Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council

Councillor Brian Goodall's Report for the period from the 22nd of September until the 26th of October 2026

The items in this report are in addition to my work undertaken on behalf of individual local residents. That casework is covered by data protection legislation and in most cases can't be shared with others.

Fife Community Safety Partnership

In the morning on the 22nd of September I was at Fife Police HQ in Glenrothes to take part in a meeting of the Fife Community Safety Partnership. The meeting heard a presentation on the ongoing suicide prevention work in Fife and on Suicide Prevention Month.

The meeting also heard updates from the lead officers on a number of ongoing campaigns. We were told that the upgrade of Fife's CCTV network was almost complete with the new cameras providing massively improved quality pictures and increased versatility.

I asked if a clear process could be developed for communities, like Rosyth, who have requested CCTV within their areas to be added to the network, and for clear guidance to be provided on what the successful criteria would be for any such applications. I also said it should be clear what may be available to communities to help fund any new cameras and monitoring services.

I went on to raise the issue of the successful use of Drones to gather evidence and help address the illegal use of off-road bikes. I asked if the Partnership would explore the option of a dedicated drone resource for Fife so more of this work could be done.

West Fife Local Tourism Association

In the afternoon on the 22nd of September I took part in a meeting of the West Fife Local Tourism Association in the Double Tree Hotel in North Queensferry.

The meeting had a presentation from Community Enterprise Scotland on the work they've done to develop business cases for two historic buildings in Dunfermline to become short term accommodation venues. These were No1 Monastery Street, owned by the Carnagie Dunfemline Trust and the Abbey Park Church Hall owned by the Church of Scotland.

There was also a more general discussion about tourism in west Fife and the future of the group, as participation within the Local Tourism Association had been dropping off recently, compared to previous years.

Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council

In the evening on the 22nd of September I took part in a meeting of Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council. I presented the meeting with a 28 page report on my activities as a Fife Councillor since their last meeting and I answered questions from Community Councillors and the members of the local community who were there.

Rosyth Ferry Link

Later in the evening in the 22nd of September I submitted the following motion for the next meeting of Fife Council's South & West Fife Area Committee. Hopefully Forth Ports will have reconsidered their ill-judged decision to pull the plug on a new Rosyth Ferry link to Europe, long before the Committee's next meeting on the 4th of November, but I thought it was important to use every political tool at my disposal to make it clear just how much support there is locally for the proposed new ferry link.

Motion for South & West Fife Area Committee meeting on the 4th of November 2026

Rosyth Ferry Link

"Committee notes:-

that on 16 September 2026 Forth Ports announced that it would no longer support proposals to re-establish a ferry link between Rosyth and continental Europe;

that the proposals had received support from both the Scottish and UK Governments and had progressed through significant development work;

that Scotland's First Minister said on 22nd September that "the Government's commitment to delivering a service of this type remains in place";

that the announcement has prompted concern amongst a number of stakeholders and has led to debate regarding the economic and environmental benefits that a ferry service could provide; and

the operator's commitment to sustainability was an important consideration in assessing the project's potential long-term economic, environmental and community benefits.

Committee calls on Forth Ports to reconsider their decision and to continue dialogue with the Scottish Government and the potential ferry operator, DFDS, to explore all possible options to deliver a ferry link between Rosyth and continental Europe".

Moved by Cllr Brian Goodall
Seconded by Cllr Andy Jackson

Area Roads Programme 2026-27

First thing in the morning on the 23rd of September I attended an online meeting with the Transportaion Officer responsible for road safety and traffic management issues and all the Councillors from the South & West Fife Area. This was to agree how the

remainder of the capital budget for this type of work for 2026-27 is to be spent. I was pleased that my request for the upgrading of the zebra crossing on Hilton Road, Rosyth is to go ahead, as is the design work for a new crossing on Park Road at the Queens Buildings. This would be one element from the previous Goth Regeneration proposals that may now be delivered next year 2027-28.

APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Street Network

Later in the morning on the 23rd of September I attended an online meeting of the APSE Parks, Grounds & Streets Network. The meeting heard presentation from East Lothian Council on their Open Space Strategy and another presentation from Aberdeenshire Council on their Landscapes Digitalisation Programme.

Charlestown Green Update

After months of constant chasing up I finally go an update from Fife Council's Roads & Transportation Service on what's been holding up the work to deliver the repairs to the roads and the edging around Charlestown Green, so on the 24th of September I posted the following update on my Facebook page.

As you may recall some months ago I managed to secure £25K of funding, via Fife Council's local Area Committee to deliver these works. The project couldn't be delivered via the normal process, and from normal budgets, as the Council don't own the roads.

So, this week I received and apology for the delays from the Service Manager and a note confirming he recognises the importance of this project to me, the Community Council and to other local residents. He said that unfortunately, their current design resources are fully committed to the delivery of both the Area Roads Programme and revenue maintenance works on Fife's road network.

He did say that as soon as a resource becomes available, they will prepare a design for consideration by the Community Council. Thereafter they would need to appoint an external contractor as their internal construction squads are fully committed through to the end of the financial year.

I responded to this to ask if the design work could also be outsourced to speed up the delivery of the project, once again I stated how let down the local community feels by the delays. I also let him know about the agreement I'd secured at the last Rosyth Ward meeting that any additional funding required, up to an additional £5K could be available from the local capital budget.

This generated a slightly more positive response with the Service Manager then saying he will see if one of their designers could fit it into their workload and aim to have a design and cost estimate with me by the end of October.

I still don't feel this is good enough and that we have already waited far to long for these works to start. So, I've asked the officers, who are currently acting up to cover the vacant Fife Council Area Manger's post, if they can get involved to make sure the

will of the Area Committee, the Community Council and the local community is acted on.

Fife Sport & Leisure Trust Board AGM and Training Session

In the afternoon on the 24th of September I was at the Michael Woods Sport & Leisure Centre in Glenrothes to take part in the AGM of Fife Sport & Leisure Trust's Board and to join a training session designed to help the Board consider how is works and how Board Meetings might be improved.

At the AGM we heard that over the last year there had been 2.91 million attendances at our sports centres across Fife, and that there are now 24,348 members, representing 18% growth over the year, creating a 27% increase in the income from memberships.

Work is ongoing on a new IT and booking system for the Trust which should create a much better experience for members and others looking to book fitness sessions or facilities online and at the centres.

I asked if for the future we couldn't develop a better way for the Board to also monitor our progress on our outreach activities so we can continue to increase the amount of work undertaken in the community, outwith the sports centres.

AUKUS: Dimensions of a Dubious Submarine Deal

In the early evening on the 24th of September I attended an online seminar organised by Scottish CND regarding the AUKUS deal which is to see nuclear powered submarines from the UK delivered to Australia. These are to be very similar Submarines to the ones that the Westminster Government plan to bring to Rosyth Dockyard.

I picked up some very concerning additional information about the nuclear reactors that will be in these submarines from the academics presenting at that event.

Firstly there's a lot of concern about the timeline for the delivery of the UK's Dreadnaught Class Nuclear Submarines due to issues with the quality of build and safety concerns about the type of nuclear reactors to be used to power them. This means there is very likely to be a delay to when the Contingency Dock at Rosyth would be needed, meaning any jobs created at the Dockyard would last for an even shorter time before the upgrade works at Faslane are completed.

Also, since the closure of HMS Vulcan in the Highlands there will be no physical testing of the type of reactors to be used, only computer modelling will happen. Personally I find that very concerning and it only adds to my safety worries about these Subs coming to Rosyth.

Nuclear Submarine Dismantling Demonstrator Project

After it was reported in the Dunfermline Press that the cost of the Nuclear Submarine Dismantling Project underway at Rosyth Dockyard had risen to £500 million pounds on the 25th of September I posted the following via my Facebook page.

Yet an other element of the eye watering cost of dealing with nuclear waste is revealed. But what's not mentioned here about the ongoing Nuclear Submarine Dismantling Demonstrator Project at Rosyth Dockyard is that it has already demonstrated how inappropriate Rosyth is as a site for this activity.

As well as being too close to homes, shops, business and schools, including the new Caledonia High School, the dockyard has been shown to be the wrong place for dealing with this radioactive material for another more practical reason.

The work to dismantle submarines in Rosyth is being undertaken in a dry dock, meaning that the totally experimental and untried process of cutting out the reactor pressure vessel will include the need to left this very dangerous part of the Sub up and out of the dry dock. So it's become clear that another, larger, flat site would be a far more appropriate, and a much safer place to undertake this kind of process.

I'm on record as saying that if the demonstrator project was successful with the dismantling of Swiftsure, then I could live with the other 6 Subs, that are already here, also being dismantled at the Dockyard, on the condition that no additional nuclear submarines are brought to the area. But the demonstrator has now shown that even this would be a dangerous move and that another larger flat site, further away from a local population, now needs to be found for the remainder of the Project.

SNP Councillors Conference

On Saturday the 26th of September I was in Perth for the Association of SNP Councillors Annual Conference & AGM. During a discussion with the Scottish Government's Cabinate Secretary for Public Sector Reform I made the case for any reform of local Government boundaries to follow the example of Fife where when the SNP were leading the Council in 2007 we set up the 7 area committees to deliver more local accountability and responsiveness. I said that Fife Council's boundaries didn't need to be changed but that more powers should be devolved to the 7 area committees.

Beach Clean in Limekilns

On Sunday the 27th of September I led the beach clean on Red Row beach in Limekilns. Dispute the miserable weather there were volunteer beach clean teams out that day on all of the beaches in Charlestown and Limekilns

Well done to all the local volunteers and a special thank you from me to the ladies from Dunfermline Soroptimists, who joined me on the Red Row Beach. We couldn't have done it without them.

Flooding Hotspot Check

In the evening on the 27th of September, following the prolonged heavy rain that day I went out for a check on some of Rosyth's flooding hot spots. Most of the surface water had drained away but there was still heavy puddling in some places, like Parkside Street and on the footpaths at Alexander Place.

The People's Emergency Briefing Film Screening and Workshop

In the morning on the 28th of September I was really pleased to be able to attend a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film at Fife House. The film presents the latest evidence on the climate emergency and the event provided an opportunity to talk about what it means for Fife and it's communities.

There was a fair bit of discussion about the action we can all take personally, locally, regionally and nationally, and the opportunities that come with it, for warmer and more affordable homes, better transport links, stronger healthier food systems, more resilient communities and a fairer Fife.

It was very telling that no Tory, Reform or LibDem Councillors showed up, and none of Fife's MPs were there either. Rosyth's MSP, David Barratt was there and he's organised a screening of the film at the Scottish Parliament.

There's also to be a public screening of 'The People's Emergency Briefing' in Saline - 7.00pm on Friday 9th October in Saline Church Hall.

New Scottish Government Flood Resilience Fund

Also on the 28th of September, after I learned that the Scottish Government will be opening a new £15 million Flood Resilience Fund in 2027, I contacted Fife Council's infrastructure Service Manager and Fife Coast & Countryside Trust to make sure Fife will be making an application for some of this funding to address the continuing flooding risks in the Rosyth Ward Area.

£5 million of this additional £15 investment in flood prevention, set out in the recent Scottish Programme for Government is for communities to apply for with £1 million being directly allocated to community applications and £4 million for local authorities applying with communities to deliver local flood resilience measures.

This investment will empower local people and organisations to play a leading role in reducing flood risk and improving preparedness in their communities for any future flooding events.

A further £2.5 million from the £15 million will be available to local authorities to future-proof public assets and resilience infrastructure. Another £3 million will target local authority projects that use nature to support flooding solutions, such as managing rainfall and water-flow through planting design. Similar to the project just launched in Limekilns by CLP Nature Action.

It struck me that the criteria for this new funding was a great match for the situation in Rosyth where both physical and natural flood mitigation intervention are required

and where we already have our River Restoration Project underway and where a major surface water catchment study is due to be published soon.

I was really pleased to receive positive responses on this from both the Council and the Trust with both agreeing that Fife should be looking to access this funding.

The Latest From Lidl

On the 29th of September I was able to share via my Facebook page the latest news from Lidl saying that they are still planning to go ahead with their store in Rosyth, although more detail than that is still not forthcoming.

Here's their latest public statement about the site off Admiralty Road.

"Following planning permission approval for our Rosyth site, initial pre-construction preparations are underway, and we will share further updates once timelines are finalised."

YES South & West Fife AGM

In the evening of the 29th of September I was honoured to be asked to chair the AGM of the South & West Fife YES Group in the Inverkeithing Civic Centre. The meeting, of this cross party pro-Independence group, went well with all office bearer posts filled and plans for increased campaigning over the next year discussed.

Standards, Audit & Risk Committee

On the 30th of September I was in Fife House, Glenrothes to chair a meeting of Fife Council's Standards, Audit & Risk Committee. This was one of the committee's biggest meetings of the year as Fife Council's Annual Audit Report and Audited Accounts for the last year 2025-26 were presented and signed off.

The committee also discussed reports on the Best Value Audit of the Council's Asset Management, the Best Value Self-Assessment for 2025/26, a Whistleblowing Policy Update and the National Fraud Initiative in Scotland.

I was also able to use my position as Committee Convenor to call for the requested briefing on Supported School Transport to be chased up and for clarity to be provided on the audit of affordable housing procurement.

Scottish Councils Committee On Radioactive Substances (SCCORS)

On the 1st of October I was in Glasgow to chair a meeting of the Scottish Councils Committee On Radioactive Substances in the City Chambers.

The meeting heard an update from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and a presentation from the Scottish Government on the Higher Activity Radioactive Waste Policy Review. Then there was a presentation on the Master Plan for the Chapelcross former Nuclear Power Station site. We also had a presentation on the

Transportation of Radioactive Materials and Waste from the NDA's Nuclear Transport Solutions (NTS).

Temporary Road Closure Notifications

At the start of October I shared a couple of Temporary Road Closure notifications. One for part of Parkside Street in Rosyth from the 14th to 16th of October.

And one for Limekilns Road, B9156, Dunfermline (from the entrance to Gallowridge Hill to the entrance to Wester Gellet) from the 10th until 24th of October.

Cans And Grass Cutting In Rosyth Public Par

On the 4th October I contacted Fife Council's Area Grounds Maintenance Manager about the item on the agenda for the October meeting of Rosyth Community Council about shards of metal from drinks cans left after grass cutting in Rosyth Public Park.

The response I received, and shared with Rosyth Community Council, said that the grass cutting teams are supposed to remove items which could create a hazard if mowed over but that items can sometimes be missed.

If anyone has any concerns regarding Fife Council grass cutting issues like this it can be reported directly through the Council's Grounds Maintenance Enquiry process via this link

https://www.fife.gov.uk/community-life/parks-allotments-core-paths/grounds-maintenance/grounds-maintenance-enquiry

Direct notification through this route would be helpful, as it allows them to investigate promptly, identify which operator or crew was working in the area at the time, and take any appropriate action where required.

They would also welcome details of specific locations and dates where metal fragments have been found, as this will assist with their investigation and any follow-up action.

Scottish Housing Network (SHN)- Fife Council Performance Analysis Briefing

On the 5th of October I attended an online briefing from the Scottish Housing Network (SHN) on their Analysis of Fife Council's performance over the last year.

Many of the indicators were showing a slight decline in the performance of the Council's Housing Service with some other statistics being questioned by officers for not creating like for like comparisons. The stats and the SHN analysis will now be reported to the next meeting of the Council's People & Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Cafe Inc. in Rosyth

Also on the 5th of October I was able to confirm that Cafe Inc. the programme to address school holiday hunger will be back in Rosyth for the two weeks of the October holidays, starting on Monday the 12th until Friday the 23rd October.

The provision in Rosyth will consist of hot and cold Cafe Inc. meals on offer 5 days per week Mon-Fri at Kings Road Primary School, 11.45am to 1pm, and EATS Rosyth will be offering Cafe Inc. food and fun in their own very special way on the first Monday on the holidays, 3pm to 5pm (12th Oct only).

Rosyth Community Council

Unfortunately, due to a bad cold I was unable to attend Rosyth Community Council's meeting in the evening on the 6th of October but I did submit my apologies and the next day I was able to send them a 32 page report on my activities as a Fife Councillor since their last meeting.

Enhanced Provision Pupil Drop Off at Caledonia High School

In the evening on the 6th of October I was able to confirm that the alternative arrangement for dropping off and picking up Enhanced Provision Pupils at Caledonia High School, that I'd been working on with the school, would now be in place from when the school returns after the October holidays.

After I was able to link the school up with the West Fife Community Sports Partnership, who operate out of the sports pavilion at the Fleetground the school have also now worked with the Council's Communities Directorate, who own the car park at that sports pavilion and an agreement has been reached to allow Enhanced Provision parents and carers to drop-off and pick up from that car park on the south side of the school building.

The school has now completed their internal planning to support this change and I'm told that the news has been communicated with all but one of the parents/carers involved.

The EP parents/carers will be asked to park in the marked spaces in that car park then walk their child to the bottom gate (beside the car park) to pass the child across to staff. They will have a drop-off time between 8:25-8:35am.

This plan will hopefully support EP parents/carers and addresses concerns about dropping off pupils on busy and noisy roads or in the industrial estate, whilst also reducing slightly the pressures that "going above and beyond" normal duties to collect pupils has placed on some staff at the school.

This new arrangement will be reviewed by the school towards the end of term 3 and into term 4 of this school year.

In my view, for this to work well, it will be vital that parents/carers of non-EP pupils don't also use this car park to drop off their children. They have been told not to do this from before the opening of the new school, but I've personally seen some parents doing this. So please, for the sake of the pupils who really need this new

arranged to work, please follow all the guidance from the school on appropriate access arrangements.

One To One Meeting with Fife Council's Head of Housing

In the afternoon on the 7th of October I had an online meeting with Fife Council's Head of Housing. I raised a number of issues with him including what I saw as poor results from the Scottish Housing Network analysis of Fife's housing statistics for the last year. I also raised the continued low numbers of housing acquisitions in South & West Fife and in Rosyth in particular. I'm also concerned about proposed changes to the way Fife Council supports tenant participation and I made that clear at the meeting too.

Fife Council Cabinet Committee

On the 8th of October I took part online in a meeting of Fife Council's Cabinet Committee. The meeting covered a number of issues including the Fife Development Plan, a Fife Visitor Levy consultation, the Education Directorate's Improvement Plan 2026-27, Fife Children's Services Plan 2026-29, Support for Voluntary Organisations and Fife's Gaelic Language Plan 2026-2031.

Rosyth Public Park - Play Park

Also on the 8th of October I was contacted about further damage to the play park in Rosyth Public Park. I contacted Fife Council's Area Grounds Maintenance Manager and asked for a clear up and repairs to be done. I will also request that improvements at the play park is on the agenda for the next Rosyth Ward meeting.

Later that day I received confirmation that a clear up would happen and that repairs to the damaged areas of the safety surface would be done, although a colour match may not be possible. I was also told that the damaged bench would be inspected and repaired if possible.

A new concern about the Nuclear Submarine Dismantling Project at Rosyth Dockyard

The MOD and Babcock have recently claimed in the media that they will have completed the demonstrator project to dismantle the nuclear submarine Swiftsure by the end of this year, but there are now grave concerns that no arrangements are yet in place to transport the submarine's reactor pressure vessel away from Rosyth.

I'm worried that this could mean that the MOD and Babcock now intend to store Swiftsure's reactor pressure vessel on site in Rosyth for a prolonged period of time. This would be very concerning given that it is the most radioactive part of the decommissioned submarine and, as I understand it, it would be too large to be stored in the Dockyard's Radioactive Waste Store.

A commitment had been made previously by the MOD that the reactor pressure vessel would be removed from Rosyth to be stored at Capenhurst near Chester in England.

So, on the 8th of October I contacted Babcock to ask for an update on the Submarine Dismantling Demonstrator Project and for clarity on just when, and how Swiftsure's reactor pressure vessel will be leaving Rosyth.

New Area Manager Appointed

In the evening on the 8th of October local Councillors were sent the news that Stephen Adamson, previously our area's Anti-Poverty and Community Wealth Building Project Manager, had been appointed as South & West Fife Area's new Community Manager.

This is the role previously undertaken by Alastair Mutch, who Stephen worked very closely with, so I think this could be a very good appointment for our area and I've already been touch with Stephen to congratulate him, but to also raise a number of local issues that I hope he will be able to help me deliver on.

Poverty in Fife Presentation

In the morning on the 9th of October I took part in a seminar for Councillors on the levels of poverty in Fife and the Council's new "No Wrong Door" approach. This presentation looked at historical poverty in Fife, the current drivers of poverty here and the data that is currently held which identifies where the highest levels of poverty are around Fife.

We heard a summery of the current anti-poverty work that goes on in Fife and lessons being learned from assessing the impact of that work. The first half of the presentation finished with some information on what the priorities will be over the next few months.

I asked a question in relation to fuel poverty about what more advice and support can be given to support people to get the full savings available from changing their gas and/or electric supplier and by changing the way they pay their bills.

The second part of the event focused on the "No Wrong Door" pilot project that's been going on in the Cowdenbeath area, and early help & support for children and families. It is still intended to roll out this approach to the whole of Fife and that work is ongoing.

Issues at Rosyth Public Park and outside the Parkgate Centre

On the 10th of October I visited Rosyth Public Park to check for progress on a number of issues that I'd previously raised with Fife Council Services.

Bins in the Park

I noted that the replacement of the park's open topped bins has still not started so I contacted the service manager to ask for an update on this. I also reported the rusted and damaged bin in the park at the juntion of the two burns, just off Park Road.

The Front of the Parkgate Centre

The previously requested work to fix or replace the small wooden fencing on either side of the car park at the front of the Parkgate Centre has still not happened, so I got in touch with the area Parks manager to ask when this is to happen. I also reported the rusted and damaged planter, that Rosyth Community Council had previously purchased at the Parkgate entrance, and asked if this could be removed, as per the request at a previous Rosyth Community Council meeting.

The Boating Pond

I'd also previously requested some maintenance work at the Boating Pond in the park. The edging stones that had been knocked off, had all been replaced but there is still work to be done on the wooden walkway to make it safe and to improve access to it by removing the reeds that are growing under it. I contacted the Area Parks manager about this too.

Disabled Parking for Rosyth Library

Also on the 10th of October I was approached by staff at Rosyth Library, who told me that some of their customers with mobility issues are regularly finding it hard to get parked near to the library.

There are disabled parking bays to the front of the Parkgate Centre but they are very often in use, so I contacted our newly appointed Fife Council Area Manager to ask if he could explore the option of some disabled bays in the car park at the rear of the Centre.

I also asked if he could chase up the previous request for "no parking" hatching to be painted at the access area between the old and the new parts of the car park at the rear of the Parkgate Centre.

The Lane Behind the Co-op in Rosyth

Early in the morning on Sunday the 11th of August I was contacted by a resident who lives close to the lane that runs from Admiralty Road up to Castlandhill Road, behind the Co-op in Rosyth. They were highlighting the poor condition of the road and asking why it's not being maintained.

This is not a Council owned or adopted road so it's the lane's owners who are responsible for its maintenance. I'd previously been able to get Fife Council to make some minor repairs where the lane crosses the pavement at Admiralty Road, for safety reasons, but it's clear that no other maintenance has been undertaken there for years.

I understand that the Co-op and some other local properties have access rights along the lane but what's not clear is who actually owns it, and so who is ultimately responsible for the upkeep of the road surface. So, I've asked our new Area Manager if he could fund an ownership search with the Land Register of Scotland.

Bus Diversions due to Roadworks

In the evening on Sunday the 11th of October I was able to share, via my Facebook page, the information from Stagecoach's website about the diverted bus route for the No 6/6A bus.

Temporary Road Closure B9156 (Limekilns Road) affecting bus services 6 and 6A.

Due to carriageway and drainage works, the B9156 (Limekilns Road) will be temporarily closed from 00:01 on Saturday 10th October until 23:59 on Saturday 24th October.

During this closure, services 6/6A will be temporarily diverted via St. Leonards Street, Queensferry Road, Kings Road, Admiratly Road, to then resume normal route.

This diversion will be used in both directions.

I'd also had a complaint in about bus services in Camdean Rosyth being altered due to road works. I was asked asked if I could find out why a diversion within Camdean was not used and I'm told that services there were not keeping to the altered published online timetable, with buses being missed because they had turned up and left stops early.

So first thing in the morning on Monday the 12th of October I contacted Stagecoach to ask for a response to these concerns.

Additional Warning Signs - Limekilns Road Closure

Later in the morning on the 12th of October I heard back from Stirling Developments following the request I had passed on for additional warning signs about the closure of Limekilns Road for drivers leaving Limekilns. They confirmed that they'd talk to the traffic management team for the development to see what could be done.

Fife Young Carers Christmas Appeal

Also on the 12th of October I was really pleased to be able to share via my Facebook page, an appeal for people to consider supporting the Fife Young Carers Christmas Appeal, and to promote the new drop off point for this year at the new Nationwide branch in Rosyth.

Cash donations can be made online and gift donations can be dropped off at various points around Fife.

https://fifeyoungcarers.co.uk/christmas-appeal-2026

Boating Pond Boardwalk Repairs

After I chased up the Council's Grounds Maintenance Area Manager, regarding the repairs needed on the Boardwalk at the Boating Pond in Rosyth Public Park, they contacted the West Fife Woodlands group, who within just a couple of days, on the 13th of October, came out and completed the repairs.

Camdean Roadworks -
No7/7A Bus

After hearing back from Stagecoach about them not using a diversion route within Camdean during the current emergency Scottish Power Roadworks in Camdean, on the 14th of October, on behalf of the Camdean residents who had been in touch with me I pushed back on Stagecoach regarding their assertion that a diversion via Camdean Crescent would not be possible. It looks to me, and to many local residents, like the bus could get through there and as I understand it, it has been used as a diversion route in the past.

Hopefully these road works will be completed very soon, but in case they aren't I've asked Stagecoach to reconsider this possible alternation route for a diversion.

Rosyth Ferry

On the 15th of October I was contacted by Council officers to ask if I still wanted my motion, on Forth Ports blocking of the proposed Ferry from Rosyth to France, to go to the next meeting of the Council's South & West Fife Area Committee. I confirmed that I did. Forth Ports may have confirmed that they won't be changing their mind on this issue but I still think it's important that our area's Councillors have a public opportunity to express the disappointment of residents in Rosyth, west Fife and further afield with Forth Ports actions. I'm still calling for a rethink from Forth Ports, and I'm still questioning why they should have the power, as a private company, to block those proposals that had so much support.

Babcock Marine at the SNP Conference

In the evening on the 15th of October at a fringe meeting at the SNP's Annual Conference in Aberdeen, I challenged Babcock International's Marine Chief Operations Officer about the poor communication with the local community in relation to the activities at the nuclear regulated site at Rosyth Dockyard.

I highlighted the outdated and mostly irrelevant mailing list they use for their stakeholder meetings and that I've still not had any response from Babcock on how long, and where, they intend to store the highly radioactive reactor pressure vessel that they intend to cut out of the decommissioned nuclear submarine, Swiftsure over the next few weeks, as part of the ongoing Submarine Dismantling Demonstrator Project.

In response I was offered the opportunity of a meeting with Babcock's Marine COO and I will be taking them up on that offer as soon as it can be arranged.

Housing Fringe Meeting

At lunchtime on the 16th of October at the SNP's Annual Conference in Aberdeen, I attended a fringe meeting organised by Shelter Scotland. I raised the issue of some Council Administrations, like Labour run Fife Council, not buying back enough former Council Houses to help address the current affordable housing emergency.

Shelter Scotland's Director agreed with me that we should be delivering more of these housing acquisitions across Scotland and the SNP Cabinet Secretery for Social Justice & Housing, Shirley-Anne Somerville, agreed that it was a political choice, in places like Fife, that was holding back delivery of these additional affordable homes for rent.

Fringe Meeting with Forth Ports

At a fringe meeting in the evening on the 16th of October at the SNP Annual Conference in Aberdeen I took the opportunity to ask the Chief Executive of Forth Ports why he had blocked the plans for a passenger and freight ferry from Rosyth to France.

I said "The Scottish Government were backing it, the UK Government were backing it, there was a ferry operator all ready to take it on and there is huge support from the community in Rosyth and the surrounding areas. Who are Forth Ports to pull the pull the plug on it?"

He responded by talking about increasing freight capacity at Grangemouth, some much needed good news for them I'm sure, but that doesn't address the need for a passenger service to continental Europe.

After the meeting I talked to him 1-2-1 and pointed out that a freight terminal at the Port of Rosyth was one of the elements that had been used to support the case for the Forth Green Freeport, and it feels like that now won't be delivered. He agreed to set up a further meeting with me to talk about possible options for freight at Rosyth, but it's clear that, as far as Forth Ports are concerned, the passenger ferry is not gonna happen.

Wemyss Street Allotments - Rosyth

After receiving complaints from long-term tenants on the Wemyss Street allotments in Rosyth, regarding the recent changes to the waste collection set up there, on the 19th of October I contacted Fife Council's Allotments Officer to ask for a review of the new approach.

Allotment holders had told me that the skip for disposal of garden waste they previously had within the site was recently replaced with a larger one, situated in the railway station car park. This new skip has a heavy lid which can't be propped open, making it very difficult for shorter, older or frailer allotment holders to use. There's also a safety concern with the site of this skip being in the car park.

I told the Allotment Officer that I think it does sound like this skip is causing real concern, and I asked if the arrangement there could be reviewed to find a way to

address the safety and ease of use concerns or if things could be returned to the previous set up.

West Fife ClubSport

In the evening on the 20th of October I was at the Music Institute in Dunfermline to take part in a meeting of the executive committee of West Fife ClubSport, formally known as Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council.

The meeting went well with confirmation that a £500 equipment grant has been set aside for Rosyth Sharks Rugby Club and similar grants are still available to other sports clubs who are members of West Fife ClubSport. Membership only costs £10 per year, per club.

New Council Housing - Rosyth

In the morning on the 21st of October I wrote to Fife Council's Head of Housing to request the acceleration of the delivery of new Council Housing on the former Recreation Park site, off of Castle Road in Rosyth.

With a further announcement imminent from Lidl on their store development on their part of that site, accessed from Admiralty Road, then I think it's time the Council brought forward its plans for the remainder of the site.

This proposed new build Council Housing development is already contained within the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) for Fife, so I was writing as a Rosyth Councillor to request that all possible action is taken to accelerate the delivery of these Council Houses on this site.

Given the very poor figures for Council House Acquisitions within the Rosyth Ward, only 1 in four years, and the very high levels of housing need in the area, the delivery of this Council House development would make a massive difference locally.

Scottish Nuclear Sites Stakeholder Groups Annual Meeting

In the afternoon on the 21st of October I took part online in a meeting with the Scottish Government, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, the Nuclear Free Local Authorities Scotland and representatives from Scotland's various Nuclear Site Stakeholder Groups. I was there in my capacity as Convenor of the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances but obviously I was paying particular attention to the reports relating to Rosyth Dockyard.

The meeting had a presentation from the Scottish Government on their plans to review its Higher Activity Waste Policy. The current policy has been in place since 2011 and a commitment was given in 2016 to review the policy after 10 years.

The review will look at some of the terminology used in the policy and update the policy aims and objectives. It's been made clear that a distinctive Scottish Policy on

radioactive waste will remain in place following the review. There will be a public consultation of the draft policy towards the end of 2027.

I asked that the public consultation be undertaken in accordance with the best practice guidance on public consultations in Scotland, and I received an assurance that it would be.

On the SEPA report I asked if there had been any discussions between SEPA and the MOD regarding the regulatory requirements around any additional radioactive emissions that may come with the establishment of a Contingency Dock at Rosyth for the next generation of the Subs that carry the Trident nuclear missile system. The answer was that it was not yet agreed who the regulator for that would be.

On Babcock's report on Rosyth Dockyard I asked when I'd get a response on my concerns about the storage of the radioactive reactor pressure vessel that is soon to be cut out of the Swiftsure Submarine. I was told that a response to my questions would be sent to me soon.
I was pleased to be able to congratulate the team at the Dockyard on the ongoing work to remove the remaining intermedia level radioactive waste (the resins) from the onsite radioactive waste store, and I welcomed the confirmation that this work should be completed by the middle of next year.

Councillors Surgery

In the early evening on the 21st of October I held my Councillors Surgery at the EATS Rosyth Community Hub. It was really well attended and ran over time (Sorry EATS), but the resident were all raising really important issue and I'll be taking forward their concerns with the relevant Fife Council Officers.

Weather Warning - Flood Risk

First thing in the morning on the 22nd of October I contacted Fife Council's Service Manager for Structural Services to ask for an update on the Council's state of readiness ahead of the weather warnings for heavy rain that had been issued for the 23rd and 24th of October. I also asked if it could be confirmed that the emergency contact information on Fife Council Website was up to date.

It was confirmed that the flooding emergency info on Fife Council's Website was up to date, so on the 23rd of October, as the heavy rain was starting I shared the following via my Facebook page.

If you are at immediate risk of flooding in Fife Call 03451 55 00 11, option 4

Between 6pm and 8am, or at weekends, call 03451 55 00 99

If you see sewage, call Scottish Water on 0800 077 8778

If there is a danger to life, call 999

More info on the Fife Council Website via this link.

https://www.fife.gov.uk/readyfife/flooding-advice

Fife Coast & Countryside Trust

In the morning on the 23rd of October I was in Kinghorn for a meeting of Fife Coast & Countryside Trust Board's Communications & Fundraising Committee.

The meeting discussed a number of ongoing elements of the Trust's work including the public consultation on the content of the new interpretation panels along the Fife Coastal Path, including the one in Limekilns.

The Trust is keen that individuals and community groups get involved in helping generate content for these interpretation panels and dates for consultation events will be announced soon. In the meantime you can complete our online form and share your ideas for panel content via this link.

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=L6Vp-cBC8UCYutrtbEMIfBZuGv2mUilHnFY2Zh7Qp4xURFJKV0JENko1OUUwVDVOUUE2VFIzWFFQRSQlQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl

Missing Water Toby Cover

In the morning on the 24th of October I was contacted about a missing water toby cover on the pavement next to the Cadet's Centre on Middlebank Street in Rosyth. I reported this to Scottish Water, via their online reporting portal, and within a few hours they had been out and marked the spot for a repair.

Chasing Up Local Issues

Also over the weekend of the 24th and 25th of October I sent a number of emails to chase up progress on local issues around the Rosyth Ward area. These included the design and costing work for the repairs around Charlestown Green, the weed clearing work for the kerbsides around the Sherbrooke area and the missing railings on Ferry Toll Road.

Rosyth MSP Meeting

In the morning on the 26th of October, Cllr Jackson and I had a meeting with Rosyth's Member of the Scottish Parliament, David Barratt MSP. We discussed the main issues in Rosyth just now and how we can best work together to help address them.

Firework Restrictions Reminder

Also on the 26th of October I posted on my Facebook page a reminder that firework restrictions are in place to help keep everyone safe. It is illegal to set off fireworks in public places, including streets and parks.

You can find more fireworks safety information via this link.

https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/outdoors/fireworks-and-bonfires/firework-safety/

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