

CLLR. JOHNNY FLYNN

10 YEARS AS A NO EXPENSES, NO JUNKETS, NO TOP-UP PAYMENTS COUNCILLOR



RECENT PROACTIVE WORK

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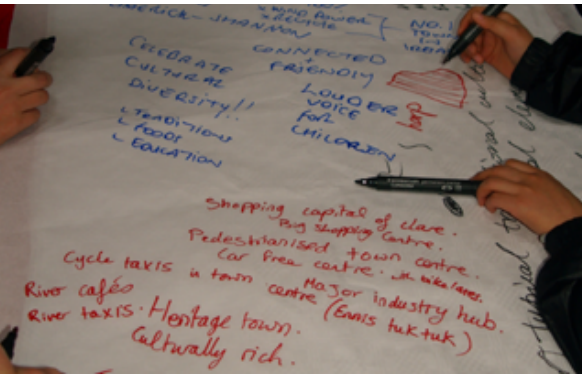


In 10 years as a councillor I have worked with various people and groups to deliver on projects, local issues and change for Ennis and County Clare.

I'm glad to say I stuck to my 2004 & 2009 election promises to take no expenses, no junkets, no additional or top-up payments either as a councillor or on any council nominated boards or committees.

I pledge do the same in asking for your vote in the upcoming May 2014 local elections.

Ennis 2020 Community Visioning with University of Limerick



What is it?

Using input from the community and independent advice from University of Limerick, the people's vision for Ennis in the year 2020 was drawn up in 2011. The democratic process was led by Cllr. Johnny Flynn, Clare Active Citizens Group, UL

and Ennis Town Council. Full details from www.ennis2020.ie and www.JohnnyFlynn.ie. The resulting five action areas are:

The town centre, including older residential areas, The Economy, Employment and the Retail sector Tourism & Hospitality, Quality of Life and Infrastructure and sustainability

What does it mean for you?

The outcomes from the Visioning have been summarised into a framework document, which has been adopted by Ennis Town Council. Any elected councillor can use the framework to work toward what the people of Ennis themselves have asked for.

Promote Ennis Collaborative Town Approach

What is it?

A collaboration between Ennis Chamber, Shannon Development/Failte Ireland, Ennis Town Council and business representatives, which was re-established in 2010 and since has successfully launched a town brochure, town app, website and application for Purple Flag status. Cllr. Johnny Flynn has been involved in the re-launch of this tourism group and he has since been an active worker of its various project teams to build the Ennis brand "Ireland's Friendliest Town". Also he was a member of the Clare Gathering 2013 steering committee that supported 240 festivals & events.

What does it mean for you?

A collaborative approach strengthens the town as a whole resulting in the retention and space for creation of jobs, including 20 new jobs with DublinCoach.ie in December 2013. The aim of this collaboration is the promotion of the Town to Irish and International tourists, which leads to economic growth long-term.



SAFETY

INFRASTRUCTURE

Purple Flag Evening Excellence and Safety Award

What is it?

Purple Flag's aims are to raise the standard and broaden the appeal of town centres between 5pm and 5 am. In 2009, Cllr. Johnny Flynn first suggested the scheme to Ennis Town Council as a means to working to provide a vibrant, well-managed and safe evening and night-time in Ennis. He led the resulting Working group that achieved the prestigious international award as first town in Ireland in February 2013.

What does it mean for you?

Both statistics and perception of Safety in the town are criteria within the Purple Flag remit – as a result Ennis is now working with University of Limerick conducting a Community Safety Research Study. Like application for Tidy Towns, the town will be required to maintain its high standards and is being re-assessed annually. The flag also requires a town to show vibrancy and be well-managed; both of course only possible with a strong and growing workforce.

Flood Relief Scheme

What is it?

Planning and funding for following flood schemes for town land including Gort Road, Aughanteroe, Watery road/Elm park, Ennis town Phase 1 & 2, St Flannans, Ballybeg and Abbey Court. Cllr. Johnny Flynn has been involved as one of the key drivers in this work since 2004.

What does it mean for you?

By mid 2014 over €20 million worth of civil engineering schemes protecting homes and businesses from flooding in and around Ennis will have been completed. Cllr Flynn is working to seek funding for remaining flood schemes to be built and to seek reduction in insurance costs for properties now protected by the schemes already built.



Covered Marketplace in Ennis Town

What is it?

In 2011 Cllr. Johnny Flynn proposed the development of a Covered Market for Ennis (to revitalise the market and provide an outlet for Clare's art and craft). At present Ennis Town Council is reviewing redevelopment of the Garraunakilla Area (current location of farmers market) to form semi-enclosed spaces, within a structure on the present car park area. The structure will continue to have multifunctional uses, housing when necessary a car park or offering a fantastic space for a Covered Market.

What does it mean for you?

As proven by Limerick Milk Market and Cork's English Market, Covered Markets add town vibrancy, consumer choice and is also a draw for tourism bringing with it jobs and other opportunities.



Ballyalla Lake Blue Flag Working Group

What is it?

Following a public meeting in April 2013 arranged by Cllr. Johnny Flynn at Auburn Lodge attended by nearly 50 persons from environmental, political, residents and other backgrounds, the Ballyalla Blue Flag Working Group was formed in June with chairman Cllr. Johnny Flynn. The aims of the group include Environmental Protection, Accessibility and Usability for locals and tourism and Pursuit for Blue Flag.



What does it mean for you?

Several clean-ups and engagement of town's people and residents have already started. Bringing the lake back to its former glory (and beyond) will result in an attractive town amenity that in particular in difficult economic times, will give families a welcome place to enjoy at their doorstep.

May 2014 Local Government Local Election

What is it?

The abolition of Town Councils means Clare County will be split into only 4 election areas, your area being the **Ennis Municipal District**.

What does it mean for you ?

Your election area in green below of **Ennis** and it's wider rural area including the villages of **Barefield, Clooney, Doora, Quin, Clarecastle, Kilmaley and Kilnamona** will now have only 8 councillors compared to the current number of 18 - a reduction in cost and duplication meaning better coordination and accountability.



Why Vote for Johnny Flynn?

I respectfully ask for your No 1 vote or next best available. As a Civil Engineer, Law Graduate and former Chief Fire Officer I will work to improve the performance of Clare County Council for taxpayers money.

As a husband and father of 4 teenagers I will work on building fairer, stronger & safer communities. With 20 years experience as a director of a company that employs 10 people, I will work on job growth in Clare to

deal with the unemployment and emigration affecting all our families.

With 10 years experience as a member of the Lees Rd & Fairgreen sports & recreation development committees and as an ex player and administrator in soccer, handball, squash, tennis & badminton I will work to improve public facilities.

FINE GAEL

Cllr. Johnny Flynn – Vote No 1.

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Cllr. Johnny Flynn's fellow Fine Gael running mates for 2014 Election are alphabetically:
Cillian Griffey & Cllr. Mary Howard, Cllr. Tony Mulqueen, Cllr. Paul Murphy.

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