



THE STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

**Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 17th November 2015
Queens Park Baptist Church, 180 Queens Drive**

Present: Kevin Kane (Chair), Alison Hunter (Vice-Chair), Nick Kempe (Treasurer), Alan Dobson, Andrew Downie, Ann Downie, Fiona Mackinnon, Phil Harvey, Lorraine Ford, Kirsty Kyle, Rosie Ilett, Heather Alexander, Elaine Hunter.

Apologies: Carol Dobson (Secretary), Jane Carolan, Joseph Cunningham.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kevin Kane welcomed folks to the first meeting of the new Strathbungo Society Committee, post the recent and successful AGM. He reminded folks that the Committee consists of the 3 trustees (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) plus 15 committee members. He asked new members to acquaint themselves with the Society's aims (as per the new constitution). Kevin asked that people briefly introduce themselves and indicate what areas of the Strathbungo Society's work they were most interested in being involved.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting in October 2015 were approved. There were no new matters arising.

3. New members' interests

Kevin drew Committee members' attention to the paper that outlined the various areas of the Society activities (eg events, environment to publications etc.). He noted the desire to establish 'theme teams', under the direction of a Committee member – and involving people outwith the Committee. It was agreed that 'theme teams' would be allocated an indicative budget and that they would feedback and escalate issues to the Committee for its consideration. He emphasised the need for Committee members to engage with neighbours / friends to help build support for the Society and its community activities.

The following 'theme teams' were agreed:

Society website and social media presence. Alison Hunter, Phil Harvey, Lorraine Ford, Heather Alexander and Andrew Downie agreed to form this group. **ACTION:** Alison Hunter to arrange meeting for this sub-group.

Cycling development; Nick Kempe, Lorraine Ford, Elaine Hunter. **ACTION:** Nick Kempe to arrange meeting.

Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council representation: Kirsty Kyle and Fiona MacKinnon. **Action:** Kevin to inform S&SCC and include SS reps.

Events team: Alison Hunter, Rosie Ilett, Elaine Hunter. **ACTION:** Alison Hunter to arrange meeting.

4. Trustee's (brief) updates

a.) Chair's update

Kevin stressed that he wished people's involvement in the Society should be fun and rewarding if it's not, that it is ok to leave. He noted that the aim was to set out priorities for the year ahead and to recruit sufficient theme team members to enable the Society to undertake its various activities. He noted that the next Society events were; (i) Bungo at the Bells; (ii) 'Brighter Bungo community clean-up 10 January 2016 and (iii) a new *Strathbungo News* ('all the news that fits') for early in the New Year.

b). Treasurer's update

Nick Kempe talked the circulated financial report. It details the loss made by the Society last year due to an increase in expenditure on events. His aim was to increase income over the coming year by reclaiming unclaimed tax and to push up income from the 'Friends of Strathbungo' scheme. In addition a tighter and more transparent control on expenditure, with indicative planning budgets for events. He noted the single biggest cost was the publication of the *Strathbungo News*; Nick would talk to the editor whether costs for this could be reduced (and/or income increased).

The meeting then discussed possible ways of increasing the Society's income. Ideas suggested included increasing the amount of Friends of the Society, applying to more grant giving bodies (given our charitable status) plus organising fundraising events.

c). Secretary's Update

In the Secretary's absence, Alison Hunter relayed to the group the proposed dates for the forthcoming Committee meetings. The Bungo are happy to lend their downstairs room free of charge for the monthly meetings and it was agreed that this would work well. The next *informal* meeting will take place on Tuesday 15 December 2015 downstairs at The Bungo.

ACTION: Carol Dobson to book the venue.

d). Vice-Chair and Events Update

Alison Hunter talked through the events already planned for next year, although it is uncertain whether at this stage the Spring Fling will continue. It was agreed that the events sub-group would now meet to discuss organising events, the viability of the Spring Fling and the possibility of new fundraising events.

5. Brief Activity Updates

a). Weans in the Lanes

Alison Hunter informed the meeting that the November WITL had only attracted people to one lane and that the future of the venture was in question. She said she was happy to continue holding WITL in the one lane but was unsure if it was still appropriate to hold it under the auspices of the Society. The Committee was very supportive of WITL and asked that WITL continue for now using all lanes with a review early next year.

b). *Strathbungo News*

As mentioned previously, the next newsletter will be published in early 2016. Thoughts as to stories etc. needed to be proposed and discussed.

c). Bungo at the Bells

It was agreed this should be the lead item on the agenda next month. Ann and Andrew Downie are to host it outside their house - though they did ask for help in making it happen. They noted that Teresa Moonie had done much of pre-work on the purchase of light refreshments etc. Anna and Andrew to report back next month with the budget required on what needs to be done ahead of BatB. It was agreed that posters be printed for the event and Elaine Hunter agreed to create an event page on Facebook.

ACTION: Ann and Andrew Downie to report back with a proposed budget and Elaine Hunter to create event page.

d). Network Rail

The meeting was informed that Network Rail have said it is not interested in any of the alternative fencing suggested by the Society and it disputes owner's property boundaries as indicated on their feu documentation. The group is seeking legal advice as to the precise location of the legal boundary. Network Rail is attending the next meeting of the Pollokshields Area Partnership meeting, at which the Society is represented (Kevin / Nick).

ACTION: The Network Rail group to advise Nick ahead of the forthcoming PAP meeting and draw up questions - ahead of the next meeting with NR (hopefully to be NOT a site meeting) - and draft a letter to NR on the issue.

6. AOB and Date of next Meeting

There was no AOB.

The next Committee meeting would primarily be a *social meeting* at will held at The Bungo (basement) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 December 2015. The agenda will include update on *Bungo at the Bells* and *Strathbungo News* items for early, New Year edition.