

Dunblane *and* FOCUS Bridge of Allan

Spring 2011

ALL YEAR ROUND ACTION FROM YOUR LOCAL LIB DEMS



Tim Brett, Your Lib Dem Candidate

Time For A Pupil Premium In Scotland

Tim Brett, Lib Dem Candidate for Dunblane and Clackmannanshire in the Holyrood election, has vowed to help introduce a Pupil Premium.

“The Lib Dems are committed to ensuring that all our kids get the best possible start in life,” said Tim. “It’s just not fair that children from poorer backgrounds are more likely to have trouble with reading, writing and maths.”

“A Pupil Premium would *help children from poorer families*, by ensuring extra cash goes straight to their schools.”

BEAULY - DENNY DISGRACE

Lib Dem Councillor David Goss has branded the mitigation proposals for the Beauly to Denny power line a farce and has called for them to be urgently revised.

Cllr Goss, who represents Dunblane and Bridge of Allan, told Focus, “The SNP Government should have forced Scottish Power to seriously consider undergrounding schemes like those in the Netherlands and Germany. **The SNP have let Scottish Power off the hook.**”

“Much more work is required in providing visual landscaping simulations to show how the pylons will look in key areas including the greatly increased diameter of the cables - not just diagrams.”



Working for you all year round the Lib Dem team Ian Brown, Graham Reed, David Goss

Lib Dems Secure Victory for Students

Lib Dem MSPs at Holyrood have secured major concessions to the Scottish Budget on college bursaries and places, and modern apprenticeships. The Lib Dem effort has been welcomed by the National Union of Students.

President of NUS Scotland, Liam Burns said, “This is great news and testament to the hard work of thousands of college students across Scotland and the **Scottish Liberal Democrats**. To win £15 million in college bursaries, and £8 million for college places, in a budget which is being cut is a fantastic result.”

Brett and Rennie to Fight for Dunblane and Bridge of Allan in the Scottish Parliament

Local Lib Dems have selected **Tim Brett** as their candidate for the new seat of Clackmannanshire and Dunblane in the Scottish Parliament Elections.

Tim is a seasoned campaigner with huge experience in the field of Health and Social Care. A former senior manager in the NHS, he is now chair of Fife Council's Social Work and Health committee.

"I'm determined to help give local people more control over vital public services. We need to remove the barriers preventing local communities and the voluntary sector from contributing to local services. I will resist unnecessary and misguided centralisation," said Tim.



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Willie Rennie
Top of the List

Meanwhile, **Willie Rennie** is also in prime position to win a seat in the Scottish Parliamentary Elections. Members selected the former MP as the top candidate for the Mid Scotland and Fife list seat – covering an area from St Andrews to Stirling and Dunfermline to Dunkeld.

Commenting on the result Willie said, "As a result of the recession and the poor state of the public finances passed on by the previous Westminster government we have an enormous challenge ahead. I relish the opportunity that the Scottish Parliament presents."

"Top priorities in the next Parliament will be to balance the books, reform public services and create jobs. The Scottish Parliament needs to raise it's game to address these challenges."



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