

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DUNDEE

March 07 to September 07



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Company Developments

Name	Information	Date
J Funerals	The jute industry in Dundee is making a comeback thanks to a local company, J Funerals, who have launched a range of eco-friendly jute coffins and funeral accessories. The jute makes for a completely sustainable and eco-friendly material and interest has been tremendous.	06/06/2007
BNP Paribas	The financial services company BNP Paribas have announced that they are to double the workforce at their base in the Technology Park, creating up to 100 new jobs.	31/05/2007
BBI Life Sciences (formerly Alchemy)	BBI Life Sciences is to double its workforce after it secured funding of £220000 from Regional Selective Assistance. The company will create 27 jobs at its Medipark base over the next 3 years.	03/04/2007
Michelin	More than 200 new jobs will be created in Dundee companies thanks to the continued growth of Michelin in the City. In the past few years Michelin have provided almost £ ½ M to local companies to support their development and Michelin's supply chain requirements.	24/04/2007
Call Centre Dynamics	Call Centre Dynamics, are preparing to move to larger premises in City Quay. The company are planning to increase their staffing levels from 12 to 44 over the next 3 months.	24/08/2007
CJ Langs	Scotland's largest independent retailing and distribution company is investing £5M in a new distribution depot in the City which may in the future lead to the creation of new jobs.	19/07/2007
Alliance Trust	The Alliance Trust, one of the UK's largest financial management companies have appointed Miller Construction (UK) to build its new £12.5M headquarters on Marketgait (the site of the former Burns & Harris building).	07/07/2007
Clean Close Company	Local social enterprise, the Clean Close Company, has moved to new premises in Stobswell at 12-14 Mains Loan. The company has seen a tenfold increase in staff numbers since it started in 2005.	16/08/2007
Barrhead Travel	Barrhead Travel opened their first office in the City in the former Clydesdale Bank premises on the High Street, creating 15 new jobs in the City.	July 2007
Realtime Worlds	The leading computer games development company in the City, Realtime Worlds, has moved to new custom premises on West Marketgait. The new premises will enable the company to expand its workforce.	21/07/2007
Quantum Filament Technologies	A new company has been created in Dundee as the result of a cross-border spin-out from the universities of Dundee and Surrey. The company will focus on new technologies in the field of flat panel displays. The company has been established in a €750000 equity deal with Braveheart Ventures in Perth, Amcet, the universities of Dundee and Surrey and the Scottish Co-investment Fund.	June 2005

Leisure Facilities, Restaurants, Hotels & Pubs

Name	Information	Date
Riverside Hotel	A Glenrothes company is to build a luxury 60-bedroom hotel on land close to Dundee airport. The hotel will have a panoramic rooftop restaurant will create 60 permanent jobs. Construction work is expected to be completed in 2009.	22/05/2007
Roseangle Restaurant	<i>H K Developments is seeking planning permission to create a restaurant at 2 Roseangle with dining space for around 70 people and a separate takeaway facility.</i>	25/07/2007
Baxter Park Pavilion	A new café has opened in the recently transformed Baxter Park Pavilion - part of the £5M redevelopment of the park to return it to its Victorian splendour.	11/09/2007

Environment and Environmental Improvements

Name	Information	Date
Tayside Contracts	Dundee based Tayside Contracts have developed a new technique for recycling road building materials. In conjunction with Dundee University and Nynas Bitumen the prospect of recycling 85% of reclaimed road materials is drawing near. Up until now only 10% of aggregate reclaimed has been reused.	09/08/2007
Vacant & Derelict Land Fund	Dundee City Council has been awarded almost £2M from the Scottish Government's Vacant and Derelict Land Fund. Supported activities will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring and demolishing vacant flats in Erskine and Dura Street • Removing fuel tanks and concrete walls at Princes Street • Removal of debris and carrying out landscaping at a number of sites in the Hilltown. • Clearance and woodland planting at a number of sites on the Dighty, Baldovie Road and Drumgeith to create parkland. • Providing a landscape buffer between industrial estates and housing in Claverhouse. 	27/07/2007
Barnhill Rock Garden	Barnhill Rock Garden in Broughty Ferry has been named one of the best green spaces in the UK. It was one of only 3 Scottish parks chosen to fly a prestigious Green Flag - "community involvement at Barnhill is first class".	18/07/2007
Discovery Homes - Jute Insulation	Discovery Homes is seeking a source of jute to use as insulation in a new eco-friendly home in the Trottick area of Dundee.	10/07/2007

Healthcare

Name	Information	Date
Tayside Dermatology Skin Cancer Treatment & Research Centre	The £1.3M Tayside Dermatology and Skin Cancer Treatment & Research Centre has opened at Ninewells Hospital. The main aims of the centre are to provide effective treatment for patients and to develop leading edge treatment and innovative research for patient benefit.	

Housing

Name	Information	Date
Albert Road/Victoria St	Servite Housing Association has almost completed its £3.5M development of 41 new flats for rent on the corner of Albert Road and Victoria Street. The development includes communal heating and power to reduce resident's energy bills.	02/08/2007
Honeygreen Road	<i>Home Scotland is seeking planning permission to develop 42 low-rise homes on a vacant brownfield site in Honeygreen Road - 34 semi-detached houses, 6 terraced homes and 2 flats.</i>	01/08/2007
St Aidan's Church Hall, Broughty Ferry	<i>A planning application has been submitted to demolish St Aidan's Church Hall to make way for a residential development.</i>	31/07/2007
Riverside Drive	The former Homebase site on Riverside Drive has been sold to Duncarse Ltd and planning permission granted for 202 flats.	25/04/2007
Castle Street	<i>Thorntons WS are seeking to turn their former offices on Castle Street into six 2, 3 and 4 bedroom flats.</i>	22/05/2007
Fleuchar Street	<i>Planning permission is being sought to build 8 flats on Fleuchar Street. Existing flats on Fleuchar Street would be demolished to make way for the development.</i>	22/05/2007

Infrastructure and Property

Name	Information	Date
Dundee City Council - Dundee House	Planning permission has been granted for Dundee City Council's new £30M headquarters in North Lindsay Street, to replace Tayside House.	
Scottish Water	Scottish Water are set to invest a further £2M in local infrastructure, to improve the quality of drinking water, provide cleaner beaches and improved services to over 280000 customers.	15/03/2007
Dundee Airport	Fly Whoosh is now operating flights to both Belfast and Birmingham from Dundee Airport. The new company had over 125000 hits on its website in the first few days and bookings have been steady.	July 2007
Greenmarket Multi-Storey Car Park	A new pay on exit 550 space multi-storey car park has opened on Greenmarket and will be run by Dundee City Council.	02/04/2007
East and West District Housing Offices	Dundee City Council's new housing offices serving the east and west of the City have now opened. Based in Lochee and Mid Craigie the new offices offer a range of housing and payment related services to local communities.	July 2007
Baldovie Incinerator	Dundee City Council is leading the way in moves to improve waste management in the UK. The Baldovie Incinerator (waste to energy plant) is one of a number of model waste-to-energy plants being used to promote the technology.	10/08/2007

Tourism and Events

Name	Information	Date
Six Cities Design Festival	Over 300 events took place in Dundee as part of the 6 Cities Design festival in May/June	June 2007
Dundee Blues Bonanza	The annual Dundee Blues Bonanza was held in Dundee on the 30 th of June - 1 st July.	July 2007
Fest n Furious	Dundee played host to the 2007 Fest n Furious Festival from the 28 th Sept. to 1 st Oct. A wide range of folk/country style music was represented at the event.	02/10/2007
Dundee International Guitar Festival	The 16 th Dundee International Guitar Festival was held in the City in July attracting performers from all over the world.	31/07/2007
Dundee Contemporary Art	A recent consultancy report has identified that Dundee Contemporary Arts attracts over ¼ M visitors per annum and brings over £1M of outside investment and income into the City.	19/03/2007
Dundee Industrial Heritage	A total of 70000 people visited Dundee Industrial Heritage's Discovery Point and Verdant works last year. Both have been awarded 5* status by Visit Scotland.	29/03/2007
Victoria & Albert Museum	<i>A feasibility study is being carried out to assess whether or not the Victoria & Albert Museum (London) could house an outreach collection in the City.</i>	29/04/2007
DC Thomson @ McManus	DC Thomson are looking to open a collection containing artwork and memorabilia related to their most famous characters from the Beano, Dandy, Oor Wullie and the Broons at the newly refurbished McManus Galleries.	18/03/2007
Dundee Flower and Food Festival	Dundee's annual Flower and Food Festival was held in September with over 20000 people attending during the course of 3 days.	04/09/2007
Dundee Literary Festival	Dundee's first Literary Festival has been hailed a success with many of the events sold out or moved to larger venues. Most popular were sessions with Jacqueline Wilson the Children's Laureate and Philip Pullman the author of His Dark Materials trilogy. It is hoped that the Literary Festival could become an annual event.	30/06/2007

Conferences

Name	Information	Date
Scottish Translational Medicine Investigators	250 scientists from across Scotland and from Wyeth Inc (Dundee's latest biotech inward investment) met on the 19 th /20 th of April in Dundee. This now annual event was first held in the City in 2006.	22/04/2007
SpaceWire Technology Conference	Dundee University's Space Technology Centre played host to the first International SpaceWire Technology Conference from the 17 th to 19 th Sept. The primary code for the SpaceWire system was written in Dundee.	22/09/2007

Education

Name	Information	Date
Baldragon Academy	As part of BBC Radio Scotland's Sound Town Initiative 2007-08, Baldragon Academy has been selected to open and operate a fully equipped radio station for a year enabling pupils to learn technical, production and presentational skills and will have the chance to contribute to a number of BBC Radio Scotland broadcasts.	19/06/2007
Lawside Academy	Dundee City Council has agreed funding from the Scottish Executive's Determined to Succeed budget to enable Lawside Academy to purchase £30000 of radio studio equipment.	05/04/2007
New Schools	The Scottish Executive is providing grants totalling more than £170M to help meet the costs of Dundee's school rebuilding programme over the next 30 years.	15/03/2007

Funding

Name	Information	Date
Big Lottery Fund	A number of local organisations have received grants from the Big Lottery since March, including Dundee Assoc. for Mental Health who received a grant of £281569 to provide services to older people experiencing mental health issues; St Andrews Family Support Project who received a grant of £29800 to support young parents and Partners in Advocacy who received a grant of £52955.	10/10/2007
Awards for All	Over 20 local organisations have received grants through the Lottery's small grant scheme, Awards for All, since April. This scheme offers grants of up to £10000 and organisations in receipt of funding include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tay Sail Training Association • Morgan FP Rugby Club • Fintry Community Playgroup • Craigiebarns Primary School • Broughty United Youth Football Club • Friends of Baxter Park • St Saviours RC High School <p>A total of £123000 has been received.</p>	10/10/2007

Community Regeneration

Name	Information	Date
Steeple Church, City Centre	The Steeple Church is seeking to redevelop the church in a £3.5M project that will create opportunities for many more community based activities to take place in the church. Already £650000 has been pledged to the project.	01/08/2007

Retail/City Centre

Name	Information	Date
Tesco - Riverside	<i>Tesco Riverside is seeking planning permission to develop a mezzanine level above its existing café - to raise the café to first floor level and increase retail floorspace on the ground floor.</i>	25/07/2007
Argyll House	<i>Planning permission was granted in March for the redevelopment of Argyll House into a retail development. However, this will not progress unless planning permission is also granted to LendLease for their proposed £50M expansion to the Overgate Centre. The plan is for a nine-storey building - 3 retail floors and 6 office floors.</i>	22/09/2007
Russian & Polish Food Stores	Dundee's first Russian Food Store has opened in Blackness Avenue, whilst a Polish Store has opened on Victoria Road.	01/05/2007

Further & Higher Education & Research Activity

Name	Information	Date
University of Dundee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dundee University has entered into an agreement with London based Modern Biosciences Ltd to develop a new cancer treatment in the City based on the drug Rimcazole, previously used to treat schizophrenia. 	02/08/2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening expertise developed by scientists at the University is to be applied to a £9.5M stem cell programme started by the Dundee based ITI Life Sciences institute. 	04/05/2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The newly refurbished West Park Centre has opened, offering a much-needed venue for the University and business tourism in the City. 	14/03/2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dundee researchers will play a key role in a Scottish imaging network - SINAPSE, which brings together scientists from the universities of Dundee, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling and St Andrews to create the world's first virtual clinical laboratory. The £40M initiative will focus on imaging of the brain. 	Oct 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dundee researchers have been awarded a grant of £1.5M from the Wellcome Trust to study a number of parasitic diseases - African sleeping sickness, Chagas Disease etc. The grant provides funding for 5 new staff and essential new equipment. 	Oct 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 100 new jobs are to be created by the £6M expansion in the College of Life Science, creating two new divisions in molecular medicine and molecular and environmental microbiology. The development is being funded by the Wolfson Foundation, Scottish Enterprise and the University. 	19/09/2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of the campus continues apace. The new centre for teaching and the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Heathfield and student residences also at Heathfield. 	

Further & Higher Education & Research Activity - Cont.

Name	Information	Date
University of Abertay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The University of Abertay's long awaited new student accommodation on Parker Street will start in the new year - creating 500 new student beds. 	03/08/2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abertay University played host to 24 student employees of Saudi Amarco from Saudi Arabia this summer - summer school covering "smart system" technologies, this is the first time the company has hosted a summer school in Scotland. 	26/07/2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abertay University has become the first university in Scotland to be awarded the Frank Buttle Trust Quality Mark to recognise the quality of support it offers to young people leaving care i.e. extra training for admissions & academic staff, reserved places at summer schools, closer links to Social Work and accommodation available all year. 	17/07/2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The University of Abertay and Instinct Technology have signed a deal to create a virtual incubator mechanism for training the next generation of games programmes - developing a training programme available for licensing by universities and colleges teaching games design. 	19/07/07

Good News Stories

Name	Information	Date
Monopoly	Dundee is the only Scottish city to be featured in the Here and Now UK edition of the board game Monopoly. The place was won by an online poll by games giants Parker. The square features a picture of Claypots Castle and has a price tag of £2.2m.	26/09/07