

Record of Strathbungo Society Meeting on 21st January 2020

Present: Fiona Mackinnon, Jane Carolan, Imelda Devlin, Steven Good, James Powsey, Paola Rezzilli, Nick Kempe (notes) Andrew Downie, Ann Downie, Sarah Reid

Apologies: Carol Dobson, Kevin Kane, Heather Alexander

- 1) Record of December meeting – agreed
- 2) Matters Arising –GCC Licensing has just notified us that extension to Dubai nights license has been refused
- 3) Network Rail.
 - a) Jane had had response from Network Rail saying they were too busy to communicate with Society on issues like works on line, recently communicated to residents, but wanted to maintain positive communications. A contradiction!
 - b) Fiona had spoke to Herald about their piece on what NR doing about badgers and submitted a response but this not published. Most papers have lost their environmental correspondents but it was agreed we should continue to seek further publicity. Action Fiona.
 - c) Agreed to seek another meeting Nicola Sturgeon and Network Rail, update politicians and use any opportunities to get coverage in press. **Action Fiona.**
- 4) Bungo at the Bells. Approx 300 people present, including lots of enthusiastic young people. There were problems again with sound system which needed to be fixed and no piper turned up. A couple of people who volunteered did not turn up leaving almost all the work to Teresa and Andrew. Jane has thanked Teresa.
- 5) Treasurer's Report.
 - a) Steve had circulated financial report on year to date – we are in a healthy financial position.
 - b) Noted two conditions about insurance the cost of which is the same as last year: all performers, exhibitors etc required to have insurance (need to check if bars insured for this)? Second bouncy castles etc need have insurance.
 - c) Collection of money owing from second bar at BiBL still ongoing
- 6) Bars. Agreed offer one bar to Bungo and ask them if insured for performers. Agreed ask Marchtown and Allison if interested bidding and if so to submit plus explanation of how they will apply license and if they will insure performers. **Action Nick and Steve.**
- 7) Window Wanderland.
 - a) Got 2/3 of funding asked for from Pollokshields Area Partnership and Sarah has arranged Brass Aye and Pollywood; Sarah is negotiating someone else about buying lighting, which we have less money for this year and we could then use for other events. Agreed Sarah's budget but she will negotiate further on fees. **Action Sarah.**
 - b) Stewarding and cars. Agreed we have no option but to steward and need 15 people to do this safely, with two stewards on together at the main access points and people walking around for crowd control purposes. There would be far fewer risks in terms of crowds if fewer cars were parked and if the performers and located in places where there is space for people to stop. Jane will write something for social media asking people to volunteer; Nick will co-ordinate on night (Sarah, Imelda, Paola roaming, Fiona, Andrew, Nick offered do entry points). Information for residents,

asking people park cars in back lanes or outwith area, is on front cover of newsletter. We need to put out info for public on social media – agreed we should promote it as a walking event and Nick will talk to Heather about if she can adapt her map to show bus stops, transport etc. **Action Nick, Heather, Jane.**

c) An option for future is to do event over two nights or to use a grant on professional stewarding rather than performers.

8) Sustrans grant. Proposal is for colourful signpost by the bike station and Paola put out a request for bids: one has offered to do project work too and has identified a sign writer. It was agreed that offer should be accepted. Paola has also identified a blacksmith. Sustrans is very positive but want paperwork as it all needs GCC approval. Paola will check with Sustrans about conditions on when money spent and also about how to consult Brodie's/neighbours. **Action Paola.**

9) Newsletter. James handed out presentation on key issues. Its hard work getting newsletter out 4 times a year but times in with events; 13 weeks between newsletters, sounds a lot of time but not really and main issue is lack of copy. Options to address this would be to reduce numbers of newsletters, which would not be good in terms of advertising events, or to reduce size of March and September issues. We either need copy well in advance or we need to change something. Agreed James would schedule into his outline timetable the Committee meetings where people needed to agree content for newsletter and who is doing what. **Action James.**

Discussion moved to this next newsletter with copy deadline Friday. If we want to do six page issue we need more stories. **Agreed following: Andrew on book of local walkers; Nick update on railway bridge; Imelda on Brighter Bungo; Fiona/Jane on Network Rail.**

10) Brighter bungo – there was poor turn out on Sunday, only 7 people. Purple bins have been emptied Marywood but not Regent Park Square – **Action Imelda will email Joe at Council**

11) Secretary. Vacant – **Action Jane** putting out call for volunteers

12) Date Bungo in Back Lanes – Saturday 20th June

13) Next meeting Tuesday 18th February.