

Report for August/September – Councillor George Weir

1. Meeting the minister - Tom Arthur, Scottish Government Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth – 31st August. Focus on Ayr Town Centre, Grain Exchange, Riverside Public Space and Station Hotel.
2. I have been focussing attention on Wallacetown by engaging with the Violence Reduction Unit, occasionally attending Wallacetown drop-in café and holding monthly surgeries in Wallacetown in conjunction with Mark Dixon of Ayr North.
3. Through contacts in Wallacetown, I facilitated Recycling Saturday - Ayr, to be hosted at Newton Primary School (organised by Frances Brown).
4. Attended publicity afternoon for Community Fun day. This event was due to take place on Saturday 10th September at the Citadel, but has been postponed.
5. Marked Merchant Navy Day with members of SAC on Friday 2nd September - ceremonial raising of the red ensign.
6. Attended Service and performance panel and Audit and governance panel in Council.
7. I reported on feedback from Ayrshire Roads Alliance. (Details provided separately.)
8. Recent Constituent issues have included:
 - Short-term lets
 - Parking permit for HMO residents
 - Housing issues
 - Issues with planning permissions
 - Dog fouling
 - Caravan at Greenan Shore - was BBC filming
9. Attended full council meeting, where changes to council management structure were approved.
10. No definite move yet on leisure centre. This may come to a head in October.

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