Stobswell Forum

Open meetings

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Stobswell Forum Open Meeting
TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010
BOOMERANG HALL, ALBERT ST

PRESENT
Sharon Smart - Secretary SS
Ina Brown - Vice Chair IB
Valerie Beveridge VB
Arline Easson AE
Hayley Tunstall - Community Worker HT
Stuart Fairweather - Communities Officer SF

IN ATTENDANCE:
Cllr Lynn Cllr Melville
Alex Fyffe - Clean Close Company
Ali MacLeod - Carbon Exchange Project

APOLOGIES: Chris Hind, Janet Crank, Shaneela Arshad, Cllr Fordyce

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

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

2. ALEX FYFFE - CLEAN CLOSE COMPANY

Alex thanked the forum for the invitation to speak at the open meeting.

He gave a brief history of the company and spoke of the work which has been done to remove the graffiti from the area.

He also informed the meeting of how the company are expanding the business to include garden maintenance and void cleaning.

At the moment there is a pilot scheme taking place in respect of using an Eco Trike to safe of carbon emissions this is in conjunction with the Carbon Exchange Project. There is also a pilot taking place to recycle good quality second hand carpets at very little cost to the purchaser.

There followed questions from the floor. Which Alex did his up most to answer.

IB thanked Alex for his time and insight to the Clean Close Company.

3. ALI MACLEOD - CARBON EXCHANGE PROJECT

Ali started by thanking the forum for inviting him to speak at the open meeting.

He gave a brief background of the project. He informed the meeting that Dundee Sun City House in Whitfield if open to the public and if any one wished to visit to get in touch with him either by phone or through the web site.

There followed and discussion on how the group felt they could help lower carbon emissions and what could happen if the emissions were not lower in the future.

IB thanked Ali for his time and presentation.

4. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

Covered in the above

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS TO FUTURE EVENTS

Celebration in the Park - This is taking place on 7 August 2010 12-4pm.
Looking for any volunteers to help on the day.
Pavilion café - Neil Ellis to take over running of this in July.
Picnic in the Park - Sheila McMahon from Mental Wellbeing Project handed out leaflets to inform the group of picnics taking place on 4 Thursdays' in July in Baxter Park if anyone would like to come along.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Swannie Ponds - It was mentioned by a member of the assembled group that Swannie ponds were in real need of cleaning. Cllr Lynn stated that this is planned to be done in the near future.
Mollison Street - It was mention that there is a lot of dumping in the waster land in the area of Mollison Street. A resident of this street stated that there were no refuge bins for the premises in the street. SF to look into this and get back to the gentleman.
House in Mains Loan - It was noted that the majority of the group felt that the new houses the council were building were a good idea.

7 NEXT OPEN MEETING - TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2010

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

STOBSWELL FORUM OPEN MEETING
Tuesday 12th October 2010
Boomerang Hall

PRESENT
Chris Hind Ina Brown Hans Rolfsnes N Patrick
Ron Watt Janet Brown
James Carmichael Phyllis Devlin Chris McNicholl Betty Wood Douglas Wilkie Arline Easson
Gabrielle Colston-Taylor Jacqui Pearson
Rev Bill
Mark McInally Neil Ellis
Councillor Craig Melville
Stuart Fairweather - Communities Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Carol Bailey, Sharon Smart, Councillor Fordyce, Councillor Lynn

2. Neil Ellis: Boomerang Youth Work

No.1 Pitkerro Road - Mon/Tue/Wed Fri/Sat

- 12-16 year olds
- Approximately 12 per night

Girls only on Friday 8pm-10pm Publicity now out for this new group

In addition on Tuesdays - 8 young girls volunteer. They organise a Quiz and Wii activity in one of the area's Sheltered Complexes.

Wednesday - Arts & Crafts
A DVD of the Boomerang Boys has received You-Tube publicity. Money from the Youth Diversionary Fund will go towards another DVD where interviews with shopkeepers / Jim Smith the local Police Constable are being used.

Possible under 12's group in the Boomerang Hall in the near future. Connection with Youth Workers at DISC to promote Girl's Group.
There are 70 on the books, 20 regularly on an average week, plus the young volunteers.

Funding secure for the next three years.

A possible Easter event for young people in Baxter Park is being discussed as a project for the Young Volunteers. This will involve work taking place with the Morgan.

3. Gabrielle Colston-Taylor - Alzheimer's Scotland:

National organisation moving to Stobswell - Maryfield Medical Centre. The building is now transformed and the group move in next week.
Day Care for 11 people per day

Tuesday/Wednesday evenings - support to individuals to give a break to carers.

Carers drop in on a fortnightly basis on Mondays.

Funding an issue at present. The building will be staffed to allow flexible approach to Carers.

Keen to move to the Stobswell community. Service users want to be out and in Baxter Park and up and down Albert Street at the shops etc.

- Planned contact with GP in the areas
- Impact on parking in the area should not be a problem
- Five office based staff
- Possible use of arts and crafts
- Awareness talks about dementia to local groups on request
- Morgan Street gate opened for access
- Information library on dementia

4. Scottish Night:

Hopefully will go ahead on the 19 November. The £5 ticket price will hopefully fund next years Hanging Baskets.

5. Other Business:

5.1 Bottle making pilot for Dundee was discussed following a letter from Dundee City Council. Stuart was asked to find the appropriate person to invite to come to the January Open Meeting . Action SF

5.2 Community Regeneration Forum:

Ina updated on the Forum and the possibilities of grants. Anyone interested should initially contact Hayley Tunstall at Arthurstone Library.

Open Meeting 11th January 2011

The Forum hosted a well attended open meeting on Tuesday 11th January. The speakers on the night included Marc Davidson from DCC's Private/Public repairs section and Morag Beattie from the DUNCAN project.

Marc provided lots of interesting and useful information regarding common repairs in tenemental properties, grants that are available to both tenemental and other properties and much more. Much of this information is also available here.

Morag Beattie, representing the DUNdee Co-ordinated Anticrime Network (DUNCAN), spoke about some of the projects run by the Network, including a new bottle marking initiative for off-licenses to limit the selling of alcohol to underaged. This is a pilot project running only in Stobswell but which will be extended to the rest of the city if proven to be successful.
Morag also talked about the Best Bar None scheme which all bars, pubs and nightclubs in Dundee can sign up to. The scheme focuses on various issues related to customer care and safety, and venues that sign up to the scheme have to prove that they meet a certain standard of operation. The scheme has so far had low uptake among pubs in Stobswell.

At the meeting there were also discussions about the state of the pavements and the problems with mail deliveries related to the heavy snowfall earlier this winter.

The meeting was well attended by local residents

Open Meeting 9th August 2011

The Forum hosted a well attended open meeting on Tuesday 9th August. About 30 people, including two of the local councillors, came to hear Garyth Jardin, Senior Community Safety Warden, and Ged Bell, Chairperson of the Maryfield Community Planning Partnership, speak.

Garyth Jardin gave an interesting presentation about the work of the wardens in Dundee. In addition to their traditional street patrolling work, the wardens remit also include looking after things like fly tipping, graffiti and other vandalism, missing persons and public health nuisances.
The Community Safety Wardens can be contacted on (01382) 436333.

Ged Bell gave an overview over the role and membership of the Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPP) and their work on community planning. The LCPPs main task is to develop a Community Plan for the next three years (2012-2014) through consultations local residents. The Forum has one elected respresentative on the Maryfield Community Planning Partnership.

The police was also represented at the meeting, and Sergeant Kenny Bell gave and overview over the work of the police over the last months. There's been a reduction in number of cases reported to the police in Stobswell this summer compared with last summer, and the area is generally considered to be safe and peacefull.

The next open meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th November.

STOBSWELL FORUM
Wednesday, 9th July 2014
Arthurstone Library 19:00

1. Welcome, Apologies & Attendance

Attendance
Sharon Smart (Chairperson) - SS
Natalie Hush (Treasurer/ Acting Secretary) - NH
Bill Jordan (Committee member) - BJ
Sarah Barham (Committee member) - SB
Cllr Cruickshank - GC
Hayley Tunstall (Communities Officer) - HT
Stuart Fairweather (Communities Officer) - SF
Alan Maich (Maryfield Regeneration Forum/ Friends of Swannie Ponds) - AMa
Kirsty Gemmell (DCC Adult Learning) - KG
Irene Shearer (Friends of Baxter Park) - IS
David MacDougall (Events Group) - DMac
Arlene Morris (Local resident) - AMo
Marnie Tunstall (Local resident) - MT

Apologies
Apologies received from Chris Hind. - CH

2. Groups & Activity Locally

Sharon welcomed everyone to the meeting and before continuing with the agenda, invited everyone to take a tour of the newly renovated library in which this meeting was being held. SF showed everyone around to see the renovations and available space for multi functional activities, as well as encouraging continuing use of the Library itself.
It was noted that furnishings were still required for the spaces.
Sharon then invited members attending on behalf of other local groups, to provide information and updates on each group respectively.

2.1 Friends of Baxter Park (Update provided by Irene Shearer)
2 upcoming events planned to mark the nearing end of this years celebrations to mark 150 years of Baxter Park being officially handed over to the people of Dundee.
Celebration in the Park, alongside the Dundee Motor show, on Saturday 10 August from 12pm is the first event. FoBP will be inside the Pavilion with a Collection of Memories sourced from the around the community. Requests have been made to the public for contributions and people will be invited into the Pavilion to also create pictures and leave stories to be turned into bunting. This bunting will then be used for a Time Capsule event planned for September. A date is still to be confirmed. Also hoping to a create a local schools competition to find an item to place in the capsule to represent 'presentday'.

The second confirmed event is on 24 August where a Cricket match originally held back in 1877 will be held once again at Baxter Park. Dundee HS and others are planning to recreate

the event in fancy dress and will be inviting the community to come along with a picnic and enjoy a family day out.

FoBP advised things are progressing in regards to the new MUGA (Multiuse games area) plan for the park. A lawyer has been secured via Big Lotto funding. They are currently waiting on a draft Lease from DCC. Hoping to begin building works following the end of the school summer holidays, to avoid unnecessary disruption during busy periods of use.

2.2 Adult Learning (Update provided by Kirsty Gemmell)
KG introduced herself, explaining she works within Maryfield and Coldside. Some may be aware of Liz Allardice previously covering this area. KG advised Liz is still working within Adult learning and works alongside her with regards to the Adult Learning Association and activities such as ESOL citywide. KG advised the group of other workers Kim Robertson and Colin Kristy, based at Mitchell St Centre where assistance with translation and interpretation are available as well as other services.
ESOL will now be moving from Boots Pharmacy, Albert Street, to the Library when classes restart in August.
SF also advised there is a plan to start up a WW1 history class at the Library for adult learners interested.

2.3 Maryfield Regeneration Forum (Update provided by Alan Maich, Vice Chair)
Reports in regards to this years funds and allocations to date were handed out to attendees. The total funding allocated to MRF this year was £146,000.
Unawarded funds divided into three categories, totals £106,035 to date. HT can be contacted in regard to making an application or any other queries regarding this.
DMacD suggested a possible application to add hanging basket brackets to the Stobswell area.

2.4 Friends of Swannie Ponds (Update provided by Alan Maich, Chair)
Ongoing work updates: Fence surround play park almost complete.
The bottom pond has been emptied and scraped and now has its own water supply separate to top pond to assist pond standards. AMa advised the Model Boat Club plan to use the pond again as soon as it has been refilled and that the club have plans to join in with the CiP event at Baxter Park.
Top pond is now quite clear and recently underwent a Green flag inspection. Results of outcome and action plan are due shortly but AMa felt it went well. Regatta has been postponed but hope to reschedule in August.
Looking at putting a bid in for exercise machines and perimeter path to encourage public use. Funding has been secured for another seat which will be actioned following completion of current works.

2.5 Events Group (Update provided by David MacDougall)
A number of events ongoing to promote wider community but highlighted next big one will be Celebration in the Park. The west half of the park will be for stalls and games and the east half will be the Dundee Motor Show, with the Pavilion open with FoBP Memories display and activities. Food/ Drink outlets will also be present. At the top of the park the DCA/ Rep will be providing activities.

2.6 Stobswell Forum (Update provided by Sharon Smart, Chair)

Highlighting the recent reopening of the library with its considerable space upstairs, the group will be looking for activity ideas to encourage use of this space. HT is also looking into this and offered to provide information on feedback received to combine suggestions. - Action - HT. Attendees made suggestions of popular story telling sessions and perhaps also a movie night. Suggestions also made in regard to possible funding via MRF for furniture/ garden/ events for the library. The forum will look to discuss further at next committee meeting alongside other points raised so far. - Action - FB post to ALL

2.7 Maryfield Community Planning Partnership
This partnership joins local groups together with the NHS, Police, Fire Service and other services within DCC, to address overall issues and progress within the area. Recent discussions have been raised regarding the possible need for CCTV/ lighting in areas such as the Swannie ponds.
The next meeting is scheduled for 26 August at 6pm, held in the library. SS advised she would be unable to attend this, NH will attend on behalf of SS/Forum. - Action - NH

3. Questions and Discussion

Attendee MT highlighted concern in regard to local 'Legal High' shops and is wanting to campaign against them. Agreed to bring the topic up at next MCPP meeting as recent raids were carried out within Angus in regard to this. Cllr Cruickshank advised she also supports this campaign and has already sent statements to local press, to raise further support and awareness following recent articles in May/June around the growing concern and the Councils need to look at the issue. Agreed to seek opinion on this issue via Facebook followers and draft a PR to forward onto local newspapers as well as Police Scotland. - Action - NH/ALL

Local resident AMo highlighted a growing issue with untidiness and flytipping at Pitkerro road. Advice was given on contacting DCC EH Dept and rapid response team as depending on risk, and Private Sector should also be able to assist to resolve issues involving private housing in an area with public access.

AMa also highlighted the Neighbourhood Watch set up last year and suggested a FB page set up for NW in its own right would assist promotion and involvement in the group. - Action - Ama/NH

4. A.O.B

HT advised of a newly opening Advice Café who will be looking for volunteers to offer support to people in the community.Please contact Hayley for further information. - Action - ANY

5. DONM

The next open meeting is scheduled for 12 November at the same time/ venue.
Next committee meeting will be held on 13 August in the library, at 7pm also.

STOBSWELL FORUM Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 13th August 2014
Arthurstone Library 19:00

1. Welcome, Apologies & Attendance

Attendance
Sharon Smart - SS
Natalie Hush - NH
Stuart Fairweather - SF
David MacDougall - DMac
Sarah Barham - SB
Arlene Morris - AM
Apologies
Apologies received from;
Betty Wood, Carol Bailey & Bill Jordan

2. Minutes of June & July's meetings

SS confirmed that all members had read through drafts of minutes and proposed both copies of minutes were true and accurate reflections of June/ July's meeting. DMacD seconded this and committee agreed minutes could be forwarded to add onto FB/Website pages. - Action - NH

3. Clean Close Company Update

SS explained to the committee, that the 'Clean Close' Co. was a social enterprise, established around 10 years ago with the support of Stobswell Forum. The company began with tenement block communal cleans but have expanded over the years, to assist in garden maintenance, graffiti removal, house cleans and carpets cleans for housing associations/ local authority properties. The Forum is one of 4 stakeholders and Clean Close have advised they plan to look at options to ensure the company continues to move forward successfully in the foreseeable future.

4. The Role of the Forum and its committee members

Discussed recent years AGM process of gathering issues to address in an 'Action Plan' for year ahead. Agreed it would most definitely assist to encourage topic introducers to come on board with Forum and assist in strengthening the focus on finding a resolution to each issue raised.
DMac suggested expanding some project goals and aiming for better results, perhaps over longer periods of time. E.g contact schools and discuss possible collaboration on joint community issues within their school plans for the following year, Agreed contacting schools to introduce ourselves would be advantageous to start this process. - Action - TBC/SF

5. Next Open Forum Meeting

The next open meeting is planned for Wednesday 12 November at 7pm. Agreed to focus this meeting on 3 main subjects of current interest:

1. 'Legal High's'- Agreed more information on these products and the risks was required before moving forward with an agreed focus on an outcome. NH will contact AddAction to see if a worker would be willing to come along and provide information on this at next months committee meeting, and if necessary, perhaps the November Open meeting. - Action - NH
2. Tenement Management- Agreed to invite along a worker from DCC Private Sector and find out if residents would like any advise/ assist in resolving issues in their tenement block/ street. SF will then speak to the Evening Tele, in regards to placing a notice to appeal for issues/concerns from residents and advise of next Open Meeting. - Action - NH/SF
3. NHW scheme: Promote new FB now established as a result of last months meeting. Agreed to invite Clare Ramsay from Tayside Police along to Open Meeting in regards to winter safety such as shed locks/ timers. - Action - NH

6. A.O.B

DMacD suggested a FB training session for committee members, to ensure full use of Forum FB page by members and wider community as some members feel less confident.
Agreed an informal training session will be done at October's meeting for committee members. Projector and laptop will be used by NH/ SB, to show other members how to work the Forum Facebook page as well as be feel clear about security options.- Action - NH/SB

This led to discussions on library with its recent renovations and available space for use. Agreed a FB training session may also be something the community would be interested in attending. SF agreed to contact a known trainer in this area to explore setting up some classes. - Action - SF

Lack of furniture is also an outstanding issue for the library. Agreed SF would contact all DCC departments to discuss options and look at possible funding from MRF - Action - SF
SS to contact Jim Sturrock to check status with Forum due to no contact recently. - Action - SS

Discussion around Christmas Lights. SS advised of recent information released in regard to Christmas funding. SS will find exact details of eligibility and email group. - Action - SS

DMacD advised he had by admiring the hanging baskets on Albert Street and agreed with comments made at previous meeting, that more baskets and repair of some broken one, would look far better. DMacD also suggested the possible use of baskets during Christma, to hold lights. Forum agreed this sounded like a positive and interesting idea. DMacD agreed he would visit baskets again to check for damage and liaise with shop owners regarding extra basket brackets. DMacD also agreed to check state of repair in Noticeboards. There are currently 2 olders boards at Boots/ TSB and Dundonald St, and 4 newer ones at Glebelands Primary, Woodside, Court St and Albert St. - Action - DMac
SS raised query on possible missing baskets from outside Spar, when it was previously known as Blockbuster. SF will contact Spar to enquire. - Action - SF

NH advised a PR statement draft had been complied in regard to the Legal Highs issue, however as Forum have now agreed that clarity on the actual topic/ issues is required before deciding action, statement will be saved for discussion/ editing following hopefully an information session on the subject.

NH advised she could no longer attend the MCPP meeting on 26 August on behalf of SS. DMacD confirmed he would be attending. NH agreed to email all committee members a reminder of DMacD's email address, to advise him of any queries we may have for attending representatives at MCPP

7. D.O.N.M

Wednesday 10 September 2014 at 7pm in Arthurstone Library.