



Report
to
Westmeath
Public Participation Network
on
The WPPN 2018 Submission
to Athlone Municipal District
on Matters Relating to
Athlone Municipal Electoral Area
for the 2019 Budgets

Affiliated to Westmeath Public Participation Network



This is final report regarding local issues, identified by the members of **Athlone Municipal District PPN (AMD/PPN)** on 30th Sept. 2018, for submission to the Athlone Municipal District of Westmeath County Council for considered in the budget allocation for 2019.

The Athlone Municipal PPN made their recommendations for this submission having considered the paper entitled, "*Interaction between the Area Committees of the Council and the Community and Voluntary Forum*". This paper received approval from the Corporate Policy Group and members of Westmeath County Council on 29th July 2002 and the policy document "*Westmeath Public Participation Network (PPN) Interaction with Municipal Districts*" adopted by Westmeath County Council July 2016.

This report reflects on the issues, divided into **6 Themes** as agreed by consensus by the Athlone Municipal PPN forum. Some of the issues highlighted had little or no financial implications and were more concerned with process, while other issues had financial implications. The Athlone Municipal District PPN Forum was aware that Westmeath County Council were under budgetary and resource constraints, however urged Athlone Municipal District and Council officials to support their submission as much as was possible.

Seventy-Two submissions were received by the AMD/PPN on behalf of its member groups. These 72 submissions were categorised into 6 main Themes as follows:

- 1. Environmental Concerns**
- 2. Road Safety**
- 3. Anti-Social Behaviour**
- 4. Public Lighting**
- 5. Social Supports**
- 6. Other**

Athlone Municipal PPN selected a deputation to meet with the Athlone Municipal District and to present the submissions document on behalf of PPN members. The deputation was as follows:

Elected PPN Delegates

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1. Breakdown of WPPN/AMD Submissions

In total 21 Athlone Municipal District PPN Groups made 72 submissions
(Illustrated below in Figure 1 & outlined in Appendix 1 & 2)

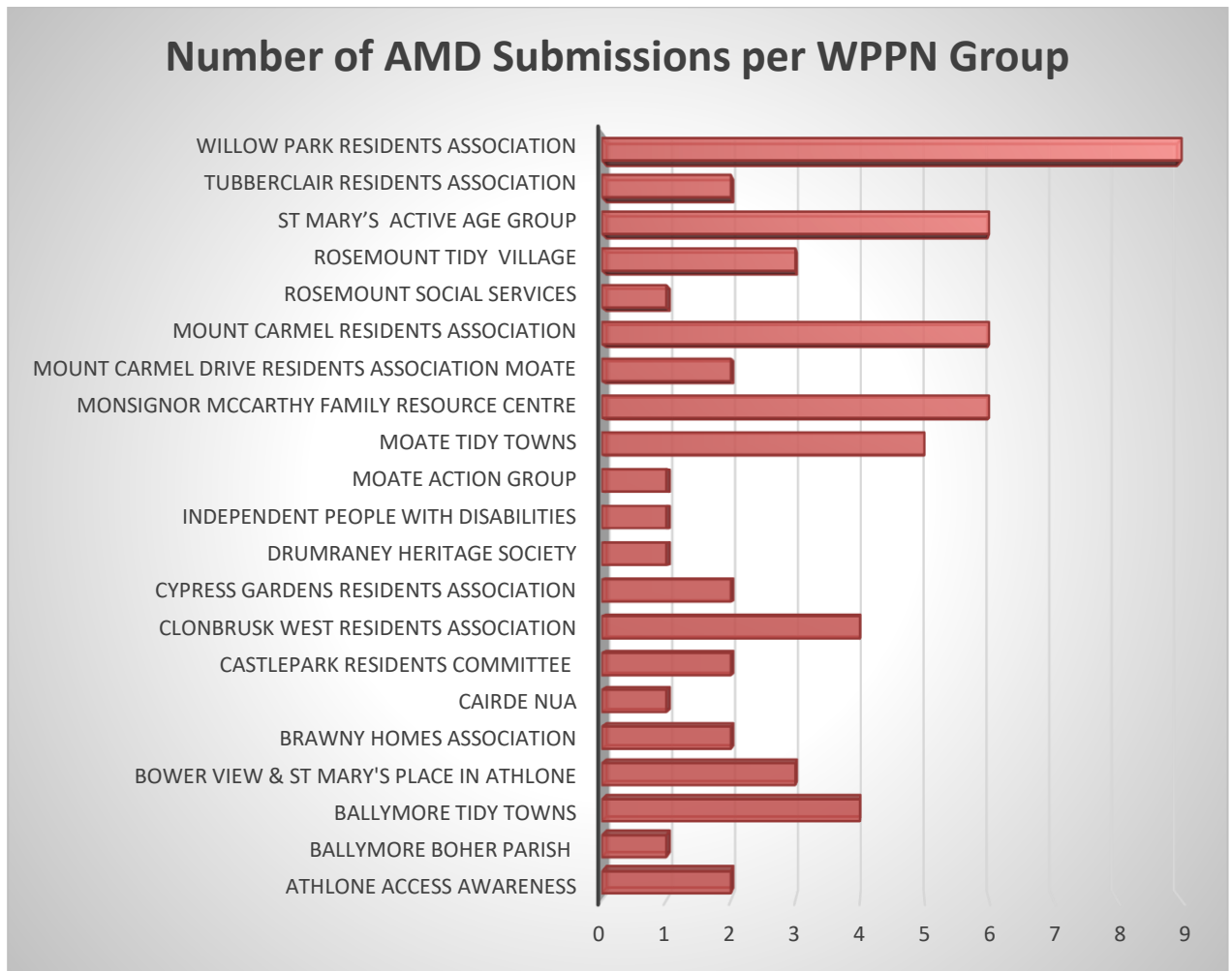


Figure 1: 21 AMD/PPN groups made 72 Submissions to Athlone Municipal District September 2018 for 2019 Budget

2. Number of AMD/PPN Submissions under each Theme

The following is a breakdown number of submissions under each theme

1. Environmental Concerns 25
2. Road Safety 26
3. Anti-Social Behaviour 8
4. Public Lighting 5
5. Social Supports 6
6. Other 2

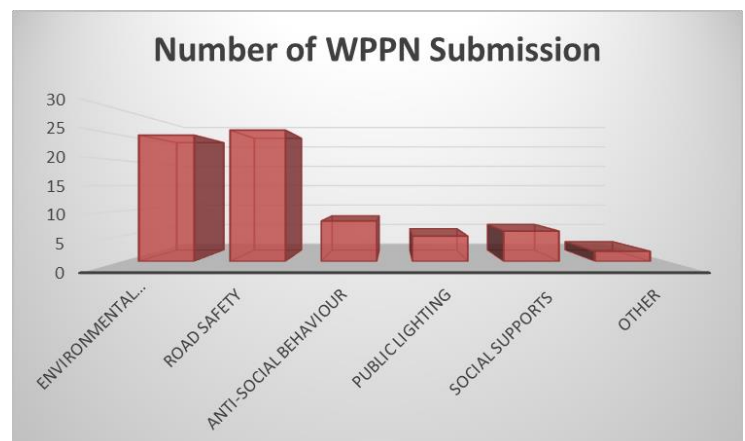


Figure 2 WPPN Submissions to Athlone Municipal District September 2018 for 2019 Budget

3. Meetings

AMD/PPN delegates attended Athlone Municipal District meetings on behalf of WPPN groups. The AMD/PPN delegates presented the initial submissions document to the Athlone Municipal District members; outlining the submissions, giving and seeking clarification. They further attended meetings in which Athlone Municipal District gave responses to the submissions. The responses to each individual submission are outlined in Appendix 2

It should be noted that at each meeting the AMD/PPN delegates represented the community groups very professionally, with great confidence and passion. Great credit is due to AMD/PPN delegates for their diligence and commitment, without them this process could not have taken place.

It should be equally noted that the AMD/PPN delegates were treated with great courtesy and respect by the Municipal District members; they were listened to and treated with equity. AMD/PPN offers its gratitude to the Athlone Municipal District members and look forward to building upon foundations begun with this second set of submissions.

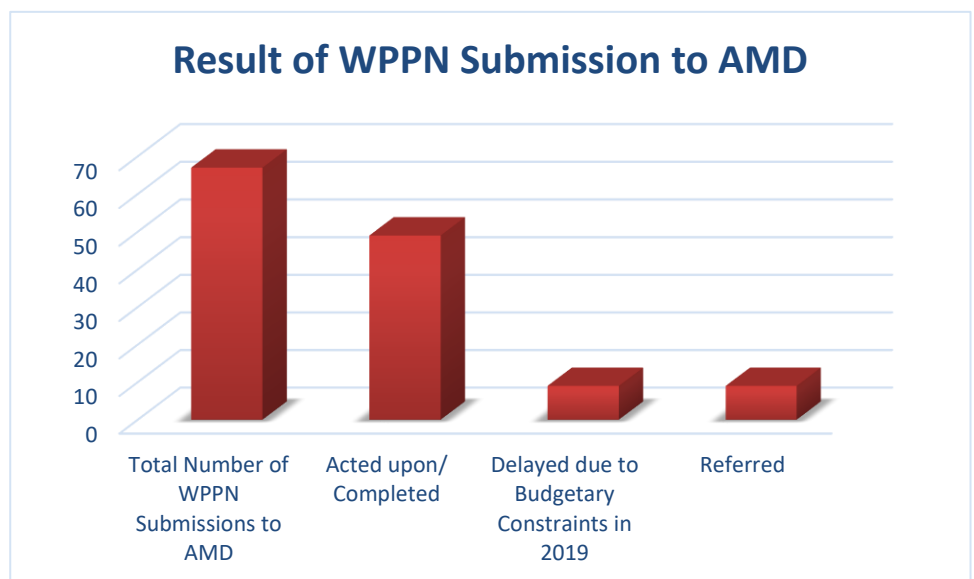
4. Results

21 AMD/PPN made 72 Submissions; of these 72 submissions; 5 were not issues pertaining to Westmeath County Council. 49 were acted upon by Athlone Municipal District and 9 delayed due to insufficient funds in budget to complete in 2019; however, may happen when funds are available. 9 were referred to another relevant agency or organisation (shown in Figure 2 below)

Total 67 Relevant Submissions

- **49 Acted upon/ Completed**
- **9 Delayed due to Budgetary Constraints in 2019**
- **9 Referrals**

Figure 2 WPPN/AMD Submissions September 2018 for 2019 Budget to Athlone Municipal District



Appendix 1

WPPN Group	Number of Submissions per WPPN Group
<i>Athlone Access Awareness</i>	2
<i>Ballymore Boher Parish</i>	1
<i>Ballymore Tidy Towns</i>	4
<i>Bower View & St Mary's Place in Athlone</i>	3
<i>Brawny Homes Association</i>	2
<i>Cairde Nua</i>	1
<i>Castlepark Residents Committee</i>	2
<i>Clonbrusk West Residents Association</i>	4
<i>Cypress Gardens Residents Association</i>	2
<i>Drumraney Heritage Society</i>	1
<i>Independent People with Disabilities</i>	1
<i>Moate Action Group</i>	1
<i>Moate Tidy Towns</i>	5
<i>Monsignor McCarthy Family Resource Centre</i>	6
<i>Mount Carmel Drive Residents Association Moate</i>	2
<i>Mount Carmel Residents Association</i>	6
<i>Rosemount Social Services</i>	1
<i>Rosemount Tidy Village</i>	3
<i>St Mary's Active Age Group</i>	6
<i>Tubberclair Residents Association</i>	2
<i>Willow Park Residents Association</i>	9

Appendix 2

PPN Submissions to Athlone Municipal District October 2018 for 2019 Budget

1. Environmental Concerns

Organisation	Issue/ Concern	Proposed Solution	Athlone Municipal District response
1.1 St Mary's Active Age Group	<p>Issue of illegal dumping at the following locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Coosan point, · Friary, · Back of Dunnes Stores, · River Shannon down at burgess park <p>This is a worrying problem, health and safety issue and very unsightly. It is not a good tourist advertisement</p>	Measures need to be put in place by the council urgently to tackle this problem	To be addressed as part of Athlone Municipal District maintenance works. Cllrs. agreed to bring up at SPC.

1.2	St Mary's Active Age Group	Rd going down to the Shamrock lodge from Battery Bridge is very unsightly with brambles overgrown and grass growing on the rd. Again not a good advertisement for Tourism	Council need to get this area cleaned up as soon as possible	To be addressed as part of Athlone Municipal District maintenance works.
1.3	Cypress Gardens Residents Association	Trees at top of estate	Residents want them taken out altogether, especially the ones in front of the front row of houses	Residents written to and trees were cut during current cutting season.
1.4	Bower View & St Mary's Place in Athlone	The level of dumping behind Bower View & St Mary's Place in Athlone has increased. CCTV was placed in this area for a brief period of time. However, this has not stopped the dumping.	1. Can the council take action here and engage with the residents of the area to review measures which can be put in place to stop the dumping of rubbish?	District Manager has visited the area and has met local residents to discuss solutions. Property owners to be written to and served notices.
1.5			2. Can the council clear all the used needles which are scattered across the ground?	The Council have done a number of checks here and will remove as necessary. This area to be benefitted in long term by approved Urban Renewal project.
1.6	Bower View & St Mary's Place in Athlone	There is also a huge number of used needles which are on the ground at the back of these houses (to the side of the council yard). Some of the homes are being lived in by young families and children can access the back of these homes. This is a hazard on many levels, children attend three different schools in the area and have access to the back of these homes. There is no safety gate to stop anyone from gaining access to the back of the homes at St. Mary's Place & Bower View.	There are also 4-5 abandoned homes which are not safe, anyone can access these homes from the back.	To be reviewed as Part of Derelict Sites process.
1.7	Willow Park Residents Association	Illegal dumping in gardens in the estate whereby overflowing bins, firewood timber, and hazardous materials is causing problems for the estate	Litter warden needs to visit area and issue on the spot fines for people not compliant.	Litter Warden visiting area.
1.8	Mount Carmel Residents Association	Illegal dumping is occurring down beside "Lisnagreer" near the garage. Rats are now an issue because of the rubbish.	Litter warden needs to visit area and take any appropriate action that is necessary	Litter Warden visiting area.
1.9	Monsignor McCarthy Family Resource Centre	1. Removal of furniture gathered for bonfire pre-Halloween	1. Removal of furniture gathered for bonfire pre-Halloween	This has been completed and prevented a number of fires from occurring.
1.10		2. Clean up of bonfire within a few days of the 31st October (after Halloweens)	2. Clean up of bonfire within a few days of the 31st October (after Halloween)	This was completed within 2 days after Halloween.

1.11	Monsignor McCarthy Family Resource Centre	Trees from No 1-6 Battery Heights need to be cut. Hanging into house fronts	Trees cut/trimmed	Community Department have clarified that all trees requested to be removed. District Engineer requests that reason for request to be clarified before any works undertaken. Issue referred to Community Department.
1.12	Monsignor McCarthy Family Resource Centre	Water Tower & roads to the rear of houses, dug up & have left the estate unsightly	1. Council/Irish Water issue	Referred to Irish Water
1.13			2. Resurface road	Referred to Irish Water
1.14	Monsignor McCarthy Family Resource Centre	Dumping from residents onto public areas within the estate	Council develop a policy & structure aligned with Tenants Handbook, that holds tenants accountable & penalty added onto their rent & deducted at source	Illegal dumping is an issue to be pursued and prosecuted if necessary, under Litter Management and Environmental Legislation. Housing Department can under estate management meet with residents' groupings and remind residents of their responsibilities in regard to upkeep of their area. Should a Council tenant have convictions for serial litter offences then consideration can be given under anti-social behaviour (ASB) provisions of the Housing legislation to take action against them.
1.15	Clonbrusk West Residents Association	Street sweeper truck cannot do areas where cars are parked	Notify residents before truck calls so that cars can be removed or have cleaning done on scheduled days	While the County Council are not in a position to notify residents in advance of each sweep due to operational difficulties it will endeavour to facilitate any particular requests where possible.
1.16	Moate Tidy Towns	Large tree requires to be taken removed from St Patrick's Tce. Damage to cars in last storm 19/09/18	Tree cut down	Written agreement needed from all residents with reasons for removal of trees outlined.
1.17	Moate Tidy Towns	Large tree in the harbour area to be removed due to rotten base and going to fall (lower main street)	Cut tree down	This tree is on private land.
1.18	Mount Carmel Drive Residents Association Moate	1. Houses from 33-38; at back of these houses there is a 10 ft drop	1. Wall bordering Ard Grainne & Mount Carmel needs to be repaired or fenced	Site visit carried out and works completed.
1.19		2. Between Ard Grainne & Mt Carmel drive there are tree breaking down private fences. Tree would need to be cut down as major safety issue	2. Trees need to be removed and re-fenced	assessment to be done by District Office to see what is required bearing in mind 10ft drop at location.
1.20	Brawny Homes Association	1. Perimeter fencing adjacent to Brawny Square to include Lighting	1. Erect permanent perimeter fencing.	Subject to long term plans and budget allocation

1.21		2. Lighting on perimeter fence	2. Lighting.	No budget available for such works
1.22	Castlepark Residents Committee	1)The field is a parcel of Local Authority owned land adjacent to 30 Castlepark, (Images submitted). It has grown wild - surface is very uneven, has deep depressions and is very overgrown so the residents cannot do anything with it. Currently it is just a piece of waste ground – though it has the potential to be an amenity for residents.	1. If it was leveled, given proper soil and sown with grass i.e. turned into a proper green area, Castlepark Residents Committee might be able to mow it, having acquired a ride on mower recently.	Referred to Mullingar District as in their area
1.23	Castlepark Residents Committee	2) Fencing referred to in the submission is located around the parcel of ground described above and is in a very poor state of repair. It has collapsed in some sections and has unattached protruding pieces of wire along its length.	2. Repair or replace fence	Referred to Mullingar District as in their area
1.24	Moate Tidy Towns	1. Tree in St Patrick's Green was damaged by storm and some cars were damaged. One side the branches are cut away from the ESB lines.	Residents would like tree to be removed.	Written agreement is needed from all residents and reasons for removal.
1.25		2. Tree at the Harbour Area in Lower Main street is causing issues for business's in the area as cars are covered in bird dropping. Also this tree is rotten at the base and will fall and cause damage to the new wall and railings in the area when they go up.	Please can the tree be removed	This tree is on private land.

2. Road Safety

	Organisation	Issue/ Concern	Proposed Solution	
2.1	St Mary's Active Age Group	Speed RAMP opposite the train station and on St Mels terrace rd too high, cars are being damaged and some cyclists have been injured	Can the council arrange for these speed ramps to be lowered	These ramps are within standard required for such ramps.
2.2	St Mary's Active Age Group	Slip rd at Loughandunning behind Reddingtons carpet business has (1) 2 pot holes and the	1. Fill Pot Holes	Completed by Athlone Municipal District.
		(2) floods in the winter	2.. Stop flooding	This will be reviewed by Athlone Municipal District on receipt of further details.
2.3	St Mary's Active Age Group	Northgate streets needs to be resurfaced	Council to organise for this to be carried out	This is included in the current Multi annual Roads work programme and is scheduled for 2019.

2.4	St Mary's Active Age Group	Kerbs at Footpath Needs checking all the way down the footpath. This has been put down more times on forms, but nothing has ever been done about it	WCC Fix and make good	Specific locations are required and then works can be considered in the context of the 2019 budget provision.
2.5	Cypress Gardens Residents Association	Pothole One approx. 50yds from seat	WCC Fill it in	This has been completed.
2.6	Tubberclair Residents Association	Narrow road No 5465 at one section its only 12ft wide; at which point traffic has to use the footpath	1. Widen existing road at narrow section	Residents association need to apply for CIS scheme for funding.
2.7			2. New footpath needed	
2.8			3. Unfinished works on N55 at junction with 5465	
2.9	Willow Park Residents Association	Meadowbrook estate east side needs to be tarmaced and at College rd	Council to include this work in budget	This has not been prioritized for 2019 but can be considered under the 2020 programme.
2.10	Tubberclair Residents Association	Drainage from 'Bella Vista', Tubberclair to Tubberclair church No: 5465	Clean existing boxes provide removable lids and clean existing 6in pipes. Note: Have to sandbag house during heavy rain. First reported 2012; boxes not cleaned since built 70 years ago.	Was cleaned last year by Municipal District and will be again this year.
2.11	Willow Park Residents Association	Footpaths throughout the estate are in a deplorable state and need to be mended	Council to include fixing footpaths in Willow Park in budget. Prioritised in budget	Subject to Budget and Members' annual priorities.
2.12	Mount Carmel Residents Association	Cars speeding in and out of the estate which is dangerous and needs to be addressed	Traffic calming measures are required such as speed ramps, speed control signs-yield sign/Children at Play signs. RA requesting engineer to visit estate to assess what's required	Not prioritized for 2019 but can be considered under the 2020 programme
2.13	Mount Carmel Residents Association	No adequate Road markings in the estate : i.e. white lines and no yield sign	Engineer needs to visit and proper road markings put in	Necessary works carried out.
2.14	Ballymore Tidy Towns	Footpath to village on Athlone Road	Extend the village footpath to the 'Village Inn' on the Athlone side of Ballymore	May be applied for through CIS Scheme.
2.15	Athlone Access Awareness & Willow Park Residents Association	1) Absence of footpath for 50 meters between Athlone Primary Care Centre and roundabout at Arcadia Retail Centre, on the North side of the road across from Ashdale estate, resulting in wheelchair users travelling on roadway where they are at risk of collision with traffic.	a) Continuous footpath along this stretch of roadway and	Will be completed as part of HSE Development planned.
2.16			b) Zebra Crossing on north branch of roundabout.	Will be completed as part of HSE Development planned.

2.17	Clonbrusk West Residents Association	Speeding through the estate, especially down the hill	Install raised junction at top of the hill at ESB mast	Not prioritized for 2019.
2.18	Clonbrusk West Residents Association	Access from the estate on to Coosan Road obscured by ESB pole and private hedge. Cars exiting the estate have to cross the stop line to see down the road.	1. Remove ESB pole and	PPN may contact ESB directly. Council not in a position to do so.
2.19			2. cut hedge	Landowners responsibility to cut the hedge. If the hedge is not cut WCC will issue Notice.
2.20	Clonbrusk West Residents Association	Grass verge badly needs reinstating following replacement of water mains by Irish Water	Reseed or returf grass verges	Referred to Irish Water
2.21	Rosemount Tidy Village	Footpath needed on Moate Road	Put in footpath	Community can apply through CIS funding scheme.
2.22	Rosemount Social Services	Road repairs in line with list which will be supplied to Damien Grennan (WCC Engineer) on 28/09/18	List to be included in 2018 estimates Action or Repair, upgrade of roads per list supplied to WCC 28/09/18	Part of the 3-year programme for resurfacing.
2.23	Drumraney Heritage Society	Verges and hedges in bad state at road junctions in Drumraney, including main road R390 in order to improve visibility	Cutting back of hedges and mowing of verges	Landowners responsibility.
2.24	Independent People with Disabilities	1. We would like to request a Disabled Parking Bay to be installed across the road from Brett's chemist on Connaught Street as currently the disabled parking bay is below the car park on that street.	1. Install Disabled Parking bay at Brett's Chemist in Connaught Street	Space will be marked at top of Connaught Gardens when resurfacing completed in 2019.
2.25		2. We would like to request that new Disabled Parking facilities be installed outside Department of Social Protection on Grace Road and that the footpath outside the premises be dish'd to allow ease of access for people in wheelchairs going to do their business in the Department of Social Protection	2. Install parking bay outside Department of Social Protection on Grace Road and 'dish' footpath	Municipal District write to the DSP and advise them that the issue has been raised by the PPN and request that access is given to the disabled spaces in the carpark for customers who have a disability and wish to access the DSP building.
2.26		3. We would like to request that the footpath in John Paul Park be finished off as it is not safe for residents who live in the bungalows in the corner	Finish footpath in John Paul Park	Not prioritized for 2019.

3. Anti Social Behaviour

	Organisation	Issue/ Concern	Proposed Solution	
3.1	Willow Park Residents Association	LA tenants engaging in anti-social behaviour such as drug dealing, fighting, loitering etc	The council should impose sanctions on tenants that are not adhering to the rules in the tenant's handbook and evict people if necessary	The Council takes seriously its role regarding anti-social behaviour and will where necessary, take appropriate action. All issues mentioned in the request should in the first instance be referred to the civil authorities. Where convictions are secured against tenants, the Council

			can then take action under the Anti-Social Behaviour provisions of the Housing legislation. Complaints of ASB made to the Housing Department will be investigated.	
3.2	Willow Park Residents Association	Roaming dogs which are un leashed in the estate is a huge cause for concern, especially dogs that are in the dangerous dogs regulation category, i.e. pit-bull in Thornbury drive	Such animals should be immediately removed from the estate by the dog warden and a reclaim fee of 250.00 to claim back the dog	Referred to Dog Warden for Site visit. If residents have specific times and locations for these occurrences they should contact the County Council Dog Warden service with details. Issue of more time in Athlone for dog warden to be reviewed. Possibility of Sharing Warden with Roscommon Co Co. discussed at January PPN meeting
3.3	Willow Park Residents Association	Sulky racing practices are taking place in the estate and this is unacceptable as it is a health and safety issue	Policy of Automatic confiscation of horse and cart should be imposed for offenders. Policy of Automatic confiscation of horse and cart should be imposed for offenders.	Sulky racing an unregulated activity. Regulation would be a matter for the Department of Agriculture under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013. In the meantime, the issues is a matter for the Garda under the Road Traffic Acts. All occurrences should be referred to Gardai.
3.4	Mount Carmel Residents Association	Anti Social Behaviour is an ongoing issue in the estate	WCC housing section need to organise a meeting for all LA tenants and provide training with regard to the tenant's handbook and the rules in this handbook need to be enforced. RA have already met with Gardai in relation to matters but feel WCC have a huge role to play to help assist with this issue- Carmelite centre can be used for any meetings- just needs to be booked	Training is provided to all new tenants allocated tenancy of a Council house and they are also provided with copy of the Tenant's handbook and their tenancy agreement which outlines in detail, their responsibilities in regard to their tenancy. The Council will consider running refresher training, but cannot force tenants to attend and invariably, the target audience for attendance at the training don't attend. Tenancy handbook to be circulated.
3.5	Ballymore Tidy Towns	Damaged Tourist Information Sign	Replace damaged tourist info in the village	This will be included in the audit of Tourism signage in the County.
3.6	Mount Carmel Residents Association	Dog fouling is a huge issue in green areas and so are insect nests. Children cannot play safely as they get covered in dog dirt	Dog Fouling initiative to be rolled out in estate. Would be great if environmental section responsible for this could meet with RA to explain and support RA to sign up to this initiative.	This will be referred to Environment Department for support.
3.7	Monsignor McCarthy Family Resource Centre	Drug Trafficking within estate **New Tenants	Council consider stricter screening & closer communication with Gardai when allocating houses	As a matter of course, Garda checks are carried out on all applicants prior to offer of tenancy.

3.8	Willow Park Residents Association	CCTV System to discourage anti-social behaviour and also to catch those involved	Install CCTV or mobile/roaming CCTV	County Council cannot provide this. For Environmental use only. Residents could consider application under Community/Garda scheme.
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4. Public Lighting

4.10	Ballymore Boher Parish	Lighting at Boher Church/Community centre	In stall 2 lights at church & community centre	Clar funding applied for
4.20	Ballymore Tidy Towns	Streetlight at low Street Ballymore	Install a streetlight approaching the village limits on the Mullingar side of Ballymore	Clar funding applied for
4.30	Moate Tidy Towns	Lighting to be replaced/bulb outside Don's Bar Lower main street, Moate	Replace light/Bulb	Completed 5/12/18
4.40	Rosemount Tidy Village	New lanterns for the Village. Lantern needed with wires underground (no poles)	New lantern with underground cabling	Clar funding applied for
4.50	Moate Tidy Towns	Street light number 40 not working on Lower Main street as you drive up to Castle Flowers.		New Lantern Installed 5/12/18. Same lantern as above.

5. Social Supports

5.1	Mount Carmel Residents Association	No play area for younger children and no activities for teenagers	RA are hopeful of WCC support with regard to any funding applications submitted in respect of recreational facilities in the area	The most effective mechanism for provision of community playgrounds at present is under the LEADER programme. The funding model for provision or upgrading of playgrounds is for LEADER to provide 75%, WCC 20%, and the local community 5%. The local community group should contact Westmeath Community Development at an early date in order to advance this project. Already in place
5.2	Ballymore Tidy Towns	Damage to bridge over stream on trail to football pitch	Carry out repairs to wooden bridge	Private Property. Athlone Municipal District cannot complete these works.
5.3	Athlone Access Awareness & Willow Park Residents Association	2) Difficulty for people with respiratory difficulties ascending hill at John Broderick Street beside Dunnes Stores without a rest point.	Seating e.g. park bench style seat on John Broderick street.	Not prioritized in 2019 but can be considered under the 2020 programme.
5.4	Rosemount Development Association	Rosemount has no shop or community hub	Village needs a Community Shop/Hub/Enterprise	This action has been referred to Westmeath Community Development for follow up through their SICAP Social Enterprise action. Westmeath Community Development have committed to working with the community to further this action as agreed by all parties.

5.5	Cairde Nua	1. Transport to group for current and prospective members. Location of group is outside public transport route. This deters prospective members experiencing health difficulties. They need transport to access our facilities.	1. Mini bus transport on Wednesday mornings to arrive at Cairde Nua Brawny at 10.30am and leave at 12.30 pm. Proposed route to start at Golden Island Shopping centre, through Church Street, Marian View, Clonbrusk, Coosan, Brawny	This action has been referred to Longford/ Westmeath Local Link for their consideration. (To be followed up with SEO Community)
5.6		2. Financial aid towards advertising and promotion of group services. Currently no discounts on advertising in local media and local papers. We currently advertise our services and events on Facebook, but we need to reach prospective members who do not use the internet.	2. Financial Aid/Grants towards promotion costs, such as newspapers, business cards, flyers	Westmeath County Council have given financial aid to Cairde Nua through the Community Grants in 2018 - this funding can be used as prioritised by the group including promotional costs etc if they so decide to spend it in this manner. WCC will further advise of the 2019 grants available to groups in early 2019 .
6. Other				
6.1	Moate Action Group	“The level of compliance and governance regulation applicable to voluntary bodies and their volunteers has multiplied in recent years. It has got to the stage that the administration work involved in meeting the regulations takes more time than the actual productive work done by volunteers. People are discouraged from volunteering as a result, and the end result will be the death of the voluntary sector. We are only one severe adverse event away from people in voluntary managerial roles realizing how exposed they are to charges of non-compliance and blame for events that might be only peripherally their fault. This needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.”		This submission will be referred directly to the National Advisory Group for the PPN who advise and work with the Department of Rural and Community Development.
6.2	Rosemount Tidy Village	Roof on building on Heritage Site	Replace roof on building	The most appropriate funding source for such work would be under the Historic Structures Fund Grant Scheme which is currently open for applications. The closing date is 31 st January 2019. The group may wish to consider making an application under this scheme . Westmeath County Council Heritage Officer is available to discuss further with the group should they wish.