



# ALAN KELLY TD

## DELIVERING FOR THE PEOPLE OF NENAGH

Summer 2015

Dear Constituent,

I am honoured to serve the people of Nenagh 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 town as a whole. You will find here details of some of the work I have been doing and the funding that I 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 that I have delivered for Nenagh to date and that the town has changed for the better over the last four years. It is now very important for me to continue working for the area and my biggest aim is to continue promoting Nenagh as an attractive location for firms to start up or expand and in turn to boost job creation in the town. Please feel free to contact me or Cllr Bonfield at any time.

*Alan Kelly*



## ST. MARY'S MASTERCHEFS

Congratulations to Mary's Masterchefs from St Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh – Aisling Sheedy, Sorcha Nagle, Jade Corcoran, Roisin Taplin and Niamh Dolan.

They were the winners of the Senior Category in the Tipperary Student Enterprise Awards. This book was dedicated to the late Mr Brian McDermott.

Brian was a fantastic person. It was always a pleasure to meet him and he was a very kind and funny person. He was very dedicated to his work in St. Mary's Secondary School, and to his students and his colleagues at the school. He had a positive impact on all who met him.



*I am pictured here with members of Mary's Masterchefs. Aisling Sheedy, Sorcha Nagle, Jade Corcoran, Roisin Taplin and Niamh Dolan*

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# FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

## CARRIG NATIONAL SCHOOL

At the end of last year I was delighted to announce significant funding for Carrig National School for the provision of a new school. This followed many meetings with Minister Jan O'Sullivan, and former minister Ruairi Quinn, the staff and board of management at the school.

I would like also to thank former councillor Virginia O'Dowd who worked extensively hard with me on this project.



*I am pictured here with Gillian Laffan (Staff Rep), former Cllr. Virginia O'Dowd, Principal Mairead O'Halloran, and Board of Management members Brian Hanly (Chairperson), Liam Flannery and Emer Sherlock.*

## ST JOSEPH'S CBS SCHOOL



*Pictured here cutting the ribbon on the extension at Nenagh CBS surrounded by Principal Tony Slattery, Fr. Ger Jones, then Chairpersons of the Board of Management Aidan Ryan, staff members and pupils at the school.*

I was delighted to work with the school to help achieve grants totalling €516,000 to provide 3 classrooms, 1 woodwork room and 1 preparation room, 1 resource teaching room, extension to technical graphics room, works on running track and monies to carry out electrical work and other related works.

## ST MARY'S CONVENT NENAGH

St Mary's Convent Secondary School also benefitted from the governments Summer Works Scheme. They received funding for mechanical works to be carried out.

## NENAGH COLLEGE AND NENAGH COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION

I officially opened Nenagh College and Nenagh College of Further Education in October 2013 after works totalling €5.5 million were carried out. This included 6 new classrooms and a PE Hall with ancillary accommodation. The replacement of existing windows and over roofing. All associated external works including car parking, fencing, ball courts were also carried out.



*I am pictured with Michael McNulty Principal Nenagh College & former Cllr Virginia O'Dowd at the opening of the new school.*

## ST. MARY'S JUNIOR BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL

I secured substantial funding for St Mary's Junior Boys National School that went towards building resource and mainstream class rooms which were desperately needed. I was delighted to work on behalf of the principal Mary Slattery and the staff of St. Mary's Junior Boys National School to ensure that the school got funding.

In 2014 additional funding was allocated to the school for electrical works.

## €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. These 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*

## NENAGH TOWN PARK

I was delighted to officially open Nenagh Town Park on Monday 18th of May. As Minister I secured a total of €544,000 for the park and the upgraded leisure centre. This was the singular largest amount given to ANY sporting application in the country under the Government's Sports Capital Grants Programme. I'd like to particularly thank my colleague and our former Councillor Lalor McGee who played a significant role in bringing the park to reality. He collected 2,500 signatures on a petition to get a town park in his election campaign in 2009, and promised that if elected, Nenagh would finally get a town park.



*Pictured at the opening on Nenagh Town Park with Johnny Whelan, Charlie McGee, Mags McGee, Lalor McGee and Declan McGee.*

## WATER/SEWAGE

In October last year, I announced that Nenagh's water supply and wastewater system was also set for a major upgrade which will be completed alongside the gas project for the town.

The rehabilitation project in Nenagh to improve water and waste water systems will commence at the end of July 2015 and will take approximately twelve months to complete. This rehabilitation project will modernise the water/wastewater infrastructure and deal with all the issues I know many of you have had to face.

## TIPPERARY GETS €7 MILLION HOUSING BOOST

I have announced the approval of over 7 million in funding for social housing throughout 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.

## NENAGH HOSPITAL

On January 8, 2014 I announced €2.2m in funding for a new medical wing at Nenagh Hospital. Planning permission has been granted for this building work. The work will go to tender in the near future. This is a complete new build and will contain 16 new modern single room units. No buildings will be demolished as part of this extension. There will also be a new day room added as part of the build. The project is scalable, so it can be increased in size in the future if necessary and will be completed by 2015. Next month I will officially open the two new operating theatres at the hospital. This follows on from my announcement of €4.5 million in funding for the theatres. The new theatres will increase day-surgery capacity for the hospital.

## NENAGH CASTLE

Delighted that Nenagh Castle was officially opened in 2012. The castle now looks absolutely fantastic. It has been a huge attraction for Nenagh and surrounds. Heritage sites attract millions of visitors to Ireland every year. I'd like to thank the OPW and Nenagh Town Council for the commitments they gave. I was also thrilled that President Michael D. Higgins officially opened the Castle. He was the Minister who initially gave the funding to restore the Castle in the 1990s so it was great to have him back again.



## GAS FOR NENAGH

I was delighted to be in a position to bring natural gas to Nenagh. Gas for Nenagh is the most significant infrastructure project for the town in decades. This was something I had worked extremely hard on for some time with the Nenagh Gas Committee. It is estimated that natural gas will save Nenagh businesses and public buildings/schools in the range of €20 million in energy costs in the first five years.

*Pictured signing the contract with, Front - Conor Ryan (Arrabawn), Aidan O'Sullivan (Gaslink) Back - Denis Toomey (Gaslink), John Melvin (Commission for Energy Regulator), Jerry Ryan (Arrabawn), Michael O'Kelly (Arrabawn) and Eoin Sheehan (Gaslink).*



## SPORTS CAPITAL FUNDING

Since become a TD and Minister I have been delighted to work with a number of local clubs to secure Sports Capital Grants for them. Such clubs include - Nenagh Athletic Club who received €100,000, Nenagh Ormond RFC got €8,000 and St Paul's Boxing Club was allocated €3,500.



*I am pictured here with Louis Crowe, Paddy Morgan, Sean Naughton and Denis Finnerty from Nenagh Athletic's Club at the announcement of €100k for upgrading works at the Indoor stadium Nenagh.*

## LOCAL MAN ACKNOWLEDGED AT LP CONFERENCE 2015

I was both honored and delighted to present Billy Fitzpatrick, Labour Party Branch Nenagh, with a Lifetime Service Award for his service to the Labour Party at the Labour Party Conference earlier this year. I also presented Sean and Mary Doyle originally from Nenagh, now living in Dun Laoghaire with Lifetime Service Awards at Conference.



*Pictured here with Billy, his wife Isna, his son Liam and his grandson David. Also in the photo are Sean and Mary Doyle, and Tipperary Labour Party Members.*

## O'CONNORS SUPERMARKET

Martin Healy from Two-Mile Borris has purchased O'Connors Supermarket site, and plans to develop a mix of retail units and primary healthcare under Zest Healthcare, and hopes the fully developed site will eventually employ up to 200 people. This is a positive development for Nenagh. I am working with Martin to ensure that this is a sustainable development to an iconic part of the town that will bring jobs and prosperity.

## SMARTER TRAVEL INITIATIVE

As Minister for Public & Commuter Transport, I secured significant funding of around €1.5 million for the cycle and pedestrian paths around Nenagh to make the town an active travel location. We now have these paths on the bypass at the N52, from the Borrisokane Road Roundabout to the Tullaheady Roundabout. I also secured funding for a cycle lane in Ashe Road and Gortlandroe, a footpath and cycle lane in Drummin Village and a footpath on Dublin Road. The bypass is now one of the best walking routes for any town in the country. The entrance to the town from limerick and Dublin has been completely cleaned up and changed and I am extremely proud to have delivered the substantial funding that made all of this possible.



*Pictured with CEO Tipperary County Council Joe McGrath, Director of Services Marcus O'Connor, Former Cllr. Virginia O'Dowd pictured and cyclists and walkers on the N52 bypass cycle and pedestrian path*



## JOAN BURTON VISITS NENAGH

*Local businessman Joe Starr presents Joan Burton with a Tipperary hat during her recent visit to Nenagh*



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