

The Strathbungo Society

Registered Charity Number: SCO38276

Trustees' Annual Report: Year ended 30 April 2019

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Statutory Information

The Strathbungo Society

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Principal Address: 23, Queen Square, Strathbungo, Glasgow G41 2BG

Charity Trustees: Chair - Kevin Kane (till AGM October 2018), Jane Carolan (from AGM 2018); Vice Chair - Steve Goode; Treasurer - Nick Kempe; Secretary - Fiona Mackinnon.

The Strathbungo Society ("the Society") is governed by a constitution, agreed at the AGM held on 27th October 2015 and available for examination on the Society's website: www.bungoblog.com.

At each AGM, the members of the Society elect four Trustees (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) plus a Management Committee of up to a maximum of fifteen members. The Trustees hold office until the next AGM, when they are eligible for re-election. At the October 2018 AGM, Kevin Kane stood down and was replaced by Jane Carolan

The Society's objectives as set out in the Constitution are:

- **To advance citizenship and develop the community** by encouraging all members of the community, including families, children, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and the elderly to interact with the aim of improving the community both by bringing the community together and by promoting the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities within or in the vicinity of the Strathbungo area, and
- **To promote the conservation of local architectural and environmental heritage**, including the maintenance or improvement of the built and natural environment.

Operating Review

Chair's Report 2018-19

The past year to April 2019 has, in some ways, been a quiet year, with no major new activities or issues for the Society to address. In these circumstances, it is easy for residents and the wider public to forget that everything the Society does depends on voluntary effort and, with several Committee Members stepping down this year, the workload has fallen on a smaller group of people. That has created pressures which became very evident during the successful Window Wanderland Event. We need to be able to recruit volunteers and not just at times of challenge!

For once, we only have positive things to report about Network Rail who in this period completed the renovation of the pedestrian bridge early in 2019 to widespread acclaim. The work and the bridge closure were longer than planned because the bridge required more work than had previously been identified but we were delighted to see such a thorough job. Our only regret is that they did not take up our offer of a joint news release and official opening. As soon as it re-opened, large numbers of people started using the bridge again, demonstrating the value of pedestrian links such as this. With so much policy emphasis put on the importance of walking, maybe one day we will get a pedestrian bridge back at the southern end of Moray Place which would greatly improving walking connections for people living in that part of Strathbungo.

The main work of the Committee during the year was delivering what is possibly the best community-based events programme in Glasgow: **Bungo in the Back Lanes (2018)**, **Bungo at the Bells (2018)**, the immensely successful **Window Wanderland (2019)** and the **Strathbungo Spring Fling (2019)**.

Bungo in the Back Lanes (BITBL) 2018 This was slightly less busy than recent years, in part because a large number of community events now take place on the same weekend as it one over which Glasgow City Council offers free street closures. That made stewarding easier and our new system for stewarding worked well. The event continues to expand and evolve with more stalls in Vennard Gardens than ever before, more bars and more music - we think! The event would not be what it is without all the stall set up by residents and we thank all stallholders for their contributions as well as the Pollokshields Area Partnership for their grant funding.

Bungo Spring Fling 2019. This was again held in Queen's Park parish hall. Organised by committee member Paola Rezzilli, the 2019 Spring Fling Bake Off competition and the Maker's Market proved popular but the footfall was down on last year. With that in mind, the society has decided to rest the event for 2020 and are in discussions about how to evolve the event for future events. The event's finances broke even but, as it was at the very end of financial year, the income does not appear in this year's accounts.

Strathbungo Window Wanderland. The third Strathbungo Window Wanderland event took place on 23 February 2019 and was more popular than ever, both in the numbers of residents putting on a show in their window and in the people who come to view this. We are very grateful to Pollokshields Area Partnership for their funding which enabled us to add a street band (Brass, Aye?), street lighting, a pop-up cinema (Pollywood Community Cinema) and covered design / printing costs. Again, images were featured on the front pages / screens of national media, an article by Peter Ross in the Guardian, a radio interview and feature on BBC Radio Scotland plus mountains of social media coverage. How to keep the streets open (since there is a huge cost for street closures) while enabling hundreds of people to enjoy themselves on the night has become quite a challenge, which the Committee is looking at but we need more stewards and are very grateful to the handful of people who offered to help. The event was again organised, almost single-handedly by Committee Member Sarah Reid, who was the original inspiration behind the local staging of the event.

Sarah was also the mover and shaker behind the **Regent Park Square Party** that took advantage of the Council's annual offer of a free street closure which – a little unfortunately – fell the day after BITBL and also seems to be becoming a regular event in Strathbungo's calendar.

Brighter Bungo – more volunteers please: The Society organises community clean-ups five times a year on a Sunday morning, under the banner of Brighter Bungo. Our thanks to Alan Dobson who organised these for several years with unfailing good humour, whether standing in the rain to give out litter pickers or negotiating with the Council about collections. Imelda Devlin has taken over the reins and it has been good to see new faces helping keep the lanes, pavements and roads free of litter and fly tipping. The lane between Nithsdale Road and Regent Park Square and behind Pollokshaws Road continue to be the worst lanes by far for fly-tipping. Meanwhile we are very lucky to have a fantastic Council employee sweep the public streets and, in the lanes, now there are a number of residents who help remove litter on a more day to day basis. There is still plenty of space for volunteers

We have also continued our unbroken 24-year record of publishing the **Strathbungo News** with a new editorial team co-ordinated by Gerry Hassan taking over from Sarah Reid who, rather unbelievably, had managed to edit the News alongside organising Window Wanderland, working and looking after a young family! Her contribution to the Society and the area has been amazing.

Our revamped Bungoblog, Facebook page and Instagram accounts have also been well used and are now embedded in our communications. All require some management and we have three Committee members actively involved in doing this. The society's Instagram @strathbungosocietyglasgow posted its first photograph 18 months ago and we now have over 600 followers, both local and global. The posts prove popular with the local community and the wider Glasgow-wide Instagram community as we not only share the beauty of Strathbungo, but can get important information across. Followers on Facebook have increased from around 1250 to 1800 in the course of the year and activity appears to "spike" around events. It has become a very useful means of publicising the work of the society with many local groups and residents around the southside of Glasgow. The Bungo blog tends to publish longer pieces, which are now linked to our FB and Instagram pages. We would like to get more people writing on the blog. You don't need to be registered to contribute, but if you want to contribute regularly we can set you up as registered users if you just ask.

In addition, over the past year to April 2019 we have:

- **Continued to maintain the Society's finances.** The Committee is very careful with money, with each event having a budget and Committee Members still finding ways to make savings. Our two biggest events, Bungo in the Back Lanes and Window Wanderland are both dependent to an extent on Glasgow City Council for which we are very grateful. It is worth saying that the various businesses from whom we purchase services have been more than helpful, whether it's a delivery driver for Bungo in the Back Lanes trying to negotiate both the lanes and other stalls, or our printers who twice this year offered significant reductions on the cost of our newsletter because of a very minor error – did anyone notice? We are very thankful to them all and also for being prepared to accept cheques: we pay this way as it requires two trustees to authorise any item of expenditure and does not leave everything in the hands of the Treasurer! We would still like to get more community members signed up as (financial) Friends! It costs as little as £1 a month to become a Friend of the Strathbungo Society.
- **Reviewed our contact lists and membership database** to make them GDPR compliant. We have reduced and rationalised the information we hold and have adopted a new transparent privacy policy which is now on the Bungo blog.

Representing Strathbungo

The Society represents the interests of residents to the wider community, City Council and other public authorities.

The Strathbungo Society works to represent the community at **Pollokshields Area Partnership** and has continued to press the Council to accelerate the introduction of new regulation to remove commercial waste bins from littering the pavements in front of commercial premises. This was - and is in some part - a key issue especially on Nithsdale Road. In addition to this, the Society has pressed the Council to improve litter collection and uplift, though these issues remain a concern. The Society has also sought to work closely with other local association in the Ward - Pollokshields Trust and Heritage - and has supported funding requests from local bodies that are trying to make a difference across the Ward. On that point, the Society gratefully acknowledges the financial support it has received from the Pollokshields Area Committee both for our annual Bungo in the Back Lanes community event and - more recently - Strathbungo Window Wanderland. This support has enabled the events to be bigger and better serviced than they would otherwise have been and have helped the Society to financially de-risk them. The Society will continue to be represented on the Area Committee and to play a constructive role in representing the interests of Strathbungo in this important local democratic forum.

On the planning front, we were delighted that several new local businesses met with us before drawing up plans to renovate premises and took our comments into account. We remain firmly of the view that maintaining the character of the buildings in which businesses are located is good for both the business and the local community. The society has also contributed to the Glasgow Civic Forum and the Urban Design Panel for the city council, connecting Strathbungo to other civic and community groups across the city.

Our biggest regret for the year is that following our success with the pedestrian bridge, our aspirations to improve Nithsdale Road and the wider area have not progressed. Kevin Kane did secure funding in principle from Sustrans as part of the new Victoria Rd cycle path, for a mural on a gable end in Pollokshaws Rd but we were then unable, for technical reasons, to secure necessary owner consents. We need more volunteers to do this, whether to help with existing work and help free up time for the Trustees and other Committee Members or to get directly involved. The declaration of a Climate Emergency should provide an opportunity to address many issues from car parking to greener streets and how houses in the area could be made more carbon neutral.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Kevin Kane who stepped down as chair at the AGM after being hauled out of retirement 4 years ago for a second term in office. Kevin has never been afraid to get his hands dirty – he's a regular at Brighter Bungo – but has also kept nudging the committee to consider new ideas and ways of operating, helping us to evolve and adapt. We are very pleased that for the time being at least he will continue to represent the Society on the Area Partnership where his experience has been invaluable to us.

Financial Review

The Society operates an unrestricted current account, through which it runs its ongoing activities. Trustees receive no remuneration for any of the work that they do.

As shown in the following receipts and payments account, the Society made a surplus of £740 on its activities in the year ending 30 April 2019, compared to a loss of £1,896 in the year ending 30 April 2018. The 2017/18 loss was expected and planned for. The surplus this year was slightly higher than anticipated helped by Window Wanderland continuing to receive a relatively high level of grant support. The Society has continued to maintain tight controls over expenditure.

The Society continues to rely on voluntary donations via its "Friends of Strathbungo" scheme. This helps to provide self-generated funds for the Society and to enable it to fund its activities and publication of The Strathbungo News. Donations from Friends have continued to fall slightly to £875 this year. Almost all our Friends have been so for years and only stop paying when they leave the area or die. The challenge the Society faces is persuading new people to sign up in these difficult financial times but the Trustees continue to wish to see voluntary giving to the Society extended.

The Society received funding of £3000 in this period from Glasgow City Council, from Pollokshields Area Partnership, to help contribute to the costs (and risks) of staging Bungo in the Back Lanes and Window Wanderland. The Society gratefully acknowledges the Council's continued support of these Society events.

As at 30 April 2019, the Society had unrestricted funds in hand of £4794.

During the year, the Society received donated facilities and services from the local community and businesses, particularly in terms of support for the Spring Fling and Bungo in the Back Lanes, for which the Society is very grateful as they contribute enormously to the success of the events the Society runs. These are credited in full in the Strathbungo News.

The Trustees' declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Society's Trustees

Signed.....*Jane Carolan*.....,

Jane Carolan, Chair

Date: 29th October 2019

The Strathbungo Society

Statement of receipts and payments Year ending 30 April 2019

| | | 2018/19 Total funds Current Period | 2017/18 Total funds Previous Period |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| Income | | | |
| Donations | Friends | 875 | 895 |
| Grants | Window Wanderland/BIBL Grants | 3,000 | 1,957 |
| | Bungo in the Back Lanes | 2,297 | 2,453 |
| Fundraising Activities | Bungo at the Bells | 20 | 16 |
| | Sales | 305 | 40 |
| | Spring Fling | 0 | 436 |
| Other Income | | 150 | 0 |
| Total income | | 6,647 | 5,797 |
| | | | |
| Expenditure | | £ | £ |
| Fundraising activities | Spring Fling | 227 | 284 |
| | Bungo in the Back Lanes | 1,075 | 1,242 |
| | Merchandise Stock | 497 | 116 |
| | Newsletters | 339 | 1,060 |
| | Brighter Bungo | 108 | 72 |
| Other activities | AGM/public meetings | 97 | 70 |
| | Window Wanderland | 1,950 | 2,010 |
| | Bungo at the Bells | 0 | 64 |
| | Admin (including cttee) | 0 | 35 |
| | Street Closure | 122 | 75 |
| | Marketing/design | 0 | 1,050 |
| Event Insurance | | 661 | 1,145 |
| Website | | 0 | 154 |
| Equipment | | 791 | 316 |
| Affiliations | | 40 | 0 |
| Total expenditure | | 5,907 | 7,693 |
| | | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | | 740 | (1,896) |

Statement of balances As at 30 April 2019 & 2018

| | Total current period £ | Total previous period £ |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cash Funds (unrestricted) | | |
| Opening cash balance | 4,054 | 5,950 |
| surplus/Deficit for the year | 740 | (1,896) |
| Closing cash balance | 4,794 | 4,054 |

The Strathbungo Society - SC038276
Notes to the accounts - year ended 30 April 2019

1. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

2. Funds

The Society holds a Current Account with the Clydesdale Bank plc for day to day receipts and payments. These funds are unrestricted.

3. Grants Received

The Society received a grant of £1,200 towards the costs of BIBL in June 2018. A further grant of £1,800 was received in April 2019 to partially fund the cost of Window Wanderland.

4. Trustee's Remuneration

No remuneration was paid to any Society Trustee or anyone connected to a Society Trustee.

5. Bungo in the Back Lanes Costs

| | 2018/19 | 2017/18 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Equipment Hire | 602 | 552 |
| Posters Leaflets & Printing Costs | 240 | 140 |
| Children's Entertainment | 0 | 120 |
| First Aiders | 128 | 120 |
| Tombola/Raffle | 31 | 40 |
| Van Hire | 0 | 50 |
| Other | 74 | 220 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total | £ 1,075 | £ 1,242 |
| | ----- | ----- |

6. Marketing/design – equipment

The bulk of the equipment bought this year was of a promotional nature for use at events (banners etc) and followed on from the investment we made in re-branding last year

7. Insurance

The Society's Insurance now covers all events and is paid in February for the calendar year. It thus runs over two financial years.

Independent examiner's report
The Strathbungo Society – Registered charity number SCO38276
on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 30th April 2019

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The Society's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Society trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulation 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.......... 16th October 2019

Allan Hunter
Chartered Certified Accountant