

STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting Monday 17th September 2012 The Bungo, Nithsdale Road, Strathbungo

Present: Laura Moodie (Chairperson), Anne Downie, Joanna Murphy, Teresa Mooney, Nick Kemp, Brian Miller, Dee Miller, Stephen Rees (Secretary), Stephen Lamb, Chris Kuhn, Paola Rezzilli, Saif Abzar, Cllr Norman MacLeod & Cllr David Meikle

1. Sederunt and Apologies

Amanda MacDonald (Treasurer), Andrew Downie, Stephen Lamb

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as accurate.
No matters were arising

3. Finance **Finance Report**

The balance on the account as of 17 September was £3806.64, This included a grant which had been received from Glasgow City Council which could not be accounted for. This matter was being looked into by the Treasurer.

Action: Amanda MacDonald

Annual Accounts and Trustees Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2012

The Chair advised that the annual accounts were with auditor and should be completed and audited by the AGM scheduled for Tuesday 23rd October 2012.

The Chair advised that the position of Treasurer would require a volunteer to take over the role at the forthcoming AGM.

4. Communications

Newsletter

Dee Miller confirmed that the autumn newsletter would be printed the following day and thereafter distributed. Contact had been received from Hutchison Grammar School wishing to write articles for the newsletter. This was to be welcomed as were all other volunteers wishing to write articles for the newsletter

Website

It was noted that activity on the web site remained constant with independent postings and discussions being undertaken on a regular basis.

5. Brighter Bungo

It was noted that the recent clean up event had been well attended and that a large volume of rubbish had been collected. Concerns were raised as to the ability of the society to continue the activity as Glasgow City Council were scaling back on its support for such events due to insurance costs. The Strathbungo Society had been asked whether they were in a position to pay the public liability insurance for such activities. A quote was to be obtained from Brian Noble (GCC) & Hiscox before any decision would be made. Cllr David Meikle advised that he would look into the matter within Glasgow City Council to see where these concerns were coming from.

It was noted that the Strathbungo Society had been nominated for an award by Keep Scotland Beautiful in the category Neighbourhood Award. The Chair, Scott Mackay and

Laura Hudson Mackay had met with the local assessor. A volunteer was sought to attend the award ceremony in Edinburgh.

Action: Laura Moodie

6. Bins

It was noted that a news story re: the bins would appear in the Strathbungo newsletter. The news story would focus on encouraging residents to do more to keep the area clean. Anne Downie advised that she had met with LES and that they had advised that they had introduced new lorries to collect the rubbish and that positive action was being to address concerns raised.

Residents of Strathbungo living in the tenements asked that it be minuted that they received an excellent service and that LES should be congratulated.

7. Free Cash Machine

Saif Abzar owner of the local corner shop in Pollokshields Road attended the meeting to ask for the societies support against action taken by Glasgow City Council to remove the only free cash point machine in Strathbungo. The Council had advised him that the cash point machine had been installed without appropriate planning permission due to the listed status of the building occupied by the shop. Whilst the Strathbungo Society could not condone not applying for planning permission, it was agreed that the Society would support a retrospective planning application as the machine was an important amenity to the residents of Strathbungo. Saif Abzar advised that a petition had been started to support the presence of the cash machine in the building. The councillors present advised that an appeal had now been submitted to the Scottish Government which they had been asked to comment upon. Members of the public were asked to do likewise. Details were to be posted on the society website to encourage this.

Action: Laura Moodie

8. Network Rail

The meeting noted that residents of Moray Place had been woken at 3.00am by the activities of Network Rail on the railway line adjacent to their homes. No advance warning of works had been received from Network rail. It was noted that the Communication Manager had been helpful and that he was concerned that no notification had been issued to residents re the Glasgow South Signalling Re-Modelling Programme. The Communications Manager was keen to work with the society and had suggested that we also contact Mr Dave Boyce, Head of PR, Network Rail Scotland to build up a relationship with him.

It was suggested that the society should write to Network Rail to point out the ongoing concerns of the residents re the Japanese knotweed, litter problems, footbridge management and tree maintenance along the railway line. Network Rail was to be asked whether the society and local residents could be given permission to undertake minor works e.g. paint the foot bridge.

Action: Laura Moodie

The next meeting of the Strathbungo Society will be on Monday the 19th November 2012 at 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed.