

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Monthly General Meeting
Held on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7pm
Drumbowie Primary School

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

1. Present

Jo Hirst, James Anthony, Doreen Goldie, Ann Wallace, PC Wallace, Cllr McLuckie, Cllr Murray, J McCaig, Donald Campbell (Falkirk Council), J Singh and 8 local residents.

2. Apologies

Cllr Gordon Hughes, Harry Broadley, Dave Cameron, Ian McGillivray, one local resident.

3. Community Safety Team Report

Community Safety Representative unable to attend.

Investigations during the period 01/04/16 – 30.04.16 for Avonbridge & Standburn

ASB Concern	No of Reports
Dog Fouling	21
Control of Dogs	5
Youth related disorder	10
Other	4

4. Local Police Update - Report compiled - PC Derek Wallace - Meeting – 12.05.2016

Since the date of the last meeting there have been 10 calls to police relating specifically to the Avonbridge area. They relate to the following categories:

- X 2 Disturbance calls
- X2 Suspect Person's calls
- Abandoned 999 calls
- Loud Music
- Suspect persons x3
- Domestic Bail Checks
- Welfare Check

For Standburn

- Assist Member of public

Within the last 4 weeks there have been 5 crime reports raised in relation to the Avonbridge area:

Those consist of a vehicle being driven without any insurance, No MOT and No Excise Licence.

The other two reports consist of suspect persons within Stevenson's Yard and a Breach Of The Peace offence

For Standburn there have been no crime reports created

JH then read out a Press release regarding recovered stolen items.

'Two people have been arrested and charged in connection with a number of acquisitive crime offences across Forth Valley Division. After a search of premises in Slamannan a number of items were recovered including power tools, mobile phones and other electrical items'.

Members of the public are invited to come forward if they believe their property may be being held.
Sergeant Craig Heron – Grangemouth Police Office.

DG reported hay bales are being dumped in River Avon; PC Wallace will contact water bailiff and investigate.

5. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2016.

Proposed D Goldie Seconded S Maguire.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

None.

7. Chair's Report

Correspondence

Digital Scotland Broadband – A recent flyer advised Avonbridge exchange will be upgraded to superfast broadband in next six months.

Central Scotland Regional Equality Council – Your views count –Police Scotland have launched a local policing consultation details available via this link - www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts.

8. Treasurers Report

Current Bank Balance = £ 146.94 – no outstanding invoices.

9. Wester Jawcraig - Slamannan

SEPA and Angus McDonald have advised Falkirk Council is responsible for managing and restricting traffic hours. Local residents have been badly disturbed by heavy traffic travelling between Wester Jawcraig and Scottish Water Daldowie depot in Uddingston. Vehicles were travelling all through the night over the Easter period and still persist. The meeting was advised by J McCaig that this has ceased by agreement with Scottish Water.

Road from Wester Jawcraig to Cumbernauld has been blocked by an obstruction and it was agreed this issue should be raised with Falkirk Council - JH & DG to progress.

Gardrum Moss – confirmed bought by James McCaig Farms Ltd, the question was raised as to whether or not the site was under special protection due to wildlife and fauna - JH & DG to investigate.

Mr Jamie McCaig was present at the meeting was asked what his intentions were for the area and responded by saying 'it was to restore the site to rough grazing'.

It was agreed the history of the site should be investigated and representation made to Falkirk Council.

It was noted by a further resident a stockpile of sewage sludge has been in-situ for 18 months at Glen Elrigg without being used, this is in contravention of the current codes of practice and guidelines for Sewage Sludge.

10. Burnhead Moss Windfarm Community Fund update

CARES funding is being sought by application to cover the cost of employing an external consultant to complete a Community Consultation and prepare a Community Action Plan covering the next 10-15 years.

The initial funding from the Wind Farm fund will shortly be available in the form of a Micro Grants Fund to be administered by the ASCC but funded by Foundation Scotland. This will be for small groups and individuals to apply for sums up to £150, application forms are available from the ASCC. This fund will be advertised to all local groups and on local notice boards to raise awareness.

The main grant fund will be delayed subject to completion of the Community Consultation thereafter applications for sums up to £1,000 will be invited from constituted groups in the area.

An amount of approx £9000 is being held in reserve to cover education and training costs for opportunities for young people to train in renewable energy fields. Further details of a Modern Apprentice programme will be available shortly after discussions with EDF (DC & JH progressing).

11. Website Proposal for ASCC

Ed Chappell presented ideas to the meeting in respect of the possibilities for an ASCC website.

It was suggested we should check with Brian Pirie if Falkirk Council allow individual websites. The issue of long-term commitments were discussed, together with copyright, security, facebook and twitter.

The pros and cons were discussed at length and it was agreed the matter required more consideration and dedicated volunteers to run it.

It was proposed this could be an opportunity for young people to interact with the CC and it was suggested we should contact Braes High School regarding a possible website design competition.

Those present were asked for their views regarding what a website should do if introduced.

A number of suggestions were put forward and suggestions were made in respect of free guidance that may be available in the marked place i.e. Lloyds Bank.

JH thanked Mr Chappell for his efforts and presentation on behalf of ASCC.

12. Fly tipping and bin collections

- Boxtton Road & Candie – It was confirmed there had been more dumping in these areas and that this is an ongoing issue. A request was made to Councillors for possible signage and patrols in particular locations i.e. Candie End.
- The issue of the empty property Hillend Lodge on Blackstone Road Avonbridge was raised as it is now being vandalised, it was confirmed this property is now owned by the Royal Bank of Scotland.
- It was noted there has been an increase in garden refuse being dumped in lay-bys due to the reduction in brown bin collections.

- Public litter bin at Doctors Brae, Avonbridge has disappeared a replacement was requested. Local Councillors to respond.

13. A.O.C.B.

- **None.**

Next Meeting Date

Thursday 9th June 2016 in Avonbridge Community Hall at 7pm.