

# Councillor LACHLAN BRUCE

representing Preston, Seton and Gosford

## HEARING ON FUTURE OF POWER STATION SITE

On 2nd October the Scottish Government's appointed Reporter held a public meeting relating to the application submitted by Red Rock at the site of the former Power Station. The application seeks to develop a large electrical substation on part of the old site close to the coastline.



This meeting gave the Reporter a chance to familiarise themselves with the site and hear from all interested parties, including East Lothian Council (as owner of the site), the applicant Red Rock and the local Community Councils.

Commenting after the

meeting local councillor Lachlan Bruce said, **"I believe the Reporter should recommend to Scottish Government ministers that this application be rejected.** The majority of local people accept that planning for a substation

at Cockenzie will be granted, however the current location by the seafront is **not** the right one and is **not** acceptable to the community.

"The site is a large one, and there are other

options available for the location of this proposal which would limit the visual impact and allow this part of the site to be developed in line with the desire of the community which is to see this land used for job creation."

## PRESTONPANS PRIMARY SCHOOL MERGER



East Lothian Council has proposed the merger of Prestonpans Primary and Prestonpans Infant School. This follows the merger of Haddington Infant School and King's Meadow Primary in Haddington, leaving Prestonpans as the only East Lothian town following this dated scheme of school administration.

The two schools would remain in separate

buildings, but have a single management team which will ensure a seamless transition through primary education for the children.

Lachlan said, "This proposal has the ability to revolutionise education in Prestonpans for the better. I would encourage residents to take part in the ongoing consultation by going to the Council's website."

[www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/  
education/prestonpans-consultation/](http://www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/prestonpans-consultation/)

# NEW 118 BUS TO FORT KINNAIRD LAUNCHED

A new 118 bus service has been launched by *Prentice of Haddington* which will provide Longniddry, Port Seton, Cockenzie and Prestonpans with a direct bus service to Fort Kinnard.

Full information and timings will shortly be available online at [www.prenticeofhaddington.info](http://www.prenticeofhaddington.info) or at local bus stops.

Lachlan said, "I am delighted that Prentice of Haddington have taken the decision to launch this new route, which I have no doubt will be of great benefit to our local community and will be well used. It is always good news when businesses decide to invest in our area, particularly when it is a local business like *Prentice*."



## LONGNIDDRY SOUTH DEVELOPMENT DETAILS



With planning granted for 450 new homes on the south side of the railway line in Longniddry, a consultation held by the developers has identified key areas of residents' concern. In particular, locals have requested greater information on the changes to the existing infrastructure which will deal with the significant increase in local traffic.

The Council's Road Department are currently working on plans and

Lachlan is committed to ensuring that they are delivered as soon as possible.

Lachlan said, "These homes will have a huge impact on the village and we need to ensure that the proposed infrastructure changes are the right ones. We need to address residents' worries about the increase in traffic through the village - and that we have any new infrastructure in place as soon as possible."

## PORT SETON LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Port Seton Library has reopened on Saturday mornings following a community led campaign. The decision to close the library on Saturday mornings was taken by Council Officers, however

the library has been given a one-year reprieve with the Council urging residents to make full use of the facilities if it is to extend this reprieve.

Lachlan said, "I would

**encourage everyone to use the library** to help secure it's long term future. Whilst full of great resources, volunteers are also considering new and exciting ways to utilize the space."

**OPENING TIMES - USE IT OR LOSE IT!**  
**Monday: 2.00pm - 5.00pm**  
**Tuesday: 10.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 5.00pm**  
**Wednesday: Closed**  
**Thursday: 2.00pm - 6.00pm**  
**Friday: 10.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 5.00pm**  
**Saturday: 10.00am - 1.00pm**

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