

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Monthly General Meeting
Held on Thursday 9th June 2016 at 7pm
Avonbridge Community Hall

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

1. Present

Jo Hirst, Doreen Goldie, Ann Wallace, Ian McGillivray, Harry Broadley, PC Wallace, PC Towler, Jason Candlish (CST), Paul Hamilton (CST) and 10 local residents.

2. Apologies

Cllr Hughes, Cllr Rosie Murray, James Anthony, Cllr John McLuckie, 4 members of the public.

3. Local Police Update

Since the last meeting there have been 17 calls made to police relating specifically to the Avonbridge area. They relate to the following categories:

Road Traffic x 3

Police Information

Domestic Incident

Public Nuisance x 5 (Hillend Lodge)

Public Assistance

In relation to Standburn there have been no calls

Within the last month 3 crime reports have been raised in relation to the village of Avonbridge. They are as follows:

XI Vandalism

XI Failure to report RTA

XI Assault

For Standburn there have been no crime reports raised.

ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER

There are no specific threats at this time in relation to this priority. Patrols continue at weekends, targeting licensed premises, known offenders, and youth disorder.

Specifically for Avonbridge, there has been one incident of ASB over the previous month which relates to an assault. There are currently no repeat or priority locations in terms of ASB, Disorder and Violence.

There have been no such offences recorded in Standburn.

Specifically for both villages, there have been no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery.

DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE

With reference to the Avonbridge and Standburn area there have been no reported incidents involving drugs nor have there been any drug related police operations.

ROAD SAFETY

There have been no incidents in the area this month

DISHONESTY CRIMES

There have been no such incidents within either Avonbridge or Standburn.

With regards to Hillend Lodge, Blackston I am currently in dialogue with the Royal Bank Of Scotland and Falkirk Council representatives to establish both owner of property and securing of same in particular the pool in the basement. Expected sale will be dealt with by RBS. Further updates will hopefully be made available at next Community Council Meeting

Please e-mail any feedback to: - derek.wallace@scotland.pnn.police.uk – Our local police officer.

Items raised at the meeting:

Avonbridge: Bridgend Road and Slamannan Road speeding issues.

River Avon – hay bales have been getting dumped into the River Avon, possibly via the Candie Road end track in through Muiravonside Country Park, this appears to have stopped. Bathgate Road gate which was open just before the Avon Gorge is now closed as some hay bales also looked to be dumped there.

Discharge in River Avon reported to SEPA.

Officer moves – Lower Braes currently has no cover PC Wallace and PC Towler temporarily covering area.

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on 12th May 2016

Proposed D Goldie seconded S Maguire.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Fly tipping – Hillend House and Candie End now uplifted and cleared.

Doctors Brae – Litterbin – still no action.

5a Community Safety Team Report

Hotspot Patrols

Area	Issues	Actions
Blackston Road, Avonbridge	Youth disorder at Hillend Lodge	Regular patrols to identify people responsible for vandalism and disorder at property. Liaising with Police Scotland.

Investigations: Period 01/05/16 – 31/05/16

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	21
Litter/Fly Tipping	4
Youth related disorder	10
Other	3

Avonbridge trail – Residents reported excess dog fouling and dogs are being let loose in the field. Officers asked to investigate and increase patrols in this area.

6. Chair's Report

Correspondence

- **Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change Consultation** – from 6th of June to 12th September.
- **Braes High School Show** invite to CC – AW will attend 15th June.
- **Scottish Health Council** database update, details to be available Scotland wide.
- **Falkirk Council Development Plan** - newsletter.

7. Treasurers Report

Current Bank Balance = £ 130.94, £16 – parking at Holyrood, £24 – room hire the Hub, Falkirk for Alison Harris MSP meeting, to be reimbursed, core funding applied for.

£1500 from Foundation Scotland for micro grants, second account for grant money to be established.

8. Wester Jawcraig, Slamannan – PAN Planning Notice for an Archery Range

Concerns were expressed to John Milne planning officer Falkirk Council regarding the incomplete details on the PAN notice; ASCC suggested a new PAN is required.

Ongoing issues with overnight transport, evidence sent to council. SW contacted re sludge transport over agreed limits.

Contact to be made with MSPs as cannot be dealt with under current legislation by Falkirk Council.

Formation of new road will be checked in the next few weeks by planning.

9. Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Community Fund

CC to administer micro grants up to limit of £150 – fund now open.

Current applications received from the following clubs for consideration:-

Avonbridge Senior Lunch club - £150 to cover food, cooking and hall hire for 23 members on a Tuesday- no objection – granted.

Avonbridge Community Garden Club £150 for perennials at community garden – no objection – granted.

Racing Pigeon Club £150 to cover running costs and roof repairs – awaiting return of official form – no objection - granted.

Main Grant – Still under development but ASCC have suggested If a group make an application, one of their members should be willing to be part of the panel for the following 2 years.

£9000 Cares Grant to be applied for to cover cost of a community consultation to create a community action plan.

10. Gardrum Moss Planning Proposal.

Planning Application P/16/0319/CPE Certificate of Existing Lawfulness.

ASCC agreed to send a letter to Falkirk Council to J Milne to object to the application.

Also ASCC wish to clarify land classification of site, whether permitted development land and does the spreading of sewage sludge require permission here.

Local residents were asked to make the Council aware of their personal objections to support CC objection.

Shieldhill and California CC & ASCC have arranged a joint public meeting Tuesday 14th June at Shieldhill Primary School for members of the public.

11. Concerned Communities of Falkirk

ASCC have been approached by CCOF to ask if they would be willing to organise a public meeting to discuss the pros and cons of unconventional gas extraction in Scotland. The findings will be fed back to the Scottish Government as part of their Public Consultation procedure. The meeting agreed to this and the meeting will proceed on a provisional date in August, further information will be forthcoming all residents will be welcome to attend.

12 Police and Local Community Matters

Covered in item 3

12. A.O.C.B.

- **Blackston Road** – scrapyards ASCC are awaiting the submission of a planning application but have been advised this is a temporary arrangement supported by the landowner.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday 8th September 2016 in Drumbowie Primary School at 7pm.