

WHAT DOES KILFENORA WANT?

Bear in mind what's proposed for Kilfenora in the County Development Plan 2023-9

- General – become a more sustainable community (*population has declined, yet E'mon expands*)
- Economic development – encourage growth of service businesses and tourism; provision of infrastructure to enable future growth
- Housing – reference to both new housing and redevelopment of empty & derelict buildings
- Tourism – develop Kilfenora's attractions as a gateway to the Burren, including music heritage
- Kilfenora Square – retain usefulness for parking but also improve attractiveness as a focal point

All very general points that we would agree with. But these need to be turned into tangible action.

Help so far

We welcome the support we have started to get regarding grants, including for repair of the Cathedral, new Burren Centre exhibition, sustainable energy project. And we hope that we get the new village identity and visitor info signs paid for.

Suggested points (from the draft Kilfenora strategy)

- **Formal recognition of Kilfenora – along with other Burren villages – as an important Irish visitor destination, requiring bigger share of investment.** N Clare is about so much more than the Cliffs and overcrowded WAW. Give us the marketing/other investment needed to promote and develop our attractions (inc Cathedral, crosses, well). We used to have numerous shops (inc 3 craft shops), and could so again if we had the footfall.
- **Other locations including Ennistymon have benefited from a formal 'Masterplan' development process, with expert input (10s of thousand of euros invested via the Council) – why not Kilfenora too? That would help drive a range of improvements.**

And specifically, can we get firm Council (and Failte Ireland) support for....??

- **New plan for the Square – make Kilfenora one of most attractive villages in Ireland, and the best launch point for cycling and walking in the Burren**
- **Bus parking – bus park in Vaughans yard, pick up and drop off in the Square**
- **Create a safe environment for community and visitors to walk – move speed limits to the real village boundaries.** Note - currently cars speed through Kilfenora not knowing where they are!
- **Essential visitor services - electric charging point in the Square, extend wifi throughout the village to support use of visitor information app.**
- **Investment in Kilfenora as a music centre**
- **Restore the Kilfenora Digital Hub.** (We believe there is a usable building.)
- **Increase graveyard provision – we are running out of space.**
- **Anything else????**