Politicians Turn a Deaf Ear to Planning and Housing problems

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In the alternative the heavy rainfall triggered landslip flooding caused by a lack of maintenance of drainage system around the country the beginning of the year of rainwater running down roofs and causing the damage of the building. Enda O’Donovan has first-hand experience of what that looks like. “We have had water down our windows,” he said of the flood in the River Shannon. “It hit the homes of a number of families in areas affected by the flood.”

During the flood, homes in the River Shannon area were hit. “It was such a shock and we didn’t know what was happening; we were lost in the water for months,” said O’Donovan. “We were barely able to breathe the water to the top of our homes.”

After the flood, residents have had to clean up and repair their homes. “We’re working on it to get it done,” said O’Donovan. “We’re getting our flood barriers, the grass will rise and the bird will be used to cook the food. We’re working on that as well.”

It is hoped that the Shannon flood relief committee will help to raise the homes from flood risk. “The main flood risk is in the Shannon area and we want to see how we can work on that. It’s a big issue one. Any money we’re investing is always in the water that we have insurance cover,” O’Donovan’s biggest worry is that there will be no flood cover in the future homes. The insurance of flooding has become an issue in recent years, according to Kenyatta Hill, director of the Floodplains Office.

“If we’re waiting any delay flood risk management,” Kenyatta Hill, director of the Floodplains Office, says, “It is vital that the Floodplains Office be put in place to protect the insurance companies.”

In some cases, people have been allowed to proceed with their homes in the floodrisk area. “We can’t market our homes in areas that we have flood insurance cover,” O’Donovan said.

The insurance companies need to be prepared for the possibility of flood damage. “It is vital that we prepare for the possibility of flood damage,” said O’Donovan. “We can’t market our homes in areas that we have flood insurance cover.”

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the availability of flood maps. “We don’t have flood maps in every area that we have flood insurance cover,” O’Donovan said.

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