



THE STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

MINUTE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 29th October 2019 at 7.30pm

Queens Park Parish Church, 170 Queens Drive, Glasgow

Present: Trustees: Jane Carolan (Chair), plus 15 members

Apologies: Nick Kempe (Treasurer), Steven Good, Kevin Kane

1. Welcome

Jane Carolan welcomed the members to the AGM, particularly those who had never attended a meeting before, and explained procedures. The apologies were noted.

The chair then paid tribute to Scott Obrzud, who had passed away the previous week. Scott and his husband James moved into Strathbungo several years ago and immediately threw themselves into the work of the Society, becoming well known in the community. Scott was an enthusiastic organiser of whatever activity he turned his mind to (as was James), and his energy always ensured that our events were a success. He also had a fund of good and new ideas. But whether it was new suggestions for Bungo in the Back Lanes, helping to set up an event or doing the washing up at the Spring Fling, he was always willing to roll his sleeves up and get stuck in. His contribution to the Society would be very much missed.

2. Minutes of AGM held in October 2018

Jane Carolan explained that the previous minutes were unfortunately lost due to a computer hard drive crash. Given the circumstances, the matter was noted.

3. Network Rail

The meeting was addressed by Fiona McKinnon on the issue of vegetation management along the railway embankment along Moray Place. The society was engaged in a dialogue with Network Rail to try to ensure that the previous devastation along the embankment was avoided. Fiona referred to:

- the Varley Report that proposes an alternative approach based on the preservation of the ecology
- the links to Climate Change
- the City approach to Zero Emissions Strategy

She outlined the approaches to local politicians at all levels, and the upcoming meeting with Network Rail arranged through the offices of Nicola Sturgeon MSP.

After taking questions, the meeting noted Fiona's report, and it was hoped that progress could be made.

4. Future of Crossmyloof Resource Centre

Jane Carolan outlined that the Centre had been marked for closure by the local authority, and that the future of building or site would be up for discussion. The Society would welcome input as to future uses that could be part of a discussion with the local authority.

5. Bin Collection

A general discussion took place on the problems with bin collection and general rubbish uplift in the area. Imelda Devlin and Alan Dobson agreed to raise the issues at a meeting scheduled with the Council department.

6. Trustees Report & Annual Accounts

Noting that her report covered up to April 2019 (and therefore did not cover the most recent activities), the Chair outlined the activities undertaken and events held by the Society over that year.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Heather Alexander introduced and explained the Accounts on behalf of the Society. There were no questions.

On the full report being put to the meeting, the Trustees' report and accounts were unanimously accepted.

7. Elections

The following Trustee positions were nominated from the floor, and unanimously endorsed by the meeting:

Chair: Jane Carolan – nominated Imelda Devlin, seconded Carole Dobson

Vice Chair: Paola Rezzilli – nominated Heather Alexander, seconded James Spooner

Treasurer: Steven Good – nominated Imelda Devlin, seconded Paola Rezzilli

There was no nomination for the office of Secretary; it was agreed that the new committee should seek to fill the position.

The following nominations to the committee were made and agreed by the meeting:

Imelda Devlin

Carole Dobson

James Spooner

Bob Dow

Fiona McKinnon

Nick Kempe

Kevin Kane

Andrew Downie

Ann Downie

Heather Alexander

With office-bearers, that gave a total of 13 committee members.

There being no further nominations, it was agreed that previous committee members not in attendance should be contacted to check if they wished to continue, and that the Society should advertise for further volunteers.

8. Any Other Business

Under this section of the agenda, members from the floor raised planning and building control problems with Dubai Nights Shisha Smoker. After a lengthy conversation, the Society agreed to have a further discussion at the next committee meeting, after seeking comments from local councillors and checking Planning Regulations.

Questions were also asked about the Society's relationship with Govanhill Baths Trust, which had located its Deep End artists' space in Nithsdale Street and was using public access down the private lane. It was explained that the Govanhill Baths Trust was very much a separate organisation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.