

May 2016 Update **from West End Ward councillor**

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MAY UPDATE : Unfortunately I was unable to attend the April Community Council meeting due to a family member being in hospital and therefore was unable to hand out my April Update. Therefore the first two articles below cover issues I had hoped to highlight last month - but are still relevant.

Parking in the West End : At the City Development Committee on 28th March, I moved the following motion :

“Committee notes with concern that, following the consultation exercise in 2012 in part of the West End Ward relative to a possible residents’ parking scheme, the parking situation for residents and local businesses in the area concerned has worsened.

Committee therefore instructs the Executive Director of City Development, during the 2016/17 financial year, to undertake a further consultation with community groups, local residents, the business community and other stakeholders such as the University of Dundee, to ascertain views as to measures short of a parking scheme that covers the whole of the original consultation area, that may have public support for possible future introduction.

Committee also instructs the Executive Director of City Development to report back on his findings and recommendations to this committee by 31st March 2017.”

My motion attracted 12 votes but I was outvoted by 15 councillors who supported “the status quo.”

Since the failed consultation now some years ago, it is obvious from the level of complaints from residents that the parking situation is getting worse not better and that local people find it increasingly difficult to get parked near their homes. I therefore feel strongly that the council simply cannot walk away from the problem but must consider some further consultation on revised proposals - for example on a mix of different solutions each covering smaller areas, rather than the ‘wide area’ proposal suggested back in 2012.

There’s a real need to be proactive on the very significant parking problems for residents and businesses in the area.



9 and 10 Bus Service : I recently met with the Managing Director of Xplore Dundee and two of her colleagues about local bus services in the West End.



The good news is that, from 24th April, Xplore Dundee has issued revised timetables for the 9/10 service which, with additional resource being added into the service, aims to tackle reliability issues and will hopefully ensure the service runs to timetable at all times. The new timetable for the 9/10 will be a combined timetable with the 5 service which, given the partially shared route, should be of assistance to passengers.

We also had a useful discussion about inter-operator bus ticketing, likely to come to Dundee this summer, which is good news from passengers and a step towards the Saltire Card functionality becoming a reality.

It is proposed that, in later phases, it will be possible for cash to be put onto a inter-operator card and use on other modes of transport.

Roads and Pavements improvements 2016/17 : The City Council has advised that the following will be upgraded this financial year :

Adopted pavement improvements :

- Perth Road - north footway - Duncan of Jordanstone to Springfield
- Perth Road - north footway - Speedwell Bar to Sinderins junction
- Smellies Lane
- Guthrie Street - Pizza Hut to Horsewater Wynd
- Ashbank Road (where part of the east footway is sunken and needs reinstatement)

Unadopted pavements :

- Magdalen Yard Road - south side (new 2 metre wide footpath round north edge of Magdalen Green)
- West Park Road - west side - Roxburgh Terrace to Norwood Terrace

Roads improvements:

- Riverside Drive - Rail Station to Tesco Goods Entrance - Eastbound
- Nethergate - Marketgait to South Tay Street
- Perth Road - west of Blackness Library to West Park Road (start - Monday 9th May)
- Riverside Drive - Riverside Inn to Riverside Approach

Non-Adopted Asset Programme :

- Balgay Cemetery Various Internal Roads - overlay
- Balgay Road - Both Footways reconstruction
- Logie Avenue Footway and Access at Lock ups resurface