



Senator Mark Daly's Monthly Newsletter

Valentia Island Red Tape Report



The island of Valentia in Kerry has been faced with some serious challenge. Some might even say that it is a community in decline.

Working with the Fianna Fáil Cumann and others, Mark has compiled the 'Valentia Island Red Tape Report'.

Due to serious red tape, Valentia is not realizing its potential in employment numbers. If the red tape was cut, the following jobs could be created:

- * 72 full time jobs
- * 42 short term building jobs (1 to 2 years)
- * 25 further potential job opportunities associated with 3 other projects
- * 7 seasonal jobs

One such source for employment is the Valentia Marina Development. It is still currently waiting for a foreshore licence and when issues surrounding this are sorted, there is the potential for 30 construction jobs and another 35 to follow.

Other opportunities exist where there has been ongoing battles with the local and government authorities regarding issues from planning to licences.

'Now is the time, more than ever, that we must concentrate and focus on what every community can offer and Valentia is a fine example of what can be done once issues, that have been lost and swallowed up by red tape, have been decided upon once and for all. I am working to push Kerry County Council and other parties into final decisions so as not to hold up these projects any further. In this current climate, it is madness to drag these matters on more than needs be', Senator Mark Daly.



Senator Mark Daly caught up with the new Ambassador from the US, Dan Rooney at the 4TH of July Independence celebrations in the Ambassador's Residence in Dublin

Daly Gives Lecture at Notre Dame University

Senator Daly has been invited to give a guest lecture in Notre Dame University at the beginning of September.

The title of the lecture will be 'Israel and the Future - Lessons from the Irish Peace Process'.

'I will also be engaging with the students of Notre Dame to debate with them on the Irish Embassy's paper on the future of Irish American relations. I am looking forward to hearing their views on how both countries intend to work together in the years to come.' Senator Daly.

Minister of State Officially Opens New Pontoons at Dingle Fishery Harbour Centre

Tony Killeen, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, visited Kerry on July 6th during which time he officially opened the additional pontoons at the Dingle fishery Harbour Centre.



The building of the pontoons was funded under the Department's Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme. In 2008, funding of €612,000 was provided and a further €150,000 was provided this year.

The pontoons have the capacity to provide additional berthage for up to about 40 small fishing and marine leisure boats and alleviates serious congestion in the harbour that was identified by harbour management and users.

Minister Killeen said, "It is to be commended that through good planning and the expertise of the Department's engineering staff and the Harbour Master, what was originally planned as a measure to make the harbour more user-friendly and safe for our fisherman, has also resulted in associated benefits for the marine leisure and tourist industry. This can only further enhance the Fishery Harbour Centre's contribution to the local economy and the valuable contribution it makes to the tourist industry."



Irish Contractors Cry Foul as GAA Refuses Fair Play



The All Ireland Final is set to be played on foreign soil for the first time. Croke Park officials have ploughed up the sod for the U2 concerts which took place July 24-27. The sod which is to be replanted after the concerts will be imported from England

This is being done despite the fact that special sod used in Croke Park could be sourced in Ireland. The GAA, however, has hired British consultants to maintain the Croke Park playing surface and they will be importing the sod from

Britain.

The same consultants are also mainly using contractors from the North for work in Croke Park and on other GAA contracts around the country, ignoring contractors from the South.

Senator Daly believes that as a national movement, you would expect the GAA to be doing their bit to help the Irish economy by providing work for Irish contractors, particularly given the difficult economic times we are enduring. This is especially true for contractors at present. He is shocked over the GAA's attitude to this issue.

Senator Daly also believes that this is symbolically, a terrible signal for the GAA to be sending out. The GAA are our national sporting institution and Croke Park is our national stadium. Given the history of the stadium and the pitch, the GAA should be doing more to source sod from within Ireland rather than importing it from the South. It is doubtful that anyone involved in the GAA would be too comfortable with the notion of the All Ireland Finals being played on British soil.

Perhaps even more worrying is that the GAA is only hiring contractors from the North. Senator Daly has spoken to several contractors from different parts of the 26 counties who have actually stopped submitting bids for work from the GAA. Apparently it is well known in the industry that the GAA are only hiring contractors from the North as all those decisions are made by a firm of English consultants they have working for them.

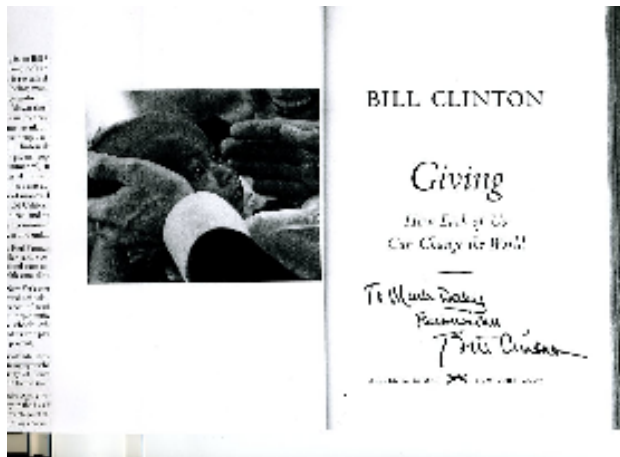
Hopefully now that this issue is in the public domain, the GAA might reconsider this issue and being such a proud force for promoting Ireland, will adapt their current approach accordingly.



Senator Daly Raises Issue of Telephone Installation in Kerry

Speaking in Seanad Eireann on July 15th. Senator Daly asked the Leader of the Seanad to take up with the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources the issue of Eircom's provision of services to users in Kerry. Customers in the Black Valley, surrounded by mountains, are prone to exorbitant charges.

For example, Mr. Tim O'Connor, who lives in the Gap of Dunloe, was charged more than €29,000 to have his telephone connected to Eircom. In cases of emergency, it is particularly relevant that such services are available. Senator Daly pressed the Leader to pursue this matter with the Minister to discover when anything can be done about such outrageous charges.



Senator Mark Daly was presented with a personalised signed copy of 'Giving – How Each of Us Can Change The World' by Bill Clinton this month



On July 4th, Senator Mark Daly was a guest speaker at this year's, Trim Swift Festival, Trim, Co. Meath.

Mark spoke on the Tannoy debate that was chaired by George Hook and also participating were: Joan Burton TD, Mary Lou McDonald, Paul Moore, local solicitor and John Waters, journalist.

The theme was "Irish society today who's to blame and what's the solution".



In the news this month:

Monday 13 July:

Participant on Newstalk's Right Hook Show

<http://newstalk.ie/newstalk/programmes/6/the-right-hook.html>

Tuesday 14 July:

Radio Interview with RTE's Morning Ireland in relation to Croke Park

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2009/0714/morningireland.html>

Radio Interview with the Ray D'Arcy Show on Today FM in relation to Croke Park

<http://www.todayfm.com/Shows/Weekdays/Ray-DArcy-Show/Blog.aspx>

Radio Interview with Waterford Local Radio in relation to Croke Park.

<http://www.wlrfm.com/Schedule/Noctortil7.aspx>

Wednesday 15 July:

Radio Interview with 4FM in relation to Croke Park

<http://www.4fm.ie/profile.asp?id=10>

Radio Interview with BBC Northern Ireland Morning Show

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/radioulster/gmu/>

Radio Interview with Country Mix Radio in relation to Croke Park

<http://www.senatormarkdaly.com/site/index.php/news/news/38-news/323-croker>

Radio Interview with Ulster105 FM on the Frank Mitchell Show in relation to Croke Park

http://www2.u105.com/shows/show_detail.asp?show_id=100002

Thursday 16 July:

Radio Interview with BBC Radio Northern Ireland's Stephan Nolan Show in relation to Croke Park

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/nolan/>