

Minutes of the Meeting of Stobswell Forum Committee 6/6/16

Committee Members Present - Duncan McCabe, Robbie Fotheringham, David MacDougall, Jacob Ellis, Connor Beaton, Jim Ferrie, Chris Airlie, Lorraine Clement, Colin Clement, Nichola Fraser, Roma Fairweather

Others Present - Alison Chalmers, Hayley Tunstall

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** - As the last meeting was the Stobswell Forum AGM, the minutes will be approved at the next AGM.
2. **Matters Arising** - see above.
3. **Finance** - Robbie discussed the accounts which were in order apart from an unpresented cheque. Robbie and Duncan to submit the accounts to the charity regulator for approval. Funds as at 16/5/16 £8572.96. **Action Robbie & Duncan**
4. **AGM and Issues Raised** - A full committee was appointed at the AGM. A list of issues taken from the sheets by the working groups was read out by Duncan and it was decided to divide the 30-40 individual items into groups which could be more easily managed. Hayley to pass a copy of Groups and Projects currently in Stobswell to Connor to try to pull the organisations together. **Action Connor**
5. **Stobfest** - Lessons to be Learned - A). Didn't spend as much money as we had. It could have been spent on reusable banners, etc. Hayley to find out if we can spend the money retrospectively. B). Robbie suggested changing the name. C). The activities at Boomerang didn't work on Gala Day. For the Future - A) Appoint a sub committee to plan and organise next year's Stobfest starting NOW. B). Get other local organisations involved eg Theatre Group. C). Aims to be a small programme of social and cultural event, try to bring finance into the area. D). Have the programme issued earlier and try to involve local businesses. E). List of local traders to be given to Connor who will send questionnaires asking for feedback on this year's Stobfest. F). Bags for Life advertising local businesses to help get them on board.
Subcommittee appointed - David, Robbie, Jacob, Colin, Chris, with David heading, to report back at every committee meeting regarding ongoing plans and timescales. **Action Connor**
6. **Planning Applications** - Mollison Street - David raised objections regarding the wall of the Poor House and access to the housing. David to draft the objection and send to Connor asap as closing date for objections is 9/6/16. **Action David**
Eliza Street - objection raised by the Forum.
Lidl Staff Carparking - objections raised regarding local heritage and application has been withdrawn at the moment. Roma to do some research into more local history and heritage. **Action Roma**
Robertson Street - application soon to be put into planning department for a Community Garden. Forum voted in favour of this in principal.
7. **20mph Consultation** - Differing opinions resulted in David being asked to come up with a Draft submission based on the discussion. **Action David**
8. **Social Media and Website** - Connor taken charge of Facebook and Twitter and is now online and being updated regularly. Articles posted are reaching high numbers eg 1200 for

Telegraph piece. Profile to be raised now to promote future events. All minutes of meetings and a directory of local organisations to be put on the website with links. **Action Connor**

9. **Stobswell Forum Newsletter** - There are to be 4 newsletters per year. Articles on East Craigie JFC and Dundee Roller Girls to be included in Summer Newsletter along with pictures. Roma to write a piece to advertise and introduce the local History Group. Summer Newsletter to be ready to distribute by beginning of July. Articles to be sent in to Duncan by 11/6/16. Robbie and Duncan to be responsible for drafts and printing. Suggestion by Colin that we provide free advertising if there's room for it. **Action Roma, Robbie and Duncan**

10. **AOCB**. - Roller Rink in Baxters Park - Nichola has offered to be spokesperson to have the old bowling green in Baxters Park transformed into a roller skate rink. Committee agreed to allow Nichola to be spokesperson. **Action Nichola**
Lynne Short has asked if we could have a political evening discussing In or Out of the EU. It was agreed that it may be too late to organise a balanced group, but we could organise other political debates eg Named Person Act.

11. **Dates of Next Meetings** - 11/7/16, 8/8/16, 12/9/16, 10/10/16