DUNDONALD STREET ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to the work already taking place meetings have brought together the City Council, Police, Addaction, Hillcrest and Home Scotland, along with Stobswell Forum to introduce a range of environmental improvements with the aim of improving living conditions in the street.

A consultation has taken place with residents looking to get their views on what needs to be done. With financial support from Dundee Partnership, through the Maryfield Regeneration Forum, now in place, plans are now being firmed up. It is hoped that changes will be seen by spring of next year.

If you have any ideas or want to have your say email us: info@stobswell.org.uk or pop into the Arthurstone Community Library to pick up a consultation form or call us on: 01382 438858.

STOBSWELL FORUM NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Stobswell Forum is your local voice. We put on events like Stobfest and Celebration in the Park and produce this newsletter and our monthly newsflash.

We've supported the OpenClose street art project, the Advice Café on Albert Street and supported Dundee Women's Festival.

We try and help people across Stobswell in relation to planning development and we're working on improvements in Dundonald Street, Albert Street and Baffin Street.

But we need your help, the workload is increasing and we need more people on board so we can have a bigger impact.

If you are interested in getting involved drop us an email at info@stobswell.org.uk or telephone at 01382 438881.

Doggy Walk and Fair

Following a successful Westie Walk, last May in Baxter Park, the Stobswell Events Group organised its first Doggy Walk and Fair which took place in Baxter Park.

On November 18th, a large gathering of almost every breed of dog started arriving from 11am. They met old and new friends, had a look around the many stalls offering goodies such as dog hampers, lovely dog food from Oscar's pet food, fancy scarves and jumpers from Boomerang's knit and natter and sewing group and other stalls. Parkside Vets, were on hand, to listen to dogs about how they were feeling before and after a well attended walk around the park. If the dogs didn't want to walk, they could go meet Santa Claus and his elf, who offered all a doggy treat and the opportunity to have their photos taken. For those wanting a private photo shoot, Karen Jackson, photographer was on hand to make sure they looked fantastic. For more sporty dogs, Jessica Porter, Dundee Dog Trainer was helping dogs master the circuit. If that wasn't enough, Dundee Instrumental Band, played music offering dogs a chance to dance in the open air with or without their parents. Open Close Art, were showing how to graffiti art and there was a lovely dog design. Some dogs entered into the light hearted dog competitions and the lucky ones won. The day provided something for all dogs! Thanks to all those who came along.

THE STOBSWELL FORUM ARE...

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V&A Dundee has been open for just over two months. As Scotland's first design museum, V&A Dundee tells a global story, investigating the international importance of design alongside presenting Scotland's outstanding design achievements.

At the heart of the museum the Scottish Design Galleries feature 300 exhibits drawn from the V&A's world-renowned collections, as well as from museums and private collections across Scotland and the world.

At the centre of these galleries stands the magnificent Charles Rennie Mackintosh Oak Room meticulously restored, conserved and reconstructed. The international exhibition programme opens with *Ocean Liners: Speed and Style*, the first exhibition to explore the design and cultural impact of the ocean liner on an international scale.

Visitors to the new museum are encouraged not only to visit, but to actively participate too. Since V&A Dundee opened, thousands of people have enjoyed workshops, tours and drop-in activities. The V&A programme includes practical design activities and object handling sessions.

The museum is free to visit, and open from 10.00 until 17.00 every day except 25 and 26 December.

Tickets for the exhibition *Ocean Liners: Speed and Style*, which runs until Sunday 24 February, are priced between £6 - £12 (discounts are available during off-peak times and all tickets booked online include a £1 discount).

More information, including how to take part in workshops and activities, can be found on V&A Dundee's website: www.vam.ac.uk/dundee

FEISTY WOMEN

Women Born in the 1950s Lose out on Pensions

From 1995 Westminster governments of all political persuasions have taken steps to equalise and raise the state pension age. This has resulted in an average loss to fifties-born men of £3,000 and a few months wait to reach state pension age. By comparison, women have to wait 6 years and have lost as much as £75,000.

Why have women lost so much money?

Women born in the 1950s were amongst the first generation to experience what economists call the **'double burden'**. Many went out to work but also shouldered a disproportionate share of domestic work and unpaid caring responsibilities. To this day, we are both providers and care-givers. This has resulted in fragmented working lives, poorer paid jobs, part-time jobs, with little opportunity to pay into occupational pension schemes. The true value of our unpaid labour and self-sacrificing contribution to the economy and society as mothers and grandmothers has never counted in any government economic analysis.



Can anything be done about this?

Feisty Women wants to bring a test legal case against the Department of Work and Pensions on the grounds of discrimination in relation to the 2011 Pensions Reform Act. A close examination of DWP evidence used to justify claims leaves many questions unanswered.

This is a huge issue with over 8,000 women in Dundee affected.

For more information contact Feisty Women:

Email: feistywomendundee@gmail.com

Mobile: 07849 885 712

SPOTLIGHT ON "THE STOBIE"

Enjoy Cafe Culture in Stobswell





The Voice caught up with Aziz Kirri at the Enjoy Cafe at 46 Albert Street to find out what was going on. Aziz has been running the Enjoy for over 11 years and has a passion for good food.

He runs Enjoy with a small team and does all of the cooking himself. Originally from Casablanca in Morocco Aziz brings a touch of the Mediterranean to Stobswell with pasta, panini, wraps and home made soup every day. On top of that Enjoy also serves up a full Scottish breakfast and a selection of hot and cold rolls, toasties, as well as local favourites, Macaroni, Mince and Chilli Con Carne.

Six days per week Monday to Saturday, Aziz is there to give you a great local service with a big helping of hospitality.

Aziz came to Dundee over 30 years ago to study European Business Admin at university where he met his Spanish wife and now lives locally with their two children.

The Voice had a great conversation talking about some of Stobswell's current issues from substance abuse through to local parking issues. But with a sparkle in his eyes Aziz was keen to highlight that the big plus for him is living and working in Stobie. But if he could change anything Aziz was quick to mention that the weather could be a little better.



Drop in for something to eat and have a chat.

MEET YOUR MARYFIELD COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM

The beginning of 2018, saw a number of changes of personnel within the Maryfield Community Policing Team (MCPT). Sergeant Lesley Winter, who has worked in the Maryfield area for most of her 27 years' service, joined the team, along with Constables Sahera Cumming, Lee Tulleth, Lydia Thatcher, Craig Roberston, Martin Winter and Goska Kidd.

Sergeant Winter explains – "Our priority is to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime affecting local communities. In particular, re-occurring policing problems. The MCPT tends to deal with longer term issues that wouldn't normally be dealt with by our colleagues in the *response* area of policing. We actively seek to engage with, and be visible within, our local communities in order to understand their specific issues and seek practical and effective solutions.

We work closely with Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Officers, Housing Officers, Social Work, community & voluntary sectors and the private sector. An example of the benefits of working in partnership is being demonstrated in Dundonald Street, where a number of residents were complaining about the safety of the area, particularly the adverse impact of drug abuse. By working with partner agencies with a shared interest, we have had success in tackling anti-social tenants, tidying and making safer communal gardens and securing funding for 3 CCTV cameras to be installed. This work is ongoing but the feedback from local residents has been very positive. Problems like these often develop over a number of years and while finding solutions can be difficult and often takes time, the MCPT is determined to support local communities in an effort to resolve such issues.

Preventing or reducing the risk of crime is another important priority for the MCPT, and inputs are delivered on a variety of security subjects to local schools and community groups. These inputs include home, personal and internet safety. Any requests for such police inputs will be respectfully considered by the team, who appreciate the benefits that such inputs can provide.

I would encourage anyone wishing to speak to any of their local community police officers to contact us by email (can be done anonymously) at: TaysideMaryfieldCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively, stop and speak to any member of the Team. They are visible within the community for that very reason. Another option would be to visit a 'Coffee with a Cop' event. These events have proved popular locally and have allowed local people to speak to the MCPT on a face to face basis. The next event is to be held at Graham Street Gospel Hall, 13 Graham Street, Dundee on Thursday 13th December from 11am to 1pm, where a Christmas theme is promised!"

OPEN CLOSE STOBSWELL NEW PIECE LANGLANDS STREET

Our newest piece in Langlands Street by artist Michael Corr is of local Suffragette and social campaigner Ethel Moorhead.

Ethel Moorhead was imprisoned several times and was one of the first Scottish activist to be force fed while held in Carlton Jail in Edinburgh.She worked with the Dundee Women's Freedom League and the Women's Social and Political Union. After WW1 she travelled Europe and edited an arts journal which included work by James Joyce and Ernest Hemingway.

