

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLONMANY**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	22
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	20	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	26	21
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176	164

Clonmany, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is disappointing not to have received a proper Development Plan as recommended by last year's adjudicator. Whilst your proposed environmental improvements are to be commended it would be most beneficial to outline a realistic timeframe for the achievement of each of your proposals. You could enhance your submitted map slightly by providing more detail and highlighting areas where annual improvements have been made, sites of interest are located, and where problem areas exist etc. This would be of great benefit to you as part of the development plan, as well as to the adjudicator.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

St. Mary's Hall is well appointed and the Garda Station is well maintained. Market House looks very grand and will be most elegant when completed with its fine stonework and red brick quoins and detail. Unfortunately, the other buildings on Market Square, with the exception of the Square Bar, do not complement this ambitious project. A derelict building sits adjacent Market House – have you any options to develop this building? The Telegraph pole in the centre of the Square spoils the space and would be so much better were the overhead cables to be located in underground ducting and the pole removed. The streetscape, as you have highlighted yourself, would clearly benefit from burying the overhead cables in underground ducts.

LANDSCAPING

Your proposed environmental is very good and will most certainly enhance the village when completed. The graveyard is well maintained in certain areas but unkempt in others. The Columcille Village and Medical Centre is very well kept with established and maturing trees. The hedges and trees around the church are very pleasant whilst the grassed areas within the church grounds need cutting. The Market Square does not appear to be included under your proposed environmental improvements and would most definitely benefit from a good landscaping plan. Houses opposite Market Square had fine window boxes displayed at first story windows.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is a waterfall park just outside the village. Is this associated with Clonmany? It would be good to see some proposals under this heading in a future development plan.

LITTER CONTROL

The provision of a bottle bank is excellent, however, it may have been better located at the rear of the car park and shielded with timber fencing. Very little litter was seen on adjudication day and Catrionas Newsagents was spotless.

TIDINESS

The vacant plot besides the Esso station was unkempt and would appear all the better should your plan to purchase and develop goes ahead. Good luck with this project.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Housing estate would benefit from further planting and landscaping. The houses at the bottom of the town that include Moviedrome, Videorental and Classic Hair Design are well maintained. The Riverside Apartments are a good example of traditional influences in new buildings and are to be commended. Houses out the Ballyliffin Road are very well cared for with very nice gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach road from Carndonagh hedge on left hand side, beside graveyard, needs trimming. Verges are unkempt and overgrown. A pavement would be of great benefit here. The car park opposite the Centra provides ample space, however, most car users appear to prefer to leave their cars immediately outside the shop and thus clutter the street. Further provision for car parking is made at the bottom of the town. Generally the roads were not too bad whilst improvements could be made to the pavements. There is a good stone wall at the bottom of the town that continues along to the bridge. The bridge itself could be cleaned of grass and moss. Hedgerows require trimming on some of the approach roads.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Fruition of your environmental proposals and the establishing of a proper development plan will assist you well in achieving a very pleasant town.