

Community Well-Being Survey 2015



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Community Well-Being

- A measure of how well we're doing
- Not just about money –
 - Health
 - Happiness
 - Meaning/ purpose
 - Freedom from discrimination
 - Access to in decision-making processes
 - A quality environment
- **All contribute to our personal well-being, and the well-being of the community as a whole**



Well-Being Statement

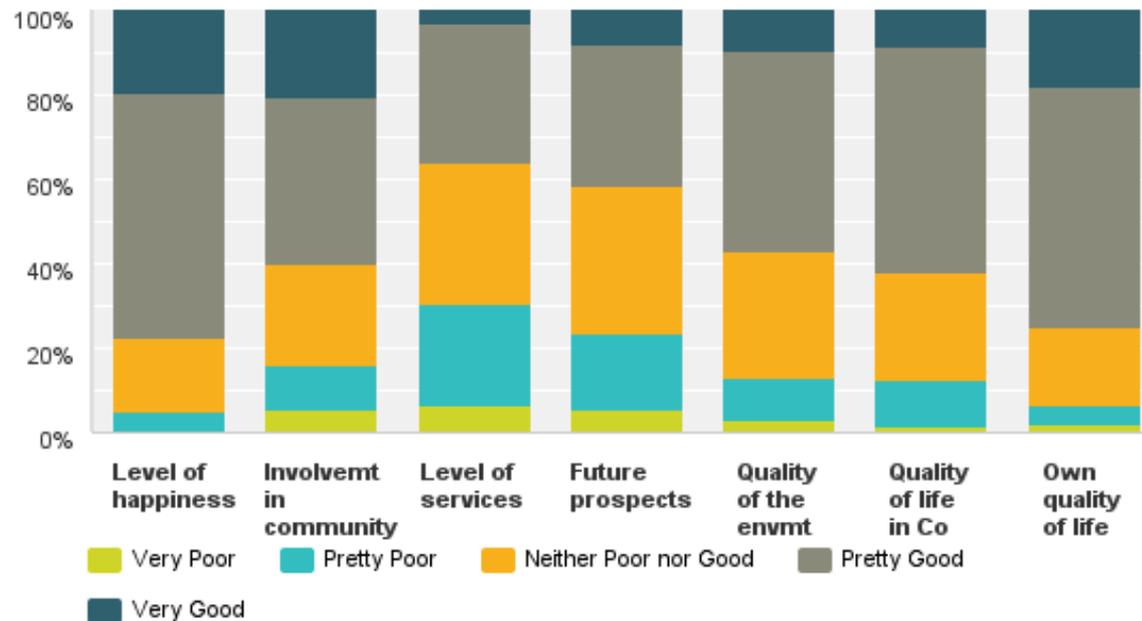
- Dept Guidelines for PPN's:
 - First task will be to devise a Community Wellbeing Statement, which will in turn guide all activities of the PPN
- January 2015: three Municipal District PPNs
- Followed up in March at the County Plenary
- Supplemented by an Online Community Well-Being survey in April – 194 responses
- All helped the Secretariat to draft the proposed Community Well-Being Statement



Some Key Findings from Survey

Q1 First off, how would you rate the following at the moment?

Answered: 193 Skipped: 1



If you could improve three things about life in Co. Monaghan, what would they be?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 15

Youth Rivers **Broadband** Rural Infrastructure
Activities Better Cycling **Young People**
 Education **Job** Hospital **Roads** Shopping
Facilities Children **Services**
 Environment **Transport** Internet **Town**
 Tourist Attractions **Employment** Rossmore Park
Teenagers Life **Amenities** Weather **Litter**
Tourism

Services		12.85%
Facilities		10.61%
Transport		9.50%
Roads		7.26%
Town		6.70%
Job		5.59%
Employment		5.03%
Young People		4.47%
Teenagers		4.47%
Activities		3.35%
Amenities		2.79%

- Job prospects, esp. for graduates
- Rural transport
- More activities for young people
- Health services
- Broadband
- Investment in tourism amenities
- Litter & pollution
- Level of traffic on the roads
- Retention/ improvement of services in rural communities
- Animal welfare
- More community arts



What are the aspects of the Monaghan way of life that should be cherished and nurtured?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 25

Sports Public Countryside Activities Local Festivals
 Culture Easy Going Nature Monaghan People
 Friendliness Green Space
 Environment Library Community
 Irish Language Heritage Rossmore Park
 Friendly Country Rural Scenery History
 Historical Town Sense Landscape Life

Community	<div style="width: 20.12%;"></div>	20.12%
Environment	<div style="width: 4.73%;"></div>	4.73%
Heritage	<div style="width: 4.73%;"></div>	4.73%
Friendliness	<div style="width: 4.14%;"></div>	4.14%
Friendly	<div style="width: 4.14%;"></div>	4.14%
Nature	<div style="width: 4.14%;"></div>	4.14%
Rural	<div style="width: 4.14%;"></div>	4.14%
Culture	<div style="width: 3.55%;"></div>	3.55%
History	<div style="width: 3.55%;"></div>	3.55%

- Our landscape
- Our small business tradition
- Our Heritage
- The slower pace of life
- Friendliness & neighbourliness
- That we strive to be a fair and equal society
- Our work ethic
- Strong love of sports
- That we get involved in community life



What value(s) should we be trying to pass on to the next generation?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 25

Hard Work Maintain Live Healthy Life Protection Elderly
 Friendliness Value Peace Pride Young People
 Respect Equality Community Heritage
 Environment Good Manners Look Place
 Nature Tolerance Kindness Entrepreneurship County
 Think Monaghan History

Community	<div style="width: 24.85%;"></div>	24.85%
Respect	<div style="width: 24.85%;"></div>	24.85%
Environment	<div style="width: 14.79%;"></div>	14.79%
Pride	<div style="width: 8.88%;"></div>	8.88%
Look	<div style="width: 8.28%;"></div>	8.28%
Value	<div style="width: 7.69%;"></div>	7.69%
Nature	<div style="width: 5.92%;"></div>	5.92%
Elderly	<div style="width: 5.33%;"></div>	5.33%
Kindness	<div style="width: 4.73%;"></div>	4.73%
Life	<div style="width: 4.14%;"></div>	4.14%
County	<div style="width: 3.55%;"></div>	3.55%

- Respect for all life
- Kindness
- Tolerance
- Care of older people & those who are vulnerable
- That a person's value isn't measured in money
- The importance of sustainability
- Looking after our environment
- The importance of family
- Fairness
- Take responsibility
- Civic pride
- Get involved



Do you feel connected to your local community?

Answered: 181 Skipped: 13



If you answered no, what would help you to feel more connected?

“More knowledge of what’s happening in the area”

“Knowing the people who live close to me”



What are the biggest problems in your community?

Apathy Traffic Housing Fear Teenagers Anti Social
Young People Monaghan Transport
Health Care Jobs Resources Drugs Roads
Community Support
Unemployment Groups Isolation
Age Drinking Litter Hope Castle Problems Play
People Involved Volunteers Facilities

- Rural isolation
- Keeping teens in school
- Apathy

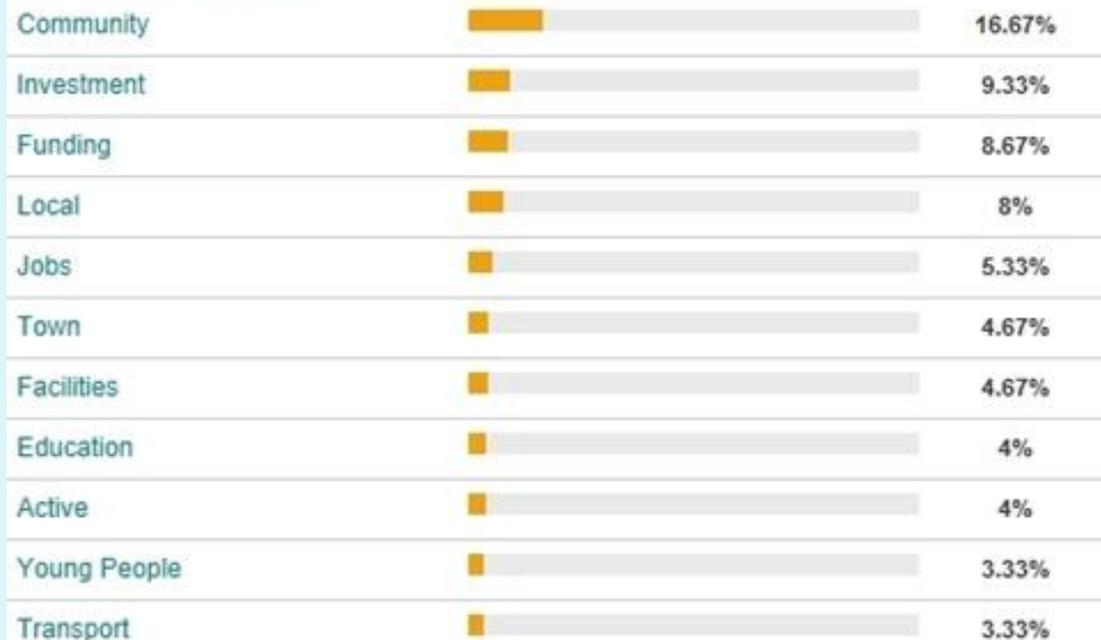
- Unemployment
- Dereliction
- Drugs & underage drinking



How might these problems be addressed?

Answered: 150 Skipped: 44

Road Bring Shops Awareness Young People Garda
 Education Ideas Town Act Local Focus
 Investment Teenagers Community
 Young Children Funding Advertising Jobs Ask
 Facilities Listening Active Boards Transport Enjoy
 Rural Areas



- INVESTMENT, by
- Council
- Community
- Government
- Businesses
- Individuals



Community Well-Being Statement

- Draft Statement – Plenary meeting 16th June
- Seeking its adoption as a working document
- Will be reviewed in the autumn & a final Statement put forward for adoption
- Will be the context from which the C&V sector examines the various Strategies & Plans which affect the sector



The Ideal Community – Our Shared Vision

“The people of Monaghan live amongst friends. We have sufficient resources to meet our needs and have access to the services and facilities we need in order to enjoy a good standard of life. Everyone in the community is valued, and we look out for each other, especially our vulnerable members. We all pull together, with the aim of creating a better place for ourselves and the next generation. “

The following values help us in attaining this vision:

- Everyone is welcome
- Everyone is entitled to be treated equally and with kindness
- Those who can, should help those who can't
- Everyone has something to offer, and everyone should offer what they can
- Ní neart go cur le chéile (together we are stronger)



We will reach our vision by working to ensure:

- Local services and facilities are maintained and enhanced
- Our local heritage and culture are promoted and protected
- Nobody becomes isolated in our community, that our community connections are strong
- Everyone has access to employment which gives them purpose
- Innovation is nurtured
- Everyone feels that they belong, and that they have a part to play in our community
- Our physical environment is managed for the benefit of all, including wildlife and future generations
- Everyone has the opportunity to have a say in the decisions which affect their lives



Community Well-Being Statement

Everyone is entitled to well-being and everyone has a responsibility for their own well-being, but some people need extra help to achieve this. When a community comes together, everyone benefits:

- Individuals benefit physically and mentally from being connected to the place and people around them
- Communities benefit through the increased support for local services and facilities which comes with an active population
- The more vulnerable members of a community benefit from the support and protection afforded them by being cared for within their community



The glue which holds a community together is the connection between people and the many small ways in which neighbours interact and help each other. A strong community is one where people CARE – about their neighbours, about their environment, about the future of their area – and where they DO; in a strong community, people get involved. A strong community is one where people support each other to access the services and opportunities which each person needs in order to live a good standard of life.

Co. Monaghan communities participate in the decisions which affect them, and seek to address the issues facing their community in an inclusive, sustainable way.

