



ALAN KELLY TD

DELIVERING FOR THE PEOPLE OF CLONMEL

Summer 2015

Dear Constituent,

I am honoured to serve the people of Clonmel and to deliver for this area. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the local matters that have arisen and show that progress is being made for the local community in Clonmel. You will find here some information on projects and developments that I have helped to secure that will benefit the Clonmel area. Effective public representation, at both local and national level, is essential to ensuring that Clonmel is treated as a priority area by the Government and I remain deeply committed and proud to continue delivering for the people of Clonmel. If at any time I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.



ONE MILLION EURO GREENWAY FOR CLONMEL

Over one million euro of an investment has been allocated to Clonmel in making the town an Active Travel Town. As Minister for Public and Commuter Transport I was delighted to deliver on this.



The investment in Clonmel was for the construction of a new greenway within the town environs connecting the East and West sides of the town along the proposed 'Suir' Greenway at a cost of €1.9m. This will improve the cycling connections all over the town, with these to be connected to the current cycle track along the inner relief road. Cycling will also be made easier for children and students with the improved cycle links to LIT's Clonmel Campus, linking up with the town's secondary schools.

This will be a major boost for Clonmel, in the first instance, jobs will be created during the construction of this infrastructure. Secondly, it has significantly improved cycling facilities for commuters and families alike. Thirdly it encourages people into the town who have a keen interest in cycling and partaking in cycle events and this is positive for the local economy.

RICHARD MULCAHY PARK

€12,000 has been secured from the Department of Children & Youth Affairs for works to be carried out in Richard Mulcahy Park. In addition the council are to match this funding, bringing the total allocation to €24,000.

I made numerous representations to the relevant department and also to council officials to ensure this funding was granted to Clonmel. I know from working with many local people recently and also from people calling into my office that this was a major issue for the town. I now look forward to the works being carried out and seeing the project coming to fruition.

NEW CLONMEL CONSTITUENCY OFFICE

My constituency office in Clonmel is now open on Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm. The office is located at 28 Parnell Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary and you can contact us at 052-6127544. If ever I can be of assistance to you in the future please do not hesitate in contacting me or calling into the office.



CLONMEL BROADBAND PLAN TO BE COMPLETE BY 2016

A new online map service highlighting the time frame for broadband roll out throughout the country was launched late last year. Clonmel will get high-speed broadband from a commercial operator by the end of 2016. Access to broadband is vital for every home and business in our county.

Not only does it help attract investment and jobs to rural areas, but it also enables people to interact socially with one another, access important information about public services, and to use it as a learning tool. It simply should no longer be the case that just because someone is living in a rural community, they don't have the same opportunities when it comes to online access. It is part of the Government's overall strategy to ensure parity of coverage between urban and rural areas.

SEA ESCAPE



Presentation Secondary School Clonmel with their entry "Sea Escape" winners of the Junior Category at the inaugural Tipperary Student Enterprise Awards pictured receiving their award. L-R Anne Dwyer Teacher, Bebhinn Nolan, myself, Sophie O'Sullivan, Cathaoirleach Mr Michael Fitzgerald MCC, and Ms Mairead English Maher Local Enterprise Office.

OPENING OF BLUE BERET CLONMEL

I was pleased to officially open the Blue Beret café at Clonmel station. The café is run by volunteers from the Post 24 Irish UN Veterans Association, South Tipperary (IUNVA). The café provides refreshments not just for the people of Clonmel, but also bus and train passengers at the station.



Well done to the Chairman of the Post 24 IUN Veterans Association, Michael Haslam and his colleagues, on achieving this. Their dedication and commitment to this project has been second-to-none and they deserve tremendous credit for their willingness to work for their own community here in Clonmel.

Locals Amanda Quigley and Ina Doyle also operate Clonmel Soup and Sandwiches from the Blue Beret café, every Friday night where free food is distributed from 5.30-7pm to those in need. I want to commend local management and volunteers at the station here in Clonmel and CIE for facilitating this community effort.

LOCAL PROJECTS RECEIVE FUNDING

Clonmel Community Mothers Programme and Elm Tree Communities both received funding from the Department of Health. I know this funding will come as much welcome news to both organisations who provide essential services to the community of Clonmel. I was happy to assist some of the members during the application process.

CLONMEL JUNCTION FESTIVAL

Clonmel Junction Festival was one of six Tipperary festivals to receive government funding. Local festivals are central to this Government's plans to develop the tourism industry.

The festivals sector has shown remarkable resilience over the last few years, which shows the resourcefulness and skills of the people and communities involved in the festivals sector. I know the Clonmel Junction Festival committee work extremely hard organising the festival, and I'm sure the allocation of funding was very welcome to all involved.

FESTIVAL CLUAIN MEALA

Festival Cluain Meala will run from 1st - 9th August and is comprised of three very different festivals. The 'Medieval Walled Towns Festival' will run from 4th - 8th August, the 'Suir Valley 3 Day Cycling Festival' from 1st - 3rd August and the '2015 Clonmel Busking Festival' will see a fantastic selection of musicians and bands entertaining locals & visitors from 6th - 9th August.

I'm delighted to be officially opening this festival and am sure that it will be a wonderful success & a great boost for the town.

RURAL AFFAIRS EVENING

On Thursday 11 June over 70 people attended the Labour Party Tipperary Rural Affairs Evening in the Clonmel Park Hotel. The event proved to be extremely productive with a range of very useful ideas being shared amongst those in attendance on the future of Rural Ireland.

I have always championed the importance of holding such workshops to get the views of the people at the coalface. This shows that I and the Labour Party are listening to the people and want to ensure that the social and economic recovery is felt by all across the country.



Pictured here speaking at the Rural Affairs Evening in the Clonmel Park Hotel.

SUMMER WORKS SCHEME

Many schools in Clonmel benefitted from the governments Summer Works Scheme. I was in constant contact with many of these schools and was delighted to assist them in securing these works.

Powerstown NS	Mechanical Works
St Oliver Plunketts Ns	Roof Repairs
Árdscoil Na Mbráithre	Roof Repairs
S N An Grainseach	Window Repairs
S N Chluainin	External Works
Presentation Secondary School	Window Repairs

SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS

As Minister for Public & Commuter Transports within the department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, I was delighted to work with a number of local clubs to assist them in securing Sports Capital Grants. Numerous clubs within Clonmel Benefitted from this scheme.



Clonmel Celtic Football Club	€30,000
Clonmel Commercials G.F.C / St Marys H.C	€28,000
KPLAN Community Centre Limited	€20,000
Ballypatrick Sports Centre	€12,000

SCOIL MUIRE NS

My Labour colleague Ruairi Quinn TD, former Minister for Education & Skills announced funding for Scoil Mhuire NS, Newcastle, Clonmel. The school was granted approval for an 80m² Mainstream Classroom. I am delighted for the principal, staff and pupils. I have no doubt that the extra accommodation will improve the teaching facilities of the school, benefitting all involved.

CBS HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES NEW CLASS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

In 2013, Tipperary received seven new classes for children with special needs. I was well aware of the work that was being put into special needs teaching across the county as I have been working with many of the schools that deliver these classes. I was delighted that CBS High School benefitted from this announcement.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY REFERENDUM

I couldn't have been happier with the outcome of the Marriage Equality Referendum in May and especially with Tipperary saying 'Yes'. It was a truly historic day and one where Ireland and Tipperary showed its acceptance of gay people. It was an emotional day for many people, especially those who are gay or have a family member who is. I was delighted to organise an information evening in Hearn's Hotel Clonmel back in January and I was blown away with the passion and energy in the room that night. Well done to all locals who went out promoting the yes vote.



Speaking at the Marriage Equality information night which was held in Hearn's Hotel Clonmel.

€400,000 ALLOCATED TO TIPPERARY PROJECTS UNDER THE 2014 LOCAL AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP FUND

Last year, I announced the recipients of grant funding under the 2014 Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund. This grant scheme promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at a local level. A total of 54 projects within the county received €15,700 from my Department and a similar amount from Tipperary County Council. This scheme is an important contributor to local small scale environmental projects.

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.

STRATEGIC BANKING CORPORATION OF IRELAND

Local businesses will benefit from the new Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) when it begins providing loans to SMEs soon.

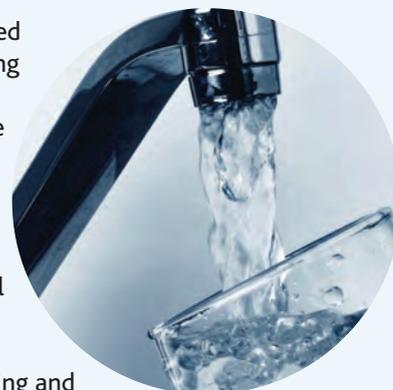
A total of €5 billion is set to be loaned to SMEs across the country over the next five years under the new bank, with an initial tranche of €800m to be released.

As a local Labour representative, I have been particularly diligent on pressing home the need for us to implement the strategic banking fund that Labour had pledged to deliver in the Programme for Government.

I am confident it will help deliver more jobs and quality employment for people in our local area.

€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.



€10.1 MILLION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN TIPPERARY

As Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, I have announced a €10.1million rural development fund for Tipperary. The funding forms part of the Government's €250 million



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

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.



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