

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Monthly General Meeting
Held on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7pm
Drumbowie Primary School

Meeting chaired by Dave Cameron

1. Present

Dave Cameron, Doreen Goldie, Iain McGillivray, Ann Wallace, PC Wallace, Cllr McLuckie, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Murray, John Wotherspoon and 6 local residents.

2. Apologies

Jo Hirst, James Anthony

3. Local Police Update

Parking on Blackstone Road Avonbridge outside the Community Hall was discussed and will be followed up. Pedal for Scotland event– confirmed no police involvement requested.

Since the last meeting there have been 51 calls made to police relating specifically to the Avonbridge area. They relate to the following categories:

Vehicles causing obstruction, Public Assistance, Abandoned 999, Public Nuisance (Hillend Lodge)
Concern For Persons, Fraud, Security Alarm activations

In relation to Standburn there have been 7 calls those consist of the following

Assault, Domestic Incident x2, Theft, Concern For Person, Suspect Persons, RTC (Minor)

Since the last Community Council Meeting there have been 7 crime reports raised in relation to the village of Avonbridge. They are as follows:

Vandalism, Theft Of Car (Since Recovered), Fraud, Threatening and Abusive Behaviour, RT Offence
Telecomms Offence, Theft By Housebreaking

For Standburn there have been two crime reports raised.

Careless Driving and Theft

Ward Priorities

ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER

Specifically for Avonbridge, there have been 2 incidents of ASB since the last meeting which relates to Vandalism and Youths causing annoyance. 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

The following offences/driving behaviour have occurred:

Seatbelt Offences x1 for the village of Avonbridge

DISHONESTY CRIMES

Specifically for Avonbridge there have been three types of dishonesty crimes those being Fraud, Theft By Housebreaking and Theft Of A Motorcar

For Standburn one crime of Dishonesty has occurred that related to Theft Of Money

Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information

Towards the end of August an elderly female resident from the village of Avonbridge fell victim to a Fraud. The suspects in this case contacted the female by telephone at that time promising a large sum of money from an unclaimed PPI. The victim at first sent £800.00 and after more promises of money in return sent more sums of money totalling in excess of over £2000.

The aforementioned sequence of events would not have ceased had her family not been alerted.

The above crime is currently under investigation.

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Proposed by D. Goldie Seconded by A. Wallace

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Doctors Brae – litter bin still not in place – Cllr McLuckie will chase up.

Fly tipping – now cleared.

6. Chair's Report

Correspondence

Make it Happen forum

Blackston Road, Avonbridge – car parking on the road is causing issues for lorries entering Stevenson's Yard when the community hall is open for the community café, police, Council & company will liaise to resolve.

Edinburgh Airspace Consultation – A public meeting will be held in December after all comments have been collected – CC will submit a response.

Community Safety Team

ASB Reports Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month - **Period: 01/08/16 – 31/08/16**

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. Fire and Police called due to fire in the building.

Investigations: Period 01/08/16 – 31/08/16

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	16
Litter/Fly Tipping	3
Youth related disorder	19
Other	1

Further Information

Dog fouling is the number one issue throughout the area. Regular patrols on foot are carried out and FPN notices issued where appropriate.

Contact Us

Phone	0808 100 3161	FREEPHONE 24/7
Email	community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk	
Online	Falkirk Council Website	www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today

You can also find interesting information on:

Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FalkirkLitterTeam (please like and share)

Twitter account at www.twitter.com/LitterTeam

7. Treasurers Report

Current Bank Balance = £ 1116.94 – no outstanding invoices. Annual funding applied for.

£1050 is from the wind turbine fund which will be transferred to a separate account set up at Airdrie Savings Bank.

8. Wester Jawcraig - Slamannan

JH and DG met with Sports Scotland with regards to a planning application lodged with North Lanarkshire Council for 6 Olympic standard clay pigeon shooting galleries and a further full competition archery range applied for via Falkirk Council, both applications were submitted by Central Scotland Shooting School. Both councils were unaware of the other application. These facilities will increase road traffic numbers considerably; noise is also a major concern as one of the conditions required by Sport Scotland is that the facilities be used all day/evenings seven days a week. Concern was also raised as to the storage facilities for the shooting facilities considering the large amounts of ammunition and fire arms required. A letter of objection has been submitted by the CC.

9. Burnhead Moss Windfarm Community Fund update

The grant application and decision process negotiations are almost complete.

The EDF Energy Renewables Burnhead Moss Community Fund will provide £130,000 annually split between 3 geographical areas. As one of those 3 areas, Avonbridge & Standburn CC area will receive a fund amounting to £43,666 in the first year (2016-2017).

Of this amount 20% will be ring fenced and retained by EDF to fund an Education and Training Fund to support a range of education and training opportunities across the 3 areas (each area will contribute £9,000) this will equate to £26,000 in total.

Therefore the total fund amount available to the ASCC area for the year is £34,666.00

Three grants have been made to date as interim contributions to the Community as follows:

- Grant to Avonbridge Community Hall to assist running costs £3,000
- Grant to the primary schools jointly for Transport costs £2,500
- Grant to ASCC for a Micro Grant Fund to distribute to small groups in the Community on application £1,500

It is now recommended by Foundation Scotland we carry out a Community Consultation resulting in a Community Plan for the next 5-10 years. This will be completed by external independent consultants appointed on a tender application basis. A sub committee of the ASCC are discussing this with Foundation Scotland to progress matters.

CARES Funding Application to enable a Community Consultation and Planning Exercise

S Maguire has been pursuing the ASCC area CARES application by both email and telephone but awaits a response. It was suggested we contact Foundation Scotland to request their assistance.

10. Gardrum Moss Planning Appeal Update

Objection submitted to Planning Reporter no further information received to date.

11. Concerned Communities of Falkirk Community Charter

Avonbridge and Standburn Community Council held an open public meeting in Avonbridge Community Hall on Sunday 21st August 2016 which was advertised and open to all local residents. A slide show was presented and those attending were asked for their opinions on various aspects of Unconventional Gas Extraction and how it would or could affect their way of life.

An informative discussion developed and comments/views were noted.

The outcomes will be documented and will be submitted to the Scottish Government as part of the Public Consultation procedure. This is ongoing.

12. Pedal for Scotland Cycle Event

Maddiston CC advised various businesses, churches and Haining old peoples home were seriously affected by this event. TTPO – issues with late notice.

Questions were raised as to the legality of 'No Parking' signs posted by the event organisers.

More consultation prior to event is required and a post event meeting with organisers has been requested.

Cllr McLuckie will contact Roads Department to try and arrange a meeting.

It was discussed that a meeting involving the affected Community Council areas representatives, Police Scotland, Falkirk Council roads department and the event organisers be requested. Mention was made to consider contacting STV the main sponsor, also a lack of openness regarding the Charity, Pedal for Scotland and combined Limited Company accounts was also mentioned.

Resident concerns received by ASCC have been forwarded by email to Maddiston Community Council.

13. Avonbridge Parking Issues – Blackston Road - Discussed under section 3.

14. A.O.C.B.

- TTPO – Easter Whin Road on 13th September from 7am to 6pm
- Waste collection –reduction in green bin collection
- Sewage spreading petition – response from Scottish Government, Request by Allison Harris for a meeting with Roseanne Cunningham has been declined.
- Big Roman Week – starting 17th of September for nine days – check online and at libraries for program
- New 3 wind turbine farm being constructed locally – possible bid to be put in for funding request
- Facebook page for CC is now live www.facebook.com/AandSCC
- Council Budget cuts – announcement to be made next week on next round of proposed cuts
- Planning – housing proposals for local area are being reassessed

Next Meeting Date

Thursday 13th October 2016 in Avonbridge Community Hall at 7pm this is also our AGM.