

# West End News

**May 2011 Update**  
from West End Ward councillor  
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- **Riverside Community Sport and Environment Improvements** :

Last year, an informal meeting took place at Dundee West Church Hall to discuss possible improvements for a community sport / leisure / history / project which could lead to the renovation and upgrading of Riverside Pavilion (the small sports pavilion owned by the council) and adjacent playing area, renovation of the bandstand on Magdalen Green and the repair of the foot bridge over the railway linking the two sites.



Since then a small steering group including local football and boxing groups, Friends of Magdalen Green, a residents' group representative, a Scottish Football Association representative and myself have met to discuss this further.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the Meeting Room at Dundee Contemporary Arts, we are formally launching a Trust to move the project forward. Community Councillors and all local residents are very welcome to attend. Guest speakers include Pat Campbell, Chair of the Friends of MacRosty Park, a highly successful similar project in Crieff. Do please come along.

- **Friends of Magdalen Green AGM** : The Friends of Magdalen Green Annual General Meeting and Public Lecture is taking place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May - a flyer with more details is being handed out with this update at the Community Council meeting tonight. Guest speaker is Professor Charles McKean, who is always extremely informative and interesting.

The meeting takes place at Dundee West Church at 7pm and all are welcome to attend. Complimentary refreshments will also be provided.





**Christmas 2011!** : It may seem awfully early, but we are again starting early this year to ensure a spectacular West End Christmas Week this year!

The first meeting takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm at the Vine, 43 Magdalen Yard Road (opposite Roseangle Car Park) All welcome - do please come along.

**Carseview Gardens** : Following complaints from residents about a missing street sign here, the City Council has advised me -

"A replacement sign for the recently replaced street name plate on the south side of Carseview Gardens will be included in the next street name plate order. It will be erected on the wall by the grit bin."

**Western Cemetery** : At last night's City Council Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee, it was agreed to move forward a new cremated remains section in the cemetery, following extensive discussions with the Western Cemetery Association. The full report and sketch design proposals can be read at <http://tinyurl.com/westerncemetery>

**Roseangle Car Park** : Following concerns expressed to me by West End residents about possible loss of parking spaces in the busy Roseangle car park, I have received assurances from the City Council's Head of Transportation that loss of spaces is purely temporary and that there will not be any significant loss of parking on a permanent basis.

Following signage about the current works at the car park appearing and the bottom row of parking being blocked off, residents were concerned that that bottom row of spaces was going to be removed altogether to make a cycle path through the car park. Residents rightly point out that parking in this part of the West End is difficult enough and this particular car park is so busy that a loss of spaces would mean more local residents who cannot get parked near their homes.

I contacted the City Council's Head of Transportation, who advises,

"I can confirm that the current works will provide a marked cycle route through the car park thus linking Seabraes cycle path with the path about to be upgraded through Magdalen Green linking through to Windsor Street. The parking bays are currently temporarily suspended to allow the works to proceed.

I have been advised that possibly one space may be lost where the Seabraes path meets the car park- I note your request to try and avoid this but I believe this space was not meant to be available and should always have been left as the route through from the Seabraes path. However, I will discuss this matter with the engineers."