Background

Rural area located the northern Sperins in south Co. Derry
Background to Local area

- Rural Community – 250 houses
- Successful GAA Club – Hurling, Camogie & Football.
- Growing Bilingual Community – especially in younger population – Emerging Gaeltacht
Carntogher Community Association promotes a range of economic, social, cultural and environmental projects aimed at developing a prosperous and environmentally sustainable rural community.

The Association caters for a bilingual community and undertakes a particular role in supporting and nurturing the Irish-speaking community. It delivers many of its projects bilingually – particularly for the youth.
Some past & ongoing projects

- Post Office / Craft Shop
- ‘An Carn’ Community Resource Centre
- Mixed Tenure Housing Scheme
- Programme of Youth Activities
- Envision Heritage Project.
- Volunteering Initiative
- Aisteoirí Charn Tóchair – Drama Group
- Carntogher Arts Project
- Irish in the Community Project – Scéim Pobal Gaeilge
- Carntogher Festival – Féile Charn Tóchair
- Drumnaph Nature Reserve Project
- Community Library
- Health sector – Community Pharmacy Project, Healthy Living Project
- Reconciling Communities Project – Cross Community Project
- Base for other Organisations: Carn Wheelers, NW Mountain rescue, Ógras, Ceolteoirí Luraigh, Grow it Yourself, First Responder Scheme
Community Owned – Community Led
An Carn Community Hub
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Community Offices – supporting range of projects – Irish language, environment, arts,

- Shop
- Post Office
- Conference & Meeting Facilities.
- Computer Training facilities
- Opened the doors in 2000
- Now employing 6 full time staff & 2 part-time
Community Owned – Community Led
An Coire Arts Centre
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Creative Arts Hub consisting of

- Function area/ exhibition area
- Arts and Craft workshop
- Multi-media Workshop
- Multi-purpose hall – cinema, drama, music, dance, sport etc.
- Dressing Rooms
- Youth club area.
Irish language film launch at An Carn

The article mentions the launch of an Irish language film at An Carn. The film seems to be related to children, as there are multiple images of children participating in various activities. The images show children holding lanterns, sitting in a group, and interacting with characters, possibly from the film. The event appears to be a community gathering centered around the Irish language and culture.
Community Owned – Community Led
Teach Glas – Self Catering
An Teach Glas

- 2 x Self catering houses (sleeps 8 in each)

- Suitable for letting to tourists and accommodation for residential courses eg: Music, Dancing, Archaeology, environment, History/heritage etc
Tourism Infrastructure

- Mountain Trail – Carntogher Walks 20KM
- Nature Reserve Walks 7KM
- Accommodation – Teach Glas
- Féile Charn Tóchair – running 17 years
  - Coláiste Charn Tóchair
- Heritage Trails
  - Carntogher Heritage Trail
  - Gleann Con Cadhain Trail – App / Website
  - Drumnaph Nature Reserve – App / Website
Community Owned – Community Led
Driom nDamh – Community Nature Reserve
Drumnaph Community Nature Reserve

- 130 acres of woodland purchased in March 2012
- Adding to existing 80 acre site owned by Woodland Trust
- Additional 7km of walkways / running track
- Community Allotments
- Educational opportunities for schools
- Officially opened in June 2014
- Funded by: Heritage Lottery Fund & NI Environment Agency

www.drumnaph.org
Community Owned – Community Led
Grass-Roots Renewables CIC
Renewable Energy –
225KW turbine to benefit local organisations including the local – Naíscoileanna and Slaughtneil GAA club.
2 other turbines in planning stages at the minute.
Future

- **Consolidation** – Maximising the use of our current facilities – to develop a comprehensive programme of activities for different age groups
- **Sustainability** – Developing social economy businesses that generate funds create employment and training opportunities and services for IM sector – Shop, wind turbine, Events Company.
- **Outreach and Network Development** – Supporting development of a network of other local communities,