i>	12
<i>Maintaining Community Alert</i>	5
<i>Older & younger people interacting more</i>	5
<i>More community involvement/support</i>	5
<i>Increase population</i>	3
<i>Develop stronger sense of community through activities</i>	3
<i>More ICA activities</i>	2
<i>Decorate village at Easter, Halloween & Christmas</i>	2
<i>Full FAS scheme/better engagement with tasks</i>	2
<i>Keeping in touch with elderly</i>	2
<i>Home help services</i>	2
<i>More community spaces</i>	1
<i>Community garden</i>	1
<i>Meals on wheels for elderly</i>	1
<i>More Muslims</i>	1
<i>Car-pooling to work</i>	1
<i>Community website/what's app group</i>	1
<i>Resolve issues with local school</i>	1
<i>Improve parking habits</i>	1
<i>More community brainstorming meetings</i>	1
<i>Fair fees for use of Community Centre</i>	1

Employment	
<i>Employment/local industries</i>	9
<i>More boat rentals/trips /tours of the estuary</i>	8
<i>Tourist maps/information point</i>	3
<i>Seaweed harvesting/aquaculture</i>	3
<i>Develop heritage & biodiversity assets</i>	2
<i>Employment training courses</i>	2
<i>Invest in Tourism</i>	2
<i>More holiday homes</i>	1



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More camping places	1
Kerry Co-op business	1
Work agency for local labour	1
Bicycle hire	1
Revive salmon fishing	1
Reintroduce orchards and berry production as small industry	1

What kind of events would you like to see in our community?

Water based activities; swimming, canoeing, fishing, boating, kayaking	33
Classes, workshops, training courses: Cooking, baking, music, dance, exercise, yoga, carpentry, gymnastics, skills training, art, online games, judo, karate, boxing, first aid, computers, the environment, bird watching, horticulture	32
Concerts/music sessions/comedy	29
Youth Club	28
Clubs; Walking, Book, Cycling, Fishing, Badminton, Dog walking, Knitting. Creative writing, History	22
Sports Day/camps/events/tournaments; running, soccer, football (girls & boys), basketball, 5k jogathon, tug of war	19
Plays in the Centre/Drama group	16
Bingo	12
More activities for children/teens	12
Family Day; Picnic/Summer BBQ	11
Guided heritage & nature walks for tourists and community	11
Regular farmer and crafts market/village fair	10
More activities for adults/elderly	10
More festivals; Drama, Halloween, Festival of Fun, 7 a side GAA festival	9
Coffee mornings	8
Develop & promote Dan Furey Festival; more family events	8
Cards/Board games night	6
Film nights with snacks	6
Events/ activities suitable for all ages	5
Local history/heritage exhibitions/talks	5
Annual triathlon	3
Disco's for children/teens	3



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<i>Yoga for children</i>	2
<i>Family activities</i>	2
<i>Tractor run</i>	2
<i>Social event in Centre after mass</i>	2
<i>Safety classes at Quay restored</i>	2
<i>Set dancing sessions</i>	2
<i>Events & re-enactments at the Battery</i>	2
<i>After school clubs</i>	2
<i>Estuary sailing regatta</i>	2
<i>Parade</i>	2
<i>Music in pub for children</i>	1
<i>Horse riding/racing</i>	1
<i>Annual family fishing day on the Shannon</i>	1

<i>Music Day</i>	1
<i>Children play music for elderly</i>	1
<i>Hunt</i>	1
<i>Entertainment for 17-22's away from social media</i>	1
<i>Mother & baby group</i>	1
<i>Activities for children that are not sport</i>	1
<i>Sale of works</i>	1
<i>Operation Transformation 2020</i>	1
<i>Easter tea party</i>	1
<i>Quay used for winter activities</i>	1
<i>Frequent social dancing</i>	1
<i>Monthly afternoon tea dances</i>	1
<i>Art Week</i>	1
<i>Provide info/telescope to view birds at Centre</i>	1
<i>Local trade/skills exhibition</i>	1
<i>Prayer meetings (in everyday language)</i>	1
<i>Older people passing on skills</i>	1
<i>Story telling</i>	1
<i>Dolphin watching (land based)</i>	1
<i>Yoga retreats by the shore</i>	1
<i>A day in the bog with meal & pint after</i>	1
<i>Host a meal in your home</i>	1
<i>Reenact old journey or event</i>	1
<i>Craft pop ups in empty buildings</i>	1



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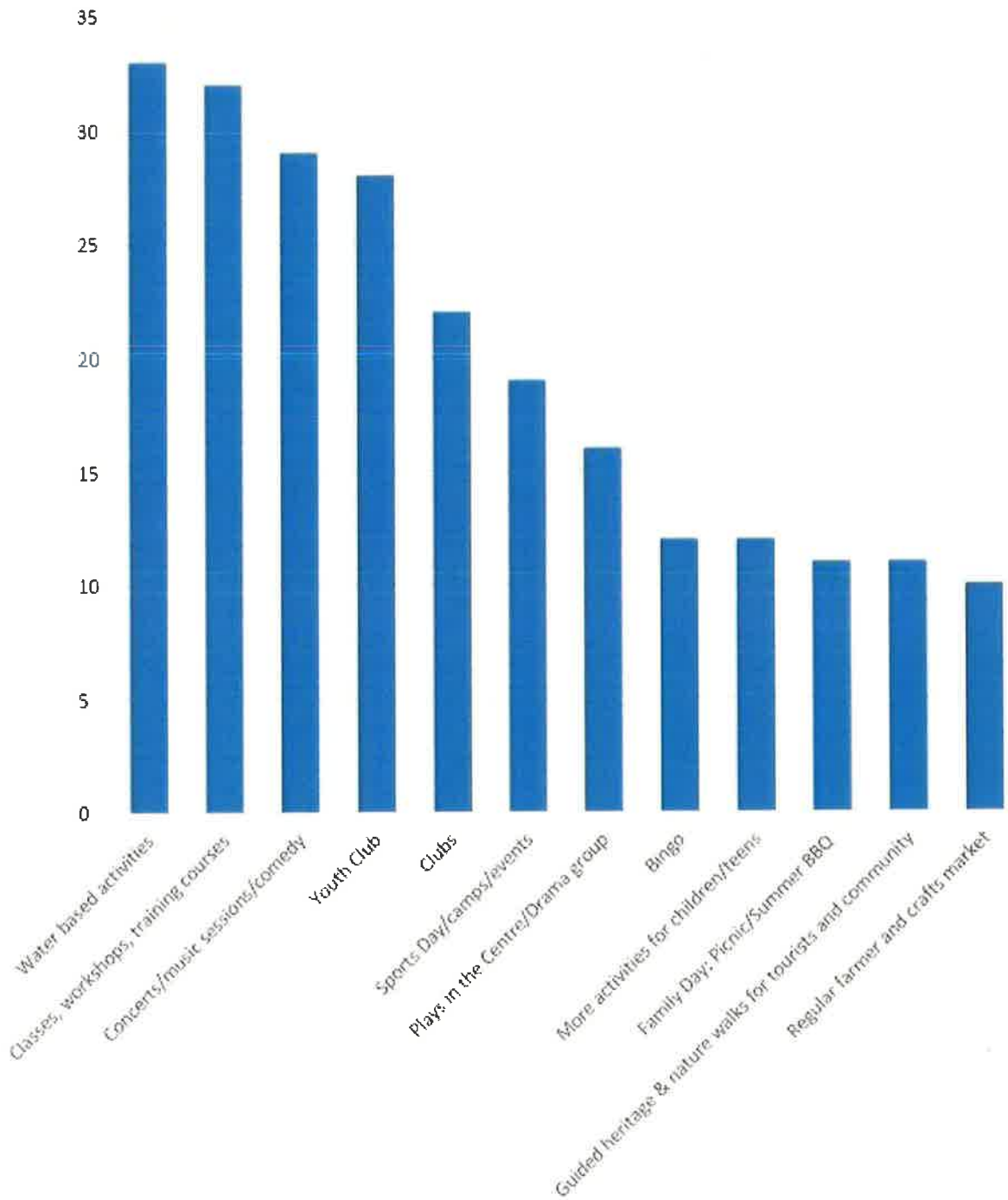
<i>Community micro farm displaying traditional methods</i>	1
<i>Mini Bunratty folk park</i>	1



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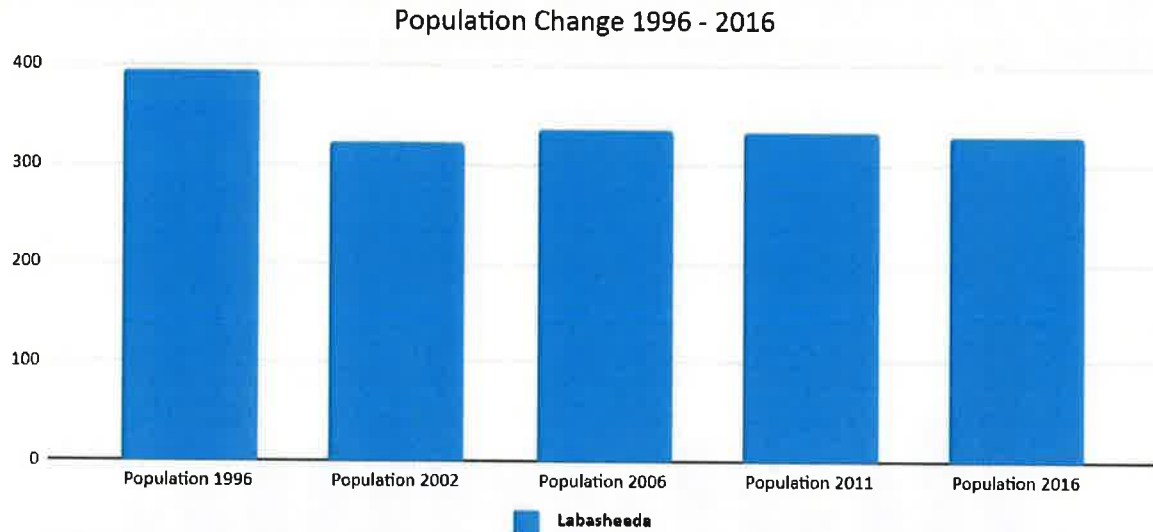
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EVENTS (top scoring)



Appendix 3 Profile Document –Killofin Electoral Division

1. Population and Population Change



The population of Labasheeda as per Census 2016 is 328 individuals. This represents a 1.5% decrease in population since the 2011 Census – a total of 5 individuals. The population of Labasheeda has diminished by 16.54% in the 20-year period 1996 – 2016. The population dropped by 17.8% in the six year period between 1996 and 2002, and has remained relatively consistent since.

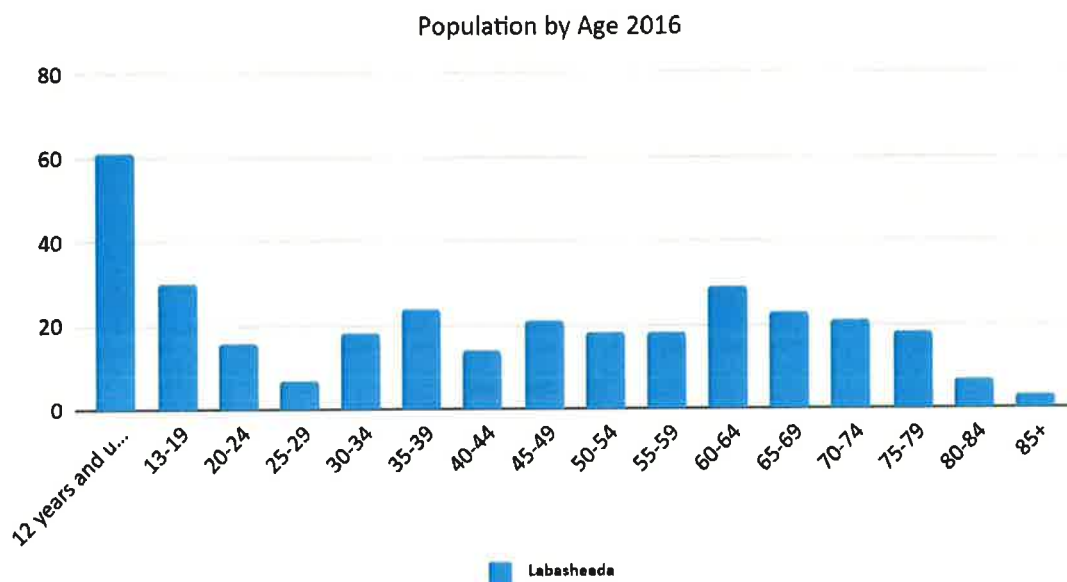
The division of male:female is approximately 53:47, with a total division of 173 males to 155 females in the community.

2. Population by Age

Age Dependency

Dependents are defined for statistical purposes as people outside the normal working age of 15-64. Dependency ratios are used to give a useful indication of the age structure of a population with young (0-14) and old (65+) shown as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64) (<https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-cp3oy/cp3/aad/>)

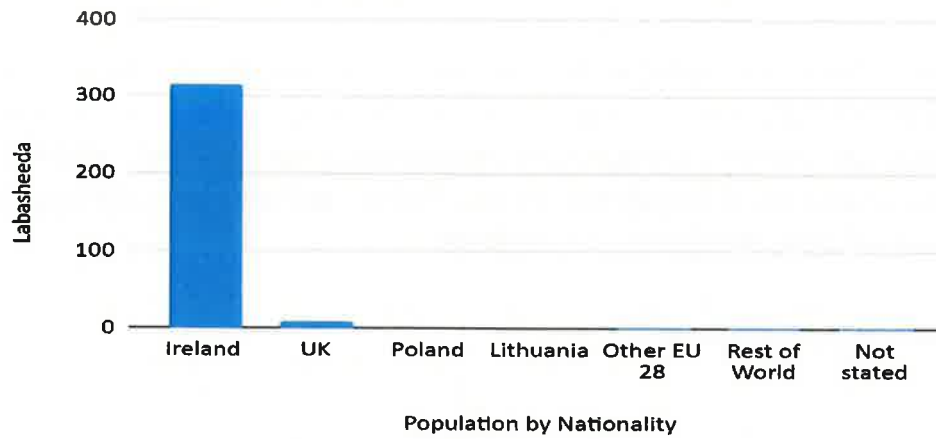
In 2016, the age dependency ratio for Labasheeda was as follows (as per Pobal Maps) 44.05% for Labasheeda compared to a national average of 53% (CSO). Children aged under 14 years account for 19.5% of the overall population (slightly lower than national average of 21%) while those aged 65+ comprise 22% of Labasheeda's population (considerably higher than the national average of 13%). There are 89 children and young people aged under 18 years in Labasheeda, comprising 27% of the population. Therefore, approximately one in four people is a young person under 18.



3. Population by Nationality & Ethnicity

Population by Nationality

Labasheeda vs Population by Nationality

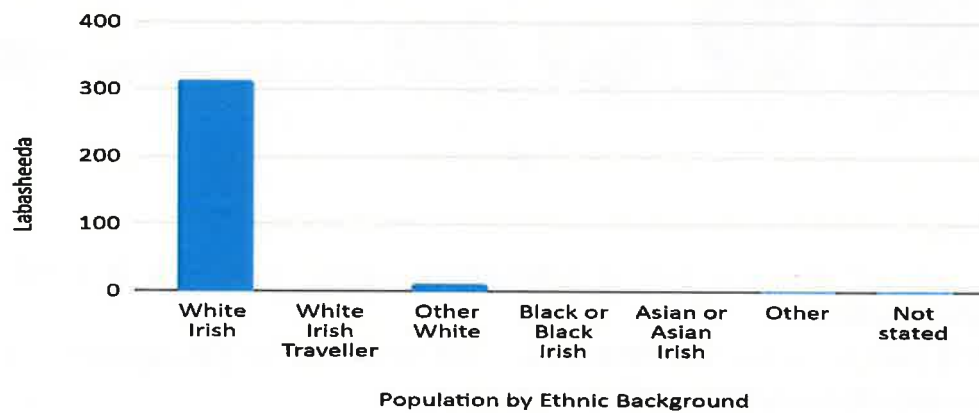


Observations

- Vast majority of population in Labasheeda is both Irish born and Irish national (90%).
- UK nationals comprise under 2.5% of the population.

Population by Cultural or Ethnic Background

Labasheeda vs Population by Ethnic Background



Observations

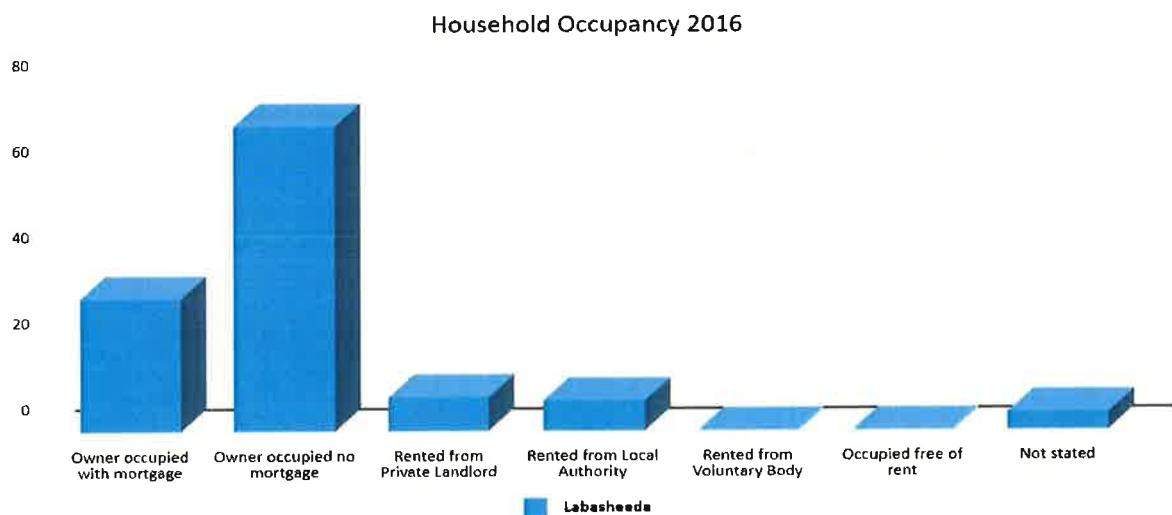
- Small amount of cultural/ethnic diversity in Labasheeda. 95.5% of the population identifies itself as White Irish.

4. Deprivation

The Pobal HP Deprivation Index is the main index used in Ireland to identify levels of disadvantage and deprivation as well as identifying areas with the highest concentrations of disadvantage. It classifies areas according to levels of advantage or disadvantage on a scale of; Extremely disadvantaged; Very disadvantaged; Disadvantaged; Marginally below average; Marginally above average; Affluent; Very affluent; Extremely affluent.

Following the 2016 Census, Labasheeda is described as disadvantaged. Certain small areas of Labasheeda are defined as marginally below average. These include areas such as Lakyle North and South; Kilkerin; Colmanstown; Knockphuteen; Mountshannon East and West; Killofin and Ballina. The following small areas in Labasheeda are identified as disadvantaged: Cullenagh; Labasheeda; Clonkerry East and West; Slievedooley and Moyfadda.

5. Household Occupancy



Observations

- As per Census 2016, 84% of Labasheeda's population is living in owner occupied accommodation.
- 12% lives in rented accommodation. Just under 6% of the population is living in accommodation rented from the Local Authority.

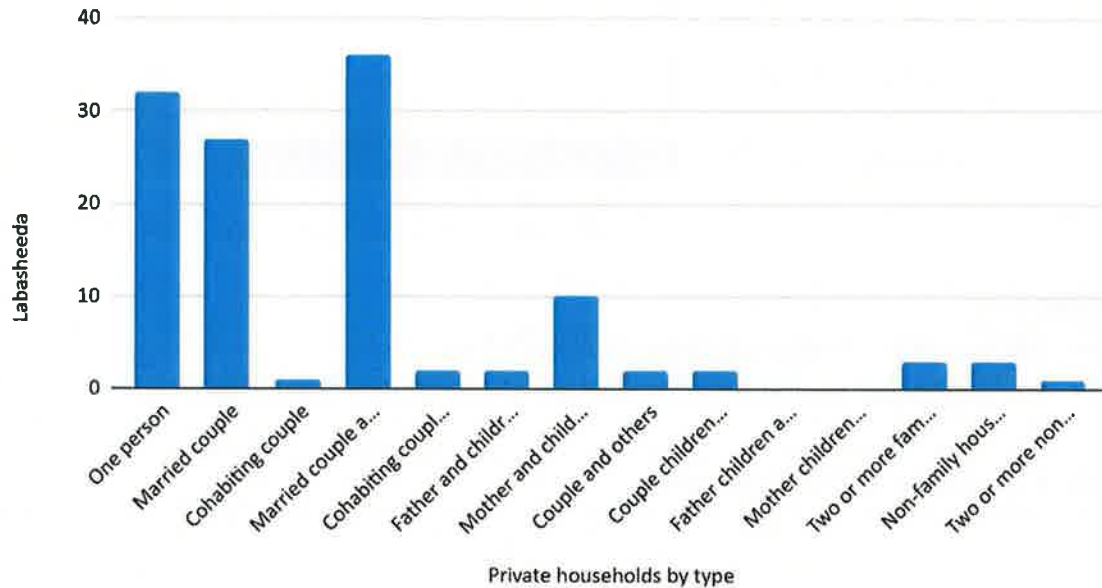
6. Private Households by Type

Observations

- Married couples with children comprise 30% of all individuals living in private households as per Census 2016.
- Married couples without children comprise a further 22% while people living in one-person households account for one in four of the population (26%).

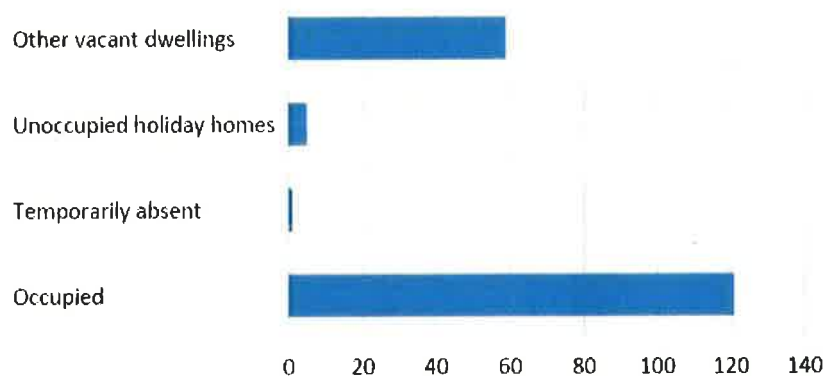
- *Lone parent households – which tend to be one of the most marginalised groups in Ireland – comprise just under 10% of the population in Labasheeda (fathers and children = 1.8% and mothers and children = 8.2%).*

Labasheeda vs Private households by type



7. Occupancy Status of Permanent Dwellings

Occupancy status of permanent dwellings on Census night 2016



Observations

- 186 permanent dwellings identified in 2016 Census
- 65% of dwellings in use on Census night but 35% vacant on Census Night.

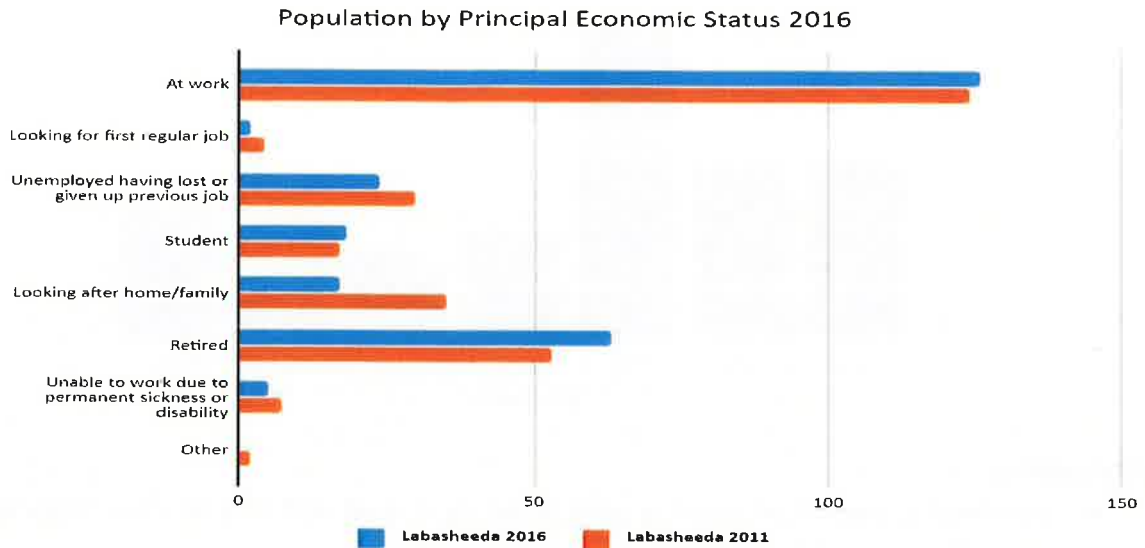
8. Education & Employment

Education

Census 2016 shows that:

	Labasheeda
Proportion Primary Education Only	24.5%
Proportion with Third Level Education	18.38%

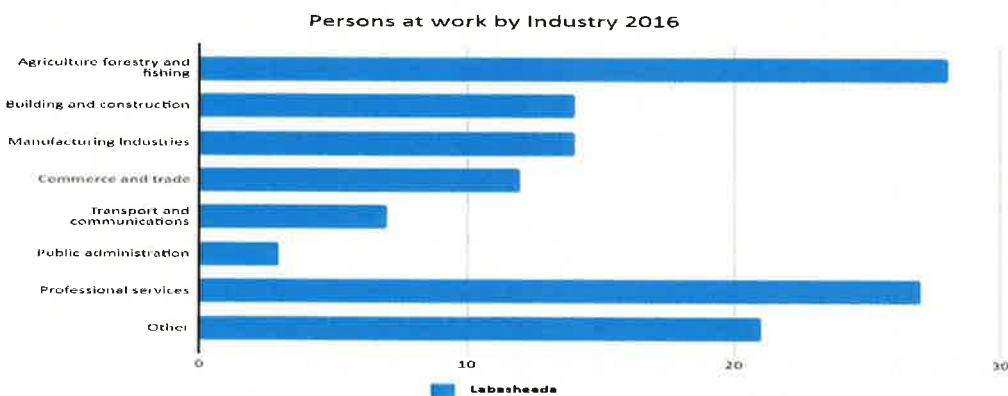
Employment



Observations

- Practically no change in the number of people at work in Labasheeda between 2011 and 2016, though decrease in numbers of unemployed ($n=6$; 25% decrease).
- Unemployment rate for males in 2016 in Labasheeda is 13.77% and 21.4% for females.
- 19% growth in the number of retirees in Labasheeda between 2011 and 2016.
- Just under 2% of the population unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability.

9. Persons at Work by Industry



Observation

- Approximately one in five persons (22.22%) involved in Agriculture and Forestry in 2016 and 21.5% in Professional Services.

10. Commuting



Observations

- Considerable amount of travel to work or school is local with 68% of 2016 respondents commuting less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.

11. Disability

Persons with a disability 2016 across Labasheeda

- Male = 22
- Female = 17
- Total = 39
- Percentage of overall population = 11.9%
- Number of full time carers in Labasheeda = 20.

Appendix 4 Community Groups Contact List

CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS	Contact Name	Contact number
Shannon Gaels GAA	David O Connell	[REDACTED]

<i>Cuil Gaels Ladies</i>	<i>Carmel Bohannon</i>	
<i>St. Mary's Athletics</i>	<i>Fergal Grogan</i>	
<i>Labasheeda ICA</i>	<i>Mary McDonagh</i>	
<i>Labasheeda Tidy Towns</i>	<i>Mike Cassidy</i>	
<i>Labasheeda Pastoral Council</i>	<i>Geraldine Cleary</i>	
<i>Labasheeda Choir</i>	<i>Lourda Bermingham</i>	
<i>Local IFA Group</i>	<i>Niall McCarthy</i>	
<i>Labasheeda Hall Committee</i>	<i>Liam Woulfe</i>	
<i>Labasheeda Projects Group</i>	<i>Manus McGee</i>	
<i>Playground Committee</i>	<i>Siobhan Shannon</i>	
ACTIVITIES & BUSINESS	Contact Name	
<i>Labasheeda Bingo- On Tuesdays January to April at Centre from 11am</i>	<i>Mike Cassidy</i>	
<i>Yogalates-Wednesday night's @ Centre</i>	<i>Deirdre Fitzpatrick</i>	
<i>Labasheeda Fitness Bootcamp</i>	<i>Paul O Callaghan</i>	
<i>Childrens Yoga (classes on demand)</i>	<i>Katie Naughton</i>	
<i>Labasheeda Post Office</i>	<i>Mary Hehir</i>	
<i>Casey's Bar and Shop</i>	<i>Declan Casey</i>	
<i>Charm Bee Studio</i>	<i>Ruth O Neill</i>	

