



## Councillor Norma McGovern

### Report to my constituents on my activities January and February 2014

After a break over Christmas and the New Year, it was back to normal with my Council duties.

The start of the year saw me attending the Installation of the Right Reverend Bishop Stephen Robson (Bishop of the Diocese of Dunkeld) in St Andrew's Cathedral on 9 January. This was a wonderful ceremony and I was proud to be part of the congregation.

Link :

<http://bit.ly/1ouJhyj>

-----

The following week, I had a site meeting with Scottish Enterprise Trust on the land adjacent to the top of Thurso Crescent.

I had been contacted by constituents regarding hedges and trees on ground adjacent to

my constituents homes, which was causing concern due to the height and density of the greenery.

I am glad to report that SET have agreed to cut back the offending hedges to a reasonable height and to include the area in their cyclical maintenance. I am currently in negotiations with the University of Dundee to establish if they would be prepared to do the same on grounds that they own in the same vicinity. I will give an update on this in due course.

-----

Later in the month, I attended a briefing with the Board of Scottish Fire and Rescue Services in Abertay University.

This gave Councillors and other members of the community the opportunity to meet the Board in an informal setting.

Following on from this, there was an announcement that Dundee will be one of three Scottish centres where a Control Room will located, which is good news for Dundee.

This was a strategic decision to reduce the present number of 8 Control Rooms inherited from the legacy brigades which merged to form a national organisation in April of last year.

**Link :**

<http://bit.ly/1dz3Esm>

-----

At the start of February, I was invited along to the Clement Park/Toft Hill Sheltered Housing Complex to celebrate the 25th. Anniversary of the opening. This was a lovely afternoon and it was nice to meet a number of the residents in an informal setting.

-----

## Highgate Update

It has been confirmed that the new street will, indeed, be named Bank Street. This street along with the new transport hub and community garden are on schedule with a targeted completion date of end of May.

Planning approval has now been gained for the building of the new houses on the Coupar Angus Road side of the existing car park.

A traffic regulation order will be going out to reverse the flow of traffic on part of the High Street and an Information Event on this will be taking place in Lochee Library and there will be a proposed drop in session provisionally organised for 24th March.

---

## Stack Development Update

Bus Shelter – Following on from my discussions with the Transportation Manager, I have now had confirmation that a bus shelter will be installed. Owing to the works involved – electrical connections, ground work, ownership of land and the sourcing of a bus shelter, it is anticipated that this should be in place by the end of May.

-----

## Play/Open Spaces

An initial application for funding to provide enhanced play areas at South Road Park was rejected. However, a revised design is planned and will be resubmitted in July.

-----

## Police Scotland

Issues reported on by the police for the last three months reporting period (November – January) for Lochee Ward were –

Youth Calls - 23 incidents involving youths, a decrease of 52 compared to the previous period.

Vandalism – There was a slight reduction in reported vandalisms, with 57 compared to 60 during the previous period. South Road had the most incidents with 10 crimes being reported, 7 of which were in the area of the Social Work facilities at Drummond House/Forrester's House. The next most targeted street was Tweed Crescent where several cars were damaged, likewise there were 3 incidents of damage to cars in the High Street area. On a positive note, there was only one reported act of vandalism in the multi storey developments, where a door was damaged in Burnside Court.

Drugs Offences – There were 19 recorded drug offences, 14 were possession and 5 were supply of drugs.

There were 2 drug overdoses recorded, neither of which were fatal and 34 incidents reported of persons using drugs.

Discarded Needles – There were 26 reports of discarded needles resulting in the recovery of 51 needles. The biggest single uplift was of 8 used needles from Bright Street.

Housebreaking – There were 13 domestic dwellings targeted, compared to 6 in the previous period, with 3 resulting in property being stolen from Wiston Place, Elder's Court and Forth Crescent. The remaining 10 crimes, 4 entry was gained with nothing being taken, and 6 saw no entry gained.

Vehicle Crime – 12 cars were targeted for property, 11 of which resulted in property being

stolen with 3 thefts being from secure vehicles in Yarrow Terrace and Charleston Drive. 9 vehicles were stolen over the period, 3 of which were motor cycles.

Thefts – There were 34 thefts, down from 39 during the previous period with Elder’s Court suffering the highest number of crimes (4).

**Links :**

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/tayside/dundee/lochee>

**Update of the Lochee Multi Member ward Police Plan ( November 2013)**

[http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/142349/tayside/194044/lochee\\_mmwp\\_nov\\_2013?view=Standard](http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/142349/tayside/194044/lochee_mmwp_nov_2013?view=Standard)

---

## Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

There were 13 dwelling fires reported, 6 of which were due to cooking or cooking appliances providing the ignition source. There has been a recurrence of refuse being set on fire either inside or against a building in the Menzieshill Area and the SFRS will be looking closely at the this type of incident. In this connection it is important for residents to ensure that stairwells and escape routes are kept clear of combustible materials.

**Link :**

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk>

----

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can of any assistance to you.

Details are available on my Surgery page.

<http://www.dundecity.gov.uk/councillors/normamcgovern>

Kind Regards

Norma McGovern