

Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council

April Meeting

28/04/26

Councillor Brian Goodall's Report for the period from the 31st of March until the 27th of April 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.

Cafe Inc.

In the morning on the 31st of March I was able to confirm that Cafe Inc. will be back in Rosyth at the Easter School Holidays. From the 6th to the 17th of April.

Cafe Inc is a free lunch club for children and young people. It offers tasty, healthy meals during school holidays when schools are closed.

No booking needed, just drop in. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult, who can also enjoy a meal.

Kings Road Primary School

Kings Crescent, Rosyth
Hot food and cold packed lunches
Availability:
Monday to Friday
Throughout holidays
11.45am-1pm

Rosyth EATS

115A Queensferry Road, Rosyth
Hot food and cold packed lunches
Availability:
Monday 6th April One Day Only
12.00pm-2pm

Multi Agency Meeting Regarding Anti-Social Behaviour in Ramsay Place Rosyth

In the afternoon on Tuesday the 31st of March I attended an online multi agency meeting regarding some ongoing issues with anti-social behaviour and alleged criminal activity in Ramsay Place Rosyth. I'd requested the meeting following complaints from local residents. The meeting was attended by officers from Fife Council's Housing Service, Police Scotland and the Community Safety team.

Following the meeting I'm reassured about what's being done to address the situation and hopeful that things should be more peaceful for local residents going forward, but I'd also encourage the immediate reporting of any further anti-social behaviour in the area.

Meeting with South & West Fife's Community Police Sergeant

Directly after the meeting about Ramsey Place I had a catch up with our local Community Police Sergeant. He's confirmed that one of his officers will attend the next meeting of Rosyth Community Council at my request, and that he's also arranging for additional speed watch activities in Rosyth, particularly on the hotspots of Queensferry Road, Admiralty Road and Kings Road.

Fife Sport & Leisure Trust Special Board Meeting

Later in the afternoon on the 31st of March I attended a special meeting of the Fife Sport and Leisure Trust Board. It was held in the newly refurbished Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre, which has been going like a fayre since it reopened in October last year. The Board meeting looked at the progress of the Trust's current business plan into its second year, our facility investment plans for the next few years and we agreed our approach to price increases for the year ahead.

Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council

In the evening on the 31st of March I attended a meeting of Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council in the Queens Hall, Charlestown. I presented the meeting with my 14 page report on my activity since their last meeting and I answered a number of questions on local issues.

20mph for Pattiesmuir

Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council requested that a 20mph zone be delivered for Pattiesmuir, and I agreed to raise the issue with the Council's Roads & Transportation Service. I did this on the 1st of April.

Dropped Kerbs at the New Development in Camdean

Also on the 1st of April I contacted Fife Council's Roads & Transportation Service as a local resident had contacted me regarding dropped kerbs in Camdean.

I told the Council that the first of the new paths across the new development at Whinnyburn in Camdean has been constructed and it has a dropped kerb to access it at the newly constructed end but that there is no dropped kerb on the Whinnyburn Place pavement at the other end.

I understand there will also be two more of these paths constructed as part of the new development. So I asked if dropped kerbs will be added by the Council at the end of these three paths where they meet existing Council adopted pavements.

Fife Council's Cabinet Committee

In the morning on Thursday the 2nd of April I attended online a meeting of Fife Council's Cabinet Committee. The meeting received reports on Social Care, Payments to Foster Carers, Stair Cleaning Charges, Fife Development Plan and Employability Pathway Provision.

GoFlexi Bus

On Saturday the 4th of April I used the GoFlexi Bus again to travel from Charlestown to Rosyth. It's the perfect way to get from Crombie, Waulkmill, Charlestown, Limekilns or Pattiesmuir to Rosyth (Including the Railway Halt) or Ferry Toll Park & Ride.

It's great that this service will now be continuing at least until mid August next year, and the days and hours it is available to book have also been expanded.

The GoFlexi Bus is now available on Mondays to Thursdays from 8.15am until 5.30pm and on Fridays and Saturdays from 8.15am until 10.30pm.

Bus Stop Flag Signs

Also on the 4th of April I sent a email to the Council's Roads & Transportation Service to ask why there are still no bus stop flag signs on either of the bus stop shelters on either side of the road at the Charlestown Surgery stop. I'd requested these signs around nine months ago and was told they would be ordered. I chased them up around six months ago and was told they would take a few months to arrive.

Stewart's Quarter Site Visit

On Tuesday the 7th of April I had a complaint in about some of the fence around the Stewart's Quarter building site at Camdean being down and looking dangerous. I visited the site and had a word with the site manager, he told me that they had already made some fence repairs that morning and he was going to go round personally and check the other areas that I'd brought to his attention.

Parkgate Community Centre Car Park

I've been waiting to hear back from two senior Council Officer with regard to the Parkgate Community Centre Car Park. Firstly, at the request of Rosyth Community Council, in June last year I'd asked the head of the Council's domestic waste team if bin wagons could be prevented from using the new extension to the car park, as they were already causing damage to the new surface. As this practice has continued I emails again to ask for an update.

Also at the request of Rosyth Community Council in December last year I'd contacted the Council's head of Halls & Centres for our area to ask if anything could be done to stop people parking in a way that blocks off the new extension to the Parkgate Community Centre Car Park. I also emailed him again to ask for an update.

Rosyth Community Council

In the evening on the 7th of April I attended a meeting of Rosyth Community Council in the Parkgate Community Centre. I presented the meeting with a 14 page report on my activity since their last meeting and I answered a number of questions from the Community Councillors.

Orzel Memorial Garden

On the 8th of April I contacted the Council's Area Manager and Property Services to chase up the email I'd sent to them on the 28th of February with regard to the Orzel Memorial Garden in Rosyth.

In addition to the budget info I'd previously requested I also requested that they let me know what the timeline now is for the completion of the project and if they knew why the work on the site appears to have stopped over the last couple of weeks.

Community Police Reports

Our area's Community Police Sergeant had told me a Community Police Officer would attend Rosyth Community Council on the 7th of April, but they did not appear. So on the 8th of April I emailed the Sergeant to express my disappointment at this and to pass on the questions Community Councillors had asked the night before regarding the local police report.

These questions were as follows:

Can the call figures and other crime statistics for the area be accessed directly online by members of the public?

Could call figures for previous months also be provided to show if the numbers are increasing or decreasing?

Also, could the previous year's figures for the same month be provided to help monitor any annual changes?

Nuclear Free Local Authorities Scotland

On Friday the 10th of April I attended the online AGM of Nuclear Free Local Authorities Scotland. As well as reappointing the group's officer bearers we agreed that Glasgow City Council would continue to provide secretarial services for the organisation and that we will agree a new constitution for the group at our next meeting following the dissolution of NFLA UK & Ireland.

The meeting agreed to my recommendation that our new constitution should include provision for an individual Councillor Membership as well as a new individual associate membership for supporters.

Pedestrian Crossing Lights Out

In the morning on Saturday the 11th of April I was contacted by a local resident who told me that the lights at the pedestrian crossing at A Taste of India on Admiralty Road were not working. I was able to confirm this myself and I reported the fault to the Council's Roads & Transportation Officer who is responsible for liaising with Transport Scotland who maintain Admiralty Road as it's a Trunk Road.

Sherbrooke Road Recycling Point

Also on the 11th of April I received a complaint about a foul smell coming from the recycling point opposite the Morrison's off of Sherbrooke Road in Rosyth. I emailed the Chief Executive of Cireco, the company who run Recycling on behalf of Fife Council, to ask if this area be cleaned up and the smell addressed. In the morning on Sunday the 12th of April I visited the recycling point and could confirm that a clean up in there is desperately needed.

Voter Registration

On the 13th of April I posted on my face book page encouraging people to get registered to vote in the Scottish Parliament Elections. I reminded people that the deadline for registrations was midnight on Monday 20th April and I shared the link.

gov.uk/register-to-vote

Rosyth Ferry Announcement

On the 14th of April the First Minister announced that the SNP's Scottish Parliament Manifesto would commit £3 million to deliver the long-promised ferry link to Europe.

That builds on the £3 million already secured from the UK Government for vital customs and border infrastructure — costs we face because of Brexit.

A direct route back to Europe means jobs, trade, tourism and new opportunities for Rosyth.

Orzel Submarine Memorial Garden

Members of Rosyth Community Council and a few other folk had been asking about the Orzel Submarine Memorial Garden works that are now well underway on the site at the corner of Castle Road and Ferry Toll Road in Rosyth. So, on the 15th of April I pulled together the information I currently had on the project and posted the following on my Facebook page along with some of the drawings of what it's hoped the garden will look like.

The work is progressing well with the groundwork element having started in January. BAM and their sub-contractors have now advanced these works to clear the rubble, form the mound (which is an integral element of the ground remediation strategy), construct the foundations for the art features and carry out preparatory work for the car park.

The team have also carried out drainage surveys and investigation works and are now in dialogue with Scottish Water to finalise the drainage scheme and those works will commence soon. The detail design of the art works is being progressed by BAMs sub-contractor and Babcock, manufacture of these elements will commence shortly. The whole scheme is on schedule to be completed later this summer as planned.

I'd also had a request for more info on how the project is being funded. So, I also posted this.

This project presents the dual benefit of delivering a striking memorial garden tied to the Orzel but also sees the repurposing of a complex derelict site. The overall cost of the project will be in the region of £1.5m with the bulk of the funding being provided from the Scottish Government through Fife Council's allocation of the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund. The Polish Government are also coming forward with funding to support the art work structures with further in-kind support on fabrication of one of the key structures on-site from Babcock and Damen Naval (the yard in the Netherlands where the Orzel was built).

The ORP Orzeł (Eagle) was a Polish submarine famed for its dramatic 1939 escape from internment in Tallinn, Estonia, sailing all the way to Rosyth without maps. After this remarkable escape, it patrolled with the Royal Navy from Rosyth, famously sinking the German troop transporter Rio de Janeiro. On another one of its patrols the vessel and its 54-man crew mysteriously vanished in the North Sea in June 1940 and so is still classed as being "on patrol".

Councillor's Surgery

In the early evening on the 15th of April I held a Councillor's Surgery at EATS Rosyth's Community Hub on Queensferry Road. My next surgery will be held on the 20th of May at 4pm in the Gellet Hall, Limekilns.

Rosyth Gala Committee

Also in the evening on the 15th of April I attended a meeting of Rosyth Gala Committee. The group have done a fine job, as always, getting things ready for this years Gala Day on the 30th of May, I let them know about my plan to put a motion to the Council's Area Committee asking that they receive the full amount of funding from the Council that they had requested. See below...

Motion on Rosyth Gala Committee Funding

On Thursday the 16th of April I drafted and submitted a motion on Fife Council funding for Rosyth Gala. My hope is that this will be put to the South & West Fife Area Committee meeting on the 29th of April. I agreed to amend it slightly after discussion with Council Officers make sure it would get onto the meetings agenda. Here's the wording of my motion as it will be put to the committee.

Rosyth Gala – 30 May 2026

This year, Rosyth Gala marks the 10th anniversary of its re-establishment as a regular annual event. It is one of the largest volunteer-run events in Fife, with attendances regularly exceeding ten thousand people.

The Gala Committee undertakes significant fundraising activity from a range of sources but continues to rely on some support from Fife Council to enable the event to be delivered each year. For this year's event, the Rosyth Gala Committee have submitted an application for £4,999 from the Local Community Planning Budget.

In light of this situation, the committee is asked to:

1. note the decision made at its meeting on 16 May 2018 to agree a funding cap for community events (to include annual events such as Christmas lights, galas and festivals) of up to 40%, to a maximum of £2,500 of the level of Local Community Planning (LCP) Budget;
2. agree that this decision be set aside and that it be recommended that the full grant of £4999 for Rosyth Gala be awarded; and
3. agree that for any future applications and, in line with the List of Officer Powers, that it be delegated to officers to approve grant applications up to and including £5000, in consultation with Ward members.

Proposed by Councillor Brian Goodall

Seconded by Councillor Andy Jackson

Postal Vote Reminder

On the 17th of April I posted the following reminder on postal voting on my Facebook page.

"Postal votes have started to arrive around Scotland for the Scottish Parliament elections. If you get yours remember the sooner you return it the less chance there is that you might forget about it."

Crash Barrier Campaign Launched

On the 21st of April I launched a campaign to have a crash barrier installed on the A985 (Admiralty Road) on the eastbound side of the road along the stretch from Brankholm Brae to Hunters Road.

There is a steep incline down from the road along this section, with a housing development running parallel with the road at the base of this incline.

Currently, for most of this stretch, there is nothing to stop cars going over the edge and down this incline, and nothing protecting those homes from cars coming off the road.

As the A985 is a Trunk Road it's the responsibility of Transport Scotland and it's maintained by Bear Scotland. So I've written to them both and to the office of the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Transport asking that this request is looked on favourably and with an appropriate degree of urgency.

Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council

In the evening on the 21st of April I attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council at the Music Institute in Dunfermline. Membership renewal request will be going out to local sports clubs soon.

I requested that info on joining be put out via social media to attract new member clubs. All local Sports Clubs can join the Sports Council for just £10 per year per club and this gives them access to additional funding options via the Sports Council.

Grass Cutting at Mossbank

In the morning on Wednesday the 22nd of April I received a complaint from a resident at Mossbank in Rosyth about the grass area there not being cut. They told me that the grass at Burnside Crescent has been cut but not Mossbank. They also mentioned that the grass at the Public Park was looking great after being cut several times over the same period. So, I emailed the local Grounds Maintenance Manager about the issue and I got this reply right away.

"Hi Brian

The grass panels at Mossbank hold a lot of water and are uncuttable the first couple of times round without us making a complete mess , as soon as they dry out enough, we will get them cut

Thanks"

APSE Housing Network

In the morning on the 23rd of April I attended an online meeting of the Association for Public Sector Excellence (APSE) Housing Network. The meeting heard presentations on the approach to empty homes in England and on dealing with Dampness and Mould under the new legislation for landlords.

The False Promise of Nuclear Power

In the evening on the 23rd of April I attended an online event organised by Scottish CND on The False Promise of Nuclear Power. This meeting consisted of presentations from experts in the field of nuclear power and renewable energy production.

They covered just how expensive nuclear energy is to produce, with cost that continue to increase and this was contrasted with the much lower cost of renewable energy, and how much those costs continue to decrease as the technology develops.

One of the points I found most interesting was around the studies that have shown that even the, so called, small modular nuclear reactors that are being talked about now, will produce a minimum of twice as much nuclear waste as current nuclear reactors do, with this number increasing to as much as thirty times as much waste being produced, depending on how many of these new reactors are built.

Coastal Communities Network Gathering (CLP Nature Action)

Over the weekend from the 24th to the 26th of April, in my capacity as a Trustee of the local charity CLP Nature Action, I attended a conference (Gathering) of the Coastal Communities Network.

The Gathering was held at the Ardentinn Outdoor Centre on Loch Long and it was great to meet up with so many other community groups doing similar work in their communities as CLP Nature Action do in ours. There were also reps there from agencies like NatureScot, as well as a number of potential funders.

As a small local charity CLP Nature Action have achieved so much but there's so much potential to do more, particularly in relation to local wildlife and the marine environment, we just need the continuing support from the residents of Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattismuir and it would be great if some more people would come forward to help us run the organisation and maybe take a lead on one of our many projects. Here's a link to the group's Facebook page for more info.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/18Ezo8cDAH/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

No say for local residents on Trident subs coming to Rosyth Dockyard

The UK Government, through the MOD, have now responded to the request from the Council's South & West Fife Area Committee for them to hold a public consultation on their plans to bring nuclear fuelled, and possibly nuclear armed, submarines to Rosyth Dockyard, and their response is as predictable as it is disgusting and undemocratic.

At a meeting of Fife Council's local Area Committee in February I'd put forward a motion, which was agreed, asking our Committee Convenor, Cllr David Barratt, to write to the UK Government requesting they abide by the normal standards for public consultation in relation to their plan to use Rosyth Dockyard as a contingency dock for the next generation of operational nuclear submarines from the fleet that carry Trident Nuclear Weapons.

On Monday the 27th of April Cllr Barratt shared the response he has received from the Minister for Defence Readiness, Luke Pollard MP, with me and the other members of the Committee. That letter not only confirms their refusal to consult with local residents on their plans it also admits that public safety, while a major concern, is not the main priority of the Ministry of Defence.

The UK Government are effectively saying we won't ask the Scottish public if we should do this because we know they'd say no.

These submarines will still have their nuclear fuel onboard, unlike the decommissioned subs that are already at the dockyard, so there will need to be additional emergency plans put in place, including arrangements for radiation shelters for some local residents and to distribute potassium iodide tablets to the local population.

Despite miss-information put out by the local Labour MP the MOD confirmed at a previous meeting of the Area Committee that these nuclear submarines may have nuclear missiles on board when they come into Rosyth. This not only presents massive additional health and safety concerns but also makes Rosyth even more of a target for rogue nations and international terrorist groups. The communities around the Dockyard should be allowed to have their say on this and the campaign for a public consultation will go on.

I'm extremely grateful for the continuing support I've had on this issue from our Area Committee Convenor, Cllr David Barratt, from my fellow Rosyth Councillor Andy Jackson and from all of the SNP Councillors on the Committee.

COSLA Sport & Physical Activity Special Interest Group and the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow

In the afternoon on the 27th of April I attended a meeting of the COSLA Sport & Physical Activity Special Interest Group that was held at the HQ of The Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2026. We had a fantastic presentation from the Games CEO and from the Chief Executive of Glasgow Life. Although these will be a scaled down games and public money has not been available in the same way it was for 2014, I think it's still going to be a fantastic festival of sport and good news for the whole of Scotland.

The meeting went on to hear from Sport Scotland about its plans for the large increase in its budget from the Scottish Government and the latest on the Scottish Government's funding for A Summer of Sport 2026 and for primary school swimming lessons.

Tree cutting in Charlestown

When I arrived home late afternoon on the 27th of April I was alerted to local concerns about the tree works taking place next to the Charlestown Inn. The concerns related a lack of neighbour notification and the timing of the work, in the middle of peak bird nesting season. I contacted the Inn, the Broomhall Estate and Fife Council's Tree Officer to see if I could find out more about what was happening.

The Council's Tree Officer replied quite quickly confirming that this was not work being undertaken by Fife Council. They suggested it was work being undertaken by a private contractor in relation to Ash trees with heavy dieback. They also confirmed that such work would have required a bird nest survey prior to starting.

The issue of neighbour notification would possible only apply to the road closure and this would have been the responsibility of the Council's Roads and Transportation Service. I will now contact them to ask what if any notifications they provided.

Contact Info

I can be contacted anytime via email at Cllr.Brian.Goodall@fife.gov.uk or via Facebook at www.facebook.com/cllrbrian.goodall

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