

Arklow Municipal District Community Wellbeing Statement 2018

An illustration of a row of four houses of varying heights and styles, drawn in a simple, sketchy style. The houses are set against a background of stylized trees and bushes. Several speech bubbles are positioned above the houses, each containing a phrase related to community wellbeing. The overall scene is rendered in a light, sketchy style.

access to public transport

having our voices heard in local policy

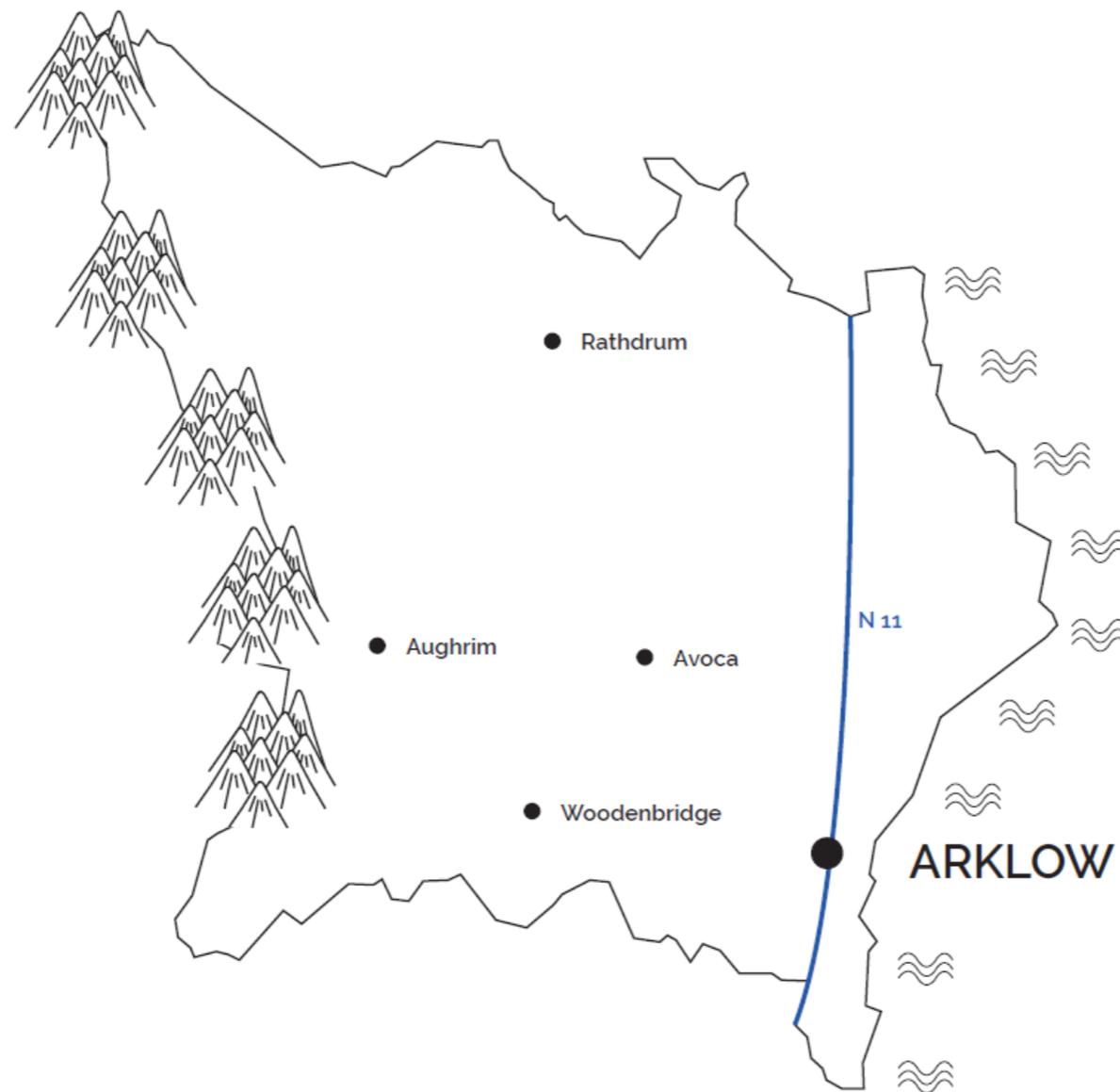
good jobs

good friends & social networks

a healthy environment

inclusion of everyone

Arklow MD



Total Population: 26,185

What is Community Wellbeing?

Although we often think about wellbeing in terms of good physical and mental health, it can also describe the wider conditions we need as individuals and communities to have a better quality of life, healthier environment and increased prosperity.

Considering all the aspects of community wellbeing together helps us to identify actions that can be undertaken by communities alongside local and national governments.



How did we create this draft Wellbeing Statement?

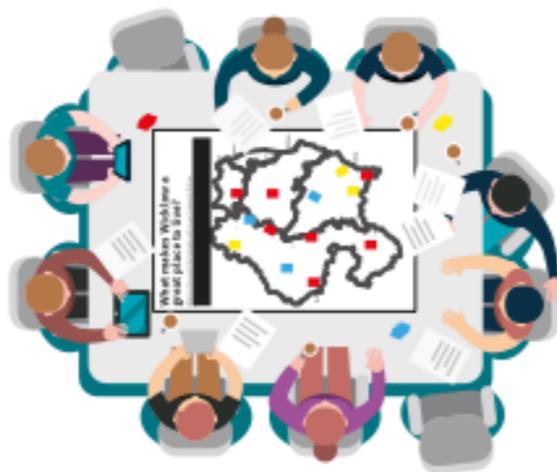


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Workshop

PPN Members were invited to attend Community Wellbeing workshops.

At these workshops the Community Wellbeing concept was presented.



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Asset Mapping

Working in groups, attendees then highlighted the “assets” and aspects of their community that they wish to preserve and protect for current and future generations.



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Wellbeing vision

Using the 6 Community Wellbeing headings, attendees shared what they (and the organisations they work for) considered to be important for their community’s wellbeing.



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Consultation

Following the workshop, an online consultation was shared with members who were unable to attend the workshops.

They were provided the opportunity to answer the same questions asked at the workshop.



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Draft Vision

The PPN resource workers and secretariat members then analysed the responses from the workshop and online consultation.

They then produced the draft wellbeing statements.

Our Overarching Vision for the Arklow MD

Based on the input from the workshops and online consultation, we have developed the following overarching vision:

"Collaborative working in the Arklow Municipal District provides a welcoming, inclusive and vibrant community with access to excellent services that enables its people, environment and economy to thrive".



What is important for Community Wellbeing in the Arklow MD?

Alongside the overarching vision for Arklow MD, we developed Wellbeing Statements for each community wellbeing “domain”.

These were developed by reviewing and analysing the responses from the workshops and online consultation.

The PPN resource worker and secretariat members grouped the responses into common themes and issues. They translated these into “high-level” statements.

Specific issues mentioned are not included in the statement but these will be shared with PPN Reps working on Local Committees.



Social & Community Development



Vision - “All citizens are valued equally and enabled to live life to their full potential”

- Efficient information provision enables easy access to statutory, and community services
- Statutory, private and community services and facilities are collaborating, coordinated and easily accessible.
- The needs, safety & security of all citizens, particularly the more marginalised are met.
- Arklow MD has a vibrant, well-resourced community and voluntary sector



Participation, Democracy and Good Governance



Vision - “All elements of government are collaborating and delivering for the community”

- Local Government is participative, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of the community
- Planning & decision making is locally focused, transparent and engages meaningfully with the local community.
- Grass roots development is supported, resourced and uninhibited by bureaucracy.
- All statutory and community stakeholders are collaborating and ensuring that the voice of the more marginalised is heard.



Values, Culture & Meaning



Vision - “Welcoming, including and valuing all citizens, and celebrating diverse cultures is at the heart of the Arklow Municipal District”

- Our Irish culture, language, arts, and traditions are vibrant, and promoted for future generations, visitors and new communities
- Supports, information and resources facilitate all citizens to connect and engage in their community
- The culture and voice of all citizens and communities is welcomed, heard, and valued
- All citizens and communities are encouraged to share their culture and use their voice



Health (physical & mental)



Vision - “The Arklow Municipal District is a caring community where all citizens enjoy a coordinated, locally available and timely health service”

- Our natural & built environment promotes good physical and mental health
- Well-resourced statutory and community health services are easily accessible and meet the needs of all citizens
- Extensive and coordinated information, education and early intervention initiatives promote good physical and mental health

Work, Economy & Resources



Vision - “A vibrant local economy supports all citizens to live well and thrive”

- All citizen and economic activity is enabled by good transport and infrastructure systems underpinned by consultative planning.
- Training, employment and social supports enable all citizens to lead dignified lives
- Local skills, industry, natural and human resources are nurtured to achieve their full economic potential
- Excellent facilities and infrastructure supports innovative local economic activity



Environment & Sustainability



Vision - “All statutory, business and community stakeholders work together to preserve, protect, maintain and promote our natural and built environment”

- Infrastructure and resources support sustainable living.
- Research, consultation and education supports citizens and communities to protect the environment for future generations
- All citizens appreciate and are connected to the natural environment.

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