



Latest updates 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 local issues.

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

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



Getting in touch! Craig can be contacted as follows :

- 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.

Dalhousie Road flooding : As residents will recall, Craig has long campaigned for works to take place to tackle the on-going flooding issues on Dalhousie Road, just east of the junction with Guthrie Terrace, as the photo (right) indicates.

He was therefore pleased to be advised by the council's Roads Maintenance Partnership that recent work to investigate the drainage system identified a blockage. This should result in the surface water problem improving in the future.



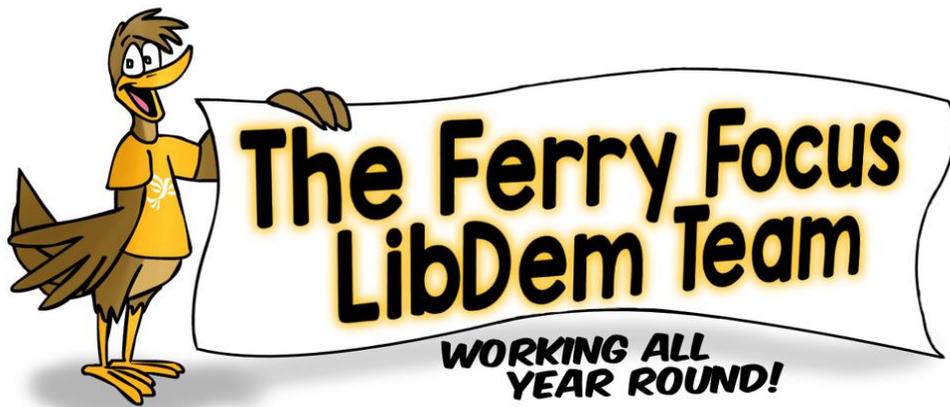
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In addition to his regular Ferry Focus newsletter, Craig also does daily Broughty Ferry updates on the web :

* Craig's Broughty Ferry Facebook Page covers daily local news and other updates and now has over 2 500 local residents in Broughty Ferry following the page. You can view it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/craigduncan.broughtyferry

* Craig's Twitter followers have now reached over 1 050 - again covering Broughty Ferry updates and other local news and events - follow Craig on Twitter at [@Craig4TheFerry](https://twitter.com/Craig4TheFerry)





❖ **Broughty Ferry rail station** : Craig has written to the Managing Director of ScotRail about the continuing woeful lack of through train services to and from Broughty Ferry. Craig feels strongly that, as ScotRail was taken into public ownership, the company should be encouraging use of public transport by improving services to and from stations like Broughty Ferry. He has also reiterated his call for better facilities at the station, including covered seating and a ticket purchasing facility.

❖ **Castle Green and 'splash pool'** : Back in January 2022, the council's SNP administration axed proposed capital improvements of £700 000 to Castle Green - a cut Craig strongly opposed.

A significantly smaller project is now to go ahead which at least allows for a play area upgrade. However, Craig is concerned that this will not be sufficient to ensure adequate funding for necessary modernisation of the splash pool facility. The splash pool has been plagued with repairs issues that have resulted in long periods when it has not operated.



The splash pool has been extremely popular and well used over many years and Craig has written to the council's Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking assurances that the council will invest in it to ensure it is available for use by park users into the future.



❖ **Gillies Park** : Craig is grateful to all residents who have raised with him issues of concern at Gillies Park, including torched wheelie bins and glass smashed in the park area.

Craig has been in touch repeatedly with Police Scotland and council community wardens to tackle vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the park. Following requests from residents to Craig, the glass recycling bin has been removed.

Craig has also contacted the police and council transportation team about the smashing of bus shelters. In addition to calling for effective patrolling and police action, he has asked the council to look at more robust alternatives to glass in shelters, a number of which have been subject to this unfortunate mindless vandalism.

❖ **GP and dentist access concerns** : Many residents have spoken with Craig about GP access concerns, both around the challenges at several GP practices of getting though at 8am and also around access to face-to-face consultations. Residents have also contacted Craig about access to NHS dental services in Broughty Ferry.

As residents will know, GP and dental practices operate as independent contractors, but as the issues raised by residents are across numerous practices, Craig has written to the Chief Executive of NHS Tayside raising the various concerns highlighted by residents.

❖ **Fort Street - bench replaced** : The well-used bench in Fort Street opposite the junction with Camperdown Street had been missing for some time and Craig was pleased to secure a commitment from the council that it would be reinstated. This has since taken place - see photo right.



Cllr Craig Duncan - keeping in touch - all year round!

Latest Broughty Ferry news from Cllr Craig Duncan



❖ **Faded 20 mph markings** : Residents have highlighted to Craig that many of the 20 mph 'roundels' on roads in the 20 mph zone in central Broughty Ferry are faded. Craig has asked the City Council to ensure these are refreshed.

❖ **Litter bins provision across Broughty Ferry** : Craig regularly raises residents' requests for more litter bin provision where this is inadequate and is pleased that environment management at the City Council has promised more larger capacity bins. These will be used for both general and dog waste.



❖ **Curling Pond at Claypotts Road** : Craig has been in touch with the council to ensure the improvements at the curling pond include new fencing. This should

improve safety for dogs and people emerging onto Claypotts Road. He has also welcomed footpath upgrades here.

❖ **City Council revenue budget 2023/24** : 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 :

- **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.
- **Pavements and roads upgrades** - Our proposals would have seen an extra £3 million spent this year on roads and pavements resurfacing - badly needed given the state of so many roads and footpaths across the city.
- **Council Tax kept down** - Given soaring inflation, food prices and energy bills, Liberal Democrats proposed keeping the council tax increase down to just 1% - as opposed to the SNP's large increase of 4.75%.
- **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 also help the residents who use these car parks.
- **Saving local buses** - The SNP council administration has forced through cuts to council-supported bus services which will sadly mean that the 206 service across parts of Broughty Ferry could be axed next year along with other services, including the sheltered housing shopping bus service. We strongly opposed the bus services cuts that will impact especially on older residents.



❖ **Reres Park** : Residents will recall the significant damage caused in Reres Park by Storm Arwen in November 2021. See photo - left.

Craig is pleased that improvements to the pathways were approved and has been in discussion with the City Council about new tree planting.

He is anxious that the type of trees planted are suitable for the future in a time of climate change - rather than on a like for like basis - a point the City Council has agreed to consider.

❖ **Dawson Park update** : Craig is pleased that his request on behalf of residents to have a missing swing repaired at Dawson Park has been resolved - see right. He has also raised the issue of missing goal posts at Dawson Park.

❖ **Albany Road** : Craig has asked the council to deal with some blocked road gullies in Albany Road and at several other local streets.



Councillor Craig Duncan - works all year round for Broughty Ferry

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.



Broughty Ferry proposed work included :

Adopted Footway Programme 2023-24

- Dalhousie Lane
- Anton Drive - North Side

Active Travel Schemes 2023-24

- Footpath from Falkland Crescent to Gillies Park

Carriageway Resurfacing Programme 2023-24

- Abercromby Street - Top Section
- Abertay Crescent - Whole Length
- Archer Street - Whole Road
- Boysack Gardens - Whole Road
- Castleton Place - Whole Road
- Rossie Avenue - East and West sections

Whilst any pavements and roads improvements are welcome, the current budget is wholly inadequate and far too few roads and footpaths are being upgraded. 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 other parties voted this down, but Craig will continue to campaign for roads and pavements improvements across the Broughty Ferry area.



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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(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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