

## Ballyhoura Development – Preparation of Five-Year Plans with Twelve Communities

Ballyhoura Development CLG as the local development company for North Cork and East Limerick believe in working with communities and listening to their needs. The importance of community consultation is paramount, and we believe in the facilitation of communities to develop tailor made plans for the future of their own areas. Ballyhoura Development believe that a plan developed in this way, coming from the people themselves, is more sustainable and effective. In 2018 & 2019 the community planning process was supported through Paul O Raw and his team, which led to considerable learning for the communities, staff and dedicated consultants. The facilitation, workshop design and data collected has provided considerable understanding of community need and action focus into the next 5-10 year period. Ballyhoura Development are very satisfied that this will lead to positive change for all the communities involved and commend Paul and his team for their commitment and understanding of the process, challenges and outputs.



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### Milford, Co Cork:

*The community of Milford engaged with Ballyhoura Development CLG and O Raw Consultancy in formulating a new Community Plan. The process went very smoothly from the onset. A great statistical presentation of all relevant information was excellently prepared and delivered. An all-inclusive focus was maintained from start to finish, with individuals and groups consulted. At all times local, national policies and trends, comparisons and trends were explained and teased out in detail. A focus on the pertinent priorities and categorising the most important areas of concern for our community was directed in a very professional manner. All of the workshops were well planned and operated very fluently. Targeted areas of action were agreed upon and priorities for us as a community going forward were set in motion. Paul O Raw provided very informative, practical and inclusive workshops. To the members of the community council who were liaising with him, he was approachable, professional and extremely insightful at all times.*



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