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## STRATEGY DOCUMENT

### **COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**

It is imperative that we the Republican Movement create the circumstances from which revolutionary change can be accomplished. Our Éire Nua document holds the key for one such strategy and that involves the creation of Community Councils. These councils are to be used as a central mechanism for a range of ad hoc sub committees, its design is to create a revolutionary council in place of the partitionist councils in the Six Counties currently being used to administer British rule in Ireland as well as those councils in the 26 Counties which are an extension of the state who are enforcing European austerity upon our people.

#### **Why should these community councils be established?**

The simple answer is to narrow the influence of British run local government structures in our communities. It's an important step towards creating self-sufficient communities less reliant upon the state; the impact of this on the psyche of our enemies north and south should not be underestimated, if our people are less reliant on them, then they cannot as easily be controlled. The potential for the councils are endless and if conducted correctly in the long term we could see a genuine popular mass movement created from a proletariat class. Finally it provides a degree of empowerment within the community, they have for the first time in their history, the ability to administer their own affairs to a degree and re-establish safe, vibrant and prosperous communities. This will also be the perfect opportunity to show that our Organisation is capable of administering a government on a local level giving confidence in our ability to administer a national government within a United Ireland context.

#### **How do we go about setting up the councils?**

This is not going to be a simple or an easy task to complete but it is certainly worthwhile and possibly the most productive revolutionary activity for our political Organisation to conduct. First of all and this may seem trivial but it's essential, you must possess the correct mind-set. We cannot convince people of the validity of this strategy if we do not believe in it ourselves. Also it will not get off the ground unless we as an Organisation create it, promote it and sustain it. Secondly we must choose a suitable area to begin the councils, we do not necessarily need support of the community to begin, the councils other benefit will be the idea that it will gain support the more active that it is. The councils should consist of eight people max; we should also include two or three members of the

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Republican Movement at all times to keep the councils on the correct course. However it is imperative that the community participate. From the councils we can establish multiple committees to deal with various aspects of community life and to achieve the promoted aims and objectives stated in the paragraph above. As things evolve Republican Sinn Fein will take upon itself to establish at least one council in every county in Ireland. I envisage that cities will consist of multiple councils making it necessary to create sub councils and later county councils to administer things effectively, however this is getting ahead of our current position and is only mentioned to give the potential scope of the community councils as a political theory and strategy.

### **When is the right time to establish these councils?**

The time is now we cannot sit idle and wait for a moment of opportunity, it is much more effective to create the circumstances that will bring about the opportunity to achieve our main goal, which is to establish a 32 county democratic socialist republic, and if we can do that with self-sufficient communities as a cornerstone it will be successful. The longer we wait the more our communities become normalised and that sense of community welfare and spirit is replaced by individualism and if you take a long hard look around you today you will see this in effect, it is not a sensational claim used to inspire members to co-op this strategy it's the plain and unequivocal reality we are faced with.

Society as a whole is trapped in a dream state where by, if they simply wish things to be ok and for the economy to turn around that it will become a reality the cold truth is that the future is not designed it is forged and the future of our nation is in our hands and the future we can forge has the potential to transform society and result in prosperity. Beyond the rhetoric however stands the community councils they are a concept which is comfortable in theory, uncomfortable in reality, difficult but practical and most certainly will promote the correct image for the republican movement one where it is embedded in the various communities across the island, one that has the peoples interest at heart, and their support at its back. If the state represses this idea try to undermine it and destroy it, this will prove that they do not have the interests of the people and have ultimately lost their hearts and minds, again benefitting ourselves as we struggle onward to the republic proclaimed on Easter week 1916.

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