



The Strathbungo Society

Minute of the Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 7.30pm

Queens Park Parish Church, 170 Queens Drive, Glasgow

Present: Trustees: Kevin Kane (Chair), Nick Kempe (Treasurer), Loraine Forde (Secretary) plus 24 people, of which 22 were local Strathbungo residents and two local elected representatives: Baillie Norman MacLeod and Baillie Hanif Raja

Apologies: Evelyn Brown (Network Rail), Ann Downie, Councillor Jon Molyneux, Iain Morrison (Network Rail), Scott Obrzud (Vice Chair), James Powsey, Sharon Withey

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the AGM for 2016-17, invited attendees to become “Friends” of the Society and outlined the agenda of the meeting.

2. Bygone Bungo Presentation (BygoneBungo.com)

Andrew Downie presented on the Bygone Bungo website that he had developed. Andrew established the site in February 2017 to share information, collected over a 10 year period, on the history of Strathbungo. He showcased sections on local history, the streets, maps, historical planning proposals and people/address search functions. Andrew welcomes residents to contact him via the website if they have any information to contribute. There were a number of favourable comments from attendees on the value and interest in Bygone Bungo and a suggestion was made to develop an app to facilitate a tour of Strathbungo’s streets and local architectural features.

3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on October 2016

The Minute of the previous year’s AGM were proposed by Jane Carolan, seconded by Nick Kempe and approved by the meeting.

4. Trustees Report and Annual Accounts

The Chair spoke to the pre-circulated Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending April 2017. In the year 2016-17, the Committee and a wider group of volunteers were involved in a number of successful campaigns and events in the community.

The Chair and Treasurer reported that:

Society Finances have been stabilised by tighter financial controls and increased income.

Our contacts list and membership database has been overhauled to facilitate better targeted communications.

Our Social Media presence has been reviewed with a new Society Facebook page.

The Strathbungo News has been redesigned with thanks to Sharon Schweps for her contribution as editor for over 20 years and welcome to the new editor, Sarah Reid.

'Event Books' have been created for our regular events (Bungo in the Back Lanes and Bungo at the Bells) to ensure their continuation and success in future years regardless of volunteer turnover.

Bungo in the Back Lanes 2016 was bigger and better than ever, with more lanes and people involved a new community group areas. Thanks to Glasgow City Council for their continued grant funding.

Bungo Spring Fling 2017 moved to the larger premises at Langside Halls and the craft fair, Bake-off and tea rooms made a great community event. Thanks to Rosie Ilett and the team.

Brighter Bungo, the quarterly community clean-up, continued its good work, keeping the back lanes and streets clear of litter and fly-tipping. More volunteers always welcome.

Strathbungo Winter Wanderland, was organised by local resident Sarah Reid, with modest financial support from the Society. The event attracted hundreds of people to Strathbungo and was featured on BBC News website.

Pollokshields Election Hustings was initiated and supported by the Society along with our sister organisations Pollokshields Trust and the Community Council.

The Society is formally represented on the Pollokshields Area Partnership, and has been involved in a number of cleansing, planning and improvement initiatives.

The Society negotiated a successful outcome to the Moray Place / Network Rail fence, following a two year campaign opposing the installation of high, weldmesh fencing and extensive vegetation clearance. The outcome has added to Strathbungo, our green corridor has not been lost and the Society has established the real property line between residents and NR. NR have also responded to the call to upgrade the Moray Place footbridge and will update the Society in January 2018.

The Chair thanked the Trustees, Committee members, Society volunteers and local Councillors for all their contributions to the Society's work, events and success over the last year.

The Treasurer delivered the financial report for the year and noted that the Society had generated a surplus of £1,708. The Accounts are maintained electronically, in a receipt and payment format approved by the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator, which is less expensive for the Society in terms of accountancy input. Event costs and printing costs were reduced, contributing to an overall significant reduction in expenditure. The Society had a closing balance of £6,000, of which £1,200 was grant paid in advance by GCC for the 2107/18 Bungo in the Back Lanes. The Committee, informed by advice from our accountant, had concluded it would be sensible to maintain reserves of c£3k, meaning c£1,800 was available for future projects. The Accounts were proposed by Carol Dobson and seconded by Heather Alexander and approved by the meeting.

5. Group Discussions

Attendees split into four groups to discuss four different topics. (Fuller summaries on the Bungo Blog)

Nithsdale Road Landscaping

The group suggested that the street should have trees in the centre, possibly in planters, with parking in the centre on either side. The pavement should be improved and commercial bins sited elsewhere. Two new ideas were “A city tree” and “subterranean bins”.

The Society in the coming year

Promote the Society as an organisation that can help individuals and groups who want to set up new community events, initiatives, clubs etc. Alert the community to when there are relevant official consultations where input from local residents is important. Consider a Christmas event with a “giving” theme. Other ideas: more art at the BitBL, a box junction at Moray Place, consider planting in the Back Lanes.

Phone Box / Bungo Booth

A flexible design for use by different groups. A local history / ‘Greek’ Thomson display was particularly popular as part of the space with a variety of other uses suggested.

Web presence

Make better use of social media and rethink the Bungo Blog, including who and why.

6. Election of office bearers and trustees

The following members were re-elected unopposed to the Committee

Heather Alexander
Jane Carolan
Imelda Devlin
Carol Dobson
Alan Dobson
Ann Downie
Yasmin Faiz
Alison Hunter
Fiona MacKinnon

The following members were newly elected unopposed to the Committee

Catherine Cory
Vivian Hynes
Paola Rezzilli
Sarah Reid
Joyce Russell

Nick Kempe was re-elected unopposed as Treasurer.

Lorraine Forde was re-elected unopposed as Secretary.

Kevin Kane was re-elected unopposed as Chair.

The role of Vice-Chair is currently vacant.

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