

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

- Stop the downgrading of our hospital
- Funding for school buildings
- Reduce class sizes

LOCAL ROAD AND RAIL

- Ensure funding for roads and footpaths upkeep
- Open Collooney stretch of Western Rail Corridor
- Upgrade of N4

JOB CREATION AND RETENTION

- Create a fund to safeguard jobs in difficulty
- Essential labour intensive infrastructure projects
- Fair taxation reform

A Voice for Our Community

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Adequate health and education services are a necessity for our community. Successive governments have failed these public services and pursued a privatisation agenda. Thomas will campaign to provide the cancer treatment services we deserve in this region. This must include a systematic cervical cancer screening programme as well as a vaccination programme for young teens.

Sinn Fein believes education is a priority. We should frontload school building projects instead of wasting money on renting portacabins. Already seven teaching posts have been lost in Sligo as a result of the government's decision to increase class sizes.

LOCAL ROAD AND RAIL

Sligo cannot develop its full potential until proper infrastructure is provided. After many years of the Celtic Tiger, we are still awaiting the upgrading of the Cloonamahon to Castlebaldwin section of the N4. Many roads through our towns and villages needs to be brought up to an safe standard. Thomas Healy has worked hard to secure funding for local roads and footpaths throughout the Ballymote area and has successfully lobbied for funding to restart the Union road project.

The Western Rail Corridor link to Collooney is critical to the development of the northwest and should proceed as planned.



SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL | BALLYMOTE



Thomas Healy (41) is married to Majella and has a young daughter. A native of Ballygawley now living in Collooney, Thomas had worked in England returning home in 1992. He now works for the Office of Public Works.

JOB CREATION

Many families locally have been affected by job losses, reduced working hours or the threat of redundancy. There is now an urgent need to retain existing jobs and to create new ones, to develop an all-Ireland economic development plan, to stimulate consumer spending and ensure we gain the maximum benefits of education and training.

This means quickly identifying viable companies that need immediate help and bringing together FAS, the VEC, colleges and universities to upskill the workforce.

It means fostering a real innovation culture for our small to medium enterprises. The government's sole focus on cuts is further undermining our economy. With decisive leadership this economy can be turned around.

FARMING AND RURAL ISSUES

Thomas Healy believes that farming is our most vital and traditional industry. Farm income has continued to fall driving many families off the land. The Minister has reneged on his promises on the Farm Waste Scheme leaving many farmers in

serious financial difficulty. What was meant to be an asset, has left farmers with large borrowings. Sligo farmers are additionally being penalised by expensive water metering as well as intrusive farm inspections.

Ireland needs a long-term agricultural strategy, safe guarding Irish beef production and food processing, to boost income and the domestic industry.

SAFER COMMUNITIES

Sinn Fein, through local policing committees, have continually highlighted the need for more visible community policing

Thomas Healy – active in the community

- Involved with Owenmore Gaels GFC
- Involved with Collooney Christmas Lights
- Member of the Collooney Tidy Towns Committee & Board of Management of St. Mary's Girls NS

- Housing & Housing Maintenance Issues
- Social Welfare
- HSE & Health Service issues
- Roads & Footpaths
- Farm Income & Rural Matters

Communities need a strong voice during this economic downturn. Thomas Healy will ensure that the need for jobs, infrastructure, housing and other issues important to our community are addressed.

to defeat the scourge of anti-social behaviour.

As a councillor, Thomas Healy will work to ensure community and voluntary groups have the resources they need to work for the betterment of our communities. Residents committees, tidy towns, youth groups, the GAA and other sporting organisations have all been the backbone of our community. Having worked alongside these groups, Thomas understands the need for the provision of playgrounds and other amenities and will be their voice on the Council.