

STOBSWELL FORUM

Tuesday 17th November 2015
Boomerang Community Centre
Kemback Street

1. Attendance

26 people in total were in attendance including Councillors Lynn and Cruickshank and also two police officers.

1.1 Apologies

Councillor Melville, Sharon Smart, Ina Brown

2. Issues in the Area

Progress

2.1 The Chairperson, Duncan McCabe spoke about progress on the activity relating to the Lidl car park planning application. There had been publicity in the press. Lidl had revised their application and addressed concerns about the car parking close to Clepington School.

2.2 Information had been received from the Scottish Government about the cladding programme taking place in the Arklay Street area. The cladding programme can be considered maintenance and as such landlords can be pressured to take action to comply with these types of programmes.

The Forum will continue to work on these and other housing issues.

2.3 Transport issues were updated on by vice-chairperson, David MacDougall. Ongoing concerns about traffic through the area, congestion on pavements and parking are the subject of discussions with the Council's City Development department. It is hoped that actions can be taken to address these in a connected and positive fashion. The Forum will push for an approach that takes local people's views into account.

2.4 Newsletter: Robbie Fotheringham was thanked for her work on the newsletter, which was distributed to those attending. It is hoped to widely distribute an updated version before Christmas.

New Issues

2.5 Concerns were expressed about gritting, about the junction between Raglan Street and Lyon Street, about taxi parking on McGill Street and Kemback Street. The traffic lights at Arbroath/Victoria Street were also thought to be a concern.

3. Presentations – Taking Pride In Your Community

- Colin Smith & Fiona Sinclair: Dundee Museum of Transport
- Paul Strachan: Men's Sheds
- Rizwan Rafik: Taught by Muhammed
- Neil Ellis: Boomerang Community Centre

All were thanked for their presentations which showed that there were lots going on and planned for the area. It was agreed that the Forum would provide the Transport Museum with a letter of support.

3.1 Discussion took place about the potential of a Festival in May to complement Celebration in the Park in August. There were a range of views and it was agreed to test out interest locally, including amongst traders, youth groups and the schools.

4. Plan for the Coming Year/Date of Next Meeting

The discussion on the issues raised, the presentation and the ideas about a festival in May would all form the basis of a plan for the coming year.

The next committee meeting of the Forum will take place on Tuesday 15th December at 7pm in Arthurstone Library. All those interested were invited to attend.

A further meeting open to all will be planned for February to help move things forward.