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A Word from the Chair

Welcome to our August newsletter! Did we ever get a summer?!

This is my last newsletter before I stand down as DD One chair at the end of September. I took over from David Carson in November 2013 with a view to increasing numbers, having interesting venues and providing a forum for debate, networking and most of all a little bit of fun! I think we have been successful in getting more numbers, networking, having healthy debate and also some fun along the way. It's time now for someone else to take the group further, and following the questionnaire that will shortly be issued to all of the group, to determine a real mandate and strategy for DD One.

This is vital to ensure that DD One is a viable force in protecting the trading interests of the city and to ensure it has a strong voice in doing so. The future is indeed bright and we must ensure that we all benefit from the V&A and Waterfront development, and the many other opportunities that will arise. A collaborative approach is therefore vital.

I would like to thank all of the venues, guest speakers and all of you that have attended DD One meetings during my time as chair. It has been a huge honour to chair this group and I wish you all the very best for the future. From October Peter Aitken, Operations Manager and Marion Crerar, Commercial Manager will attend DD One meetings as representatives of Wellgate Shopping Centre.

My last meeting will be on 29th September, which is a lunchtime meeting, so unfortunately I won't be able to share a drink with you, other than a soft one!

I would heartily recommend running for the position of chair, it is incredibly fulfilling.

Jon Walton
Wellgate Manager
Chair of DD One



Bright Future for Dundee Railway Station

The transformation of the Waterfront will see more than a million passengers a year using the newly refurbished train station in Dundee – a 15% increase on existing footfall.

Dundee City Council has now received tenders for the new station development and is in the process of selecting a preferred contractor.

James Ledgerwood, Head of Economic Development at Abellio Scotrail said they were committed to helping to deliver the £20 Million project and hope to reduce journey times from Dundee to Edinburgh and Glasgow.



Could you be the next DD One Chairman or Chairwoman?

As Jon Walton comes to the end of his term as Chair of DD One, the search is on to find a new leader for the group.

The role of Chair is always drawn from the private sector with the individual elected to office for an initial period of one year but shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting for a maximum period of two consecutive years.

Individuals interested in becoming Chair are required to be nominated for office by two current members of the group.

A special general meeting will take place in the autumn to elect the new Chair.

For an informal chat about the role, or to register interest, please contact:

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Get ready to Xplore Dundee!

National Express has unveiled their brand new look, designed in partnership with students from Dundee and Angus College.

The new name 'Xplore Dundee', branding and livery will be rolled out across the business from this autumn. Ten young people from the college's Computing and Creative Media courses were tasked with creating a new look for our local bus company - the winning design was the work of a team of four: Gillian Annandale, Lisa Cavell, Georgia Gray and Ryan McGinnis. As well as winning a cash prize and the chance to see their own designs on the side of every bus in Dundee, the students will also have a work experience placement with the National Express graphic design team in Birmingham.

Visitors at the recent National Express Open Day also got the chance to tell the company how they thought the city's buses should look. Three possible livery designs were displayed and voted upon; the winning design was Design A, which gained 82% of the vote; it has a green background with lighter green details and a series of colours will 'route brand' various vehicles to show clearly to customers which area the vehicles will mainly service.

Managing Director of National Express, Elsie Turbyne, said, "This is a very strong new look for our company and shows that the roots of our business and our people are here in the city of Dundee, with its valued transport and explorational heritage. Over the coming weeks this new brand will be gradually rolled out across the whole of the business, including the vehicles, staff uniforms, stationery and tickets.

"I hope that the people of Dundee will embrace the change in their city's buses and that they will continue to enjoy safe, efficient and great value transport throughout the area – **it's now time to 'Xplore Dundee'!**"



Dundee Independent Shopping Guide

Traders in the City Centre are collaborating in a unique way to promote the indie offering in Dundee.

Work is ongoing to encourage as many independent shops, restaurants and businesses as possible to contribute towards a printed independent shopping guide.

The venture is being led by DD One member Nicola Donnelly from Time Lifestyle Boutique in Reform Street. Nicola is keen to get more people involved in the project and is looking for assistance from those with specialist skills or resources in photography, page design, copy curation, editing, printing and distribution services. Nicola said, "Last year, nine businesses in the City Centre successfully collaborated to market their activities as part of Small Business Saturday.

"Independent retailers are always keen to promote the indie offering in Dundee. In recent years new independent stores have opened and many have sustained over several years and decades. It's not always obvious to visitors where these independent stores are and often city residents are unaware of their existence. An independent shopping guide would help promote our individual offerings. Independent retailers are the businesses that most differentiate shopping in Dundee from other cities – each independent store is unique and each have a story to tell and a personality to share.

Anyone interested in being involved in the Indie Shopping Guide is invited to a gathering in the Nilpul Foundation tea rooms at 51 Reform Street at 6pm on Monday 17 August.

Business Tourism Big in Tayside

Delegates at the Think Scotland Think Conference meeting were told that business tourism brought in £12 million to the local Tayside economy last year.

Karen Tocher from Dundee and Angus Convention Bureau said, "It's a strong result but there is huge opportunity for future growth. We are engaging with local business leaders to encourage that future growth."

Linking the West End to the Waterfront

Dundee's £3.5 Million Seabraes Bridge opened to the public in June. The long awaited structure connects the City's west end to the Waterfront.



Caird Hall Arcade Set to Return

Empty office space at the back of Caird Hall is set to become four retail or restaurant units as part of the wider Waterfront development.

When the Caird Hall was first built both the ground and first floors were retail units – a condition made by the Sir James Caird who gifted the hall to the then Dundee Burgh Council. The old arcade closed in 1981 having gone into decline with the removal of the bus stance in Shore Terrace. It is hoped the development of the Waterfront will attract businesses to open up in the units.

Councillor Will Dawson, Convener for Economic Development, said, "The area itself is ideal for restaurants and cafes. It is ideally situated looking out onto the new green space with a good view of the river and the soon to be built V&A.

Castle Street Flat Plan

Garioch Development Company has applied to Dundee City Council for renewal of planning permission to convert the former Dexter's Bar in Castle Street into twelve flats.

As part of their proposals, the developers are keen to restore the original church windows in the B listed building that dates back to 1812.

More Gummy Bins Installed

The successful trial of a bin dedicated to gathering chewing gum has seen ten additional bins installed in the City Centre.

The ten bins will be placed in different areas across the City Centre where discarded chewing gum has been a problem.

Dundee City Council is hoping the new bins, part of the Take Pride in Your City campaign, will encourage people to get rid of discarded chewing gum responsibly.



Dundee: Electric Taxi Capital?

Dundee has been named as one of eight cities in the UK hoping to become the UK's electric taxi capital and win a share of £20 Million development funding.

£30,000 has already been secured to undertake a feasibility study into increasing the number of electric taxis in Dundee and introducing special charging points.

Earlier this year, Dundee taxi firm 203020 launched 30 electric vehicles in the city. Dundee City Council have over 60 electric vehicles in their fleet.



Busy Spring and Summer for Dundee Airport

Over 5,000 passengers have used Dundee Airport during March, April and May.

Business was also boosted with the arrival of private jets carrying players, celebrities and corporate outings to the Open Golf at St Andrews.

Derrick Laing, Dundee Airport Manager, said, "This is good news for the economy of Dundee as golf tourism is increasingly lucrative."



Plans Submitted for Murraygate Shop Rebuild

The Murraygate building destroyed by fire is set to be rebuilt if plans are approved by Dundee City Council.

Owners of the destroyed building, Northumberland Estates, have submitted plans for a three-storey property that will feature a retail space on ground floor, with the upper floors being made available for retail or office space. The new property will also have a large basement.

Dundee strives for European Capital of Culture Title

The team behind the failed City of Culture 2017 campaign have announced they are to submit a programme to capture the European Capital of Culture 2023 title.

Bryan Beattie, Director of Creative Services Scotland, said that the programme will be drawn up over the summer to prepare for the bid which would see Dundee taking on major British cities such as Cardiff, Manchester and Birmingham.

The new V&A museum and wider regeneration of the Waterfront are said to make Dundee a serious contender for the title.

Marina to be Key Feature in Waterfront Development

The new £5 Million marina in Dundee's Waterfront will have the capacity to berth up to 400 pleasure boats.

Dundee City Council is currently negotiating a long lease of the facility from Forth Ports after which they will seek a marina operator to drive the project.

Mike Galloway, Director of City Development, said, "We are about to put out a design and build contract for a new sea lock which will provide 24 hour access.

At present the existing lock is broken and cannot open. We see the lock being open during 2017 with the pleasure marina operational shortly afterwards."



Dundee City Council's City Development has brought out a new APP that allows people to explore the Waterfront development.

The APP can be downloaded at;

<http://www.dundeewaterfront.com/interactive>

In Brief

Best wishes to DD One members **Rachel Neary** from Overgate and **Frances Lord** from Holiday Inn Express who have left their respective posts to take up new ventures outwith Dundee.

Congratulations to DD One member **Annie Marrs** from Sweet Theatre venues on her appointment as Project Coordinator for UNESCO Dundee City of Design & Place Partnership Programme.

An **interactive** audio version of the City Centre heritage walk is available through the GeoTourist APP for use on smart phones.

Dundee Science Centre is set to undergo a £1.7 Million expansion. The attraction is due for completion towards the end of 2016 dependent on securing a further £550,000 funding.

Young Dundee film maker **Stephen Grant** will put Dundee on the international stage when he shoots a film in the City Centre in September. The film follows two best friends who embark on a strange odyssey through the dark unseen streets of Scotland in search of the meaning of life.

Marco Polo restaurant on Dundee's Hawkhill has been given the go ahead to open the city's first outdoor shisha café. The shisha café is expected to open in September.

Dundee computer games company **Hidden Armada** has scooped £40,000 in the Scottish Edge awards. The money will be used to develop a PC game called Mutiny.

Minecraft developer **4J Studios** is moving to a new purpose built headquarters at Shed 25 in Dundee's central waterfront.

Malmaison Hotel Du Vin chain of hotels has been bought over by Asia-based Frasers Hospitality in a £363 million deal.

The **Magellan** cruise ships will return to Dundee in 2016 with five dates already booked. The ship has been taking passengers on cruises to Norway, Iceland, the Faroes, St Petersburg, Copenhagen, Estonia, Russia, Finland and Sweden.

Volunteers from the **Bonnie Dundee** group have been busy planting flowers in the City Centre. Eight planters in Union Street were completed in June and the group continue to maintain the planters outside Malmaison and Dundee Science Centre.

Plans have been submitted to build flats in Dundee City Centre's **Candle Lane**. Architect Jon Frullani, based in District Ten, hopes to build 30 flats on the site of the existing car parks.

New store **Tiger** has opened in the lower mall in Overgate. Tiger is a Danish design store offering a quirky, ever-changing selection of own-designed products at surprisingly affordable prices.

Private rent prices in Dundee have increased by 4% in the last year. The increase is being directly linked to the redevelopment of the Waterfront and arrival of the V&A.

What's On

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

- 13 – 16 August: DARE Protoplay Games Festival. Scotland's biggest computer games festival returns to City Square. Free fun for all the family.
- 15 August: Farmers' Market, High Street. Come on down and buy fresh local produce with everything from organic vegetables to fresh eggs, baking to beef.
- 19 – 22 August: Dundee Schools Music Theatre present Jesus Christ Super Star at the Rep Theatre. Tickets available from Dundee Rep box office.
- 22 August: Dundee Together, Celebrating Diversity Festival. City Square.
- 4-6 September: Flower and Food Festival, Camperdown Park.
- 12 September: Rotary Club of Dundee and Tayside Mountain Rescue Association Charity Gala Day, High Street.
- 26 September: Dundee hosts commemorations for the centenary of the Battle of Loos, a British offensive on the Western Front in autumn 1915. City Square, 12pm – 1pm.
- Till 25 October: Music Mayhem at Dundee Science Centre. Enter a massive, music-making, acoustic playground and set off on a musical voyage of discovery.
- 19 September: Farmers' Market, City Square. Come on down and buy fresh local produce with everything from organic vegetables to fresh eggs, baking to beef.

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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