

Our environment is a special gift to be protected and enhanced.
Our lives and our economy are dependent upon
a clean and Litter Free county.

As has been my practice in
previous elections I will
not be putting
up election
posters.

*Tá saibhreas iontach
cultúrtha againn sa chontae
seo agus deirim gach is féidir lion
chun í a chur chun chinn. Go h-áirithe
labhram Gaelige ag na cruinnithe sa
Chomhairle agus nuair a bhím ag fáiltiú roimhis
cuairteoirí. Ba choir dúinn go léir a bheith bródúil
as ár n-oidhreacht.*

I warmly welcome the return of the Local
Improvement Scheme Programme and I
hope that the re-introduced Scheme will
remain a constant. Community
Involvement Schemes are also most
beneficial to many rural dwellers.

Carers provide an invaluable service to
those living as independently as possible in
their own homes and by so doing save the
State (Taxpayers) many millions of euro. It
is imperative that this most effective form
of Caring is not only retained but that its
hours and scope would be expanded.

Councillor John Joe Culloty and I
await a response from the H.S.E. to our call
for an Alzheimer Day Centre in the
immediate Killarney Area.

It is shameful that the wonderful Saint
Finan's Hospital building continues to
languish in its glorious setting. It could be
positively used for apartments for older
people or as a distance learning centre with
direct links to a third level
college/university. I will continue to
highlight its potential.

Our greatest gift is our shared humanity. If
we renege on that we diminish ourselves
and our community. Many of us have
family members living in other lands and
we are rightly proud of how they
contribute to their new world. Kerry of the
Welcomes is not just a bland slogan. It is
the very essence of who we are and what
we are about. Fáiltimis roimhis an
cuairteoir is an deoraí.

If elected I pledge myself to work with
honesty and diligence for the betterment of
the community and for the enhancement
of our Area and County.

**I would like to continue to serve you as a County
Councillor and would greatly appreciate your
NO. 1 VOTE OR HIGHEST POSSIBLE PREFERENCE
on Election Day, the 24th of May
POLLING BOOTHS OPEN FROM 07.00 TO 22.00 HRS**

*Mo Bhuiochas ó chroi leat.
Thank You most sincerely.*

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**PLEASE VOTE
NO. 1**

**KERRY
INDEPENDENT
ALLIANCE**



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**KILLARNEY
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**KERRY
COUNTY COUNCIL
ELECTION 2019**



Thank You

A Dhuine Uasal,

We are a proud and privileged people to live in an area of great natural splendour. Creation has given us majestic mountains, splendid lakes and fertile fields. They truly fill up our senses with their richness and history. *They also challenge us and call on us to be protectors.*

I recall the River Flesk, rich with fine salmon and blessed with the Fresh Water Pearl Mussel and abundant stone flies. Alas they are no more. Pollution from many and varied sources has wreaked its frightening havoc. We must undo the damage and seek to restore the pristine waters to all our rivers, lakes and streams. *The good work has begun, let us all in unison continue to achieve and enhance.*

At a meeting of Kerry County Council, I called on Government to take very stern action against the great evil of Human Trafficking. Those found guilty of that crime should receive a life jail sentence because their crime condemns the victims to a fate almost worse than death.

The rampant presence of various cancers is a matter that concerns us all very deeply. There must be a lifestyle cause for some of them. We all know of the damage that smoking causes to the body but there are most assuredly environmental factors that impact adversely on what we eat, drink and breathe.

We must all seek to make our food, water and air more pure and wholesome.

The vast majority of the world's scientists proclaim loudly that climate change is a reality and that each Nation must take definite action to counteract that reality.

Each of us as individual and as household must do our own little bit also. As in days of yore, we can harvest roof water, we can walk or cycle a little more often. Many of us can and should grow some of our own food and we should recycle and compost. None of these actions are very demanding but are very beneficial to us and to our world.



The dramatic collapse of the Irish economy cost us the then committed (2004) Outer Relief Road from Lissivigeen to Farranfore. Now following persistent demands from Kerry County Council, it is back on the Agenda, though it will not be completed for some years. It is good that the Macroom/Ballyvourney By-Pass road has commenced and that the N.72 from Barraduff to Rathmore is being improved. Killarney urgently needs additional car park capacity and this is being pursued. The Council must also seek funding to develop proper and safe Cycle Lanes and provide covered bicycle parking bays.

I am delighted to be a member of both Killarney Looking Good and the Meitheal. Much great work is quietly done by these bodies in keeping our environment free from litter and invasive plants, especially the Rhododendron. I was the first person to bring the reality of and threat from Japanese Knotweed to the attention of Kerry County Council.

It is wonderful to observe that similar great environmental improvements are being made by willing volunteers in Barraduff, Glenflesk,

Rathmore, Kilmcummin, Muckross, Fossa and Listry. Well Done to all involved. Maith sibh go léir.

Every possible effort must be made to ensure ease of access for locals and visitors to our many special scenic attractions. I have worked with the Meitheal to progress the pathway from Fossa to Tomies Wood and it is hoped to make further progress during 2019.

The Senior Engineer has assured me that he is optimistic that the Old Kenmare Road as far as the Upper Torc car park will be upgraded this year.

Access to our many majestic mountains must be facilitated and the government should introduce a scheme indemnifying land owners.



Tourism has the potential to continue to develop and provide additional gainful employment.

I am very pleased that the proposed walkway cum cycleway from Ross Road to Muckross Road is 'shovel ready' and awaits government funding. It will enrich many lives.

Government must make finance available to Kerry County Council to allow them to build affordable houses in compact estates where communities can creatively exist.

Such developments would greatly enhance the villages and their many clubs and activities. I greatly rejoice to note the opening of Men's Sheds in Barradubh, Rathmore and Listry. Well Done to all involved.

I am grateful, following almost fourteen years of submitting Motions on the matter, that a fully staffed Stroke Unit is in place in K.U.H. Lives will be saved and degrees of disability lessened as a result. But there are other urgent requirements, among which are, adequate staffing levels for assessment of Children with Special Needs and prompt access to Orthodontic Care for the young.

I am very pleased that an engineer has been appointed to design proper safety measures for the Ballycasheen and Coolcoslough junctions with the National Primary Road (N.22). These junctions cause intolerable delays and are safety hazards. *I look forward to prompt progress.* Work is to begin early next year in eliminating the danger that has for too long existed at the Lewis Road/By Pass Road junction in Killarney. I have for many years been trying to have a footpath put in place from Páirc Chuimín to Kilmcummin Village. *This is vital for all and especially so for school children.*

Many years ago I proposed the development of a Cultural and Sport Centre in the Fitzgerald Stadium as a tourist attraction and a boost to business for Killarney. Despite the best efforts of an excellent committee little positive support has been received from government. This is an opportunity to add to the Tourist and Cultural product in Kerry. Our Kerry Minister should progress this project.