

Foveran Community Council



My name is Daniel Hook - yes like Captain Hook!

I am running for Community Councillor for Foveran Community Council. I am doing this because I have always wanted to represent people and make changes in my community - maybe even putting Foveran/Newburgh on the map!

I would love to be in this position of responsibility and I find that it would be an excellent opportunity for me to make a change. As Andy Warhol said "they always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." I would love to put the people's views across and do what is best for the community, trying to make a more welcoming and warm community. There is said to perhaps be a new wind farm site being constructed in the near future. If I was elected, I would try to get a lot of views on the project and how people feel about it!

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One of the problems in this community is there is no *real* place for all ages to connect and interact with one another. Also the community doesn't really account for the teens in our society - hence the hanging around street corners etc. I would love to change these two issues. There are also a few derelict houses that I would quite like to see renovated or reconstructed bearing in mind the community's budget. The changes that I wish to make aren't too costly (as I know the budget for the council is around £2486.81 roughly) but would make a significant change.

If I am elected, I will strive to achieve the following:

1. Improve public services e.g. toilets/play areas

As I have noticed over the years, the public toilets in Newburgh have been treated with disdain and have not been kept to adequate standards. I would like to create a pleasant atmosphere and area in which people can confidently go into without any misconceptions or doubts into the field of health, safety and well-being. Also some of the play areas have been shunned and the quality and frankly safety of some of the devices has been compromised. Rust is forming on swings, chains are rusting and decaying. This is not portraying a healthy and warm community - more a community that is on its last legs praying for help and salvation. I would love to add some TLC into some of the play areas and community grounds so families can enjoy a nice day out in the sun. Also the local tennis court is in a bad state and looks abandoned. For this to be replenished would be an excellent improvement to the look around the golf course area.

2. Derelict houses and road care

On the front of derelict houses I would like to renovate them and create community houses or living quarters for members of the community to interact, become closer and communicate more or to live in! They put a downer on the lovely view that can be obtained from certain places in Newburgh. If this could be resurrected then Newburgh would feel like a full and prosperous place to live in. Some of the roads in the area have been neglected and as a result they have fallen into a dangerous state. The large holes and sinkage of some of the roads could cause potential accidents. This would be an unnecessary addition to the fatalities around this specific area. Grampian has the largest road death rate in Scotland as it is, so there would be no reason to add to that long list. This should be addressed promptly and with great care. I hope to get this sorted ASAP!

3. Bike park/downhill run and multi-purpose playing field

I have consulted many of my friends who live in the area and I have asked them what they think and also some adults on the subject of creating a biking course somewhere in Newburgh on fairly high ground and everyone I have spoken to said it would be a very good idea. It wouldn't be too costly and it would attract all ages and give the youth of our community a place to release their energy. It would encourage a community spirit and the construction of it could even be a community project! All one would really require would be a few spades (or a digger!) a workforce and some gravel. I had also contemplated contacting the company who made the Kirkhill forest bike fun park to see if they would give a donation or help with designs, or even the Forestry Commission.

The multi-purpose playing field is also another idea that could create an all age group zone. It is situated near Newburgh golf club and would provide an easy access sports ground for new teams, clubs or even just people wanting to do some exercise. All that would be needed to do is to get a pitch line machine and some rugby posts! Of course it's not that simple!.

As Obama said "At this coming election, we must pledge once more to march into the future." I strive to do exactly that. To march into the future, bringing prosperous opportunities and ensuring a warmer, stronger and happier community.

Thank you and I hope to achieve your vote and support for the future of our home.