



*from Councillor Daniel Coleman
and the local Liberal Democrats*

*Serving Downfield, Ardlar, Kirkton, St
Mary's, Brackens, Trottick and
surrounding areas*



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Latest updates from Daniel & the FOCUS Team

- the team that work and care
for our local area
... all year round



Welcome to Strathmartine FOCUS Edition Number 54! Councillor Daniel Coleman and the Strathmartine Focus Team are grateful to all residents who have been in touch recently about local issues. The Focus Team is always pleased to assist anyone in our local area with any concerns, problems or queries.

Daniel holds weekly ward surgeries during school term time as follows :



First Thursday of each month :
5.45pm prompt - Ardlar Complex,
Turnberry Avenue
(pictured - left)

Second Thursday of each month :
5.45pm prompt - St Mary's Community
Facility, St Kilda Road

Third Thursday of each month :
5.45pm prompt - Kirkton Community Centre, Derwent Avenue

Fourth Thursday of each month :
5.45pm prompt - Strathmartine Parish Church, 507 Strathmartine
Road

All welcome and no appointment necessary.

Getting in touch! Daniel can also be contacted as follows - by e-mail - daniel.coleman@dundeecity.gov.uk - or by phone - Dundee 433533 - or send back the Grumble Sheet on the back of this edition of Focus.

Save the 202 bus and sheltered shopping services!

At this year's council budget, the SNP council administration forced through cuts to council-supported bus services which will sadly mean that the 202 service across parts of the Downfield and Kirkton areas will be axed next year along with other services including the sheltered housing shopping bus service.



The 202 remains a great daytime service for residents covering streets like Helmsdale Avenue, Harestane Road, Frederick Street and also Copperwood Pointe and West Kirkton - all streets that lack main bus services. The sheltered shopping bus service runs services on Tuesdays for folk at Garry Place and Rannoch Court and on Fridays for folk in Turriff House - taking shoppers to Tesco to shop and back afterwards. In addition, the "Out and About" service that takes older folk on day trips will also see its funding withdrawn.

Daniel strongly opposed the bus services cuts that will impact especially on older residents. He said, "In the totality of the council budget, the savings from these cuts are minor and alternative savings could have been found. Taking away these services is indefensible. I will continue to campaign to save them before the axe falls in April 2024."

Camperdown former golf course : At council committee recently, Daniel again highlighted the sorry state of the former Camperdown golf course. The Liberal Democrats previously opposed the SNP council administration's axing of the well-used golf course.

Unfortunately, a proposal for a 9-hole course from a private sector organisation has not come to fruition and Daniel has been in correspondence with the council making the case for a productive use of the former golf course for the benefit of the community.



Latest Strathmartine updates from Daniel :

- West School Road :** Daniel raised with the council the fact that the pole that the dog bin in West School Road near Macalpine Square had fallen over. He was assured a new dog bin would be provided and that is now in situ as the 'before' and 'after' photos below show :



- Path - Gillburn Road to Foster Road :** The path that runs up between St Paul's Academy and Kingspark Gardens that links Gillburn Road to Foster Road has been flooding badly - see photo of Daniel at the path - right.

There's also an issue of the lighting being obscured in places by overgrown foliage.

Daniel raised both issues with the City Council and, in relation to the flooding issue, planning officers have been in touch with Persimmon Homes (Kingspark estate developers) as the flow of water is coming from there, to ensure that remedial works take place to resolve the problem.

- Scrambler and Quad Bikes concern :** Following concerns from residents, Daniel has been in correspondence with our area's local police inspector about instances of reckless use of quad and scrambler bikes in parts of the Strathmartine Ward.

The police are taking a proactive approach to tackling this and launched Operation Challenge to address the problem across the city.



**Councillor Daniel Coleman works all
year round for our local area!**