



Latest Broughty Ferry 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 Broughty Ferry issues.

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

Following feedback from residents, from the start of February, Craig's weekly ward surgeries during school term time are amended and running slightly earlier, as follows :

- Every Wednesday during school term time at 5pm sharp - Broughty Ferry Library
- First Wednesday of the month during school term time at 5.45pm - Barnhill Primary School
- Additionally, Craig is now running ad hoc pop up street surgeries which will be advertised on his Facebook page



Getting in touch! Craig can also be contacted by e-mail at craig.duncan@dundeecity.gov.uk - by phone - 07810 050534 - or send back the Grumble Sheet on the back of this edition of Focus.



Save Broughty Castle Museum : Craig strongly opposed the outcome of a recent consultation exercise by Dundee City Council that recommended the closure of Broughty Ferry Castle Museum and Caird Park Golf Course, making clear that this made a nonsense of the so-called consultation which showed that the public want the museum and golf course saved.

The museum needs funding for 2025/26 onwards and, at the time of the Ferry Focus going to print, the council budget has not yet been finalised. Craig and his LibDem colleagues have made clear that they will move heaven and earth to ensure that the museum stays open - Craig wants to ensure financial security for the museum.

Craig and his colleagues are also extremely critical of the council's recent council tax "consultation" that floated the possibility of totally unacceptable cuts. These included the possible closure of school swimming pools, reducing bin collections and recycling centre hours, the removal of many school crossing patrollers and reducing the community safety wardens service.

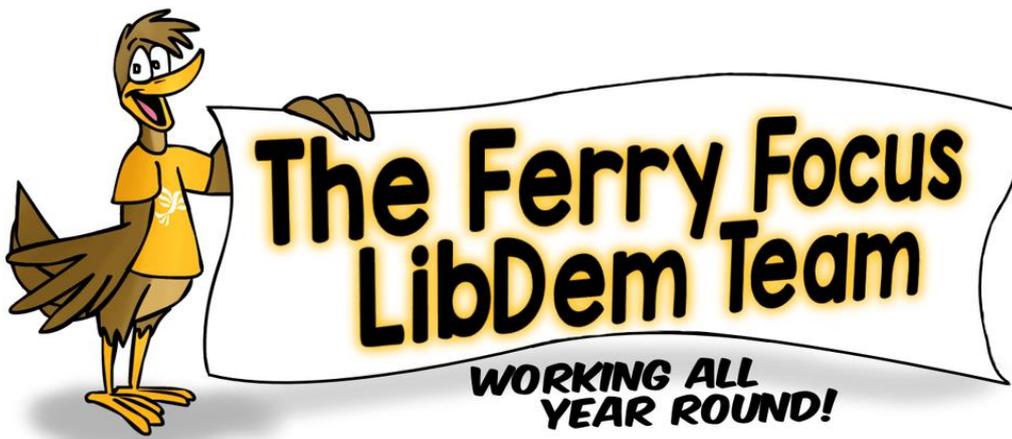
Craig added, "My Liberal Democrat colleagues and I will do all we can to protect local services in our budget amendment at this year's council revenue budget. One thing is clear - 16 years of the SNP running the council has been a disaster for Dundee, with increased charges and poorer services."



Campaigning for road improvements : Craig continues to raise residents' requests for roads improvements across Broughty Ferry. The photos show the deterioration of Abernethy Road (left) and Guthrie Terrace (right) which are just two examples of roads Craig has raised with the council's Roads Maintenance Partnership recently. Part of Fintry Place near Blake Place, Lawrence Street and Camperdown Steet are other recent examples.

Craig said, "There has been under-investment in roads and pavement resurfacing in Dundee, something our group has consistently raised."





❖ **Broughty Ferry public toilets opening times** : Craig received numerous residents' concerns about the lack of signage at public toilets across Broughty Ferry to indicate opening times and inconsistency in the opening times. He is pictured (left) at the toilets at Dawson Park and Craig has now been assured by the council that all the council's toilets are to be opened as follows :

Summer hours - 8.30am to 4pm
Winter hours - 10am to 3pm

... and that proper signage at toilets will be provided.



Specifically with regard to Dawson Park, Craig has also raised a number of issues highlighted by residents recently - a damaged seat towards the north end of the park (see left) and the fact that the plaque at the tennis courts commemorating Judy Murray opening the floodlit, refurbished courts (see right) is now missing. Craig has therefore asked that this be replaced.



❖ **Barnhill Rock Garden wooden bridge** : Sadly, the ornate little wooden bridge at the Rock Garden was removed last year as it had become rotten and unsafe. Craig has requested that Dundee City Council look to replace it, possibly involving the community payback team.

❖ **Seven Arches** : Craig welcomed the resurfacing works last year - something he had called for - in addition to some welcome general maintenance improvements. However, at the request of residents, he has raised with the City Council to give attention to uplifting slippery leaves and better servicing of bins.



❖ **Victoria Road/Ballinard Road/Claypotts Road junction** : Residents have raised with Craig road safety concerns at the junction of Claypotts Road with Ballinard Road and Victoria Road - see photo left.

Craig has asked Dundee City Council's road safety team to monitor the site and thereafter recommend any appropriate possible road safety improvements.



Craig's daily Broughty Ferry updates ...

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 nearly 3 300 local residents in Broughty Ferry following the page. You can view it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/craigduncan.broughtyferry

* Craig also has an X/Twitter account - again covering Broughty Ferry updates and other local news and events - follow Craig on X/Twitter at [@Craig4TheFerry](https://twitter.com/Craig4TheFerry)





Councillor Craig Duncan

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❖ **Playpark improvements across Broughty Ferry** : Craig has raised a number of repairs required at playparks across our area over the past few months, including at Castle Green, Hamilton Street/Strathmore Street, Orchar Park and Forthill Road.

However, in addition to repairs, some playparks are crying out for an upgrade and refurbishment. Craig is pictured at the playpark behind the shops at Torridon Road/Marlee Place and he has asked the council to consider improving the facility here.



❖ **Beach Crescent - slippery steps** : Residents raised concerns with Craig about the build-up of green algae on the amphitheatre-type steps leading to the water's edge at Beach Crescent, which has led to several slips and falls.

There is no easy answer to this naturally-occurring seaside growth and, although chemical treatment has been suggested, there are environmental concerns that preclude such an approach.

Craig has therefore asked the City Council to bring in a more frequent manual cleaning regime.

❖ **Fintry Place at Seafield Road** : A 'Give Way' sign at the junction of Fintry Place with Seafield Road has moved and needs re-siting - see right. Craig therefore requested that the Roads Maintenance Partnership repair this.



❖ **Esplanade - litter bins** : Residents have mentioned to Craig that the path nearest the beach on Esplanade needs more litter bins between opposite Urban Beach at the Glass Pavilion and Barnhill Rock Garden. This is an extremely well-used path so Craig has raised this with environment management at the City Council to request more litter bin provision.

❖ **Can you help deliver the Ferry Focus?** : The Ferry Focus is paid for and delivered all by voluntary effort. A number of kind residents already help Craig by delivering a few streets near their home. If you can help, please tick the box on the Grumble Sheet overleaf - many thanks!

❖ **Bus Shelters** : Craig is pictured - right - at the bus shelter at the Bell Tree near the Panmurefield shops. This bus shelter is sadly now redundant following the SNP axing the 206 service back in April 2024. Craig had campaigned to save the service but sadly the SNP administration was not for listening.



At a time of reduced council budgets, it is ridiculous that redundant bus shelters are not being relocated to new sites and Craig has raised this with the transport team.

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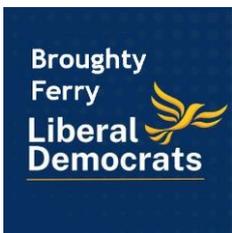


Balmossie footbridge : At the request of residents, Craig has raised the need to repair numerous missing segments of the non-slip covering of the footbridge over the rail line at South Balmossie Street - see left. He has also raised the need to remove graffiti on the bridge.

A positive recent development here, however, has been the provision of an additional street light at the north side of the bridge, making the bridge better lit at night.



❖ **Trees around the Mill Park area** : At residents' requests, Craig has raised with the council the need to carry out management of a number of trees around Mill Park, including the removal of some trees that have fallen.



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) _____

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

I would like to join Broughty Ferry Liberal Democrats

**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@dundee.gov.uk