

**Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7pm**  
**Drumbowie School Standburn**

Meeting chaired by Dave Cameron & Jo Hirst

**1. Present**

J. Anthony, D. Cameron, E. Chappell, J. Hirst, P.C. Todd, Cllr Hughes, Cllr McLuckie and seven members of the public.

**Apologies**

I McGillivray, D. Goldie, M Gracie, J Young, E Lipski, Cllr Kerr.

**2. Local Police Update (PC Gordon Todd)**

Since the last meeting there have been 12 calls made to police from the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

Power Cable Fires            Road Rage incident in Kincardine            Silent/Abandoned 999  
Malfunctioning House Panic Alarm (6x calls – all relate to faulty equipment/false activations)  
Alarm call to Post Office – unidentified fault.

No crimes have been recorded in Avonbridge since the date of the last report/meeting.

For the village of Standburn no calls were made to police and there are no recorded crimes since the date of the last meeting.

**ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER**

None

**DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE**

None

**ROAD SAFETY**

There have been no road traffic offences detected in either village since the last report.

**DISHONESTY CRIMES**

There have been no reported housebreakings or other thefts reported in either village since the last report.

Please email any feedback etc. to Sgt James Dougall (james.dougall@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

**3. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Proposed E. Chappell, seconded J Anthony.

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting**

None.

**5. Chair's Report / Correspondence**

- Invite to Christmas Concert 13<sup>th</sup> Dec and update from Braes High School
- ASCC Grant allocation from Falkirk Council for 2017/18 - £256.00
- Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Advice – See Facebook Page and Village Notice Boards Resilience advice for severe weather or a cyber-security breach over the winter
- Community Alliance report –see [info@scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk](mailto:info@scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk)
- Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change update – The Airspace Change Proposal has now been published and is being considered by the CAA.

**6. Treasurers Report**

**Current Bank Balances:**

ASCC Account = £ 163.80

Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Fund = £3988.62

## **Micro grant applications this month.**

1. Sarah Cameron applied for £150.00 to pay for a Christmas party for the school children at both Avonbridge & Drumbowie – Approved
2. Senior Citizens luncheon Club £150.00 to contribute towards a Christmas Lunch – Approved
3. 1x £150 and 1x £140.80 for ASCC to purchase felt tip pens for all the primary school children in both schools and the nursery, DG & JH to organise – Approved
4. Avonbridge Com Hall Kids Club -£150 approved for Christmas Craft materials (form yet to be submitted, awaiting signature) – Approved

## **7. Planning and Online Update/Report including Broadband Provision**

Link to Falkirk edevelopment site to review planning applications

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

Application(s) made during the last month for Avonbridge and Standburn CC area:

<http://edevelopment.falkirk.gov.uk/online/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OYTVE8HCJJ00>

Erection of Dwelling house and Garage Open for Comment

Land to The South West Of Learigg Falkirk

Ref. No: P/17/0684/FUL | Received: Fri 03 Nov 2017 | Validated: Fri 03 Nov 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

The meeting discussed this application and decided (having received comments from a number of residents) to lodge an objection as this is not a gap site, the development falls out with the approved areas in the local plan & the proposed access is close to a dangerous junction. JH to draft and submit.

**ASCC Facebook:** 1624 views in October, the newly uploaded Community Plan has had 103 hits already in 24hours. 511 hits related to the road works currently taking place in Avonbridge.

## **8. Community Consultation Update**

Particular thanks were given to the Community Council's working party and Talk Associates who have worked hard over the last 6 months to complete the Community Planning Process within budget and timescale.

The final "Outcomes and Proposals" report has now been published and is being hosted on the Foundation Scotland website (see link below)

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

This will also be linked to our Facebook page and the Falkirk Council website. People are encouraged to 'share' these links to help get the word out.

25 copies of the full report have been printed, 15 copies will be distributed to various public places in the area, the remainder will be kept as 'spares'.

An A4 foldout leaflet has been produced for distribution across the area which gives a brief summary of the report and its aims in the hope more volunteers will come forward to initiate and carry forward projects.

A press release suggestion has been sent to the Falkirk Herald requesting an article around the end of November, which should hopefully coincide with this leaflet going out.

A discussion ensued over any funding that might be available for projects in the area and Cllr McLuckie noted Frank McChord is a Community Planning Officer and should have information relating to funding. It was agreed he should receive a copy of the Com Con Plan.

Falkirk Environment Trust supports projects in this area and it is still worth approaching the Council.

## **9. Community Council Elections**

Nominations opened 23<sup>rd</sup> October and we are aware of a number of people who are willing to stand.

Hopefully the ASCC will continue the good work completed to date.

Nominations to be submitted by 4 p.m. on Monday 13 November 2017

Withdrawal of nominations by 12 noon on Thursday 16 November 2017

Notice of Poll – w/b Monday 27 November 2017

Issue of Postal Ballot Papers – 27 November 2017

Receipt of Ballot Papers – Monday 11 December 2017

Postal ballot opening/Count – 13 December & 14 December 2017

Report to Executive confirming results –

## **10. A.O.C.B**

- Concerns were raised over the deteriorating state of Blackston Road due to the increased number of large vehicles. It was agreed Cllr Hughes would raise this on our behalf with the roads department. Question was raised as to whether or not there was an enforceable weight limit on the bridge.
- Broadband issues were discussed in relation to Standburn and Avonbridge.
- A vote of thanks was proposed for the current members of the ASCC for all their hard work to date and for their achievements over the last 8 years and approved by all present.

## **14. Next Meeting Date**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Avonbridge Community Hall at 7pm**

### **Useful Links:-**

#### **Burnhead Moss Windfarm – Grant applications**

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

#### **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://edevelopment.falkirk.gov.uk/online/search.do?action=advanced>

## Community Engagement and Reassurance



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](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)



All residents are encouraged to sign up to Neighbourhood Watch Scotland's ALERT system which is free and allows agencies including police to send out targeted information about issues including crime in specific areas. Sign up at

<https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/91/Join>