



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.

Craig's weekly ward surgeries during school term time are as follows :



- Every Wednesday during school term time at 5pm prompt - Broughty Ferry Library
- First Wednesday of the month during school term time at 5.45pm prompt - Barnhill Primary School

Getting in touch!

Craig can also be contacted by e-mail at craig.duncan@dundee.gov.uk - by phone - 07810 050534 - or send back the Grumble Sheet on the back of this edition of Focus.

Save Balmossie Fire Station!

Craig is very grateful to every Broughty Ferry resident who took part in the recent public consultation the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service undertook on the future of the service, and made clear their opposition to any downgrading or closure of Balmossie Fire Station.

Over 4300 local people have now signed the petition to save Balmossie Fire Station.

Craig said, "Any downgrading of the Balmossie Fire Station or its closure would result in slower response times, reduced resilience and a greater risk to life and property. In an area that has seen significant increase in population and housing in recent years, reducing or removing the local fire station makes absolutely no sense."

The formal consultation period ended in September and its outcomes are to be reported to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Board for a final decision during December.

Craig added, "I hope the SFRS Board makes the correct decision and keeps Balmossie Fire Station open, with no reduction in its capacity. However, if in the event the Board makes a decision to downgrade or close the fire station, the Scottish Government must step in to prevent this from happening.

"The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service needs to be properly and fully funded to avoid any damaging cuts to fire services. It is down to the SNP Scottish Government to ensure that sufficient funding is found and that, at all costs, Balmossie Fire Station remains open without any downgrade to its service or capacity."



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



Councillor Craig Duncan

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* **Bus shelters - lighting** : Craig is pictured (left) at a bus shelter in Strathern Road - one of quite a number where the internal lighting has failed.

Craig said, "I have pointed out to the council's transport team that the 'ambient' lighting from street lights is insufficient at many locations to keep shelters properly lit and from a public safety perspective the shelters' own lighting must be repaired."

Craig has also recently reported several instances of real time bus information at shelters needing repaired.

* **Police resources** : At the time of the Ferry Focus going to print, Craig has placed an item on the council's City Governance Committee calling for cross-party support for Police Scotland's Chief Constable's call for additional funding to strengthen frontline police services.

Craig said, "It is vital that the police have sufficient resources. Locally, issues around youth disorder have been highlighted by residents and I have raised this with the police. High visibility policing is vital to tackle these issues and provide reassurance for everyone in the local community."

* **Broughty Ferry rail station** : Craig has written to Network Rail about the need for it to make greater efforts to advertise the availability to let of the empty commercial unit at Broughty Ferry rail station.

He said, "The space was upgraded some time ago but has sat empty, as there has been little effort to promote its availability. It would make a good small shop or other positive commercial use."

Craig has also reiterated his calls for covered seating at the station and a ticket machine.

* **Balmossie footbridge** : Residents will recall that, in the last edition of the Ferry Focus, Craig mentioned the need for repairs to the footbridge at the bottom of South Balmossie Street.

He has since been advised that responsibility for this lies with Angus Council [the footbridge sits on the local government boundary] and that council has this on its schedule of works to take place after urgent bridge repairs following Storm Babet have been completed.



Craig's daily 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 3 500 local residents in Broughty Ferry following the page. You can view it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/craigduncan.broughtyferry

* Craig also has an X/Twitter account - again covering Broughty Ferry updates and other local news and events - follow Craig on X/Twitter at [@Craig4TheFerry](https://twitter.com/Craig4TheFerry)





The Ferry Focus LibDem Team

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Roads improvements across Broughty Ferry

Craig has welcomed some roads improvements that have taken place thus far this financial year including in parts of Abernethy Road [that Craig raised in the last edition of the Ferry Focus] - see right - and Forthill Drive - see left.



He has, however, said that it was disappointing that a small section of Forthill Drive's south end plus Forthill Place were missed out. Improvements in Navarre Street and Strathmore Place were also welcome.



However, there is much more needing to be done in Broughty Ferry - Craig is pictured in the middle section of Torridon Road (left) which he has requested be resurfaced. He has also highlighted the need for resurfacing the northern section of the road within Barnhill Cemetery (right).

❖ **Slippy leaves on pavements** : The photo of loads of leaves on the pavement is from Victoria Road but it is just one of many examples of streets where Craig has reported slippy leaves to the council's environment management in order to get these cleaned up.

Craig said, "Unfortunately, thanks to SNP cuts to the street cleaning staff over the past 10 years, the capacity of the council is much reduced, but I report every street raised with me, and our council group will continue to press for improved resources for the street cleaning team."



❖ **Esplanade issues** : Craig has raised residents' requests for litter bin provision on the coastal path at the Esplanade - see left. There is currently almost no provision between opposite Barnhill Rock Garden and the Glass Pavilion.

He has also raised a request for playpark repairs nearby (see right) as well as repairs needed at other playparks including Orchar Park, and Dawson Park.



❖ **Broughty Castle Museum** : Craig is grateful to all residents who contacted him after his article in the last edition of the Ferry Focus to support his position that Broughty Castle Museum must receive funding long-term to secure the facility and build visitor numbers.

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GP services in Broughty Ferry : Residents will be aware that the Scottish Government has announced the establishment of walk-in GP services across Scotland.

Craig said, "These must not simply be a pre-election promise that comes to nothing. However, if properly funded they could relieve some of the pressure on our existing GP practices and assist with the 8am rush to try to get a GP appointment booked.

"However, there are obvious questions about where the additional GPs and nurses required to run to walk-in additional services are going to come from.

"I am keeping a close eye on this issue to ensure Broughty Ferry benefits from any additional resources."



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) _____

I would be willing to deliver Focus in a few streets near my home ☐

I would like to join Broughty Ferry Liberal Democrats ☐

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

(please just write Freepost DUNDEE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS all on one line on your envelope)

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

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