

Posters defaced in Tibohine

The taking down of posters erected by the Tibohine Action Group in recent days is now being investigated by Gardai.

Posters erected by the Tibohine Action Group were taken down on Wednesday night last and others erected on Thursday and Friday were found to be vandalised on Sunday morning.

The Action Group this week

stated that it is committed to peaceful protest. "As long as people continue to take the posters down we will keep putting them up. Two of the posters which were painted over were actually erected on private property."

The Tibohine Action Group have engaged the services of an environmental expert who is putting together an impact statement to be

submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Plans to establish a Biopark in the Tibohine area has caused major upset in the community in recent months. 400 local people signed a petition against the proposal, public meetings have been held and objections have been lodged with the EPA in relation to the proposals.



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Letters to the editor

Sinn Féin is relevant and worthy of trust

A Chara,

I have a long-standing and deep respect for Seamus Duke as a professional and genuine person; this comes from when he worked in Shannonside Radio.

Seamus and I often held lengthy and constructive discussions on all kinds of issues that affect the people and the country. It is in that context that I need to challenge the single sentence "Sinn Féin is very well funded but no one is exactly sure where that money comes from" written by Seamus in the piece entitled "do we need a new political party?" in 'Straight Talking from the Duke' in last week's edition of Roscommon People.

This sentence is creating an inference in the mind of the reader, that there is something hidden and underhand about how Sinn Féin is funded; it also sets a negative context of how Sinn Féin occurs to people.

To clear up part of the matter, the local Sinn Féin organisation in Roscommon and everywhere else gets its money from normal fundraising events, a raffle or a draw, church gate collections and so on, where people choose to put something in the box or not and either way its fine. There is no obligation on people nor is anything being bought or sold in this, it is totally above board. Nationally Sinn Féin publishes its accounts on its website. A distinguishing point often noted is that our TDs, MPs and MLAs receive

the average national wage and the remainder of the high salaries paid to these positions, is used by Sinn Féin to employ extra staff in order to provide a better service to the public.

The more substantial issue I have, is the way in which the short little sentence makes Sinn Féin out to be irrelevant, by the almost, after-thought way, in which it is popped in; this assists in making Sinn Féin occur to people as bad and wrong. Central in all of this is the role of the media in filtering information and applying the established dogma to each story, issue or opinion. The establishment is working hard to have Sinn Féin occur as being untrustworthy and irrelevant.

Sinn Féin is relevant, has a great deal to say and contribute and is, at least, as worthy of trust as any other political party and I am as worthy of trust as any other human being.

There is another important sentence Seamus wrote in the piece, which points to his responsibility in these matters, he said "It's all about public perception," and he is right. The written word in a newspaper of record, such as, I assume Roscommon People would like to be considered, is one of the fundamental factors in setting the context for public perception and that carries responsibility.

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Cllr Martin Kenny



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