



BALLINTOY

VILLAGE PLAN

2011 - 2016

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Vision Statement

“A vibrant and sustainable village and community where people support one another and are committed to improving the environmental, social, cultural and economic quality of village life for residents and visitors.”

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Introduction

This Village Plan contains a collective vision of how people who live in, work and visit Ballintoy would like to see the village improve and develop over the next 5 years.

The village plan process has been led by Ballintoy and District Community Development Association working with local groups and clubs, local churches, Moyle District Council, the National Trust, Northern Ireland Tourist Board, Police Service of Northern Ireland and other organisations. The process has been facilitated by Community Places.

Over the past few months these groups, organisations and individuals have had the opportunity to share their views and generate ideas and proposals for improvements and developments for the future.

The plan will help local communities influence statutory bodies and others to respond to local needs as well as opening up opportunities for funding.

The plan includes an action plan to take forward a number of priority projects which have emerged from consultations with the local community.

Funding for the village plan comes from the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme Village Renewal Measure, which is being part funded under Axis 3 and 4 of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007 - 2013 by the European Union and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Moyle District Council is contributing 25% of the cost of the project.

Background

The picturesque village of Ballintoy lies on the B15 Causeway Coastal Route between Ballycastle and the Giant's Causeway. The plan covers the village and its surrounding area with a radius of approximately 3 miles.

Ballintoy falls within the electoral ward of Kinbane. The village has a population of 170 people with approximately the same number in the surrounding hinterland and although the village has a Main Street the population tends to be scattered rather than concentrated in a central area.

The name of Ballintoy has two popular translations: 'Town of the North' and 'The place of the Axe'.

Ballintoy offers spectacular views over Sheep and Rathlin Islands and the Scottish islands of Islay and Jura. The limestone

harbour, lime kiln, white Ballintoy Parish Church and the historic strip pattern fields are distinctive features of the village.

The Ballintoy and District Community Development Association was established in 1996. The association produces a community Newsletter and organises a programme of activities each year including, Fund Raising Events, a Children's Christmas Party, Fireside and Pub Quizzes, Floral Displays, Environmental Projects with Young People and a Summer Activities Scheme.

The Annual Vintage Tractor Rally is another successful village event.

Ballintoy successfully participated in the Calor Village of the Year competition in 2010 winning the Best in Category for Building Community Life and

Overall Runner up awards. There are over 12 individual community groups in the village catering for a diverse range of interests throughout the Ballintoy catchment area.





Village Plan Process

Working closely with Ballintoy and District Community Development Association and Moyle District Council Community Places designed and implemented the Ballintoy Village Plan process.

The key steps in this process included:

Briefing Meetings - initial meetings were held between Ballintoy and District Community Development Association, local councillors and MDC to discuss the best approach for the village plan process. This included sharing details and information on previous consultations and analysis undertaken in the village including their challenges and successes, sharing knowledge of local issues and needs and identifying key stakeholders, existing engagement mechanisms and channels of publicising the village planning events.

Village Walk Around - a village walk about was undertaken to further identify the local context, needs and issues and to map and baseline social, community and council assets.

Contact Key Groups and Organisations - in order to increase awareness and support for the village plan process the various groups and clubs within the village, statutory organisations and other bodies were contacted. Members of the youth club participated in an Art and Poetry Competition, drawing or writing a poem about how the village could become a better place to live or play.

Desktop Analysis - relevant plans, strategies and previous consultation results and analysis were reviewed.

Publicity and Promotion - the village plan process and consultation open day was publicised widely through local church bulletins, press, the village newsletter, posters displayed locally and through word of mouth.

Consultation Open Day - all stakeholders were invited to participate in a consultation open day where

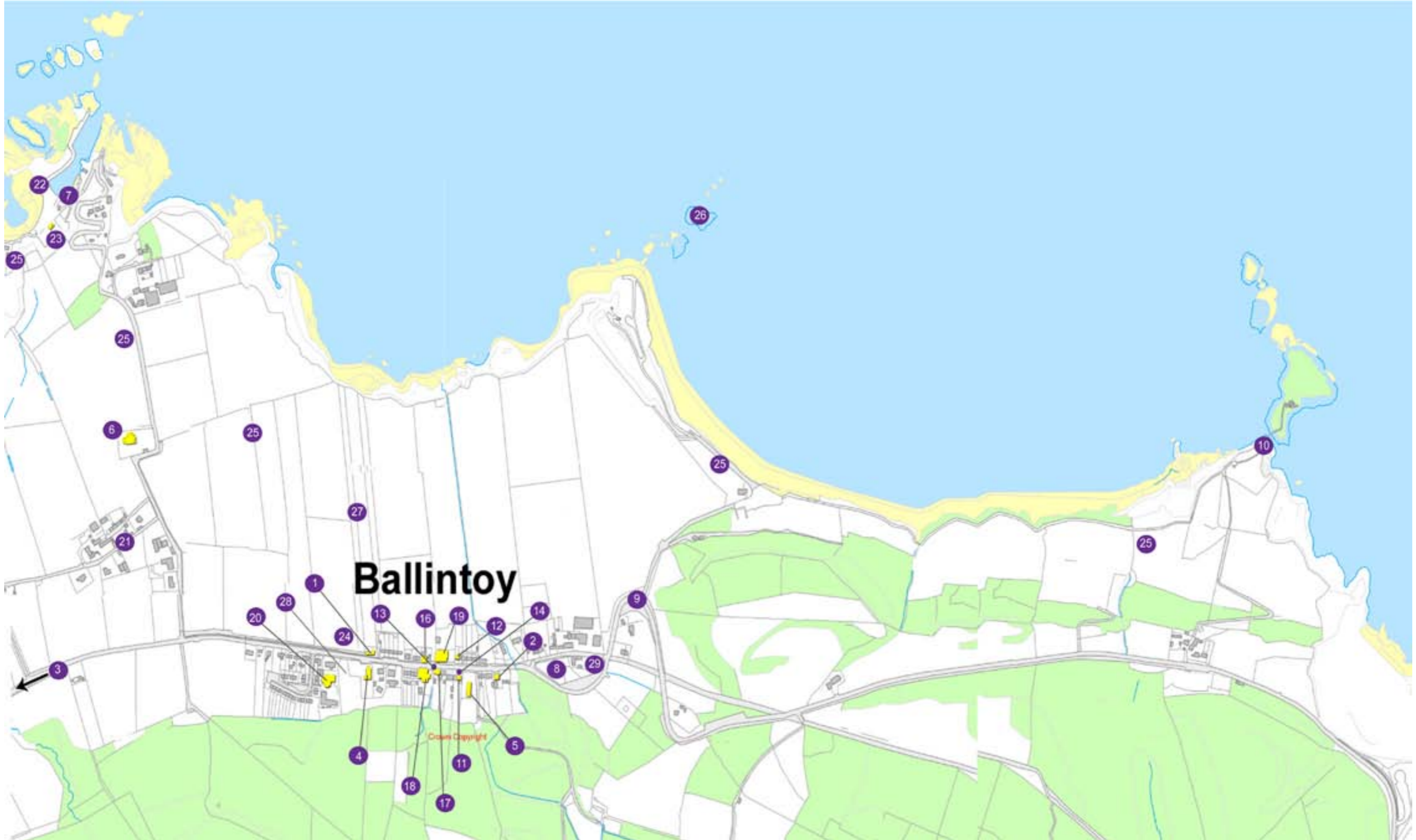
they had the opportunity to share their ideas, issues and comments on how the village could be improved.

Develop a Draft Plan - drawing on the findings from the various stages of the village plan process a draft plan was produced which included the identification of a number of potential projects which could be taken forward to improve the village. The draft plan was shared with local councillors, the Ballintoy and District Community Development Association and other interested groups who were asked to comment and feedback on the content of the plan.

Agree and Finalise the Plan - a meeting to agree the plan and explore how the identified projects could be taken forward took place on Monday 1 August 2010, at 4.00pm, in St Joseph's Hall in the village - attendance was open to everyone.

Baseline Audit and Map

The following map and table set out a baseline audit of the social, community, environmental and council assets in the village.



Baseline Audit and Map

Asset	Name	Baseline Map	
Halls	St Joseph's Hall	1	
	Ballintoy Masonic Hall	2	
	Church of Ireland Hall	3	
Churches	St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church	4	
	Ballintoy Gospel Hall	5	
	Church of Ireland	6	
Basic Facilities / Services	Harbour	7	
	Play Park	8	
	Toilets at the Harbour	23	
	Post Box	13	
	Telephone Box	12	
	Recycling Point	15	
	Tourist Signage	24	
	Ulsterbus Service		
	North Antrim Community Network Transport Service		
	Broadband		
Local Groups, Clubs and Associations	Ballintoy Bowling Club		
	Ballintoy and District Community Development Association		
	Ballintoy and Dunseverick Brownies		
	Ballintoy and Dunseverick Youth Club		
	Ballintoy Historical Group - Local History and Archeological Society		
	Ballintoy Woman's Institute		
	Masonic Lodge 38		
	Mt Druid Rally Committee		
	Shore Ramblers Walking Group		
	Sure Start Mother and Toddlers Group		
	Whist Drive		
	Young at Heart		
	Young Farmers Club		
	Nearest Primary School	Dunseverick and Ballycastle	

Asset	Name	Baseline Map
Businesses	B&B and Self Catering Accommodation	19
	Carrick-a-rede Lounge and Bar, Rope Bridge Restaurant and Motor Home Halting Spaces	18
	Fullerton Arms, Guest Inn and Restaurant	9
	National Trust Carrick-a-rede Tea Shop	22
	Roark's Kitchen	20
	Sheep Island View Hostel and Conference Centre	21
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	Ballintoy in Bloom	
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Ballintoy is located in the Kinbane ward which has a population of 811 in 2001. This ward area is considered rural.

The population breakdown in the Kinbane ward is shown below:

Population and Households

	Kinbane Ward	Moyle LGD
Population	811	15933
Number of Households	308	5888
Under 16 years old	18.9%	23.7%
Over 60 years old	21.3%	19.6%
Males	50.3%	49.1%
Females	49.7%	50.9%
Average household size	2.63	2.71
Owner Occupied	72.7%	67.9%
Rented	27.3%	32.1%
Owned outright	46.1%	37%
Reference: 2001 Census Data		

Education

	Kinbane Ward	Moyle LGD
Number of adults qualified to degree level	13.4%	13.3%
Number of adults with no qualifications	63.9%	62%
School leavers with at least 5 or more GCSEs at Grade C	75%	68.8%
Number of people enrolled in Higher Education courses	20	590
Number of people enrolled in Further Education courses	45	992
Reference: 2001 Census Data		

Employment

	Kinbane Ward	Moyle LGD
Employees in the Kinbane ward (2007)	37	3445
16 -74 Year olds Economically Active	57.9%	58.7%
16 -74 Year olds Economically Inactive	42.1%	41.3%
Adults unemployed	5.5%	4.8%
Adults unemployed long term	39.4%	44.4%
Registered farms (2008)	56	579
People involved in agriculture	112	124849
Multiple Deprivation Measure	Kinbane scored a rank of 125 out of 582 (within the top 20-30% most deprived wards in NI)	
Reference: 2001 Census Data		

Health

	Kinbane Ward	Moyle LGD
Male Life Expectancy (2005-2007)	Less than 80 years	77.6
Female Life Expectancy (2005-2007)	Greater than 75 years	82.1
Persons in good general health	67.6%	69.4%
Persons limiting long term illness, health problem, disability	23.7%	21.2%
Reference: 2001 Census Data		

Kinbane Ward Map





Community Survey Results 2008

In February 2008 Ballintoy and District Community Development Association, in conjunction with Supporting Communities NI undertook a community survey. Surveys were delivered to all residents in Ballintoy and District.

In total 89 surveys were returned equating to a high response rate of 59%. The survey findings which are presented below in summary provide an important context for the village plan process highlighting residents views on service provision, facilities and areas of concern.

Location

- 42% of respondents live within the village
- 58% live outside the village

Length of Residency

- 70% of those who responded have lived in the area for 20 years or more.

11% between 11-20 years.
6% between 6-10 years,
and 13% under 5 years.

Housing Provision

- 51% felt it was sufficient
- 49% stated that the provision is inadequate

Services in the Area

Residents were asked what they thought of various services in the area. Those rated inadequate were: Village Shop; Community Facilities; Transport and Level of Policing.

Problems within the Area

Issues of most concern to residents were:

Speeding Vehicles; Rubbish Dumping; Dog Fouling; Children Playing in the street and Safety / Security in own home.

Community Spirit

Community Spirit in Ballintoy was rated as:

- Good 45%
- Excellent 20%
- Average 17%
- No Strong View 10%
- Poor 8%

Facilities / Activities

Facilities and activities of most interest to respondents included:

- Adult Education Classes
- Community Dances / Social Nights
- Health Information / Advice
- Kickabout Area
- Coffee Mornings
- Keep Fit
- Benefits Clinic

General Image of the Area

- Proud 64%
- No Strong Feelings 35%
- Ashamed 1%

Respondents detailed a number of issues not previously raised in the survey which they would

like to see progressed. The most common issues included:

- Need disabled toilets at the harbour
- Poor mobile phone reception
- Need a village notice board
- Lack of parking in Larrybane
- Poor broadband service
- More environmental awareness

Most Important Issues

- Need a Village Shop
- Kickabout Area for children
- More Street lighting on Harbour Road
- Too many Holiday homes
- More transport needed
- Rubbish / Litter / Dumping

Youth Club / Community Development Association

Of those who responded only 2 people were interested in joining either a Youth Club Committee or the Community Development Association.

BALLINTOY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



A SUMMARY OF RESULTS FROM
THE COMMUNITY SURVEY

SPRING 2008



Existing Plans and Strategies

Draft Northern Area Plan d2016

The following is a summary of the main policies that apply specifically to the village. In addition to area plan policies, regional planning policies and guidance will be taken into consideration in assessing planning applications. The village and vicinity lies within the Supportive Landscape setting of the Giant’s Causeway World Heritage Site and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The settlement limit is outlined in black on the following map. The dNAP states that, “The development limit will consolidate the existing village and ensure that any new development is convenient to its facilities.” Anything outside of the settlement limit is considered as countryside and is safeguarded under Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside.

Open Space

Major areas of existing open space are shown on the map overleaf. Policies relating to open space are contained within Planning Policy Statement 8: Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation. All existing open space is protected under Policy OS1 of PPS 8 which states that the “Department will not permit development that would result in the loss of existing open space or land zoned for the provision of open space. The presumption against the loss of existing open space will apply irrespective of its physical condition and appearance. An exception will be permitted where it is clearly shown that redevelopment will bring substantial community benefits that decisively outweigh the loss of open space.”

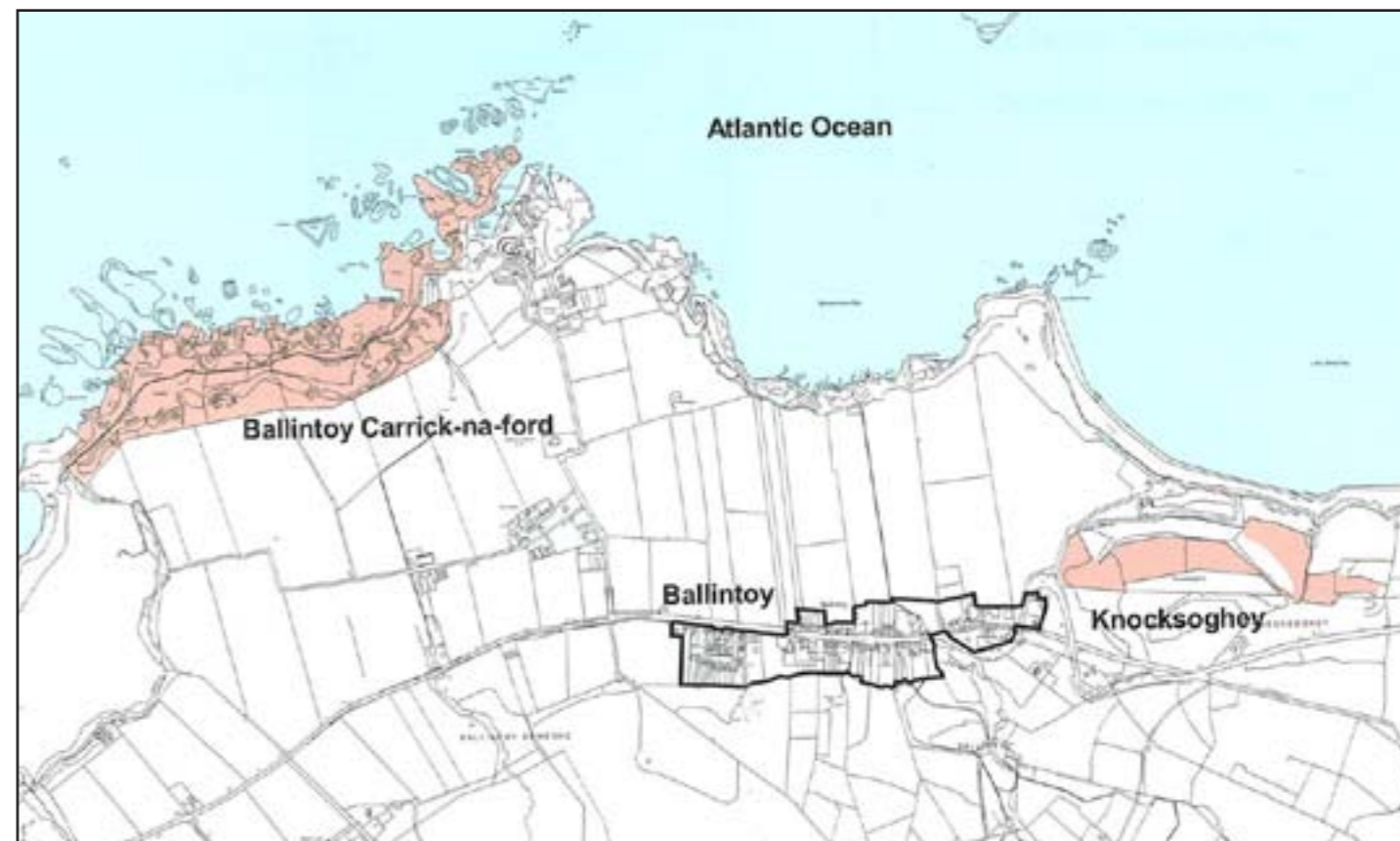
Ballintoy Area of Archaeological Potential



An Area of Archaeological Potential has been identified in Ballintoy, shown on the map opposite. This area may contain archaeological remains and developers are strongly advised to liaise with the Department of the Environment before submitting any proposals in this area.

Site of Local Nature Conservation Importance and Area of Constraint on Mineral Developments

There are 2 sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance and Areas of Constraint on Mineral Developments: Ballintoy Carrick-na-ford and Knocksoghey as identified in the adjacent map.

Ballintoy Carrick-na-ford and Knocksoghey SLNCIs and ACMDs Map No. 5/22



-  Site of Local Nature Conservation Importance and Area of Constraint on Mineral Developments
-  Settlement Development Limit

Local Landscape Policy Areas (LLPAS)

Local Landscape Policy Areas are shown on the map overleaf in the green hatched area. Proposals for development within these areas will be considered within the terms of Policy ENV2 which states that, “Planning permission will not be granted for development proposals that would be liable to affect adversely those features, or combination of features, that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of a designated LLPA. Where development is permitted, it will be required to comply with any requirements set out for individual LLPAs in the District Proposals. Where riverbanks are included within LLPAs, planning permission will only be granted where access is provided to the river corridor as part of the development proposals. Where proposals are within and/or adjoining a designated LLPA, a landscape buffer may be required to protect the environmental quality of the LLPA.” Where additional control is considered necessary this is specified below.

Designation BAL 01 Ballintoy Harbour LLPA

Those features or combination of features that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or

character of this area are:

1. This LLPA to the north west of the village includes the setting of the dramatically located Ballintoy church and the cluster along Harbour Road.
2. It is visually important that this cluster remains compact in this exceptional coastal landscape.

Designation BAL 02 Boheeshane Bay LLPA

Those features or combination of features that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of this area are:

1. The open plateau separating Ballintoy from the coast contributes greatly to the distinctive setting of the village. The area plan also states that: "This LLPA will be protected from all development other than modest scale buildings which are essential for the efficient operation of agriculture or essential public infrastructure" and "Such buildings will be carefully integrated into the landscape."

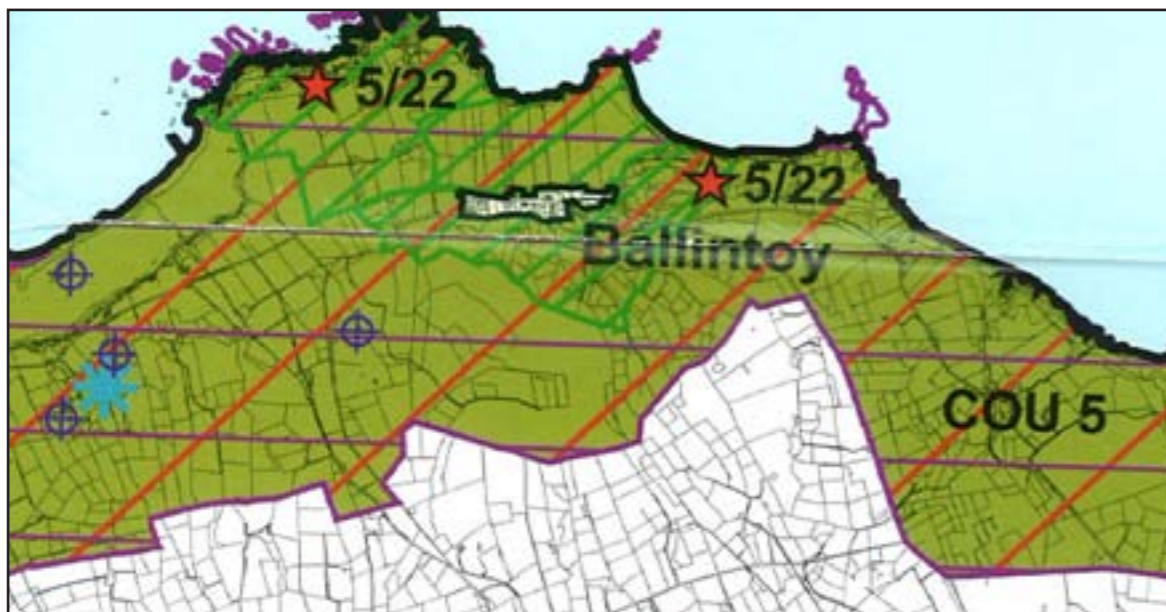
Designation BAL 03 Ballintoy LLPA

Those features or combination of features that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of this area are:

1. The Ballintoy LLPA provides a dramatic setting of steeply rising slopes to the south and east of the village.

The area plan also states that: "No new development will be acceptable other than modest size buildings, carefully integrated into the landscape essential for farming operations or essential public infrastructure."

Map No. 5 - Moyle District - Highlighting Local Landscape Policy Areas (Green Hatched Area)



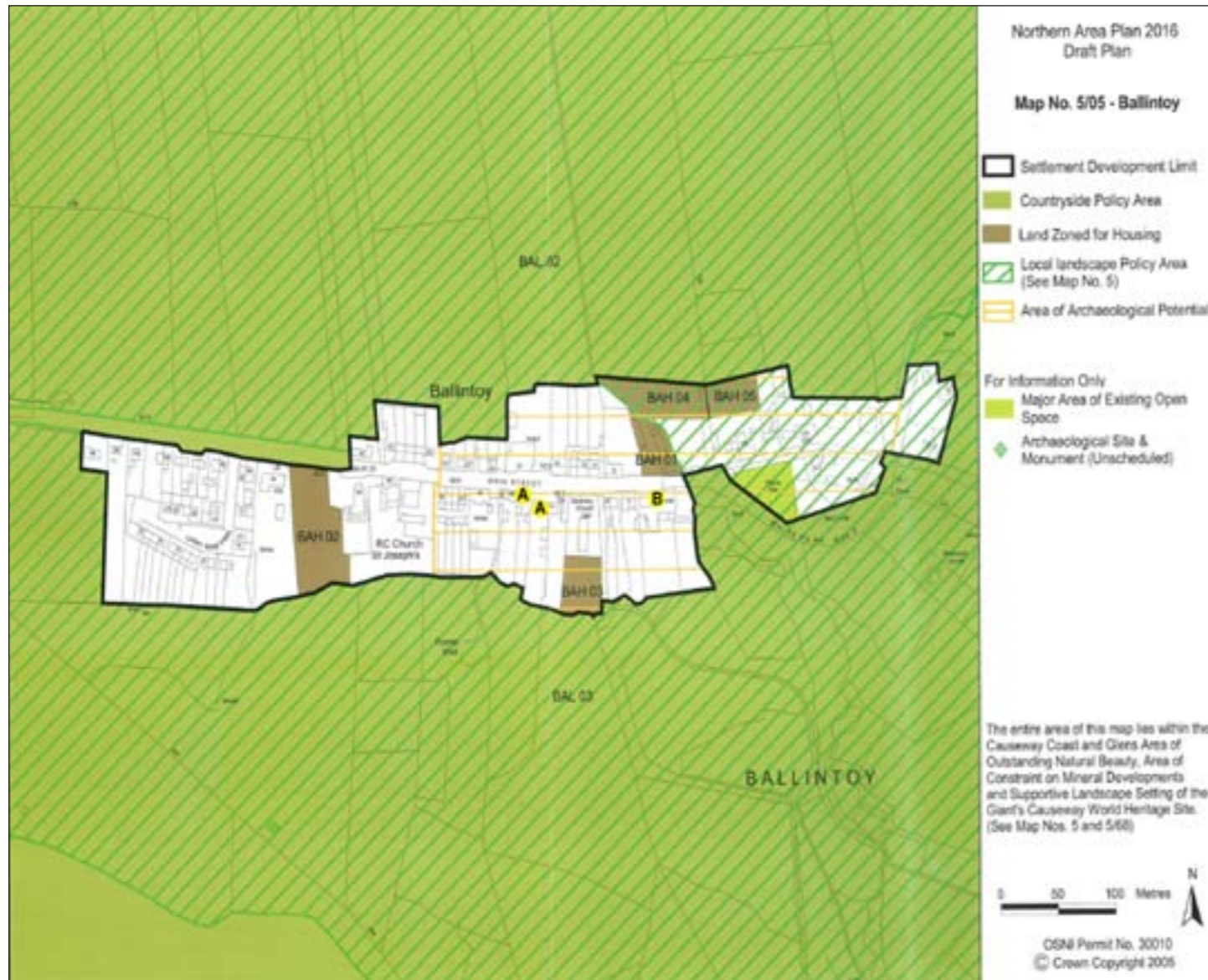
Land Zoned for Housing

Five areas within the Ballintoy Settlement Development Limit are zoned for Housing these are marked in brown in the map overleaf -see Appendix 1 for full details.



Planning History Search

Two planning applications of significance and interest are outlined in the Area Plan Map below: A and B.



Site	Planning Reference Number	Site Address	Proposal	Decision
A	E/2008/0304/F	16 & 18 Main Street, Ballintoy	Retention of 18 Main Street, replacement of 16 Main Street plus 5 no. new dwellings	Refusal
B	E/2007/0072/F	Lands to the rear of 2 Main Street, Ballintoy	Housing Development including 6 no. apartments, 4 no. terrace houses, 6 no. semi-detached dwellings with associated landscaping and car parking	Permission Granted 12.11.2009



Tourism

Tourism is a key industry for the Moyle District Council area and will be an important consideration in the development of the Village Plan. The following information highlights the key aims and objectives of the various tourism documents which influence the village.

A Draft Tourism Strategy for Northern Ireland 2020

The draft Tourism Strategy sets out a vision to "Create the new Northern Ireland experience and get it on everyone's Destination wish list." Priorities for action have been identified under four themes to deliver this vision: People; Product and Places; Promotion and Partnership.

Under the theme of Product and Places Priority A has been set to "Complete the development of the 5 signature projects and develop them into Signature Destinations. The associated Action Point (A2) states "Giant's Causeway and Antrim Causeway Coast Area: Encourage the development of the Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre to world class standards. Strategically influence

infrastructural development of at least 22 key sites on the Causeway Coastal Route.

Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Masterplan, Executive Summary 2004

The Masterplan was a ten year plan commencing in 2004 and now in year seven it sets out a framework for sustainable tourism development in the Causeway Coast and Glens area with the aim of positioning the area as a "must see world class destination." The Masterplan identifies the 4 following key objectives:

- To increase the number of tourists visiting the area;
- To achieve a coordinated approach to tourism in the area;
- To spread the benefits of visits attracted by the Giant's Causeway to a wider geographical area; and
- To develop strong attractions elsewhere in the area.

Each of these objectives are of particular relevance to Ballintoy the village plan process.

A signed strategic driving route,

the Causeway Coastal Route (CCR) was launched in 2007, a key project delivered under the Masterplan framework. The Masterplan was the strategic source of tourism development within the Causeway Coast and Glens region. The plan aims to improve the quality of the visitor experience primarily through investment in visitor infrastructure and visitor servicing initiatives. The masterplan recognises the need to provide an adequate number of toilets of a consistently high standard along the Trail route - this is of particular importance to the village plan process.

The Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Masterplan Progress Report 2004- 2007 notes that by March 2007 a financial investment of £10,000,000 had been directed to the project to take forward recommendations outlined in the Masterplan.

Antrim Coast and Glens AONB Management Plan 2008- 2018

The management plan highlights the special features of the Antrim Coast and Glens area



and reflects the views of a range of AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty).stakeholders. The plan identifies three key themes: Land. Coast and Sea; Historic Environment; and Sustainable Communities. A number of recommendations to both conserve and enhance that area and protect its culture and traditions are advanced. An Antrim Coast and Glens AONB 5 Year Action Plan has been developed to take forward the management plan.

Moyle District Council Tourism Action Plan 2011-2015 “Developing a National Tourism Asset”

The Action Plan sets out 5 Strategic Themes: Place; Product Services (including attractions); People; Positioning; and Partnership.

The Action Plan includes an annex of suggested projects for the principal tourism villages. In Ballintoy which is referred to as “Home of the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge” this includes:

- Establish more evident promotional link between the

- village and the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge;
- Shuttle bus in high season between Harbour, village and Rope Bridge;
- National Trust shop in the village;
- Way-marked walks linking village, harbour and Rope Bridge (linking into Causeway Coast Way); and
- Promotion of village as back-packers and walkers centre through the Sheep Island View Hostel and excellent local walking.

Causeway Coastal Route Interpretation and Infrastructure Programme

This scheme involved infrastructure development at key sites and attractions along the Causeway Coastal Route (CCR) aiming to enhance the visitor experience in the destination. Project costs of £5 Million were directed towards visitor infrastructure enhancements and new visitor spend in the region. Interpretation is now in place in Carrick-a-rede and Ballintoy harbour as part of this project.

National Trust - Going Local, Fresh tracks down old roads, Our strategy for the next decade

The National Trust describes this strategy, which was published in February 2010 as, “nothing less than a cultural revolution for the Trust.”

In this strategy the National Trust recognises that, “over time, vital links have become frayed, for instance between our largely urban nation and its countryside – and, worryingly in some cases, between our properties and the local communities which surround them.”

The strategy goes on to say that, “We must renew these relationships to foster a greater sense of shared pride and ownership.”

In order to ensure that people enjoy memorable experiences at National Trust properties, the strategy says that they will develop:

- “new ways to bring places to life;
- a wider range of activities at properties, from nature

walks and bike riding to surfing;

- open dialogues with local communities about new uses for our properties;
- new opportunities for public access to our land for food production;
- a more welcoming atmosphere for visitors, reducing signage and rules;
- collaboration with tenants and neighbours to reduce our energy use and to use resources more sparingly and efficiently;
- relationships with academic bodies to further enhance our commitment to scholarship, knowledge and conservation expertise;
- the instinct to say ‘yes’ more often than ‘no.’

The National Trust has pledged 1,000 new allotment ‘growing spaces’ by 2012 as part of their Food Glorious Food campaign. The strategy states that, “Over 300 new allotments have been created at 26 National Trust sites so far, with another 500 due in 2010.”

Under the heading, “Life is local” the strategy states that the National Trust wants “to

put all our properties – built or natural – back at the centre of life in today’s communities, to help grow a sense of belonging, and encourage local pride and identity.”

This includes a determination to:

- “ensure our properties are more widely available for local community groups for activities and meetings;
- hold regular social events for neighbours and friends in the locality;
- encourage dialogue and local participation in decision-making;
- advocate local procurement and recruitment policies to bind our places more closely to their surroundings;
- review locally the use of our coast and countryside properties in partnership with our neighbours and other user groups.”

SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- Location and Scenic Qualities - AONB, Causeway Coast & Carrick-a-rede
- Wildlife and wildflowers
- Geology and Archaeology
- Coastal paths and walks
- Welcoming and Inclusive Community - respectful of traditions and heritage
- Community Spirit
- Local Businesses
- Harbour
- Play Park
- Community Clubs and Groups
- Community Newsletter and Community Survey
- Positive Image - with little vandalism or anti-social behaviour
- Village Notice Board
- Investment in local businesses
- Floral Displays and Hanging Baskets
- Upkeep of the Village
- Positive relations with PSNI
- Recycling Facilities

Weaknesses

- Lack of a year round Village Shop
- Need more Social Housing
- Lack of Community Facilities
- Poor Transport
- Level of Policing
- Dog Fouling
- Children playing in the street - unsafe
- Lack of environmental awareness
- Need more street-lighting on Harbour Road
- Low sense of security in the home
- Inadequate Sewage System - waste is discharged into the sea & onto the coastal path
- Exposed Location
- Lack of Bus Shelters
- Poor Mobile Phone Coverage

Opportunities

- Redevelopment of derelict sites
- Tourism Potential and Job creation
- Special Interest and Activity Holidays e.g. Sea Kayaking, Mt. Druid and the Salmon Fishery Project at Carrick-a-rede
- Better public toilet facilities
- Provision of Social Housing
- Provide Adult Education Classes
- Organise additional Social Activities & Events
- Provide Health Information and Advice
- Develop a Kick About Area
- Arrange Coffee Mornings
- Befriending Scheme for elderly

Threats

- Increase in Holiday and Second Homes
- Lack of a year round Village Shop
- Lack of Community Facilities
- Poor Transport
- Speeding Vehicles
- Rubbish Dumping / Fly Tipping
- Litter
- Mobile Phone Reception
- Access to long-established walking route

Consultation Open Day - Issues

Monday 9 May 2011

The Consultation Open Day took place on Monday 9 May 2011 at the Church of Ireland Parish Hall in Ballintoy. Representatives from the Ballintoy and District Community Development Association, groups and clubs in the village, local churches, the National Trust, Supporting Communities NI, Moyle District Council, local businesses, PSNI, young people and other individuals participated in the consultation event.

All those who attended had the opportunity to identify and discuss **issues** affecting the village and to suggest **ideas and improvements** which could be taken forward to shape the future of the village - these comments and ideas are detailed below.

Tourism

- Tourism is dead after the Lamas Fair
- National Trust needs to promote Ballintoy Village
- Tourism season is too short
- Hostel is great for tourism (x2)
- Better signage for rope bridge, Sheep Island and Village - sign to Ballycastle at Church of Ireland Hall misdirects people away from the village (x3)
- Viewing and History talks on the Church
- Major facilities need to be open later
- Knocksoughey Picnic and Seating area
- Only approved signage should be permitted
- Better quality restaurants needed in village

Environment

- Raised flower beds throughout the village
- We have raised beds in place - we need support for the gardeners doing a great job
- Ensure the environment is protected e.g. long strip fields and other heritage points
- More seating along footpath to enjoy views
- More bins for dog fouling around the paths
- Flower baskets in Larrybane Park
- Allotments for all ages
- Sewage pipe on Cliff Park - very smelly at times
- Cut branches along street at end of village to keep street clear of bird droppings
- Growing competition - wide subject range

Community

- Vantage points for tourists to view the village
- Affordable Housing for local people (x2)
- Incredible Edibles Project - Local example in Cloughmills aimed at youth/teenagers. Using raised beds as an introduction to this might be a good idea
- An equal rota for the use of Church carparks for events
- Lots of groups in separate bubbles, need to pull together
- Dances, fun events circulated in annual programme in different venues
- Whole community involvement and support for events

Youth

- Summer scheme for youngsters to meet & mix (x2)
- Pitch for football, hockey, hurling, tennis etc

Economy

- Need jobs for young people
- Fund raising festival for the upkeep of the village
- Local Rural Business Guide
- Bigger Coffee Shop at the Harbour
- Training and Education courses provided in the village
- Fishing stocks depleted due to over fishing from other countries

- Initially Ballintoy was 'Fohy Village' then 'Quumjory' (limestone and granite) because not viable as other ways of gathering lime

Older People

- Start a befriending scheme - contact Causeway Volunteer Centre
- Maintain support for the Young at Heart Club
- Garden for older people to socialise
- Library / Newspaper service - door to door
- Old people are in isolation

Culture

- Flags go up on the Twelfth and are taken down within good time
- The people of Ballintoy are respectful of traditions and heritage
- Good neighbours, friendly village which respects and cares for each other, and we should build on this
- Neighbours get on well in Ballintoy
- Good use of Village Halls
- Good atmosphere

Facilities and Services

- Improve toilets at the harbour, these are poorly maintained (x2)
- Need toilets at Whitepark Bay
- 'Pebbles' in Greyabbey offers good practice
- Bring back the rowing regattas
- Beauty Services on the doorstep
- Catering facilities and choice
- Small bus shelter beside phone box for tourists. Currently 8 children get the bus every morning
- Retail outlet with a coffee shop and gift shop
- Be careful not to cater too much for tourists. Think about attractions for locals!
- Reduce the number of unapproved signs (x2)
- Café is too small and cluttered. Tables outside aren't safe
- Poor water supply (have previously contacted the council)
- New sewage treatment plant needed - constraint



Consultation Open Day - Ideas

Monday 9 May 2011

Idea

Comments

Reopen Village Toilets



- Public Art should be protected (x2)
- Toilets are needed in the centre of the village
- Public Toilets are derelict- but are key to the redevelopment of the whole block
- Open toilets in the village (x4) We need our toilets opened and upgraded quickly!!
- Reopening of toilets to service play park
- Ensure good quality facilities e.g. Toilets & Shops

Farmers Market



- Needs to be regular and have good seasonal local produce
- Add in craft market too
- Rota to be implemented to ensure equal usage of car parks

Kick About Area



- Seating at Kick about Area for parents to look after kids
- Kick about area should be located in the centre of the village
- Park or ground for older children as kick around (x5)
- Could the area behind St Joseph's Church Hall be used as a small kick about- does the population size merit this?
- Ball games are played on the road and can be dangerous

Idea

Comments

Footpath Extension



- Need footpath up to Church of Ireland Hall
- Footpath from the village to the Harbour

Speed Indication Display



- Need Speed sign to slow motorists, especially motorbikes
- Ribbed Matting on road as an alternative to Speed Indication Display
- Speeding Cars and motorbikes an issue

Community Hall in Village



- Not enough community facilities
- Hall in village is too small. Demolish St Joseph's Hall - it has no parking and is in bad structural condition. Redevelop the hall for social housing. The housing should be affordable for local young families. The site should not be developed for second homes.
- A new hub for the village, located on a Greenfield site close to the hostel. This could be supported by the RDP. A neutral space- with a new hall and new public toilets. Issue of Land Ownership
- Need a focal point for the village

Morning Papers on Sale



- The nearest places to buy small groceries are Ballycastle and Bushmills.
- But perhaps no demand for daily papers
- Vending machines for all papers serviced by the couriers

Idea

Comments

Ribbed Matting on road



- Agreement that ribbed matting is a good idea
- As seen in Armoy Park

Improved linkages



- Shuttle bus a good idea
- Approximately half a million tourists at Carrick-a-rede

Promotion of walking/backpacking

- Local talks/ walks



Tourist Information Point



- What's on in the village amongst the organisations too
- Information centre for facilities
- Information point in the village
- Buildings could be combined with other uses

Idea

Comments

High Season Shuttle Bus: Harbour, village, rope bridge



- Shuttle bus a good idea
- Bus couldn't get down Harbour Road - mini bus is more appropriate
- Horse and Cart is a better idea, a good local business idea

Aires de Service



- Motor homes would extend the tourist season

Museum and Heritage Projects



- Display Armada Treasure (Currently in Ulster Museum) - bring it home
- Audio visual explanation of the lime kilns at the harbour
- Working group to display how stone sets were made and exported (London, Dublin and Glasgow) local point of interest
- Better explanation of salmon fishing and what the rope bridge is about
- Better explanation of historical Fullerton Estate
- Incorporate history group in above points
- Literature and history of the area e.g. Stone walls, strip fields, Neolithic sites, Mount Druid and the Ice House

Ambassador Programme



- King and Queen of Ballintoy - elected every year at start of festival week

Idea

Comments

National Trust Shop



- Not really a priority because there is one already existing in Carrick-a-rede
- Ballintoy already has local craft sellers for tourists to buy gifts from.

Craft & Antiques Shop



- Too many notices on main road for craft shop
- Craft Week - local crafts people host touring exhibition
- Craft workshops

Improvements to the Park



- Remove the bark, provide soft tiles and bring in new equipment
- Local park not safe in terms of location
- Improve park facilities for small children and older children
- A new park to replace the existing one, located in its place
- Merry-go-round, better swings, a hut for small children, big slides, climbing frames
- Kick about area
- Play Park needs upgraded (x4) no bark, soft tiles preferred
- Need for youth to exercise their sports away from original park

Social Activities



- Shore Ramblers - encourage more adults to come on Wednesday evenings
- More Music and entertainment all year round "remember McGinn's in the 1970s?"
- More for young people aged 13+
- Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Tea

Idea

Comments

Ballintoy Harbour



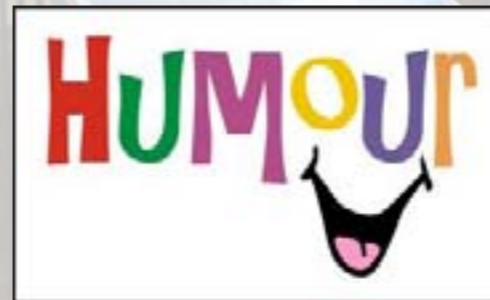
- Guided tours and walks at the harbour
- Organised activities at the harbour
- Children's toys on sale at the harbour
- Children's activities at the harbour

Local Year Round Shop



- Open all year round
- Perhaps a shop in the pub that would sell milk, bread, small groceries - an idea from Donegal

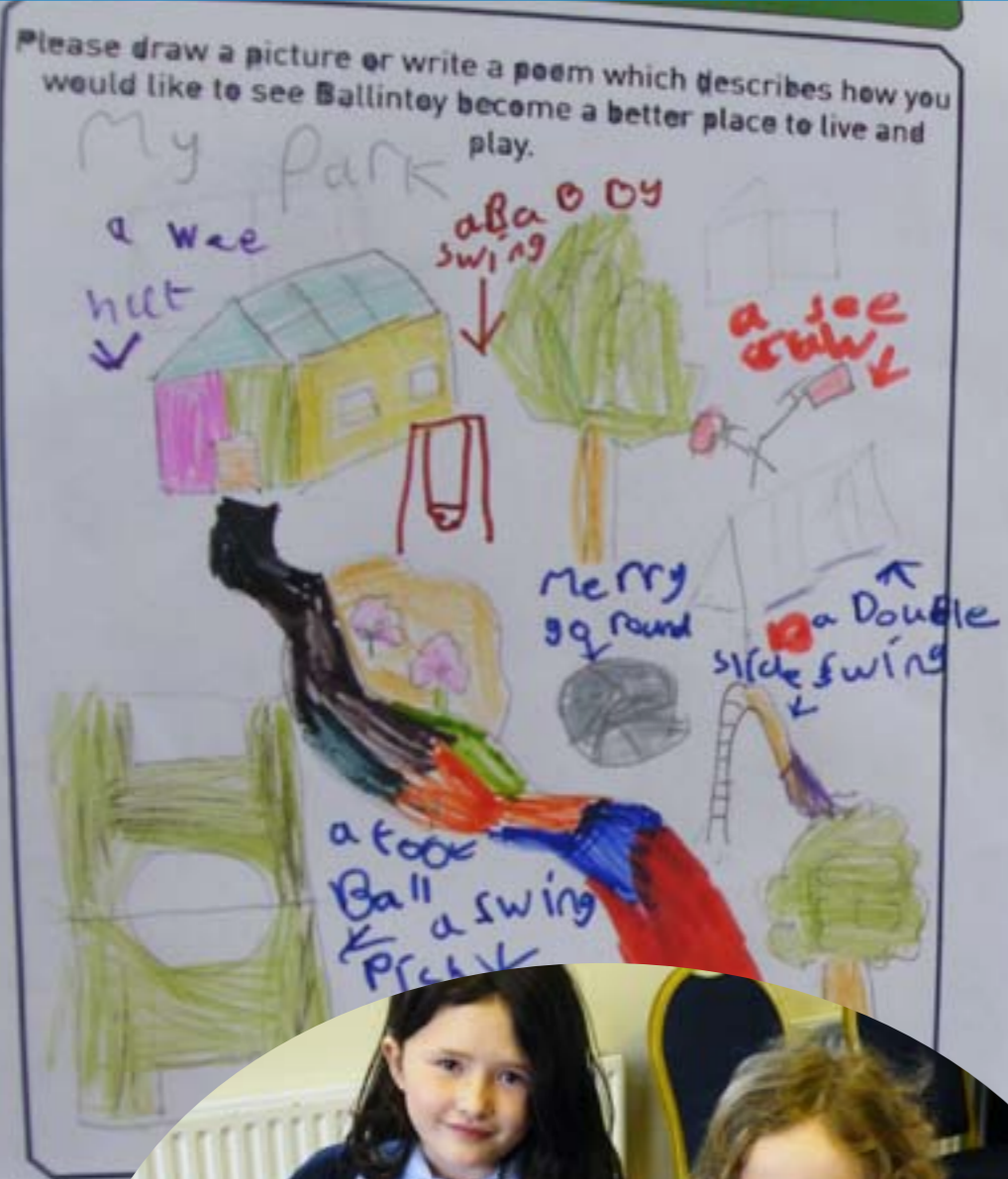
Humorous Suggestions



- Meet current demand for Igloo Repair Centre!
- Furniture factory for Budgie Cages!
- Toe Nail collection point!



Consultation Open Day Youth Participation



Aidan Reid, Margaret Community Development Places

COM
Come at
3:30pm -
Ballintoy

For furth
Lou
Tel: 0289023944



Ballintoy

It is a wonderful place
With scenery galore
A Harbour to die for
How could we ask for more?

We don't need loads
But to keep our kids safe
And off the roads
We'd love a sports field or kick about
And we scream and shout
If you could help us out

We have a great wee park
Children come from miles
Take away the bark
And give us safety tiles
Some new Activity frames
A new slide and swing
And more people it will bring



We come together
Whatever the weather
A Village area
For young and old
With seating and flowers
Where one could spend hours
Telling tales untold
Of times gone past
I hope it's not too much to ask
But we could all muck in
And help with the task
I hope we win
Because Ballintoy is great to live in

Art and Poetry Competition Winners

Poem: Noelle Martin, Age 11
Art Under 7's: Aimée Reid, Age 6
Art Over 7's: Louise Reid, Age 10

Project Proposals

The following project proposals have been identified from the various elements of the village plan process including, discussions with Moyle District Council, the Ballintoy and District Community Development Association, local groups and clubs, statutory and other bodies; desk top analysis; the BDCDA Survey Results (2008); and the findings from the Consultation Open Day event.

Tourist Information Point and Craft Shop (with Accessible Toilet)



Summary

The redevelopment of the existing toilet block into a Tourist Information Point and Craft Shop offers the potential to provide a central tourist facility within the village. A number of popular ideas which were suggested throughout the village plan process could be incorporated into this facility:

- Tourist Information Point
- Craft Shop
- Local Ambassador - meet and greet
- Promotion of walking and backpacking
- Accessible Toilet

The central location makes it ideal to be developed and extended as an information point and craft shop. The existing craft shop on the Harbour Road could relocate to this more central location. The building could be staffed enabling local ambassadors for the village to meet and greet visitors or alternatively an electronic information point could be installed. Details of local walks and trails, heritage and local points of interest for tourists could be displayed on interpretative panels. The closure of the Village Toilets was identified as a key concern consistently throughout the village plan process. Additionally, there was a strong feeling that the lack of provision of toilet facilities in the village was detrimental to the future of the village for both tourists and locals alike.

Good Practice Examples

National Trust Carrick-a-rede Tea Room with Toilet Facilities
Highlands Comfort Scheme, Highland Council, Inverness

Actions

Moyle District Council could consider taking forward a Feasibility and Business Plan (£6,000) through the Rural Development Programme. Other potential sources of funding include BIG Lottery Awards for All, BIG Lottery Space and Place and Heritage Lottery Fund.

Develop a Country Market



Summary

A popular idea was the development of a Country Market in the village offering affordable fresh and seasonal local produce. A number of people noted that a Country or Farmers' Market could also incorporate a craft and antiques fair in order to attract a greater number of people and offer additional variety. It was noted that the market should be rotated between the various Church Carparks in Ballintoy including, St Joseph's RC Church, Church of Ireland Hall and the Gospel Hall to continue to strengthen existing good relations and foster community spirit.

- Country / Farmers' Market
- Crafts and Antiques

A number of local Country Markets are already established and there may be opportunity to offer Ballintoy as a potential host location. For example, the Moyle Country Market which is based in Ballycastle has visited and held a market in Bushmills. There is also a Causeway Speciality Market on the second saturday of every month in Coleraine which hosts 24 NI speciality retailers.

Good Practice and Local Examples

Country Markets (NI) Ltd - a community based non profit-making organisation which supports its members to develop local country markets and enhance their domestic production skills.
www.countrymarketsniltd.com

Moyle Country Market is based in Ballycastle and visits various venues within the Moyle Area - the market has already successfully visited Ballintoy and may be willing to visit on a more regular basis. Contact Irene McBride 028 2076 3030

Riverside Community Market Association, Wales
www.riversidemarket.org.uk

Actions

It is suggested that the Parish Church Vintage Committee should meet with the relevant church representatives and committees to identify interest and support to utilise the church car parks to take forward this initiative. Interested groups, should contact already established Country Markets to offer Ballintoy as a host location - primarily Moyle Country Market. Initially, monies in the region of £2,000 will be required to establish and promote the Country Market.

Project Proposals

Develop Local Heritage and Interpretative Projects



Summary

Throughout the consultation process various individuals highlighted the wealth of potential heritage and interpretive projects which existed within the Ballintoy area. Suggested heritage projects which could be developed include:

- The story of the Lime Kilns at Ballintoy Harbour
- Maritime history of the Harbour
- Stone Sets at the Quarry
- History of the Fullerton Estate
- Town lands Project
- Neolithic Sites
- Artefacts from the Armada.

The potential exists to develop these projects through interpretive panels, audio visual installations and guided tours and walks offering a tourist experience which is unique to the Ballintoy area.

In the longer-term the council owned Boat House at the Harbour could offer a potential location to display, interpret and share these local heritage projects to both locals and tourists.

Local Good Practice Example

Restoration of the Salmon Fishery Cottage at Carrick-a-rede

Actions

Interested groups, including BDCDA, should work with the Ballintoy Local History and Archeological Society to develop and interpret 'the story' of each of these local heritage projects. Monies in the region of £50,000 will be required to develop and interpret these heritage projects. An application should be made to the Rural Development Programme, the Heritage Lottery Fund, or the Coastal Communities Fund.

Moyle District Council should examine the potential of locating an interpretative centre at the Ballintoy Harbour Boat House through the Rural Development Programme. As a first step a Feasibility Study and Business Plan could be undertaken to examine the sustainability of this project through the Rural Development Programme Fund (£6,000), the Heritage Lottery Fund or the Coastal Communities Fund.

Community Allotment and Incredible Edible



Summary

At the consultation event several people highlighted their interest in developing a community based allotment alongside an 'Incredible Edible' Project. The Incredible Edible project was first established in Todmorden in 2008. It is a social initiative which helps people learn how to grow food, eat healthier diets, and encourage all age groups to become more active in their community. The initiative is a great way of engaging with young people, including schools and youth clubs, inter-generational and hard to reach groups. Cloughmills have recently developed an Incredible Edible project working with young people to grow food in small places including plant boxes, raised beds and square foot gardens throughout the village. In the longer term the community allotment could supply locally grown produce to the Country Market.

The National Trust expressed interest in supporting a community allotment in Ballintoy and are willing to discuss a potential site with BDCDA - land located close to the entrance of the Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge. It was also noted that a walled garden to the rear of the Church of Ireland Rectory may provide a suitable site.

Good Practice Examples

Incredible Edible - Cloughmills

www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk and <http://www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk/blogs/incredible-edible-cloughmills>

Groundwork NI - 'Grow Our Own' Initiative is a community based gardening project which supports local communities through training sessions and sharing good practice.

www.northernireland.groundwork.org.uk David Carver Tel: 028 9074 9494

davidcarver@groundworkni.co.uk

Actions

Parish Church Committee and other interested groups should consider contacting Groundwork NI to request a Feasibility Study for a Community Allotment.

Interested groups should make contact with Cloughmills Incredible Edible Project to examine the potential of developing a similar project in Ballintoy- good practice visit.

Interested groups should discuss a potential site for the allotment with representatives from the National Trust and the local Church of Ireland.

Funding could be sourced through the Rural Development Programme or Coastal Communities Fund.

Project Proposals

Improve and make better use of existing facilities in Ballintoy for community activities



Summary

There are a number of community, church and private halls and facilities within the village with a range of activities and services shared across them. This is a real strength for the village in terms of building good relations and additional shared services and facilities are to be encouraged. Existing resources such as the St Joseph's Hall, Church of Ireland Hall, Masonic Hall, Sheep Island Conference Centre, and function rooms of the Carrick-a-rede Inn and Fullerton Arms should continue to be utilised by the community. A programme of events, clubs and interest group meetings and associated dates, times and venues could be circulated within the community through the village newsletter or new forms of social networking such as Facebook, Gumtree and Twitter.

A number of people throughout the consultation process noted that the St Joseph's Hall due to its central location in the village could be improved and extended to provide a community hub, focal point and meeting space for the community. An application could be made to the BIG Lottery's Energy Efficient Venues Programme and to Awards for All.

An additional programme of social activities and events could be developed to help bring the community together, foster community spirit and generate support for events. Suggested activities include music, entertainment, dances, coffee mornings, activities for young people aged 13+, community festival and it was noted that a new hall could encourage new members to join existing groups.

- Improved Communications and Co-ordination between groups
- Community Hall
- Social Activities and Events

Actions

Interested groups, including BDCDA, church and hall representatives should identify options and agree a way forward to make better use of existing facilities within the community and to upgrade the existing St Joseph's Hall with the potential of transferring the hall into community ownership or to lease the building to the community.

Develop an additional programme of social activities and events.

Applications could be made to the Big Lottery's Energy Efficient Venues Programme and to Awards for All.

Kick About Area and Upgrade of the Play Park



Summary

The need to provide a Kick-about area for young people to play ball games safely is a long standing issue in the village. Several people noted that ball games are currently played on the road and that this is extremely dangerous. Identifying a suitable site to locate the kick about area has been a major barrier to progressing this issue.

Two potential locations include:

- 1) Small area to the rear of St Joseph's Hall
- 2) Re configure the existing play area to accommodate a small kick about area

Many people identified the need to upgrade the existing play park: to include new equipment which is suitable for both younger and older children. Several individuals noted that the bark should be removed and replaced with soft tiles which are more hygienic and safer for younger children. Rubber tiles cost £11.50 per tile. Improving the play park was a main concern for many of the young people who took part in the Village Plan Art and Poetry Competition who were asked how they would like to see Ballintoy become a better place to live and play in.

- Kick About Area
- Upgrade of Play Park

Good Practice Examples

Riverside Kick About Area, Rutland

Manor Street Kick About - ball stop fencing Email: info@nthbp.org

Actions

Interested groups, including BDCDA, St Joseph's Parish Committee and Moyle District Council should discuss the feasibility of the two options identified above in order to secure a site for the Kick About Area. A Costed Technical Plan for the redesign and layout of the Play Park to incorporate a Kick About Area should be considered (£3,000).

Moyle District Council should consider upgrading the park equipment and installing soft tiles in place of wood chippings.

Project Proposals

Improved Linkages between Carrick-a-rede, Village and Harbour



Summary

The Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge attracts thousands of visitors each year to the Ballintoy area. There is a real opportunity to develop linkages from the bridge to both the village and the harbour area to lengthen tourists 'dwell' time and maximise potential tourism income. A number of suggestions were made in relation to providing better linkages between the three areas these included:

- 1) A shuttle bus during high season - the use of a shuttle bus between the 3 areas would also address the limited parking available in both the village and at the harbour.
- 2) Boat trips to and from the harbour along the coast to the Rope Bridge - this would provide a new way of viewing the Rope Bridge, Salmon fishery, Coast and Caves between the harbour and carrick-a-rede.

It will be necessary to pilot both of these options in order to identify demand and the longer term feasibility of the proposals. An existing operator could trial these services over a high season summer period.

The provision of additional seating, viewing points and signage along the route from carrick-a-rede to the Harbour may also help to create better linkages between the three areas. Aires De Service units could also be installed at Carrick-a-rede or the Harbour to expand the existing network and help to improve linkages along the whole of the north coast.

Actions

Moyle District Council, the National Trust and other interested parties should consider how best to take this forward. Options may include subsidising an existing operator to undertake these services on an initial trial period or undertaking a Feasibility and Business Plan to ascertain the sustainability of these services. An application could be submitted to the Rural Development Programme or the Coastal Communities Fund.

Lobby for Road Safety and Infrastructure Improvements



Speed Indication Display / Ribbed Matting

The village's location on the causeway coastal route and the relatively straight nature of the main road which dissects the village means that there is a high volume of fast moving traffic going through Ballintoy - this is of key concern to local residents. There was a great deal of support for the introduction of Speed Indication Displays or ribbed matting on the road which informs drivers and the community of speed behaviour, encourages motorists to slow down and improves road safety.

Footpath Extensions: Village to Church of Ireland Hall and Church of Ireland to the Harbour

Residents also support the need to extend the footpath from the village to the Church of Ireland Hall located to the north of Ballintoy village on the Whitepark Road. The hall is well used by local groups and the lack of footpath provision combined with the volume and speed of traffic is a road safety concern. A local councillor also raised concerns over the need for the footpath to be extended from the Church of Ireland to the Harbour and the need for street lighting to be introduced along the Harbour Road. A feasibility study to identify land ownership along the proposed routes will be required to be undertaken by Road Service for a new or extension to an existing footpath.

Upgrade of Existing Toilets at the Harbour and Improvements to the Sewage System

Residents highlighted the need to upgrade and better maintain the toilet facilities at the Harbour. Several residents raised their concerns over the inadequacy of the existing sewage system which results in waste being discharged into the sea and onto the coastal path. This is clearly a health and environmental concern which needs to be urgently addressed.

Good Practice Examples

Traffic Technology: www.traffictechnology.co.uk
Sustrans.org.uk

Actions

Interested groups including BDCDA, should lobby the PSNI and DRD Roads Service to introduce traffic management and road safety improvements.
Interested groups including BDCDA, and Moyle District Council should lobby Northern Ireland Water to upgrade and maintain the sewage system without unnecessary delay.
A feasibility study will be required to identify land ownership along the proposed routes for a new, or extension to an existing, footpath.

Project Proposals

Capacity Building and Networks

In order to take these projects forward it will be essential to further develop the capacity of existing groups and enhance the networks and working relationships between the various groups within Ballintoy and surrounding areas. Going forward support will be required for project development, management and implementation. This support could take a number of forms including: workshops and training; use of new forms of social networking to improve co-ordination and communication; good practice visits; advice and support from community development organisations; technical support for feasibility studies and business plans and bespoke hands on mentoring and training.

It is clear that the various individual groups are doing great work and it may be worthwhile to explore establishing a **Village Forum** to enable all of the groups to come together, share expertise, support local projects and initiatives and work and lobby to improve the future of the village for all.

A number of organisations and networks may be able to offer support to establish a village forum, develop capacity and move projects forward including: North Antrim Community Network, Rural Community Network, BIG Lottery Awards for All, Coastal Communities Fund, Supporting Communities NI and the RDP Village Renewal Facilitator.

Broughshane Improvement Association and the Bushmills Village Forum provide local examples of individual groups coming together under an umbrella organisation - lessons and good practice may be able to be shared here.

It is important to note that the plan will cover the next 5 year period, 2011- 2016, new opportunities and needs may emerge and consequently a degree of flexibility may be required.

Summary of Project Proposals

Project	Actions
1. Tourist Information Point & Craft Shop Tourist information point and Craft Shop providing a central tourist facility within the village.	MDC to consider undertaking a Feasibility Study and Business Plan to take the project forward.
2. Country Market Country Market offering affordable fresh and seasonal local produce, incorporating a craft and antiques fair. The market should be rotated between the various Church Carparks in Ballintoy to continue to strengthen existing good relations and foster community spirit.	Parish Church Vintage Committee should meet with the relevant church representatives to identify interest and support to utilise church car parks to take forward this initiative. Interested groups, should contact Country Markets NI & already established Country Markets to offer Ballintoy as a host location - primarily Moyle Country Market.
3. Local Heritage & Interpretative Projects Local Heritage and Interpretative projects could be developed through interpretive panels, audio visual installations and guided tours and walks offering a tourist experience which is unique to the Ballintoy area. In the longer-term the council owned Boat House at the Harbour could offer a potential location to display, interpret and share these local heritage projects to both locals and tourists.	Interested groups, including BDCDA, should work with the Ballintoy Local History and Archeological Society to develop and interpret 'the story' of each of these local heritage projects. Moyle District Council should consider undertaking a Feasibility Study and Business Plan to examine the sustainability of locating an interpretative centre at the Ballintoy Harbour Boat House.
4. Community Allotment & Incredible Edible Community Allotment alongside an 'Incredible Edible' Project an initiative which would help people learn how to grow food, eat healthier diets, and encourage all age groups to become more active in their community.	Parish Church Committee and other interested groups should consider contacting Groundwork NI to request their Allotment Design Service (£800). Interested groups should make contact with Cloughmills Incredible Edible Project to examine the potential of developing a similar project in Ballintoy-good practice visit. Interested parties should discuss a potential site for the allotment with representatives from the National Trust and the local Church of Ireland.
5. Improve and make better use of existing facilities in Ballintoy for community activities Existing resources such as the St Joseph's Hall, Church of Ireland Hall, Masonic Hall, Sheep Island Conference Centre, and function rooms of the Carrick-a-rede Inn and Fullerton Arms should continue to be utilised by the community. A programme of events, clubs and interest group meetings and associated dates, times and venues could be circulated within the community through the village newsletter or new forms of social networking such as Facebook, Gumtree and Twitter.	Interested groups, including BDCDA, Church & Hall representatives should identify options and agree a way forward to make better use of existing facilities and improve co-ordination between groups. New forms of social networking such as Facebook, Gumtree and Twitter could be used to improve communication between groups. Develop an additional Programme of Social Events. Interested groups, including BDCDA, Church and Hall representatives should explore the potential to upgrade the existing St Joseph's Hall. To avail of funding streams this would involve transfer of ownership or for the building to be leased to the community. Applications could be made to the Big Lottery's Energy Efficient Venues Programme and Awards for All

Partners	Timescale	Resource Requirements*	Potential Funding
Moyle District Council. BDCDA and other interested groups.	Short Term.	£6,000 will be required to undertake a Feasibility and Business Plan.	Rural Development Programme. BIG Lottery Awards for All. BIG Lottery Space and Place. Heritage Lottery Fund Your Heritage and Heritage Grants
Parish Church Vintage Committee. BDCDA and other interested groups. Country Markets NI.	Short Term.	Monies in the region of £2,000 will be required to establish and promote the Country Market.	Rural Development Programme. BIG Lottery Awards for All.
Local History and Archeological Society. BDCDA and other interested groups.	Short-Medium Term.	£6,000 will be required to undertake a Feasibility and Business Plan.	Rural Development Programme. Heritage Lottery Fund. Coastal Communities Fund.
Moyle District Council.	Medium - Long Term.	Monies in the region of £50,000 will be required to develop and interpret these heritage projects.	Rural Development Programme. Heritage Lottery Fund - Heritage Grants; Your Heritage & Young Roots. Coastal Communities Fund
Parish Church Committee. Interested groups, including BDCDA. Moyle Community Safety Partnership	Short Term.	£800 £2-5000	Rural Development Programme. Coastal Communities Fund. BIG Lottery Space and Place.
Church and Hall Representatives. BDCDA and other Interested groups.	Short Term.		
Church and Hall Representatives.	Medium - Long Term.	£50,000 (Insulation, New Heating System, and Double Glazing).	BIG Lottery Energy Efficient Venues Programme. BIG Lottery Awards for All.

Summary of Project Proposals

Project	Actions
<p>6. Kick About Area & Upgrade of the park The need to provide a Kick-about area for young people to play ball games safely is a long standing issue in the village.</p> <p>Upgrade of existing play park including new equipment, safety surfacing and fencing,</p>	<p>Interested groups, including BDCDA, St Joseph's Parish Committee and Moyle District Council should discuss the feasibility of the two options identified in order to secure a site for the Kick About Area. A Costed Technical Plan for the redesign/layout of the Play Park to incorporate a Kick About Area could be undertaken.</p> <p>Moyle District Council should consider upgrading the park equipment and installing soft tiles in place of wood chippings.</p>
<p>7. Improved Linkages between Carrick-a-rede, Village & Harbour The Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge attracts thousands of visitors each year to the Ballintoy area. There is a real opportunity to develop linkages from the bridge to both the village and the harbour area to lengthen tourists 'dwell' time and maximise potential tourism income.</p>	<p>Moyle District Council, the National Trust and other interested parties should consider how best to take this forward. Options may include subsidising an existing operator to undertake these services on an initial trial period or undertaking a Feasibility and Business Plan to ascertain the sustainability of these services. An application could be submitted to the Rural Development Programme.</p>
<p>8. Lobby for Road Safety & Infrastructure Improvements Introduction of Speed Indication Displays or ribbed matting on the road which informs drivers and the community of speed behaviour, encourages motorists to slow down and improves road safety.</p> <p>Infrastructure improvements including: new and extended footpaths; Upgrade of existing toilet facilities at the Harbour; and Improvements to the sewage system.</p>	<p>Interested groups including BDCDA, should lobby the PSNI and DRD Roads Service to introduce traffic management and road safety improvements. Interested groups including BDCDA, and Moyle District Council should lobby Northern Ireland Water to upgrade and maintain the sewage system without unnecessary delay.</p> <p>A feasibility study will be required to identify land ownership along the proposed routes for a new or extension to an existing footpath.</p>
<p>Capacity Building and Networks In order to take these projects forward it will be essential to further develop the capacity of existing groups and enhance the networks and working relationships between the various groups within Ballintoy and surrounding areas. Going forward support will be required for project development, management and implementation.</p> <p>It is clear that the various individual groups are doing great work and it may be worthwhile to explore establishing a Village Forum to enable all of the groups to come together, share expertise, support local projects and initiatives and work and lobby to improve the future of the village for all.</p>	<p>Interested groups including BDCDA, should tap into existing support mechanism including: North Antrim Community Network, Rural Community Network, BIG Lottery Awards for All, Supporting Communities NI and the RDP Village Renewal Facilitator.</p> <p>For example, workshops and training; use of new forms of social networking to improve co-ordination and communication; good practice visits; advice and support from community development organisations; technical support for feasibility studies and business plans and bespoke hands on mentoring and training</p>

Partners	Timescale	Resource Requirements*	Potential Funding
Interested groups, including BDCDA. St Joseph's Parish Committee. Moyle District Council.	Short Term. Short Term.	£3,000	BIG Lottery Awards for All. BIG Lottery Space and Place. Moyle District Council. Rural Development Programme. Moyle District Council.
Moyle District Council. National Trust. Other Interested Parties.	Medium Term.	-	Rural Development Programme. NITB. Coastal Communities Fund Heritage Lottery Fund - Heritage Grants and Your Heritage.
Interested groups, including BDCDA. Moyle District Council. PSNI DRD Water NI	Short - Medium Term.	-	Relevant Infrastructure/ Service Providers e.g. NI Water and DRD
Interested groups, including BDCDA. North Antrim Community Network. Rural Community Network. BIG Lottery Awards for All. Supporting Communities NI. RDP Village Renewal Facilitator.	Short Term.	-	Highlighted Existing Support Mechanisms Coastal Communities Fund BIG Lottery Awards for All

Appendix 1

Housing Zonings, Northern Area Plan 2016, Draft Plan Volume 2, Part 7: Moyle District; Ballintoy

Housing Zoning BAH 01: 9 Main St Ballintoy (0.13 ha.) Key Site Requirements

1. Development shall be within the range of 15 to 25 dwellings per hectare.
2. Any development shall identify all trees worthy of retention and ensure that no activity, works or storage takes place within the limit of the crown spread of the trees, or a distance of half the height of the trees, whichever is greater.
3. The stream alongside the site shall be protected from any future development, and any buildings shall not be less than 10 metres from it.
4. The development of this site shall may requires additional lands to provide an access from Main Street.

Housing Zoning BAH 02: Lands to west of St Joseph's RC Church (0.39 ha.) Key Site Requirements

1. Development shall be within the range of 15 to 25 dwellings per hectare.
2. The development of this site will require additional lands to provide an access to Main Street.
3. Development of this site shall ensure that adequate off-street car parking provision for the accommodation of all vehicles attracted to the site, including that for the Church, is provided.

Housing Zoning BAH 03: Lands to rear of Gospel Hall (0.15 ha.) Key Site Requirements

1. Development shall be within the range of 15 to 25 dwellings per hectare.
2. Development of this site shall ensure that adequate off-street car parking provision for the accommodation of all vehicles attracted to the site, including that for the Gospel Hall, is provided.
3. There is a potential badger habitat in the lands immediately adjacent to south. Any proposed development will require a badger survey on the site and on the adjoining lands.
4. The development of this site will require additional lands to provide an access from Main Street.

Housing Zone BAH 04: Rear of dwelling at Knocksoghey Road Ballintoy (0,23 ha.) Key Site Requirements

1. Development shall be within the range 15 to 25 dwellings per hectare.
- The development of this site will require additional lands to provide an access from Main Street/ Knocksoghey Road.

Housing Zone BAH 05: 129 Whitepark Road Ballintoy (Knocksoghey Road) (0.13 ha.) Key Site Requirements

1. Development shall be within the range of 15 to 25 dwellings per hectare.
2. The development of this site will require additional lands to provide an access from Main Street/ Knocksoghey Road.

