

## **Kenmare Hospital : First meeting between HSE, Kenmare Community Hospital Group and local public representatives organised by Sen. Mark Daly to be held on 22 December.**

I welcome the announcement of a new 42 bed hospital for Kenmare. Plans for increased beds in Kenmare were first announced in 1976 and followed up with announcements in 1997, 2002, 2007 and 2008. Such increased facilities are of great importance to the Kenmare area and I have proposed that a monthly meeting to be held between the HSE, the Kenmare Community Hospital Group and local public representatives to ensure the swift progression of this project. I have arranged for a representative of the HSE to come to Kenmare on 22 December for the first of these meetings. These monthly meetings will be crucial to ensuring that funding for the project be allocated in the 2010 HSE Capital Programme as no funding has been allocated thusfar.

## **Launch of Kerry Historical and Archaeological Society's Magazine**

It was a great honour to be asked to launch the Kerry Historical and Archaeological Society's Magazine which took place on 30 November at the Carnegie Library, Kenmare. Donal Slater and the students of Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine were in attendance. I would like to thank Donal for taking the time to show the students of the school around the historical sites of Kenmare and for relaying stories of the history of Kenmare to the students.

## **Funding Secured for Ardbhearna Residents Association**

Following recent representations made by me on behalf of the Ardbhearna Residents' Association, funding has been allocated to purchase equipment for the maintenance of the public spaces in Ardbhearna. I look forward to continuing to work with the Ardbhearna Residents' Association.

## **Kilgarvan Graveyard - Purchase of additional land**

Following commitments by Kerry County Council to improve the situation in Kilgarvan graveyard, I have asked the County Manager to explore, as a matter of urgency, the possibility of purchasing additional land.

## **Units available in Taobh Linn Housing Development**

There are vacancies in the Taobh Linn housing development for suitable applicants over the age of 55 and in need of housing. For further information please feel free to contact me on 086 8032612.

## **80% Windfall Tax - Clarification**

Following a recent news item on Radio Kerry, it was brought to my attention that there is some confusion surrounding the 80% windfall tax provision in the NAMA Bill. Set out below is a clarification on the application of the windfall tax rate. If you have any questions on this please give me a call on 086 - 803 2612.

Obtaining planning permission is not the same as having land rezoned. The windfall tax rate only applies to the portion of the profit or gain made on the disposal of the land which is attributable to the rezoning. The balance of the gain is taxable at the capital gains tax rate, if the disposal gives rise to a chargeable gain, or at the appropriate income tax or corporation tax rate, if the disposal is part of a trade in dealing in or developing land.

A rezoning for windfall tax purposes is defined as a change from a non-development land use to a development land use, or a change of development land use, in a local authority development plan or a local authority area plan. With regard to 'once off' sale of sites, the rate will therefore apply to land which has been rezoned in the local authority development plan or local authority area plan, if such rezoning takes place after 30 October 2009. If no change of zoning is required in the local authority development plan or local authority area plan, or if the land was rezoned before 30 October 2009, the windfall tax rate will not apply.