



Transition Town Kinsale

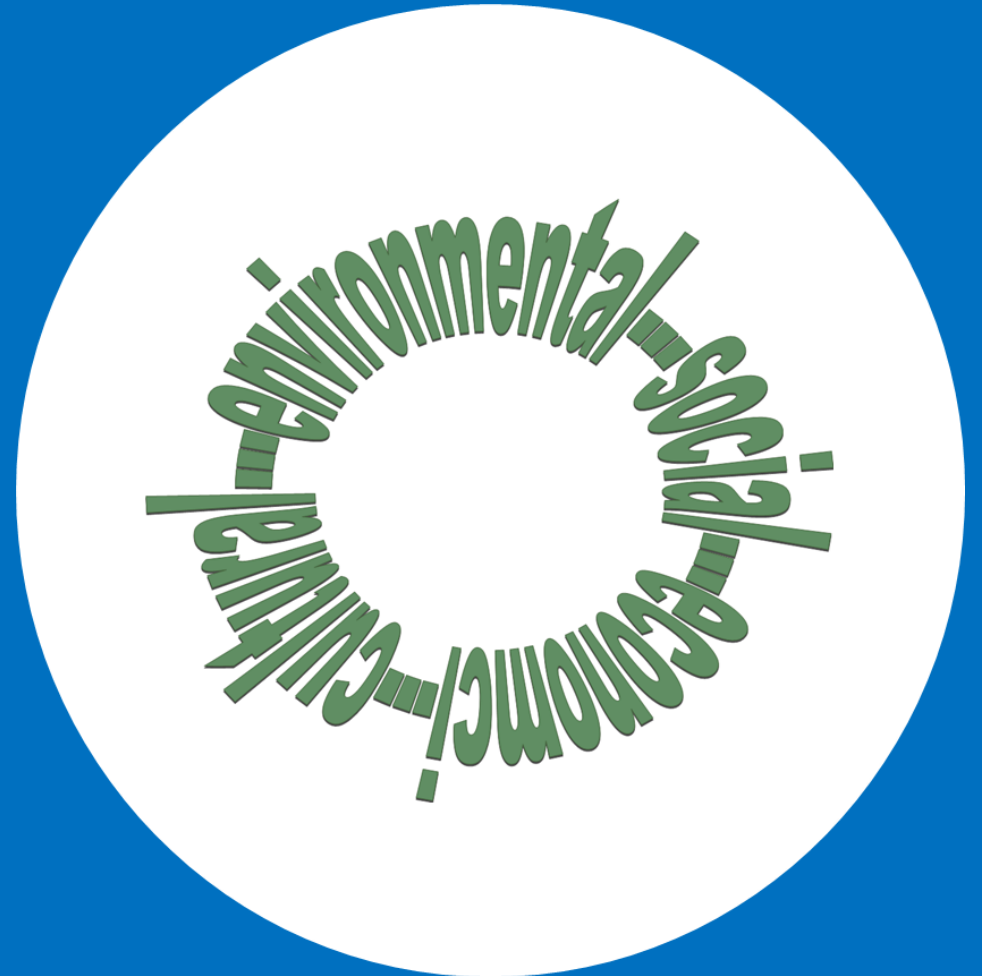
Working today for a sustainable tomorrow

What we did in 2020

Our vision for Kinsale is a resilient, and sustainable town with a thriving local economy

TTK Groups

Food
Energy
Transport
Biodiversity
Waste Reduction
Community Events
Climate Action Networks



Introduction

Elizabeth Creed

Despite COVID Transition Town Kinsale managed to keep projects going through out 2020 and are looking forward to the outcomes of some of these in 2021 especially under energy and biodiversity . We are also excited about the new projects coming on stream, tying into work done and in collaboration with other groups in the local area and beyond e.g. Kinsale Trails.

TTK was part of the My Town My Plan initiative that was run by SECAD 2019/2020 and note the key elements that came out of that process:

- Care of each other and the environment
- Listening to each other and collaborating to achieve good outcomes

These keystone elements are more critical than ever at this juncture of the climate and biodiversity emergencies and the coronavirus pandemic. The work described below and planned into 2021 and beyond below is framed by these elements.



Biodiversity

Jo Goodyear

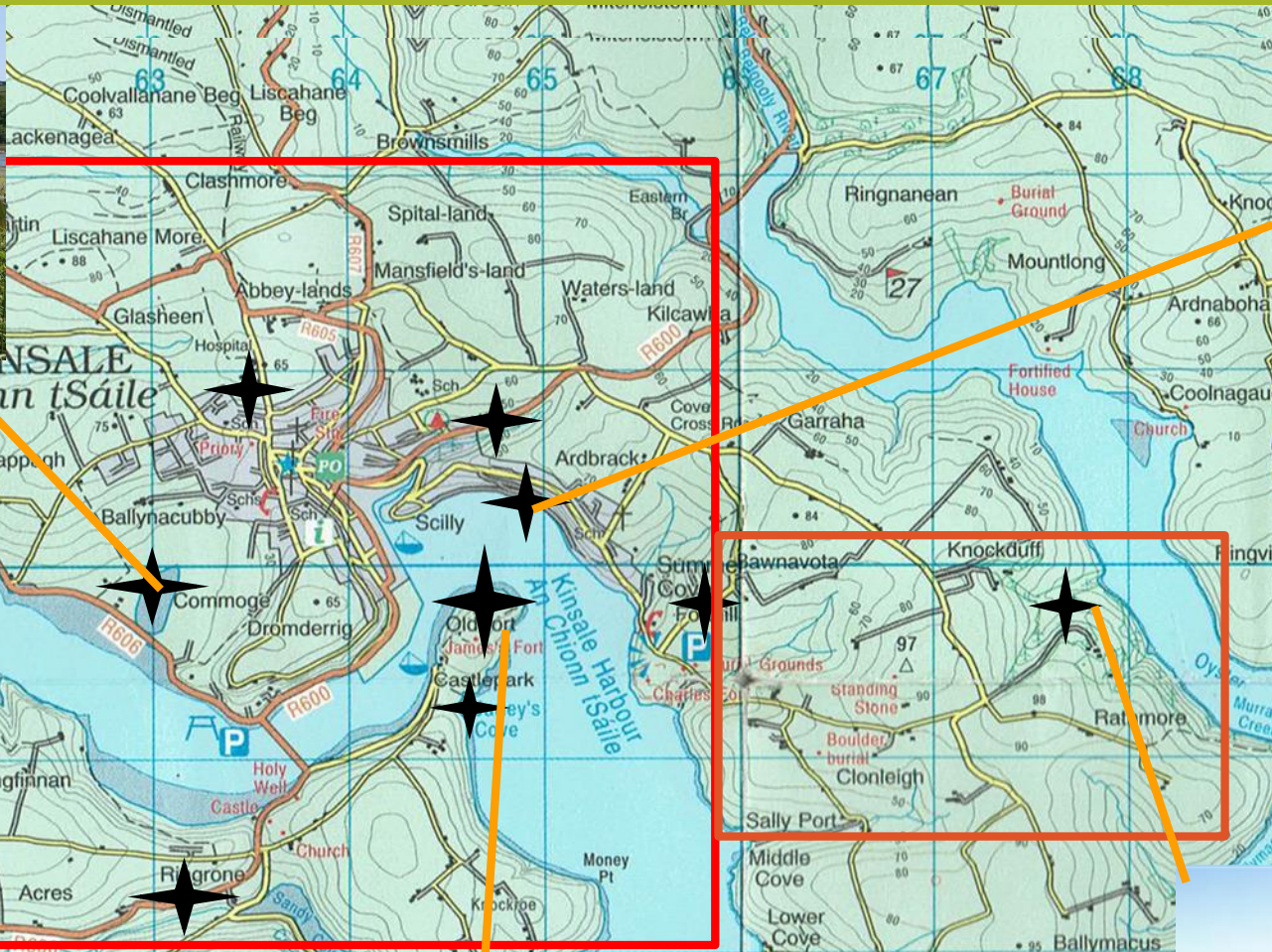


KINSALE BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN – PROGRESS 2020

Jo Goodyear MSc

Kinsale BAP Aims

- **Community Fund for Ireland** grant aims to “*enhance biodiversity in communities throughout the country by combining the expertise of qualified ecologists with the skills, experience and enthusiasm of local community groups.*”
- It aims explicitly to empower communities and landowners to enhance local biodiversity
- Community Biodiversity Action Plan includes **description** of the area (maps, photos, species inventory) and **prescriptions** for enhancing biodiversity – actions, using our strengths, creating links with other groups etc
- In Kinsale we are working with several landowners, community groups and conservation organisations across 6 sites as well as the broader Kinsale area



Progress in 2020

- Desktop survey, gathering maps and existing data sets Feb 20
- Fieldwork was due to start in March, but lockdown postponed this until mid-May
- Habitat mapping nearly complete (Upper Commoge Marsh outstanding due to access issues) – including sea shore, grasslands, woodlands and wetland areas
- First breeding bird survey complete
- Observations of mammals, fish, butterflies and bees throughout season
- No access for fungal survey due to Level 5 restrictions Oct/Nov



Plans for 2021

- Over the winter, habitat maps and a draft report including proposed actions will be produced
- Community consultation to discuss BAP findings and action choices (including landowners) - Spring 2021
- 2nd bird survey April 2021, bat survey May 2021, ongoing species inventory
- Biodiversity walk for Kinsale Arts Week
- Train the trainer session to empower local leaders to spread the information widely - Autumn 2021
- Public Launch of Kinsale BAP – Autumn 2021





World Wetland Day February 2020 – organised by Jennifer Bolger

Energy

Donal Chambers

Andy Ashford



KCEP – Kinsale Community Energy Project

Launch of the Energy Master Plan –
Online 2020 – Public Launch 2021

Working with
The Cork Energy Rating Company
and Brí Energy & Building

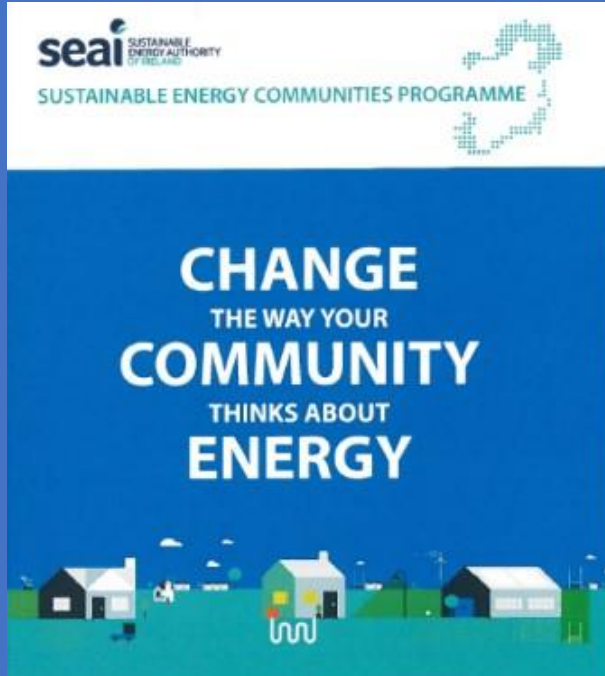


Case Studies

- 20 exemplar homes
- 3 businesses
 - Dairy Farm
 - B&B
 - Cosy Cafe
- 2 community buildings
 - Kinsale College
 - The Well - Old HSE Dispensary Building
(Men's Shed- KYSS - Kinsale Youth Café)

Transport Survey





Community Grant Application 2021

PV Bulk buy

10 Retrofits

5 businesses

1 community building

Residential	Home type	
	Private energy poor	Up to 80%
	Private non-energy poor	Up to 35%
	Local Authority homes	Up to 35%
	Housing Association homes	Up to 50%
Non-Residential	Not-for-profit/community	Up to 50%
	Private and public sector	Up to 30%
	Public sector (exemplar)	Up to 30% ≤ 50%
	EV Charging points	30%

To find out more – express your interest
email - kcepttk@gmail.com

FOOD

Mary Minihane

Margaret Thuillier



Margaret Thuillier,
Mary Minihane,
Mary Heffernan and
Éidin Griffin continue
to maintain the
Edible Walk, with
some helpers,
throughout the year.

Future Kinsale
produced an App
and a flyer in 2020



Community Orchard



Donal Chambers and students at Kinsale College liaising with Sáile regarding further development





Waste Reduction Forum

Join Kinsale Zero
Waste on Facebook

“Litter Picks”
promoted by
Ken Forde and
Piluca Garcia

*Worms in the Small
Community
Composter in ‘The
Orchards’ are
working away!*





My Town, My Plan
Community Training Programme

Ideas Document
Launched
September 2020



Kinsale & Hinterlands Creating our future together



Ballinspittle, Ballinadee, Dunderrow, Belgooly,
Kinsale, Riverstick, Minane Bridge, Nohoval, Tracton

Our Values

Care of each other, care of the earth, inclusivity,
openness, sustainability & resilience.

Our Ideas

- *Set up a Community Partnership
- *Produce an Environmental-Socio-Economic Plan
- *Projects to promote wellbeing and climate action
- *Establishment of a Social Enterprise Centre
- *Development of a Greenway-Blueway



LEADER 2014-2020 is funded through the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development – Europe investing in Rural Areas



Kinsale Trails –successful application to SECAD for Leader funding for a feasibility study (22K)

This initial feasibility study will look at the potential for a Kinsale Greenway & Blueway, Green trails and Green infrastructure and creates priority list working with the community

Working with Belgooly Tidy Villages Association, Belgooly Walkway, Courcey's Integrated Rural Development Association, Future Kinsale, Kinsale Tidy Towns, Lustitania Museum and Old Head Signal Tower, Tracton Community Council, Transition Town Kinsale, Wild Atlantic Sports

Under the umbrella of Future Kinsale

"Green/Blueway could benefit community, rural economy, biodiversity corridors, exercise/health, history, local transport and more"

Alan Clayton



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Lobbying for
Transition

Climate Action
Networks

Transition Town Kinsale



SUBMISSIONS



TEN-E submission to the EU (prioritisation of energy infrastructure development in EU)



Draft Cork County Development Plan



Vodafone Planning Application for Mast



Support for Municipal Hall Renovation Project



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council



Your Home
Your Future
Your Views



We are Cork.



Cork County Development Plan Review
Public Consultation Document
March 2020

Lobbying for a faster and fairer climate action bill on 7th December 2021

with Stop Climate Chaos



Linked to
and working with:



TINI
Transition Network



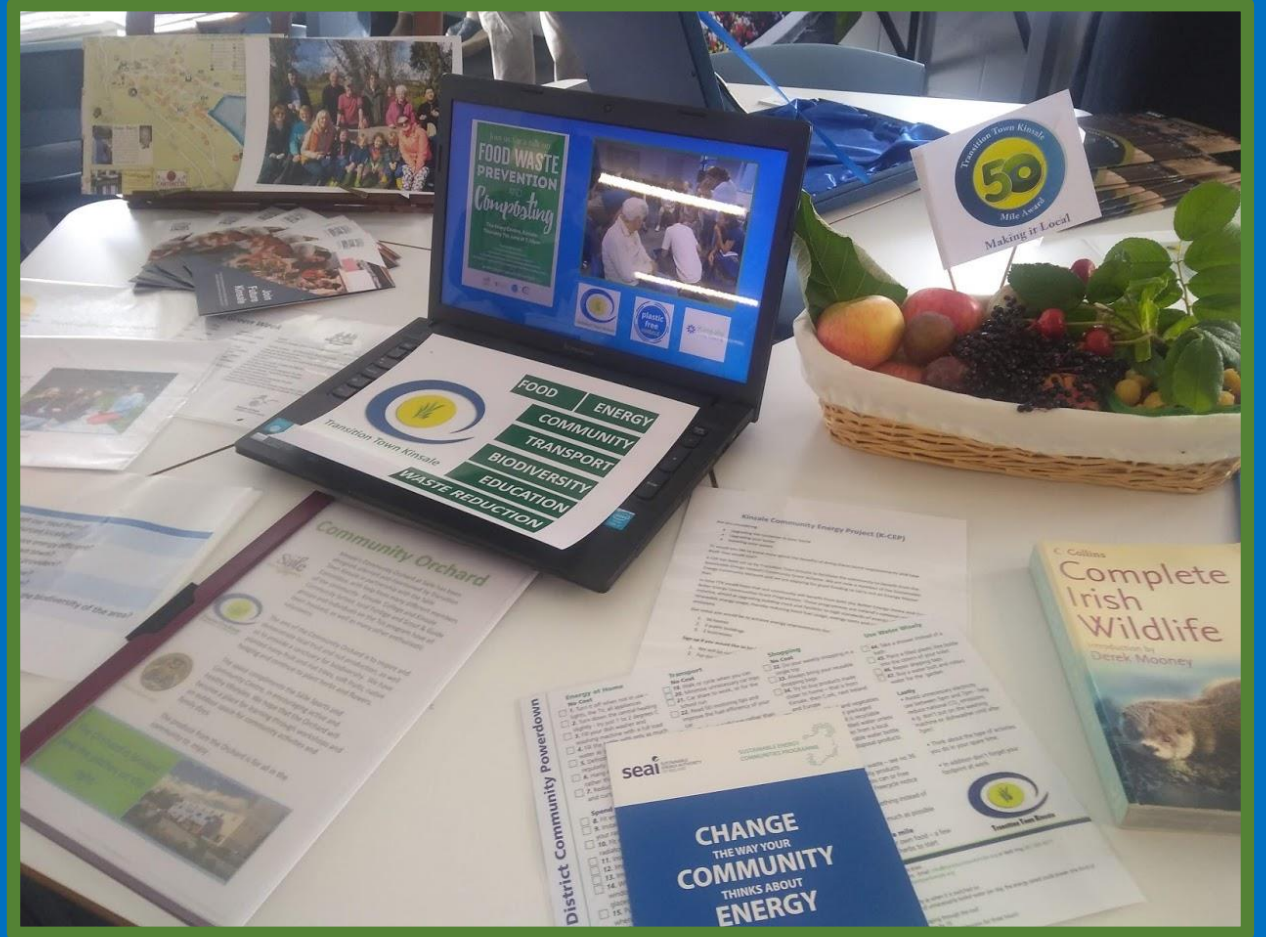
Communities for Future
A global network



COMMUNITIES
FOR FUTURE

**Kinsale – 2020
Bank of Ireland
Enterprise Town Winner**

**Application to
Chamber of Tourism
and Business for
funding from the prize
fund**



Local Links

Tidy Towns

Sáile

Chamber of Tourism & Business

Kinsale College

Plastic free Kinsale

Kinsale Arts Weekend

Kinsale Men's Shed

Bank of Ireland – Enterprise Town

The Well

Kinsale Age Friendly Town

Future Kinsale

Cork Links

Public Partnership Network

Cork Environmental Forum

Cork Climate Action

Ccommunity Waters Office

SHEP – Earth Aware

National Links

Transition Ireland & Northern Ireland

Stop Climate Chaos

National Dialogue on Climate Change

Sustainable Energy Communities Network

Zero Waste Ireland

Climate Case Ireland

Global Links

Transition Network

Ecolise - European Network of Sustainable Communities – Communities for Future

2021 and beyond - suggestions

Donal Chamber— Land buying collective

Michael O'Sullivan – join Rural Cycling Collective

Piluca Garcia – school garden project

Éidin Griffin - art in the community & seed planting

Jean Hamilton – New Year Plant Hunt

Jennifer Bolger - World Wetland Day 2021

Raffaella Valenti – Grow it Forward

And more....

Committee 2021

Donal Chambers - Chair
Raffaella Valenti - Secretary
Stig Hellebust - Treasurer
Ken Forde - Communications

Margaret Thuillier	Nicholas Harvey
Mary Minihane	Jim Lyons
Piluca Garcia	Jean Hamilton
Jennifer Bolger	Éidin Griffin
Alan Clayton	Lisa Harrison
Andy Ashford	Clare Buckley
Elizabeth Creed	Tara de las Casas
Michael O'Sullivan	Mary Heffernan



(draft) Calendar 2021

Month	Activity
December	New Year Plant Hunt (https://bsbi.org/new-year-plant-hunt)
January	Community Grant Application to SEAI Raising the Green Flag at Kinsale College
February	World Wetland Day (2 nd February 2021 – 50 th celebration)
March	Art in the Community - Seed Planting – Rebel Seed Kinsale Green Week
April	Public Launch of Energy Master Plan
May	
June	
July	Biodiversity Walk with Jo Goodyear at KAW
August	
September	CBAP – Train the Trainers
October	Launch of Community Biodiversity Action Plan (CBAP)
November	
December	Annual meet-up & Green Drinks (hopefully!)

To do list
Biodiversity Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Council sites○ Access to Commoge Marsh○ Bride Project○ All-Ireland Pollinator Plan
Hippy Murphy Park - Signage
Sign up to Rural Cycling Collective <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 'name'○ Cycling Workshop
Community PV installation

We support the

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

