

Strathbungo Society

Minutes of AGM

Held at Q.P. Parish Church Hall
7:30pm, Wednesday 9th June 2004.

1. Welcome

Kevin Kane (Chairman) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone (there were 27 present). He announced that the meeting would have a different format from previous years. Kevin then introduced the next part of the programme which was led by Sharon Schweps.

2. Celebration

Sharon presented a series of slides to illustrate events during the last ten years which led up to this 10th anniversary of the “new” Strathbungo Society, although it was actually the 23rd anniversary of the Strathbungo Society.

In 1994 the flyer for the meeting had posed the question – “Has this Society a future?” The Society was reconstituted, the geographical boundaries were extended and in November of that year 125 turned up at the AGM. This led to the introduction of the Newsletter in February '95, followed by Bungo in the Park in May of the same year. This marked the start of many new events and also the introduction of the word Bungo to the local vocabulary. Bungo in the back Lanes was one of the events which was introduced and is still running – the next one being on Saturday 19th June.

Other important aspects of life in Strathbungo were described by Sharon:- the poor state of the lanes which has led to attempts to have them upgraded. The first attempt had failed narrowly but the present pilot project was still ongoing and it was hoped that this would have a successful conclusion. The Cleansing Department are a very important part of life in Strathbungo and over the years they have provided compost bins, recycling facilities as well as the routine collecting of rubbish.

Another first was the local election hustings which was held last year. However there are also disappointments such as the PVC windows in March Street which are still there despite protests.

Sharon's final comment was that it is the people who are the essence of the Bungo.

3. Chairman's Report

A full copy of the Chairman's report is filed with the minutes. Sharon had covered a number of topics which Kevin had intended to include. However he emphasised that this had been a very successful year with an even wider range of activities than previously. He described the three main groups i.e. the Back Lanes Pilot, the Events Group, and the Communications Group which included the Newsletter and the website. A walking guide to accompany the architectural walk had been published and this should prove to be of wider general interest. Kevin also mentioned that the Newsletter now had a new editor, Ann Carolan, as Sharon wanted to concentrate on the website. Although much work had been done on the website there was still a lot to do, so any help would be welcomed.

Kevin highlighted some of the year's events, mentioning the biennial GOYA, which was probably the most successful yet. Bungo in the Back Lanes had been a success and the Hallowe'en Ghost Walk had been excellent and very well supported. Another innovation was the Friends of Strathbungo. This was providing a very good source of dependable income. The audience was urged by Kevin to get involved even if it was just the relatively mundane job of delivering leaflets.

Going to the year ahead, Kevin said that a community conference was being planned and he again mentioned the website which will be developed, hopefully with the help of some more volunteers.

The Chairman concluded his report by thanking Sharon for the excellent work she had done as editor of the Newsletter, and also the Secretary who was moving out of the district. Both were presented with a gift to mark their services to the Society.

An invitation for questions from the floor produced a query as to why the Moray Place Lane had been chosen for the Pilot scheme. There was a considerable amount of fairly heated discussion about this but Kevin Kane pointed out that Moray Place had been chosen to demonstrate to other areas in Strathbungo that it was a viable project. It was also pointed out that the grant situation had changed over the last few years.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Joanna referred to the printed balance sheet which had been distributed before the meeting started. A second account had been opened - this was solely for the Back Lanes Pilot.

In reply to questions, Joanna informed the meeting that the cost of the web site was a one off. Income from Friends of Strathbungo (about 40) was approximately £675 – most paying £12 p.a., although there were a number of generous subscriptions up to £100.

The Treasurer pointed out the importance of this income and the coffee morning as most of the other events were run at a loss.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Kay Caldwell and seconded by Andrew Greg.

5. **Election of Committee**

The Office Bearers were elected as follows:

	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Secretary , Laura Jones	Kevin Kane	Joanna Bleau
Treasurer , Joanna Murphy	Stephen Lamb	Brian
Chair , Kevin Kane	Joanna Murphy	Helen Good

To complete the formal part of the meeting, the minutes of the previous AGM were accepted – proposed by Ian Stark and seconded by Stephen Lamb.

6. **Discussion Groups**

Joanna Bleau briefly introduced the purpose of the discussion groups, then the audience went to the appropriate pre-arranged group. There was a lot of lively discussion, the results of which will be collated and taken forward in the Autumn.

7. **Response and Reflections**

As Councillor Cunning had been unable to attend the meeting there was no immediate response on any of the topics raised.

8. **Thanks and Close**

Kevin thanked all those present for attending the AGM and for their participation in the discussion.

Before closing the meeting, he reminded everyone that there was a meeting in QP Baptist church the following week about the consultation document concerning Strathbungo.