Minutes of Stobswell Forum AGM 11/04/2018

Present - Colin Clement, David MacDougall, Lorraine Clement, Lesley Winter, Sahara Cumming, Irvine Pele, Neil Ellis, Sandra Mitchell, Alessandro Insalaco, A Chalmers, K Dickinson, Robbie Fotheringham, Stuart Fairweather

Apologies - Elizabeth Crighton, Nichola Fraser, Mairi Scott, Ken Lynn, Lynne Short, Val Kane, Forbes Milne, Colin Donald

Introduction by Colin

2017 AGM Minutes Proposed by David MacDougall Seconded by Lorraine Clement

2018 Annual Report - Colin spoke of his gratitude to the current Committee for all their help and made special mention of the support of the Community Support Team, Pam, Val and Stuart for all their help and assistance throughout the year.

10 Open Forum Meetings have been held over the past 12 months covering a range of issues including XPlore Bus Service, City Development and Neighbourhood Services, Parking, Public Transport Refuse Removal and Recycling, a Billy MacKenzie Tribute, Open Close, Hosted a General Election Political Hustings, and much much more.

Local Planning Process - Headed up by David MacDougall the Forum has reviewed and challenged where appropriate all local planning applications throughout the year. Participated in consultations on 20's Plenty and Parking within the local community.

Ellengowan Drive Development - Successfully supported local residents in improving their relationship with the Northern Housing Association

RBS Bank Albert Street Closure - Worked within the community to try and convince the bank to reconsider their closure decision through meetings, petitions and demonstrations and while this didn't produce the result we would have hoped for, ongoing discussions with Discovery Credit Union might still produce a positive outcome.

Stobfest Community Festival - Delivered the successful Stobfest Community Festival in 2017 and are well into the planning process for Stobfest 2018. Stobfest has grown in each year from 25 events in 2016, 33 in 2017 and over 50 events planned for 2018.

Open Close Stobswell - Introduced Open Close to Stobswell with the delivery of 20 unique pieces of street art across Stobswell.

Stobswell Voice Newsletter - Produced 4 editions of the Stobswell Voice Newsletter increasing distribution from 16000 to 18000 households across Stobswell during the year and set out a clear newsletter production timetable for 2018. Delivered 5000 Community Festival Programmes and 5000 Community Calendars to local households.

Finance - Bank Balance will be £1641.28 after all pending outlays have been paid. Accountants have passed the accounts which have now been submitted to OSCR.

Election of New Committee - Chairperson - Colin Clement - Nominated by David MacDougall and Seconded by Sandra Mitchell
Vice Chairperson - David MacDougall - Nominated by Robbie Fotheringham and seconded by Colin Clement
Secretary/Minute Secretary - Lorraine Clement - Nominated by Sandra Mitchell and seconded by Robbie Fotheringham
Treasurer - Sandra Mitchell - Nominated by Lorraine Clement and seconded by Robbie Fotheringham
Committee Members - Robbie Fotheringham, Alessandro Insalaco, Nichola Fraser, Elizabeth Crighton and Mairi Scott all Nominated by David MacDougall and seconded by Lorraine Clement.

Date of Next AGM - To be Advised

AGM Business was then concluded and an Open Meeting ensued as follows:

Colin asked table by table for any issues, successes or problem areas for discussion.

1. **Parking Permits -** Very contentious issue. Consensus of opinion was that more information was required and Stobswell Forum should add this as an Open Meeting topic in the near future inviting the local councillors to explain what will happen.

2. Dog Fouling - Neil from Boomerang advised he has organised a leafleting of dog owners and putting bags in the park to try to prevent this.

3. Ellengowan Development - An update is required on behalf of the residents. More consultation on the planning approval with Northern Housing. Could perhaps be a Newsletter article.

4. 20's Plenty Consultation - No further information has been available since the original consultation last year. An update is required from the council.

5. Private Landlords - Legislation should be enforced to ensure common areas are maintained to the required standards.

6. School Parking - Problems at the local primary schools - Clepington and Glebelands - may be a possibility of temporary road closures to prevent illegal parking for the children's safety, especially when there is a car park across the road (Clepington). This should be a Newsletter article.

7. Gates to Baxter Park - Are often blocked with parking cars thereby making it preventing disabled access to the park. It is also a safety issue for children who have to venture on to the road to see what traffic is approaching.

8. Albert Street Traffic Survey - It was suggested that Stobswell Forum initiate a traffic survey of the types of vehicles, heavy goods and busses, using Albert Street as an arterial route when they appear to have no stops in the area. Also make enquiries about the air pollution survey completed through freedom of information.

9. Craigie Street Plastics - Foul smell in the area. Enquiries should be made as to the compounds emitted.

10. Antisocial Behaviour Albert Street/Morgan Street - Local residents should not confront the children, they should report any incidents to the police.