Community Development don't cut the grass roots!

Hi all,

The CWC and the National Community Development Forum are aware that that projects are to be asked to attend a seminar (organised by Pobal) on June 10th at which they will be given directions on how to:

- assess the assets of the project (many of these assets were as result of communities fundraising and were accumulated with no State aid)
- assess a project liability
- transfer assets and liabilities from their project to the local Partnership Company
- wind down their companies

With very little time left to bring pressure to bear to stop this policy direction, the CWC and the NCDF are urging you to join the *Community Development - don't cut the grass roots* campaign. The campaign is asking Minister Carey to withdraw the requirement that projects funded under the Community Development Programme need to close, and allow them to:

- engage in the Local and Community Development Programme on an equal footing with the Partnership Companies
- 2. retain their company structure
- 3. retain their assets (and liabilities)
- 4. retain their independence, autonomy and accountability

The campaign will include a number of elements:

Meeting or phoning your local constituency politicians to lodge your concerns - again we are asking you to encourage others to do this also and to send it every day from Thursday (May 27th) until June 9th.

A petition
http://www.ipetitions.com/p
etition/cdgrassroots/ that
we
are asking you to sign and to
encourage all communities,
friends, family,
colleagues and others that
might be concerned or
affected to sign also.

A letter outlining the same demands to be sent to Minister Carey and CCed to all members of the Oireachtas this will be in email format (you will add your own details) and the email addresses for the members of the Oireachtas will be attached - all you will have to do is to copy and paste the email addresses into your 'To' box and send. We are asking you to encourage others to do this also and to send it every day from Thursday (May 27th) until June 9th.