

ALASTAIR REDMAN - SPEAKING UP ON LOCAL ISSUES

Alastair Redman is the Postmaster in the village of Portnahaven and is a member of his local Community Council. A native of Islay, he is determined to make sure the rural areas of Argyll and the islands are recognised and treated fairly in the provision of services to our local communities. Alastair stood for election to Argyll and Bute Council in May last year and missed being elected by a narrow margin. He is passionate about the area and wants to continue to campaign to improve life for all residents.

ROAD EQUIVALENT TARIFF (RET)

The SNP Scottish Government have failed to allow RET on commercial vehicles on ferries. This will effectively increase the price of everything on the islands from groceries to building materials. This will affect the pocket of every individual in these difficult financial times. Our Regional Conservative MSPs Jamie McGrigor and Mary Scanlon have been lobbying the government to allow commercial vehicles the RET discount in the Scottish Parliament. Jamie and Mary agree with Alastair that affordable and reliable ferries are vital to the people of Islay and other islands.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY**

While supporting the ethos of renewable energy, local Conservatives believe we must ensure that the beauty and appeal of the islands and the Mull of Kintyre is not overwhelmed by massed renewables and that the local communities derive some benefit to offset the damage to local industries, such as fishing and tourism.

ROADS

One of the issues residents continually raise with Alastair is the condition of our roads. Indeed, one resident 'joked' with him, "...we don't drive on the left, we drive on what **is** left!"

Alastair said, "Argyll and Bute Council has a duty to ensure that our roads are maintained to a reasonable standard and are safe for drivers. If there is a road in your area which is in a bad state of repair please let me know and I will pass the information on to the council."



**Jamie McGrigor
and Mary Scanlon**

HOUSING

The provision of affordable and social housing is a major concern in our communities. Indeed many young people who are seeking to take that first step on the housing ladder find it incredibly difficult.

The Council must do all it can through the planning system to speed up decisions on potential developments and also work with housing associations to ensure that good quality homes are provided to retain people in, and attract people to, our communities.

BROADBAND

Broadband connectivity is slow and often unreliable in many areas across Argyll and the islands.

In the modern world, we need to be connected through our broadband system for both leisure and business purposes. Just because we live in a rural area, it does not mean that we should suffer an inferior service. We pay just like everyone else!

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