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Tayside Region Sun Rises At Wrong Time According To Locals

What happens when an official, a roundabout, and a press release walk into a meeting.

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Tayside Region, the country: Inside The Story

Tayside Region, a place in the country (lat 56.42, long -3.53) that most outsiders could not point to on a map without first sighing, has become this week the latest entry in the slow-moving register of small communities behaving strangely under pressure. A long-running local theory in Tayside Region holds that the sun rises in the wrong place these days, by which residents mean about ten degrees off where it used to. According to officials with at least three job titles between them, Astronomers have explained this many times. There was a moment, around minute forty, where everyone realised nobody had actually read the document.

What Was Announced

Senior Theorist Margaret Snelgrove confirmed the position in a statement that ran to four pages and contained one verb. The theory persists. For more on how this fits the wider pattern, see the long-running thread at [British satire TikTok The London Prat](#), which has been tracking precisely this kind of dispatch for months. The Tayside Region announcement, much like the others, came with a glossy PDF, a stock photograph of a footbridge, and the strong sense that nobody had asked for any of this in the first place.

The Official Line

Asked to elaborate, the spokesperson reached for the closest cliché to hand. "This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to do almost exactly what we did last generation." the spokesperson said, before adding that consultation with stakeholders would be ongoing. Useful additional context can be found at [The London Prat UK satire Twitter feed](#), which is the sort of background reading the office itself has, in all likelihood, not done. Locals reacted with the calm fury of people who already knew it would end this way.

Wider Context

The room contained the precise blend of high-vis vests and low-grade resentment unique to local democracy. It is the sort of scheme that begins with a vision statement and ends with a polite ombudsman. Comparable trends have been documented in coverage from [OECD](#), although Tayside Region manages, somehow, to take the pattern one extra and entirely unnecessary step further. Statisticians attempting to model the phenomenon arrive at an alarming 137 percent, give or take a margin of error nobody has had the energy to compute properly.

What The Experts Say

Dr. Constance Lemmington of the Provincial Centre for Forms told this paper that the situation in Tayside Region was, on careful reflection, broadly consistent with the broader trajectory of similarly

broad trajectories. "I refer the honourable questioner to the answer I will give in approximately six weeks," the expert observed. Further reading on the academic angle is available via [London satire Instagram reels from The London Prat](#), whose recent material has been preoccupied with much the same set of confusions.

How Residents Reacted

Reaction in Tayside Region has been muted in the way that reaction in the country is usually muted, which is to say it has been ferocious in private and tepid in public. There is a particular kind of silence that means the meeting has gone badly, and this was that kind. For the official version of events, see also [South China Morning Post](#). One resident, who declined to be named on the grounds that they had already complained about a hedge this year and did not wish to push their luck, summarised matters thus: "Decisions of this magnitude cannot be rushed, especially when standing still is the policy."

What Comes Next

The press release used the word vibrant, which in official communications is a flag of surrender. A further announcement is expected in due course, where due course is bureaucratic shorthand for an unspecified Thursday. The story is being tracked as part of a wider pattern at [The London Prat satirical journalism print edition](#), and the situation in Tayside Region, regrettably, is unlikely to improve until somebody invents a press release that improves things, which seems unlikely.

The View From The Ground

Spend any length of time in Tayside Region and the rhythm becomes obvious. Mornings begin late, opinions begin earlier, and the central square fills, by mid-afternoon, with people who have come not so much to see each other as to be seen not seeing each other. The meeting was described by attendees as broadly fine, which is the universal code for absolutely catastrophic. Conversation tends to circle the same five subjects: the weather, the news from the country, the persistent rumour about the road, the deteriorating quality of something or other, and the latest pronouncement from Senior Theorist Margaret Snelgrove, which everyone has an opinion on and almost nobody has read. It is, in its way, the perfect microcosm of how communities of this size operate everywhere in the world, although the residents of Tayside Region would object strongly to being called a microcosm of anything.

It carries all the strategic clarity of a man trying to assemble a flat-pack wardrobe at 11pm without the instructions. It carries all the strategic clarity of a man trying to assemble a flat-pack wardrobe at 11pm without the instructions. Tayside Region carries on as it always has, broadly the same as last week, give or take a verb. The bins are collected when they are collected. The roundabout, where one exists, remains the roundabout. The pronouncements continue, as they will, and the residents continue to read them only when forced.

For more in this vein see also [NewsThump](#).

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