

STOBSWELL FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19th MAY 2015

Action

1. Attendance:

Sarah Barham	Chris Airlie	David MacDougall
Duncan McCabe	Susan A'Brook	James Currie
Robbie Fotheringham	Raheel Khan	

1.1 Present:

Stuart Fairweather, Communities Officer

2. Role Of The Forum

A short discussion took place about the role of the Forum and the approach it might take to tackling local issues. It was noted that Councillors have previously been given invites to meetings, particularly open meetings.

3. Establishing a Committee

All those present introduced themselves, spoke about their background and their interest in the Forum.

The following were elected to the office bearers positions:

Duncan McCabe	-	Chairperson
Nominated by Robbie Fotheringham		Seconded by Chris Airlie
David MacDougall	-	Vice Chairperson
Nominated by Raheel Khan		Seconded by Duncan McCabe
Susan A'Brook	-	Secretary
Nominated by Sarah Barham		Seconded by David MacDougall
Chris Airlie	-	Minutes Secretary
Nominated by Robbie Fotheringham		Seconded by Susan A'Brook
Robbie Fotheringham	-	Treasurer
Nominated by Duncan McCabe		Seconded by Sarah Barham

The above positions were agreed unanimously. It was also agreed that positions could be reviewed after six months and in the interim if people needed assistance they should say and a more collective approach would be taken.

Stuart explained that the Regeneration Team would assist if required.

Raheel agreed to take on a role in updating facebook, in addition to what Sarah was already doing. Robbie agreed to look after the notice boards on Albert Street.

A notice will be put in each notice board explaining how to get in touch with the Forum and highlighting the Facebook page. The keys for the notice boards are held in the Regeneration Team office.

4. Finance

Previous committee members Sharon Smart, Natalie Hush and Alan Maich have been in touch to wish the present committee well. These three individuals are cheque signatories at present.

It was agreed that Duncan, Susan and Robbie should take on this role. Stuart agreed to obtain the paperwork and follow this up as soon as possible.

A bank statement was circulated showing the account has £812. This is down £128 from the £940 shown in the account at February 2015. The difference relates to printing of flyers for the AGM.

4.1 It was noted that the Forum had obtained a grant for supporting the Stobswell Advice Café (£360) for financial year 2014/15. These restricted funds could only be spent on the Advice Café (to date the Forum has had limited direct involvement in the work of the café. It was agreed that an update on the work should be given at a later date).

4.2 Stuart gave a brief explanation of Maryfield Regeneration Forum's work. It was agreed that a meeting should take place with the Regeneration Forum at a later date. (The future of the £125,000 that the Forum has to allocate locally was considered an important issue).

5. Meetings and Activities 2015 – 2016

5.1 It was agreed to have planning meetings on a monthly basis. The next being on June 16th (the third Tuesday of the month).

It was suggested there might be four meetings open to the public over the course of the year. As well as focussing on a specific subject (see below) they should allow people to raise specific issues of importance to them. In addition, ways should be found to allow issues to be addressed on a regular basis. Facebook was thought to be one way to approach this. Updates on progress could also be given. Where possible supporting people to take action themselves should be the approach taken (a key contacts sheet was circulated – see attached).

5.2 David circulated a paper summarising the discussion at the recent special meeting (see attached).

It was agreed to organise meeting on the broad topics of:

- Housing
- Transport
- Youth
- A vision for Stobswell

In addition planning meetings on membership of the Forum and communication would be needed.

6. Communication and Newsletter

A draft newsletter was circulated. This might become the basis of a regular mailing/email to members. It was agreed to use this material at Celebration in the Park and to take a stall. Susan agreed to complete the form. Robbie suggested idea for fundraising.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th June 2015 at 7pm in Arthurstone Library.