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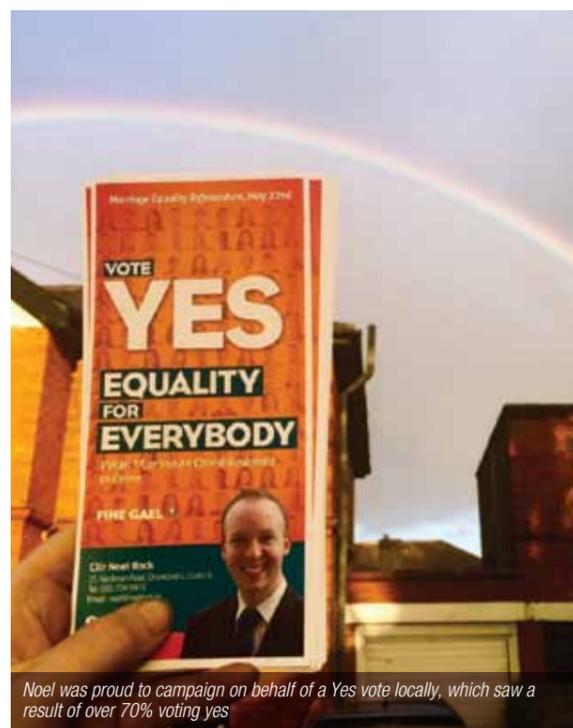
FOCUS ON SPORT

Noel was delighted to act as Mayor at both the recent **Samsung Night Run**, which saw 7,000 people take part in a 10km night run on the quays of the city, as well as for the "Sky Sports: Living For Sport" event in **Northwood**, which saw over 1,000 students from across a number of schools take place in a variety of sports. Noel was also delighted to recently support **St. Kevin's** at their **Academy Cup** launch, **Drumcondra FC** and **St. Vincent's Basketball Club** on their race nights, **Beneavin College** on their recent table quiz, as well as **St. Aidan's CBS** after their recent "Sports School of the Year" Award from the Evening Herald.

Noel has worked with a number of other clubs and organisations on Sports Capital Grant applications, and is hopeful of success for a great many of these. We will know the outcome in the coming months.



Your team in Dublin North West: Cllr Noel Rock and Brian Hayes MEP.



Noel was proud to campaign on behalf of a Yes vote locally, which saw a result of over 70% voting yes

MEAKSTOWN

Castle Site: I am glad to see that after months of inaction on the Meakestown Castle pub site, work has finally begun with the clearing out of litter and dumped rubbish as well as securing the building so it cannot be accessed. In recent times, people have been engaging in anti-social behaviour and dumping on the site, and I am glad to see Fingal County Council are responding to the pressure on this matter.

**POPPINTREE/JAMESTOWN/
ALBERT COLLEGE PARK**

Antisocial Behaviour: I am aware of an increase in antisocial behavior in Poppintree, Albert College and Jamestown Parks and have been working with Gardaí and the City Council to attempt to prevent this where possible. In the case of Poppintree Park, I have made a number of requests around securing it and increasing patrols, while in Jamestown Park I have asked the Council to reinstall fencing backing onto houses and replace a number of trees that have been vandalised.

I recently hosted a Crime and Crime Prevention meeting in The Willows to focus on this issue and other local crime related issues, and will continue to pursue the matter locally.

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**GLASNEVIN • DRUMCONDRA • BALLYMUN • SANTRY • WHITEHALL
BEAUMONT • NORTHWOOD • FINGLAS • MEAKSTOWN**

FINGLAS

Finglas Village Clean Up: In April, the Finglas Village Spring Clean took place and, thanks to over 30 volunteers and assistance from Dublin City Council, was a great success. There is no question that Finglas Village is undergoing a period of renewal, with a number of new businesses springing up and things looking positive for the future. We need to keep up the good work though and I will continue to work with anybody who wants to set up in Finglas - it's an ideal location.

Jamestown Road Improvements: I have requested the Council make a number of improvements for residents in this area, including dipping the pavements at the roundabout so that pedestrians can cross and installing a road sign at the upper end of the road.

Finglas Primary Care Centre: Work must now begin on finding a new, alternative site for the Finglas Primary Care Centre. There is no question that this is a facility that Finglas badly needs. At the moment there simply aren't the GPs located in Finglas West or Finglas South to serve a population of circa 20,000 people, and this needs to be looked at urgently. I have set down a Motion before the Local Area Committee of Dublin City Council to request that the HSE do this work immediately, as we need an alternative site, and we need these facilities for Finglas.

Finglas Festival: The Finglas Festival is due to take place from July 13th to July 19th and promises to be a fantastic event. Events being organised include an Opera in the Park, a family fun walk, a local history pop-up shop, Irish dancing and a motorcycle showcase. I wish the Festival Committee, and Sean Mooney the organiser, every success with the first Festival in over a decade.



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ADVICE CLINICS

Every Saturday at 10.30am

Please ring **085 704 9415**
to confirm appointment in advance

1st Saturday of month:
Costa Coffee Finglas

2nd Saturday of month:
Costa Coffee Santry

3rd Saturday of month:
Costa Coffee Finglas

4th Saturday of month:
Costa Coffee Northwood

**Every Thursday at 6.30pm -
Fagan's Pub, Drumcondra**



Road and path improvements on Hollybank Road

St Anne's Road Green Redevelopment: I am delighted that Croke Park have provided funding to allow for the landscaping of the St Anne's green area at the railway bridge. This was an issue which I had flagged in the past as an area which needed development and may have been eligible for local improvement funding. I understand that local businesses including the Independent Pizza Company will also be pitching in.

Phibsborough Local Area Plan: Dublin City Council have just released their draft Phibsborough Local Area Plan. I will be meeting with them over June to raise concerns as flagged with me by residents. You can read the draft report on noelrock.ie/LAP. The plan mostly concerns Phibsborough, but also includes part of Glasnevin and specifically the Smurfit site and its height specifications. This Development Plan will dictate what type of development we can and can't see on the site.

Player's Chimney Now A Protected Structure:

I was happy to vote recently in favour of a protection order for the chimney on the old Player's Factory site. Located on the site, the chimney is 80 years old. Our architectural and cultural history is vital to this area and as part of preserving our architectural heritage I am glad that this Protection Order has now been agreed to.



St Anne's green area at the railway bridge

DRUMCONDRA/GLASNEVIN

Local Improvement Requests: I have been consistently working for a number of local improvements in Drumcondra - from new flower bed installations and railing improvements in Griffith Park, to road and path improvements on Hollybank Road, to a fix on broken paving on Botanic Road and St. Joseph's Road, I have consistently worked to make sure Drumcondra isn't overlooked on our Council and that residents concerns are both heard and acted on. I now hold a weekly clinic in Fagan's on Thursday at 6.30pm.

Drumcondra Road Works Concluding: Many frustrated residents and business owners have contacted me at the slow rate of progress on the Drumcondra Road Works. I have been in touch with both the Council and the contractor, and they have started to speed up their work by including weekend shifts. However, this work is still way behind where it should be, and I will continue to keep the pressure on to ensure this doesn't slip any further.

Glasnevin Musical Society: I'm delighted to congratulate Glasnevin Musical Society on their recent successful grant application with Dublin City Council, which I was glad to support.



New flower beds in Griffith Park

1,000 FULL TIME JOBS CREATED PER WEEK

I am glad to say that unemployment locally continues to drop - with the rate of unemployment now dropping below 10%, to 9.8%. Looking more locally, we have identified over 300 jobs created in the last quarter, with plenty more exciting plans in the pipeline.

Unemployment figures have consistently fallen month-on-month since the Government launched its Action Plan for Jobs in early 2012. In 2012, a target of creating 100,000 new jobs by 2016 was set, which was thought to be very ambitious at that time. Today, the CSO has confirmed that (on a seasonally adjusted basis) an additional 104,600 jobs have been created since then. This is really positive news.

However, I'm still aware that while this is a major milestone on the way back to full employment, there are still far too many people out of work and that we must do more to ensure everyone who wants to a job can have one.

Reducing unemployment from 10% to 5% will be twice as difficult as cutting it from 15% to 10%, requiring us to redouble our efforts in reforming welfare to make work pay and providing the unemployed with the training and other supports needed to return to work.

We need to go on creating 40,000 new jobs every year for the next few years in order to reach sustainable full employment. When we reach this target of 2.1m jobs in the economy by 2018, which is the plan, we will have replaced all the jobs lost during the recession with new more sustainable jobs.

BALLYMUN

€1.8m Investment, 100 New Jobs: A private investor has made an offer of €1.8m for the Balcourris Park site facing on to Ballymun Road, which - subject to planning approval - will see approximately 100 jobs being created during the construction and operation of a number of retail units on the site. The goal is to have a supermarket, two smaller retail outlets, a café and an office on this site: this will create much needed local employment, and it is a site I have been encouraging people in the private sector to seriously consider. I am glad to see that a number of bidders have seriously considered it, and that this will give the people of Ballymun both good shopping facilities, as well as employment for the future.

This investment is a testament to the strengthening economy under the Government, and let me be clear: this is not the end of Ballymun Shopping Centre. I still want to see the old Shopping Centre site redeveloped alongside this site as well as a Luas/Metro for Ballymun but, for the transition period, this gives the people of Ballymun the shopping facility that they need in the very near future.

Goodbye To The Flats - Final Demolition Begins: The demolition of the remaining Balbutcher Lane flats has now started, with works expected to be finished in October. To mark the conclusion of this, I have suggested that the Council host an event for local people.

Ballymun Science Festival: I was honoured to attend the Ballymun Science Festival at the end of May. It was a hugely positive, interesting event and I met many families who found it to be very worthwhile. I look forward to it coming back again next year.



NORTHWOOD, ROYAL OAK AND SANTRY CLOSE

I recently launched my new Clinic in Costa Coffee Northwood and have gotten to work on a number of issues relating to the area immediately. There were recently a number of instances of antisocial behavior, both at daytime and night time, in the Park which I have raised with local Gardaí and the Council. In addition, the issues of the fallen tree at Northwood Lake which I reported to the Council. The upkeep of the wall at Morton Stadium was also raised with me, which I will pursue, as was the matter of flooding in Royal Oak.

SANTRY

I have been pursuing the City Council in relation to both trees being replaced at Magenta Hall facing the Swords Road on foot of requests from residents, as well as the promised road crossing to be installed at Santry Village at Magenta Crescent pending a developer contribution from Lidl. These were both supposed to be carried out years ago. On the former matter, I have facilitated communications between the Council and residents, and am hopeful of a resolution soon.



ST AIDAN'S ART EXHIBIT

Noel with Ms. McQuaid, the art teacher and organiser of the St. Aidan's 50th Anniversary Art Exhibition, which Noel was glad to recently support.