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Sonny Foran, who is a father of four from Causeway, is a committed community activist and has a strong business background having been involved in the areas of hospitality and construction. He is currently employed in the healthcare sector at The Bon Secours Hospital in Tralee.



Sonny FORAN Listowel

KILLURY SCHOOL

Sonny has been fighting for speed calming measures at Killury School in Causeway. Concerns over road safety have long been at the forefront of parents' minds and Sonny refused to give up until speed indicator signage was installed recently. Community safety is at the top of Sonny's priorities for your community.

DEMANDING EFFECTIVE GP CARE IN BALLYDUFF

Sonny has worked tirelessly to ensure that the residents of North Kerry have access to GP care. Following the retirement of long-standing doctors in Ballyduff, leaving the area with only one locum GP, Sonny mobilised the community to demand access to a proper GP service, and helped secure a second GP for the area.

Working with Aontú Leader Peadar Toibin TD, Sonny engaged with Cork-Kerry Community Healthcare to seek to address access to rural healthcare in North Kerry in the midst of increasing demand that meant some medical card holders couldn't see a doctor.

CLIFF ROAD IN BALLYHEIGUE

Sonny has been instrumental in highlighting coastal erosion in Ballyheigue and its impact on local residents. Thanks to his persistence, work is underway to secure the Cliff Road to protect the homes and businesses that would otherwise be under threat in a few short years.



AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES

Sonny has been highlighting the increased risk to patients from elevated ambulance response times due to demand and lack of investment in the health service. The Government has neglected rural healthcare and its impact is being felt by communities in Kerry who are affected not just by waiting times for an ambulance but waiting times – possibly on a trolley in their local hospital.

Aontú has been consistently calling for the health service to be given more investment so that front line services and staff are able to provide the care the population expects.



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Crime & Anti Social Behaviour

TAKE BACK OUR STREETS

CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON THE INCREASE

Ballyheigue and Causeway have seen recent spates of anti-social behaviour, especially during the summer months. Many citizens are in fear not just at night-time, but even in the middle of the day. Restaurants are closing earlier in the evening for fear of attacks and violence. Children are being mugged for money and their phones on the way home from school. Lanes off main streets are off limits due to open drinking and drug taking.

Communities, especially in working class areas feel under siege due to the increase in crime and anti-social behaviour. Sexual assault has doubled in 10 years. Rape has doubled in 10 years. Serious unprovoked attacks are now commonplace.

Yet until recently this crisis did not feature at all on the government's radar. Every year that Helen McEntee has been the Minister for Justice, the number of Gardaí has fallen. Indeed we have one of the lowest numbers of police per capita in EU. Every year hundreds of Garda are being attacked. Every year hundreds of Gardaí are resigning and retiring. Garda morale is on the floor. Recruitment to Templemore has collapsed.

The Government are distracted by the culture wars while communities suffer. Sonny Foran has worked solidly for trying to make this community safer and will push hard for more Gardaí and community supports.

149 COUNCIL HOUSES VACANT IN KERRY IN A HOUSING CRISIS

We're facing a housing disaster like never before; total reform is required of Kerry County Councils approach to social housing. So many families are terrified in relation to the accommodation crisis. The threat of homelessness is a reality for thousands in our community. Many families are trapped as they are earning too much to qualify for social/affordable housing but too little to obtain a mortgage as ECB interest rates soar. These people are stuck paying enormous rents in the private rental sector or are forced to live with family for years upon years. Shockingly many young people are now accepting that they'll never own a house in their lives.

All this is happening while there are nearly 15 vacant Council Houses across Kerry. This is a scandal and it would not have come to light, if it were not for a housing investigation by Aontú. Our research has also shown that it takes on average 8 months for Councils to turn around a Local Authority house and relet it. This is shocking given that a private sector rental takes 3 weeks to be turned around.

Your elected councillors are not doing their jobs. Sonny Foran will work to ensure that these homes are immediately brought back into use.

GOVERNMENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS WORSE

Irish electricity prices are the highest in Europe. The Government is jacking up the price of petrol and diesel for the 2nd time in just a few months. None of this is an accident. These are deliberate attacks on drivers and commuters many of whom have no alternative mode of transport.

Rich ministers are purposefully pushing up the cost of commuting in the middle of a Cost-of-Living Crisis. Aontú has found out that the government are taking more on fuel taxes now than ever before. Sonny Foran will fight for lower Excise Duties on fuel and better public transport.

GOVERNMENT INCREASING ENERGY COSTS

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LIFE | UNITY | ECONOMIC JUSTICE

1 Jun 2023

Petrol +6c
Diesel +5c

1 Sep 2023

Petrol +7c
Diesel +5c

11 Oct 2023

Petrol +3c
Diesel +3c

FIGHTING BACK AT THE CULTURE WARS

Aontú campaigned to ensure that women were not written out of the Work Life Balance Bill which reduced women to 'persons' in relation to maternity protections. The Bill would have removed the terms 'women', 'female' and 'mother' in maternity legislation. We are the only party that brought this issue successfully to Councils seeking to ensure that women would not be written out of future legislation. We have also pushed back against Government efforts to put ideology into SPHE classes in school.

Sonny believes that parents must be listened to when it comes to their children's education. SPHE classes should be based on science and fact and not on political ideology.



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