

STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 11th October 2011
Queens Park Parish Church Hall, Queens Drive

Present: **Office Bearers**
Chairman: Laura Moodie
Vice Chair: Position Vacant
Secretary: Stephen Rees
Treasurer: Amanda MacDonald

Local Councillors
Norman MacLeod (Pollokshields, SNP)

The attendance was 51 people, including those above.

1. Sederunt and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.
Apologies had been received from Rosie Illet, Councillor David Meikle and Bailie Hanif Raja

2. Approval of the Minutes for the AGM held on 11th October 2011 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the AGM held on the 11th October 2011 were approved. No matters were arising.

2. Adoption of the Chair's Report and Annual Accounts

Chair's Report

The Chairperson reviewed the Society's activities for the year 2011 – 2012. The various events and activities were referred back to the main objectives of the Society, in short the promotion of citizenship, and the protection of the conservation area. The following areas were highlighted:

Events:	Bungo at the Bells Spring Fling and Art Competition Bungo in the Back Lanes Bungo Fest
Initiatives:	Mine workings – Discussions ongoing re-clean up, repair liability & additional funding Brighter Bungo – Nominated for Keep Scotland Beautiful – Neighbourhood Award. Discussions with LES (GCC) were ongoing re challenges of refuse collection in the back lanes, residents asked to take more responsibility of their back lanes Queens Park Arena – The transfer of unused Landfill Communities Funds given to the Strathbungo Society for an unsuccessful pilot refurbishment of the back lanes and transferred to the Queens Park Arena project, had been instrumental in getting the project started
Communication:	Bungo Blog Website Newsletters – the work of the new editor was noted and the need to generate more income from the news letter. Strathbungo Society on Facebook Working with our local Councillors
Planning	Local applications and Society's responses

Financial report

The Treasurer outlined the independently audited accounts for the year 2011 –12. The full accounts are detailed in the Annual report, which will be available on the society website. At 30th April 2012, the Society held unrestricted funds of £1,946, a surplus of £202 over the previous year.

The contents of the Trustees Report and Annual Accounts was received and noted. The Treasurer was requested to lodge them with OSCR. Mr Allan Hunter was thanked for auditing the Trustees' Annual Report.

4. Election of Office Bearers

The Treasurer indicated that she would not stand for re-election. Two names were proposed for the roles of Vice Chair and Treasurer. These were duly nominated and approved as were the continued appointment of the Chair and Secretary. The Office Bearers of the Strathbungo Society for the year 2012- 13 will be:

Chairperson:	Laura Moodie
Vice Chair:	Teresa Mooney
Secretary:	Stephen Rees
Treasurer:	Chris Kuhn

The Chairperson thanked all those who had supported the society during the last year, specifically Amanda McDonald and Lynne Flower for their work with the Strathbungo Society finances. Teresa Mooney for her roles in the Spring Fling, Art Competition and Bungo at the Bells; Matt Moodie for the website, Niall Walker for organising the Bungo Fest and finally the Friends of the Society for financial support, and members of the Glasgow City Council, Pollokshields Area Committee for financial support towards Bungo in the Back Lanes and Bungofest during the last year.

5. Open Discussion

The Chairperson requested that as opposed to the Chair giving their plans for the coming year, that discussions be held on each table to discuss what those living in Strathbungo would like the Society to do. Individual tables were tasked with discussing various areas of the Society's Activities with a brief of providing a few discussion points. The tables were provided with the following briefs and the bullet points under each theme represent the feedback received -

a. Environment

- Best lane award competition
- Bins
- Planting on roundabout & triangle

b. Heritage

- Reinstatement of fountain on roundabout

c. Events

- Funding – Possibility of increasing subscription to £2/ month
- Creation of Community – Nithsdale Drive
- Volunteering – consider hiring gazebos
- Invite Fire Service/ Police to BITBL – help create a sense of community/ space

d. Communications

- Improve signage
- Blog v Newsletter – Cost?
- Content for newsletter – encouraging more to contribute, next deadline 1st December.
- Communicate to residents what they need to do with their bins

e. Funding

- E-news letter
- No need for glossy

- Use of local printer, carrying branded advertisements
- Earlier notice of clean up events
- Different rates of subscriptions
- Arts event

f. Engagement

- Annual subscriptions
- Audit of trees in conservation area
- Tree problems – format to approach neighbours – shared costs of taking down trees - problems of lime trees
- Rubbish
- Backlanes
- Awareness of available information
- Conservation area – guide to homeowners
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g. Planning

- more volunteers to work on planning issues
- increase membership not fees
- fundraising drive
- restoration of lamp posts
- motivation – dedicated committees for certain jobs or officers, individuals to take on roles
- Cancel BITBL for 1 year (a kick up the arse for those who don't volunteer)
- Need to encourage more volunteers
- Vision for area, collective solution for areas problems

All present were thanked for their thoughts and comments which the Society will discuss further in its regular meetings over the coming months

6. Planning Application – 23 Marywood Square

Following recent concerns re the proposed development of a 24 bed back packers hostel at 23 Marywood Square, the Society hosted a discussion on the proposed development. The Society had submitted an objection to the council re the proposed development on the grounds that the development was contrary to the local conservation plan and concerns re loss of amenity to local residents.

It was noted that the application for a back packers permitted other uses for the building such as a hostel. Concerns were expressed re the use of 23 Marywood Square as a homeless hostel, although it was pointed out to those present that Glasgow City Council have a policy of not housing homeless people in dormitory style accommodation as is proposed in this development. Concerns were expressed as to the suitability of the development as a back packer due to limitations on parking and the noise and that the development was contrary to the local conservation plan for the area.

The owner of the proposed development who was present at the meeting indicated that his plans for 23 Marywood Square were for its development as a back packer. There were no proposals for it to be turned into a homeless hostel and that the lease being put in place for 12 years was that the building be used as a back packer. He indicated that the proposed development was in the interest of the local community.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr Norman MacLeod thanked the Society for inviting him to attend the AGM and made all present that as their elected representative he was available to his constituents via regular surgeries and the contact details on his business card which he would distribute after the meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

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