

# STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009  
Queens Park Parish Church Hall, Queens Drive

**Present:** **Office Bearers**  
**Chairman:** Scott Mackay  
**Secretary:** James Limb  
**Treasurer:** Lynne Flower

**Local Councillors**  
David Meikle (Pollokshields, Conservative)  
Irfan Rabbani (Pollokshields, Labour)

The attendance was 18 people, including those above.

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.  
There were no apologies for absence

## 2. Chair's Report

The Chairman reviewed the Society's proceedings for the year 2008 – 2009, a year where the society has been a registered charity. The various events and activities were referred back to the main objectives of the Society, in short in the promotion of citizenship, and the protection of the conservation area. The following areas were highlighted:

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| Events:  | Bungo at the Bells<br>Spring Fling and Art Competition<br>Bungo in the Back Lanes                              |
| Initiatives:<br>(based on vote<br>at 2008 AGM) | Landscaping and Planters<br>Traffic management and proposed back lanes improvements<br>ENTRUST money proposals |
| Communication:                                 | Website<br>Newsletters<br>Blog   |
| Planning                                       | Local applications and Society's responses   |

## 3. Financial report

The Treasurer outlined the independently audited accounts for the year 2008 – 9. The full accounts are detailed in the Annual report, which will be available on the society website. At 30<sup>th</sup> April the society held unrestricted funds of £1834, a surplus of £411 over the previous year.

## 4. The Strathbungo Environment

Planning: Planning remains an important aspect of the society, which provides links via the website to the city plan, as well as offering advice on individual projects within the conservation area. Throughout the year, the society has become involved in a number of local applications, and whilst it is difficult to draw up exact criteria for the decision to support or object to local applications, has at all times based decisions on the maintenance of local heritage and architecture. In response to questions, the society's objections to the subdivision of townhouses, houses of multiple occupancy, and short-stay accommodation were outlined, and a vote was taken

to object to the proposed Bed and Breakfast at 48 Queen Square, carried forward with 9 votes from the floor opposing the development, and none supporting.

It was requested that the society should inform local residents if it decides to object to a proposal; the Chairman made the point that there is no legal obligation to inform applicants. During the meeting it was provisionally agreed that the society would inform the applicant of any objections, although the Society will obtain advice from the Planning Department on this.

In a final question from the floor, the Shawlands town centre action plan was outlined, and it was asked whether Strathbungo should have any such plan. It was agreed that the Conservation Report for the area stands as an adequate basis for local development.

**Traffic Management:** On the basis of a vote at last year's AGM, one of the projects taken forward over the last year was proposals to reduce traffic flow between Regent Park Square and Nithsdale Road. This could then be followed by localised repairs to the lanes in this vicinity. The society wrote to all residents with access rights to the affected lanes, with a 100% positive response. Land services and Fire and Cleansing support the development, and Land services are now starting the consultation process for a traffic regulation order to place bollards and raised kerbs at the entrances to the lanes from the eastern end of Nithsdale Road, and the north lane at the western end of Regent Park Square. The issue of parking on the street corners and across existing lane ends was raised, and it was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Meikle that a request for road markings could be incorporated into the current traffic regulation order.

**Refuse:** Refuse is a consistent problem in the lanes, and a large number of photographs of rubbish from the day of the meeting were presented. There are many reasons for this, including bins being left in the lanes which are then subject to scavenging, a bulk uplift service which cannot give a date for pick-up, fly-tipping, and builders' rubble which the Council will not pick up. Regular requests in the newsletter, and a recent letter from Councillor Meikle, have failed to improve the issue of bins not being returned to gardens. Possible solutions suggested were a regular skip service provided by the council, a regular weekly bulk uplift service as per the tenements, a residents' volunteers group to provide a visible role of the society in keeping the lanes tidier, and specific targeting of offending bins with leaflets and photographs. The councillors suggested assistance from the Local Area Committee could be forthcoming for a pilot project of some or all of these. These will be discussed further at committee meetings.

**ENTRUST funds:** Andrew Downie outlined the issues with ENTRUST funds, including the very specific criteria for their use, which limit the possible options. Specifically, the society was unable to use them for landscaping improvements on Nithsdale Road. The current potential plan to support a play area in the park was outlined, and Councillor Rabbani suggested that funding from the society could be matched from council funding. Andrew Downie is waiting for a reply on the proposal to have an area for older children, rather than extension of the current good provision for younger children.

**5. Election of Office Bearers**

The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary agreed to remain in post for the following year, and there were no further candidates from the floor. After a vote for each position, the roles will remain as

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**6. Any Other Business**

The Chairman thanked all those who had supported the society during the last year, and specifically Teresa Mooney for her roles in the Spring Fling, Art Competition and Bungo at the Bells; Joanna Murphy for her role in organising Bungo in the Back Lanes; Laura Moodie for the Newsletter; Matt Moodie for the website, and finally the Friends of the Society for financial support, and members of the Area Committee for support in projects during the last year.

The next meeting of the Society will be

**21<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at 7.30pm**

at

**GRIANACH on Nithsdale Road**