

Getting things done – Riverside Drive #dundeewestend

Recently, the traffic safety bollards in the middle of Riverside Drive, just north of the Botanic Garden, were damaged – apparently struck by a vehicle – see photo :



I reported this, at the request of residents, to the City Council and am grateful for the prompt response to put them back in place.

The council has further advised :

“Tayside Contracts (is) ... going to replace them within the next month with new highly reflective bollards, but they’re back up for now.”

Ellis O’Connor – Frontier

From the Curator of Museum Services at the University of Dundee :

ELLIS O'CONNOR FRONTIER



Tower Foyer Gallery, University of Dundee
11 January – 28 March 2020 * Mon-Fri 9.30am-7pm Sat 1-5pm
www.dundee.ac.uk/museum



Our first exhibition of 2020 has just gone up in the Tower Foyer Gallery, featuring dramatic paintings by an award-winning Dundee artist.

Ellis O'Connor studied Fine Art at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design, graduating in 2014. She completed an MFA in Arts & Humanities at the College in 2016. Since then she has won numerous awards for her work and undertaken several residency programmes, including in Iceland and Norway. In 2016 she was one of a group of artists who sailed around the Svalbard Archipelago in the High Arctic making work about the landscape and environment.

Ellis now lives on the Outer Hebridean island of North Uist. The new works made for this exhibition (entitled Frontier) respond to the turbulent and ever-changing environment which surrounds her. Writing about her work, she

explains: "The dynamic energy conveys the movement and rhythms of the sea and the land ... the merging of sea with air, advancing rain and mist, ever changing light – elements that seem to be about something intangible."

Although Ellis has exhibited across the country, this is her first solo exhibition in her home city.

The exhibition runs until 28th March and is open Monday to Friday 9.30am-7pm and Saturday 1pm-5pm.

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[West End Surgeries](#) [#dundeewestend](#)

With the Christmas school holidays now over, it is back to West End Ward surgeries! My Blackness Primary School surgery takes place tonight at

6.15pm.

My full surgery details are below – although I can also be contacted via esurgery@frasermacpherson.org.uk or phone me at home on 459378 anytime :

COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL



Bailie Fraser Macpherson

Liberal Democrat

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Can be contacted at his constituents' surgeries.

You can also arrange for a home visit by calling Councillor Macpherson at home on 459378

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Ward



West End

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Mitchell Street Centre (The Base), Mitchell Street
Mondays, 4.20pm prompt (except school holidays)

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Main Reception Area, Harris Academy
Mondays, 4.50pm prompt (except school holidays)

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Blackness Primary School
(Staff Room on ground floor)
Thursdays, 6.15pm prompt (except school holidays)

Alternatively, Councillor Macpherson can be reached at home by telephoning **459378** or at the City Chambers on **434985** or email: fraser.macpherson@dundeecity.gov.uk

