



**Straid/Ballynure/Ballyrobert**

**Danny Kinahan**

It has been a pleasure representing your area at Stormont, as your UUP MLA, since I replaced David Burnside in June 2009. I know there are many matters ongoing in your area and I have enjoyed working with Jim Bingham and Vera McWilliam and Janet Crilly in trying to resolve them.

**A8 bypass** – I have worked continually with the farmers and Roads Service to try to redesign the road so that it does not destroy so many farms but makes the most of the space available through Ballynure. This European and Irish backed project is still going ahead when our economy could use the money better elsewhere like Health. I will keep on at this.

**Local Roads/speeding** – The state of the minor roads is appalling after this winter and as each issue is raised with me, we take it on to Roads Service. We now register speed checks in Straid and the locality, and traffic calming measures where required are being pursued. I also welcome getting the Longshot tarred and painted.

**Rivers** – I have worked constantly with the Anglers and keenly interested residents groups and ask all those who adjoin watercourses to keep us all posted on key pollution or dumping in the rivers. It is also essential that all development respects the rural aspects of our rivers.

**Flytipping/litter/cleanliness** – We constantly push for the clearing of footpaths and roads and local areas, linking it in with the regular Housing Executive and council work. New legislation from Clean Neighbourhoods Bill, High Hedges Bill and flytipping which I have been part of at Stormont, and the increased powers to tackle dog fouling, graffiti, abandoned cars, illegal dumping etc are imminent.

**Planning** – We have taken up each planning case as necessary and tried to ensure proper consultation and considered results. The new planning bill which I have also been involved in will ensure community consultation, proper spatial planning and move the final decision to councils and councillors.

**Policing** – We have worked closely with the police at all times to help minimise concerns over crime and urge everyone to always report problems and inform their political representatives.

I encourage anyone to contact me with problems, queries or suggestions and hope you will support myself and Adrian Cochrane Watson for MLA on May 5<sup>th</sup> and look forward to helping out in the future. I'm unaware of any Residents'/Community groups in the area so if there are any please do let me know.

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