



Latest Broughty Ferry news from Craig and the Ferry Focus team!

Councillor Craig Duncan and the Broughty Ferry Focus Team are grateful to all residents who have been in touch recently about Broughty Ferry issues.

The Ferry Focus Team is always pleased to assist anyone in Broughty Ferry with any concerns, problems or queries.



Getting in touch!

- ❖ By e-mail - craig.duncan@dundeecity.gov.uk
- ❖ By phone - 07810 050534 - or send back the Grumble Sheet on the back of this edition of Focus.

Craig can be contacted as follows :

Craig holds weekly ward surgeries as follows :

Every Wednesday during school term time at 5.45pm -
Broughty Ferry Library

First Wednesday of the month during school term time at 6.30pm -
Barnhill Primary School

Third Wednesday of the month during school term time at 6.30pm -
Forthill Primary School



Winkie the Pigeon : Many residents have mentioned to Craig how lovely the sculpture of Winkie the Pigeon is. The bronze casting was unveiled in Beach Crescent last November as part of the development of the Broughty Ferry flood defences and active travel improvements.

The pigeon from Broughty Ferry was among the first recipients of the Dickin Medal for her role in the rescue of an aircrew during World War II.

At the request of residents, Craig asked the council for explanatory signage. This was agreed and has since been installed.

Keep up with Broughty Ferry updates ...

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 2 900 local residents in Broughty Ferry following the page. You can view it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/craigduncan.broughtyferry



* Craig's X/Twitter followers have now reached over 1 100 - again covering Broughty Ferry updates and other local news and events - follow Craig on X/Twitter at @Craig4TheFerry





Councillor Craig Duncan

**WORKING FOR THE FERRY
ALL YEAR ROUND!**

Roads and pavements improvements in Broughty Ferry

The City Council's Roads Maintenance Partnership has published its proposed roads and footpaths resurfacing and improvements programme for the new financial year and the Broughty Ferry proposed work included :

Adopted Footway Programme 2024-25

- None at all in Broughty Ferry

Non-adopted Paths Programme 2024-25

- None at all in Broughty Ferry

Carriageway Resurfacing Programme 2024-25

- **Balgillo Road** - Ballinard Road to Balgillo Road East
- **Esplanade** - Rugby Terrace to Shiell Street and Brook Street to Mill Street

Whilst any pavements and roads improvements are welcome, the current budget is wholly inadequate and far too few roads and footpaths are being upgraded. It is particularly stark this year and brings into focus the bad effect of many years of SNP under-investment in pavements and roads.

At the council's revenue budget, the Liberal Democrat Group proposed an additional £2 million next year for roads resurfacing and £1 million on pavements resurfacing to properly tackle the state of many footpaths and road surfaces that we get so many complaints about. Unfortunately, the SNP and Conservatives combined to vote down the LibDem budget proposals 15-12, but Craig will continue to campaign for roads and pavements improvements across the Broughty Ferry area.

❖ **Improving Broughty Ferry playparks** : Craig has long campaigned for further playpark improvements across Broughty Ferry and is pleased that the council has agreed to upgrades for the playparks at Castle Green, Bridge Street and Orchar Park.

Unfortunately, back in 2022, the SNP council administration cut back the Castle Green capital funding which means the much-needed upgrading of the 'splash pool' facility will not happen. Craig continues to press for this upgrade as the splash pool has been plagued with repairs issues that have resulted in long periods when it has not operated.

Craig is also continuing to press the City Council to ensure there is a positive future community use for the pavilion at Orchar Park and bowling green. He is pictured - right - at the pavilion.



❖ **Fairfield Road/Strathern Road junction** : Craig is pictured - left - at the junction of Strathern Road and Fairfield Road which has unfortunately been an accident hot-spot in recent years.

In addition to previous work at the junction, the council recently installed a 'raised table' to slow traffic but Craig feels that this must be made far more apparent to drivers by having improved road markings/signage. He has raised this with the council and also requested a site visit with road safety officers to ensure all steps to improve safety here are discussed and taken forward.

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

Broughty Ferry updates from Cllr Craig Duncan

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❖ **Safer speeds in residential areas of Broughty Ferry** : Craig has long-campaigned at the request of residents for safer streets in highly residential parts of Broughty Ferry, particularly where roads are narrow and there is a large population of elderly people or children out playing or going to/from school.

The City Council is now to be consulting on a proposed new 20mph zones at Panmurefield and Camphill Road and surrounding area.

❖ **Gillies Park** : Craig is grateful to all residents who have raised with him issues about Gillies Park. He has raised issues about regular flooding in parts of the park and has additionally had an assurance that repairs will be undertaken to the poorly conditioned footpath leading to/from the park at the Falkland Crescent entrance - Craig is pictured there - right.



❖ **Policing issues** : Craig has raised with Police Scotland residents' concerns about car crime and other policing issues across Broughty Ferry. He has made clear the need for a higher police presence locally.



❖ **Pedestrian safety issues** : Following feedback from many residents, some time ago, Craig raised his request for a proper pedestrian crossing in busy Brook Street - see photo left. He has recently sought an update on this request from the City Council.

Craig is also pictured - right - at the junction of Forthill Road and Balgillo Road. He has also, at the request of residents, raised the need for a pedestrian crossing across busy Balgillo Road in this vicinity.



Craig is pleased to advise that the long-awaited pedestrian crossings that he has campaigned for at Monifieth Road (near Orchar Park/Panmure Street) and Dalhousie Road (near Guthrie Terrace/Bridge Street) will finally be installed over the spring/summer of this year.

❖ **Seven Arches** : Craig welcomed the council's agreement to an improved walking surface across the Seven Arches and was in touch with the council to ensure this work was promptly completed.



❖ **Road repairs** : It was good to see the fairly recent road resurfacing at Abertay Crescent, Archer Street and a section of Abercromby Street.

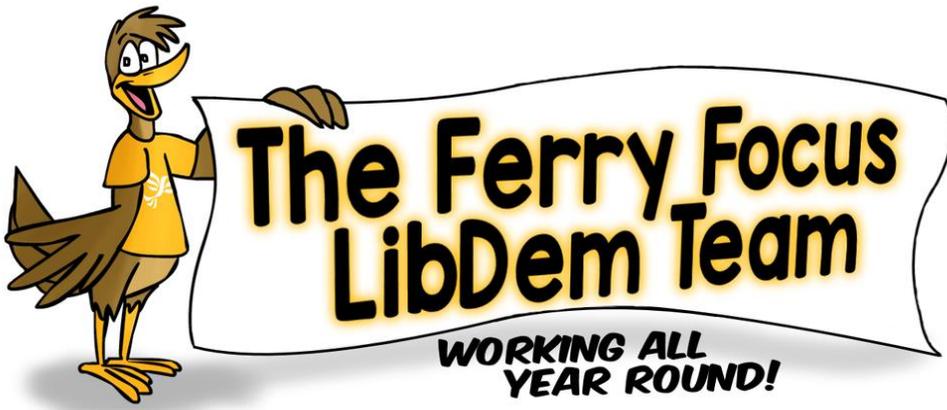
At the request of residents, Craig has also recently raised the need for road surface improvements in numerous Broughty Ferry streets including Ralston Road, Luke Place, Lawers Drive, Clinton Terrace, Navarre Street, Challum Crescent and Blake Street.

❖ **Bus shelters** : Craig has raised the need for repairs to damaged/vandalised bus shelters at a number of Broughty Ferry locations including Nursery Road and Strathmore Street. The council's original contractor unfortunately went into administration causing delays in repair but repairs should now be taking place again.

❖ **Queen Street toilets** : As residents will recall, some time ago, Craig opposed the closure of the public toilets in the Queen Street car park. Residents have long said that the 'alternative provision' at Broughty Ferry Library is not satisfactory in terms of access and Craig has again called for better provision for central Broughty Ferry.

Councillor Craig Duncan -
working for Broughty Ferry





City Council revenue budget 2024/25 : The Liberal Democrat Group had a fully-costed alternative budget proposal to the SNP administration’s budget that would have seen a far better outcome for residents including :

- **Broughty Ferry issues** - Craig strongly opposed the possibility of the closure of Broughty Ferry Castle and the imposition of any on-street parking charges in Broughty Ferry. Thankfully these were not in the event included in any party’s council budget proposals this year. However, the SNP administration pushed through a consultation on the future of the castle which Craig opposed saying it is tantamount to a “Sword of Damocles” for the staff and castle visitors. He is adamant that castle must remain open into the future.
- **Local shopping and car parks in Broughty Ferry** - Liberal Democrats had a package of investment in shopping areas including Broughty Ferry and also proposed reducing parking charges in the car parks in central Broughty Ferry to help footfall in local businesses and residents who use these car parks.
- **Saving local buses** - The Liberal Democrats were the **only** group on the council to attempt to save all the supported bus services across Dundee from the axe proposed by the SNP administration. Sadly, our budget proposals lost the vote 15-12 and this means the end of Broughty Ferry service 206 along with other services in Dundee. The sheltered housing shopping bus service had a short stay of execution to the end of June while a local charity attempts to get external funding to save this valuable service for elderly residents.
- **Street cleaning improvements** - We proposed re-employing every single street cleaning post that has been lost since 2015 under the SNP - some 39 posts - to get the city back into a much cleaner state. We would also have cut the bulky uplifts and brown bin charges - not increased them as the SNP has done.

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 :

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

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