

Graeme Campbell



It has been a privilege to represent the community of Strathaven, Stonehouse & rural Avondale in South Lanarkshire Council since 2007 and with your support, I'd like to continue for another five years.

Over the past ten years we've seen many improvements across this ward:

- Over £10m spent across the Avondale Road Network;
 - With Saint Patricks Primary School due to complete in early 2018, we'll have replaced every school in Avondale with a brand new facility, fit for the 21st century;
 - We delivered the "**Stonehouse Lifestyles**" to replace the tired old Public Institute and by early 2018, we'll deliver the "**Strathaven Lifestyle's**" to replace the Ballgreen Hall.
- We've supported many community projects that have seen enormous improvements such as the massively improved parks in both Strathaven & Stonehouse and of course the sports clubs that delivered upgraded facilities to both the Strathaven Tennis Club and Rugby Club that are used by so many across this wonderful community.

There is still lots to do and therefore on Thursday 4th May 2017, **I need your vote** (1st preference) to continue with what I've called: "**A Common Sense Approach to Local Government!**"



If re-elected in 2017, I propose to make social housing in Strathaven my No.1 priority!

Across Strathaven: far too many low income families are living in poverty because they cannot gain access to good quality, secure social housing. The average waiting list for a council house in Strathaven is nearly 20 years and something needs to be done but to date, I've been the only councillor trying to do something about it!

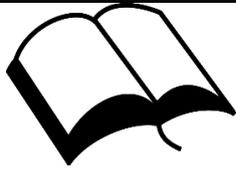
I'm sick of watching millions of pounds in planning gain money from all the new private housing developments across Strathaven leaving our town and directed towards social housing projects in East Kilbride & Hamilton. I understand that our neighbouring towns have housing issues too but so does Strathaven!

If re-elected, I will make it my number-one priority to change this council policy, that uses money raised from our community to fund social housing elsewhere, when we have an urgent need right here!



For many years, I've used Facebook to provide regular council updates to this community so no matter what your politics are, please **LIKE** my Facebook page and follow me updates, including my campaign to be re-elected in 2017: www.facebook.com/councillorgraemecampbell

Education!

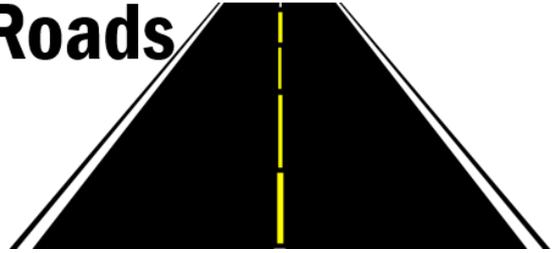


We have some of the best schools across Avondale and I'd like to keep it that way but our council is currently diverting cash away from our schools to fund a central function that leaves our local schools struggling for even the basics!

I do not agree that that schools should be in local authority control but like me, we're all stuck right now with a system of education that see's money from Edinburgh paid to local authorities like SLC, who use far too much of this precious cash to provide large centrally controlled management roles, that I'd like to see going to our schools and therefore our kids.

If re-elected in 2017, I'll work with my colleague in Edinburgh and the council to stop this injustice and ensuring our young people have the education and resources they deserve.

Roads



The quality of our roads and footpaths have and will always remain one of my top priorities. In the last 10 years we have seen a massive improvement with over £10m spent on many resurfacing projects across Avondale.

I know that it's not perfect and probably never will be, but every year since becoming a councillor, I've worked with the roads department to prioritise what spend we have: and focusing on where the improvements are most required. I can't be everywhere so I base all my observations on feedback from this fantastic community, the many constituents who constantly keep me updated and of course the Community Councils who work hard on your behalf.



Across Avondale we are blessed with very little crime and this is down to the hard work of many across this wonderful community. Over the last ten years, I've worked with the council's anti-social behaviour team, the housing team and the police to put in place proactive campaigns that have seen additional police patrolling this rural community when needed and those who wish to live a chaotic lifestyle either brought to justice or removed from our community.

Rural Crime remains a challenge and with limited police resource, I've done what I can to ensure Avondale gets both: overt and covert policing when required to ensure this fantastic part of rural South Lanarkshire remains a safe place to bring up our families.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

DON'T LOSE IT



On Thursday 4th May 2017, we all have an opportunity that comes around every five years to make a decision on how services in this community are delivered. With all the changes in Scottish politics over recent years, I believe the Scottish Conservatives are in the best place to make the changes this community now demands. We all want to protect our fantastic education and therefore our superb schools across Avondale. We want to improve the quality of our roads and ensure we are able bring up our families with the security and freedom we deserve. By putting the **NUMBER-ONE** beside **GRAEME CAMPBELL** on your ballot paper this May, you're not just voting for just another Conservative councillor; you're endorsing a candidate that for ten years has delivered a Common Sense Approach to local government and promises to do it again for another five!

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