Picnic in the Park

@ Baxter Park

Thursday 7th & 14th April

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Lots of fun activities for families and a chance to make bunting to decorate venues & shops for Stobfest.

Advice Café

@ Stobswell Church

Every Tuesday

11:00am - 1:00pm

Come along for some advice and a chat. We will make sure you get a cup of tea and a friendly welcome.

JOIN THE MARYFIELD REGENERATION FORUM

The Regeneration Forum are looking for local people who would like to see positive projects happening in Maryfield and who want to promote fairness and equal opportunities across the area.
The Regeneration Forum is a group of up to 15 residents from the Maryfield Ward who have responsibility to allocate £125,000 of funding from the Dundee Partnership Fund. Funding applications are encouraged from local groups for activities that aim to tackle deprivation. All members of the Forum attend on a voluntary basis and are entitled to support and expenses.

If this interests you the Forum will hold its Annual General Meeting and election of new committee on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 6pm for nominations, buffet and refreshments, meeting starts 6.30pm in Arthurstone Community Library. If you just want to come along and find out how last year's funding was spent we look forward to seeing you too. All welcome to attend.

For more information contact Hayley Tunstall on 438856 or hayley.tunstall@dundeecity.gov.uk

VACANCY

CHURCH OFFICER required for Stobswell Parish Church,
4 hrs/week 9am - 1pm. Sundays plus occasional additional midweek hours. Payment at Living Wage rate.

Duties include opening the church doors, ensuring that outside area is clean, tidy and litter free. Switching on lights and heating, checking toilets and kitchen are in good order. Preparing church for morning service. Carrying Bible into church and removing Bible after the service. Ensuring that lights/ heaters are switched off, alarms are set and all church/hall doors are locked. Other light duties as required by the minister or Session Clerk.

Please apply in writing to:

The Session Clerk,
Stobswell Parish Church,
172 Albert Street, Dundee. DD4 6QW.

THE STOBSWELL FORUM ARE...

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

You can contact Stobswell Forum in the following ways:

Email: info@stobswell.org.uk **Website:** www.stobswell.org.uk

Telephone: 01382 438858 Or find us on **Facebook**

Forum AGM: Thursday 19th May 2016 at 7:00pm, upstairs in Arthurstone Library.

Stobswell Forum is a Registered Charity. Charity No SCO33653

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STOBSWELL'S VOICE

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STOBFEST 2016

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Gala Day

★ Tea on the Lawn @ Morgan Academy ★

★ Family Fun Day @ Boomerang ★

★ Albert St. Treasure Trail ★

★ Pipe Band ★

TUESDAY 10th - FRIDAY 20th MAY

STOBFEST 2016 MAY 10TH-20TH

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★ Quiz ★ ★ Fashion Show ★

★ Theatre ★ ★ Storytelling ★

★ Dance ★ ★ Music Night ★

★ Local History Talk ★ ★ Lots of Other Events ★

If you can help with any of the above or want to organise your own event please contact the Forum for a booking form or to discuss your ideas.
See contact details on the back page.

And don't forget to check the Forum's Facebook page and website for updates.

Robbie Fotheringham of the Forum was asked what she thought about the plans for Stobfest:

"It looks like we are going to have a great time. It is really positive that people and groups are coming together to make sure Stobswell has a festival of its own. Look out for the programme in May."

STOBSWELL FORUM: FIGHTING FOR YOU

Street Lighting

Concerns over poor street lighting in many parts of our area have been voiced by Forum vice-chair David MacDougall at a recent Local Community Planning Partnership meeting.

"The dimness of the new lighting and the unevenness of the spread of illumination puts elderly people and the visually-impaired in particular at greater risk from falls due to uneven pavements and other hazards, as well as raising personal safety fears." he said.



Local Development Plan

Development Plans determine the future of our communities and at the consultation stage of the review of the Local Development Plan, Stobswell Forum have argued forcefully for the enhancement of the local district centre around Albert Street.

"The Forum is pleased to note that many of the policies in the plan seek to encourage increased footfall in Albert Street District Shopping Centre. This is essential to ensure the retail part of our community is sustainable", said David MacDougall of the Forum.

The Forum also opposed plans to release more greenfield land for housing and industrial development. Mr MacDougall continued;

"There is an excess of brownfield sites for both sectors in Stobswell and across Dundee. These sites must be brought back into use before any more valuable hinterland is considered for development."



LIDL Parking Plan Opposed

The Forum have again objected to a revised parking plan at Lidl's Dura Street store. The new plan is to cut the number of parking spaces to an acceptable level but still require a new access to Harriet Street, removing the street trees. Forum chairperson Duncan McCabe acknowledged that the revised proposal was "a big improvement on the original plan, we still feel a better design is possible. Contrary to Lidl's claims, Harriet Street can be very congested at certain times and extra access points can only make the situation worse."

"This site is the historic centre of Stobswell and deserves better recognition than just a car park. The Forum are willing to work with Lidl to secure a solution which facilitates their current parking needs while recognising our local social, cultural and environmental heritage."

Forum views are being heeded

For a second time, in response to the Forum objections, Lidl have withdrawn their planning application. The Forum, in submitting their objections sought to be positive and indicated a solution which could achieve Lidl's objectives in a manner which would be considered acceptable. Hopefully a further application might be submitted along the lines we have suggested.

The full text of the Forum objection can be found at www.stobswell.org



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Is Twenty Plenty in Stobbie?

Should most of our streets be made 20mph zones? Will it improve road safety? Will it reduce or increase congestion? Will it encourage more people to use public transport?

John Berry of Dundee City Council outlined the ideas behind the proposal at a recent meeting of Stobswell Forum and tried to answer these and many other questions.

Suggestions were made that the scheme was too timid and should include Albert Street and part of Arbroath Road in the vicinity of Glebelands School. However without any plans for the incorporation of traffic calming measures, the scheme was thought by some to be unworkable.

With a range of views being expressed by local residents, it is important that the discussion is opened up to everyone. Information about the consultation, including a map, is available on the council website: www.dundeecity.gov.uk by clicking on the link under 'Consultations and Surveys'. Responses can be made online or a PDF version of the questionnaire can be printed off and submitted to: Roads & Transport Division, City Development Dept, Dundee City Council, Dundee House, 50 North Lindsay Street, Dundee DD1 1LS. The consultation period will run until 30 June 2016.



Baffin Street Blues

Road safety concerns for children attending Glebelands PS due to traffic congestion in the Baffin Street area were raised at the last Forum meeting.

The School Streets initiative in Edinburgh, which restricts access to the immediate vicinity of schools, was suggested as an example that could be followed here, and as a result a formal request for a re-assessment of traffic management in the area has been made.

More information on the School Streets initiative can be found at: www.streetsaheadedinburgh.org.uk/streetsahead/info/35/school_travel/87/school_streets

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/1932/school_streets_initiative_launches_in_edinburgh

The Forum hope that a suitable solution can be identified and implemented as soon as possible.



Forum in the News

Stobswell Forum have also been in the local press on subjects ranging from gas prices and fuel poverty to crime and the inadequacy of many of the secure door entry systems in our area.

Grants may be available to help repair existing faulty door entry systems. Contact the Private Sector Services Unit on 436880 for more information.

The Forum will continue to raise issues and press for answers from our public servants and elected representatives as well as private companies and developers in the interests of building a stronger and more cohesive community throughout Stobswell. If you have issues you would like us to raise, please get in touch.