Minutes of Stobswell Forum AGM 05/06/2023

Present - Colin, Lorraine, Val, Joy, Robin, Bethany, Betty, Graeme, Gill, Lisa, Thomas, David, Mike, Fionn, Susan, Ali, Sharon, Helen, Cllr Georgie Cruickshank, Cllr Lynne Short, Marc, Stuart, Johnny, Kenny

Minutes of AGM 2022 - Proposed as a true reflection by Joy and seconded by Graeme.

Annual Report - Paper copies of the full report were available to all present. Colin highlighted a few points:

- Thanks to the Trustees for their ideas, input and hard work
- Thanks to Stuart and the Communities Team for their unwavering assistance
- Thanks to the elected Councillors (Team Stobie!), the council officers and our partners
- Thanks to Sustrans providing traffic calming, access to local green spaces and all the good stuff we've been campaigning for
- Thanks to our local residents and traders

Things are happening in Stobie. Projects happening right now have been in the planning for the last 5 years. Thanks also to Maryfield Regeneration Forum for their belief in Stobswell Forum and being brave enough to award us the starting funding of £26k which has turned into £400k's worth of inward investment in Craigie Street, Langlands Street, Park Avenue, Arthurstone Tce and Balmore Street. Next in focus is Eliza Street. We received £40k funding from Maryfield Regeneration Forum. Firstly sign off by Transport Scotland then Sustrans will consult and begin design work and pass on to Dundee City Council who will source further funding and work will start in 2024 with completion in 2025. The initial £40k funding will result in £200k of inward investment.

The formation of the Albert Street Action Group had their first public meeting in April attracting over 50 locals who support reduced traffic and speeds down our High Street and increased outdoor spaces for people to sit and blether. The next ASAG meeting is 29th June at 6.30pm in Morgan Academy.

The Purple Shop (Stobswell Connect) is now up and running with partners including elected Councillors using the shop to give support and assistance.

In the next 12 months, it is planned that the Forum will become a 2 Tier SCIO membership. Members will be encouraged to get involved and be able to vote on Stobswell Forum activities.

Finance Report - Thanks to Bruce McLeod and his team in Arthur Garty for auditing our accounts for OSCR. We plan to ring fence some funds to organise community events. We are currently in consultation with local residents for their views.

Audited Accounts - Copies of Independent Audited Annual Accounts were available for perusal at the AGM and have also been posted on social media and Stobswell Forum's website. Proposed as a true reflection by Graeme and seconded by David.

Vote of Thanks from Councillors Lynne Short and Georgia Cruickshank to Colin and Stobswell Forum for our work in the area.

Election of Trustees - Fionn, Mike, Colin and David stood down as Trustees and all existing Office Bearers also stood down from their posts. They were re-elected as follows:

Trustees -		**Nominated By**	**Seconded By**
	Fionn	Joy	Helen
	Mike	Lorraine	Graeme
	David	Fionn	Ali
	Colin	Helen	David

Marc Winsland, a new Trustee, was nominated by Graeme and Seconded by Fionn. Congratulations on joining the Forum Marc.

Office Bearers -			
Chair	Colin	Graeme	Helen
Secretary	Lorraine	Colin	Ali
Vice Chair	David	Helen	Graeme
Treasurer	Graeme	Lorraine	David
Minute Secretary	Lorraine	Colin	Graeme

All appointed unanimously

Presentation from Sustrans - Support for Community Led Organisations by Robin Burns and Bethany Warburton

Sustrans work with local communities to support walking, cycling, scooting and healthier travel making active travel easier to achieve and creating a better environment for everyone. Robin and Bethany discussed their

process from concept to conclusion and suggested funding avenues for investigation. More information available from
HTTPS://www.showcase-Sustrans.org.uk/places-for-everyone/

Pocket Parks are an investment of between £10k to £45K
Eliza Street will be a bigger investment via their Street Design Programme

They advised of a Drop Off and Pick Up fund for schools to close streets at key times of the day, and also an IBike advisor who can work intensively with schools and pupils. Bethany will advise Cllr Short a contact for an IBike advisor for Dundee schools.

Micro Presentations from Local Traders

Sharon Allan - Is a local resident and has been proprietor of Sharon Allan Hair Design on Albert Street for 18 years. She has been chatting to her clients over the last couple of weeks to ascertain what they like and what they don't like about Stobswell. Most of the clients who live here love the area but have an issue with safety from verbal abuse and harassment from people with addiction problems. They would like to see more CCTV and community police presence. Lynne suggested extending the "Duncan Scheme" whereby shops alert another 5 shops to highlight possible problems. The lighting of the middle part of Albert Street is a problem in winter as the street lamps are off kilter. They are dimmed too early and some are duller than others.

Jim Ferrie - Opened Jim's Delhi in September 2021 after searching for a space in a regeneration area. His take away on Albert Street has no phone orders or deliveries but has proven to be much more popular than he hoped. He loves that the new improved Craigie Street will be open soon, giving his clients somewhere to sit and wait for their orders. Very much a community based food shop. His Bank Holiday pop ups both in his shop and elsewhere have also proved extremely popular. Jim likes the changes in the area and acknowledges that it's going the right way.

Fionn thanked Jim and Sharon for coming. Ali asked if other Traders could come together along with Stobswell Forum so we can tackle the issues. Colin asked what they would like to see going forward -

- More safety, eg CCTV
- Continue the upgrade projects to encourage more and different businesses to open up
- A Banking Hub - not having a bank in the area is a problem. More ATMs as the cash runs out too quickly on the few we have.
- Keep the car parks open.

Colin thanked everyone for coming to our 2023 AGM.