



# ALAN KELLY TD

## DELIVERING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THURLES

Summer 2015

Dear Constituent,

I am honoured to serve the people of Thurles 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 Thurles. You will find here some information on projects and developments that I have helped to secure that will benefit the Thurles area.

Effective public representation, at both local and national level, is essential to ensuring that Thurles is treated as a priority area by the Government and I remain deeply committed and proud to continue delivering for the people of Thurles. If at any time I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Alan Kelly*



### 40 JOBS FOR THURLES

Thurles is set to become a major green energy hub and benefit from 40 new jobs for Tipperary following an announcement I made recently. The new jobs will be created at Premier Green Energy (PGE),



*Here I am pictured with PGE Commercial Director Eugene Keane and PGE CEO and founder Tom Comerford.*

which is located on the site of the former Thurles Sugar Factory. It is the brainchild of Tom Comerford from Holycross and is one of the first major enterprises to return to Thurles after the loss of Erin Foods, the sugar factory and many others. I have been working very closely supporting Tom and Premier Green Energy for the last three years. This is a very positive announcement for Thurles and even more significant when these jobs are being created by a local company which has a huge commitment to this area. I believe that this has potential to be the beginning of something really significant in terms of jobs for the Thurles area

### LAUNCH OF HIGH TECH SPORT LAB FOR LIT THURLES



*I am pictured here practicing my swing with Padraig Harrington at the official launch of the Sportslab at LIT Thurles*

LIT Thurles is set to become an international centre of excellence in sports strength and conditioning with their new Sportslab facility which will be the most elite centre in Ireland for this. I launched the new facility with Padraig Harrington recently and was happy to assist in securing the €3.7m funding that was required. This will make Thurles a leading centre for sports development in Ireland. A key plus here is the 'sport tourism' potential of the facility, with domestic and international teams coming to the town to take advantage of the high tech facilities here.

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## LAUNCH OF FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Pictured here with Eileen Coffey at the launch of Eileen's book "Food for Thought". "Food for Thought" will be sold to raise funds for the Suir Haven Support Centre in Thurles.*



## THURLES 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. Thurles 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.

## SIMON COMMUNITY

*I was delighted to support the Simon Community Sleepover in Semple Stadium last October. I am with David Morgan Semple Stadium Director, Jackie Bonfield Manager Mid West Simon Community and Denis Quinn Principal Colaiste Mhuire Co Ed Thurles.*



## STUDENTS FROM SACRED HEART PRESENTATION CONVENT VISIT THE DAIL



*I am pictured outside Leinster House with students from the Sacred Heart Presentation Convent, Thurles and Lorraine O'Keefe Teacher after a visit to the Dail.*

## €100,000 FOR DR MORRIS PARK

Dr Morris Park has benefitted from an allocation of €100,000 through the Government's regional sports capital funding programme. I have always stated my intention to help the Tipperary County Board out in any way I can and this announcement highlights my commitment. During my time as Minister of State in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport I supported the County Board with their grant application. I am in no doubt that this funding will help to improve the facilities of Dr Morris Park greatly and help create a centre of excellence in the future for GAA in Tipperary.



## RYANS CLEANING

Ryan Cleaning's have recently moved to a new premises at Stradavoher Retail Park, Thurles. I attended the official opening and was honoured to carry out the duties of cutting the ribbon. This cleaning company service a range of events from one day shows to week long events. Their professionalism over the years has allowed them to build up a phenomenal reputation and I am more than happy to offer them my assistance at any time.



## OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL EXTENSION AT THE PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THURLES

Presentation Secondary School in Thurles received in the region of €500,000 which allowed the school to build six new classrooms and four new resource rooms as well as other works. I worked with the Board of Management Chairperson, Sr. Fidelis, Principal, Marie Collins and Vice Principal Mary B Lanigan Ryan on delivering this project for the school and was proud to officially open the new school extension.



*I and former Cllr John Kennedy with Marie Collins principle and staff of the Presentation Secondary School Thurles at the announcement of substantial funding for the school.*

## SUMMER WORKS SCHEME

Many schools in Thurles have 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.

C.B.S. Thurles Rossa St	Bathroom Works
Presentation Secondary School Thurles	Bathroom Works
Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Castlemeadows Thurles	Roof Works
Two Mile Borris N S Thurles	Roof Works
S N Baile Sluagh Thurles	Bathroom Works
S N Na Maighne Thurles	Bathroom Works
S N Na Hinse Thurles	Bathroom Works
Scoil Iosagain Upperchurch Central Ns, Thurles	Roof Works
S N Gort Na Huaighe Thurles	Mechanical Works
Scoil Ailbhe Thurles	Mechanical Works
S N Micheal Naofa, Holycross, Thurles	Structural Improvements
Scoil Ruain Killenaule, Thurles, Co Tipperary	Structural Improvements

## OPENING OF REHABCARES'S NEW RESOURCE CENTRE IN STRADAVOHER THURLES

I officially opened RehabCares's New Resource Centre in Stradavoher Thurles in 2013. This is a first class facility and the value to both the service user and their families is immeasurable.



## €510,000 INVESTMENT FOR THURLES



As Minister for Public & Commuter Transport I announced an investment of €510,000 for Thurles in cycling infrastructure with the area being made an Active Travel Town as a result. This had major benefit for Thurles, in the first instance, jobs were 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 or through cycle events and this is positive for the local economy.

*I am pictured here with former Cllr, John Kennedy, at the announcement of the Active Travel Funding*

## SPORTS CAPITAL FUNDING

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.

Some of the organisations to benefit in Thurles were, Thurles Boxing Club who received €10,000, North Tipperary CoCo received €25,650 to facilitate the construction of the MUGA in Loughtagalla Pk and Durlas Og got €20,000.



*County Manager Joe McGrath, myself and former Cllr John Kenehan at Monakeeba Multi-Use gaming area*



*Myself and former Cllr John Kennedy with Danny Graham chairman of Thurles Boxing club and some of the young boxers celebrate the announcement of funding for the club.*

## THE GREAT LATE JIMMY DOYLE

I was very sad to hear recently of the passing of Jimmy Doyle RIP. A genius on the hurling field and a gentleman off it. Jimmy was just about to launch a book on his life and times. I was delighted to open the Jimmy Doyle road in 2012 with Jimmy present and as proud as could be. Ironically the road is right beside the Hospital of the Assumption where Jimmy worked for so many years. I had the pleasure of his company on many, many occasions & I know he's going to be very sadly missed. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## JIMMY DOYLE ROAD

It was a great honour for me to formally open the new Thurles link road. The road, which links the Thurles/Nenagh Road with the Thurles/ Templemore road was built for a combined cost of €4.2 million. The project is 1 km in length and includes footpaths and cycle tracks on both sides of the carriageway. The road is better known as the 'Jimmy Doyle' Road and is a vital piece of infrastructure for the North Tipperary and Thurles region.



*I am pictured at the opening of the Jimmy Doyle Road with the late Jimmy Doyle*

## THURLES LEISURE CENTRE

I was delighted to announce a €140,470 grant for Thurles Leisure Centre. It was used to increase cost effectiveness and to install a new heating system in the pool which will save the facility over €56,000 a year. The funding will improve what is an excellent local facility and I was delighted to have delivered this for the people of Thurles.



*Pictured here with former Cllr John Kennedy with Management and staff of Thurles Leisure Centre at the announcement of €140,470 funding for centre.*

## 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.



*Kelly's Warriors beaten finalists at the Caman Abu tournament Thurles 2012*

## TOM SEMPLE & THE THURLES BLUES

I attended the launch of the biography of Tom Semple and his legendary hurling comrades "The Thurles Blues", by author Liam Ó Donnchú.

Semple Stadium is named after him and Tom is also well known for leading the Thurles Blues to All-Ireland glory in 1906 and 1908. Books costing €30 are available from local Tipperary bookshops.



*I am pictured with Liam Ó Donnchú the author of the book "The Thurles Blues" at the launch.*

## €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



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

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.



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