

# SWINFORD AREA DEVELOPMENTS

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SWINFORD COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR MEMBERS PICTURED AT LEINSTER HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE GUESTS OF DEPUTY DARA CALLEARY TD RECENTLY. PIC BY CARMEL WILLIAMS

SINCE being handed the great honour of representing the people of Mayo in Dáil Éireann in May 2007, I have been working tirelessly on your behalf, pursuing projects for communities and representing the county to the best of my ability.

In the 18 months that have passed since the General Election, the landscape of the Swinford Electoral Area has undergone many changes and developments.

This newsletter outlines some of the significant progress made during this relatively short period.

During this time the €81 million John Healy Bypass has opened ahead of schedule reducing journey times to and from Dublin and

removing 7,000 cars per day from local roads in Charlestown and Carracastle.

The proposed arrival of the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs has moved closer with the purchase of a greenfield site in Charlestown. Work will commence in 2009 and 170 jobs will be created in the locality.

I have opened an office on Market Street, Swinford. The office will be open to constituents every Thursday from 11am-4pm, while advise clinics will be held in Charlestown, Foxford and Swinford every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. If you wish to contact me at any stage in relation to any issue, don't hesitate to contact my office at (096) 77613, email me at [dara.calleary@oir.ie](mailto:dara.calleary@oir.ie) or go on line to [www.daracalleary.ie](http://www.daracalleary.ie).

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# DELIVERING TO:

## FOXFORD

### SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT

A two-acre site has been acquired and soil testing is currently under way for a new Sewerage Treatment Plant for Foxford.

Cllr Jimmy Maloney is confident that this project will go to tender within 12 months as the route has been designed and agreed with Mayo Council Council. This development represents an investment of €9 million in Foxford.

### RELIEF ROAD & LINK ROAD

The Foxford Relief Road was opened in November 2006 with an investment of €5 million greatly enhancing the town.

The road has opened up 60 acres of potential development land along the new route, while also alleviating traffic congestion in the town centre.

Cllr Jimmy Maloney has been influential in securing lands for an additional link road between the primary school and the relief road which will further enhance traffic flow in the town, making it a safer, more efficient environment.

### FOXFORD PLAYGROUND

The €150, 000 Foxford Community Playground was officially opened in late May – the first playground of its kind in the Swinford Electoral Area. Funded by the Social and Economic Funding Programme and with support of the St. Nathy's Trust and the Board of Management of the local national school, this is a wonderful facility for the children of Foxford.

I wish to pay tribute to Cllr Jimmy Maloney and the officials of Mayo County Council for their vision in seeing this project through to fruition.

### RADHARC NA MUAIDHE CLUID HOUSING SCHEME

Radharc na Muaidhe Housing Scheme has been officially opened providing 14 homes under the CLUID Housing Association National Scheme.

The CLUID model aims to design, build and manage high quality affordable housing



LOCAL FF TEAM ; L-R: JOHN CAULFIED, MICHAEL SMYTH, DEPUTY DARA CALLEARY TD, AN TANAISTE MARY COUGHLAN TD AND CARMEL WILLIAMS PICTURED DURING AN TANAISTE'S RECENT VISIT TO THE CONSTITUENCY.

### ADMIRAL BROWN MEMORIAL MONUMENT & PROMENADE

CLAR funding of €25, 837 was awarded towards the construction of the Admiral William Brown Memorial Monument under the CLAR Village Enhancement Scheme in November.

The monument was unveiled by Minister Noel Dempsey. Following representations from Cllr Jimmy Maloney, total funding of €400, 000 has been secured for the Admiral Browne Promenade. Construction of the tourist amenity is currently being carried out.

### GREEN ROAD FLOODING ALLEVIATED

Green Road, one of the busiest thoroughfares in the area, has recently been raised at a cost of €150, 000 to alleviate the all-too frequent problem of flooding.

### HOPE HOUSE

Hope House has been granted €55, 000 in funding under a Department of Social and Family Affairs initiative aimed at supporting voluntary and community groups involved in providing counselling services to families.

## CHARLESTOWN

### N5 JOHN HEALY BYPASS

The €81 million N5 John Healy Bypass was officially opened by Minister for Transport and the Marine, Noel Dempsey TD, in November, considerably easing traffic congestion in Charlestown, while making the entire county more accessible to business.

The John Healy Road will remove up to 7, 000 cars per day from the local roads around Charlestown and Carracastle and will deliver a major reduction in both noise and air pollution levels.

Local and industrial traffic alike will now enjoy safer and reduced journey times to and from Dublin.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, RURAL AND GAELTACHT AFFAIRS

I am delighted that a suitable site has been attained and the planning process commenced on the new Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Charlestown. A green-field site has been located on the N17 and it will now go through the relevant planning procedures with construction work expected to commence in 2009. Once completed, the decentralisation of the Department to Charlestown will provide 170 jobs in the locality, bringing with it numerous positive knock-on effects, both economic and social.

I would like to thank Minister Eamon O'Cuiv for progressing with this project.



MINISTER FOR ARTS, SPORTS AND TOURISM MARTIN CULLEN TD PICTURED WITH DEPUTY DARA CALLEARY AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPORTS CAPITAL FUNDING. FUNDING WAS AWARDED TO SPORTS GROUPS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

# SWINFORD

## SWINFORD PLAYGROUND

The Swinford Playground was officially opened last month and is a wonderful facility for the young people of the town. The playground was constructed at a cost of €250,000

## ARAS ATTRACTA SWIMMING POOL

Mayo County Council, in conjunction with HSE West, has moved to make the swimming pool at Aras Attracta accessible to the public.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the residents of Swinford and its hinterland. I would like to congratulate the Local Authority and HSE West for taking this decision.

## NEW GARDA IMMIGRATION UNIT AT KNOCK

I warmly welcome the provision of a new Garda Unit at Ireland West Airport Knock. The unit, consisting of a Garda Sergeant and seven Gardai, is based at the airport on a full time basis in an innovative move towards freeing up resources at Swinford Garda Station. Since the Airport opened its doors at Knock over 20 years ago, Gardai from the Swinford and Ballyhaunis divisions have been employed for Immigration Services at the Airport, obviously placing huge strain upon resources at their own stations.

This new unit will go some way towards alleviating the stress and strain placed upon these divisions.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS SECURE IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

Kinaffe NS and SN Sheamais Barnacogue recently received substantial funding for the provision of Combined Parent Room and Library facilities from the



MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE BATT O'KEEFE TD AND DEPUTY DARA CALLEARY TD. DEPUTY CALLEARY HAS SECURED FUNDING FOR A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN THE SWINFORD ELECTORAL AREA.

Department of Education and Science.

Deputy Dara Calleary announced €61,173 for Kinaffe NS and €60,000 for SN Sheamais.

In June, SN Sheamais also received a grant of €19,747 under Dormant Accounts and RAPID Leverage Funding towards the provision of school dining facilities. The local secondary school, Scoil Mhuire agus Pdraig were also successful in attaining Dormant Account Funding and will benefit to the sum of €42,563.

CLAR Funding for Midfield National School was secured in April under the School Outdoor Play Facilities Enhancement Scheme 2008.

The School Library Facilities Enhancement Programme allocated

€32, 000 to St. John's National School, Carrowmore, towards the improvement of the school's library facilities.

## SPORTS CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING

Swinford GAA Club and Swinford Amenities Development LTD have been awarded funding under the 2008 Sports Capital Programme. The Swinford Amenities Development LTD has been allocated €40, 000 and a further €80, 000 has been awarded to Swinford GAA Club.

This represents a significant investment in the Swinford Area and I am delighted that It was able to assist both groups in the application process.

# KILTIMAGH

## KILTIMAGH SEWERAGE SCHEME

Following a meeting with Minister John Gormley the Kiltimagh Sewerage Scheme is included in the Department for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government's *Water Services Investment Programme 2007-2009* as a scheme to begin construction in 2009.

The new Sewerage Scheme has been mooted for Kiltimagh for many years now and I am delighted that Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley TD, has confirmed to me that the construction can commence once Mayo County Council complete their site preparatory work.

## COILLTE CHILDCARE CENTRE

The Coillte Childcare Centre was officially opened by then Minister for Children Brendan Smith TD in January.

Capital funding of €452, 000 was secured for the project that provides top class, affordable childcare and after-school services.

Senator John Carty was instrumental in securing this funding.

## SPORTS CAPITAL FUNDING

Kiltimagh GAA Club and Kiltimagh/Knock United Soccer Club were recipients of funding under the 2008 Sports Capital Funding Programme. Kiltimagh GAA Club have been awarded €40, 000 and the Kiltimagh/Knock United have received €12, 000 towards planned developments.

Senator John Carty was a pivotal figure in securing this funding.

## ROAD FUNDING BOOST FOR SWINFORD ELECTORAL AREA

### NATIONAL PRIMARY ROADS:

N5, N17, N26 - E1, 288, 251 towards general maintenance, bridge maintenance, winter maintenance, special maintenance, pavement improvement and surface dressing. National Secondary Roads: N83, N58 - E94, 098 towards general maintenance.

### REGIONAL ROADS

R310, R318, R321, R320, R324, R323, R375, R325, R376, R322 - €166, 892 towards general and winter maintenance.

R324 Derryvohy/Ballinamore - strengthening and surface dressing €273,000;

R310 at Gorteenamuck - strengthening and surface dressing €150,750;

R325 at Sonvolaun - strengthening and surface dressing €244,906;

R321 at Lissaniska and Killedan €63,000;

R321 Kiltimagh/Bohola Road €400,000;

R321, R318, R375 - footpaths €36,790;

R310, R324, R325, R321 - traffic management €77,500.

### LOCAL ROADS:

Strengthening - Lavy More to Tonroe €237, 938; Cloonlyon to Bushfield €212, 000; Treannagleragh to Shanaghy €235,437; Ballydrum €90,000; Dromada €65,625; Carrowliam Beg €65,625; Irishtown to Rinnananny €98, 699; Attinaskollia €52, 500; Tooromin €78, 750; Barnahesker €56,250; Rubble to Carrowmoremoy €78,750; Deryvohy to Carrowndangan €120,000; Foxford Way to GAA Pitch €56,250.

Surface dressing - Cloonacannana €16,000; Swinford Railway Bridge €16,000; Sonnagh €20,000; Cuillaun to Tombohola €124, 766; Bracklagh to Cloonfane €60, 200; Carrownageeragh €14, 000; Blackpatch €14,000; Rusheens West €12, 000; Stoneparkbrogan €14, 400; Cullonaghtan €46,000; Thornhill €23,500; Cloonkedagh €19,800; Faheens €16,300; Belgarrow €3,600; Curryaun €14,500; Cloonturk to Ballor €20,400; Loughapharbera €9,600; Flugany €12,000; Ardra Road, Charlestown €7,200; Back Streets, Kiltimagh €5,600.

## SWINFORD AREA ADVICE CLINICS

### SWINFORD OFFICE

Station Road

Open every Thursday 10am-4pm

### CHARLESTOWN

Walsh's Bar

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month at 3pm

### SWINFORD

Swinford Office

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month at 4pm

### FOXFORD

Mayfly Hotel

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month at 5pm



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