

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Monthly General Meeting
Held on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7pm
Drumbowie School Standburn

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

1. Present

Jo Hirst, Doreen Goldie, James Anthony, Dave Cameron, Ed Chappell, Ian McGillivray and 2 local residents

Apologies

Jen Hunter, Nicola Cochrane, Maria Montinaro, Mary & Maxwell Lourie, E. Lipski.

2. Local Police Update (Received after the meeting)

Since the last meeting there have been 8 calls made to police from the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following;

2 x Parking Complaint 1X Silent 999 1X Theft Youth Issues
Police Information Multi Agency Working 1X Noise Complaint

From these and other calls, 4 Crime Reports have been raised, these relate to;

Sheep Worring x 2 Assault (School Bus) Breach of Antisocial Behaviour Order

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

ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER

Specifically for Avonbridge, there has been one complaint of youth swimming in the burn in Avonbridge.

For Standburn there have been no calls

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

ROAD SAFETY

Three such offences have been detected in Avonbridge those consist of Careless Driving, No Insurance and MOT

No such offences in Standburn

DISHONESTY CRIMES

There has been one such offence in Avonbridge that being Theft of Heating Oil. No such offences in Standburn.

Police Scotland is launching a new process for public consultation. The aim is to widen the existing consultation process by making the consultation survey available online and accessible all year round.

The survey can be found via the Police Scotland website; www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

3. Community Safety Team Report – None received this month

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Proposed J Anthony seconded J Hirst.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Drumbowie Park – H Konkol wishes to make it known she did not agree with leafleting cars in the park vicinity.

6. Chair's Report

Emails received this month

1. Dear Colleagues,

09/05/2017 14:47

Invitation to Forth Valley Communities for Conservation (FVC4C) Launch Event – 20th May 2017

You are invited to attend the Forth Valley Communities for Conservation (FVC4C) launch event on **Saturday 20th May 2017** from 12 noon to 3pm at **Falkirk Trinity Church, Manse Place, Falkirk, FK1 1JN.**

Come along and learn more about our new Forth Valley Communities for Conservation Project and fun ways in which you can save energy and money. This is a family friendly event with food, games, arts and crafts, quizzes and information stalls.

Book online www.fvc4c-launch.eventbrite.co.uk or call 01324 610950 or admin@csrec.org.uk

If you would like to find out more about Forth Valley Communities For Conservation please contact my colleague Aneel Bhopal at aneel@csrec.org.uk or call 01324 610950.

For more information about our events please visit our events page <http://www.csrec.org.uk/news-and-events/events/>

Kind regards Arun Arun Gopinath | Manager

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2. Dear Sir/Madam,

10th May 2017

Braes High School is proud to serve the local community, and to have increased its engagement with Community Councils in recent years. Building on last session's practice, we would be keen to arrange a discussion with you, as Community Council representatives, to discuss our improvement plan priorities for school session 2017/18.

Initially, I would suggest Thursday 25th May, at 9.30am as a possible date/time for this discussion. The discussion would probably last around 60 minutes, and would focus on sharing our self-evaluation findings, what targets we have already identified for next session, and to listen to your views on other areas you would like the school to consider focusing on/supporting.

I would be most grateful if you could confirm if a representative from the Community Council would be available to attend the meeting. I realise this date/time may not suit everyone and would be happy to meet at an alternative time, or indeed to communicate by telephone or email if preferred. Thank you for your ongoing support of Braes High School, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone Head Teacher Braes High School

3. **Invitation to Junior Awards Ceremony** at Braes High School 16th May 2017 – 7pm.

4. **Historic Environment Strategy for Falkirk 2017**

Consultation on Consultative Draft

Comments are invited on 'Our Future in the Past' draft strategy for Falkirk.

The document together with an online questionnaire is available at <http://say.falkirk.gov.uk>

Please note the consultation period ends on 31st May 2017.

7. **Treasurers Report**

Current Bank Balance

ASCC Account = £ 379.36

Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Fund = £1,652.20

Micro grant applications this month

a) **D. Cameron** - £150 to buy 3 recycled bikes to teach bike-ability at Avonbridge School – Approved

b) **Avonbridge Primary School Parent Council** –£150 for plants to create a garden at the school - Approved

c) **Community Consultation Plan Project Team** –£150 to cover expenses e.g. room hire - Approved

Micro Grant Limits

The issue of multi applications for Micro grants was discussed, it was agreed we would limit applications to one per quarter for any applicant. This would be reviewed if the demand increased and funds became exhausted.

8. **Planning and Online Update/Report including Broadband Provision**

1. Planning - 2 minor residential planning applications

2. AandSCC Facebook - 1271 page views this month and 7 articles posted.

3. Fibre – no update on date coming online, still shown as July to December 2017. The community broadband initiative may be a viable route to pursue to get fast broadband established in Standburn see <http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-broadband-scotland/projects.html>

4. Website – Ed still negotiating.

9. **Community Consultation Plan Update**

JH confirmed the Project Team had now completed the Tender process and appointed a consultant – Creative Management Solutions. The ASCC Project Team had a kick-off meeting with GWCMS on Tuesday 9th May and are now confident they can proceed independently, with minimum 'steer' from the Community Council.

All households will receive an information leaflet and will be invited to attend a drop in session.

10. **Fracking and Unconventional Gas Scottish Government Consultation**

JH provided some leaflets and information relating to the Public Consultation which ends on the 31st May 2017.

These were taken by various parties to distribute around the area. Everyone is encouraged to go online and comment, please support the Concerned Communities of Falkirk and many others in objecting to fracking in Scotland.

11. Pedal for Scotland update

JH confirmed having received emails from Sam Kantorowich at WMP Creative who are managing the event. A letter drop is to take place to all households affected by the route in June explaining their proposals for access and egress for residents.

Anyone with concerns should make direct contact with:

info@pedalforscotland.org

12. Muiravonside Country Park update

- Saturday 20th May – Eco bags workshop with Forth Upcycling network

Latest report October 2016 – February 2017 was read out and is attached.

Main points 43,000 visitors this period 13,000 up on same period last year.

New orchard started to produce fruit, map boards installed, new funding for play equipment, 5,000 trees planted in the last 2 years, ongoing volunteering sessions, new livestock and continued relationship with local schools and volunteers.

13. ASCC AGM Sep 2017 – office bearers required

The current 4 year term of the Falkirk Community Councils comes to an end in September and new elections will take place.

H. Konkol expressed her dissatisfaction with the current CC and was invited to stand for election herself in September.

It was agreed notices should be placed in village notice boards, on FB page and in the Falkirk Herald (Scott McAngus)

15. A.O.C.B

- The meeting was disrupted at this point by a resident attendee.
- Planning Permission Queries – H Konkol expressed concern that people in Avonbridge are doing things on their land that in her opinion should be subject to planning scrutiny and gave two examples: a) constructing hard standing at field entrance-ways; b) parking vehicles."

14. Next Meeting Date

Thursday 22nd June 2017 in Avonbridge Community Hall at 7pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Useful Links:-

Fracking & Unconventional Gas Extraction

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

www.talkingfracking.scot

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)

Advanced planning searches for planning applications

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

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