



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Strathbungo Society

**18 June 2001
Titwood Resource Centre, Glasgow.**

1. Chairman's Address

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting and provided an account of events during the previous year. The highly successful community events were noted and those involved thanked for their hard work and their attendance. The chairman intimated that there were still a number of issues of concern to local people which the society would address, for example the continued problems with rubbish dumping in the back lanes and the deterioration of facilities in Queens Park. He assured members that the officer bearers would continue to work to make improvements in local amenities and suggested that the active support of members and people who live in Strathbungo greatly enhanced the capacity of the organisation to speak out authoritatively on these issues. He highlighted the concerted action that had been taken to prevent the erection of a mobile phone mast on the other side of the railway.

2. Treasurer's report

Following the resignation of the treasurer, the Treasurer's report was presented by the Chair and accepted as an accurate record of the Society's finances. It was noted that a successful application had been made to the lottery scheme *Awards for All*.

3. Constitutional change

Members and residents had been circulated with a draft constitution which was also made available to those present. The constitution was introduced by the Events Co-ordinator who spoke in particular to the changes proposed to the objects and powers clause and to the clauses which concerned environmental improvement work. The constitution was accepted unanimously by the members present.

4. Committee Reports

The chairs of each of the four sub-committees reported on activity in the past year.

- **Back Lanes Group**

Research was continuing into the possible renovation of the back lanes and proposals were in hand for a limited renovation of the lane at the rear of Moray Place as a prototype scheme. Funding was under discussion and an approach to a Landfill Operator was being

considered in order to take advantage of Landfill Tax Credit. Those present endorsed this approach.

- **Events Group**

Successful events in the past year had included Bungo in the Back Lanes, Bungo at the Bells and the newest fixture on the calendar, Boggles and Bungles, a children's Hallowe'en event. The Events co-ordinator put forward a proposal for a springtime one-day arts event in the community and undertook to investigate the feasibility of such an event. Plans were in hand for the second Bungo in the Back Lanes which was to take place later in the month. Those present were invited to support the event by contributing a stall and encouraging people to come.

- **Communications**

Improvements to the newsletter lay out and design were described and a number of copies of previous newsletters made available. An advertising rate card had been produced and the new look newsletter would be launched at Bungo in the Back Lanes. A future edition of the newsletter would be used as a questionnaire to research information about the community in Strathbungo and to identify any unmet needs. The Society would respond to needs identified in the survey and to requests for issues to be taken up. The report was presented on behalf of the newsletter editor (who was on holiday) by the events co-ordinator.

- **Local Exchange Trading System (LETS)**

It was reported that the LETS (Local Exchange Trading System) had been up and running for some months and that there was a core interest in the scheme. Several people had joined and registered their interests, but the level of trading activity was less than had been hoped for. It was hoped that a future trading event would generate interest and the scheme would be reviewed over the next twelve months with a view to assessing its long-term viability.

5 Committee Elections

Elections were held for the position of Chair (Kevin Kane was re-elected), Treasurer (Joanna Murphy) and Secretary (Trisha Jones). The existing committee members were elected *nem con* and those present invited to nominate themselves for the committee by putting their names on the sheets provided. It was stressed that the Society also worked through sub-committees and that it was possible for people to join a sub-committee in which they had an interest and to help with the work of that committee without being a full member of the central committee.

6. Queens Park

Eddie Scanlon, Development Officer at Queens Park was the invited speaker for the AGM and spoke about the phasing of proposed improvements in the facilities at the park. In particular he explained the difficulties that had arisen with the drainage and relining of the pond. Future improvements would include the inclusion of Queens Park in the International Rose Festival to be held in the city in 2003 and that this would be a major event for Glasgow. He was questioned on dog fouling and the disrepair of the children's play area.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m. and tea and coffee were served.