

YourCityCouncillor

WARD 21

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Scottish Labour

LOCAL NEWS

Spring 2012

Happy New Year!

St MUNGO Festival 2012

The year opens with a festival (8-14 Jan 2012) celebrating the 1400 anniversary of the city.

St Mungo also known as Kentigern was a Celtic saint who founded the monastic settlement by the side of the Molendinar Burn. Today the Cathedral stands on the site of his tomb. The Trades of Glasgow defended the Church from mobs at the reformation. Now Churches and schools have set out events to commemorate the birthday of the City. St Rose of Lima Primary School sang at the party in the City Chambers along with 400 school children on 13 January. The Molendinar Awards were presented to 30 schools in the afternoon. Ashcraig School wrote and performed a song about the Molendinar. St Andrew's School; Lochend Community High School; St Mungo's Academy; Whitehill Secondary School and St Rose of Lima Primary School attended a dedication service in Cathedral for youth of Glasgow. Being a citizen of Glasgow starts in the classroom and parents add to the knowledge of local history telling how Glasgow, the place for engineering and now for micro technology, creative industries in music and the performing arts.

Good bye from me

I will be standing down as your Councillor and Bailie after May elections. You have trusted me with your hopes and expectations for Craigend, Garthamlock and across to Brucefield. Working with community representatives, in housing associations and estate action groups, in community councils and local development groups has helped me respond to changes for local services. Partnerships with health social work, GHA and community based housing associations made best use of local budgets for services you wanted. Much more needs to be done.

I hope your expectations for a better place to live will be met. The Community Planning board for Baillieston, Shettleston and Greater Easterhouse provides the structure to co-ordinate partnerships to deliver better Services.

Best of British under 13s

Daniel and Alex Richardson led the way as champions for the British Development cup.

I was delighted to see their medals and congratulate them at Easterhouse sports centre in June 2011. Aultmore Park Primary School has shown their stars for the future, Gladiator Director Richard has pioneered sports development across the City.



SQA

Results are the best ever for the City. Ward 21 has shown many more pupils are staying on for 4th year and St Andrew's Secondary school achieved a 96.2% positive destination, compared with Jordanhill College School at 96%. Next year will continue this trend with more apprenticeships and those remaining in training or education.

Liff Place radio mast

I have worked with Lochend Parish Church objecting to the position of the mast at the church entrance; I hope the alternative positions have been allocated by planning services.

Wallace Monument

Robroyston Community Council has published a leaflet about this national monument near Wallace well. Researched by local residents Historic Glasgow assisted with images and text. Well done for local heritage. I enjoyed working with the committee preparing footpath maps.

Affordable Warmth Dividend for 80+

Make sure you complete a form and register for this allowance. If you live in Glasgow and receive pension credits let me know if you want a form. Telephone 0141 287-7046

Start Your Own Business

Glasgow has launched a new enterprise allowance scheme to support unemployed people to start a business which offers special attention for young people if you attend the Youth enterprise zone.

Advice, mentors and finance are provided like the Princes Trust model. Contact Glasgow Regeneration Agency and ask for East Glasgow Gary Hay.

New Build in Provanhall

GHA are preparing tenants for design choices for 75 new houses to be built on Conisborough Road. This is a re-provisioning project to accommodate residents from Bishoploch whose homes have been demolished. Contact David MacKenzie at Cairnbrook Housing Association for more information. Tel 274 7090

Mossvale Road

Road safety with Bailie McMaster meeting traffic police and road safety officers checking the car parking and road markings near Avenue End and St Rose of Lima Primary schools.



Gadburn School

Ward councillors asked for further consideration to be given to consultation issues to support parents from Gadburn School to have children co located in a self contained unit at Barmulloch school building. This proposal will secure a nurture and creative learning environment for all children.

Partnership - is it working For You?

Let me know if there are things which Council can do better for your street or your community group. Have you any ideas about improving service in this area? Come to my surgery and talk through your views. Alternatively you can contact me at: Catherine.mcmaster@government.gov.uk

Estate Action Group Meetings

It has been most helpful for me to hear you getting better services from Strathclyde Police and from Council Land and Environmental Services. Tower Homes and Cairnbrook and Commonhead have established ways of clean up and improving back courts and bin sheds.

Lochend Road

Contractors will start work soon to renovate the Bus Terminus. Road surfaces, shelters and bus bays are to be redesigned, landscaping for the embankment will be included as well as lighting. SPT and Land and Environmental Services will be jointly working on this project.

Dog Fouling

Glasgow Community Safety Services will provide a leaflet campaign in your street or neighbourhood if there is a problem with dog fouling, where dog owners do not clean up after their dogs. GCSS will lead a crack down. Residents do not want to see their gardens, pavements and open spaces become a mess. So please, dog walkers and owners, take a bag with you and deposit the waste in any bin. There is a fine if you are caught by dog wardens.

Surgeries

Connie Centre - 5pm - Second Tuesday each month.
 St Rose of Lima Primary School – 6pm - Second Tuesday each month.
 Oakwood Primary School - 6pm - Third Monday each month.
 Platform The Bridge – 5pm - Forth Tuesday each month.
 St Benedict Primary School – 6pm - Forth Tuesday each month.