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MP for Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock

January 2024 Newsletter



Foreword

After a busy festive season it is now back to the familiar routine of business in both Westminster and the constituency.

2024 promises to be a busy year with a General Election likely to happen, though the timing is as yet uncertain.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my constituents the very best for the coming year, and as always please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you with information, advice, support, or assistance in matters which affect you and the constituency.

VASA Christmas Day



I was pleased to be able to volunteer, for the 22nd consecutive year, with Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA).

They deliver an oven or microwave-ready Christmas dinner and presents to isolated and elderly people in our community, who would otherwise be on their own on that special day.

The lovely VASA volunteers delivered Christmas dinners and presents to about 125 people and, for many, provided the only social contact that the elderly people would have on that day.

As many of you will be aware, the importance of the contribution of volunteers in our communities is a subject close to my heart. My grateful thanks to all who volunteer, in whatever capacity, to support our communities.

Greenan Road Development

Just before Christmas, I was pleased to note that South Ayrshire Council's Planning Officer's interpretation of the guidelines for determining planning applications, were applied appropriately and the proposed development of three homes on green space land between Greenan Road and the sea, was refused. The proposals had attracted about three hundred objections, and I was contacted by many constituents concerned not only about the impact on existing dwellings nearby, but regarding its proximity to a site of Special Scientific Interest and its adverse environmental impact of the wildlife, flora, and fauna in the area.

Although as a Westminster MP I have no formal role in the planning process, I was happy to support my constituents throughout, lodging a formal objection and I was committed and determined to attend the planning meeting in person to object on their behalf.

I would also like to thank Andrew Russell, Chair, and the Members of the Alloway, Doonfoot and St Leonards Community Council and all constituents who submitted objections for their support in successfully achieving this outcome.

Early Day Motions - Go Girvan & Ayr Hospital Radio

Early Day Motions (EDMs) are used to put on record the views of individual MPs or to highlight specific events or campaigns worthy of note. It was my very great pleasure to present EDMs in December to Go Girvan and to Ayr Hospital Radio.

Go Girvan's EDM congratulates the town and people of Girvan on winning recognition as the Most Dog Friendly Town in the United Kingdom. It also recognises the contribution of the Trustees and other volunteers and their involvement and partnership working with local businesses promoting Girvan as a positive, thriving and welcoming tourist destination. It was great to hear of the progress of other Go Girvan projects including the Ailsa Craig Centre, sustainable bunting, the tattie festival and the potential of developing a community owned wind farm. Well done the Go Girvan Project and all of the other local community groups who are making such a positive contribution to the regeneration and promotion of the town.



Ayr Hospital Radio's Chair, John O'Donnell and Members of the Management Committee of Ayr Hospital Radio, accepted their EDM, which recognises, celebrates and congratulates AHR as being one of the oldest hospital radio stations in Scotland on their 70th anniversary. The EDM also notes that the charity, based at the University Hospital, Ayr is supported by around twenty five fantastic, committed volunteer presenters, who provide a hospital radio service to local hospitals and the local community via the world wide web. My thanks to all involved.



Wallacetown Energy Project



I was very pleased to meet with Alan Roseweir, Chair of the Wallacetown Community Association, for a comprehensive update on the fantastic Wallacetown Energy Project, which has identified three school buildings in Wallacetown suitable to host solar panels on their roofs. The energy generated can offset energy costs in the schools and/or provide an income stream for use in Wallacetown, and reduce carbon emissions. The Project team are also currently working in partnership with South Ayrshire Council, the University of Strathclyde and a number of other partners at a senior level, to develop an innovative Wallacetown Net Zero village plan. In addition they are also in collaboration with education providers at all levels to ensure that

opportunities to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics are available to enhance future job opportunities, particularly in the renewables sector, locally and nationally. The Project has my full support.

Article in The National Newspaper

Earlier this month I had an article published in The National newspaper regarding safety concerns at Sellafield Nuclear re-processing plant in Cumbria, and its impact on the West coast of Scotland, and Cumnock.



Cumnock Juniors Sponsors' Day

Great to be able to attend the Sponsors' Day at Cumnock Juniors FC Vs Kirkintilloch Rob Roy FC game. The match finished 1 -1. Photos show a fantastic save by the Cumnock Juniors goalkeeper, just one of the many volunteers at the club, Jamie, the Scottish Junior Cup which Cumnock won for the third time last season, and my sponsored Billboard.



Apart from the great game, the best part of the day was the welcoming and friendly fans, the real sense of family and community involvement and especially the contribution of the many volunteers who do so much for the club.



My thanks also to the many sponsors including Donsport ImpactTraining Glencairn Estates MKM Building Supplies Cumnockjuniors Socialclub, TG's Barbers and all of the other sponsors for their continued support.

Less Survivable Cancers

I was pleased to be able to show my support for Charities highlighting the six less survivable common cancers on January 11th.

These are cancers of the lungs, liver, brain, oesophagus, pancreas and stomach.

Only 16% of people diagnosed with one of these cancers will survive for 5 years or more.



The Less Survivable Cancers Taskforce (LSCT) has released figures based on a new analysis of existing data and the world survival rankings of these cancers which shows that out of 33 countries of comparable wealth and income levels, the UK ranks as low as 28th for five-year survival for both stomach and lung cancer.

Their call for action includes a dedicated action plan for these cancers and ring-fenced funding including research for each of these six conditions. They have my full support.



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ADVICE SURGERIES

Every Friday
10am-12noon

Telephone or virtual appointments.

Contact my office on 01292 848102 to book.

Can I help?

When Parliament is sitting, I'm usually at Westminster from Monday to Thursday. However my constituency office is open from 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday and my small team of staff are available to be contacted by telephone to deal with all constituency enquiries.

I also offer telephone, virtual or in person constituency advice surgeries every Friday by appointment. You can email me at allan.dorans.mp@parliament.uk, or telephone the constituency office on 01292 848102.