

Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council

May Meeting

26/05/26

Councillor Brian Goodall's Report for the period from the 28th of April until the 25th of May 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 Twinning Group

In the morning on the 28th of April I had a meeting with Malcolm Hamilton from the Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Twinning Group who plan to establish a Twinning agreement between Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir and the villages of Gensac in southern France.

The Group is now constituted with a board of Trustees. They are continuing to welcome new Members from the local community who have an interest in the possible twinning and who want to be kept informed. Anyone who wishes to become a Member, should send their email address and telephone number to limekilnsinfo@gmail.com

Membership is open to everyone over 18 years and is free of charge. Any younger person can take part in events if their parent or guardian becomes a Member and accompanies them. Village clubs, organisations and businesses can also become Members. The Group plan to take part in the village Gala Day and shall hold a family fun event later in the year.

Halls and Centres Working Group

In the afternoon on the 28th of April

I took part in an online meeting of Fife Council's Halls and Centres Working Group. The group has now moved on to reviewing the wider options for the future of a number of Community Centres in each of the Council's 7 Area Committee areas.

With regard to the threat to Crombie Community Centre the group has all but confirmed that they will agree with me that it should be removed from the list of possible transfers or closures. We also agreed that discussions should be held with the Village Residents Association with regard to the possibility of a "Trusted Key Holder" agreement with them.

Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council

In the evening on the 28th of April I attended a meeting of Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council in the Queens Hall in Charlestown. I presented the meeting with a 15 page report on my activity as a Councillor since their last meeting.

I also answered a number of questions from the Community Councillors and local residents who were there.

South & West Fife Area Committee

In the morning on the 29th of April I attended a meeting of Fife Council's South & West Fife Area Committee in Inverkeithing Civic Centre.

Network Rail

The meeting started with a verbal update from Network Rail's Head of Communications on their activities in Fife. I took the opportunity to raise with him the concerns I'd reported to them from residents in Wemyss Street, Rosyth following recent nighttime works on the rail line near them. He undertook to reinforce with their workers the need to minimise noise.

Parking and Speed Restrictions

The committee agreed proposals for new parking restrictions and a 20mph speed limit on parts of Admiralty Park and Caledonia Heights in Rosyth in relation to the opening of Caledonia High School.

The committee also unanimously supported making the 20mph zones in Rosyth, brought in after the reduction of the speed limit on Admiralty Road, permanent. There will now be public consultations on each of these proposals.

Community Recovery Fund

The committee agreed to a proposal to split the remaining Community Recovery Funds between each of the three Council Wards in the area. The report contained my request for some of Rosyth Ward's share of the fund to be used to deliver a new safe pathway down from Camdean Primary School to the bridge over the Brankholm Burn.

Charlestown Green Repair Funding

I was pleased that the committee went on to give final agreement to the provision of the identified £25,000 budget for the works around Charlestown Green that I've been working to make happen for the last three years. The Council Officers also agreed to my request that the works be expedited by the use of either an in-house team from the Transportation Service or by the use of an external contractor, whichever will be the quickest. Local residents have waited way too long now for this work to be done.

Educational Outcomes

There was some good news as part of a report on local Educational Outcomes with the news that Inverkeithing High School had improved results in most areas compared with previous years and the amazing statistic that last year 100% of leavers from the school went on to positive destinations. This is the first time that any school in Fife has achieved this.

Youth Employment Projects

The committee also agreed to funding allocations of £43,836 for the Next Steps Project and £16,954 for the Customer Service Youth Training Academy Project, both delivered from the Camdean Youth Centre in Rosyth.

Rosyth Gala Funding

Also at the Area Committee my motion, calling for Rosyth Gala to get all of the Local Community Planning Budget funding they requested, was agreed. This means they will now get the full £4,999 that they asked for and the previous ruling limiting this funding to £2,500 has now been overturned. It's great that the scale and significance of Rosyth Gala has been recognised in this way and it's testament to all of the hard working volunteers who make this Gala Day happen each year.

King's Road Primary School Parent Council

In the afternoon on the 29th of April I attended a meeting of King's Road Primary School Parent Council held at the school. The Parent Council's activities over the last term were reviewed at the meeting and I was able to answer a number of questions about wider local issues from the parents who were there.

Fife Council Cabinet Committee

In the morning on the 30th of April I was in Fife House, Glenrothes for a meeting of Fife Council's Cabinet Committee. Four out of the five substantive reports at the committee meeting related to housing in Fife and so as Fife Council SNP Group's Housing Spokesperson I had quite a lot to contribute.

I was glad to be able to welcome the change of approach on Council House Acquisitions with the agreement to double the amount of homes being bought to become Council Houses over the next year. I've been calling for this for the last 4 years.

Unfortunately Labour, Tory and LibDem Councillors voted against my motion that would have made the proposal to acquire 100 such properties a minimum target with the flexibility to buy even more where possible.

Double Yellow Lines in Limekilns

The long awaited double yellow lines requested by the Community Council on the Promenade and on Dunfermline Road in Limekilns were finally painted on the 30th of April, but they went further west along the Promenade than had been requested. This was not part of the Original Traffic Regulation Order that was consulted on with local residents. I'm concerned about the displacement of parking this is and will cause onto the other side of the road. So I contacted the Roads & Transportation Service to ask for this error to be corrected.

Carnegie Dunfermline Trust Board Meeting and AGM

In the evening on the 30th of April I took part in a meeting and the AGM of the Board of the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust. The meeting discussed a number of funding applications from local organisations and we discussed the progress being made in relation to developments in The Glen and at the Carnegie Birthplace Museum.

Crombie Community Cupboard

In the morning on Saturday the 2nd of May I visited Crombie Community Garden for the Grand Opening of Crombie Residents Association's new Community Cupboard. A great new initiative to help local families cope with the cost of living and to continue to bring the people of the village together.

Forth Hedgehog Hospital Fundraiser

In the afternoon on the 2nd of May I visited Forth Hedgehog Hospital's fundraiser at the Parkgate Community Centre in Rosyth. They had some lovely new hoggy items for sale and a fantastic Tombolla on the go. It was quite quiet when I was there so I put up a post on my Facebook page encouraging others to visit and support this great local Charity.

The Queensferry One Development

On the 5th of May I was invited to the Official Sod Cutting Ceremony, to mark the commencement of the Queensferry One development in Rosyth. This will be a new international industrial and logistics hub next to the Port of Rosyth and the Dockyard. The vision for Queensferry One is to create a thriving and dynamic hub for advanced manufacturing and renewable energy businesses, driving forward Scotland's transition to net zero.

Four Years as a Rosyth Ward Councillor

The 5th of May was also my fourth anniversary as a Rosyth Ward Councillor and I marked the occasion with the following post on my Facebook page.

Four years ago today on the 5th of May 2022, the good people of Rosyth, Pattiesmuir, Limekilns, Charlestown, Pitliver, Waulkmill and Crombie voted for me to become one of their local representatives on Fife Council. It's been a real privilege to represent my local area and my party, The SNP, over the last four years and once again I'm happy to commit myself to continuing to work full time on behalf of the communities within the Rosyth Ward.

Rosyth Community Council AGM

In the evening on the 5th of May I was privileged to chair the AGM of Rosyth Community Council before handing back to their newly reappointed chairperson for the normal monthly meeting for May.

I was able to present the meeting with my 17 page report on my activity as a Councillor over the previous month. I also answered questions from the Community Councillors.

The Community Council also ask me if I could explore the options for additional parking at the Parkgate Community Centre and improvements to the gardens at the front of the building.

Scottish Parliament Election Day

The 7th of May was election day and I spent most of the day knocking doors around Rosyth to remind people to get out and vote.

Double Yellow Lines - Limekilns Promenade

Also on the 7th of May I was really please with the quick response from the Council's Transportation Service to my request for the new yellow lines on the prom in Limekilns to be cut back to the shorter area that had originally been called for. I put the following post on my Facebook page to give a bit of the history of the issue and explain what had happened.

“Over a year ago Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council asked me if Fife Council would paint Double Yellow Lines to restrict parking on a small section of the west bound road on the Promenade in Limekilns. This was to make it safer for cars going westward around the bend just after the bus stop at the Pier Car Park. It was just to be a small section from the bus stop up to the bend in the road. I managed to get a report on the Road Traffic Order for this agreed at the South & West Fife Area Committee, but it took until last week for the lines to be painted.

Somehow wires had clearly been crossed and a much longer area of Double Yellow Lines was painted. I complained about this right away, as the last thing residents on the north side of this road need is more displaced parking from the southside of the Prom. I was pleased to see that today (7th May) the Council have acted to rectify this situation and the unrequested area of Double Yellow Lines has been burnt off.”

A985 Crash Barrier Campaign

Later on the 7th of May I received a letter from Fiona Hyslop, Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Transport, dated the 5th of May in regard to my campaign to have a crash barrier installed on the east bound stretch of Admiralty Road between Brankholm Brea and Hunters Road in Rosyth.

The Cabinet Secretary confirmed that as a result of my correspondence on this issue Transport Scotland has instructed its operating company, BEAR Scotland, to undertake a review of this location.

This review will consider the requirement for any vehicle restraint system (crash barrier) alongside potential alternative measures. The review will also consider factors including the prevailing speed environment, collision history and the nature and severity of the roadside hazard, in this case the embankment. Transport

Scotland has requested that this assessment and any accompanying recommendations be completed by the end of August 2026.

As Fiona Hyslop is standing down from the Scottish Parliament, this could well have been one of her final acts as a Scottish Government Minister.

Election Results

On the 8th of May counting started at 9pm for both of the Scottish Parliament Constituencies that cover the Rosyth Fife Council Ward area. The SNP won both of these seats with Inverkeithing SNP Councillor, David Barratt, becoming the new MSP for the Cowdenbeath Constituency, which covers Rosyth itself, and Shirley-Anne Somerville, retained her seat in the Dunfermline Constituency which covers the rest of the Rosyth Ward, including Pattiesmuir, Limekilns, Charlestown, Waulkmill, Pitliver and Crombie.

Coul Den Nature Reserve Visit

On Saturday the 9th of May I took a bit of time off from politics to join a Fife Coast & Countryside Trust Guided Wildlife Walk at Coul Den Nature Reserve in Glenrothes. As I'm never really off duty I did pay particular attention to some of the work done on the Back Burn there as part of their river restoration project, with a eye to just what improvements could also be delivered as part of the Rosyth River Restoration Project.

Meeting with Roads & Transportation Service

In the morning on the 11th of May I had an online meeting with the new main technical officer for road safety who's now covering this area from the Council's Roads & Transportation Service.

Speeding in Rosyth

I raised issues of concern with him relating to speeding on Hilton Road and Ferry Toll Road as well as other roads in Rosyth.

Main Street, Limekilns

I also requested a review of the layout and signage on Main Street in Limekilns and he also agreed to request that the current road markings there be repainted.

Pavement Parking Ban

He confirmed that work is ongoing on the first phase of Pavement Parking Ban exemptions and agreed to see if Dick Place, Burney Place and Hamilton Place in Rosyth could also be considered for exemption along with the other 26 roads in the Rosyth Ward area where exemption designs are already being looked at.

Blood Donations in West Fife

On the 11th of May I went to give blood at the Parkgate Community Centre in Rosyth. They're always looking for new and returning blood donors and there are regular sessions held in West Fife. You can find out more at

www.scotblood.co.uk/giving-blood/can-i-give-blood

Area Roads Programme

On the 13th of May I was pleased to be able to support the addition of a section of Kings Road in Rosyth to the carriageway resurfacing scheme as part of the South & West Fife Area Roads Programme for 2026/27.

This will see the road from the Primrose Roundabout south to the Camdean Roundabout planed and replaced.

This is in addition to the programme for the year that already includes the resurfacing of the full length of Park Road West in Rosyth.

Parkgate Community Centre Car Park

Since the overspill car park at the Parkgate Community Centre was resurface there's been a regular problem with some visitors parking in a way that blocks off access to and from the new section of the car park.

Rosyth Community Council asked me if I could see if anything could be done about this. I contacted the Halls & Centres manager for our area and he has explored the possible options for a solution that could be delivered by his team.

Unfortunately these options where unlikely to have solved the problem so on the 13th of May I was able to confirm that a works request had been raised with the Council centrally to install appropriate line markings to restrict parking around the access and egress point of the overflow car park.

Rosyth Gala Committee

In the evening on the 13th of May I attended the penultimate meeting of the Rosyth Gala Committee for 2026 at the EATS Rosyth Community Hub, and all was looking good for another fantastic Gala Day on Saturday the 30th of May in Rosyth Public Park.

Around 900 free activity wristband have been ordered for children from Rosyth and if you missed the deadline for a free one or if you live outwith Rosyth you can buy an activity wristband for just £10 for the day.

For more details you can check out the Rosyth Gala Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/rosythgala

Full Fife Council Meeting

On Thursday the 14th of May I attended a meeting of the full Fife Council at Fife House Glenrothes, where I'd submitted two questions about how much income is generated by Common Good assets within west Fife and how much grant funding had been distributed by the West Fife Common Good Committee.

I specifically asked that these figures be provided by Fife Council Ward, as I'm concerned that Rosyth has not been getting a fair share of funding, relative to the income generated by its Common Good assets, namely Rosyth Public Park and the Parkgate Community Centre.

Unbelievably, Ward by Ward figures were provided for every Fife Council Ward in west Fife except for Rosyth.

You couldn't make it up!

My suspicion's about Rosyth losing out have now greatly increased and I'll continue to fight for full disclosure of these figures and for west Fife's Communities, with Common Good assets, to be treated in the same way as communities in the rest of Fife, with a far greater role for Community Councils in relation to Common Good matters.

Parkgate Community Centre 100 years old this year

On the 15th of May I shared on my Facebook page a fantastic post from Martin Rodgers about the history of the Rosyth Institute, now known as the Parkgate Community Centre. I couldn't believe more wasn't done to mark the centre's 100th Anniversary in January this year.

I'm gonna see what could still be done to mark this significant milestone before the year is up.

Halls & Centres Working Group

In the morning on the 18th of May I attended an online meeting of the Short Life Working Group that's looking at Fife Council Administration's proposals to make a saving on the budget for Fife's Council run Halls & Centres. A new set of proposals is being developed and I'm hopeful that some more workable options will soon be put forward.

CLP Nature Action! Trustee's Meeting

In the evening on the 18th of May I attended a meeting with my fellow Trustees of the local charity. CLP Nature Action!. We reviewed our strategy document and agree to put together a schedule of Trustee and Public meetings going forward.

Orzel Submarine Talk in Rosyth

In the evening on Tuesday the 19th of May I attended Rodger Pickering's talk on the Orzel Submarine at Rosyth Library. The event was a sell out and it went really well.

Rodger has also launched a Crowdfunder to raise funds to keep spreading the story of the Orzel in the run up to the opening of the new Orzel Memorial Garden in Rosyth.

Here's a link to that fundraising appeal.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/orp-orzel-submarine-in-rosyth-outreach?>

New Defibrillator and Training Event

You may have spotted that a new community access defibrillator has now been installed at the Rosyth Fish Bar, Heath Road, Rosyth.

This has been kindly supplied by Fred Olsen Cruise Lines, and Peter Wilson who volunteers with the Forth Bridges' Tourist Group has helped organise this.

He's also organised a CPR and Defibrillator Training session to be delivered by ACORN AID and on the 20th of May I was able to share the details about this via my Facebook page.

It will be held on Thursday 28th May at 6.30pm for 1 hour in the Hillpark Hotel (Gladyer Inn). Places are limited, so if you are interested in attending please register via an email to Greenmount12@btinternet.com

Councillor's Surgery

Also on the 20th of May I held a Surgery at the Gellet Hall in Limekilns. My next Surgery will be at the EATS Rosyth Community Hub on the 19th of August.

Graffiti at Rosyth Skate Park

On Thursday the 21st of May I was contacted about a load of offensive graffiti that had been painted onto the skate park in Rosyth Public Park. Given the key role the skate park plays in Future Youths events on Gala Day there was a lot of concern about how this graffiti would impact things on the day.

I contacted the Council's Area Grounds Maintenance Manager and within a few hours we had agreed with the Team Manager at Facilities Management the need to remove the offensive graffiti urgently and that a team would be sent out to do this and that the Grounds Maintenance service would pay for this work. The work was undertaken the next day.

Former Wemyss Estate Homes

Also on the 21st of May in my role as Fife Council SNP Group's Housing Spokesperson I attended a meeting on the work being done by Fife Council and the Scottish Government to address the situation with the former Wemyss Estate homes that had been sold to Torah Capital. A possible option on a way forward on this will be presented to the Council's Cabinet Committee on the 28th of May.

Charlestown Green Update

Following correspondence I received from the Broomhall Estate concerning the proposed repair works to the road and edging around Charlestown Green I was able to arrange for a response to be sent to the Estate from the Council's Roads & Transportation Service.

The Estates had raised concern about the historic drainage underneath the Green and the Council's response covered this as follows.

"The proposal is to install a kerb line around the perimeter of the Green with a 100mm upstand, along with localised patching to tie into the existing carriageway, maintaining a minimum 3.5m running width from parked vehicles.

In relation to existing drainage infrastructure, prior to works commencing all underground apparatus will be identified through appropriate surveys and incorporated into the design in accordance with CDM Regulations. This will ensure that any known systems are protected during construction.

Following the recent retirement of SWF's Community Manager, the Service is currently progressing the appointment of a contractor. Ahead of any works starting, residents and relevant stakeholders will be notified."

On the 25th of May I contacted the lead officer for the project at the Council with the following message.

"As I expressed at the Area Committee meeting, anything that can be done to expedite these works would be greatly appreciated.

The Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Gala Day will be held on Charlestown Green on Saturday the 15th of August this year, so if there was anyway the works could be completed by then, that would be ideal."

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