



ALAN KELLY TD

DELIVERING FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEWPORT

Summer 2015

Dear Constituent,

I am honoured to serve the people of Newport 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 and Cllr Bonfield have delivered for Newport 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



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Cllr Bonfield and I were delighted to secure €25,000 for a pedestrian crossing at the Boys National School Newport. After many years of this being requested we were determined to deliver.



Myself and Cllr Fiona Bonfield at Newport BNS recently.

€30,000 FUNDING FOR FOOTPATHS IN NEWPORT

We have secured €30,000 for works to be carried out on footpath restoration in Newport. This is the first time in years that funding has been allocated for this type of work.

NEWPORT PLAYGROUND

I have been pushing the absolute need for a playground in Newport for some time now. It is completely unacceptable that there isn't a playground in Newport despite the years of development there and the number of young families that consequently now reside there.

That's why I brought senior Tipperary Council officials to Newport in February 2014 to discuss this. I was assured by them the following week that funding will be provided by the Council from their own resources to deliver this playground. €100,000 was secured and I am now working with the council staff, Cllr Bonfield and Newport Playground Committee in looking for a suitable location.

NEWPORT TO REARCROSS ROAD

One of the first measures I undertook as a Minister in the Department of Transport was to allocate €425,000 for improvement works on the R503 Thurles to Limerick road in the area of Newport and Rearcross. I understood the concerns that local people had about the condition of the road and I made sure that those concerns were addressed.

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CLARE GLENS

I secured funding of €119,625 for the Clare Glens. North Tipperary County Council also agreed to add €39,875 to this funding, which totalled €159,500. The funding went towards the upgrading of footpaths and toilet facilities, as well as the provision of play equipment, picnic tables, and litter bins.

Safety handrails were also installed and a map/information board provided. Finally, improvements were also made to the main entrance to make it more accessible.

BALLYMACKEOGH ROAD

I and Cllr Bonfield were happy to secure funding for works to be carried out on the Ballymackeogh road last year.

We know that residents were thrilled to finally get these works carried out as they had been long overdue.



I am pictured here with Cllr Fiona Bonfield, Martin Collins, Martin McCabe and Tom McCabe at the announcement of the funding for Ballymackeogh.

ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FUNDING

€2,000 was granted for the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee and another €2,000 for the Christmas Lights Committee in Newport. Cllr Bonfield was delighted to secure what is the biggest allocation these committees have ever received.



Cllr Fiona Bonfield at the Newport St Patrick's Day Parade with Rosemary Joyce and Geraldine Bourke



NEWPORT DAY CARE CENTRE BUS

I secured €50,000 for the provision of a bus for the Newport Day Care Centre.

This was extremely important as many of the service users rely on this means of transport on a weekly basis.

NEWPORT TOWN 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. Newport Town 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.

SPORTS CAPITAL GRANT ALLOCATION

During my time as Minister of State in the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport I assisted a number of local clubs with the application process which helped them to secure sports capital funding.

Such clubs included - Birdhill FC (€70,000), Newport GAA (€40,000), Newport Town AFC (€12,000) and Longhouse Committee (€12,000).



NEWPORT RFC / NEWPORT ATHLETIC CLUB

We were in a position to get €400 for Newport RFC and €400 for Newport Athletic Club in a recent allocation from Tipperary County Council.

We know that this will assist both clubs in improving facilities and allow them to continue providing a great service to the community.



Pictured here with Cllr Fiona Bonfield at Newport RFC grounds

TIDY TOWNS

Delighted to have secured additional funding for Birdhill, Newport and Rearcross Tidy Towns. Birdhill received an additional €4,000, Newport got €2,000 and Rearcross also received €2,000.

GLENCREE ESTATE

Enhancement Grant worth €500 was secured for Glencree Estate. This is the first time a Newport estate has benefited from this grant.

NEWPORT CFR

We are delighted to have secured €500 for the newly formed Newport CFR group. This is a newly formed group and they will be of great importance to the town of Newport.

SUMMER WORKS SCHEME

I am delighted that so many schools in Newport benefited from the governments Summer Works Scheme. I was in constant contact with many of these schools and was happy to assist them in securing these works. The schools included - Convent of Mercy Newport (Electrical Works), Newport Boys NS (Electrical Works) and Newport College (Roof Repairs).



I am pictured here with principal Clodagh Kelly, staff, users and pupils of Newport College recently.

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.



€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.

€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.



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

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.

€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.

Clinic

We hold our monthly clinic on the first Saturday of every month in the Newport Community Centre from 10am – 11am.



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