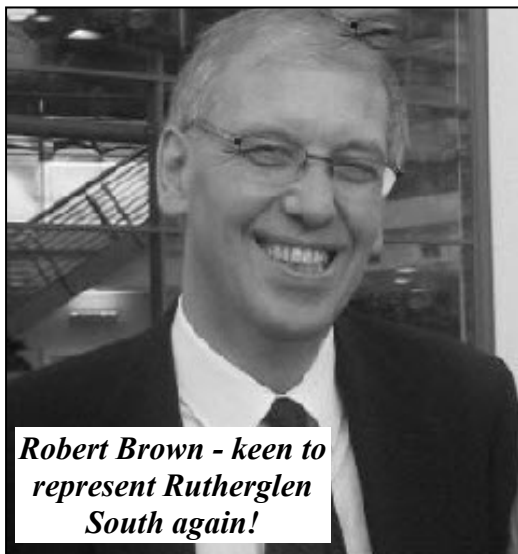




## Robert Brown to stand for Council



*Robert Brown - keen to represent Rutherglen South again!*

Well-known local campaigner **Robert Brown** has been chosen to fight the Rutherglen South Council Ward next May for the Liberal Democrats.

**Robert Brown** served as Liberal Democrat MSP for Glasgow Region from 1999 until 2011. Previously he was Liberal Councillor for Rutherglen South and Fernhill Wards on Glasgow District Council.

**Robert** said: *"I am excited at the opportunity to represent my home area again in May."*

Robert replaces **Councillor Eileen Baxendale** who is retiring from the Council in May.

**Eileen** commented: *"I have enjoyed my time on the Council but feel the time is right to 'retire'. I'm delighted that Robert is willing to stand. Local people know what an excellent and experienced representative he is."*

### Rutherglen/Cambuslang should stay together! - Liberal Democrats

Proposals by the Boundary Commission for a new Parliamentary seat of **East Kilbride and Rutherglen** - which leaves out half of Cambuslang - have been criticised by the Liberal Democrats.

**Liberal Democrat spokesman Robert Brown** told the **Boundary Commission Public Hearing**:

*"The core of Rutherglen and Cambuslang have always been together in one seat. The proposed new seat is a curious banana shape. The Boundary Commission should look at this again."*

### Mobile Phone Mast Petition goes to Parliament

Local concerns about the siting of new mobile phone masts have led local Liberal Democrats to lodge a petition with the Scottish Parliament asking for a review of the planning guidelines.

The petition has been lodged by **Liberal Democrat Councillors Eileen Baxendale and David Baillie** following a raft of planning applications for masts near schools and houses. The most recent mast application to be granted - despite scores of local objections - was on the Cathkin By Pass near the junction with Burnside Road.

**Robert Brown** is also backing the Petition. He said: *"I saw for myself on the Cathkin By pass application how little attention is paid to the views of local objectors. This mast and its control box will be at a difficult location, and, in my view, too near to both Cathkin Primary School and local houses."*

Some countries like New Zealand ban mobile phone masts near to locations such as schools. It is time that was considered here too.

The planning guidance has not been reviewed for about 10 years. It needs to take account of new guidance from the World Health Organisation."

If you want to support the Petition, tick the box on the Grumble Sheet overleaf.



*Robert Brown - "Local residents were angry at mast approval"*



## Cathkin - Bute Road fencing

The Council's policy to restrict front garden fencing in some new housing estates has been challenged by local residents in the new Bute Road houses in Cathkin.



Local Liberal Democrat campaigner **Robert Brown** has been supporting residents in their bid to change the policy.

**Robert** said: "People are entitled to feel secure in their houses and to be able to stop intrusion on their gardens and destruction of their plants. Open plan lay-outs look great on maps but don't always work well in practice.

This should be a choice for the residents themselves, not a top down policy by the planners".

## Breaking up the UK - on our Taxes!

A £200,000 a year "civil servant" is being hired by Alex Salmond's SNP Government to support their flagging case for Scottish independence - paid for by the poor old taxpayers. The official - dubbed the "Independence Czar" - has the job of finding arguments to back the SNP case.

Meantime, Alex Salmond's official residence at Bute House is no longer grand enough. His officials are looking at an expensive conversion to "Governor's House", a mock castle looking down on us all from Calton Hill in Edinburgh.

*A sign of things to come?*

## Robert Brown welcomes new Fernhill Centre

The opening of the new Fernhill Centre has been welcomed by former Fernhill Councillor **Robert Brown**. Robert said:

"It will be sad to see the end of the old Fernhill Pavilion, but its design made it rather limited in use. The new Centre will make a huge difference for local people."



## SNP cut £40 million from College funds

A savage cut of £40 million in funding for Scottish Colleges has been made by the SNP Government - despite **EXTRA** funding of £67 million coming from Westminster.

The cut threatens the College places of almost 9,000 students over the next 2 years, estimated to include:

- 144 at South Lanarkshire College
- 193 at Langside College
- 661 at City of Glasgow College.

**Local Liberal Democrat spokesman Robert Brown** said:

"This is a really tough time for many people. It is quite appalling that the SNP Government should cut much-needed College places like this. Young people and others changing or progressing their careers need the opportunity to go to College like never before."

# The "FOCUS" Grumble Sheet

The FOCUS Team is here to help. If you have a problem, complaint or a suggestion about local services, let **Robert Brown and the FOCUS Team** know.

My problem/suggestion/complaint is:

I want to back the Mobile Phone Mast Petition [ ]

Return to Robert Brown, FREEPOST SCO6412, 1 Douglas Avenue, Rutherglen, G73 4RA  
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