



# Why Future Kinsale?

#### **HOW IT ALL BEGAN**

A group of residents decided in 2018 to make a start on a community initiative to begin to imagine the future. The decision was taken following surveys of residents and visitors to Kinsale, to set up a community group. This group could take responsibility for empty public buildings, set up innovative mobility projects, or anything else that would be of benefit to the community.

#### WHAT IS FUTURE KINSALE

Future Kinsale is a new town co-operative, the first of its kind in Ireland. It is a community initiative for the development of social enterprise in Kinsale. Future Kinsale will work with individuals, enterprises, community groups and government along with other statutory bodies. We will work together to build and nurture enterprising solutions to social and environmental challenges, and to create new ways of doing business.

### **OUR VISION**

There is a statue in our town of Peter Barry. Arguably the last person to dare to dream about a great future for his Kinsale, and we've been benefiting from his legacy for decades. We think it's time we collectively renewed the vision. We have in our midst, both the people and the resources to create a future for Kinsale that puts the residents at the heart of its development. And to to create a healthy sustainable community for the generations to come.



# Will You Join Us?

I'd like you to consider this document as your invitation to join Future Kinsale, and join us in helping to create the kind of community we'd all be proud to belong to and to share with others. Future Kinsale will give our community a strong voice so that it can be part of the decisions that will shape our town over the years ahead.

Future Kinsale is a cooperative where membership is open to all residents. A cooperative where the aim is to share the amazing resources we have - people, money, land, buildings etc - for the benefit of all.

In addition we believe we should play our part in pursuing the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and taking a more positive approach to climate change, and community building.

"We can all share in the creation of a healthy, sustainable community for the town"

- Adrian Wistreich, Director, Future Kinsale

# HOW IS FUTURE KINSALE MANAGED?

We have formed a company limited by guarantee which has no shareholders, and with 11 members who are Directors. Future Kinsale CLG is run according to a constitution structured under the Irish Cooperative Organisations Society (ICOS) guidelines.

# IS FUTURE KINSALE A CHARITY?

No, a charity is not owned and run by its members, and can only raise money for strictly charitable activities. Future Kinsale will encourage the principles of social enterprise which may well generate surplus funds to be reinvested.

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO ME AS A MEMBER?

As a member of Future Kinsale, you will have a say in how we allocate funds, and in which projects the Co-op will support. You will play an active role in driving the future of our town and our community. You will be invited to attend Future Kinsale meetings, and to vote on Co-op matters. You will also be eligible to join the Board of Directors.

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### IF FUTURE KINSALE SETS UP A PROJECT, HOW WILL THE FINANCES WORK?

We plan to incorporate wholly owned subsidiary companies for all substantial projects.

These will, in many cases, generate profits from their activities which will be returned to Future Kinsale to help fund other developments. The Co-op may also set up subsidiary ventures in which it holds a minority stake to allow outside investment to help fund and deliver the project.

All proceeds earned by the Co-op will be available for investment in community projects.



### WHO DECIDES WHAT FUTURE KINSALE DOES?

The membership drives Future Kinsale's direction through a Board of elected Directors who each serve for up to two 3-year terms and is each elected by the Membership (one member one vote) according to the company's constitution.

# WHERE CAN I FIND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, ANNUAL REPORTS AND OTHER INVESTOR INFORMATION?

All information on Future of Kinsale is available on our website. For enquiries, please contact our treasurer Daniel J Coleman (danjoe@danieljcoleman.ie)

# IF I HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR A BUSINESS OR INVESTMENT, CAN I APPLY FOR SUPPORT FROM FUTURE KINSALE?

Yes. The Board will meet regularly to assess projects, and will issue guidelines for submitting ideas. For more details, email futurekinsale@gmail.com

# HOW DO MEMBERS HAVE A SAY IN WHAT PROJECTS FUTURE KINSALE DEVELOPS?

Future Kinsale will hold regular membership meetings, and likewise, individual community groups within Future Kinsale will hold project-specific working group meetings.

To learn more about our legal structure and financial commitments, please read our constitution. For a copy of this, please contact John O'Keefe (john@okeefesolicitors.com)

To contribute to Future Kinsale, please engage with these meetings and follow our blog: https://futurekinsale.home.blog/



ARTS,
CULTURE AND
COMMUNITY

ENTERPRISE AND EDUCATION FUT KINS

Through public consultation, we now have over thirty potential projects that support our vision and which we will consider supporting over the coming years.

DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY

Each of these projects, if realised, will help to make Kinsale a thriving, inclusive and sustainable place to live and work.



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MOBILITY
AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

These projects fall into six main areas of work and examples are given here of some of the short and medium term activities that the Co-op will develop.

To learn more about our plans for each, please contact the project leaders.

### **Arts, Culture and Community**

**Project Leader: ADRIAN WISTREICH** 

Developing facilities & services for residents and visitors:

- Community workspace and multi functional performance facilities The Municipal Hall
- Communal area plaza/playground
- Covered market suitable for year-round market activity



**Project Leader: GUNY PATEL** 

Working closely with Kinsale Chamber of Tourism and the History Society:

- Wild Atlantic Way Iconic Start/End structure with information service/Indoor visitor centre
- Battle of Kinsale walking trail and signage
- Development of digital kiosks with information on the town - historic, whats on etc. accessible for tourists around town

# **Mobility and Infrastructure**

**Project Leader: MIKE WALSH** 

Alternative transport solutions for the town:

- Electric vehicles rental scheme
- Parking Reform
- Edge of town coach park/shuttle service







### **Environment and Sustainability**

**Project Leader: LIZ CREED** 

Leading the way in Ireland for sustainability:

- Improved waste management and recycling facility (plus associated education)
- Eco-tourism strategy, to include an information centre - Kinsale to be leading the way in Ireland
- Community energy generation project
- Applications for trails and greenways

# **Digital and Technology**

**Project Leader: ALAN CLAYTON** 

Bringing Kinsale to the forefront of interactive services:

- Make Kinsale a Free Wifi Town
- A business hub for Kinsale both for hot desking and for start-ups with supports

# **Enterprise and Education**

**Project Leader: UNA SULLIVAN** 

Working closely with KYSS, KCFE and Community School to ensure that the next generation doesn't need to leave Kinsale:

- Future Kinsale Youth Board
- Educating the tourist workforce on Kinsale
- Liaise with CUBS for local executive education





"Sustainability will be at the heart of the Future of Kinsale as we shape a safe, clean, fair and green community that current and future generations can enjoy and thrive in.

Sustainable communities are shaped by people and respond to peoples needs to create a great place to live and work"

– Dr. Tara Shine, Director, Change by Degrees and Plastic Free Kinsale



# **Future Kinsale Membership Application Form**

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| Please select your preferred membership option by ticking one of the boxes below:  |        |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Single Person Memberships</li> <li>(18 plus and resident within 10km of Kinsale centre)</li> <li>€50 single payment or €5pcm standing order per person</li> </ul>     |        |  |  |  |
| Founder/Family Member/Small business (nominate 5 members*) €250 single payment or €22pcm standing order  |        |  |  |  |
| ☐ Corporate Member (you may nominate one member per €50) from €1000  |        |  |  |  |
| <ul><li>Friend of Future Kinsale/Associate Member (non-voting)</li><li>€50 single payment or €5pcm standing order</li></ul>  |        |  |  |  |
| ☐ Patron/donor (this is not a membership category)   |        |  |  |  |
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| Please return this form to 'Future Kinsale CLG' - mail to: Future Kinsale, Olcote,<br>Ballinacurra, Kinsale P17HE24 or email: futurekinsale@gmail.com with this<br>information |        |  |  |  |
| Office use only: Membership Number   |        |  |  |  |

# **Standing Order Form**

### Please supply this to your bank

| To the Manager (your bank)                                     |
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| Branch Address:  |
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| I/We hereby authorise and request you to debit my/our account: |
| Account Name:  |
| BIC:   |
| IBAN:  |
| and to credit the beneficiary/Receiver account:                |
| Future Kinsale CLG, AIB Bank, Pearse Street, Kinsale           |
| IBAN: IE47 AIBK93 4089 14364065                                |
| BIC: IE AIBK93   |
| Sort code: 93-40-89<br>Ac/no: 14364065                         |
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