

Dunblane *and* FOCUS Bridge of Allan

Winter 2010

ALL YEAR ROUND ACTION FROM YOUR LOCAL LIB DEMS



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.**"



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

"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."

Housing - Lib Dems Will Protect the Vulnerable

Stirling Council's Housing Advisory Group - on which Cllr David Goss represents the Lib Dems - has been reviewing the allocation of council homes to ensure the system is fair. Over 1200 tenants have taken part in a consultation and a report has been sent to the Council.

Cllr Goss said, "Council houses should be targeted at those most in need, including those with disabilities, the elderly, young people in care, the homeless, and those with mental health problems. I'm delighted that the group has backed my proposals."

"The Lib Dems will be supporting the needy in the community. The council must act to implement these proposals as soon as possible."

Liberal Democrats - Delivering Fairness

Fair society	ID Cards scrapped
Fair taxes	880,000 low-paid people taken out of income tax
Fair pensions	State pension increasing
Fair politics	Referendum on fairer votes
Fair economy	Banking levy to make the banks pay their share
Fair to the planet	Investing in Green Technologies

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Lib Dems pick Rennie as No. 1 for Scottish Parliament



Local Lib Dems have put Willie Rennie in prime position to win a seat at next year's Scottish Parliamentary Elections. In a tough party contest 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.

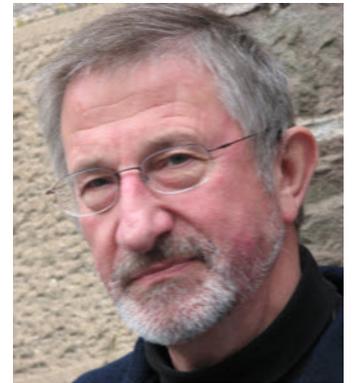
Commenting on the result Willie Rennie said: "As a result of the recession and the poor state of the public finances passed on by the previous Westminster government we have an enormous challenge ahead. I relish the

opportunity that the Scottish Parliament presents. The top priorities in the next Parliament will be to balance the books, reform public services and create jobs. The Scottish Parliament needs to raise its game to address these challenges.

Clearing up Labour's Financial Mess

Lib Dem councillors in Stirling are battling to preserve the vital work of council departments despite the huge financial black hole left by the last Labour government. Stirling is expected to have to cut £13 million from its budget in 2011-12 just to balance the books!

Lib Dem Councillor Graham Reed told Focus, "I am working hard on the council's finance review group to deal with the current financial crisis. It is really disappointing that both the **Labour and Tory councillors have missed so many of the meetings.** "



LibDem Group Leader
Graham Reid

"The Lib Dems will fight to protect the services that are important to local people.

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