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Since taking ownership of Maryfield Tram Depot in 2014, Dundee Museum of Transport Trust has been securing much needed funds to transform the historic Grade 'B' listed building into a popular visitor attraction. With a portion of the funding secured, the Trust are now laying the ground work for the major structural works. A work party has been established to clear the land around the tram depot, make the site more presentable and determine a timetable and plan for the works. Proposed plans for the site will go on public display this year and the Trust will be seeking feedback from the local community. In the meantime, the museum at Market Mews continues to go from

strength to strength. As well as celebrating its 3rd birthday this April, the museum now has a full-time member of staff and it expects to

become an Accredited organisation this summer.

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Spring 2017

SPOT THE ODD ONE OUT

These images show some of the vehicles that use Albert Street and Forfar Road and Kingsway. Which image shows "the odd one out"? There are no prizes but it is worth thinking about it.

Could it be number 1? It is an articulated truck which has six axles, twelve wheels. It is the only one without rigid side panels. Perhaps it is number 2? It is the only lorry heading north. It is a three axle truck with a two axle trailer. It is the only one with a trailer. Both lorry and trailer are loaded with two layers of livestock. Is it number 3? It is the only one that is not a lorry, it is a bus. It is the only one that has passengers, well human ones at least. It only has three axles. What about number 4? It is an articulated truck with five axles. It is the only one that is based on the continent. It is likely to be heading for either Luxembourg or Zweibrücken. Has number 2 strayed further into the oncoming lane than number 4, or 3 or 1? Has number 3 with its passengers stopped in Albert Street or Forfar Road to pick up passengers on its way to Aberdeen? Has the Council secretly agreed to sell grazing rights in Baxter Park? Is that where number 2 is headed?

The answer is they are all "the odd one out"! None of them has a destination between Princes Street and the Kingsway. The trucks are likely to be 44 tons. Neither sheep nor cattle will be grazing in Baxter Park, and there



are no zoos or farms in the neighbourhood. The bus will rush past all the folk waiting at the local bus stops on its way from Glasgow to Aberdeen.

Albert Street is a mixed shopping and residential street. Forfar Road is a residential street. Morgan Academy is bounded by Forfar Road and the catchments of Clepington and Glebelands primary schools are intersected by this route. The City Council has laudable objectives for the area. Its policies strive to improve the amenity of the shopping street and the quality of the residential environment

so that more folk will want to live and shop in the area thus making the area more sustainable and the shopping area more viable. These are being prejudiced by this extraneous traffic moving at speed, straying into the oncoming lane, causing congestion, creating danger whilst none of it is destined for the area they are damaging, while the community is being frustrated. Perhaps it is little wonder that the condition of the roads is so poor having been pounded by this traffic. Is the health of the community suffering as a result of extra pollution?

STOBBSWELL FORUM: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Building Community

Nobody listens to our problems. Decisions are made but I don't have a say. Most folk nowadays seem to feel disenfranchised; uninvolved in decision-making and at the mercy of the 'hidden hand' of the globalised market.

Someone really should do something to tackle the real social problems we all face. But who is that someone? Who actually has the answers? Is it the big multinational corporations? Is it government, at Westminster, Holyrood or in the city chambers? Or is it actually us?

Governments may certainly make important policy decisions but only we can make our communities better. We live here, we know the problems, and collectively we may also have the answers.

Our community, like other communities all over Scotland and beyond, has to take a bigger role in decision making and in building new connections and opportunities for ourselves. If we wait for someone else to do it for us we might wait forever.

That is the aim the Stobswell Forum has set for itself. The Forum is similar to a community council – we have all the functions of a community council – but crucially it has a wider remit. This allows us to take pro-active measures to promote and benefit the general wellbeing of our population as well as developing participative local democracy.

Over the past two years we have begun to develop a greater network

of communication, via our website and social media, but most importantly by producing and distributing this newsletter, 'Stobswell's Voice', to 5000 households from Woodside to Old Craigie Road.

We have held meetings and discussed a range of topics which affect people living here, from parking to prostitution, from housing problems to election hustings.

We have commented on, and objected to, a number of local planning applications. Not everyone has agreed with the views we have expressed but in raising issues, especially if contentious, we are stimulating discussion and encouraging the involvement of more people in vital but often ignored planning issues:

issues that will determine the future landscape of our community.

Perhaps our biggest project has been the creation of an annual community festival, and the second Stobfest, scheduled for May 2017, is looking to be bigger and better than last year with more local people, community groups and businesses coming on board all the time.

With so many challenges facing our society, there's never been a more important time to build a progressive vision of a better Stobswell, but we need you to get involved, starting with our Annual General Meeting on 13th March (see diary page for details).

Duncan McCabe
Chairperson, Stobswell Forum.



STOBBSWELL FORUM: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A Plan for Stobswell

What kind of Stobswell do we want to see? During 2016 individuals and groups gave feedback on the Community Plan. What they felt was positive and what they feel needs improved and built on.

Stobswell Forum, community groups, projects, council departments and the Police, Health and Fire Services will all now be asked to do what they can to move things forward for those living in Stobswell and the surrounding areas.

So if you are interested in the following please get in touch:

- Ensuring Albert St. is safe & thriving
- A reliable bus service for Woodside
- Upgrading paths in Baxter Park
- Improving pavements and footways
- Tackling graffiti
- Promoting East Craigie football team
- Highlighting the work of the Boomerang Project
- Upgrading Swannie Ponds
- Growing food locally
- Providing places to play

- Encouraging considerate parking
- Improving the tenement you live in
- Keeping services local

These and other issues will be discussed at the Forum's AGM on 13th March. A community callback event will be held later in March to update on progress.

For more information about the Community Plan, contact Maryfield Communities Officer Stuart Fairweather on 01382 438858 or email: stuart.fairweather@dundecity.gov.uk

WHAT'S ON IN STOBBSWELL

STOBBSWELL FORUM AGM - Monday 13th March

7:00pm in Arthurstone Library.
Come along to review the Forum's

work over the past year, elect a new committee and discuss the Draft Local

Community Plan. **Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30pm.**

STOBFEST 2017 - Monday 8th to Friday 19th May

Our second annual community festival takes place over two weeks from 8th May. The centrepiece is the Stobfest Gala Day on Saturday 13th with a Pipe Band leading the parade down Albert Street to the Fayre at Boomerang. Also Nature Walks in Baxter Park and activities at the Morgan.

The Strawberry Thief Oor Wullie will reside in Arthurstone Library for the festival with associated workshops and activities aimed at young people. Other events will include a local history talk, pop-up cinema, slot car racing, art exhibitions and a Small

Planet Productions musical at the Hut on Broughty Ferry Road. There's still time for your business, group or organisation to get involved by taking a stall at the Gala Day Fayre or by running your own event. Contact the Forum for booking forms and more info.

HEALTH CHECK & ADVICE AT BOOMERANG COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mon 27th Feb - 11.30am - 12.30pm

Thu 27th April - 11.30am - 1.30pm

Fri 30th June - 11.30am - 1.30pm

Wed 29th March - 11.30am - 12.30pm

Wed 31st May - 11.30am - 1.30pm

PICNICS IN THE PARK 2017

Picnics will again take place in Baxter Park during the school Easter holidays

