

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Strathbungo Society
Wednesday 11 June 2003
Queen's Park Baptist Hall @ 180 Queen's Drive

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Kevin Kane, welcomed everyone present (a total of about 60), thanking them for their attendance.

2. Chairman's Report *

The Chairman gave a comprehensive yet concise report of the past year which had shown an increase in the range and depth of activities of the Strathbungo Society. For those new to Strathbungo, he said that the constitution defined what the Society was all about but the aims were to develop Strathbungo as a great area to live in, work in, and enjoy.

The Chairman then went on to summarise the year's work under the headings of:-Environment / Heritage, Events, Community Service, and Sustainable Financial Management.

This was followed by a more detailed account of three of the year's highlights,viz. the Back Lanes Pilot Scheme, the Strathbungo Coffee Break, and the "Friends of Strathbungo" giving scheme. The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to the editorial, production and distribution team who deliver the Strathbungo News to the community.

Finally the Chairman looked to the future, expressing the hope that the completion of the Back Lanes Pilot would encourage other residents to cooperate in due course. He also looked forward to getting a Strathbungo website up and running, incorporating a new "Virtual Gallery". Another important event would be a Community Conference which would highlight a number of urgent local issues.

In closing, the Chairman thanked the current office bearers and encouraged others to get involved when the time came for election of the new committee- new voices, new faces, and new perspectives are what the Society needs.

It's all about creating Strathbungo as one of Glasgow's great neighbourhoods.

3. Treasurer's Report **

The financial report was presented to the meeting. There was one question about the heritage grant which the Treasurer answered. Acceptance of the report was proposed by and seconded by XXXXXXXXXx and YYYYYY.

4. Conservation Area Appraisal – Mr. Jim McDonald, Head of Heritage & Design, Deveopment and Regeneration services, Glasgow City Council

Mr. McDonald began with a brief description of what is meant by Conservation Areas. They began to be defined about 35 years ago and are generally areas of historic interest, special architecture, or simply an important place. In the 1990's English Heritage started setting guide lines and Scotland followed on.Conservation Areas are many and varied but general issues suchas litter, parking, and condition of the streets, are important as they may help to focus attention on the conservation issue.

Regarding the Area Appraisal for Strathbungo, it is essential to decide what things are important, such as how the buildings have changed. The aim is to

manage the area more effectively. Before the final document is produced there should be several rounds of consultation and a copy will be put on the Council's website. It is important for residents to become involved as the final document should represent a joint effort between DRS and the community.

Mr. McDonald was then asked a number of questions which he answered as fully as possible. There were a number of points which emerged during this part of the meeting:-

(i) Any change to the conservation status of the Gardens area would require consultation and DRS would invite information from the community to this purpose.

(ii) Enforcement of building rules is a major issue but the case of the uPVC windows in March Street should have been followed up. The Chairman interposed to urge individuals to report breaches of legislation either themselves or via the Society.

(iii) Queens Park could meet the criteria for a Conservation Area. Mr. McDonald suggested that we should harass him with regard to any problems arising from the proposed alterations to the Park.

(iv) The Strathbungo Society has no powers to deal with problems such as painted houses. Even DRS could not take retrospective action if the existing Conservation Area was extended at some time in the future.

The Chairman thanked Mr. McDonald warmly for his contribution.

5. Election of Committee Members

Before the election of the new committee the Chairman asked if the minutes of the previous AGM were in order. There was one minor typing error in paragraph 6. With this correction the minutes were accepted, proposed by Stephen Lamb and seconded by David Goldberg.

Kay Caldwell reinforced the importance of having new members on the committee and said the Committee would welcome anyone who would like to serve on the committee nominating themselves. There was a gratifying response to this appeal and five new members were duly elected to the committee:- Joanna Bleau (), Helen Good (Regent Park Square), Catherine Monaghan, David Goldberg (Moray Place), Andrew Greg (Marywood Square). Existing members were re-elected:- Kay Caldwell, Trisha Jones, Lesley MacCallum, Jean MacKenzie, Sharon Schweps, Andrew Downie, Stephen Lamb, Ian Stark. Finally, the office bearers were elected as follows:- Jim Allison (Secretary), proposed by Kay Caldwell, seconded by Kevin Kane; Joanna Murphy (Treasurer), proposed by Sharon Schweps, seconded by Kevin Kane; Kevin Kane (Chair), proposed by Joanna Murphy, seconded by Kay Caldwell. This concluded the business of the meeting

6. AOB

(i) Kay Caldwell reminded the meeting about Bungo in the Back Lanes which was scheduled for 21st June. She appealed to all those present to get involved in some way to try to make this a success.

The Chairman invited members to avail themselves of tea, coffee and biscuits and thanked everyone for attending, and then closed the meeting.

A full copy of the Chairman's Report is on file.
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