

CLIFFONEY FORUM: Dear Neighbour, as you know we had a meeting on 5th December at which our councillors Donal Gilroy and Tom Fox took us through the Sligo County Plan and specifically the Cliffoney Plan. From the discussion it was clear that there were a number of general concerns and queries which the Forum could raise and that individuals should be encouraged to make their own submissions if they had concerns about the zoning of their plots.

DRAFT SUBMISSION TO SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

1. We propose making the following submission to the Council.

The Cliffoney Community Forum is grateful for the opportunity to comment on the Sligo County Development Plan, but is disappointed that the plan for Cliffoney:

- a. is unchanged from that published in 2017 and does not reflect the needs and aspirations of the community as set out in the Cliffoney Community Plan;
- b. does not refer to Cliffoney's rich and unique biodiversity or heritage nor does it state how the village plan will protect these assets;
- c. does not mention the single biggest challenge to the community, namely road safety. We and others within the Community have raised this issue with Sligo Co Co and national government, through the Minister for Transport for Ireland on numerous occasions. Of particular need now is an upgrade of the junction between the N15, Chapel and Borough roads.

2. We question:

- a. How the designation of Cliffoney as a village has been made? This seems curious as Mullaghmore has been designated as an urban development yet has far fewer permanent residents. Our concern is that Cliffoney will not receive the financial and community resources necessary to serve its needs.
 - b. How the various zones have been determined? For example, the development limit boundary does not reflect development within the last thirty years and excludes houses that are served by pavements and within the 50km zone.
 - c. To what extent Sligo Co Co have engaged with the local community, local residents and landowners or drawn on resources such as the Cliffoney Community Plan, Tidy Towns reports to reflect accurately the needs and aspirations of the Community?
 - d. The status and purpose of this plan – is it aspirational, a plan of intended action, or a tool to aid decisions on planning applications?
3. We are happy to engage further with the Council on these matters and look forward to their responses to our questions above.

Submissions from individuals

2. All residents/property owners can make their own submission, so you may wish to check the zone map to see if you agree with the designation made by Sligo Co Co. If not you can appeal/contact them by sending in a copy of the map, highlighting your property in red and making your views known on what you think the designation should be.
3. The deadline for submissions is 22nd December and the link is here

Totus Tuus Magazine - is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice." ~ St. Paul VI ~

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Sunday 24th December 2023

4th Sunday of Advent – Year B



Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

Adoration

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church

Every Wednesday, 7-9pm Cliffoney Church

Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 23 rd December	6:30pm	Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent Deceased of the Croghan & McCluskey families
Sunday 24 th December	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Saturday 30 th December	6:30pm	Philomena Barry and Mary Ellen Lockhart
Saturday 07 th January	10:30am	Holy Rosary

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 24 th December	10:30am	4th Sunday of Advent
Monday 25 th December	10:30am	Christmas Day Mass Michael and Kathleen Burns
Thursday 28 th December	10:00am	Feast of the Holy Innocents
Sunday 31 st December	10:30am	Feast of the Holy Family Sean McGowan (10th Anniv)
Collection €1339		

Grange Masses

Saturday 23 rd December	8:00pm	Mary Langan, Drumfad (2nd Anniv)
Sunday 24 th December	12noon	4th Sunday of Advent Mary Ellen & John Gilmartin, Drumfad
Sunday 24 th December	8:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Monday 25 th December	12noon	Christmas Day Mass
Tuesday 26 th December	10:30am	St. Stephen's Day
Wednesday 27 th December	9:30am	Feast of St. John Apostle
Saturday 30 th December	10:30am	Seamus Lenehan (2nd Anniv)
Saturday 30 th December	8:00pm	Kathleen and Vincent Tivnan, Derrylehan
Sunday 31 st December	12noon	Feast of the Holy Family
Collection €790		

Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Church of Mary Immaculate Grange on May 8th at 11am 2024 for children of the entire parish.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 11th at 11am 2024 at Church of Mary Immaculate Grange.

First Holy Communion will be held in Cliffoney Church on May 18th at 11am 2024.

Please Remember in your Prayers: Bernadette McDermott, (nee Traynor), 1 station Rd, Ballyshannon on Dec 15th. Our sympathy to her son Tommy, daughter in law Maura Gillespie, granddaughter Efa and family. Funeral took place on Dec 18th at St. Joseph's Church, The Rock Chapel with interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Fr. Des O'Donnell OMI, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal and Inchore, Dublin. Our sympathy to his family and OBLATE Community. Fr. Des was a popular retreat at Star of the Sea, Mullaghmore, psychologist and Spiritual Director. Died Dec 8th.

St. Vincent De Paul Volunteers – we are here if you need us. All calls are confidential. St. Teresa's Conference Grange. Contact: 087 186 8490

The Crib: It was in the year 1223 that St. Francis set up the first Christmas Scene in the village of Greccio, close to the Italian city of Reiti 800 years later all over the world in church, hospitals, factories, offices, school cribs are taken out of storage for the Christmas season. This tradition remains an essential part of Christmas for many people.

The crib is a symbol of the events in Bethlehem 2000 years ago and represents the diversity of the human condition then and now. It symbolizes family, love, homelessness, exile, fear, faith, welcome, rejection, wealth, poverty, status, race, the natural world, the human and the divine. This year the 800th anniversary of St. Francis's Nativity scene provides us with an opportunity for reflection on and celebration of the tradition of the crib. Bring your Children to this scene.

Tractor Run 2023 – Dec 17th the rain arrived on Sunday morning and as evening light disappeared it looked like the rain was there to stay. A young organizer pleaded with me to text God to stop the rain. And in 30 mins when the 5pm gathering time had arrived, his prayer was answered. The rain left us and the tractors arrived in great numbers, matching any previous year around the 100 mark. Fantastic work done by many. Thanks to the organisers and all the helpers on the day and top the Gardí for their assistance. Well done everyone!

Pre-Loved Fashion Show & Sale

In Aid of CLIFFONEY CELTIC

Glamour At a
Fraction of The Price

Fun Night Out,
Local Models,
Mystery Guest

CLIFFONEY HALL
Thursday Dec 28th @ 8pm
ADMISSION: €10

*May you and your loved ones,
experience the gift of 'God with us',
as you share food, companionship and joy
in celebration of his coming:
and may your New Year be filled
with the blessings and peace of his presence*

*Because of your witness,
the message of joy and true community
has been proclaimed
especially to the 'little ones'
who were so dear to Jesus
during his time on earth.*

~Fr. Christy McHugh~

A Christmas Prayer

Give us, Lord Jesus, the eyes of children,
to see your birth with Christmas wonder.

Help us to share in the songs of the
angels, the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the Wise Men.

Close the door on hate,
and open the door of love,
all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift
and blessing with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil,
by the blessing Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clean
hearts. May Christmas morning
Make us happy to be your children,
and Christmas evening,
bring us to rest with grateful thought,
forgiving and forgiven. Amen.

(Robert Louis Stevenson)