Strathbungo Society Meeting 22 August 2023 7.30, The Bungo

Attendance:

Imelda Devlin, Jane Carolan, Andrew Downie, Steve Good & Paola Rezzilli

Apologies:

Heather Alexander, Harriet Steynor, Rhiannon Spear & Jeremy.

General:

Heather Alexander is leaving the society as she's moving to the Black Isle (Rosemarkie) and James Spooner is pausing his time at the society, but will still be available to help out for BitBL.

Bridge:

We agreed it's better than the original design. Glad to see the brick ends are gone. The glass sides are good as are the wider stairs.

We will ask NR about the cycle lip add on.

There is no lighting on the bridge itself but there are lampposts either side of the bridge. Moray Place lamppost was queried whether it was working. Confirmation that it is working.

Lane Fixings:

All but £351 of the funding has been spent. Steve has chased Karen at GCC to show the accounts of how the £20k funding has been spent, but has had no reply from her. We'd like to get Karen out to see what we've done with the grant money so that she can see where it's been spent in order to get more grant money. Andrew will phone her. People who live in those particular lanes are very happy with the result. It was raised with the residents of those lanes if they could raise funds to do more - no reply from anyone. Key lessons learnt - the estimate, together with the end of the pandemic meant costs went up significantly.

We will apply for the next round of lanes funding.

Bungo in the Back Lanes:

Still chasing donations from:

The Tea Garden (Marywood)

The 3 bars

Paola will chase the bars.

Windows Wanderland:

Had a chat about whether to do it again or not. We said we'd discuss it in more detail in October/ November when we'd need to apply for funding.

It was felt the 'how to do it' workshops were missing from this year.

Insurance for the event has already been paid upfront.

Sarah had talked previously about it having run its course.

Maybe ask the community on Social Media if they still wanted the event to happen.

AGM:

Potential date of Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm

Paola to ask the Queens Park Parish Church if it's available that evening and book it. We will make a donation to their food bank.

Steven Good has agreed to continue as Treasurer

Paola Rezzilli has agreed to continue as Chair

We will need a Vice Chair

We welcome input on what our theme or talk will be for the AGM. Possibly the Queens Park plan and Kildrostan St?

One thing we want is to bring new people into the society.

Newsletter:

The newsletter was disappointing for June - just one A4 double sided page.

The society should've been notified sooner that there was no content, although there seemed to be stories there that hadn't been used.

We need to find the presentation James Spooner did a few years ago to see when deadlines are. The next newsletter needs to be out prior to the AGM in November.

Stories so far:

Front page - the bridges are finished - Jane Carolan The lane fixes - Andrew Downie AGM - ? BitBL - Paola

Copy to be finished by September, to print end Sept/beg Oct. Need someone to put it together.

Next meeting on Tuesday 19th September.