

Clear Blue Water

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Second Zebra Bagged in the Bay

Two years after Cllr Stuart Randall requested a traffic assessment, Fife Council has finally agreed to fund a second pedestrian crossing at the north end of Regents Way. Officers are now deciding exactly what type of crossing to install and precisely where it should go.

Cllr Randall says: "It's nice to know perseverance pays off. I'm watching carefully to make sure we get the right sort of crossing in exactly the right place."

Re-Elect Cllr Randall



To speak to Stuart Randall

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Persistent Problems with Planning?

The vast majority of planning applications are routine and sail through the system. Sometimes, however, even small projects get bogged down.

In these instances it's important to contact your local councillor as soon as possible. Delay can waste both time and money.

Cllr Randall says: "I dealt with a case recently where a constituent was refused a completion certificate. The work fitted the definition for neither an extension nor a conservatory and a whole year passed before I was contacted. Yet, after a couple of letters and meetings we had the answer: it was a porch! A fire door was changed and a few tweaks were made to the paperwork and everybody was happy."

Your elected member is there to make sure Fife Council treats you right. But he can only do that if he knows there is problem.

Tougher Nuts to Crack

Don't let anyone tell you Dalgety Bay doesn't have problems because it's so new. There are plenty of issues that have lain unresolved for decades. A councillor gets a real boost when one of these tougher nuts is finally cracked, e.g. the successful adoption of Frankfield Crescent after 30 years in limbo.

The run-down play equipment at Meadowfield is another seemingly impossible wrangle. It fell into a legal hole when 95% of the Scottish Special houses were sold off. But a Residents' Association has been formed and real progress is being made. Cllr Randall is hoping to see it through to the end!

Let's all hope the same can be said for the flooding problems at Lade Braes. The investigations have so far raised more questions than answers. But nobody is going to give up until the cause is identified once and for all.

Recycling Rate Rises

For years Fife council's recycling rate was under 2%, i.e. much worse than every Tory council in the UK! Now the rate is climbing rapidly. **CBW** asked Cllr Randall why:

"I kept needling Labour about their rotten record.



I pointed out that even little improvements can have a big impact. Labour was only interested in big flashy schemes, not steady incremental progress.

"Eventually they gave in and installed paper and rag banks. They also chose Dalgety Bay for a pilot composting scheme using 2000 brown bins, soon to be increased to 4000.

"Just as I predicted, the result of these small changes was dramatic. Our recycling rate is above 5% and improving all the time."

Carrot & Stick

Serious crime is rare in Dalgety Bay, but vandalism and other forms of anti-social behaviour are the bane of many lives. We Conservatives want to see Zero Tolerance principles applied and this will need more bobbies on the beat.

But the approach must not be all stick and no carrot. It's imperative that youngsters have stimulating things to do, which is why Cllr Randall pushes for new children's play equipment, skateparks and goalposts.

There's much more that can be done, especially with what the un-cool know as youth clubs. The limiting factor is almost always the number of adult volunteers willing to supervise. Without adults to keep an eye on things, facilities remain locked up most nights; and that is a crime.

Primary School

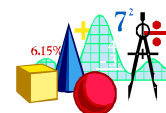
In opposition Labour hated privately financed schools. Now they are putting them up all over.

That's good news, but are schools built in the '60s and '70s too new for investment and too old for comfort? **CBW** asked Cllr Randall how Dalgety Bay Primary was faring:

"I work closely with the school board to find out what the top priority is. Then I lobby very hard to get it sorted out.

"Over the last 4 years it's been new pin-boards, a leaky toilet, carpets to deaden noisy classrooms and ugly scratched window panes. We've made good progress on all these.

"The next target is re-placing the parquet floor in the overheated hall and I'm on the case already!"



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