

**Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council**  
**Annual General Meeting and Monthly General Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7pm**  
**Avonbridge Community Hall**

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

**1. Present**

Jo Hirst, Doreen Goldie, Ann Wallace, James Anthony, PC Laura Robb, Cllr Mcluckie, Cllr Hughes and 4 local residents.

**2. Apologies**

PC Derek Wallace

**3. Local Police Update**

**PACT Update:**

A new speeding PACT has been raised to service both areas of Avonbridge and Standburn. Static hand held radar speed checks will be conducted throughout the course of September into October 2013

**Emerging Threats / Proposed PACT Priorities:**

HHR to be conducted on Falkirk Road and Slamannan Road Avonbridge.

HHR to be conducted in Irene Terrace and Main Street, Standburn

**Crime**

Over the past 3 months there have been 14 reported crimes for the Avonbridge and Standburn areas.

These crimes consist of the following, 6 thefts, Breach of Bail, Threatening and Abusive Behaviour, Domestic Assault, Assault, Animal Health and Wellbeing, Vandalism and 2 Road Traffic Offences

Three of the above crimes have been detected however the outstanding 11 crimes remain undetected and are still currently being investigated by police.

**General Calls**

Since the last community council meeting, there has been 59 calls made to police from the area. Those calls consist mostly of the following, Neighbour Dispute's, Fake Notes, Assault's and Domestic Assaults, various Road Traffic complaints, Thefts including Theft by Housebreaking's, Concerns for Persons, Partnership Agency Request's for assistance, one found dog and other animal concerns.

**News Stories:**

As a result of the recent break in to the Community Centre in Avonbridge I am pleased to report that the television that had been reported as stolen during the break ins has since been recovered from a property out with the area. The television has since been returned to the community centre committee. The individuals who were found in possession of the stolen television have since been charged and are subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal

**Other Matters:**

Please ensure that all doors and windows within the home are properly locked and secured, this advice also extends to outbuildings including garden sheds and garages.

**Author:** PC 515 Derek Wallace

**4. Approval of Minutes**

June minutes – held over till next meeting pending amendments

**5. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Carry over to next meeting

**6. Chair's Report**

**Correspondence**

- a) Carrongrange School relocation consultation – will be passed to local residents with an interest.
- b) Litter Free Scotland consultation process.
- c) Planning Scotland's Seas Consultation process.
- d) Tellmesotland.gov.uk – new website containing all relevant actions planned for Scotland

[www.tellmesotland.gov.uk](http://www.tellmesotland.gov.uk)

e) Pre-planning notification – Turbine siting at Blackridge, West Lothian

### **7. Treasurers Report**

Current Bank Balance = £ 685.70

### **8. Community Council Elections**

New nominee applications available from 5<sup>th</sup> of September to be submitted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, interested parties James Anthony, Doreen Goldie, Ann Wallace, Jo Hirst and Harry Broadley. Notification of this will be posted in the Falkirk Herald for the community's attention.

### **9 Roads Issues – Resurfacing of the B825**

No reply to the e-mail sent to B Cochrane in March regarding the delay in this work. Cllr McLuckie agreed to enquire and report back to community council. Formal correspondence requesting representation from senior roads officers to attend next community council meeting and onsite visit will be sent. Due to the number of potholes and vehicles attempting to avoid these there have been various cars in the field at the bad bend near the Bowhouse roundabout.

Cllr McLuckie confirmed Avonbridge Primary School road markings are being investigated.

### **10. Jawcraig – Planning Application update.**

Letter of objection submitted on grounds of smell, hours of operation and number of vehicles. Cllr Hughes will ask for an EIA to be requested.

Further response awaited from SEPA by Falkirk Council.

### **11. Wind Turbine Application**

Item being carried over to next meeting – it was noted The Scottish Executive have reduced the limit for notification to 20m from a residential boundary.

### **12. Dart Energy Coal bed Methane Application update**

Letter of objection has been acknowledged and it has gone to Appeal the Scottish Reporters will keep us informed of any decisions.

### **13. A.O.C.B.**

- **Craigend Brickworks:-** fires there during the summer and an application has been placed for planning permission to build a house JH & DG to review and consider action required.
- **Foggermount:-** query raised that it may once again be being considered as a possible landfill site, confirmation awaited.
- **Muiravonside Country Park** follow up report sent to Falkirk Community Trust regarding lack of works and investment in the country park. No response to date.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Drumbowie Primary School, Standburn at 7pm.