Deineadh plé ar na gnéithe

seo mar téamaí tabhachtacha:

Q **Dialann Mhúscraí**

Cén fath nach bhfuil sé á sheacadadh chuig gach tigh a thuilleadh?

A Tá An Post tar éis a bpolasaithe a athrú maidir le seacadadh post poiblíochta. Tá ceantaracha post leagtha amach anois acu agus faoi seo do bheadh an Dialann ag dul amach chuig gach tigh i gCeantar Phost Mhaigh Chromhta. Do bheadh sé seo ró chostasach dúinn agus níl an Dialan an-úsáideach do dhaoine lasmuigh do Mhúscraí. Táimíd ag iarraidh an polasaí seo a athrú

Tógadh cinneadh d'aon ghuth ag an gcruinniú go dtabharfar gach tacaíocht go raibh gá leis chun an cinneadh seo a aisiompú, achainí le síniú gach éinne i láthair, chomh maith le daoin nach raibh i láthair gur theastaigh uatha an Dialann a choimeád mar a bhí

Idir an dá linn, cuireadh roinnt moltaí i láthair, - é a seacadadh trís na scoileanna, na siopaí, de réir ceantar staisiún agus rl. Bhí an Coiste agus an foireann an-shásta na moltaí seo thógaint, agus braitheadar go raibh sé an-dhearfach go raibh an oiread san tacaíocht ós nc rannpháirtithe maidir leis an Dialann mar a bhí

Q Ceist maidir leis an **Clár Forbartha Tuaithe Náisiúnta (LEADER)**

Conas iarratas a dhéanamh, conas a dheintear measúnú orthu, cé mhéid maoiniú a tá ar fáil &rl?

A Deineadh míniú ar an gclár; tá na h-iarratasí measta ag leibhéal reigiúnach ar dtúis ag an Coiste Meastóireachta agus téann na moltaí ar aghaidh chuig an Lár Choiste
Bhí eolas ar fáil maidir leis an réimse bearta gur féidir iarratas a chur isteach fúthu
Tugadh le fios go bhfuil cabhair le fáil san Ionad Áise agus i lár oifig MFG maidir le sonraí agus rialacha an gClár, agus tá fáilte roimh iarratais

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Q **Turasóireacht** is ea ceann dos na tionscail is tearcfhorbairthe le féidireachtaí do Ghaeltacht Mhúscraí. Ar chóir líonra daoine le baint nó suim acu i gcúrsaí turasoireachta a thabhairt le chéile chun féachaint ar na féidireachtaí comhoibríoch
An é seo obair gur féidir le MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí tabhair faoi

A Cinnte, tá roinnt obair déanta, ach tá gá le i bhfad níos mó oibre, go h-áirithe i leith caidreamh le gnó bainteach le turasóireacht i nGaeltacht Mhúscraí.
Deineadh plé ar roinnt gnéithe eile bainteach le turasóireacht agus a bpoitéinseal:

> Nascanna le suiomh idirlíon Discover Ireland

> Bealaí rothar agus siúl idir na sráidbhailte

> Learscáil le bealaí m.sh. Bóthar an Locha Theas in Uibh Laoire - bealach rothar

Aontaíodh gur b'é seo rud gur ba chóir do MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí a chur chun tosaigh san todhchaí.

Q **Ranganna Cómhra Ghaeilge -**
an bhfuilid ar fáil faoi láthair?

A Ní eagraíonn MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí Ranganna Comhrá ach eagraíonn Comharchumann Mhúscraí iad . Faoi láthair táid ar siúl i gCuil Aodha.
Bhíodar tosnaithe i gCill na Martra, ach ní raibh a dhóthain suim ann.
Chur MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí Plean Teanga chuig Roinn na Gaeltachta i 2004, bhí maoiniú chun teacht le haghaidh tionscnaí faoin bplean, ach ní raibh aon mhaoiniú le haghaidh an oibrí páirt aimsearthach chun an obair a dhéanamh, agus de bharr seo níor raibh sé indéanta.

Q **Aonad For-Rochtana Oideachas Leanúnach** Bhí sé molta gur ba chóir do MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí nascanna níos deise a fhorbairt le Coláiste na hOllscoile, na hInstitiúd Teicneolaíochta agus áiseanna oideachais eile chun féachaint ar cúrsaí oideachas agus traenála a sholáthar chuig leibhéal céime, agus muna raibh sé indéanta cursaí a chur ar fáil chuig an leibhéal seo go h-áitiúl, b'fheidir gur chóir féachaint isteach i gcóras iompar/taistil. Moladh chomh maith an iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar an obair déanta i nDún Aill, Co. Port Lairge mar shampla.

A Bhí fáilte roimh an moladh seo. Tá nascanna ann cheana féin le UCC, CIT, agus IT Trá Lí, ach cinnte tá spás le haghaidh tuilleadh fhorbairt ar seo.

Q Deineadh an pointe nach bhfuil na **Grúpaí Pobail agus Deonacha** go léir sa cheantar ar an eolas maidir leis an réimse tacaíocht atá ar fáil ó MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí
Chomh maith tá roinnt grúpaí le riachtanaisí eagsúla cosúil le Rúnaíocht, Cúntasaíocht, agus cabhair eile.

A Bhí fáilte ag an gCoiste agus an foireann roimh an moladh, agus dúradh go raibh obair á dhéanamh faoi láthair, go h-áirithe i leith Eolaire ar na grúpaí go léir, agus gur féidir tuilleadh obair a dhéanamh.

Q Deineadh an moladh gur ba chóir **Cruinnithe Poiblí** mar seo a eagrú gach ceathrú nó dhá uair sa bhliain.

A Bhí fáilte ag na rannpháirtithe roimh an moladh seo, agus dúirt an Coiste go raibh gá le tuairimí nua agus le baill nua i gconaí

Q Cuireadh ceist mar gheall ar todhchaí **MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí** - an raibh cinnteacht anois faoi?

A 'Sé an fhreagra ná go bhfuil an Clár Forbartha Áitiúil agus Pobal I bhfeidhm ar feadh bliana, agus gur clár náisiúnta atá ann - ní sa Ghaeltacht amháin. Ní feidir leis an eagraíocht áitiúil aon fhreagra a thabhairt, mar ní bheidh an todhchaí suas chuig an choiste áitiúil, ná an Lár-Choiste. Níl le déanamh ach brú ar aghaidh leis an obair, agus má fheiceann daoine go bhfuil tairbhe ann, go mbeadh tionchur aige sin ar na ndaoine a dheineann an cinneadh faoin dtodhchaí.

Among the items suggested as important themes were:

Q **Dialann Mhúscraí**

Why is it no longer being delivered to every home?

A An Post have changed their policy regarding delivery of Publicity Post. Items can now only be delivered to the entire Macroom Postal District - making it far too expensive, and of n particular use/interest to those outside of Gaeltacht Mhúscraí. We are making efforts to hav this decision reversed

It was the unanimous decision of the meeting that any support that was necessary should be put in place to have the decision reversed, including a petition which all in attendance woul sign, as well as others not in attendance who wanted the Dialann maintained as it was

In the interim, a number of alternatives were suggested - delivery through the schools, shops, by Station area, etc. The Coiste and Staff were happy to take these suggestions on board, and regarded it as very positive that participants were uniformly supportive of maintainin the Dialann as it had been previously

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Q Query with regard to the **National Rural Development Program (LEADER)**

how were projects assessed, how much funding was available, etc.

A The program was explained; applications are dealt with on a regional basis, with applications going before an Evaluation Committee and recommendations going before the Lár-Choist Information on the measures under which projects can be funded was displayed. Help i available explaining the rules of the program, and applications are welcome.

Q **Tourism** is one of the underdeveloped industries which Gaeltacht Mhúscraí could develop. Should a network of tourism-related interested parties be brought together to see wha could be done on a co-operative basis?

Is this work that MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí could undertake

A Certainly, work has already been done, but there is a need for substantially more work, particularly regarding engaging with tourism industry business' in Gaeltacht Mhúscraí.

A number of other points relating to Tourism and it's potential were also discussed, including:

> Mutual links to the Discover Ireland Website

> Cycle lanes and walk-ways between villages

> Route maps eg. The South Lake Road - cycle route

It was agreed that this was work that MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí should set as a priority for future work.

Q **Ranganna Cómhra Ghaeilge -**
are any available at the present?

A While MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí does not organise Ranganna Comhrá, the Comharchumann has. At present they are being held in Cuil Aodha.
They had been started in Cill na Martra, but there had not been sufficient take-up.
MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí had submitted a Plean Teanga to Roinn na Gaeltachta in 2004, but while funding would have been available for the Projects submitted as part of the plan, there would have been no funding for the part-time worker to implement it, and it was therefore not possible to progress with it.

Q **Outreach Further Education Centre** It was suggested that MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí should develop closer links with UCC, CIT, and other Third Level facilities, with the aim of providing Education and Training courses to Degree level and further. Also, that where it is not possible to provide courses to that level locally, that a travel/transport option for participants be investigated. Suggestion made that the experience in Dunhill, Co. Waterford be investigated as a model.

A The suggestion was welcomed. There are links already with UCC, CIT, and IT Trá Lí, but there is certainly room for further development in that regard.

Q The point was made that not all **Community & Voluntary Groups** are fully aware of the range of supports which can be provided by MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí
Also that many groups are in need of services such as Secretarial, Accounting, and other assistance.

A The Coiste an Staff welcomed the suggestion, and indicated that further work was already in train, in particular with regard to a Directory of all groups, and that further work could be done.

Q The suggestions was made that **Public Meetings** like this should be held either quarterly or bi-annually.

A The suggestion was widely welcomed by participants. The Coiste also welcomed the suggestion, and said that new members and new ideas were always needed, and would be very warmly welcomed.

Q The question was asked about the **future of MFG-Meitheal Mhúscraí** - was it assured?

A The answer given was that this program was for the year 2010, and that the Local and Community Development Program was being rolled out throughout the country - it was not a uniquely Gaeltacht program. Decisions regarding the future of the program are not within the power of the local committee or the Lár-choiste. We can only work on in the hope that the benefits of the program will be seen by the decsion-makers.