

January Meeting
27/01/26

Councillor Brian Goodall's Report for the period from the 25th of November 2025 until the 26th of January 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

Unfortunately, I couldn't make it to the November meeting of Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council on the 25th, but I did submit my 19 page report on my activity over the last month to the Secretary. I also checked with my SNP colleague, Cllr Andy Jackson, that's he would be there.

Empty Homes in Fife

I was contacted by a local journalist who had received some information on the number of empty homes in Fife through a Freedom of Information request.

The figures they received showed that there were around 100 Council Houses lying empty across Fife but that this figure was down on previous years and that there are around 266 private residential properties unoccupied across Fife, an increase on previous years.

So, first thing in the morning on Wednesday the 26th of November I sent them the following response in my role as Fife Council SNP Group's Housing Spokesperson.

'Empty homes are a blight on our society especially in an affordable housing emergency. With support from the Scottish Government, good results have been achieved in bringing some empty homes in Fife back into use, but there are still way too many houses lying unoccupied that could make ideal homes for Fife families.

SNP run Glasgow City Council have recently confirmed that some 3000 vacant homes there have been revived through their empty homes project, so I know much more can be done on this in Fife. Glasgow have also been making better use of compulsory purchase orders, with 74 new social homes for rent, delivered in this way.

The drive now from the Scottish Government, through the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership is not only to bring these homes back into use but to make them affordable homes for rent wherever that's possible. I'm calling on Fife Council to also embrace this approach to empty homes. It's also

vital that the Labour led Administration drop their crazy policy limiting the amount of new homes for rent delivered via acquisitions, as it's been shown time and time again that acquisitions deliver homes four times as quickly and for half the cost, when compared to newbuilds."

APSE Parks, Grounds & Streets Network

In the morning on the 26th of November I attended an online meeting of the Association for Public Sector Excellence Scotland's Parks, Grounds & Streets Network. This is a group for Councillors and Council Officers with a particular interest in Parks, Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning.

The meeting kicked off with a presentation from Highland Council of the new system their amenity management team have been using to map out all the areas they have responsibility for. It shows everything from individual areas of grass, and the maintenance regime used on them, to the location of individual trees with preservation orders on them.

We then heard from Renfrewshire Council about the electronic interactive play park equipment they have installed in some of their parks. This equipment can be programmed with various games that can be changed on a regular basis to encourage active play and regular repeat visit from children and older young people. Some of these play options can be seen at

www.jupiterplay.co.uk

The meeting concluded with a very interesting presentation from the Officer at Falkirk Council who has overseen the restoration of the former Kinneil Landfill Site on the other side of the Forth from us at Bo'ness.

This site was not only a waste tip for years but was a "Soil Hospital" where contaminated earth from all over the area was dumped. The team there have worked in partnership with the local community and the British Trust for Ornithology to regenerate the large site, creating a mix of grassland and wetland habitats while securing the buried waste and contaminated soil.

Area Roads Programme Workshop

In the afternoon on the 26th of November I attended an online workshop for South & West Fife Area Councillors to review the proposals from Fife Council Roads & Transportaion Service for Capital Expenditure across the area in the year 2026/27.

This includes programmes for road resurfacing, pavement resurfacing, street lighting and Active Travel projects. There is to be a further meeting arranged to look at the capital spending proposals for Traffic Calming and Road Safety issues.

Road Resurfacing

On road resurfacing it was confirmed that Park Road West in Rosyth is to be fully resurfaced and I received confirmation that North Roundall, South Roundall and South Loanhead in Limekilns are all in line for micro-resurfacing as part on the in year revenue budget.

Pavement Resurfacing

On pavement resurfacing it was confirmed that the footways on Hilton Road, Dundonald Road and Laurel Road in Rosyth will be resurfaced and my request to bring forward resurfacing work on the pavements on the east side of Kings Road led to a commitment to assess the area again.

Street Lighting

New street lights are to be installed at Dundonald Road in Rosyth and at Main Street, Academy Square, The Old Orchard and Church Lane in Limekilns.

Active Travel

The construction of a new shared footway/path from Admiralty Road in Rosyth to Limekilns is in the proposed programme but access issue via local farmland still need to be addressed for part of this route. A shared footway/path is to be constructed along Primrose Lane in Rosyth and the shared footway along Queensferry Road in Rosyth is to be upgraded. Design work is to be undertaken on an active travel route from Rosyth Railway Halt to the Port of Rosyth along Kings Road and Castle Road. A feasibility study is planned for a shared footway/path from Grange Road to the Brankholm Brae Roundabout, also in Rosyth.

Area Grassland Management Workshop

Later in the afternoon on the 26th of November I also attended an online meeting for South & West Fife Area Councillors with the Area Grounds Maintenance Manager to review proposed alternative Grassland Management arrangements at certain spots around the area.

The only area within the Rosyth Ward that is proposed for change is the area of grass on and around the hill to the north of Whinnyburn Crescent in Camdean. The suggestion is that this area is moved to a cut and lift once a year regime to increase the biodiversity in the area. It's also suggested that some additional trees could be planted there. Consultation with Rosyth Community Council will be undertaken before any final decision is made on this change.

Meeting with Sherbrooke Area Residents Association

In the evening on the 26th of November I had a meeting at Sherbrooke Road with the Office Bearers of the Sherbrooke Area Residents Association. I was able to update them on my actions since the last Estate Walkabout and we agreed to plan a re-launch event for the Association in the Spring and to try to get the Association re-registered with the local landlord, Home Group.

Housing Allocations Policy Review Councillor's Workshop

In the afternoon on the 27th of November I was at Fife House in Glenrothes for a Housing Allocations Policy Review Councillor's Workshop. This was an opportunity for Councillors who haven't been involved with the Allocations Policy Review Task & Finish Group, that I've been on, to find out more about the changes that are being proposed. The Task & Finish Group's proposals will go to the Council's Cabinet Committee on the 4th of December.

Strategic Housing Investment Programme (SHIP)

In the morning on the 28th of November I attended an online presentation on the annual update to the Fife Strategic Housing Investment Programme (SHIP). This programme lists the possible affordable housing developments across Fife and is used by the Scottish Government to decide how much investment they can provide to support the delivery of new affordable homes in Fife.

I raised my concerns once again about the lack of housing acquisitions to become new Council Houses for rent in Rosyth and the surrounding areas. Despite the confirmation, that I understand should come within the next few days, that the affordable homes at the development at Primrose Lane in Rosyth are to be Council Houses, I still made the point that we also need far more new Council Houses to be built in Rosyth.

APSE Scotland Housing, Construction & Building Maintenance Network

Straight after the meeting on the Fife SHIP I switch over to join the online meeting of the Association for Public Sector Excellence (APSE) Scotland's Housing, Construction & Building Maintenance Network. This is a group made up of Councillors and Council Officers with a particular interest or responsibility in areas like Housing and Building Services.

The meeting was focused around a presentation on current approaches to dealing with asbestos discovered within Council and Housing Association houses. This highlighted the importance of tenants not undertaking any structural works in their homes without the appropriate permissions from the landlord.

Double Yellow Lines - Limekilns Promenade & Dunfermline Road

In the afternoon on the 28th of November I received confirmation that there had been no objections submitted during the consultation on the proposal for a small section of double yellow lines to be added on the south side of Limekilns Promenade to the west of the bus stop at the Pier Car Park.

A work order will now go out for the painting of these lines but no date has yet been set for the painting happening.

When I received this information I also asked again if there was any update on the consultation on the proposal for Double Yellow Lines on the west side of Dunfermline Road, Limekilns, from the Old Orchard junction up the hill until just after the Wellheads junction.

On the 1st of December I received notice that the consultation on the proposed Double Yellow Lines on Dunfermline Road, Limekilns had been launched by Fife Council. The notice period will run until the 18th December.

The notice period began on Thursday 27th November. with notices being put out in the road on that date. Unfortunately the plans had been put on the incorrect section of the Fife Council notices website, they were on the orders made section and not the proposed section. This error was soon corrected.

Graffiti on Rosyth Public Park Signs

On Sunday the 30th of November while I was visiting the excellent Rosyth Community Market at the Parkgate Centre, I was asked if something could be done about the graffiti on the signs for Rosyth Public Park. I've reported these signs to the Council's Grounds Maintenance Manager and to the Manager of Cleansing and Janitorial Services.

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Street Name Signs

Also on the 1st of December I was contacted about the damaged street name signs at North Loanhead at the entrance from Dunfermline Road in Limekilns. I reported this and asked for it to be added to the list for replacement.

It can take several months to have street name signs replace so the sooner we can get any problems reported the better. If you seen any street name signs that you think should be replaced please let me know.

Rosyth Ward Meeting

In the afternoon on the 2nd of December I attended the Rosyth Ward Meeting, held in Inverkeithing Civic Centre. Here are the main issue covered at the meeting.

Rosyth Ward Play Park Update

Burnside Play Park

The meeting agreed with my recommendation that Burnside Crescent Play Park should be maintained as it is as a small play park for younger children.

Rosyth Public Park

An additional £20K is available for the play park in Rosyth Public Park and Cllr Jackson agreed to work with Rosyth Community Council to come up with a recommendation on how it should be spent.

Camdean Play Park

Both Cllr Jackson and I put forward the request for some Play Park name signs to complete the new Camdean Play Park at Primrose Avenue.

A Play Park for Sherbrooke

I asked if work could be started in partnership with Home Group, the landlords on the Sherbrooke Estate to deliver a play park there. It was agreed to sound out Home Group on this and to invite them to the next Ward meeting.

Limekilns Play Park

Following the fantastic fundraising efforts from the local community the £65K original Scottish Government funding for the refurbishment of Limekilns Play park has now become an over £200K budget for the

replacement of the play park and the tender for this will go out in January.

Charlestown & Crombie Play Parks

Officers confirmed that there could be around £50K funding available for the play parks in Charlestown and Crombie in year 2028/29. I undertook to discuss the options for this funding with Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir Community Council and Crombie Residents Association.

Area Grounds Maintenance

The Area Grounds Maintenance Manager agreed to my request for the reeds overgrowing the walk way at the Boating Pond in Rosyth Public Park to be cut back.

Charlestown Green

Both the Area Manager and the Area Grounds Maintenance Manager confirmed that a budget had been agreed for the works to repair the road and the edging around Charlestown Green.

These works, based on a proposal from the Council's Roads and Transportation Service, will expand the width of the road at the North Row side of the Green so there would be 3.5 meters between the parked cars and the edge of the Green.

This would include the filling in and resurfacing of the damaged edge of the road and the establishment of a new kerbed edge to the Green. There will also be work to re-enforce and then re-seed the grass at the edge of the Green itself.

The discussions at the Ward Meeting led to an agreement to deliver this work, not only on the North Row side of the Green, but also on the South Row side, given the damage there's has been there as well in recent months.

The agreed budget for these works, includes a contingency element, given the high levels of inflation in construction work costs at the moment. I also received confirmation that some interim filling in of the worst of the damaged areas will be explored, while the preparation for the wider project is being progressed.

Proposed Change to Grass Cutting Regime

Also at the Ward meeting on the 2nd of December Fife Council's Area Grounds Maintenance Manager told us he was proposing changes to the grass cutting schedule in some areas to help promote biodiversity.

The only area within the Rosyth Ward where this change is being suggested is on and around the grassy hill to the north of Whinnyburn Place in Rosyth.

The change would see grass cutting in that area cut back to one cut each year, to approximately 4 inches.

Paths through the grass would be cut and signs with QR codes on posts would be installed to explain about the change and the benefits delivered for biodiversity.

It's also suggested that trees could be planted in this area during the winter of 2026/27.

Street Cleaning Update

We heard an update from the area street cleaning manager and I was able to let them know about the issues with weeds at kerbs and pavements on Council land that had come up at the recent estate walkabout at Sherbrooke and that have been an issue in a number of other areas of the Ward.

Council Halls and Centres Review

The area Community Use Manager confirmed to us that Crombie Community Centre would be on the list of centres proposed for disposal in the report that will come to the Council's Cabinet Committee.

I pointed out that the information presented to us on the centre use was incomplete and that I'd been told several times that local residents had found it difficult to book the centre. I also stated that I felt usage figures, relative to the local population, should be presented, not just raw numbers used for comparisons with centres that have much larger local populations.

I also pointed out that the Community Centre is the only Council facility in the village and that all of the alternative halls or centres in the area are very difficult to get to by public transport or on foot.

I also fed back that the local Residents Association felt they didn't have the capacity to take on any more than they were already doing.

It was confirmed that the disposal of the centre would only save the Council £7K per year.

Police Report

We heard an update from the local Community Police Sergeant and I was able to highlight the issues that had recently been raised with me

regarding antisocial behaviour from some local young people and speeding on Queensferry Road, Kings Crescent and Ferry Toll Road.

Local Community Planning Budget

At the Ward Meeting we agreed to support the allocation of £12,555 from the Area LCP Budget allocation (not the ward budget) to replace flooring at Parkgate Community Centre. This proposal will now go to the South & West Fife Area Committee for final agreement. The flooring in the Centre needs replaced in a number of areas. This will complement the painting that has been done in parts of the building recently.

I requested that the LCP Budget also be used to reinstate a path at Camdean Primary School, at the dangerous hill down to the public path from the school entrance to the path that goes down to the bridge over the burn.

I also restated my previous request that this budget should also be used to reinstate the two bollards that had been moved by the Rosyth Bowling Club Car Park.

I also requested that a funding application be made to the local Common Good Fund to replace the Fence on the road side of the Whinnyburn at Burnside Place in Rosyth.

Rosyth Community Council

In the evening on the 2nd of December I attended a meeting of Rosyth Community Council held in the Parkgate Community Centre.

I presented the meeting with my 20 page report on my activity over the last month and I updated the meeting on the issues covered at the Ward Meeting that morning.

Also at the meeting I was very touched when the Chairperson and a number of other Community Councillors took time at the “any other business” section of the agenda to highlight the support Cllr Andy Jackson and I give to the work of the Community Council and everything we do to support the wider community in Rosyth. This positive feedback is very much appreciated.

Restoration Forth

On the 3rd of December it was great to hear the news from the Restoration Forth team that 12 months after thousands of oysters were reintroduced into the Firth of Forth, there are exciting signs of success - one oyster has grown over 2cm and survival rates at two key sites are impressively high: 87% and 89%. These are incredible results and give

hope for the future of this super species and show the power of restoration.

I'm so proud to have played my part in this project. I volunteered to go and scrape hundreds of these oysters clean over at Little Loch Broom in the west Highlands and I also went out on the boat to distribute the cleaned and filtered oysters into the Forth at the two key secret reintroduction sites.

The Forth oyster bed was the first fishery in the world to be fished to extinction by humans, and it feels great that we're now restoring these creatures, not as a source of food, but as ecosystem engineers who will help build up the biodiversity in the Firth of Forth, quite literally, from the bottom up.

Roads & Transportation Area Programme Workshop

In the afternoon on the 3rd of December I attended a meeting looking at the proposals for Traffic Management and Road Safety investments for the year 2026/27. I raised the following issues and asked for them to be included in the investment programme.

An assessment of the effectiveness of the current traffic calming measures at Kings Crescent, Rosyth.

Measures to reduce speeding on Ferry Toll Road, Rosyth.

Measures to reduce speeding outside the Charlestown Inn on Main Road, Charlestown.

In addition I asked if the request for the speed limit on the A985 through Crombie to be reduced to 30mph had been progressed with Transport Scotland.

I also asked for updates on my previous requests on the following issues:

To have "Unsuitable for HGVs" signs put up at the entrance to Fairykirk Road from Admiralty Road.

If additional 20mph signage could be provided on Queensferry Road, Rosyth.

If the issue of the missing dropped kerbs at the pedestrian crossing near the Doctor's Surgery, on Primrose Lane could be addressed.

Crombie Residents Association

In the evening on the 3rd of December I attended the meeting of Crombie Residents Association in the Crombie Community Centre.

I had to give the group the bad news that the Council was proposing to lease out or sell the Community Centre. The Association's committee confirmed that they absolutely didn't have the capacity to take on the running of the centre and they highlighted problems with the centre heating system and recent leaks from the roof. They also confirmed that they'd had issue when trying to book the centre, so questioned the validity of the centre use figures being used to justify its disposal.

I let the committee and the local residents there know that I was opposed to the transfer, sale or closure of the centre and that I would do all I could to try to save it.

Fife Council Cabinet Committee

Council House Rent Consultation

On the 4th of December I attending a meeting of Fife Council's Cabinet Committee held in the Council Chamber at Fife House in Glenrothes.

There was a report brought to the Committee on the options to be consulted on with tenants for possible rent rises for the year 2026/27.

I put forward a motion on the options that was agreed. My motion ruled out the proposal, that Administration Councillors at the meeting spoke in favour of, to consult tenants on a range of rent rises going as high as 8%. My successful motion added in an option to consult on a possible rent rise of 5.5%, the lowest level of increase we would have been able to put forward. So Council tenants will now be asked to give their view on the options of rent rises of 5.5%, 6% or 7%. Before a final decision will be taken as part of the Council Budget process in February.

These rent increase options are still way to high in the middle of a cost of living crisis, in my view, but unfortunately this was as low as we could go without breaching the rules laid down by the Council's finance and legal officers.

New Build Council Houses for Rosyth

Also at the Cabinet Committee some great news was confirmed as we agreed that the affordable housing element of the development at the site off of Primrose Lane will be 36 new Council Houses.

For reasons of commercial sensitivity the report on this was taken in private at the meeting but I can share that I welcome these new Council House for Rosyth, but also made Council officers aware that there had been some issue for local residents generated by this wider development site during the land clearance phase over the summer this year. The

Council should now be able to work with the developer to avoid any further problems.

New Go-Flexi Bus Trial for Crombie, Charlestown and Limekilns

Also at meeting of Fife Council's Cabinet Committee I was pleased to support the extension of the Go-Flexi bus service to parts of West Fife including Crombie, Charlestown and Limekilns, as part of a new trial launching on December 15 and going on until March.

Go-Flexi is Fife Council's demand-responsive transport service, designed to provide reliable connections for communities that may not be well-served by traditional bus routes.

Instead of running on a fixed timetable, Go-Flexi allows passengers to book journeys in advance, offering pick-ups and drop-offs at selected bus stops across the area.

The service, which currently operates in parts of North East Fife, is particularly valuable for accessing essential services, connecting with onward public transport, and providing greater mobility for those without private transport.

By extending Go-Flexi into West Fife, the Council hopes to bring a range of benefits to local residents, including:

- Improved access to employment, healthcare, shops, and education.
- Better travel options for rural and semi-rural communities.
- Greater flexibility, especially for residents who rely on public transport at off-peak times.
- Reduced isolation by connecting more people to local amenities and neighbouring towns.

The initial trial will operate during the hours of 0830 - 1730, Monday to Friday.

Should the trial be deemed successful, the service period could be extended using additional funding streams. The Council will monitor the trial closely, gathering feedback and usage data to help inform decisions on the future of the service.

The services can be booked via the Go-Flexi app or by phone on 01382 540 624 from Monday, December 8. Bookings must be made at least one hour prior to travelling and can be made up to one week in advance of your journey.

For more details on Go-Flexi and how to book, visit www.go-flexi.org.

Limekilns Play Park

On the 5th of December Further to the recent inspection identifying safety concerns with some of the play equipment at Limekilns Play Park the Council's Grounds Maintenance team has now completed isolation around the barked area there. The following items have been isolated:

Junior Fox Hole Tower Unit
Balance Beam
Rodeo Spinner

All other equipment remains safe to use. The good news is that following the fantastic work done by the local volunteers in the play park group the tender for the supply and installation of the new play park should be going out on the 9th of January.

Caledonia High School

Also on the 5th of December I visited the new Caledonia High School in Rosyth. The outdoor facilities are looking good and the works inside are progressing well. Everything remains on schedule for the school to open after the 2026 summer school holidays.

Very Busy Saturday

The 6th of December was a very busy Saturday in the Rosyth Ward area. I started off with a visit to the Forth Hedgehog Hospital's brilliant fundraiser in the Parkgate Community Centre. Then I walked along to Rosyth Baptist Church where a great bunch of volunteers were holding a Christmas Fayre to raise funds for Alzheimer Scotland's Fife Branch.

Then in the afternoon there was a fantastic turnout for the Sakura Tree Party in Rosyth Public Park. It was an honour to be asked to say a few words at this event to mark the gifting to Rosyth of 6 Sakura Cherry Trees by the Japanese Consel General.

I used my speech to thank all the volunteers, led by EATS Rosyth Greenspaces, who have been tree planting in the park, and to highlight how much potential there is in Rosyth Public Park and the nearby Wilderness Woods, to deliver more homes for our local wildlife and to increase the opportunities there to enhance the wellbeing of local residents.

Later that afternoon I headed to Limekilns Primary School to visit their Christmas Fayre. They had some great stalls selling plants, crafts, and Christmassy goodies.

Then I went home for a couple of hours before heading back out again to attending CLP Nature Action's Christmas Gathering in Limekilns.

Poor Parking around St John's Primary

On the 7th of December I was contacted again by concerned parents about the illegal parking being seen around St John's Primary School in Rosyth every school day at drop off and pick up times.

So I contacted the Police to ask if they would arrange some police visits at these times again, given the situation there is getting worse.

Also, although speeding does not appear to be as much of a problem at St John's as it is at Park Road Primary, I told the police that it would be great if St John's could also be approached about the plans for the Stand up to Speeding Campaign.

Flooding at Craig Street, Rosyth

I saw a report of flooding at Craig Street in Rosyth late in the evening on the 7th of December. I went out early in the morning on the 8th and was glad to see the water had gone down. I also checked Park Road, Queensferry Road at Parkgate, the south west corner of Sherbrooke Road, Hilton Road and Ferry Toll Road, and there was no flooding at that time.

I went back and checked the burn at Harley Street again just before 2pm on the 8th. The water level was high but the burn was flowing freely. With heavy rain still being forecast I shared the Council's emergency contact info (as follows) via my Facebook page.

If you are at immediate risk of flooding contact Fife Council on 03451 55 00 11, option 4 (Roads and Transportation), 03451 55 00 99 (to report out-of-hours emergencies) If there is evidence of sewage, please call the Scottish Water emergency line on 08000 77 87 78.

Limekilns Primary Head Teacher Interviews

In the morning on the 8th of December I was part of the panel interviewing for a new permanent Head Teacher for Limekilns Primary School. I'm delighted to say that Amanda Higgins, who had been the acting head teacher at the school for some time, got the job.

Flooding Risk on the 9th of December

Early in the morning on the 9th of December I was back at Craig Street, Harley Street and Park Road. The burn was looking really high and there was no sign of any let up in this rain so it was going to be important to keep vigilant.

I was back at the burn at Craig Street, Harley Street and Park Road just before 1pm the same day and it looking like it might start to back up from the motorway tunnel, if we got much more rain.

I contacted the Council's Structural Services manager asking what action local residents could now expect from Fife Council and I shared the Council flooding emergency numbers again for those who might need them.

I also asked the Service Manager if the monitoring equipment by the burn at Harley Street was still in use. He confirmed that the monitor sends alerts to the service when the water levels reach a critical point. Then as soon as resources are available, Officers will react to monitor and send equipment and support as necessary. He also confirmed that at that moment the sensors had not been activated as the water level was not high enough.

Fife Community Safety Partnership

In the morning on the 9th of December I took part in a meeting of the Fife Community Safety Partnership at the Fife Police Headquarters in Glenrothes.

The meeting heard an update on the ongoing upgrading of the Fife CCTV network and in response to a question from me the Police Officer in charge of the project confirmed that when the upgrade of the current network is complete there could be scope for adding additional Cameras to the network, like those recently requested by Rosyth Community Council. Additional funding would need to be found and secured to make this happen though.

Path to Nowhere at Caledonia High School

The MOD have been obstructing the completion of a footpath connecting the surrounding community to the new Caledonia High School in Rosyth. The footpath concerned is a Planning requirement and links the new School, Sports grounds and Community Use facilities to Dundonald Road and the wider Dock Yard area of Rosyth. Most of the new shared foot/cycle path has been complete, with the exception of the final 15m. The short distance is within land owned by the MOD. Despite requests from Fife Council, the MOD have refused permission for the Council to complete the path.

In the afternoon on the 9th of December I visited the site of the missing section of pathway with my fellow SNP Rosyth Councillor, Andy Jackson and South & West Fife Area Committee Convenor, SNP Cllr David Barratt. We knocked on every door on Dundonald Road and of the residents we spoke to, 100% consider the situation ridiculous and want to see the path completed.

Following the publicity generated by our site visit the MOD have now indicated a willingness to reopen negotiations with the Council on this issue.

South & West Fife Area Committee

On the 10th of December I attended a meeting of Fife Council's South & West Fife Area Committee. At the meeting representatives from Babcock and from the MOD repeated, in public, all of the things I've been saying about the UK Government's plan to make Rosyth Dockyard a contingency dock for the Trident submarine fleet. Including that there would be a need to have Iodine tablets for a large proportion of the Rosyth population is something was to go wrong and that the MOD would never confirm or deny if a nuclear powered submarines coming to Rosyth had nuclear weapons onboard or not.

At the meeting I repeated my call for there to be a full public consultation on these plans. I believe the local communities around the Dockyard have a right to know what's being proposed, and to have their say on about it.

Poor Parking at the Parkgate Centre

On the 10th of December I contacted the Council's Area Halls and Centres Manager to ask if he would get some no parking markings in the Parkgate Centre car park to keep the access to the 'new' part of the rear car park open.

This was a real issue on the previous Saturday when a car had been parked so inconsiderately that a number of other visitors to the centre and the park had their cars blocked in for a number of hours.

Speeding on Hilton Road

Also on the 10th of December I was contacted by residents who live around Hilton Road in Rosyth about speeding motorists on Hilton Road, particularly around the turn off for Forbes Road. I contacted the police to highlight the issue and asked if speed patrols could be undertaken there.

Full Fife Council Meeting

On the 11th of December I attended a meeting of the full Fife Council in Fife House, Glenrothes.

The Leaders Report

At the meeting I raised the issue of the Council's continuing multi-million pound underspends on its Affordable Housing Budget, with the Leader of the Administration.

Question Time

I'd also submitted three questions for the Question Time section of the meeting but these were not taken in the allotted time and all the Labour, Tory and LibDem Councillors at the meeting voted against a SNP motion to extend the time to allow all of the pre-submitted questions to be answered.

My questions were on Council House acquisition numbers, Flooding in Rosyth and Rosyth's Christmas Lights. So it was really disappointing that the extra time was not agreed.

My Motion on Plant Based Food

Later at the meeting I was really please that the motion I'd put forward on the promotion of Local, Sustainable and Plant Based Food was unanimously agreed by the Council after some minor amendment.

A plant based diet can really cut your food-related carbon footprint, with studies showing reductions of around 46% to 73% in greenhouse gas emissions compared to an omnivorous diet. This translates to potentially saving several tons of CO₂ equivalent annually and it also frees up vast amounts of land, making it one of the most effective individual actions to have a positive impact on climate change.

I've been on a fully plant based diet for two years now but even making much smaller changes can make a massive difference. For example, if everyone in Fife ate just one plant based meal a week, these are the impacts that could make:

Land freed for nature: 83 km², per year. That's roughly 11,600 full size football pitches or double the area of Kirkcaldy or five times the size of Tentsmuir Forest.

Emissions avoided: ~17,700 tons of CO₂ per year. Roughly the equivalent of taking 17,700 cars off the road for a year.

UK & Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities Steering Committee

In the morning on the 12th of December I attended an online meeting of the UK & Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities Steering Committee.

I provided the meeting with an update on the remedial works to address the radioactive particles on the shore at Dalgety Bay. I also briefed the group on the progress of the Submarine Dismantling Project at Rosyth Dockyard and the UK Government's proposals to make Rosyth a Contingency Dock for the next generation of Trident Nuclear weapon carrying nuclear submarines.

No Pride of Place Funding for Crombie

On the 13th of December it was announced that some UK Government funding was to come to the west Fife villages, but I discovered that not a penny of that funding was going to come to Crombie.

I think it's really terrible that Crombie is to be excluded from the Pride in Place Funding that's been announced by the UK Government for other West Fife Villages. This funding, is a drop in the ocean compared with what Fife used to get from the European Union, but it's to go to nine other villages, some of which are more affluent than Crombie and most of which already have more facilities.

Crombie has lost its school, its shop and now its Community Centre is under threat. The village play park needs upgraded and the Community Centre needs to be saved, and to have its roof and heating system repaired.

I'm sure the hardworking Crombie Residents Association, who do so much for the village, could have made great use of some extra funding too, for the Community Garden and the other great projects they deliver.

Illegal Dumping at Parkgate

Also on the 13th of December I had a report of a dumped sofa by the carpark at the back of the Parkgate Centre. I reported this and it was uplifted within a few days.

Rosyth Community Christmas Market

On Sunday the 14th of December I really enjoyed my visit to Rosyth Community Christmas Market. These events are so well organised by Linda Temple and her small band of volunteers. We are so lucky to have these market days in Rosyth and they just wouldn't happen without these Local Heroines and Heroes.

Save Crombie Community Centre

On the 16th of December I launched an online petition to help save Crombie Community Centre.

Fife Council Officers are proposing to sell off or lease out the centre and if this can't be done there's a possibility it could be closed altogether.

It's my view that these proposals don't take account of the fact that the Centre is the only Council building in the village and are based on inaccurate information on the use of the facility and the potential for it to be made more easily available for use by local people.

My petition is calling on Fife Council to rule out the proposed changes and to keep Crombie Community Centre open at the heart of the community.

Fife Sport & Leisure Trust Board Meeting

In the afternoon on the 16th of December I attended a meeting of the Fife Sport & Leisure Trust Board. The meeting was held in the Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre for the first time since it reopened after the major refurbishment.

There's still some work going on in some parts of the centre but for the most part the centre is looking really good and the visitor figures since the reopening are way up on previous years. The large free weights section in the new gym is proving to be particularly popular.

The Fife Sport & Leisure Trust management team have agreed that more pool provision is desperately needed in west Fife, to help balance the competing need for access for clubs, swimming lessons and public swimming.

Cabinet Secretary's Visit to Limekilns

In the morning on the 17th of December it was great to have Gillian Martin MSP, The Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy visiting Limekilns to meet with CLP Nature Action and some of the pupils from Limekilns Primary School, who have been doing so much work in our School & Community Garden.

The pupils did a great job of explaining to the Cabinet Secretary how the school makes use of the garden and myself and other Trustees of CLP Nature Action also talked to Gillian about our beach cleans and the other work of the charity.

Rosyth Surface Water Management Plan

On the 17th of December Fife Council's Chief Executive sent me the response to the written question I'd submitted to the last full meeting of Fife Council that I should have received at the meeting on the 11th of December.

I'd asked when the Rosyth Surface Water Management Plan would finally be completed and published. The answer confirmed that the report should be completed by the 1st of April 2026. It's been a long time coming, but it will be the implementation of this report's recommendations that could really make a difference to Rosyth flooding issues.

Kinghorn Shorewatch

At lunchtime on the 17th of December I got along to the Kinghorn Shorewatch site at Doo Dells, where the Whale Park project is progressing really well, with a fantastic wooden bench now installed.

Shorewatch is a citizen science project run by the charity, Whale and Dolphin Conservation. You can find out more via this link.

<https://uk.whales.org/>

West Fife Living Streets Group

Also on the 17th of December I received an invitation to support the establishment of a west Fife section of the Living Streets Charity.

Living Streets is a pedestrian-action group and I think this is good news for road safety in West Fife.

As you can see from their website:

www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/local-groups/west-fife-local-group/

They aim to tackle issues such as speeding, pavement-parking and pedestrian waiting-times at crossings.

Primrose Lane recycling point

In the evening on the 17th of December I started getting complaints about the recycling point at Camdean in Rosyth being overflowing and generating litter around the area.

I contacted the Chief Executive of Cireco, the arms length company who handle waste and recycling for Fife Council, to ask him to let me know if there have been problems with the scheduled uplifts from this point and if a full clean up could be undertaken there.

Empty Homes

On the 18th of December I saw that there was some good coverage from the Dunfemline Press of my calls to address the blight of empty homes in Fife in the middle of a housing emergency.

Here's the quotes from me that they published.

"Empty homes are a blight on our society, especially in an affordable housing emergency."

"With support from the Scottish Government, good results have been achieved in bringing some empty homes in Fife back into use, but there

are still way too many houses lying unoccupied that could make ideal homes for Fife families."

"SNP run Glasgow City Council have recently confirmed that some 3000 vacant homes there have been revived through their empty homes project, so I know much more can be done on this in Fife."

"Glasgow have also been making better use of compulsory purchase orders, with 74 new social homes for rent, delivered in this way."

"The drive now from the Scottish Government, through the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership is not only to bring these homes back into use but to make them affordable homes for rent wherever that's possible."

"I'm calling on Fife Council to also embrace this approach to empty homes. It's also vital that the Labour led Administration drop their crazy policy limiting the amount of new homes for rent delivered via acquisitions, as it's been shown time and time again that acquisitions deliver homes four times as quickly and for half the cost, when compared to new-builds."

West Road, Charlestown Resurfacing Failure

On the 20th of December I contacted Fife Council's Roads & Transportation Service to report that the newly resurfaced sections of road at West Road, Charlestown were already crumbling and failing.

Temporary surface signs were put up immediately and I was told I'd get a fuller response in the new year.

Cabinet Committee Papers

On the 22nd of December Fife Council published the papers for the Cabinet Committee meeting to be held on the 8th of January. These papers include the proposal to close, sell off or transfer Crombie Community Centre.

So I repeated my call for help to fight these proposals and for folk to sign my online petition to save Crombie Community Centre, before the Cabinet Committee meeting on the 8th of January.

Humpbacked Whales in the Forth

In the morning on the 27th of December I joined some other Shorewatchers at the Kinghorn WDC Shorewatch site. The new Whale Park was living up to its name as we watched a Humpbacked Whale from the comfort of the new wooden bench. Too far out for any pictures but we saw some very clear water spouts from the whale's breathing.

First Minister's Visit to EATS Rosyth

On the 29th of December it was great to have Scotland's First Minister, John Swinney MSP, visiting Rosyth. I caught up with him when he visited the Living Room Cafe at EATS Rosyth's Community Hub. I was pleased to get the chance to tell him how great the local volunteers are, and he was able to have a good chat with some of them there.

He then went on to visit EATS Community Garden and the Orchard to meet even more of the EATS Rosyth volunteers.

Go-Flexi bus service

On the 29th of December I used the new Go-Flexi bus service to go from Charlestown to Rosyth and back.

At the last meeting of Fife Council's Cabinet Committee I was pleased to support this extension of the Go-Flexi bus service to parts of West Fife including Crombie, Charlestown and Limekilns.

Both journeys were fantastic and the driver that day, Kyle, was friendly and very positive about promoting the new service. This is a trial project that's been running here since the 15th of December and will go on until March.

Let's make as much use of this service as we can during this trial period, so the case is as strong as it can be for keeping it going permanently.

The services is free during this trial period and can be booked via the Go-Flexi app or by phone on 01382 540 624. Bookings must be made at least one hour prior to travelling and can be made up to one week in advance of your journey.

The trial operates during the hours of 0830 - 1730, Monday to Friday.

Should the trial be deemed successful, the service period could be extended using additional funding streams. The Council will monitor the trial closely, gathering feedback and usage data to help inform decisions on the future of the service.

For more details on Go-Flexi and how to book, visit www.go-flexi.org.

On the 30th Of December I used the GoFlexi bus again to head into Rosyth, where the Library staff kindly let me use their paper cutter. So I then had my "Save Crombie Community Centre" leaflets ready to go out in the village.

Crombie Leafleting and Hogmanay

In the afternoon on the 31st of December I started to deliver the Save Crombie Community Centre leaflets, I'd produced, around the village.

To sign the Save Crombie Community Centre online petition visit <https://c.org/VqfFvn6Tvb>

In the evening it was really nice to be able to bring in the new year at the Ship Inn in Limekilns. It was great to be with friends and other local village residents for "The Bells" and to enjoy some great live music.

Save Crombie Community Centre Leaflets

In the afternoon on the 3rd of January I finished hand delivering the leaflets, I'd made up to promote my Save Crombie Community Centre online petition, to every door in the village (with possibly a couple of exceptions).

It was my intention to quote the number of signatures the petition gets when I spoke against the closure plans at the Fife Council Cabinet meeting at Fife House on the 8th.

Here's what the leaflet said

Save Crombie Community Centre

Fife Council are proposing to transfer, sell off or close Crombie Community Centre.

The proposal is included in a report that will go to the Council's Cabinet Committee on the 8th of January 2026.

As one of your local Councillors and a member of the Cabinet Committee it is my intention to vote against these plans, and I hope you will help me save Crombie Community Centre by signing the online petition I've set up on Change.org

Crombie has no other Fife Council facilities and the nearest other Centres are not easy to get to. The village has lost its school, its shop and has no pub or other facilities.

The Centre use figures that have been presented to Councillors are incomplete and many villagers have told me how hard or impossible it's been to book the centre in recent years.

Council officers have told me that disposing of the Centre would only save Fife Council £7K per year. So this move is a false economy in my view.

Please use the QR Code on the other side of this leaflet to sign the online petition, or visit the petition webpage at

<https://c.org/jdWCHf2swZ>

Deterioration of the new road surface at West Road in Charlestown

In the morning on the 5th of January I received a response from the Council's Roads & Transportation Service regarding my enquiry about the deterioration of the new road surface at West Road in Charlestown. They have confirmed that unfortunately there has been a material failure at that location and that rectification works are being planned. They hope to have the failed sections replaced by the material supplier within the next 8 weeks.

Grit Bins

Also on the 5th of January, as the cold spell was looking set to continue, I shared this link, via my Facebook page, for anyone who wants to report a grit bin that needs refilled.

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/form-pages/report-a-grit-bin-issue>

Fife Council Cabinet Committee

On the 8th of January I took part in a meeting of Fife Council's Cabinet Committee in the Council Chamber at Fife House in Glenrothes.

Education Reports

The Committee heard reports the anti-bullying policy in schools and educational support for young carers.

Revenue and Capital Budget Reports

In the update reports on this year's Revenue and Capital spending I pointed out how the underspend on the capital budget for new affordable housing was, not only denying Fife families much needed homes, but was also impacted on the Housing Revenue Account's in-year budget, due to the lost rental income. Income that is now lost forever and can't be spent on improving housing services. The underspend on affordable housing was over £14 Million, and the lost rental income was almost £850 thousand.

Halls & Centres Review

One of the biggest issues before the committee that day was the report on the proposed Halls and Centres Review. This was the report that contained a recommendation that Crombie Community Centre be disposed of by the Council, either via a lease, a sale or a community transfer.

I seconded a SNP Group motion to put all the proposed closures and transfers on hold, except for those that already have a clear and credible community group ready to take over the centre. After discussion we were able to conjoin our motion with one from the Labour Group that would establish a working group to review the proposals in the report.

This means that the Crombie Community Centre disposal, closure or transfer has been taken off the table for now, and the SNP Group have agreed that I will be our representative on that new working group.

I was able to send an update email on this to all of the people who had signed my petition to save Crombie Community Centre and to thank them for their support in delivering this outcome.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Edinburgh & Fife

Another report before the Cabinet Committee proposed an agreement to lease the James Allan Community Centre in Dunfermline to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Edinburgh & Fife.

That group have been based in Rosyth Parish Church for the last few years, and they have done loads of good community work around the Rosyth Ward area. I'm pleased that the committee agreed for them to take over the running of the James Allan Centre and that Ahmadiyya Muslim Community plan to keep it available for use as a community facility for the local community.

Crombie Recycling Point

With the immediate threat to Crombie Community Centre lifted and confirmation that the new build Council House development at Ordnance Road in Crombie has been cancelled, I'm really keen to get the recycling point in Crombie moved back to its original Farm Road Site as it's currently taking up almost all of the parking space in the Community Centre Car Park and that has got to have been having an impact on centre's usage.

So, on the 9th of January I contacted the Council's Area Manager and the Chief Executive of Cireco, the company that runs Fife's recycling services to ask how we could make this happen.

I sent them pictures showing how much of the Community Centre car park the recycling bins currently take up and ones that show that the bays, fence posts and even the signage from the former recycling point are still in place at Farm Road.

Douglas Bank Cemetery

Also on the 9th of January, following some complaints about the general condition and upkeep at Douglas Bank Cemetery, I contacted the Council's Bereavement Service Manager to ask if there was anything more that could be done about these concerns.

Climate Resilience in Fife

In the morning on the 12th of January I was at the Town House in Kirkcaldy for a Councillors Workshop on Climate Resilience in Fife. There was a very poor turnout of Councillors there, only two SNP and one LibDem, but I took the chance to highlight flooding in Rosyth as the major issue it is.

Nationwide Coming to Rosyth

On the 13th of January I welcomed the news that the Nationwide Building Society will be moving their Pitreavie Branch to one of the units next to the Yellow Cafe near Sainsbury's in Rosyth.

I think this is good news for Rosyth, but I'd still like to see a Multi-Bank Hub for Rosyth delivered on or near Queensferry Road. I've previously discussed how we might make this happen with Fife Council's Area Manager.

Climate Ready South East Scotland

In the afternoon on the 14th of January I took part in an online Councillor's Briefing from the team from Climate Ready South East Scotland. It was a really good follow up to the event I'd attending in Kirkcaldy on Monday the 12th looking at Climate Resilience in Fife. Issues like flooding and coastal erosion don't follow Council boundary lines and so a regional approach is undoubtedly the way to go.

Kings Road Primary School Parent Council

In the early evening on the 14th of January I attended a great meeting of Kings Road Primary School Parent Council. The group do so much fantastic work for the benefit of the school and its pupils. They had a fantastic year in 2025 putting on some brilliant events and raising lots of funds. They already have some great plans for this year as the school celebrates 20 years in the new building.

New Rosyth History Group

In the morning on the 15th of January I attended the first meeting of the new Rosyth History Group at the EATS Rosyth Community Hub. It was literally standing room only, with 27 folk attending the event. What a great start for the group.

It was really nice to see all the photos and memorabilia that people had brought along, and to hear some brilliant stories about growing up in Rosyth. For example someone had brought along a badge from the Burnside Youth Club and another person had pictures of the flooding at Parkside School in 1982.

I let the group know about the Community Council's work to deliver an outdoor war memorial for Rosyth and about the work that's started on the Memorial Garden for the Orzel submarine and it's crew at the corner of Castle Road and Ferry Toll Road.

Go-Flexi Bus Service

On the 15th January I used the new Go-Flexi bus service again for my trip to the EATS Rosyth Community Hub. Both journeys were fantastic, again, and the driver, Kyle, was as friendly as ever.

Once again I posted about my journey on my Facebook page to help promote this service and to stress the "use in or lose it" nature of this trial project. The service is free during this trial period and can be booked via the Go-Flexi app or by phone on 01382 540 624. For more details on Go-Flexi and how to book, visit www.go-flexi.org.

No. 7 Bus in Camdean

As part of our campaign to get the No.7 Bus going back through Camdean in the evenings, Andy Jackson and I had a site visit in the evening on the 15th of January to the corner of Primrose Avenue and Camdean Crescent, where Stagecoach say the number of parked cars on both sides of the road mean their buses can't get through in the evenings.

We were joined by a representative from Stagecoach and an Officer from Fife Council's Roads & Transportation Service. A proposed solution to this issue would be to put double yellow lines on the north bound side of the road from that corner up to the entrance to Forker Avenue.

The Stagecoach representative said that if this was done, and they had some reassurance about the enforcement of these new parking restrictions, then they could bring the No.7 back through Camdean in the evenings.

To introduce these extra double yellow lines there would need to be a formal Traffic Order agreed by the Council's South & West Fife Area Committee and a subsequent public consultation, but I wanted to gage local people's initial reaction to the idea. So, in the morning on the 16th of January I posted the details of the suggestion for double yellow lines on my Facebook page and shared it with the local Camdean Billboard page.

This would mean some people losing the ability to park directly outside their houses but could be a big benefit to less mobile folk who want or need to use the bus in the evenings.

Illegal Parking in Camdean

Also on the 16th of January, and also on the No.7 bus route on Primrose Avenue, I was contacted about two Everwarm vans being parked illegally on the pavement and opposite each other, making it difficult for the daytime buses to get through.

I emailed Everwarm's parent company Sureserve to ask if the behaviour of these van drivers could be addressed.

Crombie Community Centre Usage

On the 17th of January I contacted the Council's Area Community Use Manager to raise some of the feedback I'd received from local residents about the problems they've had when trying to be in Crombie Community Centre.

One issue that was raised with me a few times relates to the Boxing Club's equipment being permanently mounted on the walls in the main hall, and potential bookings for other uses, like badminton, being turned down because of this. I think this needs to be addressed if the centre is to reach its full potential.

I've also had complaints about the heating system in the hall, being unreliable and very noisy when it is working. I'd also heard about a recent leak in the roof. I copied the Halls and Centres Manager into the email in the hope that he can provide some information on how these maintenance issues could be addressed.

Online Meetings

Monday the 19th of January was mostly about online meetings. Firstly I took part in an online Fife Councillors Development Session on our responsibilities for Fife's Looked After Children as Corporate Parents.

Then I switch to a presentation on the most recent staff survey results for Directors of Fife Sport & Leisure Trust.

And finally that night we had an online meeting of the Fife Council SNP Group as we continued to develop our approach to the 2026/27 Fife Council Budget setting process.

Fife Council By-Election in Glenrothes West & Kinglassie

At the Fife Council By-election on the 22nd of January the SNP won with 45% of the first preference votes cast. This took the number of Councillors in the SNP Fife Council Group up to 35. This means the political make up of Fife Council is now:

SNP - 35
Labour - 18
LibDem - 13
Tories - 6
Reform UK - 3

Camdean No.7 Bus Campaign

Also on the 22nd of January I fed back to Fife Council's Transportation Service all 37 of the responses I'd received via Facebook on the possibility of some additional double yellow lines on Primrose Avenue to help get the No.7 buses running through Camdean again in the evenings.

The Transportation Service will now decide if the proposal should be put forward to the local Area Committee.

Fife Coast & Countryside Trust

On Friday the 23rd of January I was in Kinghorn to attend a meeting of Fife Coast & Countryside Trust Board's Communications & Fundraising Committee.

We discussed the issues of Flooding in Rosyth and elsewhere in Fife as well as the impact coastal erosion is having on Fife Coastal Path.

We also discussed the opportunity that's still available for businesses and organisations to become passport stamp stops on the Fife Pilgrim Way route and the work to identify additional funding for the Rosyth River Restoration Project is progressing well.

Big Garden Birdwatch 2026

At the weekend of 24th and 25th of January I helped promote and took part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, the annual bird survey that's become the world's largest citizen science project.

West Road Charlestown Road Repair Schedule

On Monday the 26th of January I received confirmation of the road work repair schedule for West Road in Charlestown. This is to address the failed repairs from late last year.

There will be a temporary closure of West Road, Charlestown from the junction with the A985 round to The Cairns. From 00.01hrs on 02/02/26 to 23.59hrs on 06/02/26, or until earlier completion of the works.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via Limekilns. Access for emergency services and resident's vehicles will be maintained.

Fundraising Kelpies Run for the SSPCA

For my latest charity fundraising campaign. I'll be taking part in the 2026 Supernova Kelpies 5K run in March to raise money for the SSPCA.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. You can use the link below to view my JustGiving page and to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Brian-Goodall2026>