

Minutes of the Strathbungo Society Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, 15 December 2020. 8pm. By Zoom.

1. **Attending:** Paola Rezzelli, Vice Chair; Steven Good, Treasurer, Sharon Schweps, Secretary. Heather Alexander, Ann Downie, Andrew Downie, Nick Kempe, James Spooner,  
**Guests:** Chantel Allen. Mike Allen.  
**Apologies:** Jane Carolan, Imelda Devlin, Harriett Steymor.  
Paola chaired the meeting in Jane's absence, and welcomed new members.
2. **Minutes of the November meeting:**  
Approved as circulated. Moved by HA, seconded by SG.  
**Matters arising:** Ask JC about flowers for outgoing member, Fiona Mackinnon. Other matters covered below.
3. **Annual General Meeting, 25 November 2020:**  
Generally agreed that the virtual meeting format went well. Some 40 people logged on, with higher than usual numbers from the Gardens and Titwood Rd. Consider a Zoom broadcast alongside a physical meeting next year. Noted that the Eco group who reported at the AGM are independent and have not been adopted by the Society.
4. **Christmas Market:**  
Congratulations to Paola and her team for another excellent market weekend, building on the success of Bungo (Not) in the Back Lanes. Feedback was positive. Some stallholders sold well, others not, but most valued the exposure to the community. Many would come back again. A few technical issues were resolved amicably. Committee considered whether to charge a small fee, say £5, per stall in future, but most thought not.
5. **Strathbungo News:**  
James said it was a real challenge to get the winter edition delivered before the Christmas Market. A few items are already underway for the next issue and he welcomed suggestions from the committee.
6. **Network Rail:**  
Communication from NR has been circulated following a recent meeting with the Society and others re vegetation, electrification, Strathbungo Station/Susie's, and the footbridge.
  - Trackside clearance is going ahead shortly and though not ideal, NR have agreed to various forms of mitigation such as replanting and reduced use of herbicides.
  - Two residents from Carswell Gardens joined the meeting briefly to discuss loud and disruptive overnight tree felling near their street. NR's plan was noted in a letter to residents some while earlier, but the actual work started at 11pm without warning and continued over five hours—an example of why NR needs to keep the community on side. Action: JC asked to raise this with NR in ongoing correspondence.
  - NR is determined to take down both Susie's and the footbridge in the electrification project, despite our representations. They have latterly agreed to replace the iconic bridge and it is important to continue working to secure the best outcomes for the community—for example, a design for the new bridge approved by local residents. We might also raise a petition to show how well-used and well-loved the bridge is. Query: how soon is electrification likely to start? It is very important to act now and we should ask Nicola Sturgeon to intervene on our behalf. Action: JC to reply to NR letter.
7. **Queens Park Glasshouses:** Is this yet another iconic structure we might be losing soon?  
Action: JC to make enquiries.
8. **New Year Celebration 2021:** As Bungo at the Bells can't go ahead as normal, the Society will promote a Doorstep Bungo on the Bells celebration, akin to clapping for key workers last spring. Ask residents to come outside (or stand at their windows) at 11.55pm and bring in the new year with

bells and a chorus of Auld Lang Syne. The idea is to keep it loose and spontaneous. Action: PR to look into promoting the event with posters and social media.

9. **Pollokshields Area Partnership:** Note from Kevin Kane outlined recent activities. Of particular interest to Strathbungo are problems with bulk uplift and fly-tipping in Nithsdale Rd / Pollokshaws Rd lanes, and flooding, gullies and drains clearance priorities, especially at 10 Moray Place where the drain is damaged and blocked. Kevin also noted that leaf clearance at Queens Park entrances and play areas is a must, given so many more people use the park nowadays.
10. **AOCB:** none.
11. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021, at 8pm.