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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FUNDING

The Stobswell Forum wouldn't be able to do any of the things we do without financial support. We get that support from variety of places depending on the project we are delivering. What we do is build relationships with the funding organisations over a period of time. We want funders to trust us to do what we say we are going to do, give them value and show we can make a positive difference to the local community. Over the years we have built strong relationships with a number of local organisation who we partner with in a wide range of local projects including; Kanzen Karate, East Craigie Junior FC, Hillcrest Homes, Dundee University, Dundee City Council, Dundee Ducks, Princess St Doctors Surgery, Discovery Flexibles and so many local residents.

What the Forum tries to do is fit a deliverable project with a funder, here are some examples of current projects we are working on;

Stobswell Connect



Firstly we are delighted to confirm that we have managed to secure funding to guarantee the future of the Stobswell Connect Shop (the Purple Shop) at 170 Albert Street. With support from the NHS Charitable Foundation and the Hillcrest Homes we are now in a position to confirm that the shop will be in operation for at least the next two years. Other funders including the Scottish Government and Dundee City Council (DCC) have also committed funding to ensure that we are able to offer a wide range of support services in the heart of Stobswell.

Stobswell Voice Newsletter

The Stobswell Voice Newsletter has been produced for over five years with three print runs per year in summer, late autumn and spring. The Stobswell Forum try to cover as wide a range of local interest stories as we can, sometimes raising awareness of issues like traffic on Albert St or letting people know of upcoming events like the Christmas Festivities and we always try and have a wide range of subjects in each issue.


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STOBSWELL FESTIVE APPEAL 2024

DCC Maryfield Regeneration Forum have supported "The Voice" financially from the very start understanding that while many people get their information from social media this isn't always possible for a number of reasons, The Stobswell Voice is there to help built community spirit across the whole area.

Albert Street Festive Lighting

Once again supported by the DCC Maryfield Regeneration Forum we are now in year three of a project to have Festive Lighting on all of the lighting columns on Albert Street from The Morgan Academy to the Arbroath Road junction. This project has seen Christmas lights on Albert Street for the first time in living memory and has been one of the most positively received initiatives the Forum has ever undertaken.



Stobswell Local Arts Fund

With funding from a local benefactor the Stobswell Forum has established a fund to support plans to establish a Stobswell Artists Registry where locally based artists can come together with the Forum to deliver exciting new public art across the local Area.



DUNDEE MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT

While the Maryfield Tram Depot site has remained relatively quiet over the last twelve months the museum team have been very active behind the scenes, raising over £3m in the last twelve months alone. Recent funders have included the national lottery, Garfield Weston Foundation and the Scottish Governments Regional Capital Grant Fund (RCGF). Fundraising for the project is likely to continue for at least the next year but the museum is also expecting to appoint a main contractor to commence work on the building before the end of the year.

The museum's professional team are concluding a series of additional surveys, some a condition of the museum's planning permission. The museum is also investigating the potential for removing sections of unstable roof in the 1913 and 1920 section of the building as a precautionary measure. This work will need to happen anyway but it does



make sense that this work is carried out during the better weather months.

Work on developing a detailed design for the museum's new permanent exhibition is also well under way. This is expected to be a real celebration of Dundee's transport heritage. To this end the museum has recently secured ownership of a fully restored double decker bus in full Dundee Corporation livery having been in service in the city from 1954 to roughly 1974.

STOBSWELL TOGETHER DROP-INS

Starting from the 30th of May, organisations across Dundee will be attending the new Stobswell Together Drop-Ins every Friday from 10am to 3pm. With no appointments or phone calls required, come along at any time between 10am and 3pm at Unit 9B, Manhattan Works, on Dundonald Street (DD3 7PY) and meet with staff face-to-face.

Whether you are in a one-person household wanting to know your rights when renting, a family needing advice about income, or new to Dundee and looking for a job, we will be able to assist you with the right information and advice.

Children are welcome to attend, and free refreshments are provided every week. Our friendly staff will greet you, help you with any enquiries and introduce you to the organisations who will be able to assist you during the drop-in.

From providing information about housing, help with applying for a job and creating CVs, to advice on money and finance, staff will be available to assist you in your local community. With many local community groups in attendance, you can also receive information and opportunities for volunteering, education, social activities, business support and health – and more!

To find out more information about the drop-in, please contact us by emailing chloe@diwc.co.uk or contacting



07725 074 088. You can also receive weekly updates about events and support in the area by subscribing to the Stobswell Forum's weekly newsletter by contacting info@stobswell.org.uk

THE DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The Stobswell Forum have been in discussions with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Dundee City Council and Arthurstone Library about bringing this fantastic initiative to Stobswell. Funding applications are being made to support children aged between 0-5 getting the chance to receive an age and stage appropriate book delivered to their home every month from Penguin Books.

All of the books are chosen by a panel of experts in early childhood development to support parents and carers with research showing that over 97% families taking part said that the books helped develop their child's speech and language and 88% of families read more often. Other data



tells us children are more likely to have reached the expected literacy level for their age and stage of development when taking part in the Imagination Library.

The project will be closely linked to supporting local children and families make use of the services offered at Arthurstone Library and encourage increased usage of this important local facility.

STOBSWELL LOCAL PLACE PLAN VALIDATED - WHAT'S NEXT?

Following extensive further public consultation on the draft Stobswell Local Place Plan in March, and a further revision to the Plan, it was finally submitted to Dundee City Council in April and fully validated on 1st May 2025 as the city's first ever Local Place Plan. The Local Place Plan can be viewed by going to the Stobswell Forum Website

A celebration for everyone who worked on the Plan was held in Arthurstone Library on 15th May with delicious cupcakes provided by Pretty Little Cakes in Albert Street. We'd also like to thank all those who took part in the final public survey – we had 150 survey comments on the final draft Plan, all of which were constructive and helpful. Our next steps are to present the 45 proposals in the Plan to the Maryfield Local Community Planning Partnership. We will be reaching out to the various partners



who are essential to making these work and including collaboration with the City Council.

We are already acting on a number of the proposals, with a grant submitted to fund more street benches in our local area, and grant funding available for more local art, as well building on our success with making Albert Street a 20mph zone. We are now asking the Council to sign Albert Street as a "no through traffic zone" (apart from the Ember bus which stops in Albert Street) by replacing the signage from Dock Street and the Kingsway which currently says Albert Street is the way to the "City Centre" – which ends up with noisy HGVs making a beeline for the bridge!

STOBSWELL FORUM ARTISTS REGISTER

The Stobswell Forum are looking to develop an Artists Register of local artists who would be keen to work with us to develop projects in and around Stobswell. if you are interested in working with the Forum, who have been very active over recent years in delivering public art to the community, drop us an email at info@stobswell.org.uk.





You can find the Stobswell Forum on Facebook or email us at info@stobswell.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM KANZEN FOR LIFE

There is something special happening on Clepington Road.

We are planning the Kanzen for Life Centre, a place with purpose and designed for people. At its core, this centre is about more than just activities or services. It is about community. It is about creating a space where every person feels welcome, where they can grow in confidence, improve their wellbeing, and feel connected.

At Kanzen for Life, we believe that health is not just about movement, it is about leadership, consistency, and showing up for one another. This centre is a reflection of that belief and a commitment to building something that lasts.

We are proud to share that we have already raised close to £500,000 towards the development of this project. With additional support and partnership, this will represent over £1 million of investment into the Stobswell area, an investment in people, in potential, and in long-term community wellbeing.



Planning is expected to be in place by June, and this is only the beginning with works expected to be completed by the end of 2025 and an opening for January 2026.

We are focused not just on delivering high quality programmes, but on creating a space where lives are transformed by design. Whether it is a parent seeking support, a young person looking for direction, or someone simply wanting to feel better in themselves, the Kanzen for Life Centre is here for you.

We are still based in our current premises on Mains Loan. To find out more about our plans, come in, meet the team, take part in a session, or just stop by for a conversation.

"It takes a village to raise a child"

FORUM TRUSTEE - DAVID MACDOUGALL

David has been a Trustee since 2014 and has been a resident in Maryfield for 50 years. After attending Morgan Academy he studied Town & Regional Planning at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art. After graduating he was employed by Dundee Corporation where he was put in charge of Development Control dealing with £3m (at 1969 prices) of development.

At Local Government Reorganisation he was appointed Deputy Chief Planning Officer for Dundee District Council. He was responsible for the various City Centre pedestrianisation schemes from Murraygate, City Square, High Street and Reform Street. David was one of a team that developed and secured the implementation of the Dundee Public Art Programme.



He was a member of the judging panel for the Pennycook Lane housing development and responsible for the Site Planning Brief for Dundee Rep. David led the negotiations to retain the trees on the Kingsway when the dualling would have swept them away. He was also responsible for securing the retention, conversion and development of Upper Dens Mill to housing, a development which won the Queen's Award as the Most Outstanding Planning Achievement in the UK in 1987. David was then set the task of finding a site and preparing the site Planning Brief for Dundee Contemporary Arts for which he was one of the judging panel.

Latterly David was responsible for the regeneration of Broughty Ferry and Lochee Shopping Centres and the preparation of a Development Masterplan for Whitfield.

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Join us at our monthly meetings in Arthurstone library - all welcome.

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