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STOBSWELL FORUM SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTE OF MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 5th MAY 2015

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1. ATTENDANCE:

Sarah Barham	D Johnstone	Raheel Khan
Chris Airlie	Susan A'Brook	James Currie
T Grubb	Dorothy Kilculler	Connor McCann
Albert Watson	Elizabeth Matthewson	L Keogh
Muhammad Ahmad	Dr M El-Bakary	C Finlay
Janet Brown	Phyllis Devlin	Marnie Tunstall
Mary Tunstall	Robbie Fotheringham	Duncan McCabe
Robert Calvert	David MacDougall	June Grubb
Connor Beaton		

1.1 PRESENT:

Stuart Fairweather, Communities Officer
Neil Gunn, Chairperson, Maryfield Community Planning Partnership
Cllr Georgia Cruickshank

1.2 APOLOGIES:

Mrs Ahern	Mr Ahern	Claire Dufour
Jim Muir	Betty Wood	Natalie Hush
Peter Menzies		

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Stuart Fairweather welcomed all those in attendance for coming along to the meeting, particularly given the poor weather.

It was explained that the constitution of Stobswell Forum required at least 11 members to be present for the meeting to go ahead. Membership is open to all those over 16 years living in the wider Stobswell area (a map was circulated).

It was agreed that more than 11 residents over 16 were in attendance. It was further agreed to hold an election for the Forum's Executive Committee at the meeting, given that it was not possible to do this at the Annual General Meeting on March 24th. (see below and attached).

3. ISSUES AND POSSIBLE ACTIVITY

A number of issues were raised relating to different parts of the area:

Youths hanging about in Dundonald Street.

It was agreed to speak with the Senior Youth Worker for the area and with the Community Safety Wardens. Both could be invited to future meetings of the Forum. Clarity on what the wardens do would be welcome, as would information on youth activities, including Showcase the Streets.

Mention was made of the provision at DISC and it's impact on Janefield Place. This will be raised at the community planning partnership on Tuesday 12th May. The deputy head from Morgan will be in attendance.

Issues about bins and the presentation of bins at Eden Street and Baffin Street and across the area was discussed as was the waste from shops.

It was agreed to raise this with the Environment Department and explore what the Forum could do to promote "taking pride in your street" campaigns.

It was acknowledged that some of this would take time. The change in legislation that had been made recently may be of assistance and the plan for changing the bins across the city was highlighted. A timescale for this and it's impact on specific parts of the ward could be the subject of another discussion hosted by the Forum.

Door entry systems and ownership of parts of communal areas is a concern for some (Cunningham Street and elsewhere). Information on the role of the private sector unit of the Housing Department could be shared in response to this. Again this will be raised at the Community Planning Partnership. Thought needs given to how landlords can be encouraged to play a positive role. Identification of landlords and the possibility of bringing them together is another potential role for the committee.

Added to this, people highlighted specific neighbour disputes or the potential for them. It was agreed to follow these up outwith the meeting.

Information was also requested on the parking space at the Tram Depot on Forfar Road. Whilst the plans for the museum were welcomed, the immediate loss of parking space was an issue. It was noted that the new forum committee should be kept informed of planning developments and would be able to influence these.

It was also suggested that the Forum develop a longer term vision for the area to take advantage of the development of the museum. Thought should be given to Albert Street and other areas, thinking about the use of shops and promoting local shopping. Consideration of the road layout and the pavement

etc remains an issue. Early contact should be made with the City Development Department.

Other issues were raised. The absence of a bin on Victoria Street. It was suggested the forum might want to keep a list of "easy" targets and try to tick them off with the assistance of the Council's Departments and the Community Planning Partnership.

Lastly a discussion took place about the scope of what the Forum was taking on. The size of the area and the possible connection to the city centre was discussed as was ensuring a good spread across the existing geography. Helpfully, someone that had been involved with the establishment of the Forum originally explained there had been different sizes of area covered before this one had been arrived at.

Junior membership was mentioned, as was tightening up membership more generally.

Positively it was suggested that some sort of community conference with all the other groups and organisations in the area invited might be a good idea Celebration in the Park (9th August) would also be an opportunity to reach others.

It was noted that the Maryfield Regeneration Team (Hayley, Pam and Stuart) were happy to assist the Forum where they could. The use of the community space at Arthurstone and access to it was another potential asset.

Consideration would be given by the incoming committee about the regularity of open meetings and ways of communicating.

4.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

It was agreed to elect a committee in line with the constitution. One or two people declined because of other commitments but agreed to assist the Forum where they could.

It was re-stated that only those living within the area on the map and over 16 could be on the committee.

Following a discussion, eleven people were nominated and seconded (see attached) and agreed to serve on the committee. The meeting unanimously elected the eleven.

It was then agreed that the group should be left to organise the office bearer's positions (Chairperson, Secretary, etc). A short discussion would take place after the meeting and the committee would meet a fortnight from today.

It was agreed that David MacDougall would attend the May Community Planning Partnership on behalf of the Forum and highlight the issues raised.

It was also suggested that the Forum be invited to any environmental
5. walkabout organised by the Community Planning Partnership.

5.1 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Cruickshank explained that she was organising action against the legal high shops on Albert Street on 14th May and would inform the Forum of
5.2 the details via Stuart or Hayley.

All were thanked for their attendance and it was agreed that the committee
5.3 would inform all of future meetings.

It was suggested that the Forum Committee be provided with the minutes of the Maryfield Community Planning Partnership.

2014

STOBSWELL FORUM AGM MEETING
BOOMERANG HALL

MINUTE OF MEETING
Tuesday 25th March 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Jim Sturrock David MacDougall Margaret Miller Katie Miles
Phyllis Devlin Celeste Robinson Alan Maich Betty Wood
Art Sangster Cllr Ken Lynn Cllr Craig Melville Ina Brown
Stuart Fairweather Hayley Tunstall Sharon Smart Claire Ramsay
Jacqui Stewart

APOLOGIES:
Carol Bailey Cllr Georgia Cruickshank Janet Brown

MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct.

Matters Arising

Chairpersons Report

Update action plan. A gate has been installed in Baffin Street and fly tipping has now stopped.

There was a walkabout with the Pensioners Forum to look at repairs needed to pavements.

Neighbourhood Watch area has been set up in the Clepington Road area. Thanks to Claire for her help and providing grant for signage.

Received costs for lighting at Swannie Ponds. Prices are high but could be done in 3 stages. This will be discussed further with Friends Of group. Will look at possible funding sources.

Traffic alignment - roads sorted at Arbroath Road/Albert Street.

Hanging baskets went up again this year.

Vacant shop on Princes Street has been refurbished and ready for new tenants.

The Facebook page has been launched, and forum already have website. Sharon thanked the rest of committee.

Treasurers Report

Thanks to Arthur Gartey - free of charge. Gave breakdown of income and expenditure.

Break for tea and cake

2013

Stobswell Forum AGM Meeting

held in Boomerang Hall on 26 March, 2013

Around 25 residents and local Councillors attended the meeting. Residents were requested to put forward suggestions for local priorities for the area. The following issues were raised:

- A 'spring clean' wasting/fixed bins (Park Avenue/Baldovan/Morgan Street
- Youth Disorder - Baffin Street/Watson Street
- Pavements (outside Morgan/Forfar Road) (Princes Street/Albert Street junction)
- Regeneration of the area between Glebelands Primary and Springhill
- Pavements in general (priority list) walkabout
- Ponds area lighting (being discussed at the next Friends of Swannie Ponds)
- Neighbourhood watch type activity in the Clepington Road area (an potentially elsewhere)
- Traffic movement through the area.
- Albert Street Shops (immediate and longer term issues)
- Re-align traffic movements at Arbroath Road/Albert Street junction.
- More social activities/more members for the forum.
- 'Wild area' Lammerton Terrace/Mains Loan
- More Partnership working with other groups.
- Walkabouts to focus on more than the physical.
- Ensure existing regeneration is maintained to a standard.
- Bus services in the area (particularly in the evening).
- Street Shop (when will action be taken)

These issues will be considered by the incoming committee to form part of the 2013-14 local plan.

The meeting also elected a new committee for the next year

2012

Stobswell Forum AGM Meeting

held in Boomerang Hall on Tuesday 27rd March, 2012

The Forum's AGM for 2012 was held in the Boomerang Hall on Tuesday 27th March. Around 30 residents had turned up to hear Grant Simmons from Dundee's Food Train and Vered Hopkins from Dundee's Alcohol and Drug Partnership speak. Dundee's Food Train is a new initiative offering a shopping service to elderly people in the city.

Vered Hopkins spoke about alcohol issues in Dundee.

The meeting also elected a new committee for the next year.

Alcohol

Vered Hopkins gave an overview of the extent of the problems related to alcohol both nationally and in Dundee. On the UK level, consumption of alcohol has doubled the last 40 years. In Scotland, an estimated 65,000 children are affected by parents' drinking. Alcohol is on average 69% more affordable today than it was 30 years ago, and a large percentage of both men (44%) and women (34%) drink above the safe limit. Minimum pricing is expected to save many lives when introduced.

The Food Train

Grant Simmons presented this new initiative which is a service which delivers groceries to older people who are having difficulties getting to the supermarket. The service is operated by volunteers, and the users only pay a small delivery charge of £3. The scheme was first developed in Dumfries and is funded by the Dundee City Council.

More information is available on their website, www.thefoodtrain.co.uk

New Committee

A new excecutive committe was elected on this meeting, and we managed to fill 10 out of the 11 places on the committee, which means the Forum is in a better position compared with last year when there were only six people on the committee. The new committee will be chaired by Sharon Smart and will have their first meeting on 10th April 2012

2011

Stobswell Forum AGM Meeting

held in Boomerang Hall on Tuesday 22nd March, 2011

The Forum's AGM was held in the Boomerang Hall on 22nd March. After a long process, the Forum's new website, www.stobswell.org.uk, was finally ready to be officially launched at this meeting. People at the meeting appeared to be very happy about the site.

Hayley Tunstall reported on the Community Regeneration Funding that has spent in the area from March 2010 to March 2011.

A new executive committee for the coming year was also elected this evening. Unfortunately only six forum members were willing to sit on the committee which should normally have 11 members. This means that the Forum is now looking for another five residents to be on the committee. If you or anyone you know would be interested in serving on the committee, please contact Hayley Tunstall for more information.

2010

Stobswell Forum AGM Meeting

held in Boomerang Hall on Tuesday 23rd March, 2010 at 7pm

1) Welcome

Carol welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Carol Bailey - Feedback from 'Celebrate Stobswell'

Carol gave a powerpoint presentation of the feedback received from local people at the 'Celebrate Stobswell' event.

The feedback was mostly positive with people saying Stobswell was a nice place to live - but let's keep it that way. Stobswell is a thriving community with great community spirit and lots of local history. Local people like the variety of shops, good schools, play parks and the great bus service.

When asked what could be better, local people said better maintenance of closes and street cleaning. The provision of public toilets and more indoor activities for children would make Stobswell a better place to live.

How do you see Stobswell in the future - more permanent shops with better parking facilities, a community you feel safe in with more police on the streets and lots of things going on for families.

2) Treasurers Report

Very little had been spent over this year and there was £1,598.93 in the account.

3) Chairperson Report

Carol gave a report on the activities of the forum over the last year and the improvements made to the area over the life of the forum.

The incoming committee will consider environmental enhancements and want to see graffiti removed. The Forum will also try to ensure that people are not isolated but involved in local activities that enhance their health & wellbeing. Over the coming year the day-to-day issues that impact on people's lives some bullet points will be central like:

- parking and transport;
- littering and dumping rubbish
- promoting activities for young people.

4) Election of Committee Members

Stuart asked for a show of hands of people eligible to vote. Making reference to the constitution the Forum is looking for 11 committee members with 4 office bearer's positions. Stuart then conducted the vote and asked for nominations.

The meeting agreed that because of the tied vote for eleventh place both individuals should be elected. This would give a committee of twelve.

Committee members

Ina Brown, Arlene Easson, Hans Rolfsnes, Sharon Smart, Carol Bailey, Chris Hind, Shahneela Arshrad, Valerie Beveridge, Helen Hedges, Janet Crank, Betty Wood and Irene Morrison were elected as committee members. The meeting then went on to elect the following office bearers;

- Chris Hind as Chairperson
- Ina Brown as Vice-chairperson
- Sharon Smart as Secretary
- Hans Rolfsnes as Treasurer.

The meeting then broke for refreshments and informal discussions.

5) DTNM

The first meeting of the new committee will be held on Tuesday 20th April 2010 at 7pm in the Boomerang Hall.