

## Weekly Road Report – West End Ward



**DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT**

**REPORT FOR WEST END WARD WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2017**

Perth Road (at Arnhall Drive) – temporary traffic lights for 2 weeks for gas main renewal.

Blackness Road (at Glenagnes Road) – temporary traffic lights for one week for Scottish Water mains renewal.

Nethergate (West Marketgait to South Tay Street) – closed for 3 weeks from Monday 27 February for carriageway resurfacing works.

Riverside Drive at airport – off-peak temporary traffic lights on Tuesday 28 February for maintenance to Department of Transport monitoring site.

### **Forthcoming Roadworks**

SSE Glenagnes Cable Renewal – Lochee Road lane restrictions and closures on Blinshall Street, Fleuchar Street and Scott Street from Monday 6 March for 5 months.

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## Blether Tay-Gither – Storytelling in Dundee



[From Blether Tay-Gither :](#)

Our February Blether will be on Tuesday 28th February – at 7pm in Madigan's

Food Emporium and Bookshop, Castle Street.

The theme this month is "Tales Frae Ower the Water."

Hope to see some of you there – all welcome!

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## **Further Temporary Traffic Order – Nethergate**



**From the City Council :**

Dundee City Council proposes to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose of facilitating carriageway resurfacing works. The Order is expected to be in force for 3 weeks from 27 February 2017. Its maximum duration in terms of the Act is eighteen months.

The effect of the Order is to prohibit temporarily all vehicular traffic in Nethergate from West Marketgait to 20 metres or thereby west of South Tay Street.

Limited access will be maintained to properties for deliveries etc.

An alternative route will be available via West Marketgait, Hawkhill, Perth Road and Nethergate.

Please forward any comments you may have regarding this proposal to the Network Management Team, City Development Department, Dundee House, 50 North Lindsay Street, Dundee DD1 1LS and if you have any queries please contact 433082.

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## **Ninewells Community Garden event**



On Thursday 23rd February, [Ninewells Community Garden](#) is running a workshop to help develop a vision for the garden.

- How do we see the garden and charity develop?
- What are the opportunities and challenges?

Starting at 1pm, the workshop will take approximately 2 hours, after which there will be refreshments and a presentation to volunteers.

All are welcome – no booking required – please bring food or drink to share if you are able.

More information is available [here](#).

## [Concern over closure of university adult learning classes](#)



Following concerns from constituents, I have written to University of Dundee Principal Professor Sir Pete Downes expressing dismay at the closure of the School of Humanities' educational and creative adult education classes as of April 2017.

Residents are concerned that the replacement which is a suite of credit-bearing modules will be more costly and deviates away from the principles of the adult education classes that have been so successful over the years.

These adult learning courses have run for many years and have been really

successful. Many, but not all of the students, are at or beyond retirement age and many are already well-qualified, so replacing the courses with award bearing courses sadly will end a long tradition of offering general interest courses to members of the public.

At present there are 13 courses on offer at Dundee University, with over 200 registered enrolments. It seems such a shame to end the courses and I have asked the university for a re-think.

Professor Downes has now advised me :

We are replacing the current 'Courses for Adults' programme with a new suite of modules for students of all ages, which will give an introduction to studying at higher education level and will be credit bearing.

This aligns with our commitment to widening access to higher education. Modules will be available at the start of the next academic year in English, History, Creative Writing and Philosophy. There will be an option for students to opt-out of studying for credit.

These courses are replacing our previous provision, which was no longer sustainable and did not align with the priorities of the School of the Humanities and of the University.

The University's contributions to the local community are very important to me and to many of our staff and students. The breadth of these depends on building sustainable models of delivery wherever possible. I expect adult education will remain an important part of our work with the local community but we need to consider adult education in a broader context and across a wider range of subjects and disciplines. The approach being taken by the School of Humanities to ensure sustainable provision of Continuing Education is as follows:

- The School of Humanities initiative to change its continuing education offering to a suite of four 10 credit bearing modules will widen access to higher education and be in line with the Universities commitment to public engagement and outreach.
- This offering will extend the opportunity to reach people who may wish to engage with HE later in their lives, or who wish to study whilst having other commitments which prohibits them from a full time programme.
- A matriculated student undertaking study for credit may

be able to apply for help with course fees from the following:

- o Individual Learning Account (ILA)
- o Part-time Fee Grant

There are wider implications for the University as a whole and for our commitments to, and responsibility for, public engagement.

Much work is currently being done to prepare the University's strategic plan for the period from 2017 to 2022 and I have asked our Vice Principal (Learning & Teaching) to review Continuing Education and its part in our widening access and public engagement work as part of the refreshed University strategy, which will be in place from the start of the next academic year.

I hope that the Vice Principal (Learning & Teaching) when reviewing Continuing Education will bear in mind that many constituents and the Dundee University Courses for Adults Association committee do not want the present provision to end.