Stobswell Forum

Exec Committee Meetings

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TUESDAY 20TH APRIL 2010
Boomerang Hall

PRESENT
Chris Hind - Chairperson CH
Sharon Smart - Secretary SS
Ina Brown - Vice-chair IB
Hans Rolfsnes - Treasurer HR
Carol Bailey CB
Irene Morrison IM
Janet Crank JC
Betty Wood BW
Hayley Tunstall - Community Worker HT
Stuart Fairweather - Communities Officer SF

APOLOGIES: Valerie Beveridge, Arline Easson

1. INTRODUCTION:

Chris welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new committee and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes agreed. Nominated by CB and seconded by HR.

MATTERS ARISING:

Web designer came back with a quote for £5,200 and is now revising costs. Carol suggested web design shop on Albert Street. Sharon also has contact details of a web designer. It was agreed Hayley would get quotes from both. Action: Hayley

Hans met with Travel Active to look at places to put in cycle racks. Sites have been identified. Will get back to Hans with costs etc. Action: Hans

3. INTRODUCTION TO FORUM:
Ina gave an overview of the History of the Forum. Planning for real event - 1999
Inaugural meeting - March 2002 - adopted constitution Achievements
- Campaign to keep the Arthurstone Library open in the first year
- New recycling points in the area
- Shop front facade enhancements
- Housing & Streetscape improvements
- Baxter Park regeneration
- New notice boards & hanging baskets

Set up Landlords Forum & Clean Close company Boomerang a big asset to the area as there is no community centre. What would you like to see done in the area?
Hans would like to see Albert Street a pedestrian area with less traffic and better cycle paths. He would also like to see a cycling proficiency area in either Baxter Park or Swannie Ponds; similar to one he has seen working in Glasgow.

Sharon would like to see the area clean of graffiti.

Ina would like the Forum to target the peripheral areas of Stobswell i.e. Dundonald Street.

Irene raised issues of young people running riot and causing damage in the Janefield Place area so would like to see more police & community safety wardens on the streets.
Betty raised the issue of people drinking and being disruptive in the play park on Arbroath Road and would like the area free of dog walkers.

Carol would like to see less dog mess in Baxter park and more dog wardens patrolling the park early morning. She would also like to see the Landlords Forum re-established to deal with problems like common repairs.

Janet agreed with Carol as her close and back garden areas are in a mess. She would also like to see businesses doing well with less vacant shops in the area.

Chris would like to see better community spirit. He would like BBQ's put into Baxter Park to encourage better use of the park.

It was agreed to invite the local police to the next exec meeting to discuss the issues Irene & Betty raised. Carol will pass on contact details to Sharon. Action: Carol & Sharon

4. FEEDBACK FROM ORGS/GROUPS REPS SIT ON

Chris
Bonnie Dundee did a clean up in the Dens Metal Works area.

Gave apologies for the last Civic Forum meeting as it clashes with these meetings.
Sharon
Clean Close Company progressing well and continuing with more contracts. Still looking for different premises. About to start a pilot scheme of recycling carpets and an electric powered vehicle. No progress being made on the graffiti removal and no report from Alex. Sharon will raise this with Alex for an update. Action: Sharon

Carol
Has not been attending LCPP due to other commitments.

Hans
Access Forum AGM next week. Ruth was elected to represent the Forum.

5. ELECTION TO ORGS/GROUPS

CleanCloseCompany
Sharon was nominated by Chris and is happy to continue. Carol will replace Stuart Shepherd if he doesn't want to continue. Meetings are last Thursday in the month 12-2pm.

Local Community Planning Partnership
Irene showed interest in attending these meetings and it was agreed that she would represent the forum.
Next meeting is on 18th May at 7pm - All meetings are Open meetings.

Civic Forum
It was agreed that Ina and Chris continue to represent the forum.

Access Forum
It was agreed that Ruth would still represent the Forum on this group.

Events Group
Betty is interested in joining this group. Next meeting is 27th April at 7pm in Boomerang Hall.

Bonnie Dundee
Chris is happy to stay on this group as no-one else wanted to be on it. Chris will find out why Albert Street is not on the Bonnie Dundee route. Action: Chris

6. DISCUSSION ON FORUM ACTION PLAN

Actions for this year
Will continue with surgeries using Exhibition Caravan, sites to include outside Lloyds/Boots on Albert Street. This could be done in conjunction with the Development Team. Action: All

Meeting arranged for this Saturday (24th) April at 10.30am in Baxter Park to discuss the MUGA.

The flowers are ordered for the Hanging Baskets. Watering will be done by Contract Services.

Will look at organising a fundraising event to fund the Hanging Baskets in future years.

7. LOCAL UPDATES

Information was received by Community Safety Wardens, Environmental Health & Trading Standards Dept, the Web Project, The Youth Team and the Carbon Exchange Project. Information/updates will be asked for regularly. Hayley to get contact numbers with reports so some can go in the notice boards. Action: Hayley

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hans attended the workshops run by the Carbon Exchange Project. They are trying to encourage people to shop locally by giving discounts etc at local shops. Hans will get more details and invite them to attend the next exec meeting. Action: Hans
Carol received 3 planning applications but none in the area.

The signatories on the Forum Bank account need changing. Hans will get relevant forms for next meeting. Action: Hans

It was asked if the minutes could be out at least a week before the next meeting. This was agreed. Action: Sharon

Chris suggested taking out the exec meetings August & December. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Hayley to send Chris and Sharon the updated committee members contact sheet. Action: Hayley

9. DATE/TIME NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th May at 7pm in Boomerang Hall Betty Wood gives her apologies for this meeting

TUESDAY 11TH MAY 2010
St Johns Church

PRESENT

Chris Hind - Chairperson CH
Sharon Smart - Secretary SS
Ina Brown - Vice Chair IB
Hans Rolsfnes - Treasurer HR
Janet Crank JC
Valerie Beveridge VB
Shahneela Arshad SA
Hayley Tunstall - Community Worker HT
Stuart Fairweather - Communities Officer SF

IN ATTENDANCE:

PC David Louden - Community Officer PC Jim Smith - Community Officer Alistair McLeod - Solar City Scotland

APOLOGIES: Betty Wood, Carol Bailey, Irene Morrison, PC David Gallacher

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

CH welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies are noted as above.

2. ALI MCLEOD - CARBON EXCHANGE PROJECT:

Ali started by thanking the committee for the invitation.
Ali explained that the Community Carbon Exchange project is a community led project that aims to work with individuals, groups and organisations to cut carbon emissions. By taking part in the project you will be asked to undertake a pioneering challenge to help radically reduce your community's carbon footprint. As an individual you can help by taking steps to reduce your own carbon emissions but you can also work with others to created new projects to reduce the community's carbon footprint. This can range from car sharing or using alternative transport, the list is endless. It is hoped that up to 100 people will get involved. Ali also stated that the community should have a target of 300 tonnes per year reduction of carbon emissions.

At the end of the presentation VB asked a question regarding lack of facilities to recycle plastic. Unfortunately Ali was unable to shed light on this, however SF said the lack of facilities are mainly due to a lack in the purchasing market once the plastic has been collected and agreed that plastic recycling was an issue.

3. PC DAVID LOUDEN - COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:

David started with passing on David Gallachers apologies for not attending the meeting. David was invited to discuss the incident in Janefield Place in early April. He told the committee that this seemed to be an isolated incident and has confirmed that a number of people have been charged in connection with this. He went on to say that there is CCTV footage; however he cannot at the moment show this to the committee due to ongoing legal action. Once the legal action is completed he will be more than willing to share the footage with the committee. The committee was assured that if any disturbances take place and were reported that the police do act on them.
A point was raised in respect of Morgan Academy pupils using Janefield Place to go to DISC and the lack of supervisors with the pupils. David Louden stated that there is to be a meeting with Mr Shaw (Morgan Academy Head Teacher) and he will raise the issue with him.
The number of calls in respect of youth disturbance has drastically reduced in the last year to 18 months. It was noted that this could be the effect of No 1 Boomerang opening.

There then was a small discussion regarding other problems in the area for example prostitution and break ins. It was stated that the numbers are decreasing. David finished by informing the committee that should we require the local police to attend any meeting to get in touch with them.
David also stated that it is hoped that further surgeries would take place in early summer at Craigie and one in late summer in Stobswell.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes agreed. Nominated by IB and seconded by HR

MATTERS ARISING:

It is noted that item 6 in respect of the MUGA should read:
Meeting arranged by Friends of Baxter Park for this Saturday (24th) April at 10.30am in Baxter Park to discuss the MUGA. CH also stated that the steering group consists of 4 members who have an extremely difficult job ahead of them with the MUGA costing in the region of £150k.

5. WEBSITE PROGRESS:

There has in total been 2 quotes received one from Scotz.net for a total of £3500 with an annual cost of £120. The second quote is from Webdesignlook and is for a total of £1950. Hayley to contact them to get breakdown of costs. Action: Hayley

6. UPDATES FROM GROUPS REPS SIT ON:

<u>Clean Close Company</u>
SS informed that CB had attended her first meeting and feels it went well.

There was nothing major to report.

Local Community Planning Partnership

Not attended. Next meeting scheduled for 18 May 2010. HT indicated that IM Irene was happy to attend this.

Civic Forum

Not attended. Next meeting scheduled for 20 June 2010.

Access Forum

Nothing relevant to report.

Events Group

Next meeting scheduled for 25 May 2010 at 7pm in Boomerang and is to organise Celebration in the Park on the 7 August 2010.

Bonnie Dundee

CH attended and stated that Albert Street is to be included in this year competition.

Regeneration Forum

IB and SS both attended. IB elected as chair. IB stated that there had been 4 application to consider the regeneration forum supported the following:

Environment Artist - Maryfield 1year funding

Youth Work Boomerang - 3 years of funding

Basic Moves Programme - 1 year funding

The fourth application for Duke of Edinburgh Award (BEL technical qualification) was rejected by the forum.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

SS stated that the forum had received a reply from David Dorward (Chief Executive of DCC) in respect of toilet facilities with Baxter Park. He stated that there were plans to put a door in the Ranger Centre, such that toilets could be accessed from the park. However the estimated costs would be £75k and would make this option prohibitive and not one that he could recommend. He advised that the Leisure & Communities Department will provide a seasonal attendant on a similar basis to 2009. This part time employee will ensure that the toilet provision in the Park centre is open and that the play area and the

area surrounding the Park centre in well maintained and hope this reassures the forum that there will be a manned toilet facility within Baxter Park over the summer of 2010.

SS stated that a bill was received by Clean Close Company in respect of the graffiti removal. This was passed to HR to organise payment. Action: Hans

There followed a discussion regarding the areas the bill represented. IB and SA both agreed that during the meeting with Alex Fyffe (CCC) it was agreed that the areas to be tackled should be main entries and exits to and from the city centre plus Morgan Street due to the amount of graffiti. SS stated that yes it was to be the main areas along with any utilities

boxes which needed graffiti removed from them. SS felt that a further meeting may be needed to assess future graffiti removal.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that Ali McLeod be invited to the open meeting on 8 June 2010 to present his project on Carbon Exchange. Action: Sharon

It was also agreed that Alex Fyffe (Clean Close Company) be invited to make a presentation on the graffiti removal which has been done so far in the area. Action: Sharon
It was agreed that committee member note any graffiti that require removal for the future. Action: ALL

It was agreed that a dictaphone should be purchased to assist with minute taking.

HT looking for anyone to help publicise the open meeting. It was agreed that this should take place on the 4 June 2010 and the 5 June 2010 Times and places are as follows:
4June 2010 at 3.30pm Clepington Primary School 5 June 2010 at 10am-11am on Albert Street
5 June 2010 at 1pm-2pm at Lidils in Dura Street
HT to contact committee members with further details. Action: Hayley

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:
Open meeting Tuesday 8 June 2010 at 7pm Boomerang Hall

Meeting Closed 9pm

TUESDAY 13TH JULY 2010
Boomerang Hall

PRESENT
Chris Hind - Chairperson CH
Sharon Smart - Secretary SS
Ina Brown - Vice Chair IB
Hans Rolsfnes - Treasurer HR
Janet Crank JC
Betty Wood BW
Shahneela Arshad SA
Arline Easson AE
Stuart Fairweather - Communities Officer SF

APOLOGIES: Val Beveridge, Carol Bailey, Hayley Tunstall

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

CH welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies are noted as above.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Exec Meeting 11 May 2010 Minutes agreed. Nominated by IB and seconded by BW
Open Meeting 8 June 2010. Minutes agreed. Nominated by AE and seconded by BW.

MATTERS ARISING FROM EXEC MEETING

Website - It was noted that HR has offered to design a Stobswell Forum Website himself. HT to send original PDF file with details to get started. Action: Hayley

3. CLEAN CLOSE COMPANY

Concerns were raised regarding the total amount of invoices which the Forum received for the graffiti removal project. They total approx £1000 over budget The budget we had was £6065. CH to contact Alex Fyffe at Clean Close for breakdown of costs and a possible explanation. Action: Chris

4. CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

Sharon to e-mail the committee regarding availability. Action:Sharon

5 UPDATES FROM GROUPS SIT ON

<u>CleanCloseCompany</u>
Nothing major to report on day to day business

Local Community Planning Partnership
No update.

Civic Forum
IB attended will update at a future date.

Access Forum
Next meeting in August. Ruth to raise issue of cycling training area in the park

Bonnie Dundee
Planting has taken place at Sun City in Whitfield.

Events Group
Next meeting will be held on 27 July 2010 7pm Boomerang Hall to discuss final arrangement for Celebration in the Park with all stall holders and organisers
IB and SS both attended. There were 2 project supported these were from CAIR Scotland incorporating The Web Project and the Youth Cultural Integration Project.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Swannie Ponds - Clean up being delayed due to equipment issues. Councillor Melville to activity kept on top of this issue.
E-mail from Councillor Melville regarding the old Doctors Surgery in Morgan Street. - Alzheimer's Scotland has confirmed that they are to use the building for a day care centre. The committee agreed to invite Gabrielle from Alzheimer's Scotland to the next committee meeting. Sharon to call Gabrielle with the invitation. Action: Sharon

Dundee Partnership - A letter has been received to ask if the form would be interested in taking apart in a city wide gathering to discuss what the other areas within Dundee are doing and sharing information. It is planned to hold 4 events per year and are looking for input as to whether the meeting should be held in the evening or at the weekend. The committee agreed that a weekend meeting would be better. Chris to e-mail a reply to the relevant person. Action: Chris

7 ANY OTHER BUISNESS

Hanging Baskets - Quote for £1269 has been received from Clean Close Company for the watering of the hanging baskets twice weekly for the relevant number of weeks.

Upcoming Events - IB to put copy of these leaflets in the notice boards Action: Ina

C in the Park (run by Capability Scotland) on 17 July 2010 10am-4pm Baxter Park

Cultural Energy on 31 July 2010 1pm-3pm Grey Lodge, 21 South George St

Celebration in the Park 7 August 2010 12pm-4pm Baxter Park

8 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

14 September 2010 at 7pm Boomerang Hall, Albert Street

Meeting closed 8.10pm

TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST 2010
Boomerang Hall

PRESENT
Chris Hind - Chairperson CH
Ina Brown - Vice Chair IB
Janet Crank JC
Carol Bailey CB
Betty Wood BW
Hayley Tunstall - Community Worker HT
Stuart Fairweather - Communities Officer SF

APOLOGIES: Sharon Smart, Hans Rolsfnes
APOLOGIES FOR SATURDAY: Chris Hind

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies are noted as above.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

CRF - Ina and Sharon attended. Date and time of next meeting on minute as 14th September.

3. Gabrielle - no show

4. UPDATES:

<u>CRF</u>
2 Funding Applications
Lunchtime Athletics programme in local primary school was supported. Dundonald Street streetscape - to make permanent the temporary euro-bins, increase car parking spaces, plant street trees and paint goal posts etc in car park area. Application supported.

<u>Civic Forum</u>
Chris gave apologies for next meeting will be on holiday. Next meeting 17th August
- looking at the group structure.
Regeneration Gathering on agenda. Gathering to invite Neighbourhood Representative Structures, Community Councils and Regeneration Forums. In Maryfield - Stobswell Forum, City Centre and Harbour Community Council, Regeneration Forum and any tenants groups. Stobswell Forum happy to participate in Gathering.

At Civic Forum meeting. It asked for Stobswell Forum's ideas on how to tackle addiction.It was said a problem in the area is all shops in Albert Street are licensed - too long hours selling booze - too widely available.

<u>Clean Close Company</u>

Looking at 2 new premises - just off Cotton Road and Alexander Street. Frances Dorward has stepped down as Chair.
Next meeting on 26th August.

Chris spoke to Alex over bill for graffiti - did not include VAT. They will re issue bill. A walkabout was suggested to see how £6000 was spent. Stobswell Forum could apply to Regeneration Forum to employ Clean Close Company to continue with graffiti removal.

Change of bank signatories sorted.

Hanging Baskets
They are being watered but some are dropping off. Still waiting for bill for baskets - £600.

Chris gave apologies to Bonnie Dundee Group's meeting last meeting.
LCPP Meeting

Irene Morrison is Stobswell Forum's Representative. Hayley will contact her re next meeting. Tuesday 17th at 2pm in Central Library. Action HT

Events Group
Celebration in the Park was a successful day. Stuart will call meeting to discuss event and look at how group will progress. Action: SF

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

SURF - Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum
Licensing applications to Carol. Carol gets all applications - not relevant to area.
Can we only receive relevant to Stobswell area. Change contact details to Chris. Action: CB

6. A.O.C.B.

Stobswell Forum's next meeting will be a get together - not a committee meeting: looking at what is available in the area, what services. To get a better knowledge of area - what's going on. What do you know / What do you not know/What would you like to know. Will be done as a fish supper night.

Jennie Massie finishing PhD - would like to meet Forum members tomorrow. Carol free until 8pm. Will pass on Ina's number.

Garden Landscape - wall coming down at Erskine Street. LCPP looking at shop front sites for improvements.
Two dead trees removed from Dura Street. Left a hole - will raise this at LCPP.

Open Meeting in October, SS to invite Neil Ellis and Gabrielle. Alan Howieson will be invited to November meeting. Action SS

26th November - 7pm-11pm Fundraiser - Scottish Night - £5 including first drink and stovies. Venue suggested was Boomerang. Betty Wood knows a Ceilidh band. Will HT get tickets ready for Open Meeting. Hayley will speak to Neil. Action HT

14th September meeting to start at 6pm. Councillors would like to know about Open Meetings.

7. DTNM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th September at 6pm in the Boomerang Hall