

## Stewart Maxwell MSP



A great deal has happened since my last newsletter. I have taken on two new constituency assistants and I have moved into a new office in Paisley with extended opening hours. Through in Parliament I am now a member of the Justice Committee and I'll be participating in the Aggravation by Prejudice and Criminal Justice and Licensing Bills.

I'd like to thank everyone who has written to me recently on a variety of matters and with my new team now in place, I hope that I can increase the quality of representation.

I hope you enjoy reading my new, regular, monthly newsletter.

Stewart

## Maxwell Joins the Justice Committee

West of Scotland MSP Stewart Maxwell has recently joined the Scottish Parliament's Justice Committee. He replaces his colleague Stuart McMillan on the committee which considers issues of community safety and criminal justice. Stewart joins a group of respected MSPs including Nigel Don and Angela Constance.

The Committee currently has responsibility for a number of important Bills within the Scottish Parliament, not least the Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill which seeks to modernise and improve the criminal justice system. Stewart will also be involved in the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill, and the Of-

fences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Bill. The group has also recently been tasked with conducting an inquiry into community policing within Scotland as part of an examination into the effective use of police resources.

On his appointment Stewart said, "I am very pleased to have once again become a member of the Parliament's Justice Committee. I have always had a passionate interest in Scotland's justice issues and I am determined to use my past experience in this area to ensure we help to improve the lives of the people of Scotland.

"I was honoured to be involved in the final stages of the recently passed Damages

(Asbestos-related Conditions) (Scotland) Bill as part of the Justice Committee. This Bill will ensure that victims of negligent exposure to asbestos will be able to continue to pursue the compensation they are so rightly entitled to. The ill-effects of asbestos exposure are still all too prevalent in the lives of many Scottish people, and they deserve to be compensated as such.

"My new position within the Justice Committee brings with it a number of responsibilities and challenges, and I look forward to working hard to ensure that important and beneficial legislation such as the Asbestos Damages Bill continues to be pursued within the Parliament."

## New Constituency Office Opens

Stewart Maxwell has opened a new constituency office in the heart of the West of Scotland.

The convenient Paisley town centre location will be shared with fellow regional MSPs Stuart McMillan and Bill Wilson and will provide Mr Maxwell with adequate sup-

port whilst he is in parliament and a suitable meeting facility for constituents.

Speaking after the opening Stewart said; "The new office will undoubtedly play a key role in helping me to maintain a high quality of service to constituents. It is a short distance from the old office and

will allow for greater integration between the West of Scotland MSPs and their staff."

Stewart will also have a private office within the facility where constituents can meet with him in confidence.



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## New Signings for Team Maxwell

Stewart Maxwell MSP has recently welcomed two new members of staff to his constituency office.

After a lengthy recruitment drive, Stewart was so impressed with the number of high-quality applicants that he decided to hire not only one new assistant, but two! The lucky new recruits, Fraser Brown and Sean Lafferty, will be based in his constituency office at Abbey Mill Business Centre in Paisley, spending one day a week assisting Stewart through in Parliament.

Both new members of the team were obviously delighted to be offered the opportunity to work alongside Stewart and excited about the challenges of working for a respected Member of the Scottish Parliament.

Fraser was born and raised in Rutherglen and is a recent Marketing graduate from the University of Strathclyde. He

enjoys playing football, badminton and is a keen member of the Scotland Supporter's Club. Speaking about his new role working for Stewart Maxwell he said, "I was over the moon when Stewart called to offer me the job. I have always had a tremendous interest in Scottish politics and I am very excited about the opportunity of working alongside Stewart and his fellow MSPs in the West of Scotland office."

Sean, a Paisley native, graduated from the University of Dundee with a degree in International Relations & Politics and is a martial arts, boxing and football enthusiast. A delighted Sean said, "It is a great privilege to be able to support Mr Maxwell in serving his constituents in the West of Scotland. The job couldn't have come at a better time as the Scottish Government work towards the independence referendum in 2010".

Speaking about his new appointments,



*Picture: Stewart with his new assistants Sean (left) and Fraser (right).*

Stewart said, "I was very pleased with the high standard of applications I received for the job. Although many of the candidates showed great enthusiasm and potential, I was most impressed by the attitude and quality of application shown by both Fraser and Sean. In their first couple of weeks they have already demonstrated a remarkable passion and commitment to the job and I am confident this will continue."

### A PEOPLE'S POWER COMPANY

A constituent of Stewart's recently wrote to him with a novel idea that could be both 'green' and cost effective.

Stewart was so intrigued by the idea of a power company run by the people for the people that he published a poll on his website inviting constituents to place their vote.

The question asked "Should Scotland have a Co-operative Company Supplying All Scotland's Energy Needs by Renewable Energy?" Stewart would like to keep the poll running a little longer and would like to invite constituents without internet access to phone or write in with their 'Yes' or 'No' vote.

A voting form has been attached with this newsletter. Anyone requiring assistance should get in touch with the office, where a member of staff will be happy to help.

### WHAT'S IN STEWART'S MAIL-BAG?

In this new newsletter section, the very best of Stewart's mail-bag will be published. If you have a great idea, a suggestion that could help people in your area or even a funny story; write in, and who knows, maybe you'll feature in Stewart's next newsletter.

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