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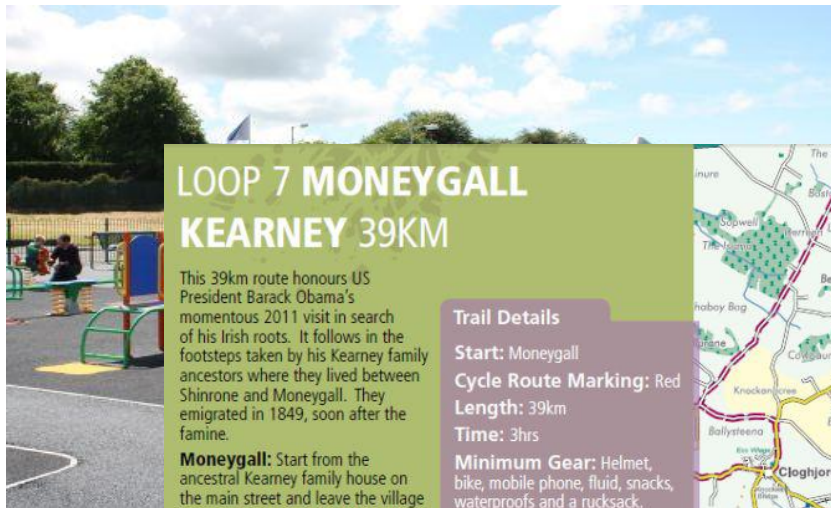
A community working for the community

Henry Healy - Moneygall Development Association CLG

Moneygall Development Association CLG

- ▶ We formed in 2011
- ▶ We recognised the village wasn't the most vibrant or attractive place
- ▶ We looked for solutions
- ▶ We called out to all clubs and organisations to take a seat at the table
- ▶ In 2012 we developed our first community plan
 - ▶ Survey locals
 - ▶ Meetings
 - ▶ Look at similar sized communities
 - ▶ Engaged with LEADER - Offaly Local Development Company

Forward 2012 - 2017



LOOP 7 MONEYGALL KEARNEY 39KM

This 39km route honours US President Barack Obama's momentous 2011 visit in search of his Irish roots. It follows in the footsteps taken by his Kearney family ancestors where they lived between Shinrone and Moneygall. They emigrated in 1849, soon after the famine.

Moneygall: Start from the ancestral Kearney family house on the main street and leave the village westwards on the old main road. Soon you pass the M7 motorway, pedalling on into the rolling countryside. Pass Templeharry Church which has Obama connections and later Kilcomin Monastic site. A detour is made into Shinrone village where at the bottom of the hill, the foodstore is the site of a Kearney family home, and directly across the road in the cemetery there is a plaque commemorating the Obama visit to the family graves.

Return to Keeney's Crossroads and follow the signs for a pleasant spin through the unspoilt farming heartland of Offaly. Along the way you will find historic castles, cottages, fine period houses, old churches and ancient cemeteries. At a river on the way to the scenic village of Dunkerrin lies Wood's Hall, worked by the Kearney family when they moved to Shinrone. This water powered mill was once an important trading hub, bringing together farmers and businessmen. Although now disused you can still see the old millrace stream passing through the building.

Continue through level bog lands with occasional hills as you near Castletown and the final few kilometres into Moneygall.

Trail Details

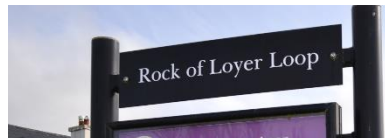
Start: Moneygall

Cycle Route Marking: Red

Length: 39km

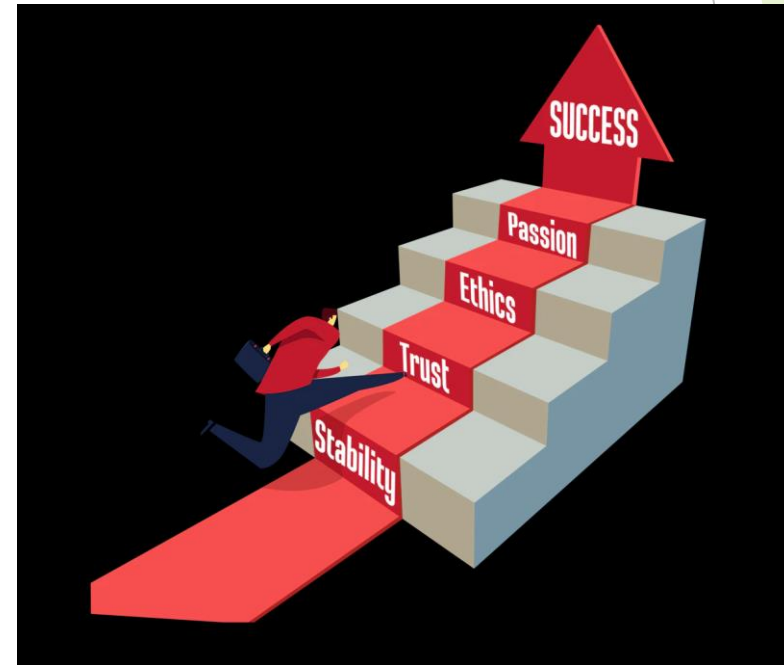
Time: 3hrs

Minimum Gear: Helmet, bike, mobile phone, fluid, snacks, waterproofs and a rucksack.



Progress attracts new ideas & new people

- ▶ When people see success they are attracted to it!
 - ▶ More people got involved
 - ▶ More sub committees began to form
 - ▶ More development happen



Are you a closed shop?

- ▶ You will always have the critics
- ▶ You do need to listen
- ▶ If there is a perception you are closed to new ideas it will turn people off
- ▶ Open door bring more solutions than problems
- ▶ ASK SOMEONE TO GET INVOLVED

COMMUNITY CAFÉ - Round Table Discussion

COMMUNITY CAFÉ RESULTS

- ▶ Moneygall Development Association have a new 7 year Community Plan “Moneygall 2025”
 - ▶ Shift towards healthy living
 - ▶ Lifestyle and community events
 - ▶ People had a say - published the report
 - ▶ Authorities see substance when going for funds



Who is in your Community ?

- ▶ Do you know someone that would get involved?
 - ▶ You don't need a committee member you need someone willing
 - ▶ Fear of meetings and an area of no interest
 - ▶ Can they organise a meeting via zoom?
 - ▶ Can they set up a website?
 - ▶ Can they make an introduction?
 - ▶ Can they make a planning application?
 - ▶ Can they make a call?



Who is involved in other organisations?

- ▶ Can your organisation support another & visa versa
 - ▶ Moneygall FC & Moneygall Development Association
- ▶ Land to build a community garden
- ▶ Permission to build a walking track
- ▶ Permission to erect lighting on the track
- ▶ Relationships built with contractors also can help aid future projects



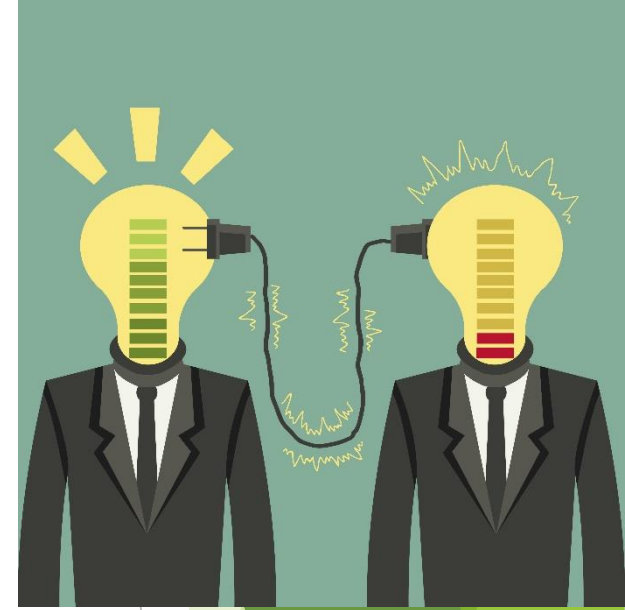
How things can grow organically

- ▶ **Moneygall Development Association & Community Garden**
 - ▶ I was a doubting Tomas!
 - ▶ MDA secured land from Soccer Club
 - ▶ We asked OLDC if anyone they knew would have knowledge
 - ▶ We had a local Organic farmer
 - ▶ We had a local engineer to do the planning
 - ▶ We had our development plan to back up the proposal
 - ▶ We had the area ready and called for volunteers
 - ▶ We then assisted them form a committee
 - ▶ They run the garden, we support when it comes to funding applications & insurance
 - ▶ Cottage Market, Local shops and local customers for produce
 - ▶ Inclusive - Kids & Adults of all abilities



How sharing can enhance your goals

- ▶ Share your resources & expertise
 - ▶ Moneygall FC had success in Sports Capital Grants & had the volunteers organising the planning and applications - Moneygall GAA asked for assistance and in 2018 both were successful in getting over €30,000 each and MDA secured nearly €10,000
 - ▶ Moneygall Community Hall were struggling to come up with ideas to get community use of the hall. They came to MDA and we went through the community plan and in 2020 began planning for a Community Gym. Its ready we just cant open
 - ▶ Dunkerrin Reaching Out Heritage Group wanted to digitise the community baptismal records and put online to assist with queries, MDA offered our website as a host for the record so they hadn't excessive site costs
 - ▶ M.D.A set up an online shop on our website to allow groups sell publications etc.



Working from Home - the new norm

► The commute is over!

- Can you get a volunteer to donate the travel time?
 - Setting up a fundraising site?
 - Volunteer to host a zoom event
 - Cut the grass for the local club
 - Get involved in the community garden
 - Can they assist by helping prepare books for auditing?
 - Do they have expertise in an area you need support ?



DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK!