



Latest news from Daniel and the Strathmartine Focus team!



Welcome to Strathmartine Focus Edition 59.

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 and start again after the school holidays on 21st August :

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

Fourth Thursday of each month :

5.45pm prompt - Garry Place sheltered
housing lounge (pictured - left)

All welcome and no appointment necessary.

Thank you from Jenny and Daniel!

Dear residents

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported Jenny Blain and the Liberal Democrat Focus Team at the Strathmartine Ward by-election last autumn.

The Liberal Democrat Focus Team's share of the vote increased by over 8%, the SNP vote dropped by over 10% and Labour was pushed into third place. Jenny came within 32 votes of taking another seat for the Liberal Democrats.



It is the LibDems who are making all the running on Dundee City Council in providing a positive alternative to the failed SNP administration which has presided over poorer services and higher council tax. We will continue to press the case for cleaner streets, a revitalised city centre, better value for council taxpayers and working for our local area all year round.

Our very best wishes to you all.

Kind regards, *Daniel and Jenny*



Strathmartine updates from Cllr Daniel Coleman

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STRATHMARTINE
ALL YEAR ROUND!



✚ **Kingsway footbridges work** : Daniel is pictured (right) on the Kingsway where residents will be aware that the Strathmartine Road and Old Glamis Road footbridges have moved offsite so that they can be refurbished and later re-installed.

To maintain safe access across the A90 Kingsway for pedestrians throughout the works, two temporary pedestrian crossings have been constructed as alternative crossing points.

Daniel has raised with Amey - the company that maintains trunk roads on behalf of Transport Scotland - residents' concerns that these crossings do not have sensory buttons that provide a secondary cue, particularly for visually impaired or blind pedestrians, to indicate when it is safe to cross. Hopefully the crossings can be improved to address this concern.



The final phase of the works to re-install the refurbished bridges is currently anticipated to take place in early 2026.



✚ **Bus shelters in Ardler** : Residents may recall that Daniel had previously raised with the City Council the lack of any glass or perspex at the bus shelter on Turnberry Avenue at the Ardler Complex. He is pleased to say this was resolved (see photo left).

He had also asked for the redundant bus shelters on the part of Dalmahoy Drive and in Rosemount Road where there is no longer a bus service to be reused elsewhere. This has since been done, although Daniel will continue to campaign for a bus service to be restored to the area.

✚ **5th November public events** : Following on from Dundee City Council finally agreeing to the return of the annual seasonal Christmas tree in the City Square after this being continually raised by Liberal Democrat councillors, Daniel has suggested that the SNP-controlled council also backtracks on its axing of any civic events on bonfire night - 5th November.

Daniel said, "For many years, the council sent the message to the public to attend its public fireworks rather than have their own displays, as the public displays are safer. That was sensible messaging, particularly given the anti-social behaviour that a minority have been responsible for on 5th November in recent years.



"Simply walking away from doing anything on 5th November was a really detrimental step by the SNP administration. The council should look at modern alternatives to fireworks. Drones shows are increasingly replacing or supplementing traditional fireworks displays due to their safety, environmental friendliness, lack of noise disturbing pets, creative flexibility and may be a more cost-effective option."

✚ **Kirkton Community Library** : Following Kirkton Library moving to St Paul's RC Academy, Daniel pressed Leisure & Culture Dundee to reinstate a late opening evening, which was agreed to and, at the time of Strathmartine Focus going to print, should be introduced in the near future.



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



Roads and pavements improvements in Strathmartine - 2025/26

The City Council's Roads Maintenance Partnership proposed roads and footpaths resurfacing and improvements programme for the 2025/26 financial year for Strathmartine Ward proposed work includes :

Carriageway Resurfacing Programme 2025-26

- **St Dennis Place - full length** - Daniel is pictured (left) here where the road badly needs this resurfacing
- **St Clement Place - Dalmahoy Drive to St Dennis Terrace**
- **Macalpine Road - Staffa Place to roundabout**
- **Ashmore Street - full length** - Daniel is pictured (right) at the hill at the east end of Ashmore Street where the road bends down towards the Beaulieu Avenue shops. The road is particularly bad here and Daniel has sought an assurance that this stretch will be included in the resurfacing
- **Scotsraig Grove - full length**



Any pavements and roads improvements are welcome but the roads and pavements budget is wholly inadequate and no pavements at all are being upgraded across Strathmartine Ward this financial year. It is very clear from recent years' programmes that many years of SNP under-investment in pavements and roads is leading to this situation.

At the council's revenue budget, the Liberal Democrat Group proposed an additional £1 million this year for roads resurfacing and £500 000 on pavements resurfacing to properly tackle the state of many footpaths and road surfaces that Daniel gets so many complaints about. No other party tried to improve the roads and footpaths resurfacing funding in their budget proposals.

Unfortunately, the SNP voted down the LibDem budget proposals 15-5, but Daniel will continue to campaign for roads and pavements improvements across our local area.

Road safety improvements - Laird Street and Macalpine Road

Daniel is pictured (right) in Laird Street during the works to provide a pedestrian crossing in Laird Street. Daniel has welcomed this given the volume of traffic on Laird Street and, as well as assisting pedestrians crossing generally, it will help pupils at Craigowl Primary School get safely across this busy road.

He has also welcomed the provision of a build-out on Macalpine Road for the school crossing patroller for St Andrews RC Primary School pupils.

Daniel had hoped for a pedestrian crossing here as well but was advised by council engineers, "We did investigate installation of a pedestrian crossing but unfortunately, due to proximity of the St Fillans Road and St Leonard Place junctions, we simply could not fit one in. Therefore a build-out was our only other option."



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 1600 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 Twitter at @ColemanDundee



Caird Park Golf Course : As residents are aware, Daniel strongly opposed the closure of Caird Park Golf Course, just as he had opposed the previous closure of Camperdown Golf Course. The Liberal Democrats were the only party to include funding of keeping Caird Park Golf Course in their budget proposals this year.

As the photo (left) shows, the golf course is now sadly an overgrown mess - just like Camperdown's - and the Liberal Democrat Group has raised this sorry state with the council.

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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