



Latest news from Councillor Daniel Coleman and the Strathmartine Focus team!

Welcome to Strathmartine Focus Edition 60!

Councillor Daniel Coleman and the Strathmartine Focus Team are grateful to all residents who have been in touch recently about local concerns, problems and queries.

We are always pleased to help! Daniel can be contacted as follows :

- By e-mail - daniel.coleman@dundeecity.gov.uk
- By phone - Dundee 433533 - or send back the Grumble Sheet on the back of this edition of Focus.

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

First Thursday of each month :

5.45pm prompt - Ardler Complex,
Turnberry Avenue

Second Thursday of each month :

5.45pm prompt - St Mary's Community
Facility, St Kilda Road



Third Thursday of each month :

5.45pm prompt - Downfield Primary School,
Haldane Avenue (pictured - left)

Fourth Thursday of each month :

5.45pm prompt - Garry Place sheltered housing
lounge

All welcome and no appointment necessary.



Declining state of Caird Park - a disgrace

As residents know from previous editions of Strathmartine Focus and Daniel's regular Facebook updates, he has continued to receive many complaints about the poor state of the area in Caird Park that used to be the home of the Caird Park Golf Course.

The Liberal Democrat Group opposed the closure of the golf course - and also the one at Camperdown Park - but the tired SNP council administration was not for listening.

Daniel has yet again raised the declining state of the former golf course site with the council's Head of Environment. It has been disappointing to see recent media reports saying the "venue has been left to rot, and aerial footage has revealed significant damage to the fairways and greens caused by dirt bikes."

Daniel said, "I have sought assurances that the maintenance will be stepped up to tackle this deterioration.

Critically, a new and positive use for the site must be urgently brought to fruition."



Strathmartine updates from Cllr Daniel Coleman

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* **Kingsway footbridges work - an update :** As residents will be only too well aware, last June/July, Amey removed two footbridges which cross the A90 Kingsway east of the Strathmartine Road roundabout. The footbridges have been moved offsite so that they could be refurbished.

Daniel recently asked Amey to update him on when the bridges will be put back in place. The company's Communications Manager has now updated him as follows : "The contractor is now programming completion of the works for late summer."



* **New Kirkton Community Centre progress :** Daniel has welcomed the good news that the new community centre project has been awarded over £1.4m from the Scottish Government's regeneration capital grant fund. This is in addition to the £1.5m previously allocated by the UK Government.

Daniel said, "The whole community owes a great debt of gratitude to the members of the Kirkton Community Centre SCIO who have put in tremendous hard work to ensure Kirkton gets the new, purpose-built facility it needs and deserves. The recent funding awards are a great step forward."

* **Camperdown Park improvements :** Residents will recall that Daniel has repeatedly raised issues around the poor maintenance of Camperdown Park, the state of the former golf course area and lack of a strategy to bring Camperdown House back into a positive use.

There is, however, now some good news. The council has been awarded £1.5m from the UK Government's Pride in Place Fund to deliver significant investment in Camperdown Park.



This could see renewal of the park's main play zones, including installation of a landmark feature and equipment suitable for all abilities, improvements to park entrances and signage and future-proofing of the park's infrastructure.

The first phase of a three-step consultation programme took place online via a questionnaire during May but Daniel has been assured that further face to face discussion with residents will take place over the summer.

* **Regional Performance Centre for Sport :** Daniel raised constituents' concerns about the state of the flooring in the sports hall in the RPC in Caird Park. The council has advised that an independent expert has been appointed to investigate and survey the fault.

The Liberal Democrat Group on the council has expressed concern to officers about this happening to the flooring in what is a fairly recently completed facility and has sought assurances that the council taxpayer will not have to pick up the cost of repairs and that these be paid for under warranty from the original contractor.

Cllr Daniel Coleman and the Strathmartine
LibDem Focus Team work all year round!



Roads and pavements improvements in Strathmartine - 2026/27

The City Council's Roads Maintenance Partnership recently published its proposed roads and footpaths resurfacing and improvements programme for the new financial year and the Strathmartine proposed work includes :

Pavement improvements :

Baird Avenue - South Side, Rutherford Road to Nr 20
Slurry Seal

Drumlithie Place - North Side, Whole Length Slurry
Seal

Kirkton Place - Both Sides, Kirkton Road to Nr 50
Slurry Seal

Roads improvements :

Sherbrook Gardens - Nr 8 to 18 Resurface

Sherbrook Street - Clive Road
to Sherbrook Gardens Resurface



Daniel is pictured in Sherbrook Street (left). It is in very poor condition so resurfacing will be very welcome.

Liberal Democrat councillors have long argued that the capital programme for roads and pavements is underfunded and, year after year, they have proposed increased resources in their budget proposals. It is good to note that this year a one-off £1m additional funding allocation was agreed. The LibDems' years of pressure has paid off to a degree but this needs to be maintained each and every year going forward.

The extra funding has allowed for additional planned road resurfacing this year at Ambleside Avenue - (whole road) and Derwent Avenue (Balgowan Avenue to Kirkton Crescent) - both streets Daniel had repeatedly raised.

Dundee Council budget 2026/27 : The Dundee Liberal Democrat Council Group moved an alternative budget at this year's City Council's revenue budget meeting and tried to protect key services after 17 years of SNP cuts and decline.

The Liberal Democrat plans included keeping the council tax increase to below 5% – the lowest council tax level put before the council at 4.95% - the SNP pushed through an unnecessarily high 7.75% and Labour proposed 7.5%.

The Liberal Democrat proposals reversed many of the possible cuts proposed in the council's budget consultation and they also had new proposals for investing in frontline services.

Keep up with the local news ...



In addition to his regular FOCUS newsletter, Daniel also does regular on-line local updates :



- * Daniel's Facebook Page covers Strathmartine area local news and other Dundee updates and now has nearly 1750 followers. Follow Daniel on Facebook at : www.facebook.com/danielcoleman.strathmartine



- * Daniel is also on X/Twitter with over 800 followers - again covering Strathmartine updates and other local news and events - follow Daniel on X at @ColemanDundee



Many thanks from the Dundee LibDem team!

The Dundee Liberal Democrat Team wishes to thank all local residents who supported the Scottish Liberal Democrats at the recent Scottish Parliamentary elections.

Daniel, who was candidate in Dundee City West, is pictured with some of the team including Yi-pei Chou Turvey MSP.

Yi-pei was elected as one of the new North East Scotland MSPs whose area includes Dundee and you can contact her at Yipei.ChouTurvey.msp@parliament.scot

There was a very healthy increase in the LibDem vote across Scotland and here in Dundee City West Daniel saw the LibDem vote grow.

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) _____

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

I would like to join Strathmartine Liberal Democrats ☐

**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@dundeecity.gov.uk

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