

The Strathbungo Society

Registered Charity Number: SCO38276

Trustees' Annual Report: Year ended 30 April 2022

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Statutory Information

The Strathbungo Society

Registered Charity Number: SCO38276

Principal Address: 17 Regent Park Square, Strathbungo, Glasgow G41 2AF

Charity Trustees: Chair - Jane Carolan; Vice Chair - Paola Rezzilli; Treasurer - Steven Good; Secretary – (vacant)

The Strathbungo Society (“the Society”) is governed by a constitution, agreed at the AGM held on 27 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.

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 2021-22

This Annual Report considers the activities of the Society from April 2021 to April 2022.

It now seems strange to report that so many of our regular activities have not taken place in the past year, but as life has returned to normal, we have tended to forget the extent to which life was disrupted for such a long time. Thus there was no Bungo at the Bells, and no time to plan for a Winter Wanderland, as the covid numbers ebbed and flowed from 2021 into 2022.

Strictly speaking, BitBL is outwith the scope of this report, in that it took place in June 2022 but as life slowly returned to normal, then we were able to plan and provide Strathbungo with its own day out, in the return of Bungo in the Back Lanes. As usual, the day took several months of planning, the event itself took hours to set up, and the fun seemed to fly through the afternoon. BIBL depends on organisation, but more than that, it depends on the involvement of the Strathbungo community, whether local households set up their own stalls, or simply participate in the events of the day, strolling the lanes or enjoying the bars and the entertainment.

Looking forward, community events are back on the agenda, hopefully including Brighter Bungo

clear-ups, to take care of the environment in Strathbungo. The first clear-up in a long time took place on June 12th this year. Working with our neighbours we can all play a part in improving the amenity of our area. It was previously reported that our Public Liability Insurance had been withdrawn by the council, meaning that there was no cover for volunteers if injured etc. This situation has been remedied by a grant that enabled us to extend the insurance cover that we need to have for our public events.

However, there is another player in this, namely the council themselves, particularly considering the environmental impact of delayed bin collections, or in some cases, bins that are never emptied. Regular discussions take place with council officials, and it is fair to say that some issues over the way in which collections are done, or improvements to bin areas, have been tackled successfully. However, there seems to be little or no control over whether bin collections actually take place or not. The issue of fly-tipping has always been a major problem, but there seems to be a major increase particularly since the introduction of charges for the Council pick-up service.

So while organising community events has played less of a role on the agenda, there had been plenty taking place within the area that has required the Society's involvement.

Network Rail

It seems like the Society has been forever engaged with Network Rail over the plans for the electrification of the East Kilbride / Glasgow Central rail line as it passes beside Moray Place. Campaigns to save the old Strathbungo station (aka Susie's) came to nothing, but a series of discussions established that we will have a new pedestrian bridge at the same site, and there have been ongoing exchanges to improve the design, to make it as user-friendly as possible. It has also been established that many of the original features of the road bridge will be restored or replaced. Again, arrangements on traffic management while the road bridge is closed, particularly along 1-10 Moray Place, were the subject of talks that were largely successful, and ensured that one crossing point will always be available; our pedestrian bridge will not be removed until the road bridge is available.

Changing traffic management in the area and extending active travel provision can now be considered as the new road bridge comes into being, and the Society is currently pursuing discussions with the Council on these issues.

Too often, however, the Society has had to react to events sprung on us by Network Rail's contractors, as when the tree felling on the land opposing Moray Place started, without any warning or notice to residents, which meant that we had no idea of what was happening, or why.

Arnold Clark Developments

The closure of Arnold Clark's workshops and showroom has led to the possibility of two major developments within the local area.

The proposals for the old showroom are for the provision of social housing to be managed by Southside Housing Association. While welcoming the provision of social housing in the area, the Society questioned the design submitted to Planning. A seven-storey building on that corner will not only dominate the landscape, but have potential consequences for surrounding tenements to the north and east, whose sunlight will be blocked. The design is also not sensitive to the local heritage and historical architecture. It has been described as being aesthetically alien to its environment. The design places 55 housing units on a very small site, and we questioned the population density that

would produce, with an outside space area equivalent to a backcourt serving 6 to 8 tenement households.

The development on the workshop site is for private sale. There is no height problem at this site as it fits within the profile of the existing housing. It would be a pity however if that development resulted in the loss of the cherry trees that run from the railway bridge along Nithsdale Drive. However most of the other criticisms as to whether the design is sympathetic to its context remain. Both proposals are with City Planning.

The Lanes Project

Early in 2022, the Society were informed that Council grants were being made available for the improvement of the City's private lanes. Bids of up to £20,000 could be submitted, and given the state of Strathbungo's back lanes it was obvious that we had to participate. It was also vital that we acted quickly, as bids had to be lodged within a very short time.

Strathbungo's bid was successful. It was obvious that £20,000 would nowhere near address the total problem, and our approach has been to identify the most pressing problems, identify the necessary work and liaise with the householders within those areas. Having carried out those steps, the most difficult part of the process has been identifying contractors to carry out the work, particularly as the Council has specified that funds had to be spent within a six-month timescale. (This has been a problem common to other successful bid winners.) We currently have a contractor, a proposal and a supply of setts, though we are slightly over budget. Discussions are currently continuing with all parties including the Council, to allow works to proceed. A further update will be given at the AGM.

Cycle Bin Storage

Residents will have noticed that the provision of cycle storage throughout the area has improved.

Planning Generally

Throughout the year the Society may be approached by residents with problems that relate to Planning or to Conservation status. There are limited areas where the a Society has any standing to intervene, usually where proposals are contrary to existing City Plans, where there is an effect on the Conservation area, or where there are impacts on the environment. It is only in these limited circumstances that the Society would make representations to the council.

Strathbungo Media

Despite the pandemic the regular publication of Strathbungo News was maintained, with thanks to Sandra who edited for most of the year. Thanks also to our social media posters who keep the blog, Facebook and Instagram up to date.

As a committee we play our part in the local Area Partnership and will continue to do so. Thanks to all the local councillors and other elected members who have assisted us over the past year with the hope that we can continue to work together in the future.

All voluntary organisations always need volunteers. So if you want to become involved in any of our activities, please contact chair@strathbungo.co.uk.

Jane Carolan, Chair

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 had a surplus of £1,544 for the financial year ending 30 April 2022, compared to a deficit of £18 for the previous financial year. This surplus is almost entirely attributable to the early receipt of Glasgow City Council Area Partnership grant funding totalling £1,500 towards the costs of Bungo in the Back Lane in June 2022.

Whilst the Society was again unable to hold our primary fundraising event Bungo in the Back Lanes in 2021, funds of £776 were raised through sales of The Strathbungo Handbook. This was written, designed and published to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Society. Grant funding was successfully obtained from Glasgow City Council to cover the production costs for design, layout and printing.

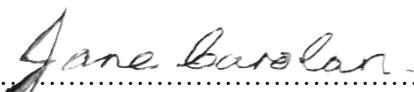
The Society continues to rely on voluntary donations via its “Friends of Strathbungo” scheme. This helps to provide self-generated funds for the Society and to enable it to fund its activities and publication of The Strathbungo News. Donations from Friends for this year were £833, a small increase on the previous year. Almost all our Friends have been so for years and only stop paying when they leave the area or pass away. The Trustees continue to wish to see voluntary giving to the Society extended, and we would like to encourage people to join the Friends scheme.

As at 30 April 2022, the Society had unrestricted funds in hand of £5,961.

Steven Good, Treasurer

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

Signed on behalf of the Society’s Trustees

Signed... 

Date: 12th October 2022

Jane Carolan, Chair

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Statement of receipts and payments

Year ending 30 April 2022

		2021-22	2020-21
		Total funds	Total funds
		Current Period	Previous Period
		£	£
Income			
Donations	Friends	833.00	819.00
Grants	Bungo Not in the Back Lanes	1,000.00	-
	Strathbungo Handbook	2,985.00	-
	Bungo in the Back Lanes	1,500.00	-
Fundraising Activities	Bungo in the Back Lanes	-	476.50
	Merchandise Sales	776.06	58.39
Other Income	Miscellaneous	-	0.01
Total income		7,094.06	1,353.90
Expenditure		£	£
Fundraising activities	Bungo in the Back Lanes	-	-
Other activities	Newsletters	773.34	850.98
	Bungo Not in the Back Lanes	1,033.60	186.50
	Strathbungo Handbook	2,985.00	-
	Winter Market	-	42.00
	AGM/public meetings	434.86	112.00
Event Insurance		-	-
Technology & Website		259.08	115.10
Affiliations		40.00	40.00
Miscellaneous		23.50	25.43
Total expenditure		5,549.38	1,372.01
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		1,544.68	-18.11

Statement of balances

As at 30 April 2022 & 2021

		2021-22	2020-21
		Current Period	Previous Period
		£	£
Cash Funds at Bank			
Opening cash balance		5,917.18	5,935.29
Surplus/Deficit for the year		1,544.68	-18.11
Closing cash balance		7,461.86	5,917.18
Restricted and Unrestricted Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		5,961.86	5,917.18
Restricted Funds – Unspent Grants		1,500.00	-
Total Funds		7,461.86	5,917.18

The Strathbungo Society - SCO38276
Notes to the accounts - year ended 30 April 2022

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.

3. Trustee's Remuneration

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

4. Grants Received

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Glasgow City Council - Bungo Not in the Back Lanes 2021	1,000.00	-
Glasgow City Council - Strathbungo Handbook	2,985.00	-
Glasgow City Council - Bungo in the Back Lanes 2022	1,500.00	-
	5,485.00	0.00

5. Strathbungo Handbook

The Strathbungo Handbook was written, designed and published to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Society. Grant funding was successfully obtained from Glasgow City Council to cover the production costs for design, layout and printing.

6. Bungo in the Back Lanes

The Society successfully applied to Glasgow City Council for grant support to hold Bungo in the Back Lanes in June 2022. This grant was paid to the Society during April 2022 and thus appears in the 2021-22 accounts. All other income and expenditure for the event occurred after April, and will therefore appear in the Society's 2022-23 accounts.

7. Merchandise Sales

All sales income during 2021-22 is derived from sales of the Strathbungo Handbook, both directly by the Society and via various local retailers.

	2020-21
	£
Strathbungo Handbook - Direct sales by the Society	444.06
Strathbungo Handbook - Sales via local retailers	332.00
	776.06

8. Bungo Not in the Back Lanes Costs

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Printing (Posters)	33.60	42.00
Music	500.00	-
Online Marketplace	500.00	-
Miscellaneous	-	144.50
	1,033.60	186.50

9. AGM Costs

The AGM in November 2021 was the first in-person one in two years, and was also used to both celebrate the Society's 50th anniversary and to launch the Strathbungo Handbook. As a result the Society invested additional resources in publicity for the event as outlined below.

	2020-21
	£
Design & printing of AGM posters & leaflets	252.60
Use of hall	100.00
Miscellaneous	82.26
	434.86

10. Technology & Website

These costs cover website hosting and domain renewal for bungoblog.com, strathbungo.co.uk and strathbungo.uk

	2020-21
	£
Domain renewal	39.84
Website Hosting	219.24
	259.08

11. Affiliations

The Society renewed its membership of The Alexander Thomson Society at a cost of £40.

Independent Examiner's Report
The Strathbungo Society – Registered charity number SC038276
on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 30th April 2022

I report on the accounts of The Strathbungo Society for the year ended 30th April 2022.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Society trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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) Regulations 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

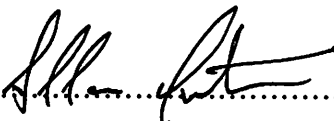
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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.......... 11th August 2022

Allan Hunter
Chartered Certified Accountant