

LACHLAN BRUCE

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LACHLAN BRUCE WELCOMES PRESTONGRANGE INVESTMENT



Councillor Lachlan Bruce has welcomed plans to regenerate the historic Prestongrange site after a £685,000 investment.

Lachlan has been pushing for funding which was secured by East Lothian Council from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund to support

the building of a heritage park within the site of the former Prestongrange Colliery and Brickworks.

Lachlan says: This is a great new project which will deliver a new, accessible carbon neutral community hub alongside commercial and indoor community education space primarily

placed within the derelict pithead baths and outdoors in the surrounding parkland.”

A multi-purpose activity room, accommodation for local groups, stores, accessible toilets and showers are included in the vision for the site, which will also provide development space in support of new revenue generation streams, education, and employment uses.

This new funding comes on top of £1.5 million of capital funding already secured for the project from East Lothian Council with Councillor Bruce’s support.

Lachlan says: “The last piece of funding support means that the project team

can now press ahead with delivery of what is expected to be a three-year design and build project. A planning application for the site will be submitted in due course.”

Currently 7000 people a year visit the site and this number will grow thanks to the investment. Lachlan adds: “This is fantastic news for the people of Prestonpans. This site has so much potential to bring new visitors to our town and with it the opportunities to create new jobs and business.

“We need to ensure that we seize this opportunity and create a tourism strategy for our area that will maximise the benefit of these funds to the people of Prestonpans.”

Lachlan hails £900,000 in tower funding

Lachlan Bruce has welcomed investment into the restoration of historic Preston Tower and Doocot. The project had been identified by Prestonpans Community Council, the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership and the lottery-funded Great Place Project.

The restoration of the buildings will be focused upon improving access to the site while contributing

to the regeneration of the area. The funding of £900,000 has come via East Lothian Council through the 2019/20 Town Centre Fund.

Lachlan says: “This is fantastic news for Prestonpans. It is great that Preston Tower will once again be open and available to the public providing great learning opportunities for children at our local schools.”



Lachlan Bruce welcomes Tower and Doocot investment

LACHLAN HIGHLIGHTS UPCOMING SCOTTISH POWER WORKS

Scottish Power Energy Networks will be undertaking work to improve the electricity network in the Prestonpans area.

These works are essential in order to reinforce the network and to ensure continued delivery of a reliable, consistent and safe electricity supply

Scottish Power has confirmed that work will be ongoing throughout the existing COVID-19 pandemic and will be performed in line with Government safety guidelines. It has also stated that the work shall increase the security of supply to the grid in this area, meaning that residents will be less likely to experience sustained periods of power outages.

Scottish Power and its contractors, Morrison Utilities, will be working in the local area installing new equipment, including substations and underground cables, however they should not require access to individual properties.

Lachlan says: "It is likely that these works will cause some disruption to local traffic, with temporary traffic control measures and possible diversions. Whilst some inconvenience is to be expected during these works, Scottish Power has stated it will do all it can to keep any disruption to an absolute minimum and I'll be holding them to this on your behalf."

In addition, Scottish Power has promised to keep residents informed including measures to:

- **Explain the scope of works and expected timescales**
- **Issue letters before any supply interruption – at least 5 days in advance**
- **Hold doorstep discussions during site works and upon completion**

Should you have any issues or problems associated with these works, please feel free to contact Councillor Lachlan Bruce using the contact details supplied and he would be happy to assist.

LACHLAN THANKS COVID RESPONSE

Councillor Lachlan Bruce has expressed his thanks to frontline key workers and volunteers across East Lothian for their "sterling efforts" during Covid-19. Lachlan says, "It was only thanks to the dedication and hard work of volunteers and frontline key workers in Prestonpans and across our county that we managed to keep communities safe and looked after during what has been an immensely difficult time."

He adds "it is important that we remember this crisis is not yet over and we must all strive to ensure that we continue to abide by the guidelines and support local businesses."

AFFORDABLE LOCAL ENERGY

People's Energy and East Lothian Council are working together to offer East Lothian Energy - a range of affordable energy tariffs exclusive to East Lothian residents. With possible savings and power supplied from 100% renewable sources, further details and information can be found at: <https://peoplesenergy.co.uk/eastlothian>



Lachlan and Craig Hoy call for new camping rules

In recent months we have seen a growth in anti-social camping along our coastal areas.

In what is dubbed as 'dirty camping', a small minority of irresponsible campers are leaving behind abandoned tents, burnt out fires, litter and waste along East Lothian's coast.

Our local Ranger Service has done a significant amount to stop the spread of the problem but with

2021 likely to see an increase in camping numbers, more support is needed for the service.

Lachlan comments: "Working alongside my colleague, Councillor Craig Hoy, we are determined to tackle this unacceptable behaviour. Craig and I have already successfully brought forward a motion to East Lothian Council which both praises the ranger service and asks for further action."

Surgeries and contacts:

Due to Coronavirus restrictions, Lachlan is sadly unable to hold his regular face-to-face surgeries. However, he is keen to participate in a telephone call or Zoom Surgeries at a time suitable for you.

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