

Labour Review

Councillor Stewart MacDonald

And

Candidate Jim Neill

Kirkintilloch East and Twechar



Dear Fellow Resident,

There will be few people in East Dunbartonshire who are not aware of the current financial difficulties facing us all and many households will have already been affected in some way.

The council has made £40m worth of savings since 2007 and we will be expected to cut around £6.5m this coming year.

It is local government's duty to spend your money wisely and it is important that we get value when delivering your services.

However, the scale of the cuts has meant that there have been very difficult and sometimes controversial decisions on what services we can continue to fund or on how we can keep services but find different ways to deliver them.

We value the contributions already made by our community representatives and partners in helping the council shape your services in these difficult times. However, it is important that we continue to listen and hear what you think. What YOU have to say is important to Labour in East Dunbartonshire.

In delivering the year on year required legal budgets and savings, the council has always required cross political party support and agreement.

Despite being a minority administration, Labour in local government have led and will continue to make representations to our Scottish and UK parliamentarians to ensure they are fully aware of the financial pressures in delivering important front line services. We will encourage them to influence Holyrood and Westminster decisions that have an impact on residents across East Dunbartonshire.

To let us know what your views are please use the Freepost address on this leaflet.

Thank you.

East Dunbartonshire Labour Group

Community Safety

Councillor Stewart MacDonald says "I have built strong working relationships with the police to ensure resources are targeted in the ward improving community safety." Jim Neill has said, "We will work in partnership with communities, Housing Associations and private landlords to deal with anti-social behaviour wherever it happens."



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Education

Councillor Stewart MacDonald says, "Building on the success of six new high schools, including a brand new Kirkintilloch High School, we want a properly funded education system so that our children can achieve their full potential." Jim Neill says, "Parents expect their children to be taught in properly funded schools that are fit for the 21st Century with the best teaching and materials."



Buses

Councillor Stewart MacDonald has worked with First Bus to improve the service to Waterside and save an evening service to Twechar. He will continue to campaign to restore the routes around Ellisland Drive and along Hillhead Road and to bring back a proper evening and morning service. Jim Neill says, "Access to public transport is vital to help people sustain jobs and prevent exclusion from shops, healthcare and other services".

Get In Touch

Stewart and Jim are always available to meet residents to help solve problems or to make sure they are getting the services they need. Whether it is potholes, a repair to your Council house or vandalism in your area they will make sure action is taken.

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Environment

People want to feel proud of the areas in which they live. Local councillor, Stewart MacDonald, has resolved long-standing issues of concern to local residents. Following his intervention maintenance of grass in Harestanes has dramatically improved, a housing car park in Harestanes has been resurfaced, a country walkway in Waterside was re-developed and recurring flooding addressed. Jim Neill says, "A pleasant, safe environment is essential for community pride and well-being."

Housing

As your councillor, Stewart MacDonald is proud to serve with a Labour-led administration delivering massive investment in schools, housing and the environment of Kirkintilloch, Waterside and Twechar. Over 360 brand new homes for rent are being built including, in Hillhead, the first new council houses for generations. Jim Neill says, "With these new developments, people can see a real difference in their environment. With your support, Labour will continue to fight for these improvements".



Tackling Inequalities

Councillor Stewart MacDonald says, "Benefits are being cut and employment opportunities limited, but Labour has worked locally to improve access to proper support." Jim Neill says, "Labour will fight to tackle inequalities by making sure resources are properly targeted in Kirkintilloch East and Twechar."



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