



## ÉIRE COMMUNITY COUNCILS

### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is a Community Co-Op? A Community Co-Op is an Organisation that is democratically controlled by its Members through the Community Co-Op Board – to meet the shared needs of the Community.
2. How do I become a Member? If you are ordinarily resident in your Community you can become a Member of the Co-Op by giving your name and phone number to a Community Co-Op Board Member and simply ask to join.
3. What are the main benefits of being a Member of a Community Co-Op? By becoming a Member of the Community Co-Op you have a say in current and future events affecting your Community *"Join today to have your say"*
4. Does this challenge the authority of the County and Local Councils? A Community Co-Op is proactive not reactive. Its purpose is not to challenge Local Corporate Councils but to make these Local Corporate Councils fully aware of what a Community does and does not want in their Community. *"Know how to say No"*
5. Is this being done across the Country? Yes, The first Community Co-Op was established in Finglas, Dublin on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024. There are now more than 20 Community Co-Op's fully established across Éire with many more at their nascent.

6. Can you give an example of where this Model has been successful? When a Community Co-Op reaches 100+ Members it is then a fully established Community Council and is in a position to communicate this standing with the Local Corporate Council on behalf of the Community. When there are 300+ Members the Community has critical mass to hold its own Community Court to address any serious issue affecting the Community.
7. What do the By-Laws for the Community mean and how can they be upheld by the "authorities"? The By-Laws for the Community are essentially the Sovereign & Indefeasible Rights of every Living Man and Woman of the Community. They cannot be usurped by any Corporate Legislation. The By-Laws are posted in the Public Domain on <https://faodhla.ie> and are there for all Co-Op Members to "Acknowledge, Accept & Assert" for their own protection and better living.
8. When you say each Member has a "Visible Vote" on matters affecting their Community, what does that mean? Every Co-Op Member receives a Deed of Acknowledgment & Confirmation as a Sovereign Claimant in the Community of Éire. This ensures that every Co-Op Member is seen as a Sovereign Living Wo/Man whose Vote is fully acknowledged. This removes any ambiguity of the Co-Op Member being seen as persons under acts with limited and qualified rights bound by certain legislation.

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