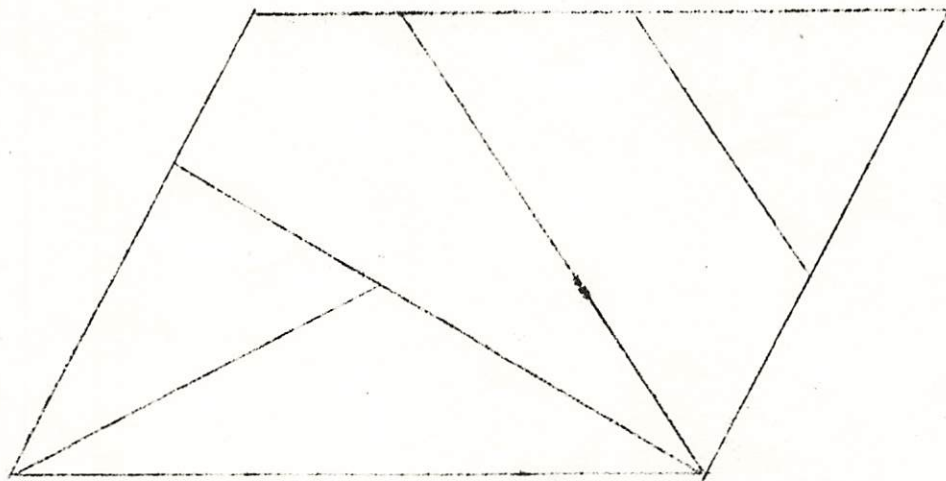


CLAVERTY COTTAGE

Co-operative Community

Development Project

(4C - DP)



CONSULT REVIEW REPORT

January 1981.

Claverty Cottage held a Consult a year ago in which they made concrete plans for the future development of the community. The Consult was held in January, 1980, and since then they have been struggling to do their own Project. In January, 1981, they had a Consult Review in which they evaluated their nineteen programmes and made plans for 1981. This Review was really to look back and see what had been done and what should be done next in terms of their programmes. The event was two days long, which finally revealed the directions which the community must focus on most.

| Consult Review Design | | | | |
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| Opening | Session I | Session II | Session III | Closing |
| Workshop to Create Construct for Review | 1980 Programmes Evaluation | Community Council Meeting | 1981 Plans | Celebration |

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1980 COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Crop Production Enterprise - There was an increased production in red peas.

Co-Op Coffee Project - Representatives from the community attended the annual Coffee Co-Op Meeting in Port Antonio.

Village Industry Complex - The site was cleared and levelled. Local stones were purchased for construction. A new method was developed for preparing the wicker and greatly speeds up the process. Approximately 1,200 pounds of wicker have been prepared. Wicker workers attended the Pioneer Production Conference in Discovery Bay. Village wicker products were exhibited in Buff Bay.

Community Commercial Association - The Co-Op Shop was opened in March, employing two Claverty residents. The community was represented at the first National CEO Conference held in Mandeville.

Fund Raising Project - Two contracts for road work were secured from the Parish Council. A grant for the Community Centre was received from the Netherlands Embassy. A fund-raising raffle was held. Two CEO loans were secured--one for the Shop and one for the Wicker Industry.

COMMUNITY SELF-CONFIDENCE

Public Utilities Project - The community received electricity in the past year. Road workdays were held.

SOCIAL SELF-RELIANCE

Community Awareness Project - Regular Community Council meetings were conducted. The Consult Document (January 1980) was produced and distributed. Voluntary workdays occurred at the Community Centre site. Claverty met with the villages of Upper St. Georges Division in a Regional Community Council Meeting to discuss working together. Residents attended planning workshops and a Leadership Module held at Woburn Lawn Human Development Project in St. Thomas.

Village Youth Corps - The Scout Troop continued to meet and hold exercises.

Local Group Activities - The Sports Club was begun.

Basic School Foundation - The Basic School was re-started.

Technical Skills Institute - One trainer in wicker work was secured. Wicker workers attended a 6-weeks training programme. Agriculture training was held.

1981 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT KEYSTONES

| CLAVERTY COTTAGE 1981 KEYSTONES | | | |
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| Accelerating Physical Development | | | |
| Positioning Organizational Framework | | | |
| Constructing Key Facilities | Empowering Social Forms | Establishing Economic Vehicle | Advancing Public Utilities |
| COMMUNITY CENTRE COMPLETION | COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION | ECONOMIC CO-OPERATIVE FORMATION | COMMUNITY TRUCK PROCUREMENT |
| CRAFT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING | TRUST FUND ESTABLISHMENT | ENTERPRISE INCOME VICTORY | UTILITIES PROPOSALS SUBMISSIONS |
| CO-OP SHOP EXPANSION | COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPENING | MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TRAINING | C.B. RADIO INSTALLATION |

1. The COMMUNITY CENTRE COMPLETION keystone will provide a community meeting/activities place. A lease agreement for the site has been signed and a plan of the Centre has been drawn. With a grant from the Netherlands Embassy, materials were purchased, and two community workdays were held to level the site and start the foundation. Further fund-raising efforts will be made and special emphasis will be placed on getting reliable transport for delivery of sand and other materials. A labour plan will be created and extension of water to the building site will be carried out.
2. The CRAFT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING keystone will be the site of the Wicker Industry, a key economic venture for Claverty. A loan request to CEC was approved for the Wicker Industry and the Community Council has leased land for the site, which has been prepared for construction. Transport is needed to bring sticks to the site. A plan on the design and cost of the building is also required.
3. The CO-OP SHOP EXPANSION keystone will provide access to further basic commodities to the residents. The shop opened in March, 1980 and employs two Claverty people. It operates daily except on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Approximately \$20,000 worth of goods have been sold through the shop. It presently is not electrified. Transport of goods to the shop is a major issue. While seeking

3. (CO-OP SHOP EXPANSION - continued)

expansion, the shop must also design a plan for re-paying the CEO loan which was used to initiate it. Management training of employees and bookkeeping systems for the shop's operation are critical components of this expansion effort.

4. The COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION keystone will formalize the Council as a vital community organization for local decision-making. The Claverty Council started in 1975, growing out of the District Association. It has regular monthly, as well as emergency, meetings and was the initiator of the Claverty Community Development Project and its efforts. Initial research has been done towards such a constitution. It will be necessary to do further research, finding ways to involve the community in the drafting and approval of the document.
5. The TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED keystone will provide a community resource of assistance to families/individuals having financial needs they are unable to meet. During the Consult in January 1980, concern was expressed for such a Fund. Some research has been done. Rules and regulations will need to be drawn up and a decision regarding Trustees of the Fund will be made. The community will be educated as to the intent and operation of the Fund.
6. The COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPENING keystone will symbolize the intent of Claverty to effectively educate and train all its members-- from youngest to eldest. As early as 1976, evening planning workshops were held in the village. The Basic School has been restarted and training in wicker and agriculture has occurred. The questions of curriculum content, staff and support systems will be considered during a special meeting on the matter. A date will be scheduled for the opening event.
7. The ECONOMIC CO-OPERATIVE FORMATION keystone will legalize and give a structural base to Claverty's economic development. The community was registered as pre-cooperative six years ago. Residents are members of the Blue Mountain Coffee Co-op. The two CEO funded projects (Co-op Shop and Wicker Industry) are managed by local people. Contact will be made with the Co-op Department regarding the application process for registration. A plan for acquiring land for planting coffee will be implemented. Funding for Co-op projects will be sought.
8. The ENTERPRISES INCOME VICTORY keystone will assure the in-coming of monies and employment locally for residents. Last year, funds in the amount of \$3,000 were secured for wages to the workers who processed wicker. Two persons are employed in the Co-op Shop, and contracts for road work were acquired through the Parish Council. Future plans involve turning the prepared wicker into products which will be marketed locally and abroad, and getting the coffee enterprise underway. This will require finishing the Wicker Centre, formalizing market contracts, setting-up accounting systems and finalizing the coffee land arrangements.

9. The MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TRAINING keystone will prepare Claverty in effectively managing its own community ventures. A management committee for the Shop and Wicker Industry was appointed, and two residents serve as shop manager and purchasing manager. There is need for systematic training in management skills and bookkeeping procedures. Feasibility studies regarding future projects will be undertaken and management training resources will be utilized.
10. The COMMUNITY TRUCK PROCUREMENT keystone will enable the village to respond to its own priorities regarding transport needs and not have to depend on the schedules and whims of outside resources. In Claverty people must carry their loads five miles to Chepstowe due to the irregular availability of transport--which is closely related to the extremely poor road conditions. No emergency transport is accessible. Crops often spoil due to the absence of means to transport them to market. All vehicles which do come periodically to the village are owned by outsiders. A truck owned by the community would be a break-through in many areas for the village. This will involve dealing with such issues as most appropriate sources to approach, a licensed driver, the truck's maintenance, schedule of use, local input towards acquiring the truck and creating the proposals requesting the vehicle.
11. The UTILITIES PROPOSALS SUBMISSIONS keystone will deal with the main road, water extension and additional housing. Letters have been sent and visits have been made to Ministries regarding these concerns. Estimates were made in 1980 regarding funding required to asphalt the road. Voluntary road workdays have happened. Research was done to check the water level and the availability of water for extension was confirmed. Young adults often have to continue living with parents due to the shortage of housing. The creation and submission of proposals for assistance in these three arenas will involve cost research for creating budget estimates, targetting proposal recipients, sending deputations to present the requests.
12. The C.B. RADIO INSTALLMENT keystone will be a first step in dealing with the extreme isolation Claverty experiences. Due to this remoteness, there is a deep concern for some means of communicating with Buff Bay in cases of emergency and also in light of the potential Claverty has for tourism activities. Research on C.B. radio sources, securing a license to operate, and locating a receiving station location is being carried out.