

STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting Monday 13 March 2012 The Bungo, Nithsdale Road, Strathbungo

Present: Laura Moodie (Chairperson), Christine Kuhn, Dee Miller

1. Sederunt and Apologies

Stephen Rees, Amanda MacDonald, Lynne Flower, Joanna Murphy, Niall, and Catriona Watts

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as accurate.

Pending item: send letter to Mr. Frazer Macleod of DRS, Glasgow City Council regarding their survey on installation of UPVC windows in the Strathbungo Conservation area and future action against offenders.

ACTION – Laura Moodie to finalise and send letter to Frazer Macleod.

3. Finance **Finance Report**

Exact numbers pending update from the treasurer, however, £233.11 was taken in on the day of Spring Fling with £217.95 in hand after refreshment reimbursement.

Grant Funding

Pollokshields Area Committee is postponing its usual meeting in April until June which poses a problem with requesting grant funding for Bungo in the Back Lanes 2012. An application submitted in mid-June, however, a retroactive grant would not be given if a request was made in late June. The Southside Festival was granted an emergency grant application submission in order to ensure funding. Strathbungo Society will attempt a similar request.

Lynn has the old grant forms which need to be forwarded to Amanda. Amanda will need talk to the Committee.

ACTION – Laura Moodie will inquire about submitting an emergency grant application to the Pollokshields Area Committee
- Lynn Flowers will forward old grant forms to Amanda McDonald

4. Communications

Newsletter

Dee will edit this issue. Various topics were discussed for inclusion in this edition: BitBL, groundwork, Spring Fling, Andrew Downie history project, South Seeds gardening, Christmas carolling, and Talkback Section.

Website

Changes were made to the layout. Problems with posts from Facebook into BungoBlog were noted. Two blog items were suggested for BungoBlog.

Shawlands Community Council had voiced issues with posting their minutes on-line. The chairperson had suggested they could post to the BungoBlog.

Mineworkings / Back Lanes Reinstatement / Nithsdale Road Clean-up Proposals

GCC Housing Investments has undertaken to fund the cost of the back lane reinstatement—to lift and relay the existing cobble setts were necessary, clear silt and clean out existing drainage system. Forkers indicated they are still awaiting Council instruction and there are currently no schedule of works. For contractual reasons the work will probably be confined to the two back lanes affected.

Forkers indicated that the batching plant will be dismantled this week.

It may still be possible to ask the Council to use funds to improve Nithsdale Road with remaining funds.

Hutchie Community Café Stall

Hutchison Grammar School has arranged a community organization open house for their pupils on Friday from 11:00 – 13:00h. Organizations can highlight their activities and students have an opportunity to learn about these organizations for volunteering. Teresa is the point person but is unable to attend.

**ACTION – Teresa Mooney will deliver the open house material.
Laura Moodie, Dee Miller and Christine Kuhn will attend.**

South Seeds and Community Gardening

Laura Moodie and Christine Kuhn had met with Laura Gillie with South Seeds to discuss urban landscape: providing large planters on Nithsdale Road, planting up the Nithsdale hard landscape “planter” and reworking the roundabout with plants. A potential problem with providing planters with plantings on Nithsdale Road is people using them as rubbish bins. This has been a concern with residents in near-by streets. South Seeds had additional funding this year and can provide scaffolding planters, topsoil and plants for Nithsdale Road, however, these planters may not be popular with residents. Ms. Gillie suggested asking the Council for planters similar in design to the bins. It was suggested placing the planters near the road rather than near the buildings.

Any plans to beautify the Nithsdale hard landscape planter should be coordinated with the LES to complement their maintenance schedule. Trial plants could be used in the stonework for future work on the Nithsdale roundabout. The idea of beautifying the Nithsdale roundabout was shelved due to a health and safety issue.

The corner leading to Susie’s Corner store needs cleaning. The lilac needs pruning, however, it is too late this year.

Laura suggested a planting activity during BitBL.

Two organizations can assist with general cleaning up and preparation of the hard landscape planter: Community Reparation Team and Clean Green Team.

Ms. Gillie suggested that Strathbungo consider adopting a community plant to reflect the area similar to Pollokshields which has the holly as their community plant. This is then reflected in the numerous holly plants throughout Pollokshields. One suggestion was given at Spring Fling for *Eryngium Alpinum*, “It is a strong, tough and represents the spirit of the Strathbungo community.”

ACTION – Laura Moodie will contact LES and draft letter to residents and businesses about the planters. Dee Miller will draft drawings of Nithsdale planter placement. Develop a sub-committee to handle this activity.

Mice

Although some residents reported a disappearance of mice others have still seen evidence of their existence.

5. Event Planning

Spring Fling – Debrief/Discussion

It was extended for the animation workshop. There were not enough volunteers.

Bungo in the Back Lanes

BitBL will be held on 23 June from 13:00-16:00h.

Jenny from The Bungo expressed interest in helping and how best to participate in BitBL.

Joanna has a task sheet of all the things required to plan for BitBL.

6. A.O.B

No additional business.

The next meeting of the Strathbungo Society will be on the 16th April 2012 at 7.30pm in The Bungo.

Addendum

Notes from discussion with Lucy Gillie, South Seeds 16/3/12

Undertook site visit of Nithsdale Road, focussing on areas singled out for improvement in conservation area appraisal (see picture) – the gateway to the area, Nithsdale roundabout and Nithsdale Rd hard landscaped planter, plus Nithsdale Road's pavements and the corner of Moray Place by Susie's store.

Points to consider in all cases:

- Upkeep and maintenance, particularly litter removals are likely to be bug bears. Two other groups can assist with this –
- Community Reparation Team (community service, need to provide toilets) Sacro Community Reparation Service, 0141 248 1763. Email: crs@glasgow.sacro.org.uk. Web: www.sacro.org.uk
- Clean Green Team (Roma + translator, no need to provide toilets)
- Funding, none from South Seeds until next financial year. Assistance in form of planters made from reused scaffolding, rubble, top soil. Pollokshields Area Committee not meeting until June.

Nithsdale Rd planters

- Funding for and installation of fixed planters – contact LES, part of reinstatement works?
- Plants to be used – community nomination? Evergreen interest, difference in conditions on odd and even sides of street, heather/Erica, box?
- Appearance, to match bins?
- Four or five on each side of the street, fixed to the pavement, on the side nearest the cars to provide a screen, mark path/road boundary detract from the 'car park' feel!

Nithsdale Roundabout

- Difficult from a health-and-safety point of view
- Trial plants that creep in cracks between stones in the cobbles surrounding the hard-landscaped planter with a view to using these on the roundabout in future – thyme, prost. Rosemary etc

Nithsdale hard-landscaped planter

- Most potential here.
- Contact Jack Devine at LES to find out maintenance schedule to plan and request wall is fixed.
- Remove dead tree and overgrown ones, plus grass and weeds. (CRT and /or CGT)
- Mixed planting, wildlife friendly, some evergreens, some raised beds for edibles?
- Could get old material moved in next couple of months and have planting day as part of Bungo In The Back Lanes.

Moray Place corner by Susie's

- Attracts litter and is overgrown
- Lilac needs cutting back hard which will stop litter collecting underneath. Missed our chance this year but should do it in Autumn.

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conservation area appraisal

Shopfronts, Signs and Adverts.

The survival of original shopfronts and signs in an area contribute to its character. However, frontages which are not in keeping with the area's character are harmful to the quality of the local townscape.

Back Lanes. The erosion of character of the back lanes caused by frequent demolition and relocation/rebuilding of rear boundary walls and dilapidation of original cobbled surfacing diminishes the historic character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Positive Buildings and Areas

The buildings and areas which contribute positively to the character and appearance of the conservation area are plotted on map 1.

Negative/Neutral Buildings and Areas

The buildings and areas which do not contribute positively to the character and appearance of the conservation area are plotted on map 2.



1. Positive Buildings and Areas map
2. Negative/Neutral Buildings and Areas

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