

## Minutes of Open Meeting of Stobswell Forum 7/12/16

**1. Committee Present** - David MacDougall, Robbie Fotheringham, Colin Clement, Lorraine Clement, Chris Airlie

**Others Present** - Jacky Close (Faith in the Community), Doug Sievwright (Stobswell Church), Nick Boyle (7 Scout Group), Carol Bailey (Stobswell Cubs and Guides), Irene Shearer (Friends of Baxter Park), Vaqar Salimi (Dundee International Women's Centre), Alia Ahmad (Post Office)

**Apologies** - Duncan McCabe, Stuart Fairweather, Utd Community Trust, Stobswell Rugby Union, Betty Wood (Sewing Dressmaking Group), Ghosha (Sewing Shop), Jim Sturrock (Forte's)

**2. Background** - David gave an overview of the background to Stobfest which was Celebration in the Park which has become more of a Regional event and our aim is to make Stobfest more of a local event. Stobfest 2016 was a great success completed within a limited timescale so starting early for May 2017 in trying to fill a programme of events and include participation from more of the local traders and schools.

**3. May 13th** - May 13th is Gala Day and we already have the pipe band signed up for the parade. Ideally we would like the parade to be bigger in 2017 so other groups could get involved. Morgan Academy have already indicated they would want to be involved as last year with tea and home baking on the terrace and an extreme frisbee display. Friends of Baxter Park had the Nature Day in 2016 and Irene indicated they would want to be involved again next year. The parade ended at Boomerang Centre where there were various stalls and events laid on, and the indication is that the same will happen in 2017.

**4. Other Events and Activities** - Ian Flett, the local historian, has been booked for Friday 12th May and Taught by Muhammad are doing a talk and a curry night on Thursday 11th May. David has been in touch with Alan Watt, who has been invited to talk on the progress of the Dundee Waterfront project. The Motor Museum has also been invited to take part in either the parade or a separate event. David also has a contact for a Cinema Show and Doug indicated we may be able to use the lower church hall which holds 30 people. Doug also mentioned that the Church, Guides, Scouts, Beavers and Cub Groups want to be involved next year although concern was raised by Carol over PVG for the youth groups. Robbie suggested a Gang Show, or mini version of the show they're putting on in April, and also participation in the parade. Jacky suggested a Treasure Trail, Robbie explained about the Christmas Quest and Alia advised she'd seen much more footfall in Stobswell as a result of the Christmas Quest. Jacky is starting a Music Group for people suffering from mental health issues or recovering from addiction and may be able to participate in events at the Boomerang Centre on Gala Day. Vaqar will speak to the Dundee International Women's Group about a cooking/sewing/fashion event and also participation in the parade in traditional dress. Doug will also talk to the Slot Car Club and Art Class about exhibitions. Irene to talk to the Friends of Baxter Park for an activity for next year which could be a Tree Walk or a Bee Walk.

All activities will be promoted through social media and Colin also mentioned The Stobswell Voice. If any of our local groups want to promote their activities then we can publish a few paragraphs in the Stobswell Voice along with photos.

**5. What Next / Next Meeting** - Colin suggested meeting again in January with a view to filling the calendar with activities. Next meeting arranged for Tuesday 10th January at 6.30pm in Arthurstone Library.

