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Tommy Broughan, TD

Wasteful Government Squanders Euro Billions - Tommy Broughan TD

Since 1997 the Fianna Fail / Progressive Democrats government has managed to squander an astonishing amount of taxpayers' money on too many badly administered and managed projects. As our dedicated health service staff struggle to provide a service in a chronically underfunded and overstretched system, this wasteful and incompetent government has squandered billions of our tax euros. Deputy Tommy Broughan says that this mismanagement includes:

- An estimated **€12 BILLION** overspent on national transport projects including **€10.8 BILLION** extra that was necessary for road projects due to gross mismanagement by the Ahern/PD government.
- At least **€1 BILLION** that will have to be paid out to compensate over 20,000 people overcharged for nursing home fees.
- A potential loss to the state of nearly **€300 MILLION** on the sale of land at Dublin Port and losses reported to be several million euro due to the sale of land in Clonshaugh I.D.A. Industrial Estate, resulting from government failure to reform the Landlord and Tenant Act (1978).
- **€62 MILLION** spent on the Taoiseach's National Aquatic Centre which is leaking and requiring serious refurbishment.
- **€50 MILLION** wasted on insecure and flawed e-voting machines now lying in storage around Ireland.
- **€35 MILLION** lost through the collapse of the Taoiseach's favoured Media Lab Europe Digital Hub project.
- A faulty payroll system in the Health Services Executive that paid out over **€1 MILLION** in error.

The list goes on and on and incredibly includes an amazing **€550 per week** (and nearly €200,000 in all) which Taoiseach Ahern spends on his make-up alone. Why not powder your own face Bertie?

Broughan and Carter urge mast review

Cllr. Anne Carter was astonished to learn from an audit she requested from the City Manager that 38 microwave mast permissions have been granted for the Coolock, Donaghmede and Clontarf wards of Dublin City Council in the past decade. Of these, no less than 18 were so-called exempted developments under Class 3 (i) of the of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001. The Dail Committee on Communications of which Deputy Tommy Broughan is a member recently reported that no electromagnetic emitting equipment should be permitted near health centres, schools, or other sensitive sites used by children and families such as pitches and sports clubs.

Cllr. Carter and Deputy Broughan believe strongly that the refusal by the communications companies to co-locate microwave structures in industrial estates is a major failure of local and national planning regulations and legislation. The Labour representatives continue to fight several mast applications in totally inappropriate locations across Dublin North East and were recently informed that Dublin City Council is making a Section 5 challenge to An Bord Pleanála regarding an alleged



Cllr. Anne Carter (Chairperson Dublin North Central Area Committee) presenting first prize to Ard na Gréine Residents Association, winners of North Central Area City Neighbourhoods Competition 2005

NEWS FROM AROUND NORTH EAST



Cllr. Anne Carter.

Improvements for Ashcroft, Raheny

Following the recent successful A.G.M. of Ashcroft Residents Association attended by Deputy Tommy Broughan, his colleague Cllr. Anne Carter has pursued a range of issues raised by residents at Dublin City Council. Two additional litter bins for Raheny

Road have already been installed and improvements for street lighting will be included in the 2006 programme. Ongoing concerns about water pressure, the need for boundary environmental measures and extended double yellow lines at the front of the estate are now being examined by the City Council.

Howth Water and Drainage

Fingal County Council have engaged a firm of consultant engineers to recommend a programme of improvement works to the Howth Water Supply following episodes of disruption and poor pressure this summer. €400,000 is allocated to Howth (Phase 3 Works) on the Fingal Water Services Investment Programme 2005 – 2012. Pronsias De Rossa M.E.P. has informed Deputy Broughan that the E.U. commission is pursuing infringement proceedings against Ireland over delays in upgrading waste water treatment for six Irish towns, including Howth.

Belcamp Park and Fr. Collins Park

Deputy Tommy Broughan has continued to press the City Parks Superintendent to hurry up the full restoration of Belcamp Park following the installation of the North Fringe Drainage and Watermain. In a recent report for Clonsillaugh, Newbury and Swift's Grove Residents' Association, Deputy Broughan was informed that some limited improvement would be made to the playground and sports facilities at Belcamp Park this year. He has also been informed that the Parks Superintendent and City Architect are currently finalising their plans for the redesign of Father Collins Park, Donaghmede and that the works involved will take up to four years to complete.

I.D.A. Ireland needs Northside Focus - Broughan

Coolock Deputy Tommy Broughan has criticized the management of I.D.A. Ireland for not focusing on replacement industries and small businesses for the North Coolock and Northside area. Deputy Broughan commented; "Just recently, Tayto announced the closure of their Coolock operation after 40 years on the northside with the loss of 98 jobs. This followed a whole string of closures at Clonsillaugh Industrial Estate and Business Park including Gateway 2000, Data Products, Terradata and Saronix and major downsizing at companies like Diamond Innovation". Deputy Broughan has called in Dail Eireann for the I.D.A. to urgently return to a proactive role in

Sports Grants welcome but North East deserves more

Deputy Tommy Broughan has warmly welcomed the 2005 grants for sports capital funding but deplored an ongoing bias against Dublin by the Ahern/P.D. government. This resulted in several wonderful North East sports clubs missing out again this year. The successful 2005 grants include; St. Paul's Artane F.C. (€230,000); Sutton Lawn Tennis Club (€180,000); Killester Basketball Club (at Kilbarrack), (€160,000); St. Laurence O'Toole G. A. A. club, €125,000; Inisfail G.A.A. Club (€100,000); Sutton Dinghy Club (€60,000); Baldoyle United A.F.C. (€40,000) and Glin Road Taekwondo Club (€9,000).

Public Lighting Works Programme 2005

Following her longstanding campaign for improved public lighting in the Donaghmede Ward, Cllr. Anne Carter was informed of the following improvements for 2005. In Riverside estate, 20 lanterns will be upgraded to 100 watt. At Marigold Crescent and Grove, Darndale, 22 lanterns will be upgraded to 100 watt. Other locations in the 2005 works include; Foxhill Close, Green and Grove, Dublin 13 (11 lanterns upgraded to 70 watt); Newbrook Road and Avenue, Donaghmede (3 new columns at 100 watt); Maywood Grove (2 new columns at 70 watt); All Saints Drive, Raheny (8 lanterns upgraded to 100 watt); Avondale Park, Raheny (4 lanterns upgraded to 100 watt); Lough Derg Road, Raheny (2 lanterns upgraded to 70 watt); and James Larkin Road, Raheny (67 lanterns upgraded to 150 watt).

Castlerosse and Admiral Park Boundary

Deputy Broughan has demanded that Fingal County Manager John Tierney carries out a full consultation with residents following controversy during the summer over two attempts to breach the palisade boundary between Castlerosse and Admiral Park in Baldoyle. Many residents were very upset by the county council's action especially given that the matter was not brought before the Howth/Malahide Area Committee or the County Council itself. Deputy Broughan reports that on his walkabouts in both estates, the majority of representations he received requested the maintenance of both cul-de-sacs and an upgrading of the boundary.



Deputy Tommy Broughan addressing the Rosport Five Rally



Pat Rabbitte TD gives 1916 Anniversary Oration at James Connolly's grave (with Joe Costello TD).

LOCAL UPDATES

- The City Manager reports that there is an agreement in place with Gannon Homes for the delivery of 134 units of social and affordable housing at Beuparc/Balgriffen.
- It is proposed to replace 72 of the dwellings in the Bunratty Maisonette Complex facing onto Oscar Traynor Road with 102 new (mostly apartment) homes and the remaining 72 Bunratty dwellings will be replaced with 48 refurbished homes.
- Fingal County and Dublin City Waste Enforcement sections have reported to Deputy Tommy Broughan that the premises of Barnmore Ltd. at Baldoyle Industrial Estate were inspected recently and that there were no non-compliances with the conditions of the waste permit identified during the audit.
- In response to persistent strong representations from Sutton Park and Lawns Residents Association, the C.E.O. of Iarnrod Eireann undertook to protect a damaged drain pipe at Bayside Dart Station and to address drainage problems in the area as the new Dart station nears completion.
- Cllr. Anne Carter is continuing her campaign for park'n'ride facilities at Raheny and Howth Junction/Donaghmede Dart Stations.
- A yellow box has been requested for the entrance to St. Berach's Lodge, Kilbarrack Road.
- Cllr. Carter is delighted that her longstanding request for a school warden on Clonrosse Drive has been approved.
- Deputy Broughan has raised the state of the boundary between Greenwood and Whyteleaf estates with the North Central Manager.
- 30 Fingal tenancy homes in the Malahide/Howth wards will receive central heating under the 2005 Fingal programme.
- The final design for the new Clonshaugh Road was expected to be ready by late summer with reconstruction to start in January 2006. The Northside/Cromcastle Renewal Plan was delayed pending the Clonshaugh Road design. An integrated design for both was expected to be ready by late summer.

THE FAIR SOCIETY

Message from Pat Rabbitte

Dear Residents,

Labour's vision for Ireland is a vision of community, with solidarity among our people. It's a vision of freedom and greater equality. A vision of citizenship that acknowledges rights and teaches responsibilities. A vision of security, with safe streets, safe homes and safe communities. A vision of public service, in a country that calls for and values the contribution of all citizens to the common good.

Yet how can society be fair if our neighbourhoods aren't safe? Labour is committed to making our streets and communities safer and our vision of 'The Fair Society' would place such concerns at its core. It would ensure more Garda neighbourhood patrols to demonstrate an effective Garda presence in communities. It would introduce 'good neighbour' laws to tackle anti-social behaviour. It would create a new properly resourced Juvenile Justice System.

Fairness also demands better resourcing of the National Drugs Strategy, policies to combat alcohol abuse and better support for community drug treatment facilities. These are crucial first steps in building a better and safer future for ourselves and our children.

Pat Rabbitte

Deputy Tommy Broughan adds ...

"A critical local issue in the drive to make our community safer and more secure for all residents is the campaign for a Garda station to service the new North Fringe development. The Residents Associations of Donaghmede Estate, Grange Abbey, Grangemore, the Donaghies and Clare Hall have all been very active in this campaign, which I have strongly supported. The North Fringe Development will add a massive 40,000 new residents to the area directly north of Donaghmede, and our hardworking Gardai in the region are already severely overstretched."



Howth Sutton Baldoyle's Labour Deputy

North East Planning File

- An Bord Pleanála rejected the proposal for a massive redevelopment of Bayside Shopping Centre on Aug. 15th last. The proposal was opposed by Bayside residents and Deputy Broughan and any future redesign for the centre will have to conform to the new County Development Plan.
- Cllr. Anne Carter and Deputy Tommy Broughan have opposed a thirty metre high microwave mast at Grange Abbey Road at An Bord Pleanála and are opposing the retention of a microwave mast at Kilbarrack Shopping Centre to Dublin City Council.
- A further proposal for 20 apartments and a redeveloped bar, lounge and restaurant was submitted for Tomar at the corner of Thormanby Road and Baily Green in late July. An earlier plan was submitted for outline permission for 33 apartments at Balcadden Road.
- Despite opposition to the high density from the local community, An Bord Pleanála approved the construction of 14 apartments above the Concorde Lounge in Edenmore.
- Deputy Broughan and Cllr. Carter have expressed disappointment with the grave lack of community and social infrastructure being planned for the huge North Fringe district. There are no firm plans yet for primary or secondary schools or for health centre or hospital facilities while the waste management

Irish Energy Watershed

Energy concerns have recently become critically important because of the frightening increases in the price of oil and the serious knock-on effect of such soaring prices on home heating, petrol and transport costs for Irish consumers. Tommy Broughan as Labour Party Spokesperson on Energy has consistently advocated the need for the development of alternative fuel sources to make Ireland less dependent on foreign imported oil and gas. He commented, "there has been simply no significant government lead on developing wind, biomass, solar or wave energy. In fact the government has failed to comply with even the meagre minimum target of a recent European directive on biofuels."

The discovery in 1996 of the Corrib gas field off the North Mayo coast was rightly heralded as a very important find for the development of Irish natural resources. Unfortunately the recent dispute over the safe transport of the gas resulted in the incarceration of the **Rossport Five** in Cloverhill prison. Deputy Tommy Broughan strongly supported the health and safety concerns of the **Rossport Five** and was very active in seeking ways to help bring about an end their imprisonment. He commented, "For over 40 years the Labour Party has been a strong advocate for the protection of Ireland's oil and natural gas resources. During the Autumn in Dail Eireann I am pressing for a full review of the present wholly inadequate framework of royalties, ownership and tax. The present giveaway regime was introduced by Ray Burke and Taoiseach Bertie Ahern."



Always There — Always Helpful!



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IRELAND OFFLINE

Labour's Communications Spokesperson Deputy Tommy Broughan has severely criticised the appalling government record on the roll out of broadband which has left many residents throughout Ireland and in Dublin North East unable to get a broadband connection to their home or premises. Deputy Broughan commented, "The government's record on broadband development has been astonishingly poor. It is increasingly a critical public utility that is vital for Ireland's future economic prospects. However, I am constantly receiving complaints from all across Ireland and Dublin North East of people who have been unable to get either a fixed line or wireless broadband connection. This is extremely inconvenient for businesses and families and is clearly creating a new division in society. The Ahern/PD government promised they would prioritise the development of broadband when they took office in 1997 but their record on this issue has been a total disaster. Ireland's broadband connection rate is one of the worst in the EU. We are also consistently rated as one of the bottom states for broadband by other international organisations such as the OECD where we are ranked 24 out of 30 countries."

INFORMATION CLINIC NETWORK (excluding Bank Holidays)

2nd / 4th Friday

7.00 p.m. Concorde, Edenmore Shopping Centre
7.45 p.m. Foxhound Inn, Greendale Shopping Centre
8.30 p.m. Marine Hotel, Sutton
9.15 p.m. Pier House, Howth

Every Saturday

10.00 a.m. Clonsaugh Shopping Centre
11.30 a.m. Donaghmede Shopping Centre
1.00 p.m. Madigan's, Kilbarrack Shopping Centre.

1st / 3rd Saturday

2.15 p.m. Bayside Shopping Centre
3.00 p.m. Grainger's, Baldoyle House / Racecourse Inn,
Racecourse Shopping Centre

2nd/ 4th Saturday

2.30 p.m. Walkabout in one of the 14 parishes of Dublin
North East

Every Monday

10.30 a.m. Darndale Tenants and Residents Association

Meetings may be arranged by appointment either at one of the
above locations or in Dáil Éireann

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