



# STOBWSWELL'S VOICE

Newsletter December 2015

Welcome to the very first Stobswell Forum Newsletter from the current Committee. It's our aim to print this quarterly so that Stobswell residents with no online access can still keep in touch with what's happening in the area.



The Forum is, in effect, the local Community Council. It is a place for residents and anyone interested in this

area to get involved in their community. Stobswell Forum has been very much involved in the regeneration that has taken place in Stobswell. It continues to be a driving force in the area. You can play a part in shaping your community.

The Forum hosts four meetings per year that are open to all residents.

- Do you have any ideas for the area?
- Are you concerned about something in the area?
- Do you have any possible solutions?

You are welcome to come along to our open meetings and let us know or you can contact the Forum anytime. The next open meeting takes place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at 7pm in Arthurstone Community Library.

If you run a group or are planning an event in the Stobswell area, please tell us about it and we can include it in our next Newsletter due out in March 2016. And, if you want to blow your trumpet about a great event that's already happened, then tell us about that too. Telephone: 01382 438858

For those of you on Facebook, feel free to add local information or even just tell us what you think about Stobswell. If you have an issue that the Forum might be able to help with, Tell Us!

See our "Stobswell Forum, Dundee" Facebook page for some of Stobswell Forum successes and issues currently being investigated, including the Lidl planning application and Museum of Transport plans for the Forfar Road Tram Depot.

## WHAT'S ON IN STOBWSWELL

### Stobswell Parish Church Christmas Services

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| <b>Sunday 20th December</b>   | 11:00am - Morning Worship followed by Holy Communion   |
| <b>Thursday 24th December</b> | 7:00pm - Carol Service<br>11:30pm - Watchnight Service |
| <b>Friday 25th December</b>   | 10:30am - Holy Communion                               |



### Men's Sheds

Unit 10, Market Mews, Market Street, Dundee, DD1 3LA

For men of all ages to come together to share and learn about hands-on DIY skills.

Contact Paul Strachan 01382 305703 PaulStrachan@number10.org



# WHAT'S ON IN STOBBSWELL

## Community Hub @ Albert Street, Boots

The Community Hub at Boots started around 18 months ago and consists of a multi-agency team which takes a collaborative approach to the needs of individuals, families and communities affected by substance misuse. It brings together NHS, Council, voluntary and private services in the heart of the community to offer easily accessible services at one location. We offer initial assessments, advice and information and access to a wide range of additional services. This includes

services for children and families, housing and benefits, harm reduction and support to access GP's, health appointments and recovery groups. Individuals accessing the pharmacy can access immediate, quick and confidential interventions about alcohol consumption, caring roles/responsibilities and other well-being issues.

The hub runs from Monday – Friday, 10am -12pm and 2pm - 4pm.  
Contact: 07985875535.



## Stobswell Advice Café Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Stobswell Advice Café recently celebrated it's first birthday. Held in Stobswell Church Halls at the top of Albert Street, it provides free advice and information on varied concerns including benefits and money worries, healthy living, local opportunities and sources of support.

The Café is open between 11am - 1pm each Tuesday, the last session for this year being 22<sup>nd</sup> December. All are welcome: "drop in and have a cuppy, and if we can't help you, we will find

someone who can!" The café will re-open on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Run by a friendly bunch of staff, it has worked with various organisations over the past year, including CONNECT, Shelter, CraigOwl Communities, Dundee Healthy Living Initiative, Adult Learning, The Cairn Centre and Focus on Alcohol.

Discovery Credit Union now also has a collection point at the Café between 11.30 am and 12.30pm.



For more info on the Café, contact Hayley Tunstall on (01382) 438856.

# NEW EVENTS FOR STOBBSWELL

## May Festival 2016

Many areas of Dundee have their own Gala weeks, fun days and festivals so it's about time Stobswell had their very own Festival. What about Celebration in the Park? Yes, that is a huge, very successful event which draws visitors from all over the country, but the Forum would like to join with other Stobswell Community groups and put on a Festival especially for Stobswell residents.

It is proposed that this will take place next May possibly over a long weekend. It is very much in the early stages but if you would like your group to take part in or have any ideas for the Festival, please get in touch asap.

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# STOBBSWELL FORUM: FIGHTING FOR YOU

## Lidl Planning Application

Lidl have dropped plans for extra staff car parking at their Dura Street store following concerns over traffic and pedestrian safety were raised by Stobswell Forum.

In their objection to the plan, the Forum stated

"...we are concerned that this proposal will exacerbate traffic problems in the area and increase risk for vehicles and pedestrians, especially schoolchildren from nearby Clepington Primary School."

Ten mature trees would also have been lost under the original proposals.

Forum chairperson, Duncan McCabe, said of the outcome;

"It's great to see Lidl taking on board our concerns and amending their plans accordingly. The Forum is satisfied that the amended plan for expansion and enhancement of their Dura Street store will be of positive benefit to the people of Stobswell."

"This case also highlights the importance and value of active Neighbourhood Forums and Community Councils in influencing decision-making and promoting grassroots participative democracy in the city."



## Museum of Transport

Stobswell Forum are supporting the Museum of Transport's bid to convert the former tram depot on Forfar road into its permanent home. We are satisfied that current plans for access and car parking appear satisfactory. However we will continue to monitor progress and ensure that local resident's views are heard.

The Forum has also raised with the Council's City Development Department other traffic issues regarding heavy goods vehicles on Forfar Road and cars around Clepington Primary School.

Outcomes shall be on the Facebook page and in the next Newsletter.



## Dundee Against Legal Highs

The Forum shares local people's concerns about the sale of so called legal highs in shops in Albert Street and across Dundee.

Contact Councillor Georgia Cruickshank at: [npsdundeecampaign@gmail.com](mailto:npsdundeecampaign@gmail.com) or see Facebook page 'Dundee Campaign Against Legal Highs' if you would like to join the Campaign.



# STOBBSWELL FORUM: FIGHTING FOR YOU

## Fighting Fuel Poverty

Warmer homes and reduced fuel bills over the coming winter will be enjoyed by folk in the many properties in the Stobswell Forum area which are now benefiting from external wall insulation.

Unfortunately, many other tenants and owners in the Arklay Street area will suffer from unnecessarily high bills due to the failure of some to sign up for the free SSE Cladding scheme. The entire area should have been insulated by the end of September but delays in registration for the scheme are still hindering progress.

Fuel poverty affects 42% of Dundee households. This is unacceptable and

the Forum has been active in promoting the insulation scheme. It's good for the property, good for the tenant and good for the environment and our fight against climate change. We urge all landlords and other owners to sign up straight away.

The Forum have been advised by Scottish Government minister Paul Whitehouse that there are legal procedures possible under the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004 which could force recalcitrant owners to sign up to insulation measures which are now defined as 'maintenance' under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. If there any further delays to the

cladding scheme in our area the Forum will be demanding that the Council or SSE pursue these legal channels to help end fuel poverty in our city.



## THE STOBBSWELL FORUM ARE...

- **Duncan McCabe**  
Chairperson
- **Robbie Fotheringham** -  
Treasurer
- **David MacDougall**
- **Sarah Barham**
- **Chris Airlie**
- **Connor Beaton**
- **Raheel Khan**

Anyone over the age of 16 and living in Stobswell is welcome to join the Forum.

**Next Open Meeting will be held on 23rd February 2016 at 7pm in Arthurstone Library.**

## SOME USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS...

- **Rapid Response Team** 01382 433063
- **Crimestoppers** 0800 555 111
- **Community Safety Wardens** 01382 436333  
Hours 2:40pm - Midnight + 2 Wardens 9:00am - 5:00pm
- **Stobswell Forum** 01382 438858 **email:** [info@stobswell.org.uk](mailto:info@stobswell.org.uk)