

Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council

Councillor Brian Goodall's Report for the period from the 28th of July until the 24th of August 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.

Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council

There was no meeting of Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council in July but on the 28th of July I submitted to them a 20 page report on my activities as a Fife Councillor over the month since their last meeting and I also addressed a number of issues raised with me by Community Councillors during July.

Forth Hedgehog Hospital

Also on the 28th of July I was contacted by the Forth Hedgehog Hospital in Rosyth regarding their plans to move to a more suitable location that would support their expansion to meet the ever growing demand for their services.

I've been offering them help and advice on this issue for some time now and on this occasion I was able to put them in touch with Fife Council's Economic Development team for additional advice around land leasing or acquisition. I also contacted the Council's head of Planning to ask them if an appropriate officer would contact the Hedgehog Hospital with advice on Pre-Planning Application support.

VisitScotland's Sustainable Destination Development Project

On the 29th July I was able to confirm that Fife has been selected as a destination to take part in VisitScotland's Sustainable Destination Development Project, a year-long pilot supporting responsible tourism growth across Scotland.

The programme will provide Fife with independent assessments, tailored guidance, action plans and tools to measure progress, helping deliver long-term economic, environmental and social benefits.

As one of Fife Council's members of the Dunfermline & West Fife Local Tourist Association I'm looking forward to working with VisitScotland to strengthen sustainable tourism in our area.

The project will help create a shared vision for tourism that benefits local communities, businesses and the environment, while recognising a commitment to sustainable destination development.

Summer of Sport 2026

In my role as a member of COSLA's special interest group on Sport & Physical Activity and as a Director of Fife Sport & Leisure Trust I worked hard to make sure that Fife received some of the Scottish Government's funding for The Summer of Sport. It's now been confirmed that the Scottish Government has invested £840,000 in Fife through the Summer of Sport Programme.

Also on the 29th of July I posted on my Facebook page that it was great to see events now being held in Fife supported by this funding and that I'm sure that it's also going to help Fife Sport & Leisure Trust deliver even more in the future by way of additional community outreach.

Electric Box Fire, Limekilns

Following the fire at an electric box on Dunfermline Road, Limekilns in the evening on the 29th of July, in the morning on the 30th I confirmed that I'd had no formal communication about the fire or the aftermath as a local Councillor from either Scottish Power Networks or Fife Council.

That morning I emailed Fife Council's Chief Executive and the Head of the Roads & Transportation Service to ask that better signage be provided regarding the road closure and diversion. I also asked that better communication arrangements be put in place during and after such emergencies.

At 3.30pm on the 30th July I was able to provide the following update.

I've now had the following info from Fife Council.

"Firstly, apologies you were not made aware of the situation we will look at how Councillors are updated to emergencies such as this that occur out with normal working hours. Normally you would receive an emergency TTRO notification the following morning, unfortunately I think there has been a bit of confusion and SPEN did not send this through to us.

It is anticipated the closure will be lifted later today, they are just removing the spoil from the site. There will be a requirement to set up temporary traffic signals while they complete the remainder of the works. I have requested confirmation on the duration the lights will be required."

Potholes - Sandilands

On Sunday the 2nd of August I visited Sandilands in Limekilns to take some pictures of the deep potholes there that I'd been contacted about by local residents.

I emailed Fife Council's Roads Maintenance Service Manager to ask if she could confirm if this is a road that the Council maintains or if it's private, and if it is private, if there was any scope for these potholes to be addressed via the Council's Private Roads Budget?

Rosyth Community Council

There was no meeting of Rosyth Community Council on the 4th of August but I did submit an 18 page report to them on my activities as a Fife Councillor over the last month.

Meeting with Fife Council's Head of Housing

In the afternoon on the 4th of August I had an online 1 to 1 meeting with Fife Council's Head of Housing. He was able to provide me with some updates on issues I'd raised with him at our last meeting, including issue with housing developers in liquidation, long term empty homes and the relationship between the Housing Service and Fife Council's Building Services.

I was also able to request further information on my suggestion that the Council explore a return to building extensions to council houses for larger families and for those with disability adaptation needs. We also need to be building more larger council houses to address these needs but an extensions programme could help in my view, in the shorter term.

Roadworks on Admiralty Road

Also on the 4th of August I was contacted by a number of local residents about the parking restrictions and overnight roadworks at Admiralty Road in Rosyth near the Shell Petrol Station.

This road is maintained by Bear Scotland not Fife Council, but I should have had some advanced notice of these works taking place as should the residents directly impacted, but on this occasion no such notice was sent out.

That afternoon I received confirmation that the works were to address the drainage issues at the pedestrian crossing at Kings Road School, that I've been complaining to Bear Scotland about for months, and that an investigation would be held into the poor communication.

Later that day I received the following reply from the Assistant Planned Maintenance Manager with BEAR Scotland.

"Thank you for your enquiry regarding the works currently taking place on Admiralty Road.

The works are drainage investigations being carried out during the evening to check that the existing drainage system is working as intended and to clear any debris from the pipework ahead of resurfacing works planned for later this year. These investigation works are due to finish tonight.

As these works were considered to be relatively low impact, no advance consultation or resident notifications were issued on this occasion. However, we appreciate that the lack of prior information has caused frustration for local residents, and we apologise for this.

The resurfacing works planned for later this year will be more significant, and we'll be carrying out a full communications and consultation process in advance to ensure residents and road users have plenty of notice and information about the works."

Possible Parking Issues at Caledonia High School

In the morning on the 5th of August I contacted our local Community Police Sergeant and the Headteacher at Caledonia High School to ask if there had been any discussion about a police presence at Caledonia High School, at drop off time in the morning on the first few days of the new term, to address any inappropriate parking and dropping off?

I feel like it's almost inevitable that we will see some of this kind of poor driver behaviour at the start of the term and I feel it would be good to nip it in the bud with the police being there to advise and warn parents when they do attempt to park and/or drop off their children in the wrong places. This would also help to address any impact on traffic flows, particularly on the A985 Trunk Road.

New Limekilns Play Park - Work Begins

Also on the 5th of August it was great to see work start on the new Play Park in Limekilns this process was kick started by an announcement of additional funding for Play Parks across Scotland from the Scottish Government. When Fife's share of this funding was confirmed I worked with Council officers to change the designation of Limekilns Play park to a Destination Site which meant it was eligible for more of this funding. £65K of this Scottish Government funding was then agreed for Limekilns.

It was at this point when Peter Wilson, of Limekilns, approached me to say he'd be keen to lead a community fundraising effort to ensure the rebuild of the play park delivered something at least as good as what had been there previously.

Peter and the other local volunteers did a fantastic job, consulting with local children and residents about what the new park should include, and their fundraising efforts were outstanding. In the end they managed to add over £155K to the £65K and I was pleased to help deliver an additional £15K of this from Council budgets locally.

It's estimated that the work on site will now take about 8 weeks and it will be fantastic to see the new play park completed.

Sandilands Potholes Update

On the 6th of August I received the following response from the Council's Roads & Transportation Service regarding the potholes I'd reported on Sandilands in Limekilns.

"Sandilands is inspected annually with the next routine inspection being due in a couple of weeks, however an ad-hoc inspection was carried out following your report to us.

The inspector raised orders for 2 infills to address any immediate safety issues which have now been repaired and on the next Annual Inspection we will look to raise orders for larger patches to be completed within the next 3-12 months."

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombing 81st Anniversary

The 6th of August was the 81st anniversary of the dropping of a nuclear bomb on the city of Hiroshima in Japan. As a life long campaigner against nuclear weapons I posted the following on my Facebook page that day with a similar post on the 9th to mark the bombing of the city of Nagasaki.

"As the Second World War was ending in 1945, the United States dropped a nuclear bomb on Hiroshima on August 6th, and another on Nagasaki on August 9th. An estimated 340,000 people died as a result of the two bombs, with hundreds of thousands more suffering from severe burns, cancers, and fertility problems.

Today 12,000 nuclear weapons still threaten our survival. Nuclear rhetoric around the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East has showed us how these weapons can make a dangerous situation even riskier. The possibility of nuclear war is the greatest for many decades.

In the UK the Labour Government, under Andy Burnham, has doubled down on this nuclear madness by continuing with the renewal of the Trident Nuclear weapons system, a system that's entirely depended on the USA, with missile rented from them.

This is also economic madness, costing around £500 Billion pounds. No wonder there's no cash left for genuine defence expenditure like troops, ships and cyber protection."

Cafe Inc. in Rosyth

On Sunday the 9th of August I posted on my Facebook page to promote the last EATS Rosyth, Big Fun Summer Picnic of this summer, which would take place the next day from 11.30am until 1.30pm at the Community Orchard, access between 126 & 128 Park Road, and would includes a free Cafe Inc. lunch.

I also added a reminder that Cafe Inc. at Kings Road Primary School was on every weekday throughout the school holidays, from 11.45am until 1pm, with free hot or cold lunches available for local children and their families.

Damaged Drain Cover

On the 11th of August I was contacted about a damaged and dangerous looking drain cover in a grass area off Grampian Road, Rosyth. As this is popular place for kids to play I could understand why locals were concerned.

I contacted Fife Council about the issue, but it turned out to be Scottish Water who had responsibility for it and they had been onsite that day to start the process of repair.

Care & Repair Service

When Fife's Care & Repair Service, for elderly home owners was brought in-house to Fife Council from Kingdom Housing last year, Councillors were told this wouldn't mean any reduction in the services provided. But there has been a reduction, with the former small repairs service being stopped altogether.

On the 12th of August I contacted Fife Council's Head of Housing and the Service Manager responsible for Care & Repair to ask that a Fife wide solution be found to restore the small repairs service.

I've been told that in Kirkcaldy a Handy Person service is being tested, but what about the rest of Fife?

All the possible solutions for the return of a Fife wide service need to be identified and assessed for cost and viability. I'm sure there is a workable solution out there. There just needs to be the will to find it.

Standards, Audit & Risk Agenda Planning Meeting

In the morning on the 12th of August I chaired the agenda planning meeting for the Standards, Audit & Risk Committee meeting that will be held by Fife Council **on the 27th of August**. This will be my first meeting as Convenor of the committee and will be the first Fife Council Committee meeting I've chaired for over 14 years.

The planning meeting agreed that the following agenda items will go forward to the Committee meeting.

Revised Whistleblowing Policy for Fife Council Employees, Fife Council Complaints Update, Data Protection Annual Report, Information Requests Annual Report and Fife Health & Social Care Integrated Joint Board's Annual Internal Audit Report & Internal Control Evaluation.

New Bus Service for Crombie, Charlestown, Limekilns, Pattiesmuir and Rosyth to Ferrytoll Park & Ride

Also on the 12th of August I was informed that new funding from SEStran has led to the introduction of the W3 bus service, which is a fixed route service that will operate two early morning journeys from Steelend, Saline, Oakley, Cairneyhill, Crossford, Crombie, Charlestown, Limekilns, and Ferrytoll Park and Ride.

Operated by Moffat and Williamson, it has been introduced following feedback from users looking for peak time connections to Edinburgh via Ferrytoll Park and Ride from West Fife Villages.

This service will provide additional journey options for passengers in Crombie, Charlestown and Limekilns. This is in addition to the Go Flexi Bus Service.

SEStran (South East of Scotland Transport Partnership) is the statutory Regional Transport Partnership for the south-east of Scotland.

I requested more info on the new services and I intend to also share that via my Facebook page as soon as I have it.

Rosyth Football Festival

Also on the 12th of August I was pleased to be able to promote the TWO-DAY football festival, organised by Rosyth FC and Babcock. It will take place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th of August, to mark 110 years of organised football being played in the town.

This looks like being a fantastic event and it will be great if it can become a new annual event in Rosyth. Well done to everyone involved in making it happen.

Fife Council's Cabinet Committee

In the morning and early afternoon on the 13th of August I took part online in a meeting of Fife Council's Cabinet Committee.

Firstly the meeting looked at a report on the opening times of Halls, Community Centres and Community Use Schools. The Council is proposing a unified, Fife Wide 9pm closing time, but the SNP group have been calling for consultation on this with the groups who currently use these facilities after 9pm, and for there to be some flexibility to allow groups to continue with their later bookings when no alternative arrangement can be agreed.

The meeting then looked at a report on the Forth Bridge World Heritage Site Management Plan. I asked if there was any way the lighting of the bridge at night could be renewed, given that many of the lights that were originally fitted, no longer work. We were told that Network Rail had no funding to do this before 2030, but the committee agreed with my request and the Council will now ask for this issue to be reviewed so a refurbishment of the lights could happen more quickly, if possible.

We then discussed a report on Wellbeing & Safeguarding and it was highlighted that the committee that I'm now the Convenor of, Standard's Audit & Risk, will also receive an additional report on the issue of staff Whistleblowing policy and processes at our meeting on the 27th of August.

The committee then went into private session to discuss two reports related to the Affordable Housing Programme.

New W3 Bus Service

Also in the morning on the 13th of August I received the additional information I'd requested on the new W3 bus service, that will begin operation on Monday the 17th of August.

I was able to share the timetable for the new service, via my Facebook page. showing where and when the new service would stop along its route. I also shared a map of the route with all of the bus stops it will serve marked on it.

On ticket pricing for the new service I receive the information that from Crombie, Charlestown, Limekilns, Pattiesmuir or Rosyth it would be £3.50 to Ferrytoll. Longer journeys will be £5.50, and there is also a day ticket available for £4.70. People with a national concessionary cards travel free.

Wheeled Bins On The Street

In the morning on the 14th of August I replied to a local resident in Camdean who wanted to know why a Fife Council Recycling Officer had written to local residents asking them to comply with the rules around taking out and bringing in wheelie bins.

I was able to confirm to them that I'd not had any complaints about bins being left out in that area, but that the other two Rosyth Councillors may have, or that someone may have complained about this issue directly to the Service or to the local Landlord.

I was able to confirm that the issue of bins being left out for a long time or permanently is a serious and sometimes dangerous issue that has been raised with me in other parts of the Rosyth Ward area.

I told them that I felt that if similar issues had been raised in Camdean, I'd suggest that the letter was a wholly proportionate response from the Service.

I also noted that the letter did say that if a resident does already comply with the rules around their bins then they could disregard the correspondence.

Caledonia High School Staggered Start

I'd been contacted by a local resident who appeared to have picked up the wrong information about the staggered start to the first term at the new Caledonia High School. They said they been told it would be weeks before some of the year groups would start at the school:

I knew this wasn't true but I told them I'd ask the Headteacher if he could confirm what the arrangements actually were.

In the afternoon on the 14th of August he got back to me with the following information.

"the staggered entry has been communicated clearly with all parents and carers.

The staggered entry is as follows:

Wednesday 19th - S1,S6 and enhanced provision pupils

Thursday 20th - as above with S4 and S5 pupils

Friday 21st - all pupils”

So by the first Friday of the first term all year groups will be at the new school. I shared this info via my Facebook page in the hope that it would help anyone else who had heard the wrong information.

Rosyth Football Festival

In the morning on Saturday the 15th of August I visited Rosyth Public Park for the start of the Rosyth Football Festival, marking 110 years of organised football in Rosyth.

The event kicked off with a 5 a-side match between the Rosyth FC Coaches and Babcock. Babcock won 3-1 but there's already talk of a three month training regime for the Rosyth Coaches before next years festival.

The hope is that the festival will become an annual event and thanks to the hard work of all the volunteers and sponsorship from Babcock it looked like the hundreds of boys and girls who would take part on both Saturday and Sunday would have a great time.

Rosyth Public Park Pond

While I was at Rosyth Public Park in the morning on the 15th of August I visited the Boating Pond as I had been contacted by some local residents about its current condition.

I was able to confirm that the reed bed is overgrown and requires cutting back and that two of the coping stones around the edge of the pond have been pushed off. On the board walk there is a rotten board on the walkway and one missing board on the viewing platform. I contacted Fife Council's Grounds Maintenance managers to ask if these issue could be addressed.

The residents who have contacted me also highlighted the low water level in the pond with some of them asking why the Council has not refilled the pond.

Since I was able to get the in-flow pipe turn off three years ago we have seen more natural fluctuation in the water level in the pond, the constant flooding of the paths around the pond has stopped and there's no longer chemicals going into the pond constantly from the treated water that had been flowing into the pond.

Those chemicals kill almost all of the natural beneficial bacteria that the pond needs to keep the water clear and healthy and they stop the build up of a natural ecosystem from the mud at the bottom of the pond up to the plants birds and other wildlife.

So, refilling the pond with treated mains water would be a disaster and unfortunately, recent tests, conducted as part of the Rosyth River Restoration Project, have shown that the burn water is still polluted and so refilling the pond from there would also have a major impact on the wildlife.

The nature in and around the pond can handle natural fluctuations in the water level much more easily than they can deal with any manmade chemical interventions. So, I will continue to resist calls to have the pond artificially refilled. No doubt the rain will do this for us soon enough.

Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Gala Day

In the Afternoon on the 15th of August it was great to be at another fantastic Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Gala today. Well done to the organisers and all the volunteers who make it happen every year.

Burst Water Main in Rosyth

In the early evening on Sunday the 16th of August I was contacted about emergency roadworks near the CO-OP in Rosyth and by local residents in the Dolly Town area who had lost their water supply.

I was able to share the following information from Scottish Water via my Facebook page.

“We are currently repairing a burst water main that is affecting the water supply for customers in Rosyth.

The burst has been located on Castlandhill Road. To minimise disruption, we kindly ask that you use an alternative route if possible, as there may be some traffic delays in the area.

Our teams are working hard to complete the repair as quickly and as safely as possible, with an estimated completion time of midnight. Once the repair is complete, water service will be gradually restored to affected customers. Please be aware that it may take some time for water pressure to return to normal levels.

We understand the inconvenience this causes and sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding while we work to resolve the issue.”

Rosyth Public Park Pond Update

Following the heavy rain on the 17th of August, in the afternoon on the 18th I visited Rosyth Public Park and it was clear that the water level in the pond had gone up considerably.

Caledonia High School Walking Route

On the 18th of August, following the large number of complaints there have been about the proposed walking routes to the new high school, particularly for students from Inverkeithing, Fife Council’s Executive Director for Education sent me the following information.

"The Review Board's final determination on Friday when they met, was that the walking route as previously identified and outlined, is available and suitable".

River Restoration Visit

On the 19th of August I visited Balbirnie Park, near Markinch where I joined a walkabout organised by Fife Coast & Countryside Trust looking at some of the completed works on the River Restoration Project that's helped restore the Back Burn, that runs through the park, to a much more natural state.

As a director of the Trust, and as a Rosyth Councillor, I pushed for the burns in Rosyth to be Fife's next big river restoration project and I'm delighted that this was agreed and we now have over £220K of funding in place to deliver the Rosyth River Restoration Project.

Rosyth's burns are different in many ways to the Back Burn in Balbirnie but many of the ideas and engineering fixes I saw there could well form part of what gets done in Rosyth.

Surgery

There was no one looking for me at my Councillor's Surgery in the evening on the 19th of August at the Rosyth EATS Community Hub. My next Surgery will be in the Queens Hall in Charlestown **on the 16th of September** but remember I can be contacted anytime via email at

Cllr.Brian.Goodall@fife.gov.uk

or via Facebook Messenger at

www.facebook.com/cllrbrian.goodall

Caledonia High School Enhanced Provision Drop Off

I'd been contacted by a number of local parents/carers regarding the inability to drop off their Enhanced Provision children near the new Caledonia High School. Some parents have said they were told previously that drop offs in the school car park would be allowed but now they are being blocked from doing so.

On the 20th of August I contacted Fife Council's Executive Director for Education to get a better understanding of what is and is not being allowed in this regard from the Education Service's point of view.

I also set up a meeting with a some of these parents/carers for Monday the 24th of August and invited Cllr Jackson to attend too, with the parents/carers permission.

Primrose Avenue Play Park

Also on the 20th of August I was contacted by a local resident about the graffiti that's now all over each of the bits of play equipment at the new play park at Primrose Avenue in Camdean.

I reported this to our Area's Grounds Maintenance manager, asking if he could arrange for the graffiti, some of which is quite offensive, to be washed off.

On the 21st of August I received the following update from the Grounds Maintenance Manager.

"We have attempted to clean up the Graffiti this morning unfortunately I have had to request the industrial cleaning service to attend to this."

Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council

In the evening on the 20th of August I took part in a meeting of the Executive Committee of Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council, held in the Music Institute in Dunfermline.

We were able to agree some grant support for the Rosyth Sharks Rugby Club, subject to some additional registrations for some of their coaches.

I also got the committee's support for the proposal to explore the possibility of Rosyth Bowling Club becoming a regional centre for disability bowls and I also highlighted the great work the club has been doing to encourage more local people to take up the sport, and their engagement with Rosyth Primary Schools through their, now annual, Rosyth Schools Bowls Tournament.

The Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council will now be changing its name to West Fife Club Sport. This fits in with the Scotland wide approach to supporting sports clubs and better describes what we are all about, supporting local sports clubs.

Scottish Nuclear Free Local Authorities (SNFLA)

In the morning on the 21st of August I took part in an online meeting of Scottish Nuclear Free Local Authorities (SNFLA). I'm Fife Council's Rep on this organisation and at the meeting we confirmed a new constitution for the group and some new arrangements to allow membership fees to be paid electronically in future.

There was also a discussion about the UK Government's continuing plans to build more nuclear power stations at a massive cost, and the new Prime Minister's failure to roll back on the massive cost of renewing the Trident nuclear missile system.

Sherbrooke Area Issues

Having chased up the issues with weeds on the roadsides and some overgrown bushes on a path that the Council has responsibility for on the 21st of August I was able to share with the local residents association an apology from the Council's Grounds Maintenance Officer that these issues, that I had reported on the 1st of June, had been missed and he also confirmed that they would now be addressed as soon as possible.

Rosyth Flooding

Also on the 21st of August I shared via my Facebook page the following update on the latest delay to the publication of the Rosyth Surface Water Management Plan.

Here's the latest update from the Council's Structural Services Manager.

"Update on the development of the Rosyth and Inverkeithing Surface Water Management Plan.

The study continues to be progressed by our appointed consultant. Following review of the initial findings, the Council requested that the consultant investigate a number of additional options to further explore potential flood mitigation solutions for Rosyth. Following the findings, we have since requested additional work to investigate further options. This reflects the complex interaction between surface water flooding and river flooding within the area and the need to ensure that all viable options are fully assessed.

The revised programme is as follows.

Study complete November 2026

Public consultation December 2026 / January 2027, date tbc

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I appreciate that this is a further delay and would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please be assured that we remain committed to identifying a solution for residents affected by flooding in Rosyth, and are continuing to progress this work as quickly as possible while ensuring that all relevant matters are fully considered."

I've responded to this update expressing my disappointment about yet another delay to the publication of this plan but I agreed that it's important that effective and deliverable solutions are presented when the final plan is published.

I have also expressed to Council Officers my concern that this further delay may impact the opportunities to integrate any proposed solutions from the plan with proposals now being explored as part of the Rosyth River Restoration Project led by Fife Coast & Countryside Trust, and I have asked the Structural Services Manager if he will let me know his view on this, and if he feels that integration between proposals in the plan and the work of the river restoration project can still be possible.

Multi-site Flooding Event Second Anniversary

On the 22nd of August it was two years to the day since the, multi service, multi site, flooding event I organised to look at flooding issues around Rosyth in 2024. On that day we had great representation from Officers from Fife Council, Scottish Water and SEPA

and local residents joined us at each of the locations to give first hand accounts of how the flooding affects them.

Cllr David Barratt, chair of the Council's Area Committee joined us, as did Steven and Linda from Rosyth Community Council.

At all of the sites we were able to give the Officers a better understanding of the issues and at most of the sites we identified some clear next steps that we hoped would go some way to addressing the issue.

It's clear that some of the actions taken following this event have made a difference and there's not been any major flooding in Rosyth since then, apart from one night when Craig Street and part of Park Road flooded for a short time.

This could also be down to some luck with the weather since 2024 and it's clear that the threat of further flooding is still with us. So I will continue to keep constant pressure on everyone who can help make a difference so we can continue to make progress.

Tenants & Residents Associations (TRAs)

Fife Council recently provided Councillors with a list of the registered Tenants & Residents Associations in Fife. On the 23rd of August I replied to this noting that there were no registered association in the Rosyth Ward, despite there being at least two Residents Associations operating here, namely Sherbrooke Area Residents Association and Crombie Residents Association.

It would appear that the Council's list only includes those associations listed with the Council's Housing Service. So I've asked what can be done to include these other residents associations in the support provided by Fife Council and safer communities partners, and what is being done to encourage the establishment and reestablishment of other TRA's within the South & West Fife Area.

Pavement Parking Ban

Also on the 23rd of August I contacted Fife Council's Roads & Transportation Service again to ask for an update on the timeline for the implementation of the pavement parking bay marking and signage installation for all of the roads in the Rosyth Ward area that have been agreed for exemption from the pavement parking ban.

Tree at Parkgate Community Centre

In the morning on the 24th of August I contacted Fife Council's Tree Officer to request a survey and maintenance on the tree at the front of the Parkgate Community Centre.

This had been requested by Rosyth Community Council as part of the work they had asked me to undertake in relation to the car park and garden area at the front of the the Community Centre.

Visitor Levy for Fife

Also in the morning on the 24th of August I attended an online presentations on the options for a Visitor Levy for Fife. This charge on accommodation has been brought in by other Councils but Fife Council has not yet taken a decision on taking it forward.

The levy could raise between £4 million and £12 million, dependent on the type of levy used and a decision on whether or not to proceed with it should be taken in October this year.

Road Closures

Later in the morning on the 24th of August I shared, via my Facebook page, notices I'd received on the following upcoming road closures and a temporary no waiting at any time notice.

Temporary Road Closure on Barham Road, Rosyth. Entire length - 31st of August to the 2nd of September 2026.

Temporary No Waiting at Any Time on Dunfermline Road, Limekilns - 1st to the 3rd of September.

Temporary Road Closure on C7, Charlestown (from Jct. A985T to Jct. The Cairns) - 3rd September 2026.

Temporary Road Closure on Selva Place, Rosyth (from its junction with Selva Street to its junction with Fairykirk Road - 4th of September 2026.

Christmas Lights on Lampposts

In the afternoon on the 24th of August I heard that some new information was available from the Council on Christmas lights on lampposts following the previous proposed suspension of this practice across Fife. It appeared that this new information had only been shared with some Councillors in some areas.

So I contacted the relevant service manager to ask her to provide clarity on the situation with the Christmas lights in Rosyth for this year. I asked if they'd be able to go up as normal or not and, for next year, and if the Community Council will be able to continue to expand the display (funding permitting) further along Queensferry Road, as they had started doing in the last few years.

Meeting with Caledonia High School SEP Carers

In the evening on the 24th of August I attend a meeting with some Caledonia High School carers who had contacted me about the issues they were having dropping off their School Enhanced Provision (SEP) children at the new school.

Following my contact with the Council's Executive Director for Education, and the School's Headteacher I was able to feedback the following information to the parents.

The Headteacher is going to review walking bus arrangements for SEP (School Enhanced Provision) drop off.

A Deputy Head is exploring additional capacity on Enhanced Provision (EP) transport.

Skips are to be removed from the school's service yard to allow it to be considered as a temp drop off area.

The school team are working exceptionally hard to ensure the measures outlined in the traffic management plan are enforced and it's been confirmed that this is working very well for almost all learners.

In addition the Headteacher provided the following comment.

There remains concern about the wider impact of allowing some parents access or creating new drop off spaces as this could become, firstly unsafe and secondly unmanageable.

However he had discussed this with one of the Deputy Heads already and plans to continue to review potential solutions over the next few days.

Furthermore, we will reach out to the parents who have refused to send their children school to offer a temporary solution until we can work towards a short/medium term plan.

Letter to Fife Council's Executive Director for Education

After the meeting with some Caledonia High School Enhanced Provision pupil's carers on the 24th of August I wrote the following letter to the Council's Executive Director for Education.

Having met with some carers of Caledonia High School Enhanced Provision pupils tonight, I'm convinced that a solution to this issue of a safe drop off and pick-up point for the school's EP children really needs to be found, urgently.

Only those EP children who do not receive supported school transport would need this additional provision, and given that car park access has now been offered for at least two pupils in this situation, it's untenable, in my view, not to now offer it, in some way, to the other EP pupils who need it.

From what I was told tonight it would appear that some EP pupils who previously received supported school transport had it stopped purely on the grounds of the distance from their homes, with no account taken, I'm told, of their wider special needs. If the provision of supported school transport for these pupils was to be reassessed and provided for those in need, then even less EP pupils would need to use a new safe EP drop off and pick-up point, making this easier to design and provide.

As one of the carers said tonight, how can it be that so many pupils with no additional needs other than the distance they live from the school can be dropped off and picked

up safely (by bus) at the school when pupils with extreme support needs, and who are flight risks are not being allowed to be dropped off or picked up safely from the school?

It can't really be sustainable for school staff to be going out into the neighbouring industrial estate to collect EP pupils from their carers who have been told that's the closest place they can park. Carers also told me tonight that they can't understand why the need for some EP pupils to be supervised inside the school can be recognised but that the same need is not being recognised when they leave the school building.

Everyone recognises that there can't be a "free for all" on access to the school car park, and any new provision must, understandably, be restricted to the EP pupils who need it, and who's needs are not being addressed by supported school transport.

I really appreciate the confirmation from the school today that the options to address this are being explored and I look forward to hearing how this work progresses over the next few days.

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