

from Councillor Daniel Coleman
and the local Liberal Democrats

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St Mary's, Brackens, Trottick and
surrounding areas



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Many thanks from Daniel and the Strathmartine Focus team

Councillor Daniel Coleman and the Strathmartine LibDem Focus Team would like to like pass on sincere thanks to everyone in our local area for their strong support for Daniel at the recent City Council elections.

Daniel had over 1100 first preference votes and was delighted to be elected as a Strathmartine Ward councillor.

Daniel 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 Daniel, please e-mail him at daniel.coleman@dundee.gov.uk or you can call him on his new mobile number 07795 924187.

Following the recent election, Daniel has been arranging his weekly ward surgeries across the Strathmartine area that will take place during school term time every Thursday at 5.45pm prompt.

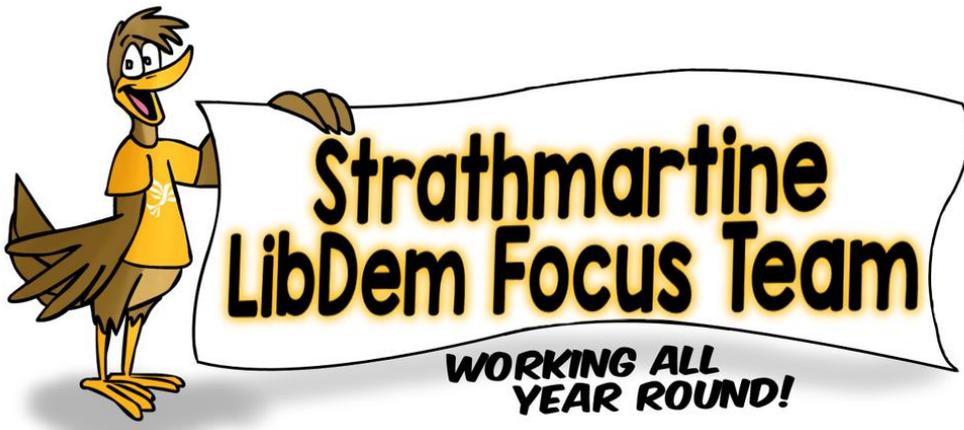
Daniel is aiming to hold surgeries from the start of the new school term in mid-August as follows :

- First Thursday of the month at 5.45pm - Ardler Complex
- Second Thursday of the month at 5.45pm - St Mary's venue - to be finalised
- Third Thursday of the month at 5.45pm - Kirkton Community Centre
- Fourth Thursday of the month at 5.45pm - Downfield venue - to be finalised

Once details are finalised, Daniel will put details on his Strathmartine Facebook page and it will also appear on the council website and in future editions of the Strathmartine Focus.

Daniel's ward surgeries
Strathmartine

**Cllr Daniel Coleman and the Strathmartine Focus Team
work all year round - not just at election time!**



❖ **Camperdown Tennis Court** : Daniel is pictured (left) at the Camperdown Park tennis court where residents highlighted to him the poor state of repair of the court. This was until recently in a state of complete disrepair. There had been repaving work undertaken but the court remained unplayable.

Daniel contacted Neighbourhood Services at the City Council regarding this and is now pleased to advise that improvement works are taking place during July including markings, drainage, installation of a boundary fence and an access gate along the south perimeter.



❖ **Cost of living emergency** : Along with his Liberal Democrat colleague Cllr Michael Crichton (West End Ward), Daniel recently raised the cost of living emergency situation at the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee, given soaring energy and other prices, increasing national insurance costs and pensions not being increased using the 'triple lock' meaning the increase fails to match inflation.

The council unanimously agreed to Daniel's and Michael's proposal for the council to declare a cost of living emergency in the city, along with actions to further promote the Warmer Homes Scotland initiative and to call on government to restore and backdate the pension trip lock from April 2022 and reduce VAT by 2.5% for a year. The VAT cut would benefit the average Dundee household by £600 this year.

❖ **Future of Kirkton Library** : Many local residents have contacted Daniel concerned about the future of Kirkton Library, given worries that the library could close and be moved to St Paul's RC Academy.

Daniel contacted the Director of Leisure and Culture Dundee about this who advised him that the proposal to relocate the library forms part of the so-called "Community Hub" model and Leisure and Culture Dundee is continuing to 'explore options' regarding possible relocation of the library.



Daniel is firmly opposed to any relocation of the library. He said, "I am really concerned that it would be off-putting for library users to have to use a library in a school during the school day." He has requested to meet with both City Council and Leisure and Culture Dundee officers to outline his concerns and to ensure proper public consultation takes place.

❖ **Road repairs** : Daniel has recently, at the request of residents, reported road repairs required in numerous local streets including Troon Gardens, Pitcairn Road, Gleneagles Lane and Mericmuir Gardens. Many of those he reported have been since attended to. Do please contact Daniel if you have any road repairs issues - many thanks.



Kingsway Circus roundabout : Residents have highlighted to Daniel their concerns about safety and tailbacks at the Kingsway/Strathmartine Road roundabout. It is one of the busiest in Dundee and often difficult to negotiate, particularly at rush hour.

Additionally, bus passengers highlight the length of time it can take Service 22 to cross the roundabout, something Daniel highlighted at a meeting he and his Liberal Democrat councillor colleagues had with the new Director and General Manager at Xplore Dundee.

Daniel has therefore requested a meeting with the council's Head of Sustainable Transport and Roads to discuss the issues and has proposed that BEAR Scotland who maintain the Kingsway trunk road on behalf of Scottish Government takes part, to see what steps can be taken here to improve the situation.



School crossing patroller concerns : There have recently been on-going reviews of school crossing patroller points for Downfield Primary School. Three crossing points are, as a result, under consideration to be removed - in Haldane Crescent at the school gate, Gillburn Road at the surgery car park and across Strathmartine Road at Haldane Street.

Daniel said, "Given just how busy Strathmartine Road is and how problematic the Gillburn Road/Strathmartine Road junction is, I am really concerned at any move the remove these school 'lollipop' crossings."

As a local councillor Daniel has exercised the right to request that the matter is debated at the council's Children and Families Services Committee before any decision is taken about the future of these crossing points.

Craigowl View - missing bus shelter : Residents will recall that back in 2016/17, Daniel asked the council to provide a bus shelter at the terminus at St Martin Avenue. This campaign was successful and a shelter was installed but unfortunately it was damaged beyond repair during Storm Arwen last year. The council has said it will not provide a new shelter here. Daniel is adamant it must do so and is pursuing this with transportation officers.



Keep up with the Strathmartine area news!

In addition to his regular Strathmartine Focus newsletter, Daniel also does daily updates on the web :

* Daniel's Strathmartine Facebook page covers daily local news and other updates and now has nearly 1 300 local residents in our local area following the page. You can view it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/danielcoleman.strathmartine



* Daniel's Twitter followers have now reached over 650 - again covering local news and events - follow Daniel on Twitter at @ColemanDundee





Summer updates from Cllr Daniel Coleman

Clatto Country Park : Daniel has received complaints about the neglected state of some play equipment at Clatto and that some exercise equipment is missing. He has asked the City Council to rectify this.



Clive Road : Daniel is pictured (left) in Clive Road near the junction with Kingsway. It is in a poor state of repair, as is Clive Road at the junction with Bruce Road. As this road has already been patched on several occasions, Daniel has asked the council's Roads Maintenance Partnership to consider resurfacing the road.

Kinneff Crescent : Residents recently highlighted to Daniel a missing drain cover in Kinneff Crescent near the junction with Drumlithie Place. This created a bad pothole and Daniel asked the City Council to ensure it was repaired.

Weeds at road edges : Daniel has received a number of complaints about weeds growing at road edges in various streets - Sidlaw Drive, McLean Street and Americanmuir Road are examples. Daniel raised this with the council's environment management to get this attended to.

St Kilda Road : Residents recently highlighted to Daniel the significantly overgrown weeds at the site of the St Kilda Road electricity sub-station. He therefore asked the owners of the site (SSE) to ensure a tidy-up takes place.



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

My problem/suggestion/complaint is:

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

**Post this to Daniel 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 daniel.coleman@dundecity.gov.uk