

# Stuart McMillan MSP

## MEMBER OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT FOR GREENOCK AND INVERCLYDE CONSTITUENCY

### HELLO AND WELCOME TO MY LATEST ANNUAL REPORT.

In my 13 years as an MSP, this past year has been one of the busiest, with a General Election in the run up to Christmas and the COVID-19 pandemic. Regardless, I have worked hard for my constituents in the Scottish Parliament and on a local level. This annual report includes just some of that work.

#### MINISTERIAL VISTS

Since last summer, I've welcomed **six Scottish Government Ministers** to Inverclyde. On top of this, I had secured several Ministerial visits for this spring and summer that sadly had to be postponed due to COVID-19. I hope that in the coming year these visits will be rearranged so that the local businesses and groups can meet with Scottish Ministers and demonstrate their activities.

I've also welcomed groups from Inverclyde to the Scottish Parliament; including **Whinhill Primary pupils** who met the First Minister and the International Development Minister after performing nursery rhymes in seven different languages for MSPs.



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Stuart and the Deputy First Minister meeting the Inver Racers (L), and Stuart with the Community Safety Minister at Port Glasgow Fire Station (R)

## LOCAL ECONOMY



Stuart making an ItaloScozesse pizza during his visit to Tonino's

Thanks to decisive action from the Scottish Government, **Ferguson's shipyard was taken into public ownership in August 2019** — saving over 300 jobs and protecting shipbuilding on the Clyde for the future.

A new board of non-executive directors has now been appointed and I wish them all the best as they work to build a bright future for the yard.

Last year marked **McLaren Packaging's 40th anniversary**, so I was delighted to visit their Port Glasgow HQ and hear about their involvement in creating the world's first sustainable energy generation facility fuelled by organic waste to provide heat and water for the manufacture of corrugated sheet board.

For **Scottish Food & Drink Fortnight**, I learned how to make an Italian pizza (with a Scottish twist!) at **Tonino's**. The restaurant is a huge hit with locals and it's great that the upstairs mezzanine has increased the seating capacity within the restaurant.

## LOCAL TRANSPORT

In September, I hosted **Transport Scotland and Scotland Transerv officials for a drive-around** to highlight issues on our trunk roads. **Ian Moffat, Managing Director of ARC Fleet and Inverclyde Chamber of Commerce member**, joined to express the views of local businesses.

This work led to many improvements locally, including the resurfacing of the approach to Newark roundabout, the signalling of the traffic lights along the A8 being reviewed, and the relining of a number of roundabouts. **Transport Scotland** also committed to carrying out a deep clean of the local trunk network.

In my submission to the second **National Transport Strategy Review**, I highlighted a need for increased rail connectivity between Inverclyde and Glasgow, particularly on the Wemyss Bay line. The park and ride facility at Spango Valley that I previously suggested in my Local Development Plan submission was agreed to and has now been included in the Spango Valley proposals.



Stuart with transport officials & Ian Moffat ahead of the drive-around

## ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

I'm regularly contacted about flytipping in Inverclyde and I agree that is it ugly, irresponsible, and ultimately bad for the planet and wildlife.

Last year my staff and I joined **Wemyss Bay Primary School pupils for a beach clean** organised by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS), and I organised a **litter pick at Murdieston Dam** which Cllr Jim McEleny, Ronnie Cowan MP and his staff helped with.



Stuart, Ronnie Cowan MP & their staff during the MCS Beach Clean with Wemyss Bay Primary

## GP OUT OF HOURS

Following NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's decision to temporarily close the GP Out of Hours (GP OOH) service at the IRH, **I wrote to the health board** expressing my anger at this decision and for it to be overturned. I also **raised my concerns about the decision to close the service with the Health Secretary** in the Scottish Parliament Chamber.

In March, I then met with the Chief Executive of NHSGGC to discuss the service and propose that it be maintained in the IRH, Vale of Leven, QUEH and Stobhill hospitals. This temporary proposal should cover everyone in the health board area until the service can be rolled out to all locations again.

## JAYDEN'S RAINBOW

I have continued to support Jayden's Rainbow campaign and was delighted when the **first defibrillator donated by St. Andrew's First Aid was installed in Larkfield.**

The charity donated 30 defibrillators to be installed across Inverclyde, helping the Orr family make sure these machines are available across the area if needed.



Stuart with Kathleen Orr and representatives from St. Andrew's First Aid for the first defibrillator launch

## INDUSTRIAL DISEASES BILL

**My Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill** will allow NHS costs involved in treating someone with an industrial disease to be recouped from a negligent employer. The Bill is currently at Stage 1. The Bill is with the **Health and Sport Committee** at Stage 1. This will be scrutinised in the coming months.

## NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM

Inverclyde played a role in the slave trade and our story is very much part of Scotland's story. Given Inverclyde's part in the trade of human misery through the sugar and tobacco industries, I have proposed that the **Sugar Warehouses** become a **National Museum of Human Rights**.

My proposal has been supported by many people including academics, politicians and the wider public. It could be a world class facility educating the generations to come of past human rights abuses.



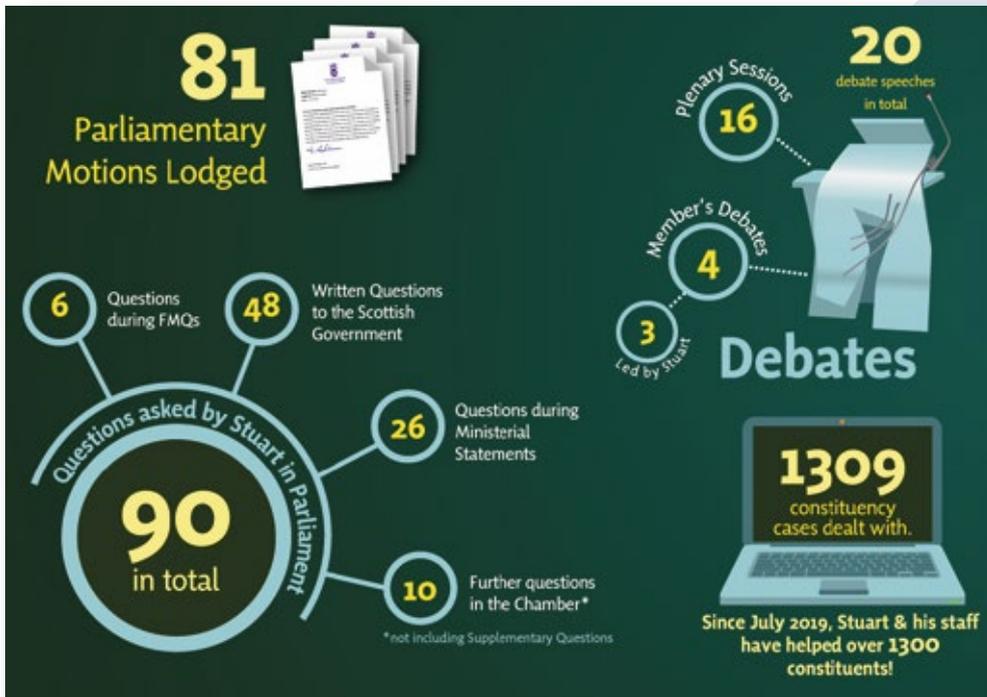
Stuart at the iconic Sugar Sheds

## COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic that led to Scotland going into lockdown has had a huge impact on my office and the Scottish Parliament. My staff and I had to adapt to home working and instead of being in Holyrood, MSPs were participating in parliamentary proceedings over video call.

During lockdown, **our workload has increased fourfold**. It was a challenge but my staff and I have worked hard to support every business and constituent who has contacted me.

Our community has rallied round to make sure people have access to food and medicines, as well as providing check-in phone calls to support people living on their own. **Inverclyde is a community that cares** and I hope that we hold onto that spirit as we move towards a 'new normal'.



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### Stuart is a member of the following Committees:

- Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations (Member)
- Delegated Powers and Law Reform (Deputy Convener)

### Stuart is a member of the following Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament:

- Tourism (Convener)
- Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism (Convener)
  - Visual Impairment (Convener)
  - Disability (Deputy Convener)
- Drug and Alcohol Misuse (Deputy Convener)
  - Dyslexia (Deputy Convener)
- Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness (Member)
  - Dementia (Member)
- Industrial Communities (Member)
  - Malawi (Member)
  - Music (Member)

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Due to Covid-19, my office is closed until further notice.

**Constituents can still contact me by email and telephone.**

Monthly surgeries will be conducted over telephone until further notice.