

**Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council**  
**Annual General Meeting and Monthly General Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm 2013**  
**Drumbowie Primary School**

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

**1. Present**

Jo Hirst, Doreen Goldie, Ann Wallace, James Anthony, PC Derek Wallace and 2 local residents.

**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Local Police Update**

**PACT Update:**

In an effort to drive the message home with regards to speeding motorists the speeding PACT will continue in both Avonbridge and Standburn area's

**Emerging Threats / Proposed PACT Priorities:**

Increase in Housebreakings in area which has led to extra patrols be conducted.

**Crime**

Since the last meeting there has been 11 reported crimes for Avonbridge, those can be broken down into two main criteria's detected and undetected.

There are five detected crimes those consist of x3 Threatening and Abusive behaviour and x2 Assaults.

The remaining six crimes are currently undetected with enquiries ongoing which consist of the following.

1x Vandalism

1x Theft of heating fuel

1x Theft of motorbike

1x Housebreaking (Garden Shed)

1x Theft of petrol from motor car

1x Assault

In relation to the village of Standburn there was one reported crime of Housebreaking at a dwelling on the outskirts of the village.

**General Calls**

Since the last month's meeting, there has been 26 calls made to police from the village of Avonbridge. Those calls consist mostly of the following, Theft's and aggravations of theft which included Attempted House Breakings, Theft of Pedal Cycle and Motorcycle other criminal related calls such as Assault's, Threatening Behaviour, Domestic Incidents, Urinating in the street, Self Harming Female, Missing youth, silent 999, Abusive Persons and Domestic Water leak.

There has been one telephone call made to police from the village of Standburn that relates to the previously mentioned undetected crime of Housebreaking at an inhabitable house on the outskirts of the village

**News Stories:**

Over the past month I attended at a police Scotland debrief in Helen Street, Govan Glasgow. This debrief was held in relation to the recent Pedal For Scotland Cycling event. On the whole the event was regarded as being a success however I did raise a few issues with organisers, and senior officers particularly with regards to the behaviour of cyclists on local roads and also their safety. My concerns have been noted and will be subject for discussion at the next scheduled meeting which for all parties concerned from which I will provide a full update.

**Other Matters:**

As per previous months advice 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.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013, proposed by JA and seconded by DG

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

Carrongrange School relocation – No issues with those affected in the local community – preferred option would be Grangemouth site.

#### **6. Chair's Report**

##### **Correspondence**

a) Craighend Application – A&SCC submitted an objection on grounds of non-compliance with planning policy, an acknowledgement has been received.

b) E-mail from Angus McDonald MSP regarding feedback on Avonbridge Play park – agreed equipment excellent addition to park and well used – still issues with drainage, the dangerous condition of brick wall and portacabin in the park is still an issue and JH will respond with information.

c) Ready for Winter Campaign information received – this will be placed in notice boards and leaflets requested for distribution to local residents.

d) Methane Extraction – Bio-fuel Watch have sent a letter to Alex Salmond and have requested our support for their campaign. This was approved by those present.

As this was the final meeting as chair of this current community council, JH thanked everyone for their support over the last 4 years and for all their hard work.

#### **7. Treasurers Report**

DG confirmed the current Bank Balance = £ 685.70

September let fee to come off at £16 leaving £669.70 in account. Accounts have been submitted to Falkirk Council and we will be applying for further funding.

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

Current Community Council will cease at 30<sup>th</sup> October and first meeting of new Community Council will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2013. The new CC will need to elect new office bearers, however current office bearers confirmed they would be willing to be considered for the following posts:- JH - chair, DG - treasurer and AW – secretary in the new Council.

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

Reply received from B Cochrane, work guaranteed to be carried out in future year's budget 2014/15, JH will respond formally and a meeting is to be arranged during the working day to confirm what work is to be carried out.

#### **10. Muiravonside Country Park update.**

Response received from Sports Manager, we will respond with detailed enquiry. Maddiston Community Council have also been involved with this ongoing issue and are keen to support us.

#### **11. Gas Supplies for the Braes**

A letter will be sent to Angus McDonald MSP requesting guidance on how to move forward as this appears to have been stymied by Falkirk Council's refusal to install gas in their properties..

#### **12. A.O.C.B.**

a) Wind turbines – Falkirk Council's neighbour notification boundary and timescales have been reduced so no public notification required

b) The meeting agreed a request should be submitted to Falkirk Council Cleansing dept requesting 2 new litter bins to be placed at the telephone box and the square in Avonbridge.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Avonbridge Community Hall at 7pm.