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Working for the people of Glasgow Anniesland

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Bill Kidd against Bedroom Tax
On April the First 2013 the coalition government in Westminster introduced the ‘Bedroom Tax’ which is set to affect 105,000 households across Scotland, who will lose an average of £600 per annum. Bill, along with the rest of the SNP, stands against the Bedroom tax and aims to help those affected. The Scottish Government have strengthened protection for tenants in Scotland and a £33 million Scottish Welfare Fund will be set up to administer Community Care Grants and Crisis Grants, showing the commitment of the Scottish Government to help the Scottish People.

Bill says “The Bedroom Tax is yet another Westminster attack on ordinary decent people who are simply trying to live their lives under difficult economic conditions. The Scottish Government is opposed to this tax and has pledged to help avoid evictions and to scrap the tax when we have the powers to do so at the Scottish Parliament.”

Bill Kidd MSP and Alyn Smith MEP praise EU youth jobs
Bill, along with Alyn Smith MEP, has hailed the work done by the Prince’s Trust at Anniesland College. The Prince’s Trust’s EU scheme helps disadvantaged and vulnerable young people get back on their feet through education and increasing their employability, with 70% of participants going on to gain jobs, training or education.

Bill says, “My constituency office is in Anniesland College and I obviously know the great record of this College in delivering high quality education and support for thousands of young people over the years”

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Bag It and Bin It!

After recent complaints about dog fouling on the streets of Knightswood, Bill contacted Glasgow City Council Environmental Health about the situation. Due to Bill’s intervention, Cleansing Services have conducted a bin survey as well as placing additional bins in the area.

Commenting on this issue, Bill Kidd said: “Everyone should be able to walk on pavements clear of dog fouling. I welcome the increase in both bins and signage.”

Bill Congratulates DRC Addiction Forum on Funding Award

Dumbarton Road Corridor Addiction Forum has been granted £45,000 by the Robertson Trust to assist with running costs over the next three years, allowing the great work done at the Dumbarton Road Corridor Addiction Forum to continue.

Bill says: “The award of monies over the next three years which will help to ensure that DRC Generations can continue to grow the message of peer group working to raise awareness of addiction in the fields of drug and alcohol abuse is a fantastic and well-deserved recognition of the work done in the west of Glasgow by this grass-roots organisation.”

Walking with Pilgrimage for Peace

Bill is Co–President of Parliamentarians for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND), which links anti-nuclear parliamentarians around the world. He recently joined Pilgrimage for Peace in Glasgow Anniesland for part of their protest walk against the UK government’s plans to spend £100bn on Trident whilst social benefits, education and the NHS are facing serious cuts in the budget.

Bill said: “The walk from Iona, across Scotland and down to Westminster by a group of dedicated peace and anti-nuclear campaigners, mostly in their 50’s, 60’s and 70’s is truly inspiring. I joined the walk for a short spell between Anniesland Cross and the Scottish CND HQ at Glasgow University and saw the great response from Glasgow people on the way as they welcomed the marchers to the City.”

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