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PROMOTION					
PROM 01/24	Promote role, remit and actions of Strokestown Tidy Towns Group via social media channels and website.	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Jonathan and Mark to continue promotion of events and information via Facebook. Mark to continue maintenance of website ensuring site refresh as deemed necessary.	Jonathan Mark	
PROM 02/24	Liaise with Roscommon PPN to promote group in county-wide newsletter.	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Martina to lead on group response to PPN.	Martina	
PROM 03/24	Work closely with geographically close Tidy Towns groups (under the guise of Sliabh Ban Community Amenity Group) to develop co-ordinated approach to resolving issues.	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Organise 'get-together' of all elements of Sliabh Ban Community Amenity Group.	Jonathan Mark	
PROM 04/24	Promote role, remit and actions of Strokestown Tidy Towns Group via Our Voice FM, Roscommon People, Shannonside FM, Roscommon Herald + Ros FM.	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Expand use of Our Voice FM to promote events and information of importance.	Jonathan Mark	
PROM 05/24	Attend all relevant local, regional, national meetings (e.g. PPN, RosCoCo) to further connections and raise profile	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Share attendance responsibilities amongst committee.	Jonathan Mark	
PROM 06/24	Produce annual Christmas card – distribution list as per 2022 + 2023.	A	Mark to create and distribute.	Mark	
PROM 07/24	Purchase additional promotional signs advertising positive relationship with Ardcarne Garden Centre.	A, B, C, D	Appropriate funding stream to be identified.	Mark	
FUNDING					
FUND 01/24	Roscommon Courts 'Poor Box' funds	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Continue to develop sitting Judge awareness of our remit and involvement in the Strokestown community,	Mark Jonathan	
FUND 02/24	Coffee Morning	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Fund-raising event to be organised to coincide with Saturday morning Park Runs.	Jonathan Mark Beverley Martina Catherine	



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FUND 03/24	Community sponsored walk / Heritage Hunt	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Hold event to bring people together and walk round Strokestown highlighting important historical sights. Byron Rodgers to take photos of Strokestown sights to be used for a 'Name that Place' competition.	Jonathan Mark Byron	
FUND 04/24	Amenity Grant	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Funding application submitted 10/03/2024 for €1850. Requested to purchase: * heavy-duty 'back pack' leaf blower; * self-propelled petrol lawnmower; * rechargeable safety lighting; * foldable platform trolley.	Mark	
FUND 05/24	SuperValu	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Local SuperValu to be approached to supply consumables + perishables for planned events.	Jonathan Mark	
FUND 06/24	Town + Village Renewal Fund	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Funding application submitted October 2023 for €250,000. Requested to develop existing Strokestown Grotto site into a community recreation area.	Jonathan Mark	
FUND 07/24	Sliabh Ban Community Grants Fund	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Funding application submitted 25/01/2024 for €13,158. Requested to cover 5% match funding required by Town + Village Renewal Fund.	Mark	
FUND 08/24	HSE / National Lottery Fund	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Funding application submitted 14/02/2024 for €4000. Requested to purchase large inflatable tent, to be used for community events.	Mark Jonathan	
FUND 09/24	Church Gate collection	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Plans to be finalised to arrange attendance at a selected Strokestown Sunday Mass. Authority to be sought from An Garda Siochana (form to be submitted).	TBC	
FUND 10/24	Greener Spaces	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Formulate proposal if campaign runs in 2024.	Mark	
FUND 11/24	CLÁR	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Formulate proposal to satisfy criteria.	Mark	



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FUND 12/24	Climate Action Programme Grant	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Funding application submitted 28/01/2024 for €2830. Requested to purchase submersible solar water pump (SPS-35) to aid summer plant watering.	Mark Jonathan	
FUND 13/24	Festivals + Events Grant	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Funding application submitted 19/02/2024 for €3500. Requested to purchase: * event safety signage, * adult / junior hi-viz vests, * local media outlet marketing + promotion in support of Community Cohesion event.	Mark	
FUND 14/24	Municipal District Funding Grant	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Request submitted 21/02/2024 seeking Boyle MD ratification of permission given by Una Ni Chuinn + Mark Keaveny (RosCoCo) for approved 2022 funds (€1800) to be used to purchase storage shed unit (to be located in Grotto). 2024 application submitted 26/02/2024 for €2600 to be used alongside 2022 funds.	Mark Jonathan	
FUND 15/24	Local Enhancement Programme Grant	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Funding application submitted 01/02/2024 for €400. Requested to purchase: * safety-wear to be used by key volunteers and CE / TUS / RSS workers during weekly duties.	Mark	
FUND 16/24	Adopt a Bring Bank Scheme / Adopt a Road Scheme	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Bring Banks: 2024 agreements with RosCoCo to maintain Church Street bottle bank – new signage required to notify community of our oversight / specify how to report full banks. Roads: 2024 agreements with RosCoCo to maintain Elphin Street - build responsibilities into TUS / CE / RSS workers SOP. €325 received from RosCoCo 26/01/24 in recognition of above.	Mark Martina Jonathan	
FUND 17/24	Car Wash	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Organise a fund-raising Car Wash, manned by local school students. Liaise with Fire Station for location.	Jonathan	



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PROJECTS					
PROJ 01/24	Planting: develop structured year-on-year flower growing / planting schedule to ensure consistency of approach.	A, B, C, D, E, H	Beverley + Catherine have created a monthly plan detailing what needs planting when, where it will be planted and enabling analysis / assessment of planting success.	Beverley Catherine	
PROJ 02/24	Planting: continue and develop existing association with Ardcarne Garden Centre.	A, B, C, D, E, H	Beverley has developed an extremely positive relationship with Ardcarne management. With Catherine now substantively on-board this connection will flourish.	Beverley Catherine	
PROJ 03/24	Residents' Associations Compost Bays	A, B, C, D, E, G	* Refresh Tower View awareness and use of existing units. * Refresh Forge Hill awareness and use of existing units. * Support other Residents Associations interested in similar projects.	Jonathan Mark	
PROJ 04/24	Community Cohesion Days	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Hold 2024 Cohesion / Clean – Up Day. Ensure event is promoted to Ukrainian residents. Ensure BOC Service Users are involved. Engage with local schools. Promote via Roscommon Volunteer Service and local media outlets.	Jonathan Mark Beverley Martina Catherine	
PROJ 05/24	Planting + Maintenance: Turnafarn	B, C, D, H	Factor weekly site maintenance into TUS / CE / RSS workers SOP.	Jonathan	
PROJ 06/24	Maintenance: Grass cutting	A, B, C, F, G, H	Support Tommy Carolan by building grass cutting responsibilities into TUS / CE / RSS workers SOP.	Jonathan	
PROJ 07/24	Maintenance: Watering rota	A, D	Funding bid submitted to purchase Solar powered water pump (to be located in Grotto adjacent to river).	Jonathan Beverley Catherine	
PROJ 08/24	Work with Town Team to facilitate 'Town Centre First' project to arrange for colourful planting of all beds below trees running parallel to Church Street and Bawn Street.	A, B, C, D, H	Project is currently dependant on progress of RosCoCo / TCF plans for town development. If TCF plans do not happen then this can be a 'quick-win' for us.	Jonathan Mark Beverley Catherine	



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PROJ 09/24	Introduce a community 'Adopt-a-Tree' scheme whereby selected households will have responsibility for upkeep of selected community trees (e.g. Church Street) including maintenance of under-tree beds.	A, B, C, D, H	Project is currently dependant on progress of RosCoCo / TCF plans for town development. If TCF plans do not happen then this can be a 'quick-win' for us.	Jonathan Mark	
PROJ 10/24	Open up Cloonslanor Burial Ground to Strokestown residents and visitors.	A, B, C, D, E	Re-engage with RosCoCo to progress work undertaken in 2022 + 2023.	Jonathan	
PROJ 11/24	<u>Grotto Redevelopment</u> Progress ongoing plans to develop Grotto into an enhanced, inclusive recreational area.	A, B, C, D, E	Development dependant on successful Town + Village Renewal Fund application.	Mark Jonathan Beverley Catherine	
PROJ 12/24	Increase numbers of TUS and CE workers allocated to Strokestown Tidy Towns Group.	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Jonathan (via Sliabh Ban Community Amenity Group) pushing local, regional and national bodies to sanction additional workers.	Jonathan Mark	
PROJ 13/24	Increase number of public waste bins in town centre. Replace / redesign existing bins (Elphin Street) to ensure consistency of aesthetics, reduce public abuse and reduce avian interference.	B, F, H	Continue to push RosCoCo for additional units.	Jonathan Mark	
PROJ 14/24	Explore erection of Church Street/Bawn Street promotional 'teardrop' lamppost flags.	A, B, H	Long-term idea to build on Community Flag project. Erect flags on lampposts to promote all community groups.	Jonathan Mark	
PROJ 15/24	Identify a suitable central storage unit to hold equipment / provide workers + volunteers with dry meeting point.	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Funding request for Grotto-based shed submitted via two tranches of Municipal District Fund.	Jonathan Mark	
PROJ 16/24	Scoop the Poop: work with community and RosCoCo to raise awareness of the legalities and moralities of preventing dog fouling.	A, B, E, F, G, H	Support ongoing from Laura's Canine Academy and Country Kennels. Mark liaising with RosCoCo to obtain additional MuttMitt bin for placing in town. Mark to design user guide to help prevent misuse of MuttMitt bags. Mark liaising with RosCoCo to gain up-to-date info on legalities of using CCTV to identify perpetrators.	Mark Jonathan Martina Beverley Catherine	



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PROJ 17/24	Hold annual (year-on-year) Christmas Fundraiser / Promotional event seasonally themed Tractor + Truck Run with selected community partners.	A, E	2024 community partner to identified.	Jonathan Mark	
PROJ 18/24	Fulfil role of 'funding engine' for Residents' Associations providing guidance / training on how to identify and apply for local / national funding streams.	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Martina + Ollie to offer assistance to Residents' Associations where requested, or where new relevant information becomes available.	Martina Ollie (Forge Hill)	