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Registered Charity Number SCO38276

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Statutory Information

The Strathbungo Society

Registered Charity Number: SCO38276

Principal Address: 53, Queen Square, Strathbungo, Glasgow G41 2BD

Charity Trustees: Teresa Mooney - Chair
Allison Hussain - Vice Chair
Bryan Miller - Treasurer
Alison Hunter - Secretary.

The Strathbungo Society ("the Society") is governed by its constitution last amended at the AGM on 21 May 2007 and available for examination on the Society's website at www.bungoblog.com

At the AGM, the members of the Society elect Trustees being a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Trustees hold office until the next AGM, when they are eligible for re-election.

The Society's objectives as set out in the Constitution are:-

- **To advance citizenship and develop the community** by encouraging all members of the community, including families, children, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and the elderly to interact with the aim of improving the community both by bringing the community together and by promoting the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities within or in the vicinity of the Strathbungo area; and
- **To promote the conservation of local architectural and environmental heritage, including the maintenance or improvement of the built and natural environment.**

Operating Review

Strathbungo Society Trustee's Report 2014-15

It has been another active and successful year for the Society.

Now in its seventeenth year, this year's **Bungo in the Back Lanes** (BITBL) was a tremendous success. We are extremely grateful to Pollokshields Partnership for its grant that enabled us to augment the event and make it such a success.

Another tremendous success was the second **Bungo Birl**. This was a great family night out and the music, dancing and food was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Bungo at the Bells attracted a huge crowd again this year - and two unknown pipers! With good weather, music and a very friendly family atmosphere, as a community we started off 2015 in very good spirits.

Our Bungo **Spring Fling** event was well attended and the Bungo **Children and Young People's Art Competition** had over 250 entries - the most ever. It was delightful for all who attended to see the creative talents of all those who entered and to be able to get together with neighbours and friends over tea, coffee and cake.

Brighter Bungo has grown over the course of the year and it is really heartening to see so many people come out, even in the most inclement weather, to make a contribution to improving the look of our neighbourhood. In addition, there are now four drop off points for the clean-up days: two at Nithsdale Road lanes and two at Vennard Gardens lanes. This has made it easier for many residents to participate.

Improving the environment of our area and developing and promoting its unique and valued architectural and environmental heritage has been a focus of some of the work we have been engaged in via membership of Glasgow Civic Forum and Pollokshields Partnership, as well as the planning issues that we have been involved in on behalf of residents. We have increased the level of our participation in Glasgow Civic Forum, which brings together conservation organisations across the city, and sent a representative to the Scottish Civic Trust conference where useful contacts were made. The Strathbungo Society has been represented at all Pollokshields Partnership meetings, where the focus has continued to be on improving the local amenity of the area particularly through tackling litter. At the end of the year in partnership with Pollokshields Heritage and Pollokshields Community Council we collated, analysed and presented on planning enforcement issues across the Pollokshields ward (Strathbungo Pollokshields, East Pollokshields etc.).

The Strathbungo Society has also tried to maintain links with Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council, which is the Community Council that formally represents our area. However, over the period, the Community Council has been far less active than previously.

We continued to try and establish a working relationship with Network Rail to take forward further improvements. For example, we were delighted to hear that Network Rail confirmed its ownership of the pedestrian bridge over the railway at Moray Place / Regent Park Square and its intention to schedule long-needed maintenance work sometime in 2017. In October, Network Rail contacted householders along Moray Place to announce they were about to install a mesh fence because of trespass on the railway line. The Society organised a well-attended meeting, where residents unanimously agreed that the proposals were not in keeping with the conservation area and our Chair, with the support of our MP and MSP, got agreement from Network Rail to postpone the planned works pending further information and discussion. These were slow to develop and there had been no significant developments by the year end which in the view of the Trustees was cause for continued concern.

We have been fortunate to have continued support from our three City Councillors: Cllr Meikle, Cllr MacLeod and Bailie Raja, as well as our MP and MSP, Anas Sarwar and Nicola Sturgeon. We value their input and support and look forward to continuing to work with our elected representatives in the coming year.

We also value highly the input and dedication of so many volunteers, without whom, none of the events and work we have been engaged in could take place or succeed. Thanks to one and all for each and every contribution.

Financial Review

The Society operates an unrestricted current account, through which it runs its ongoing activities.

As shown in the following receipts and payments account, the Society generated a deficit of £536 on its activities in the year ending 30 April 2015. This compares to a surplus of £1,388 in the year ended 30 April 2014.

The Society aims for events to break even or contribute to its general running costs, the vast majority of which is spent on the production of the newsletter four times a year. The Society continues to rely heavily on support from its "Friends" to help fund the publication. Donations from Friends were £754 this year, which is a decrease from 2014 when donations of £875 were received.

The Society received funding of £1,010 in the year from Glasgow City Council via the Pollokshields Partnership budget to help enhance and contribute to the costs which the Society incurs in running **Bungo in the Back Lanes** and helps ensure that event remains financially viable. Expenditure on **Bungo in the Back Lanes** continues to increase, mainly driven by the need to meet Health and Safety requirements. Grant income in 2014 was £2,270 and included a one off grant from Glasgow City Council which boosted income in that year. The Society is very grateful to the Council for its continued support of the Society and its work but the trustees are aware they now need to review and develop broaden the Society's sources of income.

At 30 April 2014 the Society had unrestricted funds in hand of £2,894.24

During the year, the Society received donated facilities and services from the local community and businesses, particularly in terms of support for **Bungo in the Back Lanes**, for which the Society is very grateful as they contribute enormously to the success of the events the Society runs. These are credited in full in the Society's summer and other newsletters. In addition, it is worthy of note that all Society events and initiatives are run solely by community volunteers.

The Trustees' declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Society's Trustees

Signed..... Alison Hunter, Secretary Date.....

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Statement of receipts and payments Year ending 30 April 2015

		2014/15 Total funds Current Period	2013/14 Total funds Previous Period
Income			
Donations	Friends	754	875
Grants	Glasgow City Council	1,010	2270
	Bungo in the Back Lanes	2,107	1784
Fundraising Activities	Bungo Birl	1,074	1224
	Spring Fling	248	191
Other Income		0	123
Total income		5,193	6467
Expenditure			
	Spring Fling	456	455
Fundraising activities	Bungo in the Back Lanes	2,300	1723
	Bungo Birl	683	785
	Newsletters	1,720	1613
Other activities	Brighter Bungo	127	20
	AGM	68	60
	Bungo at the Bells	228	0
Miscellaneous Expenses		147	423
Total expenditure		5,729	5079
(Deficit) for the year		(536)	1388

Statement of balances As at 30 April 2015

	Total current period	Total previous period
Cash Funds (unrestricted)		
Opening cash balance	3,431	2043
Deficit for the year	-536	1388
Closing cash balance	2,895	3431

Signed on behalf of the Society's trustees
25th October 2015
Alison Hunter

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Notes to the accounts
Year ended 30 April 2015

1 Funds

The Society holds a Current account with Clydesdale Bank plc for day to day receipts and payments. These funds are unrestricted.

No restricted funds are currently held.

2 Grants Received

The Society received the sum of £1,010 from Glasgow City Council to partially fund the costs of Bungo in the Back Lanes 2014.

3 Trustee Remuneration & Transactions with Connected Persons

Dee Miller was remunerated £400 as the editor of the Strathbungo Newsletter for the design & production of the Newsletters. A volunteer then took over.
No other remuneration was paid to trustees or connected persons.

4 Trustee expenses

No expenses were paid to any Society Trustees.

Independent examiner's report
The Strathbungo Society – Registered charity number SCO38276
on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 30th April 2015

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The Society's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Society trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulation 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....  20th September 2015

Allan Hunter
Chartered Certified Accountant
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