

Monksland Town Team Report to Athlone Municipal District Council

March 2017

Overview of activities 2016:

- Committee put up Christmas Tree and Lights at Monksland shopping Centre and will maintain same on an annual basis
- Outdoor Gym installed and opened and located across from Motorpark
- Participated in Creative Ireland programme 2017-2022
- Monksland Town Team have actively participated in the Town Team Forum on an ongoing basis
- Organised local Heritage information meeting in Springs Hotel
- Heritage signs designed and ready for erection in three locations to be confirmed with MD Engineer

Governance:

- The Monksland Town Team will be established as a Company LTD by Guarantee and are currently preparing documents detailing directors information for Roscommon County Council
- Directors: Tim Dolan, Joseph Harney, James Kilmartin and Tomas Harrison.
- The Town Team is in the course of adopting a detailed Constitution suitable for a Company Limited by Guarantee

Action Plans: (See Attached)

Prepared and approved in conjunction with Roscommon County Council:

- Undertake the refurbishment & extension of the playground as approved under the Town and Village Scheme
- Put up shrubbery sign for Monksland at agreed location
- Put up heritage signs at agreed locations
- Purchase and placement of a Defibrillator in a suitable public place
- Develop cycle/walk route to Athlone town
- Get more people, especially from business community to get involved in Town Team
- Develop a festival for Monksland - possibly on heritage or fishing themes
- Develop fishing as a local and visitor amenity
- Seek installation of underground bottlebanks
- Support the development of the One in a Million ICT/Innovation Centre in Monksland

Town & Village Renewal Scheme:

- Successfully applied for €38,000 funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme
- This funding was secured using matched funding from Town Team finances
- The funding is being used to finance refurbishment & extension of the playground as approved.
- Scheme contractor appointed, planning approved, works due to be completed by June 2017

General Comments:

The Monksland Town Team is a young team but a strong team and with the support of the local Residential and Business community, Roscommon County Council, their active participation in the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and their close association with other Town Teams through participation in the County Forum we believe we can significantly improve the quality of life for all residents and Businesses in the area.

Action Plan:

MONKSLAND TOWN TEAM						
	Timeframe	Town Team Objectives November 2016	Actions	Responsibility / Lead person(s)	Deadline	Comments

Note Timeframe: S: Short Term; M: Medium Term; L: Long Term Objectives

1	S	Put up and maintain Christmas lights	Arrange for Christmas lights to be put up and maintained	James Kilmartin Tim Dolan Tom Hurson Joe Harney Patricia Green Gerry Gallagher	End December 2016	
2	S	Undertake the refurbishment & extension of the playground as approved under the Town and Village Scheme	Develop draft scheme/plan for playground	Caroline Mangan Reid James Kilmartin	End December 2016	
			Meet with MD Co Ordinator to discuss and agree scheme		End December 2016	
			Tender works to be undertaken	RCC	Mid February 2017	
			Carry out works	Working group & RCC	End July 2017	
3	S	Put up shrubbery sign for Monksland at agreed location	Arrange with MD Co Ordinator for location to be agreed and sign to be planted	Deirdre Lennon	End March 2017	
4	S	Put up heritage sign in shopping centre car park	Collate information and design for sign	Fred Carney Tom Hurson	End March 2017	
			Agree, purchase and erect sign			
			Launch sign			

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5	S	Put up outdoor gym equipment	Purchase equipment, agree location	Town Team members	End December 2016	
			Put up equipment and hold launch			
6	M	Develop cycle/walk route to Athlone town	Form working group to research project, plan route and put in place	Town Team	End Jun 2017	
			Identify member(s) of Town Team to lead on this action			
7	S	Get more people, especially from business community to get involved in Town Team	Raise awareness of Town Team, approach people to get involved & develop plan to get more involvement	Gerry Gallagher	End March 2017	
8	M	Develop a festival for Monksland - possibly on heritage or fishing themes	Establish a working group to plan festival - theme, possible locations, timing, funding etc.	Town Team members	End March 2017	
			Identify member(s) of Town Team to lead on this action		End March 2017	
			Working group to bring plans to Town Team for agreement / further input		End July 2017	
9	L	Develop fishing as a local and visitor amenity	Identify actions & member(s) of Town Team to lead on this action	Town Team members	End September 2017	
10	M	Seek installation of underground bottlebanks	Liaise with RCC Environment Section, MD Co Ordinator & Planning Section	Cllr John Keogh	2017	
			Identify potential locations & issues			
11	M	Support the development of the One in a Million ICT/Innovation Centre in Monksland	Liaise with OIM (& Athlone Chamber of Commerce) to get update on proposals	Lead member to be identified		
			Update Town Team members on proposals and support the initiative as a significant investment in Monksland			

