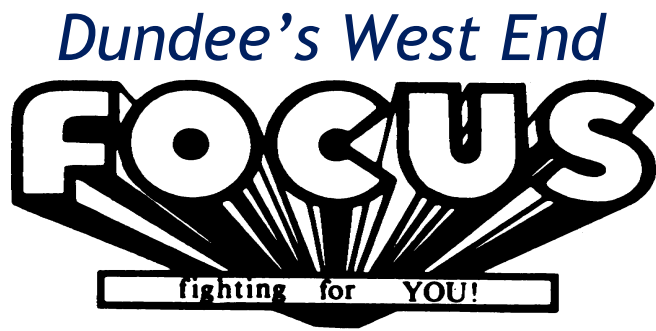




from Cllr Michael Crichton &
Cllr Fraser Macpherson
and the West End Liberal Democrats

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Summer 2026 updates from Michael, Fraser and the West End Focus team!

Welcome to West End Focus Edition 117! Councillor Fraser Macpherson, Councillor Michael Crichton and the West End Focus Team are always pleased to assist anyone in the West End with any concerns, problems or queries.

Michael and Fraser can be contacted as follows :



- By e-mail - westendfocus@dundeelibdems.org.uk
- By phone - Dundee 459378 - or send back the Grumble Sheet on the back of this edition of Focus.

Michael's and Fraser's Weekly West End Surgeries

Fraser and Michael do surgeries jointly on Tuesdays as follows :

- * Blackness Library (Tuesdays 5pm - every week during school term time)
- * Ancrum Road Primary School (1st Tuesday of each month at 5.45pm during school term time)
- * Harris Academy reception area (2nd Tuesday of each month at 5.45pm during school term time)
- * West End Campus (come to reception area of St Joseph's RC PS and Victoria Park PS) - (3rd Tuesday of each month at 5.45pm during school term time)



There are also additional pop-up street surgeries, usually on Thursdays, which are advertised regularly.



West End parking issues - an update

Residents will recall that, in the last edition of West End Focus, Fraser and Michael reported that NHS Tayside had established a Ninewells Car Park Steering Group to explore potential options to improve access to parking for out-patients, visitors and staff and reduce overspill in adjacent streets.

Michael and Fraser participated in workshops to discuss ways of improving the parking situation. A report on possible options has now gone to NHS Tayside's Chief Executive Team and it is hoped that some improvements will be introduced in the coming months.

Separately, Michael and Fraser have spoken with numerous residents in the east end of Larch Street/Urquhart Street area about parking problems in the area and have raised this with Dundee City Council. In keeping with some other parts of the West End, the area would benefit from a residents' priority parking scheme. The current SNP council administration dropped this proposal and Fraser and Michael want to see this further considered to help residents in areas where getting parked is increasingly difficult.

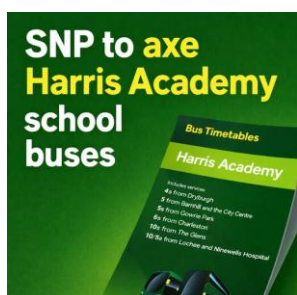


* **West End residents' meetings :** In recent weeks, Fraser and Michael have held meetings with residents in Tullideph, Pennycook Court/Sinderins Court, Morven Terrace/Ancrum Place and Blackness Court. There were good discussions on local issues and Michael and Fraser are grateful to the police, community safety wardens, housing officers and Citizens' Advice Bureau representatives who spoke and provided advice.

There are more residents' meetings planned across the West End over the summer months in addition to Michael's and Fraser's Tuesday ward surgeries and Thursday street surgeries.

* **Benvie Road - derelict garage site :** Michael is pictured (right) at the site of the derelict former garage at the top end of Benvie Road where the Focus Team has been raising residents' concerns for a long time.

There is now some progress as the Scottish Environment Protection Agency is now involved. It is pursuing the landowner to get the site tidied up. The Focus team will continue to keep residents updated with progress getting a lasting solution here.



* **Harris Academy buses :** At the Dundee City Council budget meeting, the SNP group voted for a report within its budget proposals to axe all the dedicated school buses for Harris Academy, with effect from August 2027.

The Liberal Democrat Group made it clear it views this proposal as highly detrimental to the Harris Academy school community. The greatest impact will be on pupils living to the north of the West End Ward in the Lochee Ward who live furthest from the school. However, it will also impact on pupils in the northern parts of the West End - for example in the Pentland, Tullideph and Ancrum areas.

Fraser and Michael have made clear that, should control of the council administration change in the May 2027 elections when the SNP loses its majority, as now seems very possible, the Liberal Democrat councillors will use any influence they then have to overturn this decision and ensure the Harris Academy school buses are saved.

In other bus-related issues, Michael and Fraser have been pressing the council to provide a bus shelter for passengers near to the Gallagher Retail Park given the increase in usage since M&S relocated there and also for Ember coach passengers at Slessor Gardens. Their request for a permanent new bus stop on Perth Road at Mid Wynd to replace the one flatted by a vehicle has now been met.

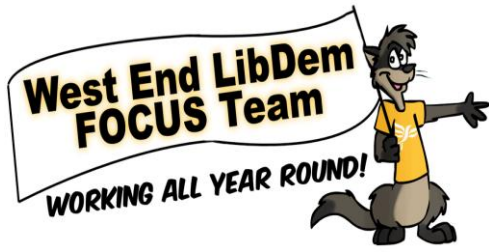


* **Pennycook Lane car park :** Fraser is pictured (left) in the Pennycook Lane car park where drivers had highlighted that the bays are not well marked. The LibDem Focus Team asked the council's parking team to have proper bay markings provided and this has been agreed to.

* **Riverside recycling centre :** Residents will be aware of recent upgrade work at the Riverside recycling centre. At the time of West End Focus going to print, Michael and Fraser have been advised that the work is nearly complete.

Fraser and Michael had requested that a community re-use facility - like that already available at Baldovie - be provided. They are pleased to advise that this will be provided in the coming months.

Cllr Michael Crichton and Cllr Fraser Macpherson work all year round



Latest West End news from Cllr Michael Crichton & Cllr Fraser Macpherson

West End roads and pavements improvements : The City Council's Roads Maintenance Partnership recently published its proposed roads and footpaths resurfacing and improvements programme for the new financial year and the West End proposed work includes :

Pavements 2026-27 :

Lochee Road - 152 to 192. Partial Reconstruction

Perth Road - Westfield Place to Greenfield Place
Partial Reconstruction

Tay Square North West - Tiles - Resin Bound
Surfacing

Perth Road - South Side, Nr 2 to 42 Partial
Reconstruction

Windsor Street - West Side, Nr 37 to 48 Slurry Seal

Saggar Street - Path Footway

Roads 2026-27 :

Roseangle - Up to 12 different patches (Setts).
Resurface

Ashbank Road - Logie Avenue to Scott Street -
Resurface

Eton Street - Oxford Street to Cambridge Street -
Resurface

Ancrum Road [and Charleston Drive not in West End
Ward] - Elmwood Road to Nr 69 Ancrum Road -
Surface Dressing



Fraser is pictured (left) in Eton Street and Michael (right) in Ashbank Road - both roads are in very poor condition so resurfacing will be very welcome.

Liberal Democrat councillors have long argued that the capital programme for roads and pavements is underfunded and, year after year, they have proposed increased resources in their budget proposals. It is good to note that, this year, a one-off £1m additional funding allocation was agreed. The LibDems' years of pressure has paid off to a degree but this needs to be maintained each and every year going forward.



The extra funding has allowed for additional planned road resurfacing this year at Hillside Road (Glamis Drive to Hillside Terrace), Richmond Terrace (Windsor Street to Fort Street) and Saggar Street (whole road) - all streets Michael and Fraser had repeatedly raised.

Dundee Council budget 2026/27 : The Dundee Liberal Democrat Council Group moved an alternative budget at this year's City Council's revenue budget meeting and tried to protect key services after 17 years of SNP cuts and decline.

The Liberal Democrat plans included keeping the council tax increase to below 5% – the lowest council tax level put before the council at 4.95% - the SNP pushed through an unnecessarily high 7.75% and Labour proposed 7.5%.

The Liberal Democrat proposals reversed many of the possible cuts proposed in the council's budget consultation and they also had new proposals for investing in frontline services.

Keep up with the daily West End News ...

In addition to the regular FOCUS newsletter, Michael and Fraser also do daily on-line West End updates :



* Their West End Facebook Page covers West End news and other Dundee updates and now has over 3 600 followers. You can view it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dundeewestend



* They are also on X at @dundeewestend - and additionally on Instagram, Threads and Bluesky - just search for @dundeewestend on these platforms



Many thanks from the Dundee LibDem team!

The Dundee Liberal Democrat Team wishes to thank all local residents who supported the Scottish Liberal Democrats at the recent Scottish Parliamentary elections.

Michael and Fraser are pictured in Peddie Street (left) with some of the team including Yi-pei Chou Turvey MSP and Councillor Daniel Coleman.

Yi-pei was elected as one of the new North East Scotland MSPs whose area includes Dundee and you can contact her at Yipei.ChouTurvey.msp@parliament.scot

There was a very healthy increase in the LibDem vote across Scotland and here in Dundee City West constituency candidate Daniel saw the LibDem vote grow.

The FOCUS “Grumble Sheet” : The West End Focus Team is here to help. If you have a problem or complaint that you’d like sorted, let Councillor Fraser Macpherson, Councillor Michael Crichton and the Focus Team help.



My problem/suggestion/complaint is:

Your Name _____
Your Address _____ Postcode _____
Phone number _____ E-mail Address _____

I would be willing to deliver Focus in a few streets near my home ☐

I would like to join West End Liberal Democrats ☐

Post this to Michael and Fraser at our Freepost address :
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(please just write Freepost DUNDEE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS all on one line on your envelope)
You can alternatively e-mail your grumble to westendfocus@dundeelibdems.org.uk

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