Minutes of Meeting of Stobswell Forum 07/05/2019

Present - Colin, David, Stuart, Lorraine, Kenny,Ian, Sandra, Nichola, Bridget

Apologies - Elizabeth, Robbie, Mairi, Danielle

Minutes of Previous Meeting - Amendment, Nichola was present.
Proposed by Nichola, Seconded by Colin

Planning - David submitted comments on Keillor site but no response so fat. David asked if we should object on the RBS to Undertakers on the basis of retaining the ATM. Committee agreed we should object.
Manse on corner of Bingham Terrace - planning refused.
Power station in Buchanan Street up for sale.

Finance - Balance on 3/5/19 £4837.87 of which £2375 is set aside for Grants. Stall payments received £390. Remaining balance £2072.87. Colin explained to committee how we raise funds.

Activity Planner - Albert Street - Urban Landscapers have agreed to apply for funding for major consultation (cost up to £50k) then they will compose a plan for the Regeneration of Albert Street, including shop fronts, recreation, parking, pavements, etc. The Architects will do it for free on the basis that they will get the work once the second funding application is accepted. This will be a slow moving process.

- **Baxter Park -** Tennis Courts being refurbished. Skate Park receiving positive feedback from consultation, feasibility study to follow. Gym equipment to Swanny Ponds and Baxter Park imminent. Sandra been emailing Cllr Lynne Short regarding disabled parking around Baxter Park.

- **Scotty Centre -** Now have 3 tenants - Dundee Money Advice, Feeling Strong and Funeral Poverty with others in the pipeline. Cost of heating a problem and also now require a receptionist.

- **Dundonald Street -** All set to go with the secure entry systems installations but SSE charging 5 x £250 for the connection from street to door. Clarification to be sought.

- **Dundee Decides -** Lack of communication from DCC. Colin to write to Marie Daly, Head of Communities, to ask what's a happening.

- **Food on Friday -** Funding applications in for 2019.

- **Safe Consumption -** End Result - Save Lives **Action Colin.** The "action group" Safe Consumption, Harm Reduction initiative held its initial invitational gathering at Coldside Parish Church on 7 May. Organised by Dave Barrie (Addaction), Rev Tony Thornthwaite (Church of Scotland) and Ian Kinsey (Pagan), 17 people from diverse support organisations, Police Scotland, Church of Scotland elders, and Wolfie the dog were presented with an overview of the group's primary goal: to save lives in Dundee, statistically the drug death capital of Europe. The invitees engaged in brainstorming groups to formulate action items and ideas to bring to fruition a safe consumption harm reduction site to Dundee. A similar meeting to analyse these ideas and develop an overall strategy and action plans will be held within the month followed by a well publicised public meeting. There followed much discussion by the committee of the pros and cons of this initiative but agreement was reached that action is required.

- **Green Stobswell -** Suggestions required as to what we can do to encourage a greener Stobswell. **Action all Committee.** Ken mention his plastic bottle rafts idea on Swanny Ponds but Ian advised it may affect wildlife. Stuart suggested incorporating this into the statement of intent regarding regeneration of Albert Street

- **AOCB -** Ken gave an update on Arklay Tce Community Gardens. Poly Tunnel erected, all plots taken with now a waiting list, 22 people actively engaged, half a shed erected and lots of volunteers. Great success.
- **Window Boxes -** Bridget advised window boxes on sale £10 from Dundee and Angus Wood Recycling.
- **Schools -** Colin advised he and Stuart have had good communications with Morgan Academy and Clepington Primary Schools regarding getting involved in our events, etc. they are visiting Glebelands Primary in 2 weeks.

Date of Next Meeting - Monday 3/6/2019 at 6.30pm in Arthurstone Library.