Minutes of Stobswell Forum AGM 03/04/2019

Present - Colin, Lorraine, Mairi, Stuart, Jon Brady, Michael Malone, Gregor Hamilton, Ali, Ian, Alison Walker, Erica, Teresa Fulton, Deidra Baker, Erin Hardee, Cllr Lynne Short, David, Bridget Cooper, Sandra, Cllr Ken Lynn, Lesley Winter, Saheera Cumming, Gavin Harris, Robbie,

Apologies - Walter, Ariane, Nichola

Colin - Welcome to everyone for attending the AGM and thanks to existing committee members for their input and hard work throughout the year. Also huge thanks to the Maryfield Regeneration Team - Stuart, Val and Pam for their help and support.

Mairi and Ali Slide Show - Stobswell Forum achievements over the past 12 months including Dundonald Street, Baffin Street, Art Pieces, Scotty Centre, Food on Friday, Stobswell Advice Cafe, Tayview Community Gardens, Arklay Tce Community Gardens, Stobswell Events Group, WinterFair and Doggy Walk, Open Close Project, Stobswell Voice and Newsletter, Young People in Stobswell.

Ali Floyd - Asked what he could do to help Stobswell Forum as a local resident and agreed to focus on Social Media - Twitter, Facebook, Instagram.

Colin made a special presentation to David and Robbie for their long service to Stobswell Forum.

Stobswell Events - Stobswell Forum have separated the cultural events out by having a dedicated Stobswell Events Group in order to allow us to put on more events and have more focus. This has seen Stobfest in May grow again with a new full day Wellbeing and Dogfest events in Baxter Park and for the inclusion for the first time of an event hosted by the Dundee Museum of Transport and Hotel Indigo. The programme is currently in printing and all events are on our Facebook Page.

Local Planning - David MacDougall continues to do great work in ensuring that our local voices are heard on all planning issues.

Financial Control - Sandra Mitchell has been behind our continued improvement of financial controls and allowed growth in turnover to record levels. This sets a solid base to expand further.

Street Art - We have continues to promote Street Art in the area with new pieces in Baffin Street and Dundonald Street and further new works in the planning.

Social Media - The Forum have focussed its attention on its Facebook page over the last 12 months with traffic increasing and “likes” now over 1000 up from 500 at the same period in 2018.
With the help of Ali Floyd, we’ll shortly be on both Twitter and Instagram.

Stobswell Voice and Newsflash - We’ve produced and distributed 20,000 Stobswell Voice Newsletter over the last year highlighting local issues, businesses and cultural events taking place within the area.
We’ve also introduces a monthly Newsflash to increase the level of communications. These are distributed to the businesses in Albert Street with the help of the CLD Target Project.

Dundonald Street Project - Our most important project, we made a bold decision to get involved in some issues blighting the lives of people we live beside. We talked to the local Community Police and asked for the one thing we could do to help they advised “instal secure entry systems in all the tenements”. We brought Hillcrest and Homes Scotland housing associations, the Community Police and Council Departments, Property owners and Tenants together and came up with a plan and with the support of the local Regeneration Forum, accessed funding to help male the improvements. All target tenements are due to have their secure entry systems in place over the next 6 weeks. This is great news for the residents in the street and shows we can make a difference.

Stuart took over the Chair. Financial accounts handed out for perusal. Adopted as accurate by Mairi and Seconded by Lorraine. Unanimously agreed to continue using Bruce McLeod from Arthur Garry as auditor. Minutes of Last AGM Meeting approved by David and Seconded by Sandra after agreeing to keep **Craigie Street Plastics** item on the Agenda for 2019.

Election of Committee:
Chairperson - Colin Clement - Nominated by David Seconded by Sandra Approved Unanimously
Vice Chair - David MacDougall - Nominated by Mairi Seconded by Robbie Approved Unanimously
Secretary - Lorraine Clement - Nominated by Mairi Seconded by Elizabeth Approved Unanimously
Treasurer - Sandra Mitchell - Nominated by Lorraine Seconded by Mairi Approved Unanimously

Other Committee Members - Nichola, Mairi, Robbie, Ali, Elizabeth, Ian, Erin, Bridget Nominated by Lorraine Seconded by Mairi Approved Unanimously.

Colin introduced **Gregor Hamilton,** Head of Planning and Economic Development from DCC to talk about plans for the future of our "District Centre" Albert Street and the Land Use Strategy over the next 5 years. Gregor gave an overview of Albert Street Past Improvements and the Dundee Development Plan for 2019.
Opportunities - Development opportunities at Langlands Street and Whalers Close

- Cycle Links to City Centre and Beyond
- District Centre Fund of £500,000 over 5 years for Capital projects eg footpaths, shopfronts (if building owned by Council), etc

Questions after the discussion re Bench and Car Parking in Blackscroft and Footpaths in Baxter Park shoddy, which Colin agreed to take up after the meeting.
Colin made the point that we already have good shops in Albert Street but we need to make sure we keep them and strive for better. We need to be driven by projects for Albert Street then find out how to fund them.
Break out into groups for Short Term and Long Term projects collated on the Whiteboard.

- Stobswell Survey
- Southbound traffic one way
- Flowers / Window Boxes
- Pavements and Dropped Kerbs
- Cleaning and Improvement of Euro Bins
- Maintain Disused Land
- Dog Fouling
- Late Opening of Coffee Shops
- Weatherproof Notices in Parks
- Apprentices for Butcher and Fishmonger (Community Jobs in Scotland)
- Centres for Music Making
- Hogmanay Event in Baxter Park

AOCB - Raffle Tickets are now on sale to raise funds for future events.