



The Strathbungo Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 27th October 2015

Queens Park Parish Church, 170 Queens Drive, G42 8QZ

Present: Office Bearers; Secretary: Alison Hunter (in the absence of other officers, the Secretary took the chair for the first part of the meeting)

Local City Councillors: Cllr Norman MacLeod (Pollokshields Ward, SNP), Cllr David Meikle (Pollokshields Ward, Conservative)

A total of 78 people were in attendance, of whom 68 lived within the Strathbungo area.

1. Apologies

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting. Apologies were noted from Maureen Gallacher and Sophie Dobson

2. Approval of the minutes of AGM held on 21st October 2014

The Minutes of the AGM held on 21st October 2014 were approved. Approval proposed by Nick Kempe, seconded by Alan Dobson.

3. Adoption of Trustees Report and Annual Accounts

The Trustees Report was presented by Alison Hunter. She reported a successful year, with notable highlights being the second *Bungo Birl* and the Society's annual events: *Bungo at the Bells*, the *Spring Fling* and a well-attended *Bungo in the Back Lanes*. All events were made possible by the efforts of local residents and supporters. The funding contribution of Pollokshields Area Partnership and the support of local City Councillors was acknowledged.

The outgoing Treasurer's financial report was summarised and presented in his absence by Nick Kempe. As at 30th April 2015, the Society held funds of £2,895 having made a small loss of £536. The Report highlighted that the trustees recognised that steps will need to be taken to increase income over the coming year(s).

The contents of the Trustees Report and Annual Accounts were received and adopted. The new Treasurer will lodge them with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR).

Mr Allan Hunter was thanked for auditing the accounts and ensuring the financial section of the Trustees' Report met OSCR requirements.

4. Amendment to the Society's Constitution

Nick Kempe, presented the Committee's proposal for the AGM to adopt a revised constitution, subject to the approval of OSCR. The reasons for this had been summarised in the October Strathbungo News newsletter which had been circulated to all residents, plus a more detailed explanation and the constitution itself available on the Bungo Blog. The review of the constitution had arisen to help bring it into line with the latest model Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation constitution. The main changes to the constitution were outlined to the meeting.

In discussion, in reference to proposed changes to the qualification for membership of the Society (ref paras 5a and 5b of proposed constitution), with concerns expressed about people living outwith the area being eligible to be Society members - and approval of this lying with the Committee. It was accepted that there needed to be some mechanism to allow committee members who left the area during their term of office to be members – as well as non-residents, such as people who operated businesses in the area. It was acknowledged it was difficult to reconcile these differences. After discussion it was agreed that the Trustees should provide the next AGM with a report on the scale and number of this new ex-Strathbungo resident membership category.

The amendments to The Strathbungo Society's constitution were unanimously approved by the meeting, with the proviso that a membership report is presented at the 2016 AGM.

5. Strathbungo Society 20 Years Presentation

Sharon Withney gave an illustrated presentation on the origins and development of The Strathbungo Society over the past two decades (and more), reminding all present of the range of community-based activities, campaigns, events and environment and heritage issues that have been led by the Society and which has drawn people together to make Strathbungo such a vibrant and attractive community.

6. Election of Office Bearers / Trustees

The Secretary informed the meeting that all elected Trustee positions within the Society were available for nomination. She asked for nominations (and seconders) for the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The meeting duly elected the following Members to be Trustees of The Strathbungo Society.

The Office bearers elected by The Strathbungo Society for the year 2015-2016 were:

Position	Proposed	Nominated	Seconded
Chair	Kevin Kane	Nick Kempe	Alan Dobson
Vice Chair	Alison Hunter	Kevin Kane	Alan Dobson
Treasurer	Nick Kempe	Alison Hunter	Margaret Gillan
Secretary	Carol Dobson	Alison Hunter	Ann Downie

It was approved that all future correspondence between the Clydesdale Bank and The Strathbungo Society should be sent to the Treasurer and that the Trustees will be the new signatories of the Society's bank account.

The new Chair, Kevin Kane reminded the meeting that the objectives of the Society and of the importance of members participating, whether as one of the 15 members of the Committee or not, and also encouraged as many members as possible to become Friends of the Strathbungo Society by setting up a standing order to pay money into the Society's account. He noted the sterling efforts of the former Committee which though small had effectively run and organised many of the Society's activities over the past number of years. Kevin noted the desire of the new Trustees to seek a reinvigoration of the committee – and to attract others to help and expand the work of the Society.

All the 15 Committee Member places noted in the new constitution were then elected by the meeting.

- Rosie Ilett
- Heather Alexander
- Ann Downie
- Lorraine Forde
- Fiona MacKinnon
- Alan Dobson (Brighter Bungo)
- Elaine Hunter
- Jane Carolan
- Andrew Downie
- Kirsty Kyle
- Scott Obrzud
- Joseph Cunningham
- James Powsey
- Phil Harvey
- Imelda Devlin

Holly Ritchie volunteered to develop the Society's social media presence. Additional areas of interest and responsibility will be agreed at the first meeting of the new committee.

The meeting then approved a vote of thanks for the unstinting work, especially of the outgoing chair on many years standing, Teresa Mooney, plus former office bearers and other of the previous committee.

7. Presentation on Network Rail

Ann Downie then gave the meeting an updated presentation that illustrated the history of Network Rail's "vegetation management" along the line of Moray Place and the current state of play in relation to their proposals to erect a new 1.8m - now reduced via the Society's involvement to 1.4m – fence along the length of Moray Place, out of keeping with the status and constraints of Strathbungo's conservation area status. She noted that the Society was leading the campaign, which had garnered the active support of local City Councillors – Norman Macleod, David Meikle – as well as local MSP Nicola Sturgeon and the former and current local MP. The meeting was warned that works were set to start soon – prior to the bird-nesting etc. in spring. Issues of the actual land ownership line between resident on Moray Place and NR were still outstanding and that NR wished access from the road (not rail) at Moray Place, with inevitable (and unplanned) damage to adjacent trees, shrubs and vegetation.

The meeting was appreciative of the efforts of the Society in taking a stand on the issue and anyone interested in joining the group were asked to speak to Ann at the close of the meeting.

8. Close

There being no further business, on behalf of the Trustees and Committee (and previous Committees) the Chair thanked everyone for attending the AGM in such numbers. The turnout was a great boost to the Committee as it indicated the continuing support from the community for the work of the Society and how much it was valued. He then closed the AGM and invited members to talk and socialise over tea and coffee.