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Dear DD One members,

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. It's nice to welcome lighter evenings and hopefully warmer times ahead! I was lucky enough to see the Magellan Cruise ship in all her glory on Sunday as I travelled into Dundee on the 73b bus - It is great to see such large ships using Dundee Port, and it's good to see more will be coming in.

I was pleased to see Abellio take over the Scotrail franchise with commitments to improving rail links from Dundee, especially pleasing is the plan to use high speed trains. We will have to wait till 2018 to see them on the Glasgow / Edinburgh-Aberdeen route but they will have more carriages and a proper buffet. This is essential as Dundee welcomes more visitors as the V&A opens and to ensure we continue to thrive as a business destination too. The current Scotrail trains, in my view, are not fit for purpose.

Finally, it was a real privilege to be able help to choose the new names for the Waterfront development, an incredible number of suggestions were submitted by local people, demonstrating ownership of the future of Dundee.

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Wellgate Manager
Chair of DD One

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Counter Terrorism Seminar for City Centre Businesses

DD One members gathered at Dundee Contemporary Arts Centre last month for a business breakfast aimed at raising awareness of counter terrorism measures and serious and organised crime.

Over 30 businesses were represented at the seminar where delegates heard from Detective Constables Mike Galloway and Mark Irwin about preventing, handling and recovering from an attack. They stressed the importance of good housekeeping and staff training, and having well rehearsed contingency and emergency plans in place.



Be Aware

The security and wellbeing of the citizens of Dundee is of huge importance to us all. If you are worried by something you've seen or suspicious of individuals acting strangely you should act. It could prevent a crime being committed, personal injury or an act of terrorism.

If you have concerns about any of the following please contact one of the organisations overleaf:

- curtains drawn permanently in a property
- suspicious items or materials in waste bins
- vehicles parked with occupants for unusual length of time without obvious purpose
- unusual behaviour by an individual

Stay Alert

Waterfront Street Names Announced

Dundee's Industrial heritage and significant individuals and institutions from times past will be celebrated in street and place names for the city's waterfront.

After a consultation on proposed street names and the opportunity to suggest names for three major open spaces and two footpaths/cycleways in the £1 billion re-development, councillors will discuss the results next week.

Will Dawson convener of the city development committee said, "I was really pleased to see the high level of engagement from people suggesting names which went from the historically significant to the hysterically funny.

"The proposed names fit perfectly with our view of ourselves as a city with a rich industrial and creative past and with a vision and drive to become even more successful in the future."

Thomson Avenue will mark the contribution to Dundee of James Thomson who was city architect between 1906 and 1924. During his tenure the Kingsway, one of the UK's first city by passes, was built and he also proposed a visionary master plan for the waterfront.

Earl Grey Place (East and West) have been named to keep alive the link between the area and the former dock built in 1834 and closed 129 years later before being filled in to make way for the Tay Road Bridge landfall.

Patent Slip Way, which runs beneath the Tay Road Bridge ramps, recognises the track and cradle used to transfer a vessel from the river to the dock for repairs.

The Harbour Workshops and its steam-hauled patent slip, built in 1837, were on reclaimed ground between Victoria Dock and the Estuary. The upper part of the 166 metre ramp is still visible and gives a good indication of the size of ships hauled out of the Tide Harbour.

The public central space to the rear of the Caird Hall will be known as Slessor Gardens, the space adjacent to the river will be Waterfront Place, the public space at the Railway Station will become Discovery Plaza.

Black Watch Parade will be the name of the footpath adjacent to the river and the footpath / Cycleway next to the road bridge will be Whalers lane.



ALMOST BLUEreturns

Musicians and bands will bring the streets of Dundee City Centre to life this summer as **Almost Blue**, Dundee's live music festival, returns for a second year.

The festival, which last year saw over 70 acts perform at 90 gigs across the city centre, runs over the weekend July 3 to 5 and takes in over 20 different venues.

Those attending can expect an eclectic mix of everything from blues to bluegrass, indie to soul, pop-rock to R&B, and Cajun to gypsy swing.

A Spokesman for **Almost Blue** said, "Hopefully we will have some big announcements to make in the coming weeks, and in the meantime we would like all venues, bands, and solo acts hoping to take part in **Almost Blue** this year to get in touch as soon as possible through our facebook page www.facebook.com/pages/Almost-Blue."

Taxi Course Launched at Dundee and Angus College

Dundee and Angus College have welcomed the first intake of taxi drivers enrolled on the Introduction to the Role of Professional Taxi and Private Hire Driver programme.

The successful completion of the course will become mandatory for all taxi drivers by 2017.

Bruce Donaldson, Business Adviser at Dundee and Angus College, said, "The course duration is less than 30 hours and, after consultation with drivers, who expressed a preference for classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings, we are running the inaugural class over seven nights spread across three weeks. We are also looking at a fast-track option when drivers can do the whole course in a week."

The course can at present be offset with ILA – individual learning account – but come 2017 funding will not be available.

Bruce added, "Drivers should really be considering taking part now because, as 2017 looms, more and more people will be applying and it will be more difficult to remain flexible about class times."

Dundee's Green Fleet

Dundee City Council already boasts more electric vehicles than any other local authority area in Britain and soon a fleet of electric taxis will make a welcome addition to the streets of the City.

Ten electric private hire taxis have already taken to the streets as a plan three years in the making comes to fruition for 203020 boss David Young.

And over the next 12 months he will gradually replace his entire 60-strong taxi fleet of wheelchair-friendly vehicles with electric cars.

The progress made and the success of his business decision is already being monitored by major taxi firms across Scotland — including six of Edinburgh's biggest.

The conversion to electric also has the backing of the Scottish Government.



£400 Million City Deal Funding

Dundee City Council is in talks with Angus, Perth and Kinross and Fife Councils to set up a City Deal – a step which could secure £400 million of UK Government funding for the area.

The city deal programme aims to give local authorities greater resources and financial freedom to drive economic growth.

If the Tayside City Deal is successful it could see funding going towards improving public transport pay, for new building projects and boost employment.

Dundee City Councillor Willie Sawers said, “A city deal would help bring extra business to Dundee, which would result in extra job opportunities.

“The additional income provided by more people in work would then have a knock-on effect on local businesses as people have more money to spend.”



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Abertay University in Top 25

Abertay University has been ranked among the World's top 25 places to study games design.

The Princeton Review's 2015 undergraduate and graduate institutions to study games design has ranked Abertay the 20th in the World on its graduate list and 21st on its undergraduate list.

Abertay is the only non US institution to make the list.

Project Pie's Environmental Aspirations

Project Pie, Dundee's newest food outlet, hopes to become the City's leading environmental friendly food business.

The William Tracey Group Glenrothes Depot has been awarded the trade waste contract for the new 60-seater diner which opened in Dundee's Reform Street last month.

Supplier Vegware will supply Project Pie with all compostable packaging.



Chantal Nell from Project Pie said, “Vegware and William Tracey from our perspective really complement each other with their business ethos and company values and we are delighted to be a part of a zero to landfill waste programme.”

Eilidh Brunton, Vegware's Group Recycling Consultant added, “We're delighted that Project Pie have chosen Vegware as their eco packaging supplier. We're looking forward to working together with them and helping them achieve their goal of zero waste to landfill.”

Project Pie was set up by James Markham, opening popular diners in Seattle and California and now comes to Scotland, with the first diner opening in Dundee. The diner offers customers “Everyday Artisan Pizza Custom Built By You.”

Mary Slessor Memorial Unveiled

A memorial commemorating Scots missionary Mary Slessor has been unveiled in Dundee on the 100th anniversary of her death.

The Mary Slessor Foundation commissioned the city centre memorial with help from a number of city groups.

The stone carries a bronze plaque detailing the life and work of the former jute weaver.

Mary Slessor was born in Aberdeen and raised in Dundee before becoming a noted missionary in Nigeria.

She was revered by the local populations for improving or even saving the lives of many, including hundreds of twins who were often abandoned or killed as part of local customs.



£4 Million Upgrade for City Square Buildings

Dundee City Council will carry out a series of maintenance projects on buildings in and around City Square.

Councillor Will Dawson, city development convener, said, “The works will be predominantly maintenance of buildings, and not just those situated on the square. Many of the buildings on Crichton Street and Castle Street are linked to the square in some way, and share facilities like heating systems.

“It will include things like replacing old windows, some of which have been there since the buildings were built.

Repairs and maintenance are ongoing as necessary, however there are a couple of projects that we are looking to undertake.

“Projects have already taken place in the east wing which have allowed property rationalisation as well as upgrades to the IT systems. Similar work is now needing done to the west wing.

“Work has already been done to upgrade the conference facilities within the Caird Hall, and there are further improvements being looked at which will allow us to attract major conferences and conventions.

“These costs are currently being built into the capital plan.”

City Square was refurbished back in 2013 with new seating, lighting, drainage and improvements to disabled access. The fountains were relined and new paving installed, while the Caird Hall had new steps fitted.

Design in Motion Hits the Road in Dundee City Centre

V&A Dundee's first national touring exhibition, Design in Motion, has embarked on a 17-week journey across Scotland. The exhibition, a collaboration with the Travelling Gallery, is housed in a custom built gallery in a bus.

Philip Long, Director of V&A Dundee, invited senior pupils from Craigie High School to be the first visitors on board at City Square, Dundee interacting with the new exhibition and the associated mobile app, 'Design Scotland'. Part of the new museum's pre-opening programme, Design in Motion is the second V&A Dundee project to benefit from funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery.



The exhibition includes leading fashion designer Holly Fulton, BAFTA award-winning game designer Sophia George and innovative product designer and artist Geoffrey Mann. All seven featured designers use digital technologies to push the boundaries of their discipline, enabling them to demonstrate how design can be put to work to reconstruct our heritage, visualise the unseen, and create products not previously possible.

The tour will visit more than 70 venues across Scotland after leaving Dundee on 27 February. Locations include cities such as Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, as well as rural locations including Lewis, Harris and Skye. Venues range from secondary schools and art colleges to museums, community centres and libraries. The final stop will be the Victoria and Albert Museum, London in June. It is anticipated that more than 10,000 people will visit the exhibition in total, with additional audiences taking part in events, activities and digital engagement.

Amsterdam Air Link

Dundee could soon have its own air link to Amsterdam.

Flybe has applied to the Department of Transport for funding and is hoping to introduce the daily service from next April.

The funding is available for brand new routes for regional airports which handle fewer than 5 million passengers a year.

A decision is expected in July.

Your Passport to Dundee and Angus

Dundee & Angus Convention Bureau are looking for new partners to work with them to promote the destination and enhance the experience for the thousands of conference delegates and visitors to Dundee and Angus.

Their 'Your Passport to Dundee and Angus' - Exclusive Offers initiative is actively promoted to delegates prior to their arrival encouraging them to plan ahead and make the most of their visit to Dundee and Angus with the view to extending their stay.

Participation in the 'Your Passport to Dundee and Angus' offers scheme is completely free of charge. Anyone wishing to take part should contact Debbie Burton at debbie.burton@dundeecity.gov.uk

In Brief

- Congratulations to the team at **Gazeleys** in Dundee's Castle Street on winning Fishmonger of the Year in the Scottish Independent Retail Awards.
- Dundee games firm **4J Studios** has been nominated in this year's BAFTA Games Awards for its console editions development team version of Minecraft in the multiplayer and family categories. The studio has also been nominated in the BAFTA 'Ones to Watch' category.
- A historic building in Dundee's Nethergate, once home to an heir of the Keiller marmalade family, is to be converted into flats. Planning has been approved to create six flats in the B-listed building at 164 Nethergate.
- Dundee's newest restaurant **Kobee** has opened in Dock Street. The Japanese inspired Teppanyaki restaurant serves traditional Japanese food as well as steaks and pasta dishes. Diners will be entertained by the dazzling knife skills of resident chef Jay-Jay.
- Welcome to **Porters** in City Quay. Porters have taken over the premises previously occupied by the Blue Marlin. The new restaurant menu has yet to be finalised however is said to be centred around sharing platters.
- Congratulations to **Quirky Coo** who have reached the finals of The UK Gift Retailer Awards 2015. The independent retailer in Union Street is a finalist in the Best Newcomer category. The winners will be announced at a lunch at the Savoy in London in May.
- Talks have taken place between Dundee City Council and **Studio City Scotland** about the possibility of the city becoming the site for Scotland's first major film studio.
- Work to transform a derelict jute mill in Wallace Craigie Works on Broughty Ferry Road will begin in the next few months after Dundee City Council approved planning proposals. A total of 42 two-bedroom, 55 three-bedroom and three four-bedroom flats will be developed at the site.
- Dundee's City Centre Central library attracted a quarter of a million more visitors than Edinburgh or Glasgow. The library has been named busiest library in Scotland 2013/14 after members of the public made 769,386 visits.
- Gerry Boyle has taken over **Fat Sams Live!** in South Ward Road. The venue will become Instant Channel TV, a television studio and performance space with the aim of attracting some of the World's top musicians, bands and entertainers to the city.

What's On

A snap-shot of some of the events on in Dundee over the coming month. For the full list please visit www.dundee.com

- 12 April; Magellan Cruise Ship arrives in Dundee with 300 passengers ready to explore the local area.
- 17 April: Performance Parking, Olympia car park, 8pm
- 18 April; Farmers' Market in City Square, 9am – 4pm
- 20 April; DD One Business Group Meeting, Unicorn, 10.30am.
- 9 May; Championship Cat Show, Caird Hall.
- 10 May; Ruby Wax- Sane New World, Caird Hall.
- 16 May; Farmers' Market, City Square, 9am – 4pm.
- 29 May; Eddie Reader and Special Guests, Caird Hall

About DD One

DD One is a private sector-led partnership group whose agreed objective is to encourage representatives of both the private and public sectors to act together to develop the economic potential of Dundee City Centre.

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