

Wicklow Municipal District Community Wellbeing Statement 2018

An illustration of a row of four houses of varying styles, drawn in a simple, sketchy style. The houses are in shades of brown and tan. There are several speech bubbles of different colors (blue, green, yellow, red) floating above the houses, each containing a phrase. There are also several stylized trees with circular tops and thin trunks scattered around the houses.

access to public transport

having our voices heard in local policy

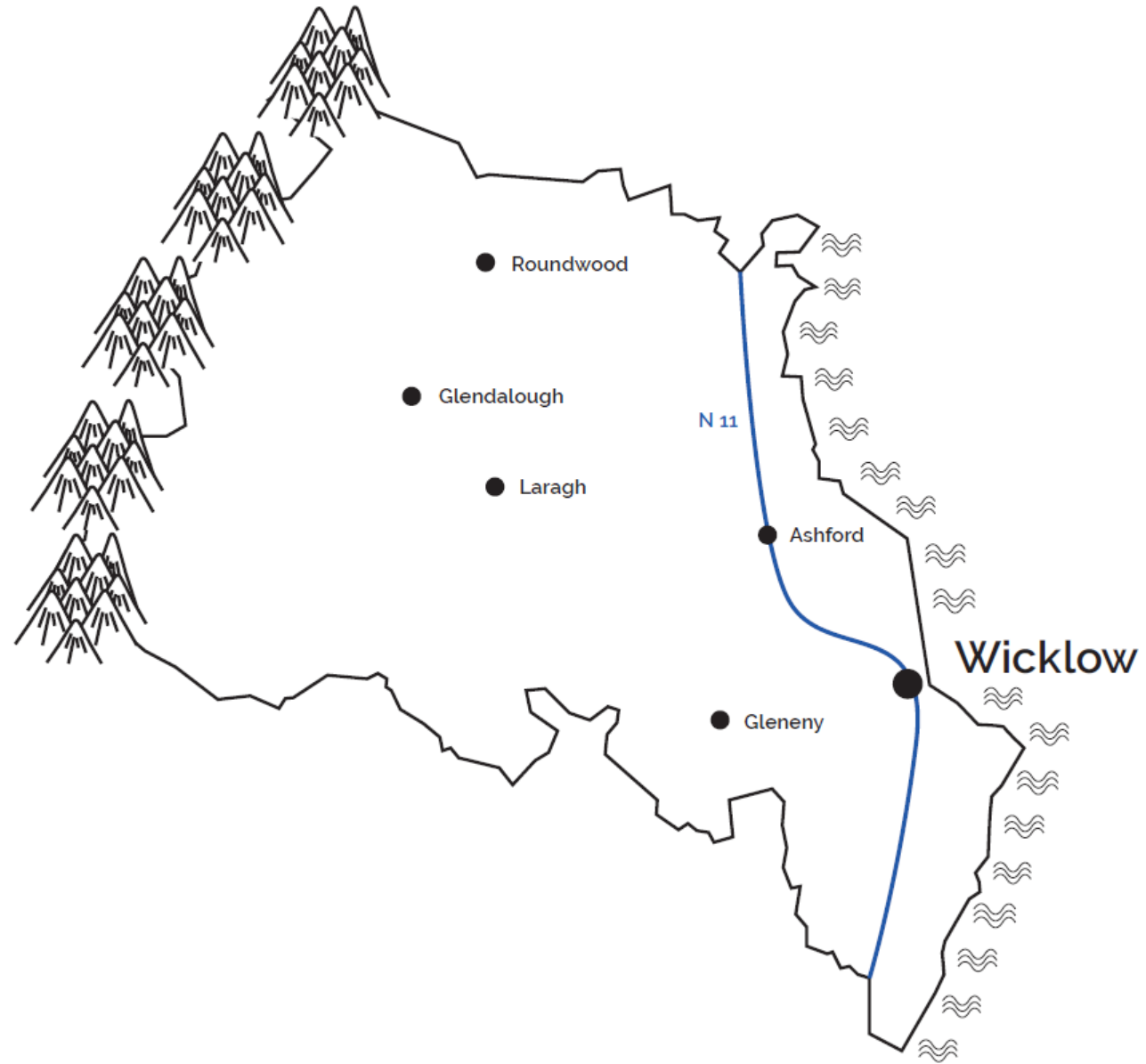
good jobs

good friends & social networks

a healthy environment

inclusion of everyone

Wicklow MD



Total Population: 28,219

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 Wicklow MD

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

Wicklow MD is a diverse vibrant and inclusive community that values and nurtures all its citizens to live healthy lives and achieve their potential in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable community.



What is important for Community Wellbeing in the Wicklow MD?

Alongside the overarching vision for Wicklow 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 equally valued, included and nurtured”

- Statutory, business and community services work together for the benefit of all citizens
- The commitment of the community and voluntary sector is recognised, supported and resourced
- The diversity of cultures in our community is acknowledged and celebrated.
- All citizens are engaged and active in their local community



Participation, Democracy and Good Governance



Vision - “Transparent and accountable local government structures and procedures allows all citizens to contribute to the development of the Wicklow MD”

- Community Groups are encouraged and supported without restriction from bureaucracy
- Participation, democracy and good governance is understood and facilitated for the benefit of all communities.
- Local information and services meet local needs



Values, Culture & Meaning



Vision - “The Wicklow MD respects difference, celebrates diversity and values the uniqueness of individuals and communities”

- People understand the importance of our natural environment and appreciate it.
- Our Irish culture, traditions and heritage are valued, celebrated and kept alive for future generations.
- Communities are enabled to play an active part in the preservation and protection of our heritage and culture.



Health (physical & mental)



Vision - “All people of the Wicklow MD are resilient, active and enjoy good physical and mental health”

- Statutory, industry and community sectors coordinate services to support the good health of the community.
- The natural environment is protected and enabled to contribute to the health of all citizens.
- Statutory and Community health and social services and supports are well resourced and readily accessible to all citizens.

Work, Economy & Resources



Vision - “The Wicklow MD cultivates a vibrant local economy”

- Statutory, business and community work together to enable people to reach their full potential
- People and business are well connected physically and electronically.
- Local enterprise and tourism initiatives are supported to reach their full economic potential.

Environment & Sustainability



Vision - “Every policy and decision of every organisation in the statutory, private and community sector is environmentally proofed”

- A vibrant, environmentally sensitive, local economy supports sustainable living.
- All stakeholders in the Municipal District are working together to nurture and protect the natural and built environment.
- All citizens are connected with and appreciate the local natural environment.

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