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Theme 1	Community and Recreational Facilities	Achievements /Developments	Plans for 2018 - 2022
Priority 1	<p>Develop a Centre for youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Bring together all youth organisations and form a working group</li> <li>. Explore the possibility of using an existing building in the town or finding a greenfield site</li> <li>. Work with the relevant agencies</li> </ul>	<p>A new school development has begun in the Louisburgh area and during the process of this build, it is hoped that meetings/ negotiations may be organised whereby the local groups may have the use of some areas within that development. Following completion.</p> <p>Other possibilities will be examined which may benefit the community in general but to include the needs of the Youth Groups in the area.</p>	<p>The local Youth Groups have altered their organization so as to utilize a number of smaller venues and increasing the number of leaders on duty each evening they meet. This has allowed them to enjoy increased membership while being accommodated in different venues on the various evenings. This will suffice at present but puts more demands on the leaders.</p> <p>This will be considered at the end of the school year when leaders will have more information about their needs.</p>
Priority 2	<p>Public Toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Look at possible locations in the town and liaise with Mayo County Council</li> </ul>	<p>Having spoken to Council representatives, a suggestion was made that Public Toilets could be built/placed near the playground. We were informed that this was a very expensive development. However, we intend to seek further clarity regarding this need.</p>	<p>It is very unlikely that Public Toilets will be granted under the present financial situation unless LCF include it in an application for town improvement Which may be possible in the next year or two. We are at discussion levels still with regard to this.</p>
Priority 3	<p>Community information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Develop the existing social media site</li> <li>. Expand the information available on the website to advertise local events and promote Louisburgh</li> <li>. Set up a town notice board in a central area to promote events</li> </ul>	<p>We plan to develop a Website for the Group in 2018 where all LCF and local activities will be advertised and available to all.</p>	<p>We have set up a Facebook Page and Web Site but acknowledge that much more work must be done to promote local events throughout the year. We will seek to organize a PRO to help in this area at our AGM at the end of NOV 18.</p>
Priority 4	<p>Co-operation between schools, youth and community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Look at areas where there are opportunities to work together on projects</li> <li>. Explore ways to involve youth in community events</li> </ul>	<p>Following the initiation of the “Light Up Louisburgh” campaign, it is envisaged that this will be extended to encompass all streets and perhaps an area of the schools for a period over the holidays at Christmas</p>	<p>LCF has engaged a TUS employee to work with our community groups: Tidy Towns RSS and Biodiversity Group and to liaise with the schools and Youth Groups to bring them into becoming active</p>

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			participants in their local development plans.
Priority 5	<p>Outdoor and Indoor Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Look at the range of current outdoor facilities and draw up a plan to revamp or create new facilities and activities e.g. zip line, skate park that would benefit youth and tourists.</li> <li>. Review current fishing areas and work to create improvements</li> <li>. Research possible alternatives for indoor activities that will be suitable for locals and tourists</li> </ul>	<p>LCF plans to review the walks and cycle paths in the Louisburgh area, by upgrading the maps and signage which are already there. Many projects have been identified as possible outdoor activities which we aim to develop in the coming years.</p>	<p>It is envisaged that new information boards detailing Flora and Fauna found in the area will be produced and erected in 2019 with the help of the TUS employee and the South Clew Bay Nature Forum (Biodiversity Group) and financed by a grant received from Coca Cola some years ago.</p>

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Theme 2	Local Economy and Tourism	Achievements /Developments	Plans for 2018 - 2022
Priority 1	<p>Extending the Greenway from Westport to Louisburgh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Explore the feasibility of extending the Greenway with Mayo County Council</li> </ul>	<p>We plan to continue to lobby our local representatives and Mayo County Council to realise this amenity.</p>	<p>We have been informed that the development of the Greenway has begun at Murrisk and will take approx. 18 mths to 2 yrs before the section to Louisburgh is ready. We depend on the County Council to progress with this project as many land owners are involved and caution is needed not to make matters difficult in negotiations</p>
Priority 2	<p>Develop and promote tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Look at expanding the current tourism group</li> <li>. Make a list of proposed improvements to include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-beach toilets and outdoor showers</li> <li>-picnic areas</li> <li>-car parking at beaches</li> <li>-promoting Louisburgh as a holiday destination</li> <li>-further develop links with College of St. Scholastica, Minnesota</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Further Efforts will be made with the business community to organise events which will draw more tourists to the area in the coming years.</p> <p>We will continue to man the Tourist Information Point as long as it is feasible. Quotations for picnic furniture and public seating will be requested in the New Year.</p>	<p>During 2017 LCF and Louisburgh Tourism Network have come together to help further the appropriation of good signage for businesses in the area in conjunction with Mayo Co. Co.</p> <p>We hope that the Network will continue to liaise with LCF to help promote other events in the area during 2019-2020.</p> <p>We are actively engaged in discussions with land owners to see if they will agree to allowing a carpark to be developed in the town. As this is a delicate matter, it is being pursued confidentially.</p>
Priority 3	<p>Form a business group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Improve communication and promotion opportunities</li> <li>. Encourage new and varied businesses to set-up</li> <li>. Lobby to reduce rates</li> </ul>	<p>LCF will work in cooperation with Louisburgh.ie to facilitate joint aims.</p>	<p>Louisburgh Tourism Network is now the Business Group in the area together with the existing traders. LCF will continue to help decorate the town at Christmas with their help and agreement. The Christmas Market and Light Up Louisburgh Evening will bring many extra people to the town on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> which will help improve Community atmosphere and all businesses in the area.</p>

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Priority 4	<p>Broadband and Mobile phone coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Explore the variety of services offered by current providers</li> <li>. Investigate alternative providers</li> </ul>	<p>Following the roll-out of this project, we see an opportunity to develop a “Digital Hub” within the community whereby this facility will be available to all for fast broadband use, form filing services with Tea/Coffee service available.</p>	<p>Our plans to develop a Community Broadband service to certain areas where there is little or no broadband cover are at a very crucial stage at present. The plans had been finalized, however difficulties arose in the purchase of the Broadband from the agreed suppliers. We are now in negotiations with the supplier, Leader and Minister Ring to see if alternative arrangements can be put in place. This renders our project subject to seeking an extension from Leader to allow us further time to complete the project.</p>
Priority 5	<p>Develop Banking Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Research options to have a 24hr ATM in Louisburgh</li> </ul>	<p>All avenues have been taken to review the possibility of a 24 hour ATM, however, no banking institution or Credit Union are willing to supply one to the area. There are two situated in shops which are available from 7am.-11pm. during the Summer and from 7am. In the winter to 8pm.</p>	<p>Public demand seems to have altered over the last two years and it seems as if those facilities which are in place in Louisburgh are sufficient for the majority of people using banking and post office services.</p>

Theme 3	Village Enhancement, Roads and Parking	Achievements /Developments	Plans for 2018 - 2022
Priority 1	<p>Regulate and develop parking facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Identify possible location for central town car park</li> <li>. Explore ways of developing parking and turning facilities at Primary School</li> <li>. Identify locations for coach tour parking</li> </ul>	<p>A plan for the future of Louisburgh will be drawn up with the help of Municipal District Members. Possible areas suitable for parking will be researched and development of these will be considered.</p>	<p>LCF and Mayo Co. Co. are actively engaged in discussions regarding the provision of a car park and the development of a River walk. These are at very early stages and need to be followed up very carefully to allow for negotiations with land owners.</p>

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Priority 2	<p>Restart Tidy Towns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Restart the Tidy Towns Group with representatives from all groups including youth</li> <li>. Identify litter black spot areas that will need special attention</li> </ul>	<p>We will continue to involve the community wherever possible in any new initiatives chosen by the committee. Greater emphasis will be put on protecting our environment and Housing Estates will be encouraged to develop and improve their residents' groups to encourage greater care of public areas within their estates. Working with members of the school communities in Louisburgh we hope to have various ongoing projects in place which will continue to emphasise the importance of "Caring for the place we live".</p> <p>LCF will encourage local people and businesses to minimise the use of sprays, fertilizers, and other chemicals which endanger various native species of flora and fauna.</p>	<p>The Tidy Towns Committee has been very successful in the past year and plans to include further participation of the community, local groups and planners have brought a new vibrancy to the group. The development of the South Clew Bay Nature Forum will strengthen local participation and brings with it a wealth of knowledge which will help promote many new projects in the general area. The Pollinator and Biodiversity Plans are being studied and worked on by the groups.</p>
Priority 3	<p>Lobby for Road Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. The Westport to Louisburgh road R335, Louisburgh to Killeen L1829, Killeen to Thallabawn L1830, road to Roonagh Pier R378.55 all are in need of surface work, maintenance and upgrading. Widen the road to the Primary School and provide a turning point.</li> </ul>	<p>We intend to continue to lobby for the resurfacing and improvement of roads which have been identified and have not yet been done.</p>	<p>We continue to lobby our local politicians to improve our local roads and amenities. We will focus on the main road to Westport for the coming year, as areas of this are very dangerous, especially after the Old Head Crossroads. The widening of the road behind the Grotto is under negotiation at present. LCF plan to have this completed by late Spring 2019 with the help of Mayo Co. Co. and local business interests in the general area.</p>
Priority 4	<p>Lobby for Footpaths, Lighting and Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Work with Mayo County Council to replace/upgrade signage in the area.</li> </ul>	<p>Efforts will be made to discourage the use of sandwich boards at the square as these are a danger to the public and are extremely unsightly.</p>	<p>Our applications to improve the footpaths at the square have been rejected under the Village Enhancement scheme. Sections of</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Extend footpaths from the town to Corrib Fuel Station and on to the Old Head crossroads. Look at additional lighting needs in the area</li> </ul>	<p>LCF will continue to liaise with Mayo County Council to erect the new signage.</p> <p>LCF have requested a directional sign for Roonagh Pier at the Carramore Crossroads and will continue to lobby for this.</p>	<p>the existing path have been repaired following a number of accidents involving the elderly. We are currently in discussion with Mayo Co. Co. to provide suitable signage in the town for the 2019 Spring/Summer seasons.</p>
KENPriority 5	<p>Improve Town Image</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Consult with owners of derelict buildings to see what incentive would encourage change</li> <li>. Consult with Mayo County Council about “Pop-up-shop” system</li> </ul>	<p>A continuation of our efforts to improve the approach roads to Louisburgh will be planned for 2018 onwards. Our aim is to manage the organised care of these areas under the community Rural Social Scheme and Tidy Town's Groups into the future. Long term plans have not been decided upon as yet. We aim that over the next few years there will be no uncared for house or business premises within the town, whether it is occupied or not.</p>	<p>Louisburgh has enjoyed some extra development in the business area, however due to some planning issues the opening has been delayed until Spring of 2019. Many houses and businesses have been painted recently and new emphasis is being put on more suitable planting of shrubs and flowers to allow for more successful and longer flowering times. We will continue to follow those derelict houses to try to make them more pleasing to the eye.</p>

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Priority 1	<p>Expand Recycling and Waste Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Consult with Mayo County Council about further developing the recycle area and expanding the range of items</li> <li>. Explore the possibility for a local contractor to bring recycle material to Newport</li> <li>. Residents could look at composting bins for garden waste</li> <li>. Explore the need for a central collection point and compactor</li> </ul>	<p>The whole area of recycling and management of Waste materials has not been undertaken by LCF as yet. We plan to focus on these areas in the coming years.</p>	<p>A new Sustainable Energy Project has been undertaken by LCF. We are beginning an audit in the area to draw up a Master Plan which will bring savings to all homes, businesses and public buildings in the area. Both Killeen and Louisburgh Community Futures are working together with this Project. Energy use will be our first element and recycling will be focussed on in 2019.</p>
Priority 2	<p>Create a Community Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Procure a plot for a community garden</li> <li>. Develop a garden with emphasis on organic produce</li> <li>. Encourage sales of produce locally</li> </ul>	<p>The creation of the “Sally Garden” as mentioned above is in the planning stages and will go to Leader early in 2018 where it will be considered for grant aid.</p>	<p>The RSS Scheme have 2 Poly Tunnels which are used to organize the display of flowers around Louisburgh during the Summer months. This year the TUS employee is putting into place a propagation plan and promoting a central composting area to help support the provision of plants and flowers for next year.</p>
Priority 3	<p>Extend Water Supply from Westport to Louisburgh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Consult with Mayo County Council and Irish Water about extending the water supply from Westport to Louisburgh</li> </ul>	<p>We aim to initiate a local working group to focus on the enhancement of our water supply in the area. Much scientific knowledge will be necessary in order to query what would be a good water supply, other than what we now have. Therefore, we will attempt to garner expertise within the area but also professional expertise which may have to be funded. Perhaps this group might prepare a plan which would require a public funding grant.</p>	<p>LCF and The Murrisk, Lecanvey Groups have been working together to gain a new water-mains from Westport to Louisburgh. The groups have come to a point where a Group Water Scheme will be created including members from all areas between Westport and Louisburgh to try to further this aim. We have gained the support of Mayo Co. Co. and Minister Ring in this matter and look forward to furthering this project in 2019-22</p>
Priority 4	Develop Alternative and Renewable Energy	We will attempt to focus on extending	The Master Plan which will be

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Explore the options for wind turbines for both community and individual households</li> <li>. Investigate the development of wave energy on the coast</li> <li>. Look at the feasibility of sustainable lighting and “Zero Emissions” for Louisburgh Community</li> <li>. Consult with other communities</li> </ul>	<p>the promotion of more sustainable lighting in households .... energy saving bulbs and use of timers/sensor lighting where possible (in new builds)</p>	<p>created for our area may include suggestions for alternative and renewable energy suggestions. We will remain open to all suggestions and follow them with interest depending on the local decisions to be made in the future.</p> <p>To Date a project has been completed, which saw the upgrading of the heating systems and insulation of 5 Houses for the Elderly as you approach Louisburgh from Westport. These developments have seen a decrease of 3 tonnes of CO2 emissions and saved nearly 40 MWh of energy per annum.</p>
<b>Theme 5</b>	<b>Access to Services</b>	<b>Achievements /Developments</b>	<b>Plans for 2018 - 2022</b>
Priority 1	<p>Support Order of Malta 24/7 services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Consult with HSE and Order of Malta to draw up plans</li> <li>. Lobby local politicians</li> <li>. Hold fundraising events</li> </ul>	<p>LCF will support and promote projects which the Order of Malta take on board in the future.</p>	<p>At present we are at the early stages of widening a road to allow for freer access and exit for the Order of Malta ambulance service. We liaised with them and members of Mayo Co. Co to plan the design of the Grotto area to help with their needs. This project will be completed by late Spring 2019.</p>
Priority 2	<p>Review Bus Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Review bus services to Westport and Killeen</li> <li>. Liaise with private operators to see if they can augment services</li> </ul>	<p>Should public demand prove positive in the future, then the provision of bus on a particular day or days may be organised to facilitate the</p>	<p>No new development here except the provision of a new Bus Stop outside the Hall where people can safely exit the bus. We are still trying to move the official Bus</p>

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		demand.	Stop to this particular area where a shelter may be provided at a later date.
Priority 3	<p>Research Services and Activities for Older People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Review current services and activities and draw up plans</li> <li>. Look at needs for more community housing</li> <li>. Investigate the need for a respite centre</li> <li>. Explore ways to include youth in activities with older people</li> </ul>	<p>This will activate in the latter half of 2018.</p> <p>Foroige are planning to paint a map of Louisburgh as a help to tourists when they arrive in Louisburgh. Following the completion of this project, all Youth groups will be approached with a request to devise a way of becoming involved with the elderly or providing supports/help/projects for their benefit.</p>	<p>The Energy Saving Project completed for the Housing for the Elderly has been very successful, as the Project Management was taken over by a member of LCF, a retired engineer. The cost of undertaking this project was halved as a result, thus making it a viable proposition for the Housing Group.</p> <p>The roll out of our SEC Master Plan will inevitably help all age groups, but especially the elderly, living alone.</p>
Priority 4	<p>Develop Garda and Community Safety Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Restart Community Alert</li> <li>. Lobby to have an increase of Garda presence in Louisburgh</li> <li>. Look at feasibility of installing CCTV in various locations around the community</li> </ul>	<p>Community alert has been restarted and is working well alongside a Phone Alert.</p> <p>We have identified one area that may need CCTV but have been informed by members of the Council that it would not be feasible to install there. We will look further into this area in the future.</p>	<p>The demand for the development of more security measures has seemed to lessen lately. We plan to have an Open Day in January where residents and visitors to the community can vote, stating their priorities for the area. We will be guided by this into the future.</p>
Priority 5	<p>Emergency Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Consult with Mayo County Council on the reinstatement of a Fire Service for the area</li> <li>. Look for appropriate sites for a helipad and consult the relevant agencies</li> </ul>	<p>No work done on this subject yet. The local GAA Pitch has been used as a helipad for emergency cases and will continue to be available into</p>	<p>Fire/Emergency Services from Westport supply the needs of the area and there are no immediate plans to create a local supply. We will be advised by the public in</p>

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