

Background

- **DFBA Community Enterprises, CLG, (Social Enterprise), Est> 1993 as an Umbrella Company to encourage and mentor start ups**
- **Dunhill, Fenor, Boatstrand, Annestown.**
- **Rural Community of Dunhill-Fenor. Population 2.500**
- **South Coast. 15 Km to Waterford City. 10 Km to Tramore**
- **Volunteer Director Board, 12 people – 200 volunteers/20 projects**

Mission:

To develop our community economically, culturally, and socially by harnessing the talents of our people and all the resources available

Motto. *There is no limit to what can be achieved by a community working together*

Logo. *Dolmen- 5,000 years old*

Objectives

- **Create sustainable enterprises and jobs**
- **Provide new educational opportunities**
- **Protect and enhance biodiversity of the area**
- **Add value, avoid duplication, displacement and waste**
- **Empower people- Let 1.000 flowers bloom**
- **Leverage dormant resources in community/ state/ private sector**
- **Champion an integrated approach to rural development**
- **Adhere to good governance practices**

Achievements

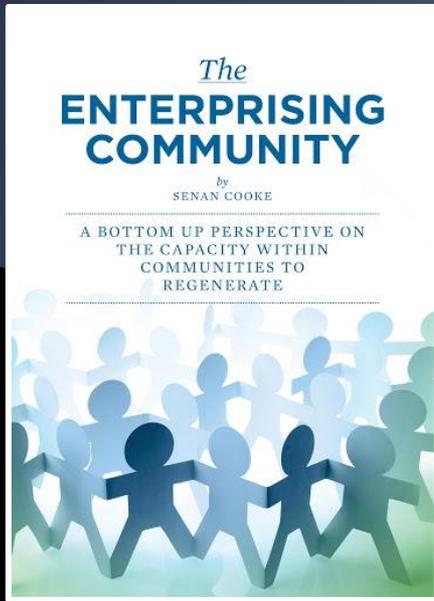
- **Created 250 jobs-2000-2021**
- **Currently 31 businesses and 70 jobs in the EcoPark**
- **Graduated 3000 accredited students from the education centre**
- **Increase in staff in 2 schools from 3 to 9 & from 2 to 23**
- **Developed 26 Integrated Constructed Wetlands**
- **Built 40 affordable houses**
- **Increase in population, 1.500 to 2.500 (1994-2021)**
- **25 viable social enterprises in Copper Coast Geopark**
- **Mix of 20 developments/ a huge platform for growth**

Supports Required

- **Fund for pilot initiatives that if successful can be replicated**
- **Open category to be included in all funding streams**
- **Full time advisor in every county- secure continuity**
- **Full time manager for 3 years on self-funding business plan**
- **75%/90% - Capital grant funding**
- **Collaboration & networking criteria in grant applications**
- **Improved supported employment programmes**
- **Shared learning IT Platform to inform project leaders**
- **To become a Rural Regeneration Centre 'EXEMPLAR'**

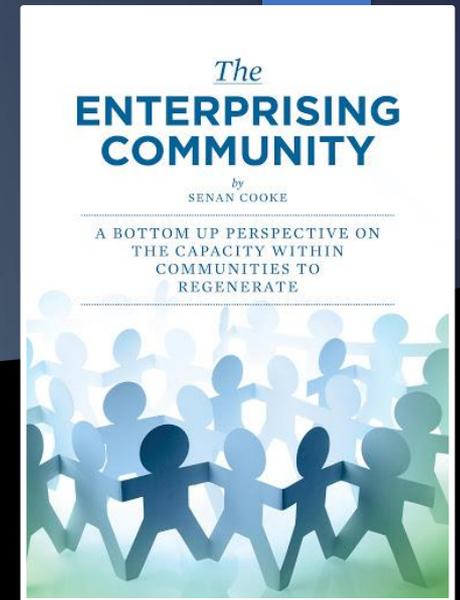
Urban v Rural

- **Rural- Sense of Place-Pride of Place- Personal Identity**
- **Social Inclusion, Social Capital, Immediate Response**
- **Shared Ownership & Maintenance of Services/Facilities**
- **A Community of Interest**
- **Abundance of Resources, Many Dormant, Can be Activated**
- **Less Dire Poverty Pockets than in Urban Centres**
- **Benefits of Urban Living**
- **Urban Services-Health. Retail. Education. Transport. Employment.**
- **A Different Way of Life – A Personal Preference**



The Enterprising Community

By Dr. Senan Cooke



The definitive text for everyone working in social enterprise in communities and for state agency staff who support them. It is also the recognised text in third level colleges for business and community development programmes. The book is a roadmap for social enterprise in Ireland with numerous case studies on rural and urban regeneration.



Dunhill EcoPark



Dunhill Village



Fenor Village



Annestown Village



Boatstrand



Copper Coast from the Air



**Cois Cille Housing Estate.
40 Affordable Houses**