

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Monthly General Meeting
Held on Thursday 9th March 2017 at 7pm
Drumbowie School Standburn

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

1. Present

Jo Hirst, Doreen Goldie, James Anthony, Dave Cameron, PC Derek Wallace, Ed Chappell, Cllr R Murray and 5 local residents.

2. Apologies

Ian McGillivray, Jit Singh (SCCC), Cllr Hughes, Ann Wallace, Jen Hunter and Maria Montinaro

3. Local Police Update

Since the last meeting there have been 15 calls made to police from the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following

X 4 Silent 999 calls	X 1 Police Generated	X 2 Neighbour Dispute	X 2 Road Traffic (Road Accident)
X1 Concern For Person	X 1 Vandalism	X 1 Youth related	X1 Assault
X1 Public Assistance	X1 Noisy Party		

For the village of Standburn there has been 1 call made to police which related to a Disturbance call

ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER

Specifically for Avonbridge, there have been 4 incidents of ASB since the last meeting relating to a Noisy Music, Youth related call; Vandalism and Assault There are currently no repeat or priority locations in terms of ASB, Disorder and Violence.

For Standburn there has been one Disturbance Call

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 Avonbridge there have been no reported incidents involving drugs nor have there been any drug related police operations.

Regarding Standburn one person was found in possession of a controlled drug.

ROAD SAFETY

No such offences have been detected in either Standburn or Avonbridge

DISHONESTY CRIMES

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

Residents Enquiries

PC Wallace was asked what could be done about the activities of men using the Drumbowie Park inappropriately which are causing concern for residents and the school. It was agreed we should contact the community wardens and ask them to patrol, DEAG are to be asked to take action.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

Pedal for Scotland update

PC Wallace requested an update on discussions with the Event Managers WMP for this event.

JH confirmed a meeting with ASCC, California & Shieldhill CC & Maddiston CC took place on 1st March in Falkirk with WMP Events Management. The CCs proposed the route should revert to Avonbridge / Boxtou Road / B825 thus avoiding the village of Standburn. WMP as organisers seemed mainly concerned with safety of cyclists, quality of road surface and avoiding disruption of A801 traffic at Bowhouse roundabout. (It had been pointed out that this route had been closed over three recent weekends with no problem). We are awaiting the outcome of WMP considerations of the CC proposals.

4. Community Safety Team Report

None received –

5. Approval of Minutes

Proposed J Anthony seconded E Chappell.

With minor amendment deleting reference to the Community Consultation

6. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

JA confirmed he had received a response from Falkirk Council Roads dept relating to the request to have the 30mph signs moved to outwith the village boundary. As the request was declined JA is to pursue.

7. Chair's Report

- JH highlighted the ongoing consultation on Unconventional Gas and Fracking which is open for public comment details are noted at the end of the minutes and everyone is encouraged to participate.
- Wattbike Race- 26th March 2017 the meeting was reminded this event is taking place and additional numbers of cyclists will be passing through the villages and our area on this date, approx 800 participants are expected.

Emails received:-

A. Police Email - Colleagues/Partners

On Monday 27 February 2017, Police Scotland published Policing 2026, a national consultation designed to ensure as many voices as possible are heard to help the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland design its services to keep people safe over the next decade. The consultation will run for 10 weeks and will help refine and inform the strategy. The demands on policing are changing. The patterns of crime are shifting - often enabled by new technologies, the population is ageing and becoming more diverse and the duty to protect the vulnerable is becoming ever more complex. The police service must adapt and develop its capacity and capability to maximise public safety and remain operationally and financially sustainable.

The strategy will chart the next phase in the transformation of policing in Scotland. It will create a workforce of police officers and staff who are focussed on where they can add most value to the mission of protecting and serving the public. It will see technology and new ways of working releasing greater productivity and more time tackling crime and addressing issues around vulnerability. The workforce mix will evolve as new skills and capabilities are developed to tackle the emerging challenges revealed in the 2026 strategy.

Developing our approach in five key areas of activity will drive the transformation:

- Prevention – tackling crime, inequality and critical problems facing communities
- Protection – based on threat, risk and harm
- Communities – focused on localism, diversity and the virtual world
- Knowledge – informing the development of better services
- Innovation – becoming a dynamic, adaptable and sustainable service

I would like to invite you and your communities to participate in this consultation, local views are essential to helping form this strategy. As highlighted the consultation will be open for 10 weeks until 10 May 2017 when the responses will be reviewed and the revised Policing 2026 strategy document published before the summer.

The full draft strategy document and consultation opportunity can be found at

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/>

Regards,

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B. Loch Leven Walkathon – Sunday 19th March 2017!

I hope you don't mind me emailing, but Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland have an event coming up that we think the local community may like to hear about and we'd love your help spreading the word!...

The Loch Leven Walkathon has taken place for the past six years, raising a fantastic **£58,000** for people living with chest, heart and stroke conditions in Scotland so far. We are thrilled it will once again return on **Sunday 19th March** alongside the stunning Loch Leven in Kinross-shire. We hope you will consider spreading the word about the Walkathon this year to help us continue our vital work.

As I'm sure many people in the Falkirk area are aware, Loch Leven is a spectacular location for a spot of fresh air and gentle exercise, so dust off those walking boots and join us for a Sunday morning wander. Choose from a 7K (with optional family Treasure Hunt), a 12K or the 13 mile circuit – the equivalent of walking a half-marathon around the beautiful loch. All routes start and finish at the warm and inviting Loch Leven's Larder – meaning you can treat yourself to a nice cuppa and cake after your endeavours!

More information can be found at www.scotlandwalkathon.com, where you can also sign up online. Paper forms are available on request by calling 0300 1212 444 or emailing fundraising@chss.org.uk. Spaces are limited so please register in advance to avoid missing out!

We would love to see you at the Loch Leven Walkathon this year! At a time when health services across Scotland are struggling to cope with demand, fundraising like this is vital to help support our work. Please feel free to share this invite with any friends, family or colleagues who you think may like to come along. If you are happy to display flyers (on a local noticeboard for example) please just email and I will send some out to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support,

Chiara Alagia

Loch Leven Walkathon Event Manager

Chiara Alagia | Assistant Fundraiser, South of Scotland

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland | Rosebery House 9 Haymarket Terrace Edinburgh | EH12 5EZ

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C. Dear Sir/Madam **Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2)**

The Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) Main Issues Report was published for a 12-week consultation on Friday 10th February. On the 14th February you were invited to one of two stakeholder workshops. You or another member of your organisation may have attended our Pre-Main Issues Report workshops in November 2015. We are seeking a single representative from each organisation so please do advise us if you are no longer the organisation contact.

The workshops will be held on two dates at **Callendar House, Falkirk:**

- **Wednesday 15th March at 9.30am-1.15pm** (followed by light lunch)
- **Monday 20th March at 9.30am – 1.15pm** (followed by light lunch)

These workshops will bring together a range of organisations with an interest in LDP2. These organisations include developers and consultants, community and business representatives and Council officers. The workshops will be an opportunity to explore the options which are presented in the MIR, and to discuss the themes within the MIR which will inform the next stage of LDP2.

The workshops will each tackle the 4 themes. These are:

- Place and Environment
- Homes and Communities
- Jobs and Economy
- Infrastructure and Resources

The Main Issues Report and further information on the consultation is located at www.falkirk.gov.uk/LDP2

Booking

Please advise whether you are able to attend either date, or if you have a preferred date. So that there is adequate discussion time for each theme, we are also asking participants to select **3 out of the 4** themes. You will then be placed in the appropriate discussion groups. We would be grateful if you could let us know whether you (or another member of your organisation) are able to attend by **Friday 10th March**, and which 3 theme groups you would like to be placed in. Kind regards,

Alexandra Lewis – Planning Officer (Development Planning)

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D. From: letsgofurther -SMBXMAIL649 <letsgofurther@edinburghairport.com>

To: @

Sent: Tuesday, 31 January 2017, 11:25

Subject: Edinburgh Airport - Airspace Change Programme

Hello

I'm writing to let you know that Edinburgh Airport has now launched the second consultation in our Airspace Change Programme.

Over the summer months, we asked for your opinions on change and we have listened carefully to all that you've had to say. Your views have helped shape our thinking and have guided us in making our proposals. We'd now like to share these proposals with you and ask for your feedback.

We've worked hard to create the best solution for all – one that meets our regulatory requirements, accommodates our necessary growth and minimises the impact on the people who live in our neighbouring communities.

This is a very detailed process and as someone who may get questions, I want to make sure that you have all the information you need to understand our programme. I have attached a copy of the Consultation Book for you, this includes information on our proposals and our process. We have also developed an interactive website letsgofurther.com, which allows consultees to input a postcode and see how the airspace change proposals may affect them.

This consultation is being run in accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority's CAP725 Airspace Change Guidance. To give you confidence, we have also commissioned a Quality Assurance of our consultation process by the Consultation Institute (consultationinstitute.org). Over the next 13 weeks, there will be advertising campaigns and a mailbox drop to all EH, KY and FK postcodes pointing people to the website to provide their feedback. We have also created a Freepost address for those who prefer to communicate or provide their feedback by hand.

I invite all with an interest in our preferred flight path options to give us their views on our proposals.

Please let me know if there is any information you'd like from me that would help you during this programme.

Yours sincerely

Gordon **Gordon Robertson**

Director of Communications

E. Braes High School Community Café Posters – Distributed for display round both villages.

F. Tesco Redding – Bags of Help Scheme

Hi,

Please find detailed below information on how to apply for funding from our Bags of Help Scheme. We need local groups to apply!!! 3 groups will receive funding EVERY month in the Falkirk & Alloa region - that's 36 groups a year!!

Do you know a local green space that needs improving? Do you want to run activities in outdoor spaces, green spaces or parks? Great news - in order to give Tesco customers a say much more frequently on where their money goes, the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme is now permanently open for applications. Bags of Help will now see the money raised by the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores in England, Wales and Scotland opened up to a greater range of projects that support community participation in the development and use of open spaces.

There are also some other exciting changes. Projects that can be put forward for funding include both physical improvements to outdoor spaces, green spaces and parks AND activities on them. There is no match funding requirement and no restrictions on existing project funding. Applications for between £2K and £5K are invited.

Projects that will now get the green light as a result of the funding will include volunteer training, physical improvements of open spaces, equipment purchases, community events and sports and leisure activities.

Following a public vote in local Tesco stores, three projects in each of the Tesco regions will receive a grant each month, with first place receiving up to £5K, second place £2K and third place £1K.

Bags of Help is administered by Groundwork, working in Scotland with Greenspace Scotland. Full eligibility criteria and detailed application guidance is available online here <http://bit.ly/bagsofhelp3>

Do please get in touch with Sue Wylie from Greenspace Scotland if you need support or advice when submitting your application.

Thanks Arlene Campbell / Angela Combe Community Champion Tesco, Redding Road 07514410463

G. Getting in on the Act -Free workshops in Falkirk for community organisations

Dear all,

[The Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act](#) is now coming into force. Many provisions are in place already and, with statutory guidance and regulations mostly finalised, everything should be implemented by April 2017.

These free workshops for community organisations are a chance to find out what the Act contains and how to make use of it in order to do the sorts of things you want to do as a community. The main focus will be on how community organisations can use participation requests to start a dialogue with public bodies about things that matter to them. The workshops will also introduce you to

New opportunities to be part of community planning processes in your local area.

Provisions around asset ownership and community right to buy land and buildings

Other parts of the Act such as changes to National Outcomes and duties for local authorities around community food growing.

The workshops will take place on Thursday 23rd March, 10am - 12:30pm and 1:30pm - 4pm at the CVS Falkirk offices, Unit 6, Callendar Business Park, Falkirk, FK1 1XR. Community organisations from across Forth Valley are encouraged to register and attendees can book a place at either workshop.

H. The Scottish Health Council is sharing this information on behalf of the General Medical Council

Making decisions with your doctor - what's important to you

The General Medical Council (GMC), the UK's independent regulator of doctors has launched a survey to find out about patients' experiences of discussing treatment and care decisions with their doctors.

The survey is quick and easy to complete and is open until 19 March 2017. >> [Take the online survey](#)

Information on the other formats available can be found on the GMC's [Consent review page](#).

The survey is part of the GMC's review of their guidance for doctors on how they work in partnership with patients to make decisions about their care.
Your feedback will help shape the GMC's work to develop revised guidance for consultation later this year.
Open until 19 March 2017.

I. Ladies & Gentlemen,

Please can I alert you and your members to a fraudulent scheme which has occurred recently? Further details of the latest scams can be found at the Police Scotland website or <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

Thanks, Craig

HMRC and Apple Gift Card Fraud

The fraudsters are using the following contact methods to defraud people:

Voicemails: Fraudsters are leaving victims automated voicemails stating they owe HMRC unpaid taxes. When victims call back on the number provided, they are told that there is a warrant out for their arrest, unless they make payment via iTunes Vouchers.

Spoofed calls: Fraudsters are cold calling victims using a spoofed 0300 200 3300 number and convincing them that they owe unpaid tax to HMRC.

Text messages: Fraudsters are sending text messages requesting victims to urgently call back on the number provided. When victims call back, they are told that there is a case being built against them for an outstanding debt and they must pay immediately.

Fraudsters are using iTunes gift cards to collect money from victims because they can be easily redeemed and sold on. The scammers don't need the physical card to redeem the value and instead get victims to read out the serial code on the back over the phone to them. Action Fraud has been working with [Apple](#) and HMRC to warn people about this type of fraud.

How to protect yourself

HMRC will never use text message to inform about a tax rebate or penalty.

HMRC will never ask for any payment in the form of iTunes Vouchers.

HMRC will only post out a P800 tax calculations, in circumstances of under or overpayment of taxes, if you're employed or get a pension.

Payments using iTunes Vouchers may not be recoverable.

Be protective of divulging other personal details such as National Insurance number, passport number and bank details over the telephone.

If you receive an unexpected call, whereby the caller requests an advance fee in the form of iTunes gift cards, the call should immediately be terminated.

Sergeant Craig Heron LLB (Hons) Grangemouth Police Office

8. Treasurers Report

Current Bank Balance

ASCC Account = £ 690.91

Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Fund = £1866.70

Cheque books requiring two signatures and internet banking are now in place

No Microgrant applications this month

9. Planning and Online Update/Report including Broadband Provision

1. Planning - No planning applications to report

2. Facebook - 1847 page views this month

3. aandscc.org.uk domain name has been registered.

Status of Avonbridge exchange can be checked using this link <http://www.telephone-exchange.co.uk/Avonbridge-ESAVO.html>. A more technical discussion of the various schemes in use can be found at <http://www.thinkbroadband.com/fag/sections/radsl.html#227>.

10. EDF Burnhead Moss Wind Farm update and Cares Grant Progress

- CARES Grant update – first meeting of project team still to be time scaled.
- Education & Training Fund – This is now live and Stage 2 of the fund is open for applications and details are displayed on our facebook page. DC provided some background on the first round of applications 10 of which have been successful. DC is in contact with Iain Livingston at Braes High to monitor progress.
- DC also asked for volunteers to assist with the completion of applications as some applicants are not confident.
- EC also suggested we produce an update once a quarter detailing the micro grants paid into the community. This information could also be displayed on the village notice boards.

A vote of thanks was recorded for David Cameron for all his hard work on the Education and Training fund to date.

11. Muiravonside Country Park Update

DG reported the storage Barn has been refurbished, there is new livestock at the farm, new housing for animals and lots of on going good work. Logs are now available for sale and visitor numbers have increased. Unfortunately some of the riverside paths are still not in use. We continue to receive regular reports from the ranger and allotments are still available for local people.

12. Closure of Boness road – P/17/0041/FUL

ASCC have received a request for assistance and support in respect of the planning application noted above to close a section of A904 Bo'ness Road. The full details of the application were discussed in detail and then a vote was taken as to how to proceed.

- Vote recorded from meeting attendees. 8 in favour of keeping it open, 1 abstention, 1 in favour of closure.

13. A.O.C.B

1. Helen Konkol volunteered to take over updating of the notice board in Avonbridge and to collect the key from H Broadley. Helen also asked permission to display details as to why the site of the new mobile phone mast was chosen for information, this was agreed.

14. Next Meeting Date

Thursday 13th April 2017 in Avonbridge Community Hall at 7pm

Useful Links:-

Edinburgh Airport Flight Path Consultation

<http://www.letssofarther.com/>

Burnhead Moss Windfarm – Grant applications

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/burnhead-moss-avonbridge-standburn>

Police Scotland - engagement survey

www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

ASCC Facebook page –

[www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=avonbridge and standburn community council](http://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=avonbridge+and+standburn+community+council)

Fracking & Unconventional Gas Extraction

Voice your opinions on Fracking in Scotland, be part of the national consultation before 31st May 2017

www.talkingfracking.scot

Advanced planning searches for planning applications

<http://edevelopment.falkirk.gov.uk/online/search.do?action=advanced>