

Waterfront street names

Dundee's Industrial heritage and significant individuals and institutions from times past will be celebrated in street and place names for the city's waterfront.

After a consultation on proposed street names and the opportunity to suggest names for three major open spaces and two footpaths/cycleways in the £1billion re-development, councillors will discuss the results next week.

Will Dawson convener of the city development committee said: "I was really pleased to see the high level of engagement from people suggesting names which went from the historically significant to the hysterically funny.

"The proposed names fit perfectly with our view of ourselves as a city with a rich industrial and creative past and with a vision and drive to become even more successful in the future."

Thomson Avenue will mark the contribution to Dundee of James Thomson who was city architect between 1906 and 1924. During his tenure the Kingsway, one of the UK's first city by passes, was built and he also proposed a visionary master plan for the waterfront.

Earl Grey Place (East and West) have been named to keep alive the link between the area and the former dock built in 1834 and closed 129 years later before being filled in to make way for the Tay Road Bridge landfall.

Patent Slip Way, which runs beneath the Tay Road Bridge ramps, recognises the track and cradle used to transfer a vessel from the river to the dock for repairs.

The Harbour Workshops and its steam-hauled patent slip, built in 1837, were on reclaimed ground between Victoria Dock and the Estuary. The upper part of the 166 metre ramp is still visible and gives a good indication of the size of ships hauled out of the Tide Harbour.

Lord Provost Bob Duncan, Mike Galloway Director of City Development, Iain Flett City Archivist and Jon Walton chair of city centre group DD One chose the most appropriate names from more than 500 submitted.

The public central space to the rear of the Caird Hall will be known as Slessor Gardens, the space adjacent to the river will be Waterfront Place, the public space at the Railway Station will become Discovery Plaza.

Black Watch Parade will be the name of the footpath adjacent to the river and the footpath/Cycleway next to the road bridge will be Whalers lane.

The city development committee meets on Monday (March 23).