

Strathbungo Society Meeting Minutes

Monday 25th October 2010

Present: James Limb (chair), Lynne Flower (treasurer), Laura Moodie (vice chair), Matthew Moodie, Stephen Rees, Stephen Lamb, Andrew Downie, Teresa Mooney, Jonathan Patrick, Chris Patrick(?), Elaine Dearie

Apologies: Joanna Murphy, Amanda Macdonald (secretary)

In the absence of the secretary, these minutes were taken by Laura Moodie.

Welcome and Matters Arising

The minutes of the September meeting were approved. As most of the action points pertained to the previous week's AGM, there were no further matters arising.

AGM

James began the meeting by stating how pleased the committee had been by the success of the AGM on 18th October. Turnout was up dramatically on the previous year and the atmosphere was positive. It was also heartening to see so many new faces and people keen to get involved.

The AGM encouraged new volunteers to come forward to help plan the next Get Off Yer Artz event, improve our online presence and write articles for the newsletter. Extra volunteers for Bungo In The Back Lanes were also found and it's hoped to make more of the Nithsdale/Regent Park Square lane for the 2011 event.

A number of residents raised points about the website's potential at the meeting. Ideas discussed at the AGM and this meeting includes putting more events info online, setting up a regular email newsletter and mailing list and including more general information, such as weather forecasts and restaurant reviews. It was also agreed that we should attempt to receive advertising revenue. Matthew has offered to rewrite the computer program which enables us to find and publish planning applications online. It was decided to set up a new sub-committee to discuss the website in depth. James also thanked Matthew for all his efforts over the years and hoped he didn't see the plans to develop the website as a slight on his efforts to date.

ACTION: Matthew, Jonathan and Chris to arrange a web sub-committee meeting.

ACTION: Matthew to rewrite planning application program.

A letter written by a resident expressing concern about the Society had been circulated at the AGM. The committee had not been aware of this before the meeting and no comments or questions relating to the letter were made during the AGM itself. However, the committee has decided to respond to the main points to the author and ask if, in the interests of transparency and debate, the letter could be published. There are some points in the letter that members of the committee felt were worth pursuing,

such as making the names and contact details of office bearers easier to find online and ensuring the Society is as simple as possible to contact.

ACTION: James to contact author to discuss the issues and request permission to publish its contents.

Events

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 14th December at Grianach. It will be Bring Your Own Bottle and an opportunity to thank all those who've helped the Society in 2010.

Bungo At The Bells

This year's BATBL will be held outside 52 Marywood Square. Concern was expressed that, despite the usual letter, a few cars were parked close to last year's event. It was suggested this year that committee members with cars should attempt to fill up the spaces and then move their cars just beforehand.

Spring Fling

It was decided to hold the Spring Fling and children's art competition on 5th March. Due to the closure of Park Gallery there will be challenges this year with regard to collecting and displaying entries. The Titwood Resource Centre was suggested as a potential venue for judging the art works.

ACTION: Teresa to contact Resource Centre about judging and to speak to local cafes and Tramway about displaying the winners' work.

ACTION: Joanna Murphy to book Church Hall for Spring Fling on 5th March.

Communications

Calendar

The possibility of producing a calendar for 2011, using the winners' artwork from the 2010 art competition, was raised at the meeting. It was felt that the free calendar produced last year had been very popular and many present had found it useful. However it did cost a lot to produce. If the Society wished to reproduce a similar calendar this year a grant must be applied for in November. Laura felt the timescale for production was a little tight and as elections were coming up in May a lot of the information included, such as councillors' surgeries, would soon become redundant.

Stephen Lamb felt a different 'appointments' format might work better for those who used the calendar a lot. Others felt that calendars were becoming increasingly obsolete. It was suggested an 18-month calendar, starting summer 2011, might work well as it could be given away at BITBL. Lynne and Elaine suggested that the artwork from the competition could be used on merchandise that could be afforded without a grant, such as cards. It was decided by the committee not to proceed for now.

Newsletter

The next newsletter will include articles on BATBL and the Spring Fling as well as a review of the AGM. Publication date will be early December.

ENTRUST

The Queens Park Arena steering group has been informed of the outcome of the AGM vote and has stated they will be happy to receive the funding from the Society. The Management Committee must now meet and make a formal offer to the QPA. It was agreed that the Society should place two conditions on the offer. 1) That the Strathbungo Society has the option to place a representative on the arena's management board. 2) That the offer represents a commitment to fund but this will be a time-limited offer due to the demands of Entrust that the money is spent sooner rather than later. It was suggested timescales for the release of the funds should be discussed with the QPA steering group with the aim of maximizing their opportunities to apply for grants and receive match funding.

ACTION: Stephen Lamb to arrange meeting of Management Committee and contact QPA.

ACTION: Stephen and Andrew to draft a letter of offer for the ENTRUST money.

Any Other Business

Lynne and Joanna will arrange a concrete date to meet with the council in December to discuss the future of BITBL.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th November, 7:45pm at Grianach. Joanna and Laura will arrange to collect the keys on the day before.