



Local Update for *Community Spirit* Meeting

from West End Ward Councillor Fraser Macpherson
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- **Benvie Road/Fyffe Street** : It is hoped that it will be possible to have the very badly worn roadway here resurfaced in the new financial year, starting in April, following a technical solution being agreed that will ensure that the surface does not "wear down" to the cobbles beneath in future. I have recently written to the City Engineer to find out when he will know when the works will actually take place.



- **Parking - Pentland** : The City Council has now given me the feedback I had requested, following residents' requests, in terms of looking into the viability of creating additional parking space at the west ends of Saggart Street and Pentland Crescent.

The feasibility report concludes that these streets are, unfortunately, unsuitable for additional parking areas in terms of cost, safety and aesthetics. It is clear from the engineers' report that earthworks and substantial retaining walls would be required and it emphasises the topography of the ground is not viable. However, the City Council has recently set up a working group to look into the problems of parking in the City's housing estates and hopefully find some achievable solutions.

■ **Forest Park Road and Rosefield Street :**

Following concerns last year about traffic speed in City Road - and resulting speed/safety surveys, I have had concerns expressed by residents about continuing speed worries in Rosefield Street and Forest Park Road. I have asked the road safety officer to give details of the previous history of safety surveys here and ascertain when a future speed/safety survey can be carried out.



■ **Bankmill Road :** I have received complaints about the state of the "No Through Road" signs here (both hit by vehicles!) I have asked the City Council to have these repaired.

■ **Black Street :** There are differing views as to how best to improve the open space area in Black Street for the benefit of the local community. A site visit is being organised to discuss matters further and see if an agreed way forward can be agreed. This will involve City Council Officers, local councillors, police and local residents and it would be good to have representatives of *Community Spirit* invited along as well.

■ **Benvie Road steps :** Last year, the steps were cleaned up (previously covered in paint) following my complaint, but I have now received further complaints about the condition of the steps and have raised the matter again with the City Council.

