

**Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Held 7pm, Thursday 12th June 2014**  
**Avonbridge Community Hall**

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

**1. Present**

Jo Hirst, Doreen Goldie, Ann Wallace, James Anthony, Harry Broadley, Ian McGillivray, Cllr McLuckie, Cllr Murray and 7 local residents.

**2. Apologies**

PC Wallace

**3. Local Police Update**

Since the last Community Council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 there have been 12 calls down 2 from the previous month made to the police from the village of Avonbridge.

There has been 1 call from the village of Standburn, this is the same as last month

With reference to the village of Avonbridge the 12 calls consisted mostly of the following

Lost and found dogs, car on fire, car on roof, possible housebreaking, concern for children x 2, missing persons and public request for assistance and advice

The one Standburn call relates to a member of the public whose car was damaged whilst parked outwith the Forth Valley Divisional area.

**4. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were proposed by DG and seconded by IM.

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

- JA questioned the origin of the plan used for the Standburn village survey issued by ASCC. The survey was circulated as requested by several Standburn residents and the content issued as per Falkirk Council Planning advice on housing issues.
- Speed controls are still required for both villages.
- Request for a banner to be placed outside Avonbridge PS to try to stop the parking, Cllr McLuckie will check on this and feed back.
- Avonbridge – corner at shop – yellow lines to be chased up.
- Drumbowie Park Standburn– police have been informed by residents that the Boxtou Road entrance and park is again being used for inappropriate behaviour.

**6. Chair's Report**

- Faulty Sanitary ware update – response received from BMD advising 26 faulty units being returned to supplier 16 properties affected another 19 to be checked. Contractor will pay for cost of replacements.
- Housing Slamannan Road Avonbridge update – confirmation works specification finalised and all roofs to be renewed, anticipated start date July 2014.
- Confirmation that Public Liability insurance is not required but we do need to register with Data Protection.
- Cllr numbers consultation – this has suggested that Falkirk Council reduce the number of Cllrs by 2, the Council has replied that we may actually have to raise the number by 2.
- School Let cost changes – request for confirmation of which group the CC comes under.

**7. Treasurers Report**

DG confirmed the current Bank Balance = £454.78. New notice board for Standburn purchased awaiting erection on site.

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**8 School Rolls Update / Head teacher**

Avonbridge PS will be 37 and Drumbowie PS will be 17. The Head teacher's position has not been filled at this time.

**9 Update from HB**

- Park Benches – will be in place in the next few weeks
- Welfare Hall – drains have had camera inspection – tendering documents issued for full repiping of drainage system.
- Avonbridge PS – lines now painted
- Dog Waste bin – now in situ.
- Slamannan Park – Waste bin in place
- Avonbridge - waste bin now in place
- Avonbridge PS – request a letter be sent regarding the children dropping waste.
- Renovation Works Avonbridge – now been ongoing for 3 months not completed yet and various litter issues around the site.
- Avonbridge Clinic – hedge still overhanging the pavement opposite the clinic.
- Avonbridge Pub – new recycle bins have been put in place.

**10 Update on Muiravonside Country Park**

Some pathways now completed and others nearing completion. New farm equipment in place, chicken coups renewed and new ranger on site. Employment Training Scheme doing various jobs round the park. Education centre should be re-opened soon as per Cllr McLuckie. Road speed signs are required on the internal road.

**11 . A.O.C.B.**

- Support for Pedal for Scotland Fun Day – Avonbridge PS PTA are hoping to run a fun day during the event & have asked for assistance from ASCC to complete a joint grant application, JH and DG agreed to help with this and advised to contact Frank McChord for further assistance.
- Ardvula, Standburn – Hedge at top of the hill, Council are currently trying to contact the owner regarding having this cut back.
- Electric fence, Standburn – A resident present mentioned that a private fence had been cut in 3 separate places, allowing horses to move between fields over ground with sharp metal and rock. The village as a whole was asked to be vigilant in this regard and report any suspicious behaviour, the matter was also reported to the police
- Avonbridge War Memorial – the plinth and planters are looking good, but weeds are growing in the red shale inside the fence. Cllr McLuckie will contact Harry Forster regarding works and possible siting of a flagpole.
- Bowhouse R/A – hanging baskets. Cllr McLuckie will check if the baskets are being replaced this year.

**12. Next Meeting Date**

Thursday 11th September 2014 in Drumbowie Primary School, Standburn at 7pm.