

STORMONT EVENTS



Dogs Trust - Microchipping Event



Paddy Hopkirk Gala Anniversary Launch



Stroke Awareness Event

ABOUT GORDON DUNNE MLA



Gordon was elected to serve the people of North Down in the Northern Ireland Assembly in May 2011. Gordon is a member of the Health Committee and the Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee as well as a Member of the All Party Groups on Cancer, Heart Disease and Stroke and Renewable Energy.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS ON THE HILL

HEALTH

- Patient Waiting Times Review
- Tobacco Retailers Bill
- Review of Health Inequalities
- Mental Health Bill

ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Review of Electricity Policy
- Innovation, Research and Development Inquiry
- Supermarket Fuel Pricing Review
- Energy Bill

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3.30pm - 4.30pm

CONSTITUENCY OFFICE TEAM



NORTH DOWN CONSTITUENCY REPORT

GORDON DUNNE MLA



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DEAR CONSTITUENT

Welcome to my third North Down Constituency Report of the current Stormont Assembly term. I continue to make serving my constituents the number one priority in my role as your MLA and have outlined some of the work in progress throughout the Constituency.

My full time North Down Constituency Advice Centre is open to serve you on any issue and I would encourage you to get in contact with me. Since our last constituency report, much progress has been made as I have endeavoured to serve the people of North Down in the Assembly Chamber as well as on the ground.

It is vital that the NI Assembly continues to make progress on the issues that affect us all and I will seek to ensure delivery for the people of North Down as we continue to consolidate our position within the United Kingdom.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Dunne MLA

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I am delighted that the Kinnegar Sewage Works Project is due to commence in summer 2014 after extensive lobbying. Following recent flooding, I have been working alongside Rivers Agency and others to improve drainage and Coastal Defences. Work continues to upgrade the Coastal Path. The Town Centre is to benefit from a £2.4 million Public Realm Scheme due to commence in 2014 for the areas of High Street, Hibernia Street, Church Road and Shore Road. This will enhance the character of the Town, increase footfall, benefit businesses and help stimulate investment. The new 3G sports pitch at Spafield by NDBC should be completed by the end of 2014 and discussions continue in relation to 'The Front Development' at Shore Road.



As a member of the Health Committee, I continue to scrutinise the work and efficiency of the South Eastern Health Trust; particularly patient waiting lists and the performance of the A&E Department. I welcome Phase B of the redevelopment project at the Ulster Hospital which began last summer. This will provide a new state of the art Generic Ward Block at a cost of £115 million followed by an Acute Services Block at £108 million incorporating the new A&E Department. I continue to fight for full time Cath Lab provision for the use of local Cardiac patients. On Paediatric Cardiac Services I have lobbied the Minister and I continue to support our local GPs, Dentists and Pharmacists.



The new £38 million Aurora Aquatic Centre is a great success for residents and visitors. The Public Realm Scheme, which will represent a commitment of £8 million from DSD and the Council, will benefit key areas such as Abbey Street, Main Street, High Street and Hamilton Road; receiving new footpaths, street lighting, furniture and signage. This investment will help increase tourism and help boost local businesses. The DOE funded facelift for Grays Hill will be beneficial to the area. I have been in discussions with the DRD Minister regarding Residents Parking Schemes for Town Centre dwellers and I welcome the decision to restore free parking at Dufferin Avenue Car Park. Real progress continues to be made on the long term redevelopment of Queen's Parade with commitment from DSD and NDBC.



Progress on the new housing scheme at the former West Green site in Holywood is a welcome development, following years of work with DSD. The new social housing on the Bloomfield Road South site in Bangor also provides for much needed additional housing to meet the ever increasing demand. We continue to help older citizens avail of the Warm Home Scheme and continue to work to ensure DSD's Double Glazing Scheme is rolled out for all social housing. I have been involved in various site acquisitions with Housing Associations and Planning Applications on behalf of constituents. The DSD Boiler Replacement Scheme has been successful in improving home heating efficiency with conversion from oil to gas.



With steady signs of growth in the Economy we continue to support our SMEs in job creation. As a member of the Enterprise Committee, I have been engaging with Invest NI to support local businesses and been involved with a number of Planning Applications for business development and expansion. I have also assisted in applications for grants from Down Rural Area Partnership for a number of constituents. Tourism plays a vital role in the local economy and I have been working to develop attractions such as Pickie Park, Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, Sporting Venues and our local Golf Clubs.



I continue to lobby for the Holywood Multi-Schools Project involving Priory College, Holywood Primary and Holywood Nursery. I am pleased that the enrolment numbers have been increased for Priory College and will continue to push for additional primary school places and support the adjustment of enrolment for Clondeboyne and Kilooley Primary Schools. Progress continues on securing a possible site for Bangor Central Primary and I will continue to lobby for investment in new school provision. I recognise the financial restraints that schools are working under and as such, the DUP has led the opposition to the proposed changes to funding under the Common Funding Policy.



I have lobbied for funding for work to proceed on the community lead improvements from the Village Plans of Crawfordsburn, Helen's Bay and Groomsport. I welcome the commencement of works to the popular Coastal Path which will benefit from DRAP funding and the recent work completed in Groomsport Village as well as the Mill Pond refurbishment planned for Crawfordsburn. I have also been involved in liaising with DOE Planning Service and local residents concerning major planning applications in the villages.



I have been working with the Millisle Youth Forum which has received funding from DARD and provides a great resource for the Millisle community through 'The Garage'. I welcome Village Plan proposals from Ards Borough Council and Down Rural Area Partnership which will benefit the village as we plan for the future. The upgrade to services along the seaford; in particular disabled access ramps will be of great benefit to the community. I am also pleased that after much work the long overdue investment from DRD has been secured to upgrade the sewage system and work is due to commence in 2014.



Donaghadee is set to benefit from a public realm scheme with £2.4 million of funding secured from DSD and Ards Borough Council. This upgrade of the town, together with the Masterplan, will enhance its identity and character and I am hopeful this will bring further investment into the area. The work will encompass all aspects of street design and will commence mid-2014 to be completed by 2015. I continue to work on roads maintenance issues within Donaghadee and pedestrian safety throughout the town and residential areas, including the much needed resurfacing work on the Cannyreagh Road by DRD Roads Service.



I have successfully lobbied for the resurfacing and maintenance of many roads within North Down including the resurfacing of the A2 Dual Carriageway at Ballyrobert. The issue of road safety around our schools, including Crawfordsburn Primary, Bangor Grammar and Sullivan Upper continues to cause concerns for local residents and parents. The need for improved winter gritting arrangements, installation of grit boxes and road cleansing has also been raised with DRD. Work continues on the need for maintenance and upgrades to the street lighting network and the upgrade of footpaths from flagstones to bitmac. Discussions continue with DRD on viable options for the Craigantlet Crossroads Improvement Scheme.



Farmers deserve a fair deal and I have been working on their behalf in relation to the review of payments made under the Common Agricultural Policy. Recent farm related deaths have caused us to address the issue of farm safety and also working with DETI to improve health and safety in Farming through the 'Think SAFE' Campaign. I have been involved in a number of rural planning applications within the confines of PPS21 and have been successful in securing various rural road improvements and upgrades in North Down. Winter gritting and snow clearance have been addressed through DRD across our rural areas.



I have been delighted to host tours of Parliament Buildings for a wide range of groups and organisations within the North Down area and beyond. If you would like a tour for you, a Charity, Church Group, Community Group, Youth Group, School, or Club please contact my Office for more details.