



# ALAN KELLY TD

*working with Cllr. Fiona Bonfield*

## DELIVERING FOR THE PEOPLE OF BALLINA

*Summer 2015*

Dear Constituent,

I am honoured to serve the people of Ballina along with Cllr Fiona Bonfield. I am delighted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the local matters that have arisen and show the progress that is being made in all areas for the benefit of the community as a whole.

You will find here details of some of the work I and Cllr Bonfield have been doing and the funding that we have secured for the local area. As your public representative, I am committed to working for all of Tipperary and ensuring that it is treated as a priority by the Government. I am very proud of all I have delivered for Ballina to date and it is very important to me to continue working for the area.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

*Alan Kelly*



### DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Myself and Cllr. Bonfield were very proud to be the two local representatives working with the Darkness Into Light committee in the Ballina/Killaloe area. The work they put in was inspirational and we were so happy to assist them.



Minister Alan Kelly takes a selfie with Lorraine Adley and organiser Mairead Kennedy at Darkness Into Light Ballina-Killaloe

### €382,000 FOR TIPPERARY RURAL WATER SCHEMES

I recently announced €382,000 in funding for Tipperary rural water schemes. The funding has been granted to Tipperary County Council under the Department's Rural Water Programme which sets aside funding for upgrading and upkeep of group water schemes in rural areas. Drumbane in Ballina was included in the scheme.

### ST ANNE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

I ensured St Anne's Community College received funding under the Schools Building Programme.

This multi million investment will include eight classrooms, a fourth science laboratory, a second home economics room, a second computer room, a new staff room, offices and project stores and other ancillary facilities.

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# LOUGH DERG STRATEGY PLAN

2015 will see the following works take place around this area - Lakeside park works & Swipe card access for toilet and shower block, car park and drainage works, Interpretive Panel & Walkway improvements at Millennium Cross Amenity Area.

Improvements to walking route from Graves of the Leinstermen to Tountinna, repair works on access road to amenity area/summit & Interpretive Panel. This is all part of the €10m Lough Derg Strategy Plan we launched last year.



Minister Alan Kelly and Cllr Fiona Bonfield at the launch of the Lough Derg Strategy Plan

## SUMMER WORKS SCHEME

Delighted that Boher NS will see works carried out this summer under the governments Summer Works Scheme.

In addition the school previously benefitted from grant aid for the permanent replacement of prefabs under this government.

## TAKING IN CHARGE OF ESTATES

Cullenagh, Fernhill, Shoreside and Cnoc Ard have recently been approved under the local authorities "Taking in Charge" process.

We worked with the local residents in these estates throughout the process. We continue to work with residents of other local estates with their applications.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION FUND

Myself and Cllr Bonfield were both delighted to secure €250,000 under the Special Resolution Fund for Cullenagh Estate. This went towards major repair works within this estate. We also recently announced that Cullenagh has been approved under the Local Authorities "Taking in Charge" process.



Minister Alan Kelly with Cllr Fiona Bonfield, Michael O'Meara, Minister Jan O'Sullivan, Ken Oakley and Pat Bradley at Cullenagh Estate

## ROADS

The road from Ballina GAA field down has now been resurfaced to a top quality standard. This is as a result of a direct allocation from the department of transport which I secured.

This follows on from recent works done on the Portroe Road, Grange Road and Boher Road.

## BRIDGE

An Bord Pleanála have given the go ahead for the €40m development and I look forward to the project coming to its ultimate fruition as soon as possible.

The plan itself consists of the Shannon Bridge Crossing, the Killaloe bypass, and upgrading works costing €16.6m on the road linking Ballina and Birdhill.

We are awaiting the outcome of a judicial review that has been taken on the bridge. This is in the courts at the moment and a decision is due any day now. Should that be a positive decision I will work on securing the substantial funding required to make the bridge a reality.

## QUARRY LANE / CULLINA

I secured €100,000 directly from the the department of transport for works to be carried out on the Quarry Lane and also in Old Cullina. These works were long overdue and I was delighted to deliver on this.



*Old Cullina before works*



*Cllr Fiona Bonfield after the recent works in Old Cullina*

## TECHNOPATH

Myself and Cllr Bonfield have been working with the management in Technopath for a number of years now and have been able to assist them in developing into a substantial, thriving local company that contributes fabulously to the local economy.

We will continue to work with them to deliver their future plans.

## CLARISFORD

I have worked for a long time with the committee developing Clarisford which is a fantastic project. I was delighted to help them on a number of occasions with funding through sports capital and Leader.

## NEW JETTY

I was honoured to have been involved in the establishment of new jetty's in the area. The new boardwalk along the old canal looks spectacular with its timber lining and has definitely enhanced the tourism potential of the area.

## TIPPERARY GETS €7 MILLION HOUSING BOOST

I have announced the approval of over €7 million worth of public house building for County Tipperary. This will create an estimated 70 jobs throughout the county and is part of the first phase of housing investment for the county which will see approximately €57 million invested in various housing supports for Tipperary.

## BALLINA GAA CLUB

Delighted to help Ballina GAA club with their Sports Capital Grant application.

They received €56,000 through this initiative.

*Minister Alan Kelly and Cllr Fiona Bonfield at Ballina GAA club*



## SMARTER TRAVEL SCHEME

€275K under the 'smarter travel' scheme has been invested through my old department. This went towards footpaths, pedestrian crossings, cycle ways, access points to schools, bridgework and signage.

This funding has made significant improvements in the tourist towns. The work done included, at Bridge/Royal Parade, in Cullenagh, Main Street, Ivy Grove, Shoreside, Palm Grove Drive, Grange Road in Ballina, St. Anne's School, Arda Na Deirge, Newtown Junction, New Street and Scarriff Road.

## DISCOVER BALLINA/KILLALOE

I was honoured to launch the 'Discover Ballina/Killaloe' programme. This local area is a hidden secret and I am delighted to finally have proactive approaches such as this been taken to promote the area and support job creation. I am delighted Failte Ireland and Waterways Ireland supported this project and recognised the area as a great tourist location, and I only see this growing more in the future. In addition, funding was recently secured for the Feile Brian Boru Festival.

## AMENITIES IN BALLINA

Worked extremely hard in securing funding for Riverside Park, Ballina.

€80,000 was put into the refurbishment of the playground, €55,920 for the upgrade of the swimming pool and €66,428 was invested for the outdoor gym and MUGA (Multi Use Gaming Area – Astro Turf).



Minister Alan Kelly, Cllr Fiona Bonfield and Paddy Collins outside Ballina Playground and amenity area

## €10.1 MILLION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN TIPPERARY

I have announced a €10.1million rural development fund for Tipperary. The funding forms part of the Government's €250 million funding for the Leader element of the rural development programme.

LEADER funding will be used to support sustainable economic development projects for rural communities ranging from tourism, agri-food and other business activities.

This money will be targeted at tackling social inclusion, rural isolation as well as increasing the capacity of rural communities to participate in economic development.



Minister Alan Kelly with Minister Ann Phelan and Pat Spillane at the recent launch of the CEDRA Report

## CLINIC

We hold our monthly clinic in the Lakeside Hotel on the first Saturday of every month at 4pm – 5pm.



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