



Minutes of Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
The Den, The Bungo, Nithsdale Road

**Present:** Kevin Kane (Chair), Nick Kempe (Treasurer), Ann Downie, Andrew Downie, Imelda Devlin, Steven Good, Sarah Reid, Fiona MacKinnon, Heather Alexander, Paola Rezzilli, Joyce Russell, Ian Stark, ...

**Attending:** Michael McArthur, Network Rail

**Apologies:** Alan Dobson

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Kevin welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Michael McArthur from Network Rail who was the brief the Society on the forthcoming refurbishment of the Moray Place footbridge.

**2. Moray Place / Darnley Road footbridge**

Michael McArthur noted that Network Rail (NR) are currently at the design stage of the project. The plan is to strengthen the bridge, make repairs and to wholly remove and repaint the bridge.

The likely timescale for works is October or November, with some set up works prior to the works commencing. Mr McArthur noted that the works will be done via 'disruptive possession' which will mean that no trains will run under footbridge and the footbridge itself will be closed to pedestrians. Likely to happen over two weekends. Scaffolding to be erected for access / safe removal of paint.

It was noted that the bridge is "C" Listed and NR would engage with Council planners over the works. Fiona M asked about planning permission. NR may seek approval with Planning Dept, though works might be within NR's permitted development rights so no planning permission needed. However, all details will be posted on the Council's Planning website, nearer the time

Two specific requests were made by the meeting. That NR install lighting and handrails at both sets of steps – in keeping with its listed status. Solar lighting was suggested as a possibility, similar to works done in Queen's Park. NR to investigate. Mr McArthur noted that a new anti-slip deck will be installed, to replace the current 'Dunbar plate'.

Re. the paint colour to be used, Holly Green is NR's standard colour for historic features, but it was agreed that the current black and white / pearl colourway would be retained. Fiona M said she would investigate what the original colour might have been and report back.

Andrew Downie asked what effect potential electrification of the line might have, as the bridge is currently too low. Mr McArthur noted that there were no current plans to electrify the line.

Kevin thanked Mr McArthur for taking the time to meet with the Society, which he hoped would be of use to NR. Mr McArthur promised to come back in June or July to provide a further update.

## **2. Volunteers for Secretary Post**

Kevin noted the Society needed a new Secretary as Loriane had had to step down due to pressure at work. No one at meeting volunteered, though Kevin reiterated the need for the Society to have a Secretary and for someone to volunteer to do so. In the meantime, it was suggested that the taking of the Minute be a rolling responsibility. **ACTION: To be discussed at next meeting.**

## **3. Repairs to PA**

Paola R has been contacted on social media by someone who can take an initial look before any money is spent. **ACTION: Paola to pass on details to Andrew Downie.**

## **4. Society's new branding**

Kevin noted that the Society now had a new, updated and consistent branding. It is being used on all event posters etc. He noted that the desire to have Strathbungo branded street posters was now more likely (and less costly) as it appears that the Council has started putting up lamp post brackets that could be used by the Society in the future.

## **5. Finance**

Spring Fling 2018 likely to make a small loss due to cost of branded poster and fewer stalls.

## **6. Strathbungo Window Wanderland**

Sarah thanked the Society for securing the £1,900 grant from Pollokshields Area Partnership. This would pay for new features including: Caravan Theatre, Brass Aye band performers, a cinema in the lane showing video of old Glasgow etc., plus a lighting technician (to illuminate trees in Moray Place and decorate lamp posts) and a filmmaker.

Nick produced a Risk Assessment and new insurance for the event (cost £230). Ian Stark brought up the issue of liability for people using the lanes but this is covered by insurance and by the arrangements made to accompany people into lane areas for specific events. As the lanes are a right of way at all times, the event was seen to provide no extra liability. Stewards were needed to help with traffic management, lost children (who should be taken to Merry go Round, Nithsdale Road). Stephen, Fiona, Ian, Andrew D and Kevin volunteered.

## **7. Bungo Spring Fling**

Posters and flyers designed and printed. Judges for Bungo Bake-Off appointed. Prizes TBC. Zeno cafe is possible donor. Heather Alexander suggested Society branded aprons could be a prize. No craft table this time but have hired a face painter instead. Volunteers needed on the day and to supply home baking for the vintage café. Stalls will be £12 for sellers.

## **8. Brief Updates**

Pollokshields Trust has two new staff. A Nithsdale Road improvement questionnaire is in development. Branded Strathbungo products: agreed table cloths for stalls and a flag / sail style banner for putting outside events buildings: Heather investigating. Old stock of items to be used at Bungo Spring Fling with the aim of having new branded stock for Bungo in the Back Lanes. Next Brighter Bungo 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## **9. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 20 March 2018, 7.30 PM, The Bungo**