

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - Thursday 14th December 2017 at 7pm
Avonbridge Community Hall

Present

D. Cameron, E. Chappell, J. Hirst, I. McGillivray, G. Addison, H. Kidd, D. Goldie and four members of the public.

Apologies

Cllr Kerr, A. Frerichs, M. Lourie.

1. Introduction to New Community Council and co-option of new members.

It was confirmed nominations for the new community council had been received by Falkirk Council and the following people were now members of the ASCC: - D. Goldie, G. Addison, H. Kidd and J. Hirst.

A further nomination had been submitted but not received by Falkirk Council so it was agreed to co-opt N. Cochrane as a member.

It was also agreed E. Chappell should remain as a co-opted member bringing the number of members to 6 in total.

It was also agreed both D. Cameron (Burnhead Moss Wind farm Education & Training Fund) and J. Davidson (Facebook page) would remain as local volunteers and assist the running of the CC.

2. Election of Office Bearers and Members for ASCC 2017-2021

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| • Chairperson/Convener- | Gordon Addison | Prop: JH | Sec: DG |
| • Secretary- | Nikki Cochrane | Prop: GA | Sec: EC |
| • Treasurer- | Jo Hirst | Prop: GA | Sec: HK |
| • Member | Doreen Goldie | | |
| • Member | Heather Kidd | | |
| • Member | Ed Chappell | | |

JH agreed to report back to Brian Pirie

3. Police Report – Not Available

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2017

Proposed by EC, seconded by JH.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

- There was a discussion about the Facebook page being used to promote events in the village. JD confirmed this is quite possible if she is provided with information.
- It was agreed our Secretary should email the Parent Councils of both schools to request and share information. We should also share events for the Avonbridge Hall. It was confirmed Karen at the Avonbridge Pub has already sent information for sharing regarding events and this should be encouraged.
- All the Micro grants approved at the last meeting have been issued and were well received. It was queried how many recipients thanked the CC. The Senior Citizens sent a message of thanks for their micro grant. It was confirmed not all recipients have said thank you.
- A question was raised as to how many Micro grant applications were permitted per year by a group. This will be checked and confirmed.
- GA confirmed the Falkirk Council grant allocation to ASCC for the coming year would be £256.00.
- The most recent Neighbourhood Watch report was read with a warning to secure properties after a number of break-ins locally.

6. Correspondence

- Letter received from Guy Wedderburn at Creative Management Solutions thanking us for fee payment and suggesting we keep in touch.
- Community Safety Team report indicating this service maybe cut in the coming year as part of budget restraints.

7. Treasurers Report

Current Bank Balances:

ASCC Account = £ 139.80

Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Fund = £3397.82

DG confirmed the last year's accounts are now prepared and have been submitted to Falkirk Council for approval. We are now in a position to apply for our annual funding.

A formal note of thanks was recorded for Doreen for all her hard work as treasurer over the past 8 years as she is now standing down, this was endorsed by all those present.

Micro grant applications this month.

- I. Application received from Drumbowie Parent Council for £150 to renew old costumes for the children's Nativity play - Approved.

8. Planning and Online Update/Report

EC confirmed the planning application for Learigg Standburn Road has been withdrawn. No other current applications.

Link to Falkirk edevelopment site to review planning applications

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

Broadband update: - There are now 3 green cabinets in the village. No change to estimated activation dates between December 2017 and March 2018.

Rural Broadband R100 tendering May 2018. This project is to cover the last 5% "missed" by the previous superfast initiative which only covered 95% of the UK population.

ASCC Facebook:

Details unavailable at present.

9. Community Consultation Outcomes Update

It was confirmed the Community Consultation Outcomes report is now published and the full plan has been distributed to key areas around the area.

Leaflets have also been delivered to as many homes as possible in Avonbridge, Standburn, Candie and some of the rural areas.

Avonbridge – Dave C

Standburn - Doreen G

Candie – Jo H

Blackston – Ed C

Boxton – Maxwell L

Possible projects emanating from the consultation are:-

- a) Improvement of the play parks in Avonbridge & Standburn
- b) Extension and upgrade of the core paths connecting ASCC area with Maddiston and the Helix suitable for multiple use
- c) Youth club possibilities with educational input in conjunction with the focus group of youngsters at the Braes High School

The current balance of the EDF Burnhead Farm Wind Farm Fund is £43,715.32.

There is a current project for the improvement of the toilets in the Avonbridge Community Hall in progress value £6k.

Draft proposals have been discussed for an Outreach Worker to assist with applications to the Education and Training fund DC & JH pursuing in conjunction with Foundation Scotland as a 6 month pilot project.

10. Thrive Renewables – possible funding available

3 wind turbines next to Burnhead Moss do have a community fund for local energy saving projects, the fund has just opened. DC to follow up but it could be used for lights, heating, insulation and timers for example.

11. A.O.C.B

- 1) Local resident enquired if individuals were eligible to apply for such activities as Brownies – confirmed not eligible – best to check guidelines online.
- 2) Felt pens as Christmas gifts were delivered to both primary schools for all the children, no response received as yet.
- 3) DG reported the footpaths in Standburn were in a poor state of repair with a number of water leaks. Reported to Falkirk Council, sweep and inspection requested.
- 4) It was suggested the area could be improved by introducing flower baskets/tubs maintained by residents who support the scheme. Wild flower planting was also proposed as an alternative. It was agreed to place this item on the next agenda. HK agreed to get information from Muiravonside Park.
- 5) Christmas Lights proposals were raised again - it was agreed to contact Harry Fowler (local resident) to progress and add item to next agenda.
- 6) GA suggested the preparation of a 1 year & 4 year plan for the ASCC - add item to next agenda.

12. Date of Next meeting

Thursday 11th January 2018 in Drumbowie Primary School, Standburn at 7.15pm

Useful Links:-

Burnhead Moss Windfarm – Grant applications

<https://wwwFOUNDATIONSscotland.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



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>