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WARD 14 – DRUMCHAPEL/ANNIESLAND

Councillor Elspeth Kerr



Independent Councillor

Local News

Winter 2021/22

Hi folks! I hope the new year treats you well! Wishing you all health and happiness!

As a councillor of four and a half years in Ward 14 one of the most important values, I believe, is transparency. More often than not those who have elected the councillors and politicians are left in the dark with regards to what they are doing on a day-to-day basis. With this in mind, in May 2021 I launched my weekly blog 'My week as Councillor Kerr'. This was a way to show my constituents how I was spending my time as a Councillor in Ward 14. Here is a small snippet of some of the work I have been carrying out for the residents of this area over 2021.

The past year has been overshadowed by the Global Pandemic. Although this has made it harder for our dedicated workers of the third sector and voluntary services to reach communities it has also been greatly inspiring to see the incredible work and steps taken to reach out to some of our most vulnerable residents. The way services and projects have adapted to continue their vital work in our communities has left me in awe of their resourcefulness and determination. As always, their ability to go above and beyond is incredible. I know they will continue to thrive no matter what lies ahead in 2022.

The issues that residents in Drumchapel faced with regards to the never ending roadworks in front of their shopping centre has been a focus for many residents and businesses of Drumchapel all year. The good news is that it now seems like both sides of the road are open to traffic and the bus stops are back to full use! It has been a long haul for everyone and I for one am glad that this is finally over!

The ongoing issue of road safety around schools has been something which I have been campaigning for all year. There is no room for cutting corners or being complacent when it comes to our children's safety and I will continue to push for safer routes to and from schools in Ward 14.



The right to safe, secure and affordable housing is something which I have been passionate about long before I became a local Councillor. I spend a great deal of my time each week campaigning for the rights of tenants. I have spent a lot of time communicating with all the Housing Associations in Ward 14 and am also a regular at several of their customer forum meetings. Being an active member of the Licencing Committee, who meet every fortnight, allows me to ensure that landlords are letting out properties that are of the high standard that tenants deserve.

One of the biggest projects to get up and running this year in Ward 14 was the project 'Growchapel'. This was the creation of allotments, a sensory space, an orchard, an outdoor learning space and more! The preparation and use of what was derelict space in the Drumchapel area was astounding and I was extremely proud of all the people who worked so hard and volunteered to make this happen. Their open day at the end of September saw extremely stormy weather but this did not stop people from turning out to celebrate this achievement. Well done to all involved.



I feel it is important to mention the incredible work of Glasgow Golden Generations formally known as Glasgow Old Peoples Welfare Association. This year saw their 73rd annual AGM! Meaning that this service for our senior residents has been carrying out their invaluable work since 1948! They, as many other services have adapted to the restrictions of Covid lockdowns by continuing to reach out to their clients in and around the Glasgow area. I know that the vital work they do to reach some of our most isolated residents will continue for years to come. Although they are not based in Ward 14 they are a fantastic support for our older citizens.



I was honoured to be asked to be a key speaker at the non-profit organisation ANYISO, women's conference held in the Whiteinch Centre. This organisation supports Black and Ethnic minority females of all ages in and around Glasgow. The theme was "How Women have been affected by the Pandemic." I was in awe of the dedication and determination to reach some of our most vulnerable women and to provide them with the vital support that they need. Some of the women attending came in traditional African dress. Beautiful!

I was relieved when the 5th November, Guy Fawkes celebrations came and went with little incident. This follows previous years acts of unacceptable vandalism, violence, arson and threatening, anti-social behaviour. I, along with the other councillors from Ward 14 and Glasgow City Council, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire Service spent a lot of time leading up to this date planning and implementing ways to stop these horrendous sickening events from happening again. We will continue to meet regularly and plan ahead for this time next year.

Keep in mind the guidelines over the next while to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy!

Kind regards

Councillor Elspeth Kerr

p.s. Thank you for taking the time to read this and please contact me regarding any issues and I will be happy to help.

Surgeries No surgeries are currently being held but if you need to speak to me I can meet with you over zoom or teams.

I would be delighted to see my constituents at any of my surgeries to discuss issues, problems, successes and stories. If you cannot come along in person you can contact me anytime by email: elspeth.kerr@glasgow.gov.uk or by telephone: 0141 287 5931

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