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1. Introduction

This report presents a summary of discussions, deliberations and recommendations at seven community meetings that took place on the Corca Dhuibhne Peninsula as follows:

Date	Venue	Communities
Jan 30th	Annascaul (Community Centre)	Annascaul, Inch
Feb 3rd	Castlegregory (Club Rooms)	Castlegregory, Stradbally
Feb 5th	Camp (Old Schoolhouse)	Camp, Derrymore, Blennerville
Feb 6th	An Clochán (Halla le Chéile)	An Clochán, Bréannain, An Baile Dubh
Feb 17th	Baile an Fheirtéaraigh (Ionad Pobal)	Baile an Fheirtéaraigh, Dún Chaoim, An Mhuiríoch
Feb 18th	Lios Póil (SN)	Lios Póil
Feb 19th	Dingle (Benner's Hotel)	Daingean Uí Chúis, Ceann Trá

At each meeting, Breandán presented the demographic and socio-economic profiles (for each community) and Connor presented data on environmental and energy issues. Both presentations were followed (either separately or collectively) by discussions. This report provides a summary of the notes taken during those discussions.

In meeting the variety of challenges facing Corca Dhuibhne several common goals became apparent across the seven parishes.

- Caring for the aging population
- Providing a home for young families, with year-round employment on the peninsula and suitable housing
- Strengthening community relationships and resilience
- Protecting the magnificent culture, language, heritage, and landscape of the area
- Developing local strategies/policies aligned with the concerns and priorities of the Corca Dhuibhne communities
- Reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels in favour of locally available renewables

Some common proposals suggested to meet these objectives.

- Improved public transport and interconnectivity servicing all areas of the peninsula
- Prioritize housing for full-time residents, not holiday homes
- Development of mixed / sheltered housing complexes to cater for young and old
- Address issues with sewage / wastewater treatment that are limiting ability to build new houses
- Large number of vacant homes that could be renovated to newest energy standard
- Supporting active modes of travel with improved paths/walkways as well as cycling infrastructure
- Develop year-round economic activity not just for the tourist season
- Provide indoor and outdoor community areas
- Promote the growth of native woodlands and rewilded areas
- Installation of solar PV on all available rooftops: community centres, businesses, farm sheds and homes

2. Summary of key themes and recommendations

Health, Well-being and Social Services

- Enhance social and health services for older people, through the application of e-health systems and the provision of clustered housing – linked to community-based services;
- Devise a social economy strategy for the peninsula – to incorporate a capacity-building programme, whereby civil society can be supported and enabled to establish community-owned businesses in fields such as social service provision, housing, energy production, ecological conservation, rural tourism and training among others;
- Expand the range of sporting, recreational and social engagement opportunities - open to all, and in particular young people – especially young women; and
- Continue to invest in the capacity of all civil society groups to lead, coordinate and sustain local development activities in their respective communities and as a networked entity for the peninsula.

Housing / Tithíocht

- Reduce the limitations on people who want to build a family home on the family farm / land, and provide more starter homes for young families;
- Redress the imbalance between family homes and holiday homes / tourist accommodation on the peninsula – use supply-side interventions; and
- Address dereliction – compile an inventory of vacant properties, liaise with owners, and, where required, either incentivise development and / or penalise neglect.

Economic Development, Agriculture, Fisheries and Tourism / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta - feirmeoireacht, iascaireacht, agus turaseoireacht

- Promote economic developments that capitalise on the area's natural, heritage and cultural resources, to include the development of inter-connected loop walks, particularly in areas that are not seeing the full benefits of tourism;
- The Irish language is integral to the fabric of Corca Dhuibhne. As well as being part of 'who we are', the language has a role to play in economic development, and it needs wider use and promotion. There is a need to consider the expansion of the designated Gaeltacht area, to be accompanied by language-promotion activities in areas that are currently non-Gaeltacht;
- Using the model of the Dingle Hub, expand the provision of broadband infrastructure and co-working spaces, and ensure this investment is accompanied by supports for mentoring and inter-business networking and collaboration; and
- Provide additional and up-to-date information for the farming community to enable them to play a leading role in the advancement of the just transition (to a zero-carbon) society, thereby enabling them to increase profitability and sustain inter-generational land transfers.

Infrastructure: Amenities and Connectivity

- Invest in upgrading (some) community centres, so that they are more comfortable, accessible and user-friendly for a broad range of activities;
- Better connect existing walks and develop additional and networked routes for walking and cycling, as part of the drive to promote active travel and to improve access to heritage sites, natural amenities and green spaces; and

- Extend local rural transport routes and improve connectivity to and from the main Bus Éireann artery – establish synchronised feeder services. Do so as part of an integrated sustainable transport plan for the peninsula.

Environment and Energy / Timpeallacht agus Fuinneamh

- Instal, as a matter of urgency, wastewater treatment facilities in all settlements on the peninsula, including reed beds and other new technologies and bespoke solutions for local circumstances;
- Encourage the use of sustainable materials and energy-saving technologies in the construction of all new buildings;
- Strengthen the relationships between local farmers and fishers and those in the hospitality and catering industries, so that local food products are more universally available and promoted; and
- Increase the number of blue flag beaches; the natural amenities are there, but environmental safeguards need support in some cases.

An Ghaeilge – teanga agus cultúr / Language and Culture

3. Community Reports

3.1 Abhainn an Scáil / Annascaul

Health, Well-being and Social Services / Sláinte, Folláine agus Seirbhísí Sóisialta

Opportunities / Deiseanna

The community centre is not very comfortable or attractive and there is an opportunity for a new building which provides a place for social gathering or a community hub, for example Ashes. It should contain sofas, soft chairs and cushions. Activities can be made more visible by using social media, for example. There is potential to develop seasonally-adjusted activity.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- A community hub;
- Social media activities;
- Outdoor amenities and signage;
- Educational Resources, and
- Visible notice board showing what's going on in the village (e.g *Youth every Friday night 8 → 9.30 Contact ...*, *Badminton for adults every Wed 8 → 10 Contact ...*).

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

The projects would result in a connected community feel and cohesive community employment.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Delivery could be achieved through volunteer rotas and structured work experience. A paid co-ordinator would be beneficial to delivery.

Housing / Tithíocht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There are opportunities to address issues in relation to vacant and derelict houses in the village. Given the level of single-occupancy households (30%), there may be demand for sheltered housing. There is an opportunity to develop 1-bedroom flats for seasonal workers; they would accommodate workers in the tourist trade from Dingle as there is demand and rents in Dingle are high (at €1,000 per month).
- There is potential to develop family homes with 3 or more bedrooms. Houses, especially those for families without transport, should be accessible to infrastructure and services.
- In light of the national housing crisis, additional housing in the community might encourage people, in their 20s and 30s to move (back) and revitalise rural communities. There is an opportunity to encourage local businesses to continue and expand.
- It would be beneficial to lessen regulations around people trying to build on family farms.
- Overflow from Dingle 12 months, not just tourist season

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Sheltered housing;
- Renovation of derelict homes, and
- Accommodation for workers in the tourist trade from Dingle.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

The projects would keep people in the community; provide jobs and revitalise groups and clubs. They would also reduce social isolation

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

A survey of the ownership of the derelict houses would be a starting point in delivery, although there may be GDPR issues.

Economic Development, Agriculture, Fisheries and Tourism / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta - feirmeoireacht, iascaireacht, agus turaseoireacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

There are opportunities to develop the agri-tourism sector. There is potential to make more of Tom Crean's connection with the village and for a café or restaurant in the village. The isolation experienced by the surrounding community at night could be addressed.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Board walk around the lake in Annascaul;
- Tom Cream Museum;
- Path to join Ardrinane to Bunanear and finally to Inch beach;
- Walking path around the GAA pitch similar to Keel GAA, and
- Hackney/taxi transport link to reduce rural isolation.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- The completion of the projects would create local jobs and financial benefits for the area. The area would be branded as a *Tom Crean* destination.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Delivery could be achieved by providing a transport link for the community; upgrading village paths and providing parking. It is suggested to put incentives in place to use idle buildings on the main street and disincentives in place for leaving them idle to commercial use.

Infrastructure: Amenities and Connectivity

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There are opportunities for public-private partnership approaches to development.
- Sheltered housing could be provided in the village, or a retirement village could be developed.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Sensory garden;
- Playground;
- Community coffee shop (co-op);
- Permaculture garden;
- Road improvement and lighting of footpaths, traffic calming bus stops, toilets, parking and eco-tours;
- Rock-pool-type swimming pool at Bunanear;
- Grant schemes to renovate empty properties for new young families, and
- Retaining the health centre

The projects would achieve a higher local spend and improve the economy. There would be improved health outcomes and easier access to services and doctors etc.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Members of the community could volunteer their services. The new road (N86) may include paths.

Environment and Energy / Timpeallacht agus Fuinneamh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There is an opportunity to reduce the use of fossil fuels on the Dingle peninsula by €10,000,000 by using alternative energy.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Solar PV panels;
- Hydro-energy;
- Micro-wind generation;
- A reed-bed to treat public sewer
- Retro-fit pre-2006 houses and businesses, and
- Electric cars.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

Projects would assist to retain more money in the local economy; reduce carbon emissions and provide local employment.

3.2 Castlegregory / Caisleán Ghriaire

An Ghaeilge - teanga agus cultúr / Language and Culture

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Expand the Gaeltacht to include the whole peninsula;
- To lecture tourists on Irish while travelling around the Gaeltacht;
- Operate a Gael chara project;
- Operate a lift-share project over to Dingle;
- Develop a pop-up Gaeltacht;
- Cater to different levels of Irish language;
- Provide mentoring;
- Assign Gaeilge speakers as designated drivers;
- Have an art-space / studio for collaboration opportunities;
- Develop a workspace with machinery;
- Develop a community space, and to
- Hold *currach*-making workshops.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Communal Art Space – workshop / social area for idea exchange, possibly not a physical space but a night in a pub;
- Cultural tourism package incorporating arts & culture unique to this area;
- *Currach*-making facility to capture and build on existing unique and quickly disappearing skills;
- Pop-up art galleries;
- Irish language / linguistic / ethnolinguistic tours, and
- Temporary sand sculpture opportunities.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

The arts community would be supported and promoted which in turn would lead to cultural and economic development.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Delivery could be achieved by coming together and meeting more often and build community through communication.

Housing / Tithíocht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Make it easier for family member to get planning permission;
- Provide social housing;
- Prioritise planning to local people who are going to be permanent residents;
- Build two-bedroom homes, and
- Deal with empty houses.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Sheltered housing for older people;
- The Council building and helping people to get a house. They should buy empty houses and make them available.

- Putting a stay on planning / building as we have 31% holiday homes which are idle for most of the year, and
- Using derelict buildings for public good.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

This would support people to stay in the community and families to return to live here. The community would be happier and healthier and business would survive.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

As a group, we can make the projects a priority and we can lobby and pressure the powers that be. We should stay connected with relevant groups and encourage all members of the community to come on board.

Environment and Energy / Timpeallacht agus Fuinneamh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Networking between local conservation projects / initiatives;
- Education and regulation on chemicals like roundup; these are going into the ocean and will have a health impact;
- More projects like wetland eco-park in Castlegregory;
- Investments in local food systems / production;
- European Innovation Partnership (EIP) which support farmers to do biodiversity projects; the submission would be funded through funding from NEWKD;
- Turning street-lights off for a certain time at night;
- Better use of unused land, i.e. woodlands, particularly native woodlands and avoiding mono-species. These should be community-led and managed, that is *West Kerry Community Woodland*.
- The co-operative production of solar, hydro and wind energy with better integration into the grid;
- Paying more for meat and eating less of it as it is too cheap;
- Public toilet;
- Better public transport systems. The current service is far too expensive on existing routes and there are not enough of them with only one service a week going to Tralee. Expand the local link service. There are opportunities for economies of scale.
- New Planning legislation to encourage housing from sustainable materials; and
- Studying the possibility of wave energy.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Native woodlands;
- Community energy production – co-ops;
- Energy efficiency projects to improve housing insulation and providing supports to enable this;
- Community-owned (small) farms / allotments to enable local food production;
- Affordable public transport on the Peninsula;
- Education on financial savings
- Supporting the fishing sector to be more sustainable
- Rocks along the coastline which will protect it; prevent erosion and can also provide a promenade / walkway / cycling route.

Economic Development, Agriculture, Fisheries and Tourism / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta - feirmeoireacht, iascaireacht, agus turaseoireacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

There is an opportunity for collaboration and to develop tourism through a destination website within the *Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance*. There is potential for development as a regenerative or wellness destination.

Other opportunities include: eco-tourism, walking and mindfulness products.

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Sports businesses like archery and bike trails and water sports such as a windsurfing competition;
- Corporate and team building packages;
- A hotel and other accommodation;
- Water sports – windsurfing competition;
- Seaweed baths;
- Seaweed agriculture / tours, foraging, and fishing / island tours.
- Seaweed production
- We need broadband to all rural / remote areas of the peninsula to allow for better business development (internet hubs) and to facilitate working from home, which will in turn increase our population as people may be able to return home from abroad or relocate to the country for a better quality of life.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Upgrade the pier in Maharees to allow for marina, parking facilities for campers, boat trips, fishing trips, whale watching, and other similar activities;
- Car parking and camping facilities to encourage more tourism;
- Digital hub / broadband / remote working;
- Destination website and administrative support and training;
- Development of walking trails / cycling routes;
- Campervan provision;
- Feasibility study towards an EIP for farming community;
- Re-fit of the community centre with multi-use features, and
- Bus between Tralee and Brandon, with stops in Castlegregory, Camp, Maharees and Stradbally.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

The projects would benefit the economy. A longer tourism season and slower tourism would be more lucrative for the area. There would be more options to develop complementary businesses. Locals and tourists would benefit from better facilities and more families would move here and stay here.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

- It was acknowledged that some of this work is already started (by Maharees Conservation Association, KCC and Community Council). A scoping document could be written up. The community could lobby for funding and facilities. More local working-groups or collaborative groups to work on projects could be set up. It was proposed that they could:

- Develop walking routes with a view to getting them mapped by *Irish Sports Trails*;
- Work on a destination marketing strategy;
- Apply for LEADER funding for EIP, and
- Liaise with KCC on planning issues, etc.

Children, Youth and Families / Páistí, An Aos Óg agus Teallaigh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Ask teenagers what they need and to provide more resources for them;
- Invest in existing resources, e.g. GAA / soccer clubs;
- Develop more childcare facilities, and
- Invest in current education facilities and services, including mental health.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- There is an opportunity to develop a large multi-functional community facility. It should be large enough to support all aspects of community life, including:
 - Pre-school, youth club, sports group, leisure activities, active-aged, ICA;
 - Parenting courses and support;
 - Family support and mental health service within community;
 - Homework club, after-school clubs or breakfast clubs, and
 - GAA, soccer, dance, choir, panto group.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

The project would promote inclusion and better communication within and between age-groups by providing a place to go, learn, socialize, integrate and support.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Delivery could be achieved by lobbying politicians, councillors and planners for resources. We need to fight – even though we shouldn't have to.

Infrastrucutre, Amenities and Connectivity / Bonneagar, Áiseanna agus Nascacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There are opportunities to develop the transport infrastructure to include an affordable bus service for people to get to work and to connect the Tralee by-pass to the Dingle road. In addition, parking places for camper vans and at local coastal spots would be beneficial. There is potential to develop the pier and marine environment. A community space providing sport, art and education facilities could be developed.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Grass footpath from Muherbeg to the village;
- Mountain bike and hiking trails;
- Better parking and toilets at local coastal spots including: Muherbeg, Stradbally, Fermoye and Goulane;
- Appoint a harbour master;
- Improved transport to Tralee, Camp and Dingle, and
- Indoor spaces that the community can use for different activities.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- The grass footpath would benefit tourism, improve safety, provide an opportunity to experience nature and link with The Dingle Way.
- Mountain bike and hiking trails would improve health; give cyclists off-road facilities and promote tourism.
- Parking and facilities at coastal spots would increase spots for tourists and locals, keep beaches clean and support safety.
- Improved transport would benefit tourism and the environment, employment, mental health, access to hospital, facilities and shopping.
- A community space would improve communities' events; bring people together and promote positive mental and physical health outcomes.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Projects could be delivered by putting pressure on the council and increasing interest.

Health, Well-being and Social Services / Sláinte, Folláine agus Seirbhísí Sóisialta

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There are opportunities related to growing and producing quality organic food and to encourage the use of seaweed.
- Young people could be encouraged to get involved in fishing and more aid could be provided to entice people to fish.
- There is potential for better mental health services.
- More native woodland areas.
- There is potential to provide or improve sporting facilities in relation to:
 - The local soccer club,
 - Mountain biking,
 - Golf,
 - GAA,
 - Water sports,
 - Beach running,
 - Wellbeing centres,
 - Hiking,
 - Recreational cycle paths and
 - Water sports.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Establish a vegetable co-op;
- Install a hydro-electric plant in Gleann Tí an Eassaig;
- Help and promote outdoor activities in the area;
- Improve road markings and review speed limit location on the Maharees Road;
- A Hotel is a must; we have no facilities to cater for functions;
- Flood-light development;
- Mountain-bike trail / park in the hills;
- Extend golf-course to 18 holes;
- Develop LGFA facilities / club facilities at GAA pitch, and
- Greenway cycle paths to connect the village to Maharees / Stradbally and other parishes.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- The projects would help to retain young people, who leave after completing third-level education, in the area.
- They would give employment, possibly through a CE-scheme.
- They would promote physical and mental health.
- Social interactions amongst all ages and both genders would increase and resilience in the community would be improved.
- Our society would become more self-sufficient.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Delivery could be achieved by forming stronger local committees; being more vocal; petitioning government agencies and being proactive in organising and lobbying politicians. Local clubs and groups could come together to share facilities and to be involved in plans.

3.3 Camp, Derrymore, Blennerville / An Cam, An Doire Mhór agus Cathair Uí Mhóráin

Housing / Tithíocht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

There are opportunities to change planning laws and to allow people to build on the site of a derelict building. Old farm houses should be developed with grant aid.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

Sheltered housing;

Retro-fitting of houses; and

encouraging young families to settle in the area, where housing is available.

It is very important to hold on to local services such as the supermarket, petrol pump, laundrette etc. They will only survive if the local population is there to support it.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

The outcome would be a strong and vibrant community. All age-groups would benefit from a crèche, play-school, primary school, church, youth-club, GAA, ICA social, Pastoral care- teams and soccer facilities.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

We, as a community, should organise ourselves. Consider, consult and communicate within our community and with the *powers that be who control the purse strings*.

Infrastrucutre, Amenities and Connectivity / Bonneagar, Áiseanna agus Nascacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

There are opportunities to make planning permission easier for related families rather than land-owners. A *natural hub* could be developed, and the tourism experience could be enriched by developing walking and cycling amenities. Connectivity broadband plus work from home, grow the community by retaining family units

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- An improved road from Camp to Tralee;
- An improved Tralee – Dingle bus service;
- A local link bus service, including an evening / night service;
- Broadband and mobile phone in blind spots;
- 2 footbridges: one north of Finglas and another over Aughaschla river mouth;
- Historic / archaeological signage; and
- An upgrade to the playground by Camp Community Centre.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- Increased tourism for cycling and walking;
- Health and environmental benefits;
- Decreased isolation with a Local Link bus service; and
- Opportunities for young families to remain locally.

Children, Youth and Families / Páistí, An Aos Óg agus Teallaigh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There are opportunities to provide more resources for teenagers and they should be asked what they need.
- There is an opportunity to develop childcare facilities, school transport, sports facilities, music and other classes and a youth club.
- There is the possibility of working with committed community-leaders and volunteers who are investing in the youth.
- The rural nature of the community but with an urban area nearby represents an opportunity.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Internet access to support working from home and flexibility for childcare;
- Sustainability leading to less need to travel;
- Work life balance – education / hobbies;
- Helping people achieve energy efficiency;
- Community-owned power;
- More effective transport such as car-sharing and a lift-share app; and
- A youth café and occupying younger teenagers (13-16 years) with projects like *Tidy Towns*.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

The projects would help keep people local; invest in the future of the community; contribute to achieving climate change targets and health and wellbeing.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

- We should plan and invest our time to deliver the projects.
- We should hold conversations outside of formal meetings and facilitate volunteer involvement by encouraging little and often.
- Hub forums could be used for ideas-generation, local knowledge, connectivity and inter-generational involvement.

Economic Development, Agriculture, Fisheries and Tourism / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta - feirmeoireacht, iascaireacht, agus turaseoireacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Development of agri-, food and archaeological tourism and arts workshops.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- A potential project is the creation of a biomass centre to utilize local timber.

Environment and Energy / Timpeallacht agus Fuinneamh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Save energy and to bring buildings up to standard;
- Assist farms by giving them easy access to information;
- Share positive experiences;
- Protect the beauty of the area and farming and especially low-lying areas;
- Develop a community co-op;

- Develop a charging point for cars;
- Provide greater connectivity to main bus routes;
- Plant more native and hardwood trees, and to
- Use solar power in the local community centre.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Eco-tourism;
- Community co-op;
- Community-owned power;
- Easy access to information;
- Transport options: car- pool app and meeting point;
- Charging point for cars;
- Greater connectivity to main bus routes;
- Community-based renewable energy project;
- Community co-operative for food production, i.e. garden and composting, and
- Solar power in the local community centre.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- The projects would future-proof the area and would reduce social isolation and promote greater health and resilience skills for the community.
- A *meitheal* may be established.
- Emissions would be reduced, and sustainability increased.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

- Delivery would occur with time, a shared vision and communication. A facilitator could create connection;
- A 5 / 10-year plan could be devised and implemented;
- The community could engage with the relevant authorities; and
- Local schools could be involved and co-operatives with a cross section of age-groups could be formed.

3.4 An Clochán, Bréannain, An Baile Dubh

Children, Youth and Families / Páistí, An Aos Óg agus Teallaigh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

Childcare: There is an opportunity to expand the range of affordable childcare in different settings, in the community. Childcare facilities could be provided in the hall and training courses and grants would support the development of childminding in the home. There are openings to provide childcare facilities for children under 3 years; an early drop-off, before-school and/or breakfast club service for school-age children and to extend the current service provided for 3 to 5 year-olds to a full-day service.

Housing: Greater policy regulation around house-purchasing and more supports for social housing – to make housing more affordable and allow more young families to live locally.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Potential capital projects include:
 - improvement to the hall facilities;
 - a crèche; and
 - Castle GAA's pitch.
- Potential social / community projects for young people include:
 - a *No Name Club* for older teenagers and pre-youth club for children aged 9-12;
 - social activities and afterschool activities such as music, dancing and basketball.
- Appointments for speech therapy, play therapy and paediatric-care could be held locally.
- Other projects which would benefit the community are an education and training for childcare workers and a car-pooling network for travelling to work.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

Additional affordable childcare facilities would support people to work, reduce stress and improve family well-being. The projects would improve social skills.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

- The community could come together to organise activities, such as ceilí, for families and activities for young children, with a view to delivering the projects.
- The comharchuamann could be expanded to include more people - to develop strategies and fundraise.
- Comharchuamann sub-groups would deal with individual plans.
- The current childcare arrangements can be more flexible and adapted to meet the individual needs of families by including a drop-in service among other supports.

Environment and Energy / Timpeallacht agus Fuinneamh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Instal a sewage scheme for Cloghane - to improve water quality and bathing water. This would be beneficial for humans as well as marine, bird and wildlife.
- Develop forestry, walks and mountain bike trials for locals and tourists and to stabilize to the east of Mount Brandon. A walking trail and car park could be developed at Loch a Duin and a looped walk with birth-watching opportunities highlighted on the trail could be created at Fermoye Strand.

- Public transport would help reduce personal car-use and thus fuel-use.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- Projects would improve bathing and water quality as they are currently not meeting EPA requirements.
- Marine life would be protected and restored, and coastal erosion defences would be strengthened.
- There would be an increased awareness and education of our environment and marine-life.
- There would be a wider variety of activities to attend and tourism activity to the area would be increased.
- A reduction of reliance on fossil fuels and solid fuels would benefit local employment.

Infrastrucutre, Amenities and Connectivity / Bonneagar, Áiseanna agus Nascacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Develop public transport including a route to Dingle;
- A sewage treatment system for Cloghane and Brandon;
- Public bins, telephone and toilets;
- Car-parking spaces in villages, at the grotto and beaches; and
- Improved mobile-phone reception.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Blue flag beaches: provision & facilities at Fermoyale to promote / secure Blue Flag status;
- Sewage treatment;
- Public transport;
- Public amenities, and
- Development of the community centre.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- Blue flag beach status would make for a cleaner environment; make the beach more attractive for locals and tourists and support employment (for example: lifeguards, coffee shop etc.).
- Sewage treatment would stop the pumping of raw sewage into the estuary and result in a cleaner environment and support the restoration of marine life such as cockles and fish etc.).
- The provision of public transport would
 - reduce dependency on personal car;
 - support accessibility to the area;
 - provide greater employment for young people, and
 - support access to facilities/ doctors/ banking for the elderly.
- The development of public amenities would provide a public toilet and bin in an area heavily-dependent on tourism.
- A public phone would address issues related to poor mobile reception.
- Car-parking would support access to the various beaches and provide access points to mountains.
- The development of the community centre would modernise the current facilities and promote community interaction.

An Ghaeilge - teanga agus cultúr / Language and Culture

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Maidean caifé
- Naíonra – Club Súgradh – Scoil Naisiúnta – Múinteoirí – Béim ar – Tinteán ceoil
- An Halla lán Gaelach
- An Plean Teanga – Beirt fostaithe – Cuairteoirí Baile – Tum Oideachas
- Spórt trí Gaeilge
- Aifreann trí Gaeilge.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Cuairteoirí baile i ndiaidh 6 a chlog
- Drámaíocht
- Spórt
- Rince, ceilithe

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- Gaeilge á labhairt
- Teacht le chéile
- Daoine á thabhairt isteach

Housing / Tithíocht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There is an opportunity for planning permission to be made easier and less expensive as it costs thousands every time.
- Consider a CPO for derelict properties (e.g. where ownership is in dispute).
- Local people returning from abroad should be given preference.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Sheltered and Zimmer-frame friendly housing;
- Child- friendly housing development; and
- Off-season discounted holiday- homes.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- increased population;
- increased school numbers; and
- greater use of local facilities.

Economic Development, Agriculture, Fisheries and Tourism / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta - feirmeoireacht, iascaireacht, agus turaseoireacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

There are opportunities to develop hiking amenities and the Dingle Way, water sports, an artist trail, Mount Brandon development and airport routes.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- The development of a sports field, to cater for all ages, at the rear of Comharcumann;
- Improvement to the sewerage system at Cloghane; and
- Car-pooling and a lift pilot-scheme.

3.5 Baile an Fheirtéaraigh, An Mhuiríoch agus Dún Chaoin

Housing / Tithíocht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Cead do muintir na háite agus iad atá ag maireachtant san áit, tithe a thógaint ar a gcuid talún nó talamh a muintir;
- Deis a thabhairt ins na paróistí scéimeanna tithíochta agus láthateacha ar praghas réasúnta a bheith ar fáil acu/ dóibh le seirbhísí cuí, chun deis a thabhairt do dhaoine bogadh isteach agus fostaíocht a thógaint suas sa dúthaigh; agus
- Scéimeanna fé bhuaillle tithe a bheith ar fail níos forleithe.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Scéimeanna tithíochta/ láthareahca a chur in áit i gach paróiste le tithíocht agus tithíocht phoiblí ins na bailte/ paróistí;
- Scéimeanna tithíochta do sheanáirí a bheadh ar fáil ina bparóistí dúchais;
- Scéim tús áite do dhaoine i mbailte dúchais a bheith lárnach; agus
- Iasachtaí Comhairle contae chun iasachtaí a threigín a mhéadú.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- Deiseanna réadúla don bpobal áitúil agus daoine ón dtaobh amuigh - cur le beocht ón phobail agus cur le bonn an gheilleagair áitúil – i dteannta le caighdeán teangan/ cultúrtha na Gaeltachta;
- Breis daonra ag cothú seirbhísí oideachais is sóisialta;
- Breis soláthar fostaíochta i ngach réimse
- Íslíú ar an méan-praghas tithíochta, agus ar chumas an phobail iad a cheannach nó a thógaint.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

- Brú a chur orthu siúd atá ag ullmhú na bpleananna!
- Grúp-scéimeanna tithíochta le buionta daoine ag teacht le chéile in áiteanna éagsúla
- Comh-oibriú idir úinéirí talún agus iadsan atá ag lorg tithe a chothú (i dteannta le beartéis an chomhairle contae).

Infrastrucutre, Amenities and Connectivity / Bonneagar, Áiseanna agus Nascacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Re-zoning for more housing;
- Improving communication and *Saorview*;
- Providing parking at Wine Strand and An Mhuiríoch beaches;
- Improving local transport services to include services to Dunquin and Feoghanach;
- Additional golf provision; and
- Develop Blasket Islands Pier.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Better transport including night-time transport;
- Increasing the use of harbour amenities by setting up clubs;
- Developing a technology hub providing hot desks;
- Developing sports facilities in the community hall; and

- Coras tráchtá do Cheann Sléibhe.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

A better social foundation and services and an improved chance of keeping young people.

An Ghaeilge - Teanga agus Cultúr / Language and Culture

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Pleanáil teanga;
- Cainteoirí dúchais;
- Saibhreas: scéalaíocht, ceol, amhránaíocht;
- Deiseanna cainte: í a scaipeadh ar fud na cruinne leis an durlíóú/ Skype etc.;
- Cursaí Gaeilge le Oidhreacht Chorca Dhuibhne; agus
- Raidió na Gaeltachta.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Postanna oiriúnacha do chainteoirí dúchasacha – bh'féidir níos mó do TG4 ag feidhmiú anseo, Stáisiún Áitúil Raidió, Teilifís;
- Campus ollscoile Gaelach a fhorbairt sa cheantair;
- Cuardaigh sonraí cosúil le Google a bheith ar fáil as Gaeilge;
- Ionad le éagsúlacht imeachtaí a fhorbairt;
- An Óige a spregadh chun an Ghaeilge a d'húsáid, a bheith mórteacah aisti – Ceangal le cursaí Gaeilge agus imeachtaí eile sa cheantar;
- Teach a bheith ag óige na leithinise ar scoilreachtaí prínitiseachta, fionntraíochta sa cheantar le tacaíocht ó Udarás na Gaeltachta agus Comhairle Contae Chiarraí.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- Postanna dos na cainteoirí dúchasacha;
- Postanna do dhaoine ar ardchaighdeán cáilíochta;
- Meas ar ár n-oidhreacht shaibhir; agus
- Obair do 10 (ar a laghad) do Ghaeilgeoirí líofa a bheith fostaithe san ionad cuardaigh.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

- Clubanna ag feidhmiú trí Ghaeilge a fhorbairt sa cheantair – msh. réalteolaíocht, garraíodóireacht, beochadóireacht srl.;
- Eolas a scaipeadh i measc an phobail, cnagadh ar an dóirse, cuireadh a thabhairt dóibh a bheith rannpháirteach; agus
- Brú a chur ar na dreamanna atá freagrach as airgeadú chun tacú leis na tionscnaimh thuas.

3.6 Lios Póil

An Ghaeilge - teanga agus cultúr / Language and Culture

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Dúhcas;
- An teanga a chosaint;
- Mná Tí - fostaíocht ;
- Siopaí – bia; agus
- Iompar – taxi, busanna.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Heritage trail;
- Local history evening;
- Ciorcal comhrá ag tabhairt daoine le chéile;
- Ceangail le daoine i gceantair eile sa leithinis; agus
- Oíche amhránaíochta/ceol srl..

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- Pobal ag teacht le chéile;
- Láidriú na teangan;
- Oscailt na dúichí – áilleacht an cheantar; agus
- Stair Lios Póil a chur chun cinn.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

- Leanúint le féile Lios Póil
- Cuireadh a thabhairt do dhaoine ó cheantair Gaeltachta eile teacht chugainn
- Turas a thabhairt ar áiteanna go bhfuil forbairt déanta acu
- Comhar Chumann Chorca Dhuibhne ag freastal ar Corca Dhuibhne.

Páistí, An Aos Óg agus Teallaigh / Children, Youth and Families

Opportunities and Proposals / Deiseanna agus Tograí

- Halla le forbairt;
- Láthair súgartha le forbairt;
- 119 sa bhunscoil fé láthair;
- Club na n-Óg;
- CLG - liathróid láimhe, caid;
- An Scoil;
- Scór na n-Óg/ na bPaistí;
- Cumann Rothaíochta;
- Crèche;
- Ranganna Cultúrtha - ceol, teangs, rince srl.; agus
- Súilóidí.

Tairbhe / Outcomes

- Meas (níos mó) ar an áit;
- Cultúr le níos mó beocht;

- Scileanna sóisialta a fhorbairt
- Seans do thuismitheoirí gnó a dhéanamh, na leanaí sabhálte sa crèche;
- Tionscadáil a chur chun cinn;
- Tacú – leis na Cumainn – msh (CLG); agus
- A development officer to inform people about grants / opportunities and what's available to communities.

Bonneagar, Áiseanna agus Nascacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There is an opportunity to bring people together and to provide a meeting place for elderly, gym and office hub.
- There is potential to develop access for disabled people and environmental projects.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Deal with Japanese knotweed;
- A community hall;
- Wheelchair access to beach (Minard);
- Walkways & cycleways;
- Development of river walks; and
- Clean up existing rivers.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

The projects would:

- improve social togetherness;
- create more jobs; and
- reduce travel.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Delivery can be achieved by getting together, organising ourselves, and just doing it.

Housing / Tithíocht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Rezoning and building clusters of houses.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Clusters of homes for the elderly; and
- Timber-framed houses.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- The projects would keep people in rural areas.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

- Applying for an Sec from retrofits;
- Requesting a meeting with Kerry County Council on planning;
- Food production;
- Renewable energy;
- Horizon Project Tourism.

Environment and Energy / Timpeallacht agus Fuinneamh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There is potential for a community-energy project, and an energy co-operative could be set up. There is also an opportunity for tourism development.
- Housing to be retrofitted (energy efficiency); and
- Hydro, wind and PV energy and anaerobic digestion.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Hydro-energy;
- (Offshore) micro-wind turbines;
- PV farms;
- Anaerobic digestion facility, and
- An improvement to Internet access.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- Intended outcomes are energy-independence and community-owned.
- Local people may be employed to retrofit.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

The projects can be delivered by setting up an Energy Co-operative and educating and training communities.

Health, Well-being and Social Services / Sláinte, Folláine agus Seirbhísí Sóisialta

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- develop a place for old people;
- transport services; and
- sports and activities clubs and activities.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Centre for older people;
- Local bus link;
- Sports club;
- Organise indoor pastimes, and
- Bothántaíocht agus scéilíocht.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

People will be more involved in the community.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

The projects will be delivered by the community organising them.

3.7 Daingean Uí Chúis (Dingle) agus Ceann Trá

Economic Development, Agriculture, Fisheries and Tourism / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta - feirmeoireacht, iascaireacht, agus turaseoireacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- In respect of agriculture and food: grow more local produce; invest in agri-tourism initiatives; promote fishing and farming as a viable career and provide schemes, apprenticeships, supports and succession for single farmers.
- Tourism could be elevated to a higher status to make it seem more viable.
- Recruitment of Development Support Officers
- There is potential to upskill communities to meet current and future industry needs and to educate pupils in the jobs of the future.
- Remote working, with Internet access across all traditional and creative industry, could be promoted.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- *Park-and-ride* service for Sleah Head;
- Regulate AirBnB and other forms of accommodation;
- Incentivise long-term lets for locals;
- Develop activities: walking, cycling & fishing;
- Destination for staying;
- Provide quality tourism with limited supply;
- Provide access to Sleah Head for coach traffic ensuring higher a quality product for incoming visitors;
- Educate young people to give them route back to Dingle;
- Facilitate successions and partnership for young farmers and fishermen; and
- Ensure more grass roots/ community inclusion at government decision level.

Environment and Energy / Timpeallacht agus Fuinneamh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There is an opportunity for energy independence on the peninsula. The community can become an individual provider of renewable energy along with the central production of energy.
- There is potential to reduce the carbon footprint in the transport sector through car-pooling and greater use of bus links.
- There is tidal energy potential at Trá Beg, Kinard and the mouth of Dingle Harbour.
- A sustainable community woodland could be planted.
- Protect, enhance and develop our biodiversity by: developing commercial and private biodiversity gardens; planting specifically for biodiversity and reducing the use of pesticides and other harmful substances.
- There is an opening to provide for the local composting of bio-dependable waste such as a bin for particular green waste.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Local composting of all green material;
- Small scale anaerobic digester – on farms;
- Community woodland project;

- Biodiversity gardens;
- Carpooling – greater scale, collection points,
- Design an app to access your individual transport;
- Car-on demand scheme; and
- Segregated, efficient street-bin system.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

- Delivery can be achieved by setting up a town council with two people from each area.
- We should increase communication between communities on the peninsula.
- We should also ensure more engagement with the local authority/ NEWKD etc.
- A more flattened structure for decision-making, including all statutory bodies continually communicating with each other, would support implementation.
- Other practical steps we can take are:
 - To enquire about available land for developing the community woodland;
 - To provide training, education and awareness on the rich biodiversity of the peninsula; and
 - To identify collection points in each village for lift-sharing.

Infrastrucutre, Amenities and Connectivity / Bonneagar, Áiseanna agus Nascacht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- Develop the infrastructure for remote working and to decentralise of services and jobs to area. The provision of housing, broadband, and jobs would help bring young people back to the area.
- The old hospital represents an infrastructure opportunity and the town park has the potential to be developed as a green sport space in the town centre. A community centre can be developed.
- A centre of excellence on coastal studies, archaeology and biology can be developed.
- A transport service can be developed to provide and promote connections.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Projects which would benefit the community under this theme are:
- Provision of age-appropriate living space;
- Senior citizens' laundry;
- Provision of mixed housing;
- Development of town-centre vibrancy (people living over retail units); and
- Increase the scope of the community centre to accommodate, meals-on-wheels, childminding services, community evenings, 'walking around pitch'.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- Improvement to people's quality of life is a key objective of the projects; and
- Better integration of people living in town.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Cross-community groups can be formed to implement the actions. It is a key objective for sporting bodies to come together.

Housing / Tithíocht

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There is an opportunity to address the lack of public and private housing by giving grants to fix up the several derelict houses, which are available, to meet the identified need. Incentives could be given to buy derelict properties and planning permission could be given for them.
- Property prices in West Kerry are very high – too high for people with a locally-based income to afford. Steps can be taken to make it possible for local people to live locally, including in the centre and Dingle town.
- There is an opportunity to develop on the land that is available. There are also opportunities for additional pre-planning supports and more county council input into smaller areas.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Grants and planning aimed at re-developing derelict properties;
- Reduce bureaucracy and improve communication between planning authorities and the public;
- Affordable accommodation;
- A detailed plan for Dingle specifically and West Kerry generally, of what the town and area will look like in 25 and 50 years-time if:
 - we keep doing what we're doing now; and
 - we work on basis of on agreed plan.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- The projects would make it possible for workers to live in Dingle.
- It would support local businesses to expand without being constrained by the unavailability of staff caused by the unavailability of suitable accommodation.

Health, Well-being and Social Services / Sláinte, Folláine agus Seirbhísí Sóisialta

Opportunities / Deiseanna

There is an opportunity to develop a family resource centre (*áiseanna na hóige*) providing services, including social prescribing for young people, counselling, play (for children), art therapy, women and men (ICA and mens' shed), and children with additional needs.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Courses;
- Skills development; and
- Support for young people.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

Mental health and well-being would be improved.

Children, Youth and Families / Páistí, An Aos Óg agus Teallaigh

Opportunities / Deiseanna

- There is potential for *Áiseanna na hóige* to extend and develop services so that it provides affordable and high-quality childcare and robust family support services.
- More services for young people, to support them to meet their potential, can be delivered by obtaining family resource centre status.

- There are opportunities to make alternative activities available; to increase volunteer recruitment and to support groups for children with additional needs.

Project Suggestions / Tograí agus Moltaí

- Family Resource Centre (Áiseanna na hÓige);
- Community hall centre;
- Awareness promotion for existing supports;
- Volunteer recruitment for groups and linking with volunteer Kerry, and
- Building on the existing TUSLA funded services in West Kerry.

Desired Outcomes / Torthaí

- The projects would meet increasing demand and provide a back-up infrastructure to additional housing.
- Services would be accessible locally and delivered through Irish.
- They would improve the community and create a sense of identity making Dingle a more attractive place to live.
- They would also result in improved outcomes for children and families.

Means of delivery / Córas seachadta

Projects can be delivered by calling for community support and increasing awareness of the maintenance issues in Áiseanna na hÓige e.g. playground.