

from Jenny Blain,  
Councillor Daniel Coleman  
and the local Liberal Democrats

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## Latest news from Councillor Daniel Coleman and Jenny Blain!



Councillor Daniel Coleman has worked hard for our local Strathmartine area as one of your councillors since being elected in 2022.

Following the resignation of an SNP councillor in the ward there will be a by-election on Thursday

3<sup>rd</sup> October to elect another Strathmartine councillor.

Daniel is delighted that Dundee Liberal Democrats have chosen Jenny Blain, of the Strathmartine Focus Team, as our candidate to join Daniel in working for our local area as one of your local councillors. Jenny is Dundee born and bred, has been a teacher and university senior lecturer and lives in Strathmartine Ward in the Clattowoods area.

Other parties will be knocking at your door asking for your vote but **only** the Liberal Democrats keep in touch all year round through the Strathmartine Focus newsletter - now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year.

Please support Jenny Blain and the Strathmartine Focus Team on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - the team that works all year round - not just at election time!

## Who should your next councillor be?

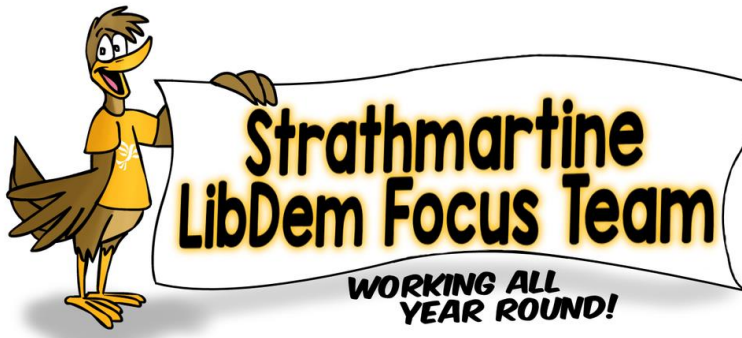
- Someone who cares about our local area
- Someone who works hard all year round
- Someone who keeps in touch
- Someone who takes action on local problems



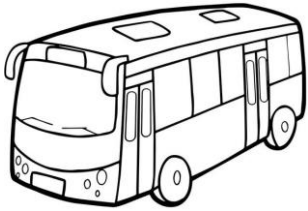
Councillor Daniel Coleman has a proven track record of working for everyone in Strathmartine Ward, and his colleague Jenny Blain brings the same level of commitment to tackle the issues affecting our local area.

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

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Your normal, scheduled full-sized Strathmartine Focus will be delivered to you by Jenny and Daniel in the near future, but here's a flavour of some of the issues the Strathmartine Focus Team have been tackling in our local area recently :



❖ **Sheltered shopping bus service** : Jenny has slammed the SNP council administration for its decision to axe the sheltered shoppers' bus service. This was a great service for local sheltered tenants in our area at Turriff House, Rannoch Court and Garry Place - and other sheltered complexes across Dundee - taking elderly tenants once a week to a local supermarket for shopping.

The SNP axed the funding and despite the best efforts of local charity the Food Train to secure external funding to keep it, the service sadly ended on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Jenny said, "Liberal Democrat councillors strongly opposed this miserable SNP cut that has ended a vital service for many older tenants. The shoppers' bus service cost only £20 500 a year to run and, as one of your councillors, along with Daniel and other Dundee LibDem councillors, we will continue to campaign to restore this service.

"What is galling is that the SNP-controlled council spent four times as much on hybrid meeting equipment for councillors' meetings whilst axing the shoppers' bus. Liberal Democrat councillors opposed spending £85 000 on hybrid meetings IT equipment - there are more important things to spend Council Taxpayers' money on."

❖ **Street cleaning** : Liberal Democrat councillors have been at the forefront of the campaign to improve street cleaning both in our local area and across Dundee. Jenny said, "The SNP has failed Dundee on keeping the streets clean - there are now 39 fewer street cleaners in the city than in 2015 - all down to SNP cuts. The Liberal Democrat alternative budget proposed this year would have restored all 39 of the lost street cleaning jobs.



"People are rightly tired of litter strewn streets and overflowing Eurobins. The LibDem councillors recently proposed a cross-party working group to look at ways to improve the cleanliness of the streets. Other opposition councillors supported LibDem moves but the SNP voted it down."

Jenny added, "It is time for a fresh approach to getting the basics right on the council and remove the tired SNP administration which has simply been in power for far too long."

❖ **Improving the city centre** : Many local residents in Strathmartine and right across Dundee have highlighted concerns at the condition of parts of Dundee City Centre as well.

Jenny said, "The Liberal Democrat councillors, in addition to raising street cleaning concerns in their local areas, have also campaigned to clean up streets like the Murraygate - not just litter and graffiti - but also to work with owners of empty shop units to bring them back into use.



"Only by voting out the failing SNP administration can we have a refreshed council and improve the city centre. I look forward to joining the group of Liberal Democrat councillors who will do just that."

**Jenny BLAIN 1**