

## **Stobswell Forum Open Meeting 10/10/16**

Committee Members Present : Connor Beaton, David MacDougall, Robbie Fotheringham, Lorraine Clement, Colin Clement, Chris Airlie

Others Present : Stuart Fairweather, Councillor Ken Lynn, Jenna, Darryl Guthrie, Stella Small, Mr & Mrs McCartney

Stuart introduced the meeting as a contribution to the new Local Community Plan Summary. Those present, were split into groups to discuss Education, Health and Safety in Stobswell.

Education - 1. Good education boosts life chances and opportunities and better health. 2. Schools to have as much contact with the local community and parents as possible. 3. Link between school and community is broken due to parental choices/placings. 4. Car parking also a problem caused by ferrying pupils in from other Dundee areas.

Who to contact - Local Groups/Organisations within Maryfield to have contact with schools/education department.

Safety - 1. Friends Group for Eastern Cemetery trying to set up meetings with local councillors. Ken Lynn pointed out that the Cemetery is not in the Maryfield Ward. Friends Group to make contact with Gary Robertson. 2. Sex workers and kerb crawlers on Arbroath Road - contact to be made with Vice Versa. 3. 20's Plenty - we need further clarification - contact to be made with John Berry for update. 4. Robertson Street Gardens - open area which may be abused/vandalised. Cameron Price to engage with younger generation to get them on side. Neighbours to keep an eye on the site. Community Safety workers to be included.

Who to contact - Gary Robertson, Vice Versa, John Berry, Community Safety Workers.

Health - 1. Lack of information on age profile in Maryfield which causes problems with service provision and access to facilities. Contact with bus companies, GPs, Health and Social Care Partnership required to try to eliminate delays in the system. 2. State of some of the tenements in the area a cause for concern. 3. Drug, Alcohol and Legal Highs misuse.

Community Plan to be discussed with each of the local department representatives in a meeting on 15/11/16 to facilitate the issue of the new Local Community Plan Summary for the next 5 years.

Jenna asked how much collaboration there was on the issues raised between different departments eg education/housing, etc.

A point was raised regarding more communication with Evening Telegraph/Courier.

Christmas Lights will be turned on 24/11/16 perhaps by a local celebrity.

Date of Next Meeting - 14/11/16.