



THE STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday 21st November 2017

The Den, The Bungo, Nithsdale Road

Present : Heather Alexander, Catherine Cory, Alan Dobson, Carol Dobson, Ann Downie, Loraine Forde (Minute), Kevin Kane (Chair), Nick Kempe (Treasurer), Fiona MacKinnon, Paola Rezzilli, Joyce Russell

In attendance: Andrew Downie, Cllr Jon Molyneux (Scottish Greens), Stephen Goode,

Apologies: Alison Hunter

1. Welcome

Kevin welcomed members, Cllr Molyneaux and other supporters and noted apologies.

Cllr Molyneaux talked about the 5 priorities for the Green Group citywide, and members raised points on this in relation to the Strathbungo area.

2. Minutes and matters arising

The Minute of the previous meeting on 10th October 2017 was approved.

Matters arising

Membership fees for the Greek Thompson Society and Glasgow Civic Forum have not been paid.

The re-branding exercise is ongoing. A sub-group have met with Neil and a second meeting has been organised.

The Window Wanderland funding application missed the deadline for discussion and will now be discussed at the meeting in January. It may be necessary for the Society to fund the event in advance of a grant being received. The application is for £2000 for new street events.

The PA system requires repair for Bungo at the Bells. There is uncertainty about its current physical location. It was agreed that we should approach Theresa for the name of the original supplier to see if they can repair.

ACTIONS:

Nick will continue efforts to make contact with the Greek Thompson Society and Glasgow Civic Forum.

The rebranding sub-group will meet on 5th December at the Bungo.

Approach Theresa re PA system supplier details.

3. AGM Minutes and matters arising

The draft minutes were noted, and will taken to the AGM in 2018 for approval.

The Vice Chair post remains unfilled. A Vice Chair is required as one of the four office-bearers and in relation to Society banking. Members, especially those with Society committee experience, were asked to consider taking on the role.

ACTION: Members will consider taking on the role

4. Society Priorities for the Year Ahead

It was agreed that a more active social media presence could help to raise the Society profile, but that checks and balances are needs to ensure that posts and comments represent Society views. The Communications sub-group will meet to discuss the way forward.

It was agreed that a Christmas “giving” event tied to an activity would be a good idea, but thought that there is insufficient time to organise for this year. Jane has discussed use of space in front of Mulberry Street with the owners, with a view to having an event e.g. Carol singing tied to donations for local foodbanks.

ACTIONS:

Heather will organise a meeting of the Communications sub-group for early January (Heather, Sarah, Andrew, Stephen and Paola.)

Heather will publicise giving to local foodbank at Christmas

Jon will ask Govanhill Voices Choir about availability for an event

5. Planning matters

a) Nick talked about the local redevelopment and green spaces and will attend a meeting of the Pollokshields Trust on Friday.

It was suggested that the Red Phone Box plans could be incorporated into the other local redevelopment.

b) Fiona has sent a further comment on emergency vehicle access in our narrow streets for our response to the Scottish Fire and Rescue plan.

Alan suggests that we should not mix in comments on policing issues.

Jon mentioned HMOs in relation to the Fire Plan

c) Kevin will circulate the minute of the Pollokshields Are Partnership.

Matters of interest included Glasgow Food Growing Strategy, funding applications and firework problems.

Jon mentioned that there is currently a petition on fireworks which will lead to a debate in the UK Parliament.

ACTIONS:

Nick will incorporate further comments and finalise and send the response.

Kevin will circulate the PAP minute.

6. Brighter Bungo

Alan distributed proposed dates for Brighter Bungo:

7th January, 18th March, 10th June, 19th August, 28th October.

The last event approximately 4 weeks previously attracted 18 participants.

There was discussion about what we are permitted to do i.e. picking up litter and the problems of picking up large amounts of materials, heavy items, glass, needles etc., and about conflicting messages re bulk uplift and fly tipping and leaf litter.

ACTIONS: Jon will investigate the conflicting messages on bulk uplift and fly tipping

6. Bungo at the Bells

A local resident has offered a venue on the corner of Queens Square and Moray place, but may need to withdraw due to family illness.

We may need a back up venue.

It was suggested that the Society should purchase a trestle table for the event and others.

ACTIONS: Repairs to the PA system required and playlist for the event

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8. Newsletter

Gerry Hassan is assisting Sarah with the newsletter.

A new issue is being prepared, some regular columns and listings will be established and we will aim for 4 issues annually of 6 sides.

Andrew is currently gathering and digitising old issues of the newsletter, but has some gaps in coverage.

8. AOCB

New General Data Protection Regulations will come into force soon, and will be applicable to the Society.

This means that we will need to be stricter about personal information that we hold and consents to do so, including on Mailchimp and the mail list on Dropbox.

Paola is interested in reviving a cloth bag for the Society. She has already approached one local artist in relation to a design and will speak to some others. There was discussion on how the design should relate to the new branding.

ACTIONS:

Heather, Nick and Andrew will discuss the implications of the new regulations for the Society.

Paola will move forward with planning for the bag design and production for sale at events.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm and will have a short agenda and the opportunity to socialise.