Smart Coastal Areas

Community Consensus - A Tool For Change

Bantry - Identifying the Problems

Demise of traditional economic drivers (Agriculture & Commercial Fishing)

Pivot towards tourism as a replacement economy

- **Unattractive intertidal slob land dominating town centre.**
- **Loss of connectivity between town & harbour**
- **Disconnected amenities**

Aerial
Harbour View
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Murphys
Marino Lane
The Bantry Bay
Mariner
The Waterfront Bar
Julies diner
Tower Street
Donovan's Lane
Wolfe Tone Square
Tower Street
Tower Hill
Blackrock Road
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The Initiative - Operation Slob Transformation

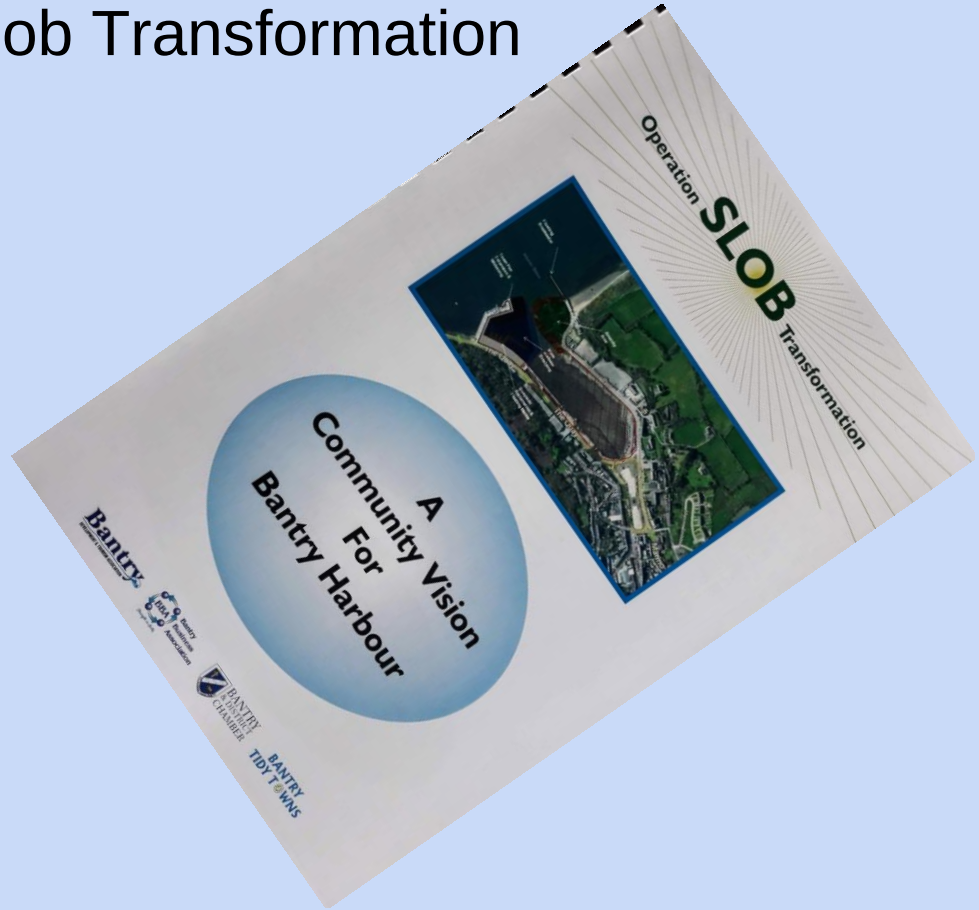
Sponsors:

Bantry Development & Tourism

Bantry Chamber of Commerce

Bantry Tidy Towns

Bantry Business Association



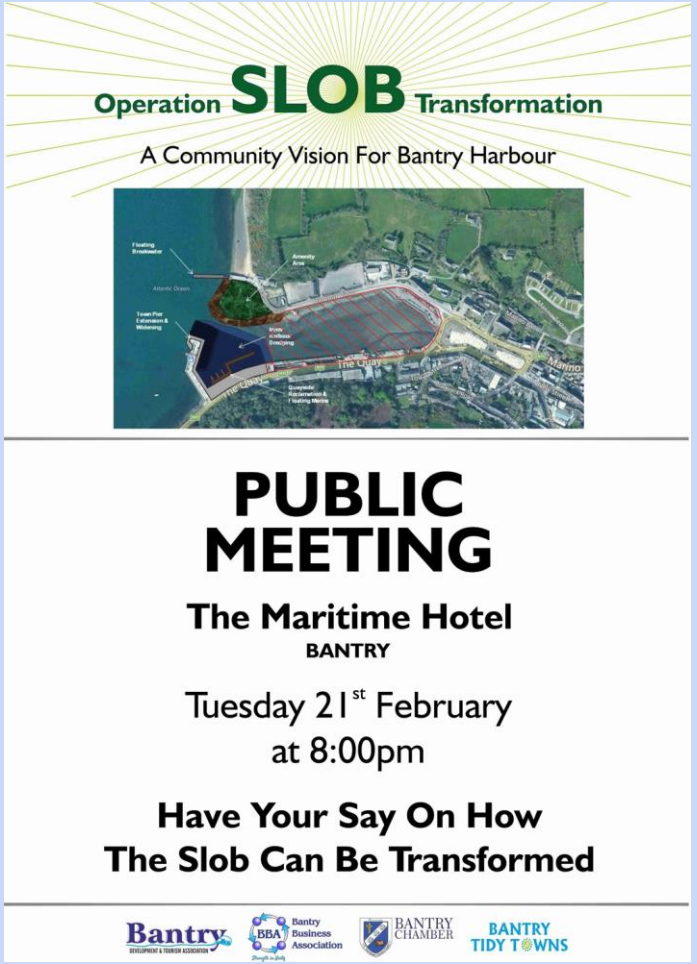
Engaging the Community

Posters

Local Radio & Newspapers

Social Media

Word of Mouth



The Process of Community Consensus

Professional Mediator (Harriet Emerson)

Organising the workshops

Setting the Goal

Developing ideas

Identifying common themes

Merging common themes

Agreeing the elements of consensus

Overarching Objective

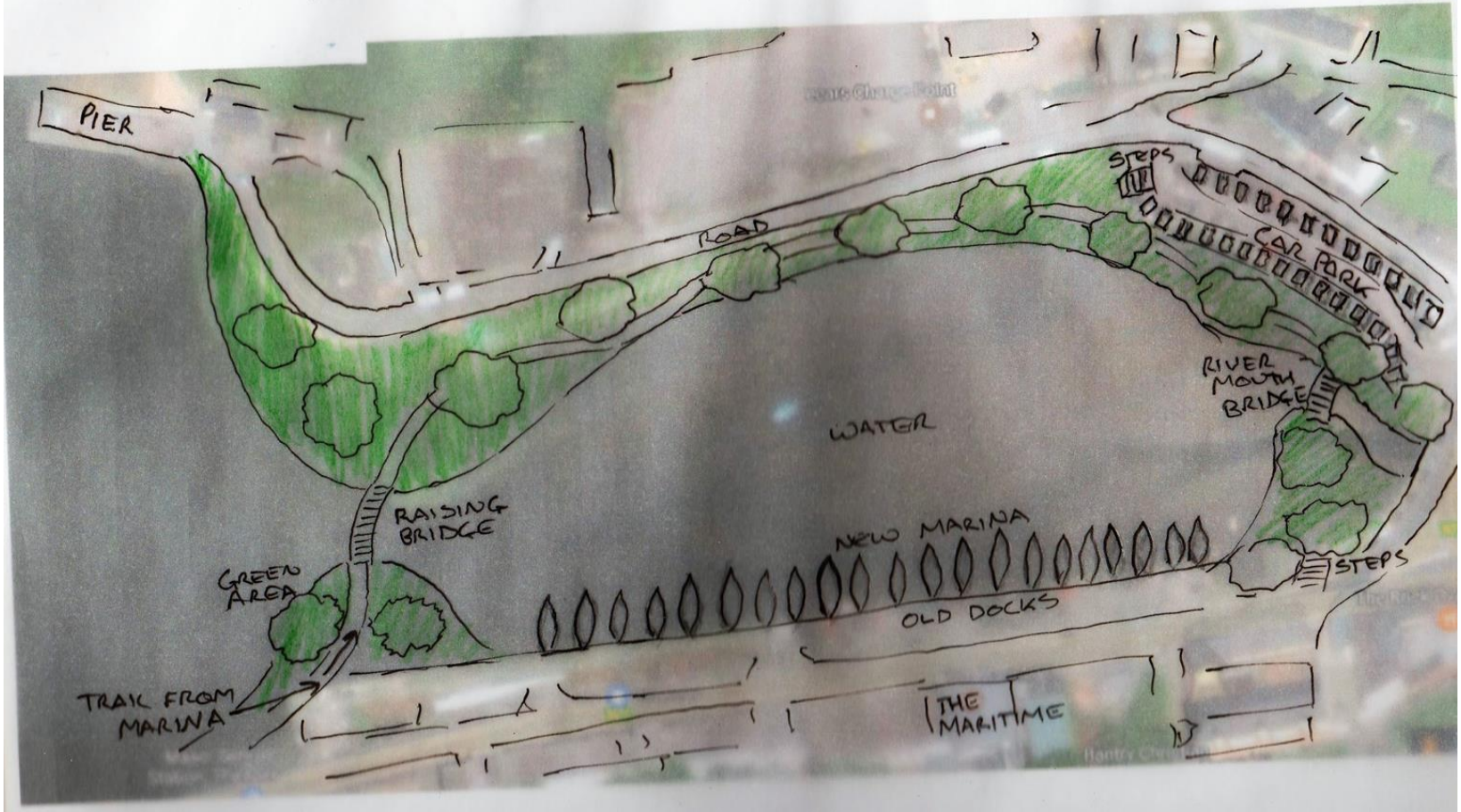
“An attractive centre for the town that delivers real benefits to the community and enhances visitor experience”.

DO YOU LIKE IT AS IT IS?
WHAT COULD IT BECOME?
WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?
DO YOU HAVE IDEAS?

HERE'S AN IDEA!

A PINK FLAMINGO SANCTUARY

PROPOSED GREEN WILDLIFE & WETLANDS PARK. & CULTURAL SCULPTURE TRAIL.



Elements Sense of Community of Agreed Vision

Wetlands / Natural Habitat / Green Open Space

Bantry's Maritime Heritage

Room to extend Marina facilities should the need arise.

Integrated amenities and walkways.

Strong sense of Community Ownership

Engaging with Authorities

The Community Consensus was circulated to:

All Participants & Local Community

All Public Representatives.

Bantry Bay & Port of Cork Companies - (Harbour Authority)

Cork County Council - (Local Authority with responsibility for planning policy in Bantry)

The response of the Authorities was positive.

RIAI Development Strategy & Design Review

A Vision For Bantry Harbour

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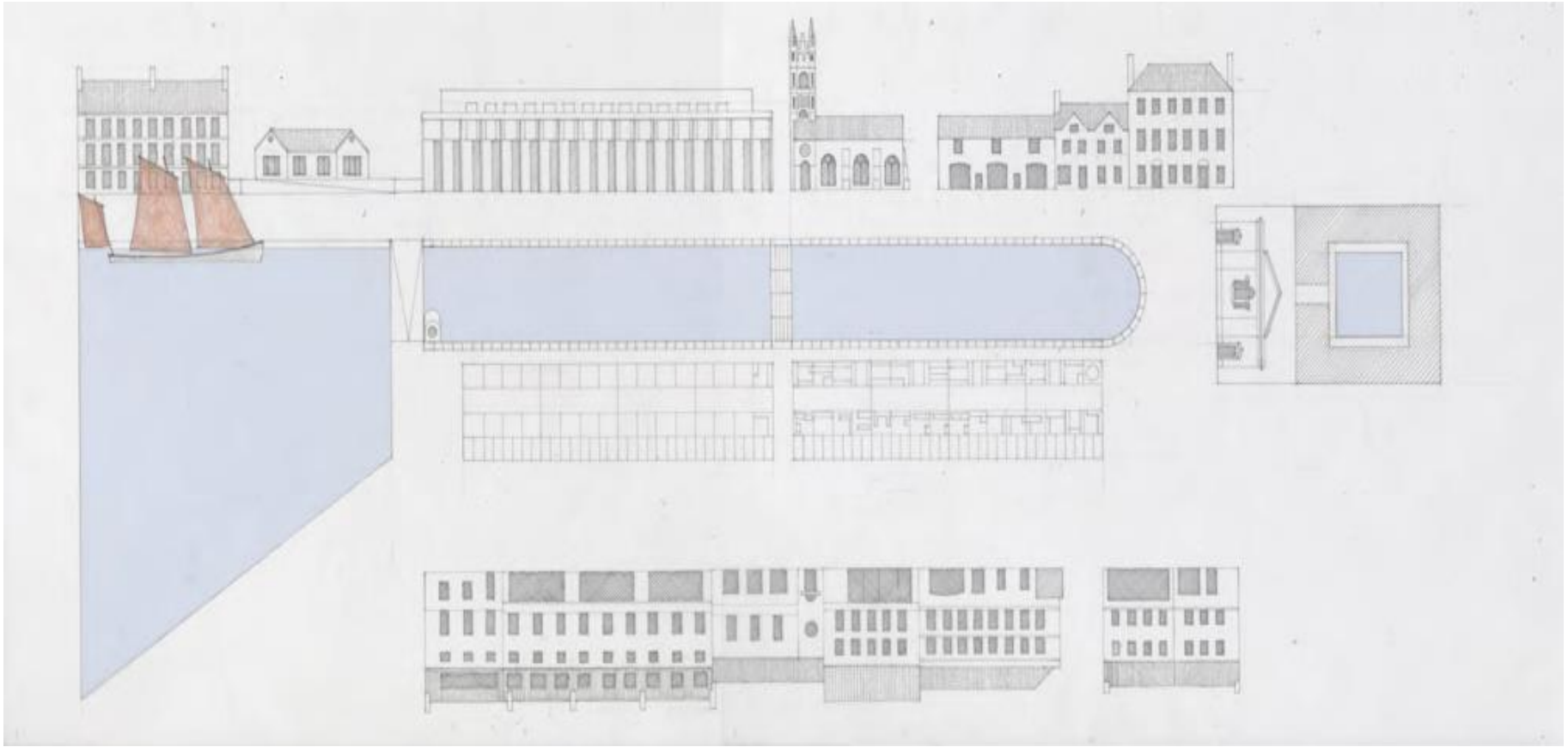
RIAI Development Strategy & Design Review

The Project Team

Project Chair: Joe Crockett

Client: Henry Kingston, Port of Cork & Karl McCoy

Design Review Panel: Louise Cotter, Peter Carroll, Paul Dillon



Next Steps

Converting the Community Consensus and Design Review into development policy (Local Area Plan)

Integrating the design review into development projects

Culvert - Flood defences & mitigation - Funding - Heritage