

from Councillor Craig Duncan
and Broughty Ferry Liberal Democrats

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Many thanks from Craig and the Ferry Focus team!

Councillor Craig Duncan and the LibDem Ferry Focus Team would like to pass on sincere thanks to everyone in Broughty Ferry, West Ferry and Barnhill for their strong support for Craig at the recent City Council elections.

Craig was over 1300 votes ahead of the next nearest candidate and the result for each councillor was as follows :

Craig Duncan (Liberal Democrat Focus Team)	3 112
SNP councillor	1 806
Conservative councillor	1 661
Labour councillor	899



Craig added, "I am very grateful to everyone for their kind support and I will continue to work hard for everyone in our local area over the next five years."

If you wish to raise any local issue with Craig, please e-mail him at craig.duncan@dundeelibdems.org.uk or you can call him on 07810 050534.

Craig also holds a weekly surgery at Broughty Ferry Library every Wednesday during school term time. When this returns in August after the school holidays, Craig will move this to 5.45pm as residents have said this would be the most suitable time of day.

He will be adding a new surgery at Forthill Primary School and a return to Barnhill Primary School from August too. Once details are finalised, Craig will put details on his Broughty Ferry Facebook page and it will also appear on the council website and in future editions of the Ferry Focus.

Road safety improvements for Strathern Road/Fairfield Road



Residents will recall that Craig has repeatedly raised the need for safety improvements at the Strathern Road/Fairfield Road junction, following a number of accidents at the junction.

He is pleased therefore to advise that the council's Traffic and Road Safety Team Leader has now given him details of road safety improvements at the junction.

These include a raised table at the junction which will slow vehicles down on the approaches particularly on Strathern Road, along with measures on Fairfield Road to help reduce vehicle speed towards the junction.

**Cllr Craig Duncan and the Ferry Focus Team
work all year round for Broughty Ferry!**



Councillor Craig Duncan

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ALL YEAR ROUND!**

❖ **Giant hogweed concerns** : Residents will be aware that contact with the sap of this invasive species can result in painful injury, such as blisters.

As in past years, Craig has been contacted by residents about concerns regarding Giant Hogweed at various locations but it is particularly prevalent around the Dighty and Seven Arches area.

He has been in touch with the City Council to ensure that it and other landowners and organisations with land responsibilities take action to tackle the problem.

The council promptly acted to take action on its own land. Craig also arranged to meet with Scottish Water about the Giant Hogweed issue and also discuss vandalism and graffiti issues at the pumping station at Panmurefield.

❖ **Queen Street car park** : Craig raised the poor appearance of the landscaped area at the Queen Street car park, which is currently bare earth that turns to mud when wet.

The City Council's Head of Environment in response advised Craig that a planting plan has now been agreed with works imminent as the Ferry Focus went to print.

❖ **Coffee pods recycling initiative - an update** : Residents will recall that Craig successfully proposed a motion at the council's Neighbourhood Services Committee for the council to investigate methods to allow residents to easily recycle coffee pods which are increasingly used in coffee making machines.



A report has now been agreed at the June committee meeting covering drop-off facilities for used pods at 17 shops across the city as part of the 'Podback' network. Consideration will also be given to introducing used pod drop-off points at household waste recycling centres as the Podback scheme becomes more established in the Dundee area.



❖ **Playparks updates** : Although there was a short delay in the start of improvement works to the Gillies Park playpark, this has now commenced - see photo (left). The new playpark will be a real improvement on the old one. Craig has also been in touch with the council about grass maintenance within Gillies Park - for example, the area nearest to Ceres Crescent.

Craig recently met with a number of Panmurefield residents about the frustrating continued closure of the Lawers Drive playpark, caused by the inaction of Greenbelt, the company responsible for its maintenance. Craig has been promised feedback from City Council planning and legal officers on this continued concern, following his contacting them to see what steps might be possible to try to get the playpark re-opened by Greenbelt.



Broughty Ferry updates from Cllr Craig Duncan :

❖ **Fort Street - missing bench** : At the request of residents, Craig is pressing the council to honour a commitment to reinstall the much used bench which was, for many years, situated on the steep hill of Fort Street - opposite the west end of Camperdown Street.

❖ **Brook Street pavements** : Craig recently reminded the City Council of the commitment it had previously given him to ensure the pavements in the Brook Street shopping area are given a summer jet wash - along with a further jet wash after the Broughty Ferry Christmas lights switch-on has taken place.



❖ **Dawson Park sunken garden** : Residents highlighted to Craig recently the badly overgrown state of the sunken garden in Dawson Park.

Craig raised this with the City Council and the grass was promptly cut. However, a better long term solution needs to be found to bring the sunken garden back to a high quality standard and Craig is continuing to press for action to achieve that.

❖ **Beach Crescent and the Broughty Ferry waterfront** : Residents have commented favourably to Craig about the new appearance of the Waterfront as a result of the flood protection works. However, he has asked the City Council to ensure that litter bin provision is adequate, appropriate - 'gull proof' - and also frequently emptied given the high level of footfall.

Craig has also raised with the council the danger posed by green algae on the new 'amphitheatre' style steps leading to the beach - some of which are very slippery - see photo right. The council has installed warning signs and advised Craig that it is also investigating an appropriate cleaning regime to keep the steps clear of algae.



❖ **Windmill car park toilets** : Given the considerable investment in the Broughty Ferry waterfront, it is disappointing how unfit for the 21st century the toilet block at the Windmill car park is - see photo left.

Craig has raised this with the City Council and has been promised that an upgrade is being looked at but funding has yet to be identified.

On the subject of public toilets, Craig is maintaining his opposition to the closure of the automated toilet facility in the Queen Street car park. The council's suggestion of the toilets in the nearby library as

an alternative is not acceptable given the limited hours the library is open and Craig is strongly of the view that this issue must be revisited by the council.

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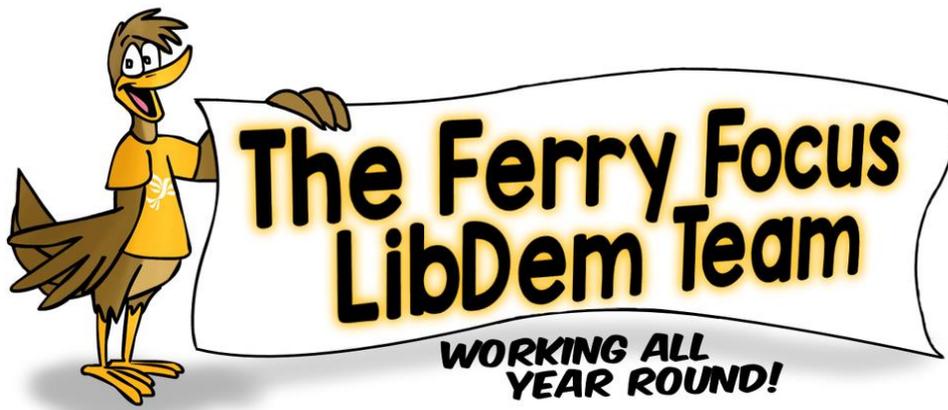
In addition to his regular Ferry Focus newsletter, Craig also does daily Broughty Ferry updates on the web :

* Craig's Broughty Ferry Facebook Page covers daily local news and other updates and now has over 2 300 local residents in Broughty Ferry following the page. You can view it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/craigduncan.broughtyferry



* Craig's Twitter followers have now reached over 1 000 - again covering Broughty Ferry updates and other local news and events - follow Craig on Twitter at @Craig4TheFerry





Former neurological care centre at Linlathen

The photo (right) is at the former care centre in Linlathen that is sadly abandoned and in a derelict state.

Residents have expressed concern about alleged break-ins and activity that he has raised with both Police Scotland and the council's community safety wardens. The police advise Craig they have stepped up patrols.

Craig said, "It is important that the site owners take action to secure the property and that a positive future use is found for this site."



Church Street/Seafield Road/Camperdown Street poor road surface - Craig has long called for improvements in the very poor road surface at this junction. He is pleased to advise that the council has promised him resurfacing here in August.



The FOCUS "Grumble Sheet": The Ferry Focus Team is here to help. If you have a problem or complaint that you'd like sorted, let Councillor Craig Duncan and the Ferry Focus Team help.

My problem/suggestion/complaint is:

Your Name _____
Your Address _____ Postcode _____
Phone number _____ E-mail Address (if any) _____

**Post this to Craig at our Freepost address :
Freepost DUNDEE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

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You can alternatively e-mail your grumble to craig.duncan@dundeecity.gov.uk

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