West Limerick Resources

Review of the National Rural Development Programme 2000-2006

Athbhreithniú ar an gAn Clár Náisiúnta Forbartha Tuaithe 2000-2006

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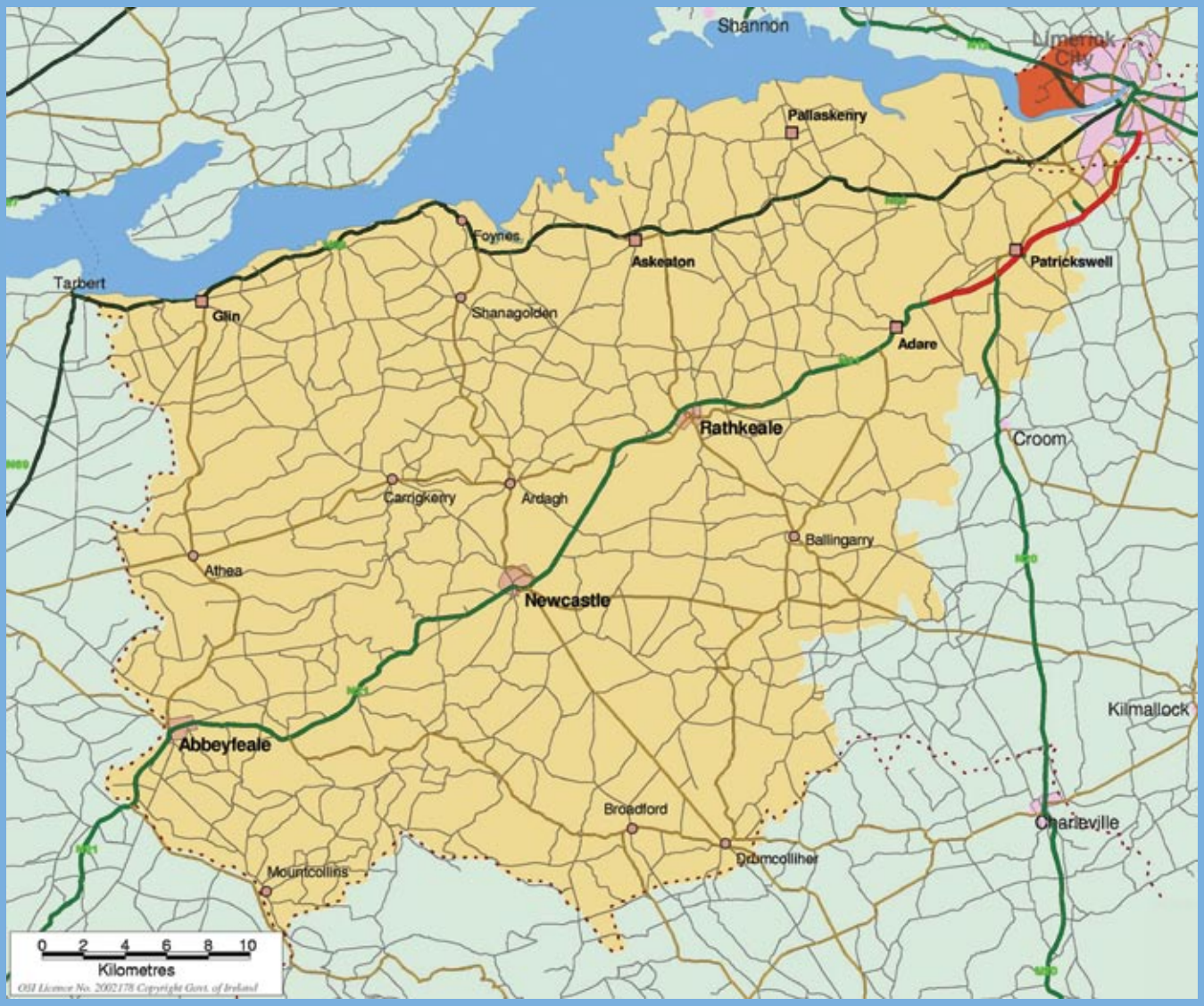

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West Limerick Resources

Chairpersons Address

As Chairwoman of West Limerick Resources Ltd., I am honoured to present this review of the National Rural Development Programme for the period 2000 – 2006.

The National Rural Development Programme is just one of many programmes administered by our company that aims to achieve positive change in the lives of people and groups in West Limerick.

Other programmes administered by our company include the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme, the Rural Social Scheme, the Rural Employment Service, the FAS Jobs Club, the Millennium Partnership Fund, the MILAT Programme, the Migrant Support programme and the Volunteer Support Programme. On your behalf and on behalf of the Board of West Limerick Resources Ltd., I would like to thank our present manager Shay Riordan and former managers John Gallagher and Brenda Cahill for the successful parts they played in securing these programmes. I would also like to commend former chairmen, Sean Liston of Knockaderry Community Council, John Fitzgerald of Golden Vale/IBEC and Willie O'Regan of Teagasc. Their work has ensured that today West Limerick Resources Ltd is a successful rural partnership company that has advanced its mission of building a strong and inclusive community in West Limerick. All this, however, would not have been possible without our dedicated support staff and I would equally like to thank them, both past and present, for their tireless work in researching, preparing submissions and administering programmes for the benefit of our community.

The Board of Directors, that run our company today, comprises first and foremost of the Community Sector with voluntary representatives from the Newcastle West, Estuary, Abbeyfeale and Rathkeale areas; the statutory sector with representatives from FÁS, Shannon Development, the County Enterprise Board, the Department of Social and Family Affairs, the County Development Board, Teagasc and the Mid Western Health Board; The public representative sector from Limerick County Council; and the Social Partnership sector with representatives from IBEC, ICTU, Social Issues and the Agricultural Sector. I would like to thank all my present colleagues on the board of West Limerick Resources, the Project Appraisal Committee and members past for their genuine interest, shared expertise, time, commitment and vision in ensuring our company is strategically placed going forward.

I would also like to thank a group of people to whom West Limerick Resources Ltd owe a great debt of gratitude. They spent endless nights drawing up plans, consulting communities etc. They focused on ensuring that our area of West Limerick, which had lost out on Leader I funding, would not lose out on Leader II (now known as the NRDP). This group of people, that put the proposal together over 10 years ago, consisted of representatives from the statutory and social partnership groups mentioned above and gave over and above of their roles at the time. This was nothing compared to the contribution made by voluntary community representatives at the time who provided the substance necessary to ensure our area of West Limerick was successful in securing Leader II funding. Thank you all for your vision and endurance.

Our company of West Limerick Resources has achieved a lot and now we are entering a time of great opportunity with more funding and programmes available than ever before. To achieve real value for money however I believe we need to stay mindful that it is the community that is best placed to put forward its own needs and that it will always be us the community who will provide the answer to our local development. To this end we will be setting up working groups in various areas, producing booklets on funding available and endeavouring to keep the community of West Limerick updated on what we can do for you. I welcome your views on the work of the company and I would like individuals, the community and interest groups to contact us if you have plans for the future, are interested in becoming involved in the company or just require information about funding or support available. West Limerick was founded to and is there to support you.

Mary Quaid

Mar Chathaoirleach ar West Limerick Resources Ltd., is mór an onóir dom an t-athbhreithniú seo ar an gClár Náisiúnta Forbartha Tuaithe don tréimhse 2000 - 2006 a chur i láthair.

Tá an Clár Náisiúnta Forbartha Tuaithe ar cheann amháin de go leor clár arna riaradh ag ár gcuideachta a bhfuil mar aidhm aige athrú dearfach i saol daoine agus grúpaí in Iarthar Luimnigh a bhaint amach.

Teachtaireacht an Chathaoirligh

Áirítear ar chláir eile a riarann ár gcuideachta an Clár Uilechuimsitheachta Sóisialta Forbartha Áitiúil, Scéim Shóisialta na Tuaithe, Seirbhís Fhostaíochta na Tuaithe, Club Jabanna FÁS, Ciste Comhpháirtíochta na Mílaoise, an Clár MILAT, clár Tacaíochta d'Imircigh agus an Clár Tacaíochta Deonach. Thar do cheannsa agus thar ceann Bhord West Limerick Resources Ltd., ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis an mbainisteoir atá againn faoi láthair, Shay Riordan agus leis na bainisteoirí a bhí againn cheana, John Gallagher agus Brenda Cahill as chomh maith is ar éirigh leo na cláir sin a fháil. Ba mhaith liom na hiar-chathaoirligh a mholadh chomh maith; Sean Liston ó Chomhairle Phobail Chnoc an Doire, John Fitzgerald ó Golden Vale/IBEC agus Willie O'Regan ó Theagasc. Chinntigh a gcuid oibre gur cuideachta compháirtíochta tuaithe rathúil atá i West Limerick Resources Ltd a bhfuil dul chun cinn déanta aici ó thaobh a misean de phobal láidir agus uilechuimsitheach a thógáil in Iarthar Luimnigh. Ní fhéadfaí an méid sin uile a bhaint amach gan ár bhfoireann tacaíochta tiomanta, áfach, agus ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leo, freisin, idir dhaoine atá ann anois agus a bhí ann cheana, as a gcuid oibre tiomanta maidir le taighde, aighneachtaí a ullmhú agus cláir a riaradh chun leasa ár bpobail.

Tá an Bord Stiúrthóirí a reáchtálann ár gcuideachta inniu comhdhéanta ar dtús den Earnáil Phobail le hionadaithe deonacha ó cheantair an Chaisleáin Nua Thiar, an Inbhir, Mhainistir na Féile agus and Ráth Caola; an earnáil reachtúil le hionadaithe ó FÁS, ó Fhorbairt na Sionna, ón mBord Fiontair Contae, ón Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh, ón mBord Forbartha Contae, Teagasc agus ó Bhord Sláinte an Mheán-Iarthair; earnáil na n-ionadaithe poiblí ó Chomhairle Chontae Luimnigh; agus an earnáil Comhpháirtíochta le hionadaithe ó IBEC, ICTU, Social Issues agus an earnáil Talmhaíochta. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le mo chomhghleacaithe reatha go léir ar bhord West Limerick Resources, ar Choiste Measúnaithe an Tionscadail agus le comhaltaí a bhí ann cheana as an bhfíor-spéis a léirigh siad agus as a gcuid saineolais, ama, tiomantais agus físe a roinnt maidir lena chinntiú go mbeadh ár gcuideachta suite go straitéiseach agus í ag tabhairt aghaidh ar an todhchaí.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil freisin le grúpa daoine a bhfuil West Limerick Resources Ltd go mór faoina gcomaoin. Is iomaí oíche a chaith siad ag leagan amach pleananna, ag dul i dteagmháil le pobail, srl. Dhírigh siad ar a chinntiú nach gcaillfeadh ár gceantar, Luimneach Thiar, amach ar Leader II (ar a dtugtar an NRDP anois), mar a chailleamar amach ar mhaoiniú Leader I. Bhí an grúpa daoine sin, a chuir an togra le chéile breis agus 10 bliain ó shin, comhdhéanta d'ionadaithe ó na grúpaí reachtúla agus comhpháirtíochta a luadh thuas agus rinne siad i bhfad níos mó ná mar a d'éiligh a gcuid rólanna ag an am. Ní tada sin le hais an méid a rinne ionadaithe pobail dheonacha ag an am, a sholáthair an bunús riachtanach lena chinntiú go n-éireodh lenár gceantar, Luimneach Thiar, maoiniú Leader II a fháil. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur gcuid físe agus seasmhachta.

Tá go leor leor bainte amach ag ár gcuideachta, West Limerick Resources, agus táimid ag tosú amach anois ar thréimhse lán le deiseanna, le níos mó maoinithe agus clár ar fáil ná mar a bhí riamh cheana. Chun fíor luach ar airgead a bhaint amach, áfach, creidim go mbeidh orainn a mheabhrú i gcónaí gurb é an pobal is fearr a bhíonn in ann a riachtanais a féin a léiriú agus gur muid féin, an pobal, i gcónaí a sholáthróidh an freagra ar ár bhforbairt áitiúil. Chuige sin, beimid ag cur grúpaí oibre ar bun i gceantair éagsúla, beimid ag cur amach leabhráin faoin maoiniú atá ar fáil agus déanfaimid iarracht pobal Luimnigh Thiar a choimeád cothrom le dáta maidir leis an méid atáimid in ann a dhéanamh duitse. Fáiltím roimh do thuairimí ar obair na cuideachta agus is mian liom go ndéanfaidh daoine aonair, an pobal agus grúpaí leasa teagmháil linn má bhíonn pleananna agat don todhchaí, má bhíonn spéis agat a bheith páirteach sa chuideachta nó má tá eolas uait faoin maoiniú nó tacaíocht atá ar fáil. Bunaíodh West Limerick chun tacú leat agus déanfaidh sé amhlaidh.

Mary Quaid

Welcome

This report aims to provide a brief insight into the wide range of activity that has taken place in West Limerick over the duration of the National Rural Development Programme 2000-2006. It always proves a challenge for us to provide information and updates as to progress being made to the general public in West Limerick and we hope that this report manages to relay a sense of the significant achievements that have been made under the NRDP. Over the lifetime of the Programme we have seen and experienced significant changes and I believe we will continue to see change as a key feature of our work going forward. With change comes opportunity and it is how we as a Rural Development Organisation and as a broader community react to this change and make the most of the opportunities that present themselves is what is important and will shape the future of our area.

Internally as an organisation we have seen changes in the management and staff of the organisation with people departing to pursue other interests. From a West Limerick perspective we have seen the continued re-structuring of our rural communities with changes in farming taking place and increasing pressures for development of housing in many of our smaller towns and villages. The complete wind down of the Poultry processing sector and the increasing numbers of Migrant Workers choosing to live and work in our area would have been hard to envisage when preparing for the current programme in 1999 / 2000. The whole area of Environmentally Friendly initiatives and energy usage and production has emerged as a key area of concentration with many local individuals and businesses already identifying opportunities.

As you will see from this report there are already many examples of excellent projects undertaken by people in West Limerick ranging from Wood Briquette production and Commercial Composting to Miscanthus Growing and Poultry Bio-Mass Heat production, from Community Centre Building and extensions to the School of Music, from Free Range Pork and Farm House Cheese to Farmers Markets and Walking trails to community broadcasting to mention only a few!

I would like to thank all the members of the Board especially our former Chairperson Willie O'Regan and recently appointed Chairperson Mary Quaid for their continued support and giving of their time. Also thanks to all the Staff in WLR whose commitment and energy has helped make this Programme such a success.

Finally, as we look forward to the next programme, WLR have already commenced the process of preparing a new Rural Development Plan for the period 2007-2013 with a view to securing resources for the West Limerick area. We would very much welcome input into this Plan by individuals, communities and businesses so we can ensure the next programme is as relevant to needs of the West Limerick area as possible and would encourage you to make contact with us.

I hope you enjoy this report and that it demonstrates the level of activity that has taken place under the National Rural Development Programme 2000-2006.

Shay Riordan
Manager

Fáilte

Is é aidhm na tuarascála seo léargas gearr a thabhairt ar an raon leathan gníomhaíochtaí a tharla i Luimneach Thiar thar thréimhse an Chláir Náisiúnta Forbartha Tuaithe 2000-2006. Is dúshlán i gcónaí dúinn é eolas agus nuashonruithe a thabhairt maidir leis an dul chun cinn a bhíonn á dhéanamh ar mhaithe leis an bpobal i gcoitinne in Iarthar Luimnigh agus tá súil againn go n-éireoidh leis an tuarascáil seo blas de na gnóthachtálacha suntasacha a rinneadh faoin NRDP a chur in iúl. Thar shaolré an chláir chonacamar agus chuamar trí athruithe suntasacha agus creidim go bhfeicfimid athrú mar phríomhghné leanúnach dár gcuid oibre amach anseo. Tagann deiseanna le hathrú agus is í an tslí a bhfreagróimid don athrú seo, agus an tslí a mbainfimid leas as na deiseanna a thiocfaidh chun cinn, mar Eagraíocht Forbartha Tuaithe agus mar phobal níos leithne, an rud atá tábhachtach agus an rud a mbeidh tionchar aige ar thodhchaí ár gceantair.

Tá athruithe feicthe go hinmheánach againn mar eagraíocht, athruithe ar bhainistíocht agus ar fhoireann na heagraíochta, agus daoine ag fágáil chun tabhairt faoi leasanna eile. Ó pheirspictíocht Iarthar Luimnigh chonacamar athstruchtúrú leanúnach ar ár bpobail thuaithe, le hathruithe tagtha ar fheirmeoireacht agus níos mó brú maidir le tithíocht a fhorbairt in go leor dár mbailte níos lú agus dár sráidbhailte. Bheadh sé deacair a shamhlú, agus sinn ag pleanáil don chlár reatha i 1999/2000, an meath iomlán a tháinig ar an earnáil próiseála éanlaithe clóis agus an líon atá ag fás d'oibreoirí imirceacha atá ag roghnú cur fúthu agus oibriú sa cheantar sin againne. Tá an réimse iomlán de thionscnaimh a oireann don chomhshaol agus d'úsáid agus táirgeadh fuinnimh tar éis teacht chun cinn mar phríomhréimse dlúis, agus tá deiseanna á n-aithint ag go leor daoine aonair áitiúla agus gnólachta cheana féin.

Mar a fheicfidh tú ón tuarascáil seo, tá go leor samplaí ann cheana féin de thionscadail den scoth ar thug daoine in Iarthar Luimnigh fúthu, ó tháirgeadh Bhrícíní Adhmaid agus Múiríniú Tráchtála go dtí Miscanthus a Fhás agus táirgeadh Teasa Bithmhaise Éanlaithe Clóis, ó Ionaid Phobail agus Sínte a Thógáil go dtí Scoileanna Ceoil, ó Mhuiceoil Saor Raoin agus Cáis Feirme go dtí Margaí Feirmeoirí agus Siúlóidí go dtí craoltóireacht phobail, gan ach roinnt acu a lua!

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le ach comhalta den Bhord, go háirithe ár n-iar-chathaoirleach, Willie O'Regan, agus an Cathaoirleach a ceapadh le déanaí, Mary Quaid, as a dtacaíocht leanúnach agus as a gcuid ama a roinnt. Buíochas leis an bhFoireann go léir i WLR freisin, ar chabhraigh a dtiomantas agus a bhfuinneamh le rathúnas an Chláir seo.

Ar deireadh, agus sinn ag féachaint ar aghaidh go dtí an chéad chlár eile, tá tús curtha ag WLR cheana féin ar an bpróiseas maidir le Plean Forbartha Tuaithe nua a ullmhú don tréimhse 2007-2013 le súil agus acmhainní a dheimhniú do cheantar Iarthair Luimnigh. Chuirfimis fáilte mhór roimh ionchur sa Phlean seo ó dhaoine aonair, ó phobail agus ó ghnólachtaí, le gur féidir linn a chinntiú go mbeidh an chéad chlár eile chomh ábhartha do riachtanais cheantar Iarthair Luimnigh agus is féidir, agus iarraimid ort teagmháil a dhéanamh linn.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh tú sult as an tuarascáil seo agus go léireoidh sí an leibhéal gníomhaíochta a tharla faoin gClár Náisiúnta Forbartha Tuaithe 2000-2006.

Shay Riordan
Bainisteoir

West Limerick Community Radio

West Limerick Resources supported and assisted a group of individuals to make a successful application to the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland for a Community Sound Broadcasting Licence for the West Limerick area. As a community development organisation, West Limerick Resources believed that a community radio service had the potential to enhance the social and cultural lives of individuals and communities in West Limerick as a Community Radio Service it encourages discussion and debate on issues that affect the lives of the people in West Limerick and can play a significant role in strengthening the economic, social and cultural fabric of the area.

After successfully undertaking a pilot service the BCI granted a full Community Sound Broadcasting Licence for the West Limerick Area in June 2004. This was made possible through technical, training, capital and staff support provided by West Limerick Resources under the National Rural Development Programme.

West Limerick 102FM commenced broadcasting on the 6th May, 2005 and has the largest geographical franchise for a Community Radio in Ireland. The Community Radio presently has a core staff of 6 employees supported by up to 60 volunteers. The main broadcasting studio is based in Newcastle West with two outreach studios in Rathkeale and Abbeyfeale.

Community Radio provides a wonderful opportunity for all individuals/communities in the West Limerick area to air their views and debate the local and national issues that affect their lives. The Community Radio is a not for profit community service and its development and day to day broadcasting would not be possible without the large number of dedicated and hardworking volunteers.

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Raidió Pobail Iarthar Luimnigh

Thug Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh tacaíocht agus cúnamh do ghrúpa daoine maidir le hiarratas a chur go dtí Coimisiún Craolacháin na hÉireann, ag iarraidh Ceadúnas Craolacháin Pobail a fháil d'Iarthar Luimnigh, iarratas ar éirigh leis. Chreid Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, mar eagraíocht forbartha pobail, go bhféadfadh seirbhís raidió phobail cur go mór le saol sóisialta agus cultúrtha an duine aonair agus an phobail i gcoitinne in Iarthar Luimnigh toisc go spreagann Seirbhís Raidió Pobail cur agus cúiteamh ar cheisteanna a mbíonn tionchar acu ar shaol na ndaoine in Iarthar Luimnigh agus go bhféadfadh sé, leis, ról nach beag a bheith aige maidir le cúrsaí eacnamaíochta, sóisialta agus cultúrtha a neartú.

Tar éis dóibh tabhairt faoi sheirbhís thrialach, cheadaigh CCÉ Ceadúnas Craolacháin Pobail iomlán i gcás Cheantar Iarthar Luimnigh i Meitheamh 2004. A bhuíochas sin ag dul do thacaíocht theicniúil, oiliúna, chaipitil agus foirne a fuarthas ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh faoin gClár Náisiúnta Forbartha Tuaithe.

Thosaigh West Limerick 102FM ag craoladh an 6 Bealtaine, 2005 agus is acu atá an saincheadúnas geografach is mó i gcás Raidió Pobail in Éirinn. Tá seisear ar an bhfoireann chroíláir i láthair na huaire agus tá 60 oibrí deonach ag tacú leo. Tá an príomhstiúideo craolacháin bunaithe sa Chaisleán Nua agus tá dhá stiúideo for-rochtana i Ráth Caola agus i Mainistir na Féile.

Is iontach an deis é don uile dhuine/phobal in Iarthar Luimnigh a bheith ábalta a gcuid tuairimí a chur in iúl agus ceisteanna áitiúla agus náisiúnta a mbíonn tionchar acu ar a saoil a phlé ar Raidió Pobail. Ní ar mhaithe le brabúis a bunaíodh seirbhís an Raidió Pobail agus gan an líon mór oibrithe deonacha a bhíonn ag obair go dian dícheallach ní fhéadfaí í a fhorbairt ná a bheith ag craoladh ó lá go lá.

Loughill Resource Centre

Since the beginning of 2006, the pretty village of Loughill has become home to the first environmentally friendly community facility in the West Limerick area thanks to technical and financial support from West Limerick Resources and also due to the foresight and hard work of Loughill Development Association.

Up until 2005, Loughill did not have a community facility to meet the needs of the local community. The Development Association set about sourcing a site and developing plans for a new community facility. At the suggestion of West Limerick Resources, the Development Association were encouraged to investigate the possibility of using renewable energy technology in the new community centre. After undertaking some research the association opted to use a timber frame structure along with geo-thermal heat pumps. In its design and size the new facility meets the needs of the community and its population.

Since opening its doors, the new centre which fits snugly within the village is used by a variety of local groups and organisations as well as for a variety of activities from set dancing to card nights. Thanks to the work of the local community, the facility is debt free and its running costs are a fraction of those of traditional community centres due to the energy efficient technology utilised.

Ionad Acmhainní Loughill

Ó thosach na bliana 2006, tá saoráid phobail a oireann don chomhshaol lonnaithe i sráidbhaile bhreá Loughill, an chéad áis dá leithéid i gceantar Iarthair Luimnigh, a bhuíochas sin do thacaíocht theicniúil agus airgeadais a fuarthas ó Acmhainní Iarthar Luimnigh agus a bhuíochas, leis do shár-obair agus d'fhadbhreathnaitheacht Chumann Forbartha Loughill.

Ní raibh saoráid phobail i Loughill, roimh 2005, chun freastal ar riachtanais an phobail áitiúil. Chuaigh an Cumann Forbartha i mbun oibre, iad ag iarraidh teacht suas le suíomh agus iad ag iarraidh pleananna a fhorbairt maidir le saoráid nua phobail. Ar chomhairle ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, moladh don Chumann Forbartha féachaint a bhféadfaí teicneolaíocht an fhuinnimh in-athnuaite a úsáid san ionad pobail nua. Tar éis dóibh roinnt taighde a dhéanamh, bheartaigh an cumann struchtúr adhmaid a úsáid mar fhráma agus teaschaidéil gheoiteirmeacha a úsáid chomh maith. I gcás dearadh agus méid na forbartha, freastalaíonn an t-ionad nua ar riachtanais an phobail.

Ó osclaíodh é , tá an t-ionad, a luíonn go deas isteach leis an sráidbhaile, á úsáid ag grúpaí agus ag eagraíochtaí áitiúla éagsúla agus bíonn réimse de ghníomhaíochtaí ar siúl ann, rince seite agus oícheanta cártaí ina measc. Níl aon fhiacha ar an ionad, a bhuíochas sin do shár-obair an phobail áitiúil, agus is beag an costas a ghabhann le é a choimeád ag imeacht, ní hionann agus gnáth ionaid phobail eile, a bhuíochas sin don teicneolaíocht éifeachtúil fuinneamh atá á úsáid ann.

Glin Town Park
Páirc Phoiblí an Ghleanna

The picturesque village of Glin located along the scenic N69 coast road has an ideally located town park which looks out over the Estuary, has ample car parking and is adjacent to the tennis courts. The local community development association recognised the necessity to upgrade the town park to make it more user friendly as a recreational area both by the local community and by tourists and visitors. With financial support from West Limerick Resources, Glin Development Association were able to engage a landscape gardener to plant trees and shrubs and put in place new pathways, lighting, bollards and seating.

Following the success of this project, the group now have plans to further develop the town park and riverside area.

Is sráidbhaile álainn é An Gleann atá suite ar an N69, bóthar scéimhe cois cósta agus is breá an áit atá an pháirc phoiblí lonnaithe, ag féachaint amach ar an Inbhear, agus tá go leor spáis ann do ghluaisteáin agus í le hais na gcúirteanna leadóige. D'aithin an cumann forbartha pobail áitiúil go raibh sé riachtanach uasghrádú a dhéanamh ar an bpáirc phoiblí chun go mbeadh sí níos áisiúla mar áit áineasa don phobal áitiúil agus do chuairteoirí araon. Agus tacaíocht airgeadais faighte acu ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, bhí sé ar chumas Chumann Forbartha an Ghleanna garraíodóir tírdhreacha a fhostú chun crainn agus toir a chur agus cosáin nua a leagan síos chomh maith le soilsiú, mullaird agus suíocháin nua.

Toisc gur éirigh chomh maith sin leis an tionscadal, tá sé ar intinn anois ag an ngrúpa breis forbartha a dhéanamh ar an bpáirc phoiblí agus ar an gceantar cois abhann.

Great Southern Trail
Mórbhealach an Deiscirt

The Great Southern Trail is a unique 53 mile stretch of countryside in West Limerick/North Kerry. It was the route taken by the Limerick-Tralee railway line which opened in 1867 and closed in 1977.

GST Ltd, a local voluntary group recognised the value of this natural resource within the West Limerick area and the potential to develop this resource for an alternative use, while also preserving the natural history and local heritage associated with the railway line. With the support of West Limerick Resources, they have developed a number of sections of the old railway line into public walks, the longest of which runs from Abbeyfeale through Templeglantine to Barnagh. They have also developed a walk from Newcastle West to Ardagh and another walk at Barnagh Tunnel. The group is very conscious of the needs of those with disabilities and have as one their objectives that all the walking routes will eventually be disability accessible. The group has linked with local CE Schemes and the Rural Social Scheme to help maintain these walks.

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Is stráice de cheantar tuaithe suaithinseach é Mórbhealach an Deiscirt a shíneann 53 míle idir ceantar Iarthar Luimnigh/Chiarraí Thuaidh. B'é sin an bealach a lean bóthar iarainn Luimnigh-Thrá Lí tráth, a osclaíodh i 1867 agus a dúnadh arís i 1977.

D'aithin GST Ltd, grúpa deonach áitiúil, an fiúntas a bhain leis an acmhainn nádúrtha sin i gcás cheantar Iarthar Luimnigh agus d'aithin siad, leis, an acmhainneacht a bheadh inti chun úsáid eile a bhaint aisti, agus ag an am gcéanna go mbeadh stair an dúlra agus oidhreacht áitiúil an bhóthair iarainn á gcaomhnú. Le tacaíocht ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh tá slite siúlóide poiblí forbartha acu le hais roinnt stráicí den bhóthar iarainn, an ceann is sia acu sin ag dul ó Mhainistir na Féile, trí Theampall an Ghleanntáin, chomh fada le Barnagh. Tá slí siúlóide forbartha acu chomh maith ón gCaisleán Nua go hArdach agus ceann eile ag Tollán Barnagh. Tá an grúpa an-aireach faoi riachtanais na ndaoine atá faoi mhí-chumas agus is é ceann de na cuspóirí atá acu ná go mbeadh na slite siúlóide go léir curtha in oiriúint amach anseo do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas. Tá an grúpa ag oibriú go dlúth le Scéimeanna CE áitiúla agus leis an Scéim Sóisialta Tuaithe chun na slite siúlóide sin a chothabháil.

Jamie Sheehan is a part-time farmer from Templeglantine. Due to the decline in farming, he recognised the need to diversify and develop another sources of income. About five years ago, he started working part-time with his uncle who runs a successful decorative glass business. Through the training and knowledge he received from his uncle, Jamie recognised that he had the aptitude and artistic eye required to develop his own niche business in this sector.

Jamie Sheehan—Mirrorcoles

Jamie decided to specialise in two areas – original stained glass and the design and production of decorative glass products with an emphasis on quality finish and imaginative design. He attended a number of classes in glass painting and glass fusion to develop his skills further.

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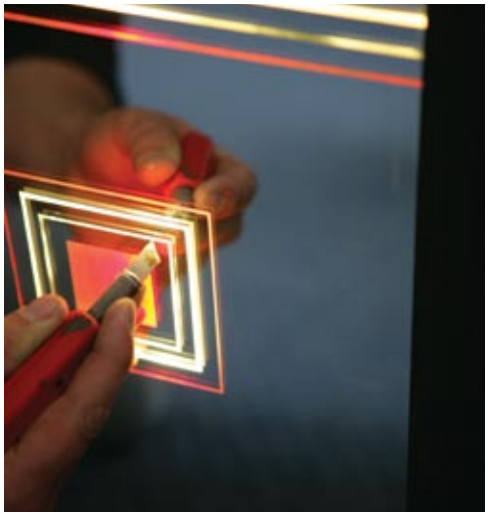
With the support of West Limerick Resources in the form of grant aid, Jamie set about converting an old stone building on the farm for use as a workspace and showroom as well as purchasing specialised equipment. While just over a year in business, Jamie is happy with the way in which the business has developed as he can easily combine it with working on the farm due to the fact that his workshop is located on the farm.

Is feirmeoir páirtaimseartha é Jamie Sheehan ó Theampall an Ghleanntáin. De dheasca an mheatha a tháinig ar an bhfeirmeoireacht, thuig sé go mbeadh sé riachtanach dul ar mhalairt treo agus foinsí ioncaim eile a fhorbairt. Tuairim is cúig bliana ó shin, thosaigh sé ag obair go páirtaimseartha lena uncail, fear a bhfuil gnólacht gloine ornáideach á rith aige, agus tá ag éirí go maith leis. Mar gheall ar an oiliúint agus an t-eolas a bhailigh sé óna uncail, thuig Jamie go raibh an inniúlacht agus an cumas ealaíne ann a bheadh riachtanach chun a ghnólacht nideoige féin a thosú san earnáil sin.



Bheartaigh Jamie go ndíreodh sé ar dhá réimse faoi leith – gloine dhaite úrnua agus dearadh agus táirgeadh earraí gloine ornáideacha le béim ar chríochnúlacht den scoth agus béim, leis, ar dhearadh cruthaitheach. D'fhreastail sé ar roinnt ranganna péinteála ghloine agus comhleá gloine chun cur lena chuid scileanna.

Le deontas ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, chuaigh Jamie i mbun oibre chun seanfhoirgneamh cloiche ar an bhfeirm a athchóiriú agus a chur i bhfearas mar cheardlann agus mar sheomra taispeántais agus cheannaigh sé trealamh ar leith chomh maith. Ag é i mbun gnó le os cionn bliana anuas, tá Jamie sásta leis an bhforbairt atá tagtha ar an ngnólacht toisc gur furasta do oibriú ar an bhfeirm ina theannta sin, mar gurb ann atá an ceardlann.

West Limerick Life & Lore

Saol agus Seanchas Iarthar Luimnigh

Abbeyfeale Historical Society recognised the need to preserve the rich oral and cultural history of the West Limerick area by recording its stories, music, song, dance and history. With the support of West Limerick Resources, the knowledge of the Abbeyfeale Historical Society and the participation of local people in communities from Abbeyfeale to Castlemahon and from Ballyhahill to Monagea, a media professional was commissioned to undertake the work. The result is a unique collection of over 40 CDs featuring local individuals and families. The full collection is housed in the Library in Abbeyfeale and is available to members of the public.

D'aithin Cumann Staire Mhainistir na Féile an gá a bhí le saibhreas béaloidis agus saibhreas stair chultúrtha Iarthar Luimnigh a chaomhnú trí thaifeadadh a dhéanamh ar scéalta, ar cheol, ar amhráin, ar rince agus ar stair na háite. Le tacaíocht ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, le cuir amach Chumann Staire Mhainistir na Féile agus le rannpháirtíocht mhuintir na háite idir Mainistir na Féile agus Castlemahon agus idir Baile Dhá Thuile agus Monagea, rinneadh coimisiúnú ar proitisúnach na meáin chumarsaide chun tabhairt faoin obair sin. Bailiúchán suaithinseach de 40 dlúthdhiosca agus os a chionn, ar a bhfuil daoine áitiúla agus teaghlaigh áitiúla, an toradh a bhí air sin ar fad. Tá an bailiúchán iomlán ar coimeád sa Leabharlann i Mainistir na Féile agus é ar fáil don phobal.

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In 2000, Marion Giltenane and Darren Murphy established the Croagh School of Music. Both Marion and Darren are highly qualified and accomplished musicians and teachers. They started with 60 students in 2000 and this had grown to 180 students by 2004. During this period, they were working from prefabricated buildings. Due to the shortage of space, they were restricted in the number of pupils they could facilitate.

In order to continue to grow their business, they recognised the need to develop a purpose built music school and performing arts space and with the support of West Limerick Resources, these young entrepreneurs were able to realize that ambition. In 2006, this modern facility opened its doors and now caters for approximately 450 students. Over time, the aim of Croagh School of Music is to provide the people of West Limerick with an opportunity to experience participatory music making, greater access to music and the arts and to highlight community music as a vibrant and dynamic force for all.

Sa bhliain 2000, bhunaigh Marion Giltenane agus Darren Murphy Scoil Cheoil Chróch. Is ceoltóirí agus múinteoirí an-chumasacha agus an-oilte iad beirt. Thosaigh siad amach sa bhliain 2000 agus 60 mac léinn faoina gcúram acu agus faoin mbliain 2004 bhí 180 mac léinn á múineadh acu. I gcaitheamh an ama sin, is i bhfoirgnimh réamhdhéanta a bhíodh na ranganna. Mar gheall ar an gceal spáis a bhí acu, ní fhéadfaidís ach líon áirithe mac léinn a thógaint sa turas.

D'fhonn cur lena ngnó, thuig siad go mbeadh sé riachtanach scoil cheoil saindhéanta a fhorbairt agus spás ann d'ealaíona taibhiúcháin agus le tacaíocht ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, bhí na fiontraithe óga sin ábalta an méid sin a thabhairt chun críche. I 2006, osclaíodh an t-ionad nua sin agus áis ann do thuairim is 450 mac léinn. Is é a bheidh mar aidhm, in imeacht ama, ag Scoil Cheoil Chróch ná deis a thabhairt do mhuintir Iarthar Luimnigh a bheith ag seinm ceoil, teacht níos mó a bheith acu ar an gceol agus ar na healaíona agus a chur ina luí ar dhaoine gur ábhar beo, bríomhar, fuinniúil é ceol don phobal.

Summary of Projects - National Rural Development Programme 2002-2006

Achoimre ar Thionscadail - Clár Náisiúnta Forbartha Tuaithe 2002-2006

Summary of Projects - National Rural Development Programme 2002-2006

Measure	Project Description	Funding
Training		
Project Name		
West Limerick Resources – Training for B&B Providers	Training in Food Hygiene for B&B Providers	2,426.60
West Limerick Festivals	Facilitated Training Sessions	1,760.00
Kathleen O' Shaughnessy	Diploma in Rural Development	3,591.00
Hazelwood College Transition Programme	Work Experience Training Programme	1,350.00
Pathfinders Agric. Discussion Group	Personal Development Training Programme	2,286.00
Community Radio Training	Media & Communications Training Programme for Volunteers	40,000.00
Women in Business Network – Newcastle West	Network Training Development Programme	2,500.00
West Limerick Resources – Renewable Energy Training	Renewable Energy Training Course for Farmers	5,368.00
Business Development Group NCW	Group Training Sessions to develop NCW & District Chamber of Commerce	1,000.00
West Limerick Resources – Agri–Tourism Seminar	Information Training Session on Agri Tourism	470.00
Patrickswell Community Council	Facilitation Training Programme	5,000.00
West Limerick Resources Ltd – Community Radio	Training for Volunteer Board Members of Community Radio	20,000.00
Kevin Dore	Diploma in Rural Development	3,920.00
West Limerick Resources – Tourism Training	Training in Marketing for Small Tourism Enterprise	10,500.00
Eimear Kelly	Diploma in Rural Development	5,600.00
Kathleen O' Shaughnessy	Degree in Rural Development	2,240.00
Castleside Macra Na Feirme	Personal Development Training Programme	540.00
West Limerick Resources – Tourism Training	Tourism Training Programme for New Entrants to Tourism Industry	16,200.00
West Limerick Resources –Community Radio Training	Media & Communications Training Programme for Volunteers	36,250.00
West Limerick Resources – Farmers Markets	Training in the Development of Farmers Markets	576.00
West Limerick Resources – Tourism Training	Training Course on Internet Marketing for Small Tourism Enterprise	2,480.00
West Limerick Resources – Familiarisation Training	Training for Staff of Tourist Offices/Tourist Information Point	800.00
West Limerick Resources – Youth Training Programme	Askeaton Youth Developmental Arts Training Programme	6,034.29
West Limerick Resources – Food Hygiene	Primary Food Hygiene Training Programmes	2,200.00
West Limerick Resources – Business Training	Start Up Business Training Programme	10,000.00
West Limerick Resources – Tourism Training Programme	Customer Care Training Programme	1,500.00
Caroline Rigney	Food Production Training Course	1,500.00
Biomass Heating Solutions Ltd	Technical Training Programme	6,787.50
West Limerick Resources – Newcastle West T.I.P	Training of Staff of Newcastle West Tourist Information Point	900.00
West Limerick Resources – Food Hygiene	Primary Food Hygiene Training Programme	1,180.00
		194,959.39

Beart	Tuairisc ar Tionscadal	Maoiniú
Oiliúint		
Ainm an Tionscadail		
West Limerick Resources – Oiliúint do Sholáthróirí B&B	Oiliúint i Sláinteachas Bia do Sholáthróirí B&B	2,426.60
Féilte Luimnigh Thiar	Seisiúin Oiliúna Éascaithe	1,760.00
Kathleen O' Shaughnessy	Dioplóma i bhForbairt Tuaithe	3,591.00
Clár Idirthréimhse Choláiste Hazelwood	Clár Oiliúna Thaithí Oibre	1,350.00
Grúpa Díospóireachta Talmhaíochta Pathfinders	Clár Oiliúna Forbartha Pearsanta	2,286.00
Oiliúint i Raidió Pobail	Clár Oiliúna na Meán & Cumarsáide d'Oibrithe Deonacha	40,000.00
An Líonra Mná i nGnó – An Caisleán Nua	Clár Forbartha Oiliúna Gréasáin	2,500.00
West Limerick Resources – Oiliúint i bhFuinneamh Inathnuaite	Cúrsaí Oiliúna d'Fheirmeoirí ar Fhuinneamh Inathnuaite	5,368.00
Grúpa Forbartha Gnó NCW	Seisiúin Oiliúna Grúpa chun NCW & Cumann Lucht Tráchtála Ceantair a fhorbairt	1,000.00
West Limerick Resources – Seimineár Turasóireachta Talmhaíochta	Seisiún Oiliúna Faisnéise ar Thurasóireacht Talmhaíochta	470.00
Comhairle Pobail Thobar Phádraig	Clár Oiliúna Éascaithe	5,000.00
West Limerick Resources Ltd – Raidió Pobail	Oiliúint do Chomhaltaí Boird Deonacha Raidió Pobail	20,000.00
Kevin Dore	Dioplóma i bhForbairt Tuaithe	3,920.00
West Limerick Resources – Oiliúint Turasóireachta	Oiliúint sa Mhargaíocht do Mhionfhiontair Turasóireachta	10,500.00
Eimear Kelly	Dioplóma i bhForbairt Tuaithe	5,600.00
Kathleen O' Shaughnessy	Céim i bhForbairt Tuaithe	2,240.00
Macra Na Feirme Castleside	Clár Oiliúna Forbartha Pearsanta	540.00
West Limerick Resources – Oiliúint Turasóireachta	Clár Oiliúna Turasóireachta d'Iontrálaithe Nua sa Tionscal Turasóireachta	16,200.00
West Limerick Resources – Oiliúint Raidió Pobail	Clár Oiliúna na Meán & Cumarsáide d'Oibrithe Deonacha	36,250.00
West Limerick Resources – Margaí Feirmeoirí	Oiliúint i bhForbairt Margaí Feirmeoirí	576.00
West Limerick Resources – Oiliúint Turasóireachta	Cúrsa Oiliúna ar Mhargaíocht Idirlín do Mhionfhiontair Turasóireachta	2,480.00
West Limerick Resources – Oiliúint Ionduchtaithe	Oiliúint d'Fhoirne Oifigí Turasóireachta /Phointe Eolais do Thurasóirí	800.00
West Limerick Resources – Clár Oiliúna don Óige	Clár Oiliúna Ealaíon Forbartha don Óige Eas Géitine	6,034.29
West Limerick Resources – Sláinteachas Bia	Cláir Oiliúna i Sláinteachas Bia Príomhúil	2,200.00
West Limerick Resources – Oiliúint Ghnó	Clár Oiliúna chun Gnó a Thosú	10,000.00
West Limerick Resources – Clár Oiliúna Turasóireachta	Clár Oiliúna i gCúram Custaiméirí	1,500.00
Caroline Rigney	Clár Oiliúna i dTáirgeadh Bia	1,500.00
Biomass Heating Solutions Ltd	Clár Oiliúna Teicniúil	6,787.50
West Limerick Resources – T.I.P An Chaisleáin Nua	Oiliúint a chur ar Fhoireann Phointe Eolais do Thurasóirí An Chaisleáin Nua	900.00
West Limerick Resources – Sláinteachas Bia	Cláir Oiliúna i Sláinteachas Bia Príomhúil	1,180.00
		194,959.39

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Measure	Project Description	Funding
Analysis & Development		
Project Name		
Templeglantine Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann	Development of prototype music book for National School Curriculum	7,500.00
Kilmeedy Dev. Group Ltd	Development Plan for Community Resource Centre	7,356.06
Croagh Community Council	Development Plan for Croagh Village	4,640.00
West Limerick Resources Ltd – Community Radio	Report on the technical requirements for West Limerick Community Radio	7,200.00
Joe Hogan	Feasibility Study on the Commercial Potential of Miscanthus	7,500.00
Newcastle West Community Centre	Technical Support for development of Community Centre	7,500.00
Tadhg Keating Coaches	Feasibility Study on the development of coach tours	1,150.00
Kileedy Community Group	Development Plan for Kileedy	3,200.00
NCW & District Chamber of Commerce	Development of a web-site	3,960.00
West Limerick Resources Ltd	Evaluation Report on the Development of the Community Radio	4,000.00
Desmond Ability Resource Complex	Plan for the operation of the Desmond Complex	4,860.00
West Limerick Resources Ltd	Review & Evaluation of the National Rural Development Programme	3,000.00
Chawke & Moran Ltd	Development of Prototype Product	7,500.00
Colman Deely	Development Plan for Composting Facility	2,000.00
Biomass Heating Solutions Ltd	Development of technical plans for new unit	7,500.00
Ballingarry Community Council	Environmental Plan for Ballingarry Town Park	2,240.00
Pathfinders Agricultural Discussion Group	Development Plan	3,200.00
Vincent Sheehan Gourmet Foods	Feasibility Study on the development of a food business	3,500.00
WLR – Review & Analysis of Activities	Programme Review	10,009.99
		97,816.05

Innovative Rural & Craft Enterprises & Local Services		
Project Name		
Inisross Wood Craft	Equipment for craft enterprise	2,621.01
Development of Business Networks in Newcastle West	Facilitation for the development of business networks	300.00
MC Events	Start-up marketing support	2,889.83
International Celtic School of Languages	Development of recreational facilities	64,459.00
Croagh School of Music – M Giltenane	Development of School of Music Facility	100,000.00
Jamie Sheehan – Decorative Glass	Workshop and equipment for craft enterprise	20,336.50
Ann Murphy Outside Catering Service	Development of Food Production Unit	15,917.50
Limerick Show 2005	Stand at Limerick Show to showcase local crafts	200.00
Michael O'Mahoney Kennels	Construction of Licenced Breeding Kennels	36,650.00
Tom & Dermot Fenton T/A Garden Zone	Development of web based garden centre	7,000.00
		250,373.84

Beart	Tuairisc ar Tionscadal	Maoiniú
Anailís & Forbairt		
Ainm an Tionscadail		
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Theampall an Ghleanntáin	Leabhar ceoil fréamhshamhla a fhorbairt don Churaclam Náisiúnta Scoile	7,500.00
Kilmeedy Dev. Group Ltd	Plean Forbartha d'Ionad Acmhainní Pobail	7,356.06
Comhairle Pobail Chróch	Plean Forbartha do Shráidbhaile Chróch	4,640.00
West Limerick Resources Ltd – Raidió Pobail	Tuarascáil ar riachtanais teicniúla do Raidió Pobail Luimnigh Thiar	7,200.00
Joe Hogan	Staidéar Féidearthachta ar Phoitéinseal Tráchtála Miscanthus	7,500.00
Ionad Pobail An Chaisleáin Nua	Tacaíocht Teicniúil chun Ionad Pobail a fhorbairt	7,500.00
Tadhg Keating Coaches	Staidéar Féidearthachta ar thurais cóistí a fhorbairt	1,150.00
Grúpa Pobail Kileedy	Plean Forbartha do Kileedy	3,200.00
Cumann Lucht Tráchtála NCW & a Cheantair	Láithreán gréasáin a fhorbairt	3,960.00
West Limerick Resources Ltd	Tuarascáil Meastóireachta ar Fhorbairt an Raidió Phobail	4,000.00
Desmond Ability Resource Complex	Plean maidir le hoibriú an Desmond Complex	4,860.00
West Limerick Resources Ltd	Athbhreithniú & Meastóireacht ar an gClár Forbartha Tuaithe Náisiúnta	3,000.00
Chawke & Moran Ltd	Táirge Fréamhshamhla a Fhorbairt	7,500.00
Colman Deely	Plean Forbartha do Shaoráid Múirínithe	2,000.00
Biomass Heating Solutions Ltd	Pleananna teicniúla d'aonad nua a fhorbairt	7,500.00
Comhairle Pobail Bhaile an Gharraí	Plean Comhshaoil do Pháirc an Bhaile, Baile an Gharraí	2,240.00
Grúpa Díospóireachta Talmhaíochta Pathfinders	Plean Forbartha	3,200.00
Vincent Sheehan Gourmet Foods	Staidéar Féidearthachta ar ghnó bia a fhorbairt	3,500.00
WLR – Athbhreithniú & Anailís ar Ghníomhaíochtaí	Athbhreithniú Cláir	10,009.99
		97,816.05

Fiontair Tuaithe & Ceardaíochta Nuálacha & Seirbhísí Áitiúla		
Ainm an Tionscadail		
Inisross Wood Craft	Trealamh d'fhiontar ceardaíochta	2,621.01
Líonraí Gnó sa Chaisleán Nua a Fhorbairt	Éascaíocht maidir le líonraí gnó a fhorbairt	300.00
MC Events	Tacaíocht margaíochta ag an gcéim Tosaithe	2,889.83
International Celtic School of Languages	Saoráidí áineasa a fhorbairt	64,459.00
Croagh School of Music – M Giltenane	Saoráid Scoil Cheoil a fhorbairt	100,000.00
Jamie Sheehan – Decorative Glass	Ceardlann agus trealamh d'fhiontar ceardaíochta	20,336.50
Ann Murphy Outside Catering Service	Aonad Táirgthe Bia a Fhorbairt	15,917.50
Limerick Show 2005	Seastán ag an Limerick Show chun ceardaíocht áitiúil a thaispeáint	200.00
Michael O'Mahoney Kennels	Conchróite Póraithe Ceadúnaithe a thógáil	36,650.00
Tom & Dermot Fenton T/A Garden Zone	Ionad Gairdíní gréasán-bhunaithe a fhorbairt	7,000.00
		250,373.84

Summary of Projects - National Rural Development Programme 2002-2006

Measure	Project Description	Funding
Exploitation of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries Products		
Project Name		
Cahills Farmhouse Cheese	Development of purpose built cheese production facility	65,000.00
Joe Hogan	Development of dedusting and bagging facility for Miscanthus	21,388.00
Newcastle West Farmers Market	Support to Farmers Market	1,644.27
Curraghchase Free Range Pork	Development of Food Production Unit and Farm Shop	39,213.99
		127,246.26

Enhancement of the Natural, Built, Social & Cultural Environment		
Project Name		
Irish Coffee Festival – Foynes	Marketing support for festival	15,000.00
NCW Pipe Band	Facilitate hosting of South of Ireland Piobreachd Social Piping Recital	300.00
NCW Arts Festival	Support for local festival	3,000.00
Tournafulla Fleadh Cheoil	Support for local festival	3,000.00
Kilcornan Community Centre	Extension to Community Centre	37,649.41
Newcastle West Anti-Litter Group	Participation in Irish Business Against Litter Campaign	3,000.00
Askeaton Heritage & Tidy Towns	Enhancement of Town Park	4,147.04
Con Colbert Hall Athea	Extension to Community Centre	63,300.00
Mountcollins Feile Cheoil	Support for local festival	2,446.45
Ardagh Community Hall	Renovations to Community Hall	16,600.00
Knockaderry/Clouncagh Heritage Festival	Marketing costs of Festival	2,725.28
Abbeyfeale Historical Society	Development of Life & Lore CD Collection	4,275.00
Templeglantine Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann	Development of Music Bank of traditional instruments	2,364.25
Fleadh by the Feale	Marketing costs of Festival	4,817.28
Fleadh Cheoil Luimni	Support for County Fleadh Cheoil	3,000.00
Croagh Community Council	Renovations to Parish Hall	32,654.40
Loughill Development Association	Construction of a Community Resource Centre	65,000.00
West Limerick Community Radio	Development of Community Radio Studios	100,000.00
Rathkeale Social Housing Association	Communal kitchen facilities for all Rathkeale based voluntary groups	11,400.00
Newcastle West & District Pipe Band	Upgrade of musical equipment	3,400.00
Athea Community Council	Construction of pedestrian bridge	62,207.00
Glin Development Association	Enhancement of Town Park	65,000.00
Newcastle West Community Council	Sculpture Project	10,000.00
Abbeyfeale & District Search & Rescue	Purchase of equipment	12,398.43
Foynes Community Council	Installation of a lift to improve accessibility	20,000.00
Adare Village Hall	Renovations to Parish Hall	65,000.00
Newcastle West Community Centre	Renovations to Community Centre	65,000.00
Carrigkerry Wrenboy Voluntary Group	Renovations to Rambling House	19,178.00
Ceol Ceobrai Community Hall – Glin	Improvement works to area around Community Hall	10,524.00
		707,386.54

Beart	Tuairisc ar Tionscadal	Maoiniú
Leas a bhaint as Táirgí Talmhaíochta, Foraoiseachta & Iascaigh		
Ainm an Tionscadail		
Cahills Farmhouse Cheese	Saoráid táirgthe cáise saintógtha a fhorbairt	65,000.00
Joe Hogan	Saoráid dí-dhustála agus chur i mála do Miscanthus	21,388.00
Margadh Feirmeoirí An Chaisleáin Nua	Tacaíocht do Mhargadh Feirmeoirí	1,644.27
Curraghchase Free Range Pork	Aonad Táirgthe Bia agus Siopa Feirme a Fhorbairt	39,213.99
		127,246.26

An Timpeallacht Nádúrtha, Tógtha, Sóisialta & Cultúrtha a Fheabhsú		
Ainm an Tionscadail		
Féile an Chaifé Ghaelaigh – Faing	Tacaíocht mhargaíochta don fhéile	15,000.00
Banna Píobairí NCW	Óstáil Réamhaithris Píobaireachta Sóisialta Dheisceart na hÉireann, Piobreachd, a Éascú	300.00
Féile Ealaíon NCW	Tacaíocht don fhéile áitiúil	3,000.00
Fleadh Cheoil Thuar na Fola	Tacaíocht don fhéile áitiúil	3,000.00
Ionad Pobail Chill Cornán	Síneadh a chur leis an Ionad Pobail	37,649.41
Grúpa Frithbhruscair An Chaisleáin Nua	Rannpháirtíocht i bhFeachtas Frithbhruscair Ghnó na hÉireann	3,000.00
Oidhreacht & Bailte Slachtmhara Eas Géitine	Páirc an Bhaile a Fheabhsú	4,147.04
Halla Choinn Colbaird Áth an tSléibhe	Síneadh a chur leis an Ionad Pobail	63,300.00
Féile Cheoil Chnoc Uí Choileáin	Tacaíocht don fhéile áitiúil	2,446.45
Halla Pobail Ardach	Athchóirithe ar an Halla Pobail	16,600.00
Féile Oidhreachta Chnoc an Doire/Chluain Cath	Costais mhargaíochta na Féile	2,725.28
Cumann Staire Mhainistir na Féile	Forbairt ar bhailiúchán CD Life & Lore	4,275.00
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Theampall an Ghleanntáin	Forbairt ar Bhanc Ceoil d'uirlisí traidisiúnta	2,364.25
Fleadh by the Feale	Costais mhargaíochta na Féile	4,817.28
Fleadh Cheoil Luimní	Tacaíocht d'Fhleadh Cheoil an Chontae	3,000.00
Comhairle Pobail Chróch	Athchóirithe ar Halla an Pharóiste	32,654.40
Comhlachas Forbartha Loughill	Ionad Acmhainní Pobail a Thógáil	65,000.00
Raidió Pobail Luimnigh Thiar	Stiúideonna Raidió Pobail a Fhorbairt	100,000.00
Comhlachas Thithíocht Shóisialta Ráth Caola	Saoráidí cistine pobail do na grúpaí deonacha go léir atá bunaithe i Ráth Caola	11,400.00
Banna Píobairí An Chaisleáin Thiar & a Cheantair	Uasghrádú ar threalamh ceoil	3,400.00
Comhairle Pobail Áth an tSléibhe	Droichead do choisithe a thógáil	62,207.00
Comhlachas Forbartha an Ghleanna	Páirc an Bhaile a Fheabhsú	65,000.00
Comhairle Pobail An Chaisleáin Nua	Tionscadal Dealbhóireachta	10,000.00
Cuardach & Tarrtháil Mhainistir na Féile	Trealamh a cheannach	12,398.43
Comhairle Phobail Fhainge	Ardaitheoir a shuiteáil chun inrochtaineacht a fheabhsú	20,000.00
Halla Shráidbhaile Áth Dara	Athchóirithe ar Halla an Pharóiste	65,000.00
Ionad Pobail An Chaisleáin Nua	Athchóirithe ar Ionad Pobail	65,000.00
Grúpa Deonach Dhreoilíní Charraig Chiarraí	Athchóirithe ar 'Rambling House'	19,178.00
Halla Pobail Cheol Ceobraí – An Gleann	Oibreacha feabhsúcháin ar an gceantar timpeall ar an Halla Pobail	10,524.00
		707,386.54

Summary of Projects - National Rural Development Programme 2002-2006

Measure	Project Description	Funding
Environmentally Friendly Initiatives		
Project Name		
West Limerick Biomass	Pilot project on the development of a manual fluidised bed combustion unit	26,844.00
Cremin Farm Compost Ltd	Construction of composting facility	64,999.98
Loughill Development Association	Installation of Energy Efficient Technology to Community Centre	4,347.00
Limerick /Clare Energy Agency	Marketing Support	3,919.17
Biomass Heating Solutions Ltd	Development of automated fluidised bed combustion unit	37,792.00
McMahon Eco Fuel Manufacturers Ltd.	Equipment for development of wood briquette manufacturing plant	55,000.00
		192,902.15

Inter-territorial/Transnational		
Project Name		
West Limerick Resources - Community Recycling	Feasibility Study into community recycling	7,478.73
West Limerick Resources - Limerick Walks	Production of Limerick Walking Brochure	1,286.54
West Limerick Resources & Limerick Clare Energy Agency	Climate Change Strategy for Limerick and Clare	6,000.00
West Limerick Resources & Limerick Clare Energy Agnecy	Energy Development Plan for Limerick and Clare	6,000.00
West Limerick Resources - Social Housing Research	Research into the development of a Social Housing Company for County Limerick	6,000.00
West Limerick Resources - Energy Audit of Community Facilities	Pilot Energy Audit of Community Facilities	5,000.00
West Limerick Resources - Renewable Energy Training	Renewable Energy Training for Enterprise Development	7,511.00
West Limerick Resources - Rural Disadvantage Study	Research Project reviewing the statistical indicators used in classification of rural areas	1,200.00
West Limerick Resources - Transnational Pre-development work	Engagement with potential EU transnational partners	5,729.63
West Limerick Resources & Northern Highlands LEADER + Scotland	Youth Based Performing Arts Transnational	15,027.33
West Limerick Resources & Dorset Chalk & Cheese Leader + U.K	Community Radio Transnational Project	14,407.42
		75,640.65

Beart	Tuairisc ar Tionscadal	Maoiniú
Tionscnaimh nach nDéanann Dochar don Chomhshaol		
Ainm an Tionscadail		
West Limerick Biomass	Tionscadal píolótach maidir le haonad dócháin scair shreabhach láimhe a fhorbairt	26,844.00
Cremin Farm Compost Ltd.	Saoráid múirínithe a thógáil	64,999.98
Comhlachas Forbartha Loughill	Teicneolaíocht Éifeachtach Fuinnimh a Shuiteáil san Ionad Pobail	4,347.00
Gníomhaireacht Fuinnimh Luimnigh/An Chláir	Tacaíocht mhargaíochta	3,919.17
Biomass Heating Solutions Ltd	Aonad dócháin scair shreabhach uathoibríoch a fhorbairt	37,792.00
McMahon Eco Fuel Manufacturers Ltd.	Trealamh chun fearas déantúsaíochta bhricíní adhmaid a fhorbairt	55,000.00
		192,902.15

Idir Chríocha/Trasnáisiúnta		
Ainm an Tionscadail		
West Limerick Resources – Athchúrsáil Phobail	Staidéar féidearthachta ar athchúrsáil phobail	7,478.73
West Limerick Resources – Siúlóidí Luimnigh	Bróisiúr Siúlóide Luimnigh a Tháirgeadh	1,286.54
West Limerick Resources & Gníomhaireacht Fuinnimh Luimnigh/An Chláir	Straitéis Athrú Aeráide do Luimneach agus don Chlár	6,000.00
West Limerick Resources & Gníomhaireacht Fuinnimh Luimní/Luimnigh	Plean Forbartha Fuinnimh do Luimneach agus don Chlár	6,000.00
West Limerick Resources – Taighde ar Thithíocht Sóisialta	Taighde ar Chuideachta Tithíochta Sóisialta do Chontae Luimnigh a fhorbairt	6,000.00
West Limerick Resources – Iniúchadh Fuinnimh ar Shaoráidí Pobail	Iniúchadh Fuinnimh Píolótach ar Shaoráidí Pobail	5,000.00
West Limerick Resources – Oiliúint i bhFuinneamh Inathnuaite	Oiliúint i bhFuinneamh Inathnuaite d'Fhorbairt Fiontair	7,511.00
West Limerick Resources – Staidéar ar Mhíbhuntáiste Tuaithe	Tionscadal Taighde chun athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar na táscairí staitistiúla arna n-úsáid chun limistéir thuaithe a rangú	1,200.00
West Limerick Resources – Obair Réamh-Fhorbartha Trasnáisiunta	Teagmháil le comhpháirtithe trasnáisiúnta AE a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann	5,729.63
West Limerick Resources & LEADER Ardchríocha Thuaidh + Albain	Trasnáisiúnta Ealaíona Taispeána Bunaithe ar an Óige	15,027.33
West Limerick Resources & Dorset Chalk & Cheese Leader + U.K.	Tionscadal Trasnáisiúnta Raidió Pobail	14,407.42
		75,640.65

Summary of Projects - National Rural Development Programme 2002-2006

Measure	Project Description	Funding
Rural/Agri Tourism		
Project Name		
Foynes Yacht Club	Club house renovations	12,000.00
WLR/Limerick Food Centre	Evaluation of Food Standards in West Limerick	1,500.00
Wayne Slattery – Combat Zone Paintball Games Ltd	Equipment & Marketing Support	23,430.50
Visitor Guide to City & County	Tourism Brochure	4,187.20
Paddy Dunworth – Celtic Angling	Storage unit for equipment	3,375.00
Stonehall Visitor Farm	Information Signage	2,896.00
Dan & Anne Hanley	Farmhouse self-catering	40,000.00
Horses Around Ireland	Marketing Support	2,407.05
Great Southern Trail Ltd	Development of 3 walks	57,725.25
Askeaton Civic Trust	Tourism Brochure	1,106.50
Monica Neenan	Self-catering Accommodation	40,000.00
Limerick Garden Trail	Tourism Brochure	2,189.15
Keating Coaches	Tourism Brochure	2,669.86
Kilcornan Karting Ltd.	Construction of visitor facilities	65,000.00
John Cregan	Self-catering Accommodation	40,000.00
Adare Heritage Trust	Tourism Brochure	3,563.91
WLR – Interpretation Panels for Demesne NCW	Information Panels for Demesne	5,761.35
William & Clodagh Musgrave	Self-catering Accommodation	33,698.00
Askeaton Deel Anglers Association	Improvement works to River Deel	59,029.00
Abbeyfeale Community Leisure	Improvement works to Abbeyfeale Town Park	3,500.00
Coach House Travel	Specialised equipment to facilitate disability tours	12,323.85
Jim O' Brien	Self-catering Accommodation	40,000.00
James & Meriel Clarke	Self-catering Accommodation	40,000.00
		496,362.62

Beart	Tuairisc ar Tionscadal	Maoiniú
Turasóireacht Talmhaíochta/Tuaithe		
Ainm an Tionscadail		
Club Luamhaireachta Fhainge	Athchóirithe ar an gclubtheach	12,000.00
WLR/Ionad Bia Luimnigh	Meastóireacht ar Chaighdeáin Bhia i Luimneach Thiar	1,500.00
Wayne Slattery – Combat Zone Paintball Games Ltd	Trealamh & Tacaíocht Margaíochta	23,430.50
Treoir do Chuairteoirí chuig Cathair & Contae	Bróisiúr Turasóireachta	4,187.20
Paddy Dunworth – Celtic Angling	Ionad stórála do threalamh	3,375.00
Feirm Cuairteora Stonehall	Comharthaí Eolais	2,896.00
Dan & Anne Hanley	Féin-Fhreastal i dTithe Feirme	40,000.00
Horses Around Ireland	Tacaíocht Margaíochta	2,407.05
Great Southern Trail Ltd	3 Siúlóid a fhorbairt	57,725.25
Iontaobhas Cathartha Eas Géitine	Bróisiúr Turasóireachta	1,106.50
Monica Neenan	Cóiríocht Féin-Fhreastail	40,000.00
Limerick Garden Trail	Bróisiúr Turasóireachta	2,189.15
Keating Coaches	Bróisiúr Turasóireachta	2,669.86
Kilcornan Karting Ltd.	Saoráidí Cuairteora a Thógáil	65,000.00
John Cregan	Cóiríocht Féin-Fhreastail	40,000.00
Iontaobhas Oidhreachta Áth Dara	Bróisiúr Turasóireachta	3,563.91
WLR – Painéil Léirmhínithe do NCW Diméine	Painéil Léirmhínithe do Diméin	5,761.35
William & Clodagh Musgrave	Cóiríocht Féin-Fhreastail	33,698.00
Comhlachas Slatiascairí na Daoile Eas Géitine	Oibreacha Feabhsúcháin d'Abhainn na Daoile	59,029.00
Fóillíocht Phobail Mhainistir na Féile	Oibreacha Feabhsúcháin ar Pháirc an Bhaile i Mainistir na Féile	3,500.00
Coach House Travel	Trealamh speisialaithe chun turais mhíchumais a éascú	12,323.85
Jim O' Brien	Cóiríocht Féin-Fhreastail	40,000.00
James & Meriel Clarke	Cóiríocht Féin-Fhreastail	40,000.00
		496,362.62

McMahon Eco Fuels Ltd

In 2006, Mick McMahon acquired part of the former Kerry Foods site at Kantoher with the intention of establishing a briquette and pelleting plant under the name of McMahon Eco Fuels Ltd.

The development of such a plant required a substantial investment in plant and equipment. Mick McMahon approached West Limerick Resources with his business idea and received grant aid towards the purchase of specialized equipment. West Limerick Resources saw the benefit of such a business to the West Limerick area given the increased awareness of and interest in the renewable energy sector and its future potential. Added to this was the fact that the business is located in a rural area while also having good employment potential.

The briquetting plant is now in place with forestry thinnings and old wood pallets providing the bulk of the raw materials initially. It is planned to have a pelleting plant in place before the end of 2007. At present wood briquettes and pellets are imported from Canada, Poland and Northern Ireland. With the increased interest in wood pellet boilers/stoves, particularly following the announcement of the Greener Homes Scheme by Sustainable Energy Ireland, a guaranteed supply of pellets/briquettes is required.

McMahon Eco Fuels is the first company in Southern Ireland to make Eco Friendly Wood Fuels. Their first product is the Eco Fire Log – a wood briquette made of 100% wood with no additives. Initially, they intend to target the domestic market and sell their products through garage forecourts and supermarkets. The company is also looking at opportunities for manufacturing products for the commercial sector.

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Sa bhliain 2006, ghnóthaigh Mick McMahon cuid de sheanláithreán Kerry Foods i Kantoher agus é ar intinn aige fearas déanta brícíní agus millíní a bhunú agus McMahon Eco Fuels Ltd mar ainm air.

D'fhonn a leithéid sin d'fhearas a fhorbairt bheadh sé riachtanach roinnt mhaith airgid a infheistiú i ngléasra agus i dtrealamh. Chuir Mick McMahon an smaoineamh a bhí aige maidir lena ghnólacht faoi bhráid Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh agus fuair sé deontas a chabhraigh leis trealamh speisialta a cheannach. D'aithin Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh an tairbhe a bhainfeadh ceantar Iarthar Luimnigh as a leithéid sin de ghnólacht, go háirithe toisc gur mó anois an fheasacht agus an tsuim a bhí á léiriú in earnáil an fhuinnimh in-athnuaite agus san acmhainneacht a bheadh ann amach anseo. Lena chois sin, bheadh an ghnólacht lonnaithe i gceantar tuaithe agus bheadh acmhainneacht mhaith fostaíochta i gceist leis.

Tá an fearas déanta brícíní bunaithe anois agus is tanúcháin fhoraoiseachta agus seanphailléid adhmaid is mó a bheifear a úsáid mar amhábhar i dtosach. Tá sé ar intinn aige an fearas déanta millíní a bheith i bhfearas roimh dheireadh an bhliain 2007. I láthair na huaire déantar brícíní agus millíní adhmaid a allmhairiú ó Cheanada, ón bPolainn agus ó Thuaisceart Éireann. Agus suim níos mó á léiriú i gcoirí/ soirn mhillíní adhmaid, go háirithe tar éis d'Fhuinneamh Inmharthana Éireann Greener Homes Scheme a fhógairt, beidh éileamh ann do sholáthar ráthaithe brícíní/millíní.

Is í McMahon Eco Fuels an chéad chuideachta i nDeisceart na hÉireann a tháirgeann Breoslaí Adhmaid Éiceabhácha. Is é an Eco Fire Log an chéad táirge atá acu – brícín adhmaid é seo atá déanta 100% as adhmad agus gan aon bhreiseáin ann. Tá sé i gceist acu díriú ar an margadh baile ar dtús, agus a gcuid táirgí a dhíol sna stáisiúin pheitril agus sna hollmhargaí. Tá an chuideachta ag fiosrú deiseanna maidir le táirgí a dhéanamh don earnáil thráchtála.

In November 2003, members of the Board and staff of West Limerick Resources attended a 3 day conference in Brussels focusing on Local Energy Action and the new EU Energy Programmes.

The conference was particularly beneficial to the participants from West Limerick Resources as it emphasised the need for a locally based energy agency in Limerick and highlighted the problems associated with the deficit of knowledge caused by not having an energy agency. These agencies not only promote energy efficiency and renewable energy but also provide professional energy services within their respective areas.

I Samhain 2003, d'fhreastail comhaltaí de Bhord agus d'fhoireann Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh ar chomhdháil sa Bhruiséil, comhdháil a mhair 3 lá agus a dhírigh ar Local Energy Action agus ar Chláir Fuinnimh nua an AE.

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Following on from that Conference and through the structures of Limerick County Development Board it was decided to develop an Energy Agency for the Limerick/Clare area. The partners involved in the development of Limerick Clare Energy Agency (LCEA) are Limerick County Council, Clare County Council, University of Limerick, Irish Aerobord, West Limerick Resources Ltd, Ballyhoura Development Ltd and Rural Resource Development Ltd (Clare).

Each of the three LEADER companies made a commitment to provide funding to the LCEA towards a number of projects including research, training and implementation of a marketing plan. The Limerick Clare Energy Agency was formally launched in June 2006.

Ba mhór an tairbhe an chomhdháil dóibh sin ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, go háirithe toisc gur tarraingíodh aird ar an ngá atá ann le gníomhaireacht fuinnimh a bhunú go háitiúil i Luimneach agus tarraingíodh aird ar na fadhbanna a ghabhann leis an gceal eolais a bhíonn ann nuair nach mbíonn gníomhaireacht fuinnimh ann. Ní hamháin go ndéanann na gníomhaireachtaí sin éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh agus fuinneamh in-athnuaite a chur chun cinn, cuireann siad seirbhísí gairmiúla fuinnimh ar fáil ina gceantair féin.

I ndiaidh na comhdhála sin agus trí struchtúir Bhord Forbartha Chontae Luimnigh rinneadh an cinneadh Gníomhaireacht Fuinnimh a fhorbairt do cheantar Luimnigh/An Chláir. Ar na comhpháirtithe atá rannpháirteach i bhforbairt Limerick Clare Energy Agency (LCEA) áirítear Comhairle Contae Luimnigh, Comhairle Contae an Chláir, Ollscoil Luimnigh, Irish Aerobord, Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh Ltd, Ballyhoura Development Ltd agus Rural Resource Development Ltd (An Clár).

Gheall gach ceann de na trí chuideachta LEADER go gcuirfidís maoiniú ar fáil don LCEA ar mhaithe le roinnt tionscadal lena n-áirítear taighde, oiliúint agus feidhmiú phlean margaíochta. Seoladh an Limerick Clare Energy Agency go foirmiúil i mí an Mheithimh 2006.

Cremin Farm Compost Ltd

Cremin Farm Compost was established in 2004 by Maurice Cremin, a dairy and poultry farmer from Broadford. Maurice recognized the need to find a solution to the disposal of his on-farm waste given the introduction of the Phosphate and Nitrates Directives, the rising cost of handling and transporting chicken litter to off-site facilities as well as the cost of chemical fertilizers. Coupled with these Maurice also wanted to develop an alternative but complementary farm enterprise due to the changing nature of mainstream farming.

Following much research, Maurice decided to develop an on farm composting business. Over the past 2 years and with the financial support of West Limerick Resources, Maurice developed a purpose built composting facility. The composting process involves taking poultry waste combining it with woodchip which over a period of time with the right temperatures degrades into compost which can then be used as a soil conditioner and fertilizer. From beginning to end the composting process takes approximately ten weeks.

Bhunaigh Maurice Cremin, feirmeoir déiríochta agus éanlaithe clóis ó Bhéal an Átha, Cremin Farm Compost i 2004. D'aithin Maurice an gá a bhí le teacht ar réiteach maidir le diúscairt dramhaíola feirme, go háirithe agus na Treoracha Fosfáite agus Níotráite á dtabhairt isteach agus ardú ag teacht ar an gcostas a ghabh le heasair sicíní a láimhseáil agus a iompar go saoráidí lasmuigh den fheirm chomh maith leis an gcostas a bhí ar leasacháin cheimiceacha. Ina theannta sin, theastaigh ó Mhaurice fiontar feirme eile a fhorbairt, mar gheall ar an athrú a bhí ag teacht ar ghnáthfheirmeoireacht, ach theastaigh uaidh go mbeadh sé ina fhiontar forlíontach mar sin féin.

Tar éis dó roinnt mhaith taighde a dhéanamh, bheartaigh Maurice gnólacht mhúiríniú ar an bhfeirm a bhunú. Le dhá bhliain anuas agus le tacaíocht airgeadais ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, tá ionad múirínithe saindhéanta forbartha ag Maurice. Is éard a tharlaíonn i gcaitheamh an phróisis múirínithe ná go measctar sliseanna adhmaid le dramhaíl sicíní agus le himeacht aimsire agus leis an teocht cheart déantar díghrádú air agus iompaíonn sé isteach ina mhúirín, rud a fhágann gur féidir é a úsáid mar oiriúntóir ithreach agus mar leasachán ina dhiaidh sin. Maireann an próiseas tuairim deich seachtain ó thosach deiridh.

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Kilcornan Karting

West Limerick Resources provided support to Kilcornan Karting towards the development of modern facilities for their customers. Kilcornan Karting is a family run business and one of a cluster of small attractions along the N69 who work together and bring valuable visitors into the West Limerick area.

The development of the clubhouse had been a goal of Kilcornan Karting for over five years. Up until then, the only facility available to customers was a portacabin. It was recognised that this facility did not meet the needs of customers who expect modern standards. The new clubhouse facility consists of changing rooms, toilets/showers, viewing area, kitchen, office and storage space. Customer reaction to the new facility is very positive and business overall has improved. They have also created a small track for young children and have invested in suitable karts. The overall impression now of Kilcornan Karting is of a professional modern customer oriented facility.

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Thug Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh tacaíocht do Kilcornan Karting agus iad ag forbairt áiseanna nua-aimseartha dá gcuid custaiméirí. Is gnólacht teaghlaigh é Kilcornan Karting agus é ar cheann de ladhar nithe is díol spéise ar an N69, a bhíonn ag comhoibriú le chéile d'fhonn cuairteoirí luachmhara a mhealladh go ceantar Iarthar Luimnigh.

Bhí sé mar sprioc ag Kilcornan Karting an clubtheach a fhorbairt le os cionn cúig bliana anuas. Go dtí sin, ní raibh ann mar áis do chustaiméirí ach pórtachabán. Aithníodh nach leor an áis sin chun freastal ar riachtanais na gcustaiméirí a bhíodh ag súil le háis nua-aimseartha. Áirítear seomraí feistis, leithris/ cithfholcthaí, áit féachana, cistin, oifig agus spás stórála sa chlubtheach nua. Taithníonn an t-ionad nua go mór leis na custaiméirí agus tá rath tagtha ar an ngnó i gcoitinne. Tá raon beag ann, leis, do leanaí agus tá infheistiú déanta ar chairtíní a oireadh dóibh. Aontaíonn daoine gur áis nua-aimseartha ghairmiúil í Kilcornan Karting atá dírithe go hiomlán ar an gcustaiméir.

Combat Zone Paintball Games Ltd

Combat Zone Paintball Games Ltd was established in July 2001 and is based in Cloonty Woods, Shanagolden. The person behind Combat Zone is Wayne Slattery, a young entrepreneur from Limerick.

Combat Zone is an activity based facility that targets groups, the corporate market, sports & social clubs and students from both second and third level colleges.

West Limerick Resources provided marketing and capital support towards the development of the business as it recognized the innovative nature of the product, its ability to draw people to the West Limerick area as well as the fact that the business is located in a very rural part of West Limerick. Combat Zone is now in business almost 6 years and is still going strong.

Bunaíodh Combat Zone Paintball Games Ltd i mí Iúil 2001 agus tá sé bunaithe i Cloonty Woods, Seanghualainn. Is é an fiontraí óg, Wayne Slattery, as Luimneach an té a smaoinigh ar Combat Zone.

Is ionad gníomhaíochtbhunaithe é Combat Zone a dhíríonn ar ghrúpaí, ar an margadh corparáideach, ar chlubanna spóirt agus ar chumainn shóisialta i gcoláistí dara agus tríú leibhéal.

Chuir Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh tacaíocht mhargaíochta agus tacaíocht chaipitil ar fáil agus an gnólacht á forbairt toisc gur aithin siad an nuálaíocht a bhain leis agus an cumas a bheadh ann daoine a mhealladh go ceantar Iarthar Luimnigh agus chomh maith leis sin toisc go raibh an gnólacht lonnaithe i gceantar fíorchúlráideach in Iarthar Luimnigh. Tá Combat Zone i mbun gnó le 6 bliana, geall leis, agus tá ag éirí go maith leis.

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Joe Hogan – Miscanthus Production

In 2004, Joe Hogan attended the Royal Show in Birmingham to see if there were any agricultural/rural based businesses being developed in the U.K. which he could replicate on his farm. He came across miscanthus and saw that it had significant opportunities both from an economic and environmental point of view and also as a step away from primary agriculture. Joe recognised the need to research the economic feasibility of growing miscanthus and also its potential uses. With a feasibility study grant from West Limerick Resources, he engaged the University of Limerick to undertake the work.

The feasibility study indicated that miscanthus had excellent potential as both a dust free bedding product for the equine and pet industries and as an energy crop. Joe decided to take the next step and put in place a dedusting and bagging plant for processing miscanthus for the equine and pet bedding market. Again, West Limerick Resources became involved providing business mentoring and capital support. Today, just three years after Joe first saw the potential of miscanthus, he has developed a processing facility, successfully lobbied the government to introduce an energy crop establishment scheme for farmers and has established a company JHM Crops Ltd to promote the growth of miscanthus as an energy crop on a commercial basis. To date approximately 1,100 acres have been planted for energy crops.

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Táirgeadh Miscanthus

Sa bhliain 2004, d'fhreastail Joe Hogan ar an Royal Show i mBirmingham chun a dhéanamh amach a raibh aon ghnólachtaí talmhaíochta/ tuaithe á bhforbairt sa Ríocht Aontaithe agus a bhféadfadh sé aithris a dhéanamh orthu ar an bhfeirm aige féin. Tháinig sé trasna ar miscanthus agus d'aithin sé go raibh deiseanna suntasacha ag gabháil leis, ó thaobh eacnamaíochta de agus ó thaobh comhshaoil de araon, agus thuig sé leis gur céim siar é ó thalmhaíocht phríomhúil. D'aithin Joe go mbeadh sé riachtanach taighde a dhéanamh maidir le féidearthacht eacnamaíochta i gcás go bhfásfaí miscanthus agus go gcaithfí taighde a dhéanamh maidir leis na húsáidí a d'fhéadfaí a bhaint as. Agus deontas faighte aige ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh chun staidéar féidearthachta a dhéanamh, d'fhostaigh sé Ollscoil Luimnigh chun dul i mbun na hoibre sin.

Léirigh an staidéar féidearthachta go raibh an-chumas ag baint le miscanthus mar tháirge easrach saor ó smúit do thionscal na gcapall agus do thionscal na bpeataí agus léiríodh go raibh an-chumas ag baint leis mar bharr fuinnimhe chomh maith. Bheartaigh Joe an chéad chéim eile a thógáil agus bhunaigh sé fearas dídhustála agus pacála chun miscanthus a phróiseáil do mhargadh easrach na gcapall agus na bpeataí. Arís, bhí Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh páirteach sa scéal mar gurb iad a chuir meantóireacht ghnóithe agus tacaíocht chaipitil ar fáil dó. Anois, díreach trí bliana tar éis dó an buntáiste a bhain le miscanthus a aithint, tá saoráid phróiseála forbartha aige, d'éirigh leis agus é ag déanamh stocaireacht ar an rialtas d'fhonn scéim a thabhairt isteach d'fheirmeoirí chun barr fuinnimhe a fhás agus tá cuideachta JHM Crops Ltd bunaithe aige chun fás an mhiscanthus mar bharr fuinnimhe ar bhonn tráchtála a chur chun cinn. Go dtí seo, tá tuairim is 1,100 acra de bharra fuinnimhe curtha.

Curraghchase Free Range Pork

The person behind the development of Curraghchase Free Range Pork is Caroline Rigney. After moving to West Limerick some 10 years ago with her family, Caroline started to rear free range pigs particularly tamworths and saddlebacks as a hobby.

Caroline had always been keen to develop her own business and started by baking brown bread for a local supermarket while also developing a farmhouse B&B. Her real passion is for pigs and she believed that there was an opportunity to turn a hobby into a business by developing her own free range pork products. Caroline set about researching, testing and developing her own range of pork and bacon products as well as learning about starting a small business. She received training, business mentoring and capital support from West Limerick Resources Ltd under the National Rural Development Programme 2000-2006.

At the heart of Caroline's business is a commitment to wholesome quality food that you would expect from a country kitchen. Caroline has created a small production unit and farm shop on her farm near Curraghchase Forest Park. All her products are produced in small quantities from her free range pigs and contain only natural ingredients. Her products include succulent pork sausages, big and plump and full of pork flavour, uniquely flavoured white puddings and dry cured rashers - where water is taken out in the curing process rather than put in creating a meatier texture and fuller flavour.

Is í Caroline Rigney a d'fhorbair Curraghchase Free Range Pork. Tar éis di aistriú go Luimneach 10 mbliana ó shin lena muintir, thosaigh Caroline ag beathú muca saor-raoin mar chaitheamh aimsire, muca tamworth agus muca saddleback go háirithe.

Bhí Caroline meáite riamh ar ghnólacht dá cuid féin a fhorbairt agus thosaigh sí amach ag bácáil arán donn d'ollmhargadh áitiúil agus ina theannta sin d'fhorbair sí teach aíochta feirme. Ach is mó sásamh a bhí aici ag beathú muca agus mheas sí go mbeadh deis ann gnólacht a bhunú ar a caitheamh aimsire dá bhféadfadh sí táirgí muiceola saor-raoin a fhorbairt. Thug Caroline faoi roinnt taighde agus thosaigh sí ag tástáil agus ag forbairt táirgí muiceola agus bagúin, agus thosaigh sí, leis, ag bailiú eolais faoi mhionghnólacht a bhunú. Fuair sí a cuid oiliúna, a cuid meantóireacht ghnóithe agus tacaíocht chaipitil ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh Ltd faoin gClár Náisiúnta Forbartha Tuaithe 2000-2006.

Tá gnólacht Charoline bunaithe ar thiomantas do bhia folláin den scoth, an saghas bia a bheadh le fáil i gcistin thuaithe. Tá aonad beag táirgeachta agus siopa feirme curtha i bhfearas ag Caroline ar an bhfeirm atá aici in aice le Curraghchase Forest Park. Ní déantar ach méid áirithe a tháirgeadh sa turas agus is comhábhair nádúrtha ar fad a bhíonn iontu. Áirítear ar a cuid táirgí, ispíní blasta muiceola, iad breá ramhar agus blas na muiceola orthu, putóga bána agus blas ar leith orthu agus slisíní tirimleasaithe - amach astu a thógtar an t-uisce agus leasú á ndéanamh orthu in ionad é a chur leo, rud a fhágann cuma na feola orthu agus blas níos láidre orthu.

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Cahill's Farm Cheese Ltd

Cahill's Farm Cheese Ltd is a family run business operating on the outskirts of Newcastle West. Over the past three decades, Cahill's Farm Cheese has blended modern technology with the ancient art of cheese making to develop a range of natural cheeses. The cornerstone of their operation is that each cheese is individually made and blended without artificial additives thus retaining the subtly of flavour and texture which is invariably missing from the mass produced product.

Initially the entire cheese manufacture was carried out on the farm but ultimately for various technical reasons, Cahill's decided to farm out the curd manufacture. Their product range which is sold in Ireland, U.K and America includes – Cahill's Wine Cheese, Cahill's Plain Porter Cheese, Cahill's Whiskey Cheese and Cahill's Cheese with Chives.

Due to the successful development of the business over the years, Cahill's Farm Cheese recognised that their existing production facilities could not meet their needs into the future. With financial support from West Limerick Resources, they have built a new production unit which enables them to put in place a more efficient production line thereby allowing them to increase production and compete more effectively.

Is gnólacht teaghlaigh é Cahill's Farm Cheese Ltd atá i mbun oibre ar imeall an Chaisleáin Nua. Le tríocha bliain anuas, thug Cahill's Farm Cheese teicneolaíocht nua-aimseartha le chéile le ceird ársa, déanamh cáise, d'fhonn réimse de cháiseanna nádúrtha a fhorbairt. Is cuid lárnach dá ngnó é gur ina gceann agus ina gceann a dhéantar na cáiseanna agus nach gcuirtear aon bhreiseáin shaorga iontu, rud a chiallaíonn go mbíonn blas agus comhdhéanamh nádúrtha ar an gcáis, agus is rud é sin, gan dabht, nach mbíonn ag cáis olltáirgthe.

Is ar an bhfeirm a bhíodh an próiseas déantúsaíochta cáise go léir, ar dtús, ach ar chúiseanna teicniúla éagsúla, bheartaigh Cahill's gur lasmuigh den fHeirm a dhéanfaí an gruth. Díoltar a réimse táirgí in Éirinn, sa Ríocht Aontaithe agus i Meiriceá agus áirítear Cahill's Wine Cheese, Cahill's Plain Porter Cheese, Cahill's Whiskey Cheese agus Cahill's Cheese with Chives ar na táirgí sin.

Tá an-fhorbairt tagtha ar an ngnólacht le blianta anuas, agus mar thoradh air sin d'aithin Cahill's Farm Cheese nach leor é an tsaoráid tháirgeachta atá acu i láthair na huaire i gcomhthéacs na riachtanais a bheidh acu amach anseo. Le tacaíocht airgeadais ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, tá aonad táirgeachta nua tógtha acu, aonad a chuireann ar a gcumas líne táirgeachta níos éifeachtúla a chur i bhfearas, rud a chuireann ar a gcumas a dtáirgiúlacht a ardú agus a bheith níos éifeachtaí agus iad ag dul san iomaíocht.

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Transnational Project to Scotland: Youth Performing Arts

Tionscadal Trasnáisiúnta go hAlbain: Ealaíona Taibhiúcháin na n-Óg

In August 2005, the Abbeyfeale Youth Drama Group, together with Community Development Staff from West Limerick Resources and local volunteers participated in a transnational exchange with a youth group and corresponding LEADER group from the Highlands in Scotland. The exchange was drama based and focused on the two groups sharing their drama experience and participating in new activities together. The Scottish Youth Group visited West Limerick in October and participated in a series of drama and dance workshop. The culmination of the transnational exchanges was a joint performance by both youth groups in the Abbeyfeale Glorach Theatre on the 22nd October 2005.

A recording of this performance is available from the offices of West Limerick Resources. Overall, the young people gained huge benefit from the experience, especially in terms of developing their drama skills, enhancing their confidence, experiencing new cultures and making new friends.

I Lúnasa 2005, bhí Grúpa Óg-Dhrámaíochta Mhainistir na Féile, i gcomhar le Foireann Forbartha Pobail Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh agus saorálaithe áitiúla, rannpháirteach i malartú trasnáisiúnta le grúpa óige agus le grúpa LEADER dá léithéid as na Garbhchríocha. Ba ar an drámaíocht a bhí an malartú bunaithe agus an bhéim ar an dá dhream ag roinnt a gcuid taithí drámaíochta lena chéile agus iad ag glacadh páirte i ngníomhaíochtaí nua lena chéile. Thug Grúpa Óige na hAlban turas ar Iarthar Luimnigh i mí Dheireadh Fómhair agus bhí siad rannpháirteach i sraith de cheardlanna drámaíochta agus rince. Is é an toradh a bhí ar na malartuithe trasnáisiúnta ná go ndeachaigh an dá ghrúpa óige i bpáirtíocht le chéile i gcur i láthair in Amharclann Glórach Mhainistir na Féile an 22ú Deireadh Fómhair 2005.

Tá taifead den chur i láthair sin le fáil in oifigí Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh. Ba mhór an tairbhe a bhain na hógánaigh as, tríd is tríd, go háirithe i dtaobh fhorbairt a dhéanamh ar a gcuid scileanna drámaíochta, cur lena gcuid muiníne, cultúir nua a bhlaiseadh agus aithne a chur ar chairde nua.

Templeglantine Comhaltas Music Bank

The Templeglantine branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann is one of the most active branches in County Limerick. They provide weekly music lessons to approximately 180 pupils who usually learn to play instruments such as the tin whistle, flute, accordion and fiddle. However, Templeglantine Comhaltas recognized that if a range of instruments were made available, many talented pupils would have the opportunity to learn instruments which would otherwise be outside their reach.

With financial support from West Limerick Resources, the Music Bank Initiative was developed. This initiative enabled Templeglantine Comhaltas to purchase of range of musical instruments including Uilleann pipes, harp, drums and piano and make them available to their pupils for a period of time to establish if they had an aptitude for the instrument. West Limerick has a rich tradition of traditional music, song and dance and the availability of a resource such as the Music Bank plays a part in keeping this tradition alive by helping to broaden the scope and ability of young musicians in the area.

Comhaltas Theampall an Ghleanntáin—Music Bank

Is é brainse Theampall an Ghleanntáin de Chomhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann an brainse is gníomhaí i gContae Luimnigh. Cuireann siad ranganna ceoil ar fáil gach seachtain do thuairim is 180 dalta, a fhoghlaimaíonn an fheadóig stáin, an fhliúit, an bosca ceoil agus an fhidil. Dar le Comhaltas Theampall an Ghleanntáin áfach, dá mba rud é go mbeadh réimse d'uirlisí ar fáil go mbeadh an deis ag an iomaí dalta cumasach uirlis a fhoghlaim, nach mbeadh teacht acu orthu murach sin.

Le tacaíocht airgeadais ó Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh, rinneadh forbairt ar Thionscnamh Music Bank. Mar thoradh air sin bhí Comhaltas Theampall an Ghleanntáin ábalta réimse uirlisí ceoil a cheannach lena n-áirítear píb uilleann, cláirseach, drumaí agus pianó, agus iad a chur ar fáil, ansin, dá gcuid daltaí ar feadh tréimhse, féachaint a mbeadh an cumas iontu. Tá traidisiún saibhir in Iarthar Luimnigh maidir le ceol, le hamhrán agus le rince gaelach, agus coimeádann acmhainní ar chuma an Music Bank an traidisiún sin beo, bríomhar trí chur le réimse agus le cumas cheoltóirí óga sa cheantar.

West Limerick/Dorset Radio Transnational

Over the past number of years, West Limerick Resources has developed linkages with a number of LEADER groups in Europe as a means of exchanging ideas and promoting best practice. In 2005, West Limerick Resources started work on developing a transnational project based around community radio with two LEADER companies in the U.K. – Chalk & Cheese LEADER+ in Dorset and the Levels & Moors LEADER+ in Somerset.

The project theme was Media & Technology – Linking Individuals & Communities in Rural Areas and focused on two volunteer based radio stations – West Limerick 102fm and Trilith Farm Radio – an internet based radio station. The project involved the development and delivery of a number of training exchanges for volunteer radio presenters involved with Trilith Farm Radio and West Limerick 102fm.

The transnational project allowed volunteers from both stations to learn new skills, with volunteers from Trilith Farm Radio doing live radio broadcasts for the first time. In all 18 volunteers participated in the transnational project. While the structure of both radio stations is very different, the reliance on volunteers for programme material is the same, even though the number of volunteers required by West Limerick 102fm is much greater.

There is scope for further collaboration between West Limerick Resources and Dorset Chalk & Cheese LEADER+ to develop projects in other areas such as the local artisan food sector, farmers markets, the environment and the schools educational programmes.

Tionscadal Trasnáisiúnta West Limerick /Raidió Dorset

Le linn roint blianta anuas d'fhorbair Acmhainní Iarthar Luimnigh naisc le grupaí LEADER eile san Euroip chun smaointe a mhalartú agus dea-chleachas a chur chun cinn. Sa bhliain 2005, thosaigh Acmhainní Iarthar Luimnigh ag forbairt Thionscadal Thrasnáisiúnta bunaithe ar sheirbhís raidió phobail le dhá chomhlacht LEADER as an Ríocht Aontaithe – Chalk & Cheese LEADER+ i Dorset agus Levels & Moor LEADER i Somerset.

B'é téama an tionscadal ná na meáin chumarsáide agus an teicneolaíocht- chun na daoine agus an pobail i gceantair tuaithe a chur le chéile agus bhí sé dírithe ar dhá sheirbhís raidió pobail deonach – West Limerick 102fm agus Trilith Farm Radio, seirbhís raidió pobail ar an idirlíon. B'é forbairt agus seachadach roinnt mhalartú traenail do láithreoirí raidió deonach a bhí ag obair le Trithlith Farm Radio agus West Limerick 102fm a bhí i gceist ag an tionscadal.

Lig an Tionscadal Trasnáisiúnta d'oibrithe deonach ón dá stáisiún scileanna nua a fhoghlaim, agus rinne oibrithe deonacha as Trilith Farm Raidió craoladh beo den chéad uair. Ghlac 18 oibrithe deonach páirt sa Thionscadal Thrasnáisiúnta ar an iomlán. D'ainneoin struchtúir an-dhifriúil óna chéile a bheith ag an dá stáisiún raidió, braitheann an dá chean ar na hoibrithe deonacha sa mhéid chéanna i gcóir ábhar do na cláracha, cé go bhfuil i bhfad níos mó oibrithe deonacha ag teastáil ó West Limerick 102fm.

Tá scóip ann do bhreis comhoibriú idir Acmhainní Iarthar Luimnigh agus Dorset Chalk & Cheese LEADER+ chun tionscadail eile a fhorbairt, mar shampla an earnáil ceardaí bia aitiúil, na Margaí na bhfeirmeoirí, an comhshaol agus cláir oideachais scoileanna.

Newcastle West & District Chamber of Commerce

Newcastle West is the county town of Limerick and has undergone major changes in the past five years. In 2004, West Limerick Resources developed a process whereby the existing representative organizations in the town came together to look at the need for an overall umbrella organization for the town. Following a number of facilitated sessions supported by West Limerick Resources, it was agreed that the development of a Chamber of Commerce offered the best structure to represent the needs of Newcastle West and surrounding area. The Newcastle West & District Chamber of Commerce is affiliated to the Limerick Chamber of Commerce and the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland. Its mission is to improve and protect the business and social climate and quality of life in the West Limerick area by being an advocate for business, industry and tourism, a community partner and business resource. Its aim is to play an active part in accelerating the economic development of Newcastle West & District while ensuring an acceptable balance exists between social and economic progress.

Is é an Caisleán Nua baile contae Luimnigh agus is mór an t–athrú atá tagtha air le cúig bliana anuas. I 2004, d'fhorbair Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh próiseas inar tháinig eagraíochtaí ionadaíocha an bhaile le chéile chun an gá a bheadh ann do bhrateagraíocht don bhaile a fhiosrú. Tar éis roinnt séisiún éascaithe, ar thacaigh Acmhainní Iarthair Luimnigh leo, aontaíodh gurbh fhearr a d'oireadh struchtúr an Chomhlachais Tráchtála maidir le hionadaíocht a dhéanamh do riachtanais an Chaisleáin agus an cheantair mháguaird, agus gur chóir a leithéid a fhorbairt. Tá Newcastle West & District Chamber of Commerce comhcheangailte le Comhlachas Tráchtála Luimnigh agus le Comhlachais Thráchtála na hÉireann. Is é an misean atá aige ná feabhas a chur ar chúrsaí gnó, ar chúrsaí sóisialta agus ar chaighdeán an tsaoil i gceantar Iarthar Luimnigh agus iad sin a chaomhnú, trí fheidhmiú mar aighne gnó, tionscal agus turasóireachta, mar chomhpháirtí pobail agus mar acmhainn do ghnólachtaí. Tá sé mar aidhm aige bheith gníomhach i dtaobh fhorbairt eacnamaíochta an Chaisleáin agus an Cheantair Mháguaird a bhrostú agus tá sé mar aidhm leis aige a chinntiú go mbeadh cothromaíocht inghlactha idir dul chun cinn sóisialta agus dul chun cinn eacnamaíochta.

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Mission Statement: West Limerick Resources is the community development organisation that works to achieve positive change in the lives of people and groups in West Limerick. The efforts of West Limerick Resources are directed at building a stronger community through the enhancement of personal and community identity, values, places, structure and services. West Limerick Resources is Committed to the Community.

Ráiteas Misin: Is eagraíocht forbartha pobail é West Limerick Resources a oibríonn chun athrú dearfach a bhaint amach i saol dhaoine agus ghrúpaí in Iarthair Luimnigh. Dírítear iarrachtaí West Limerick Resources ar phobal níos láidre a thógáil trí fhéiniúlacht phearsanta agus phobail, luachanna, áiteanna, struchtúr agus seirbhísí a fheabhsú. Tá West Limerick Resources Tiomanta maidir leis an bPobal.

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