# Minutes of Stobswell Forum AGM 21/05/2024

**Present -** Colin, Lorraine, David, Joy, Graeme, Lisa, Alessandro, John Berry, James Mullen, Linda, Iolanda, Helen, Betty, Mike, Fatima, Fionn, Val, Rory, Ele, Laura, Nichola, Robbie, Georgia, Bel, Duncan

**Apologies -** Johnny, Kristeen, Lynne, Ken, Amy, Sarah, Ali, Roderick

**Minutes of Last AGM -** Proposed as a true reflection by Graeme and Seconded by Fionn

**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 The Council Empowerment Team - Stuart, Val and Kiera for their unwavering assistance and support
- Thanks to the elected Councillors, the council officers and our partners
- Stobswell Connect Shop has been open for 12 months now which was only possible with financial support coming from amongst others The Scottish Government, NHS Tayside Charitable Foundation and Dundee City Council. The Stobswell Connect Project is aimed at providing a focus for delivering support to the Stobswell West area as part of a DCC Local Fairness Initiative.
- Last summer we saw the award winning completion of the long awaited regeneration work in Craigie St, Langlands St, Arthurstone Tce and Park Avenue
- We participated in the Art Night Festival which included events taking place in Arthurstone Library and Baxter Park and a street music show supported by Dundee Fringe and the (then) newly opened Stobswell Connect on Albert St
- The closure of Arthurstone Community Library due to heating breakdown resulted in two open meetings on the future of the building with a third planned and the prospect of a formation of Friends of Arthurstone Library

**Finance Report -** Thanks to Bruce McLeod and his team in Arthur Garty for auditing our accounts for OSCR.

**Audited Accounts -** Copies of Independent Audited Annual Accounts were available for perusal at the AGM and will also be available on Stobswell Forum's website. Proposed as a true reflection by Fionn and Seconded by Helen.

**Election of Trustees -** Ian, Marc and Sheena resigned as Trustees this year. Thanks for all your hard work and support over the years.
Lorraine,Nichola, Robbie and Ali stood down as Trustees and all existing Office Bearers also stood down from their posts. They were re-elected unanimously by the meeting attendees.

Lisa Croll, a new Trustee was nominated by Joy and Seconded by Helen. Welcome to Stobswell Forum Lisa.
Thomas Coates and Kenny Christie, also potential new Trustees, were not present and may be co-opted as Trustees in a future monthly meeting.

| **Office Bearers -** | | **Nominated By -** | **Seconded By -** |
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| **Chair -** | Colin. | David. | Joy |
| **Secretary -** | Lorraine. | Graeme. | Betty |
| **Vice Chair -** | David. | Mike. | Fionn |
| **Treasurer -** | Graeme. | Helen. | David |

All appointed unanimously.

**Presentation by James Mullen, Senior Manager of DCC Sustainable Transport**

**Active Travel** prioritises walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport over single use of privately owned cars. The budget is £220m for sustainable travel. Early concept designs for new bus lanes, cycle lanes and routes have been produced but are open to change. Cycle storage is well used in Stobswell and James is seeking funding to provide more.

**20mph Zones -** The first phase of 20mph zones in Stobswell have been signed off includes all roads/streets with the exception of Forfar Road, Pitkerro Road, Dura Street, Old Craigie Road and Arbroath Road.

**Bus Services -** James advised there is potential for bus lanes or bus only roads, junction layout improvements and relocation of bus stops but still very much in discussion. Active Travel and Bus Corridor proposals to be combined and complementary where possible and funding is being sought.

The meeting paused for consultation on Active Travel, Road Safety and Public Transport as part of preparation for Stobswell's Local Place Plan. A further paper will be produced with the results.

**Q&A**

- Can a bus stop be reinstated on Forfar Road heading to and from Fintry?
  Answer - Bus Companies choose what routes they take and they focus on key routes. Pitkerro Road was selected over Forfar Road but may change when new Dundee Museum of Transport opens.
- Improve the situation on the Kingsway to direct HGVs down to Dock St rather than on to Forfar Road. No answer.
- We are happy about Albert St being a 20mph road but what about Arbroath Road past Glebelands Primary and Nursery. Reducing speed from 30 to 20 equates to 1 minute extra time but decreased pollution. Why not make all roads in Stobswell 20mph?
  Answer - It was Council policy to keep all main roads at 30mph but relented with Albert St. Car drivers won't adhere to it.
- What's the priority of the new traffic lights on Pitkerro Road, cyclists or pedestrians?
  Answer - Unable to answer at this time, maybe in the next phase of the design.
- Pedestrian Crossings are too slow to react to pedestrians.
- Active Travel Route - why were buses not taken into account at the same time?
  Answer - There have been differences of emphasis between Dundee City Council and the Scottish Government in the way funding is allocated and work is required to bring the bus priority and active travel strand together to deliver the positive change that the city requires.
- Bike Hangers are not waterproof which can affect cycle maintenance
  Answer - I take that on board and can give you a contact for the officer working on the design of the hangers.

**Date of Next AGM -** TBA