

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Monthly General Meeting
Held on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 715pm
Drumbowie Primary School

Meeting chaired by Gordon Addison

Present

Gordon Addison, Nicola Cochrane, E.Lipski, D Goldie, Claire Sharpels, Alison Frerichs, Cllr James Kerr, PC Todd, PC and 10 local residents

Apologies

Jo Hirst, Jen Hunter, Claire Sharples and Ian Mcgillvary

Approval of Minutes

Proposed N Cochrane and D Goldie

Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Chair will distribute revised constitution

Police Report:

Since the last report (11/01/18) there have been 5 calls made to police from the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

Missing Person (Juvenile)
Youths throwing snowballs
Report of person using laser light in area (untraced)
Domestic Abuse related calls (x2)

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

For the village of Standburn there have been no calls made to police and no recorded crimes in that time.

ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER

There are no specific threats at this time in relation to this priority. Patrols continue at weekends, targeting licensed premises, known offenders, and youth disorder.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Disorder can take many forms. It ranges from open space ASB and disorder which can impact on large sections of the local community to private space ASB, such as neighbour issues, which can impact on only a small number of individuals. Regardless of the form of ASB or the number of people it affects, it can cause significant issues for those affected by it.

In order to tackle ASB, Disorder & Violence within the Upper Bares ward area, Police Scotland will work closely with partners, identifying the locations and offenders who pose the greatest risk and then take appropriate intervention and enforcement action. This includes patrols of key locations by Police and partner agencies, intervention visits to known offenders, support and reassurance to repeat victims and regular, proactive engagement and visits at licensed premises.

There is currently no repeat or priority locations in terms of ASB, Disorder and Violence and no calls of that type since the last meeting other than those noted above. We are aware of the ongoing issues of vehicles and their occupants frequenting Boxton Rd and continue to patrol this area as often as possible.

Specifically for both villages, there have been no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery.

DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE

Community officers are working constantly to develop intelligence in relation to drug offenders. Drug search warrants are regularly executed in the local area. Drugs are not only linked to local crime but can also be linked to organised crime at a national level and can significantly impact on the local community. It is therefore vital that Police and partner agencies, working with the local community, tackle drug dealing and drug misuse, using all available tactics and option to remove drugs from the community. There are also clear health risks associated with drugs and many drug users within the local community are vulnerable. It is therefore vital that intervention and prevention play a key role as well as enforcement activity when it comes to tackling drugs.

There were no calls of this nature in Standburn or Avonbridge since the date of the last meeting. There have been no drug related police operations in either village.

ROAD SAFETY

Police Scotland is committed to improving Road Safety and reducing the number of people killed or injured on Scotland's roads. The key focus is on casualty reduction and therefore police activity needs to be focussed on reducing the number of collisions. The following offences/driving behaviour are linked to road collisions:

Mobile Phone Offences / Seatbelt Offences / Speeding on key roads where analysis indicates that there is a risk of collisions and a risk of people being killed or injured. Officers also aim to deploy at locations where the local community report concerns in terms of road safety. There have been no road traffic offences detected in either village since the last report.

There have been no reported road traffic matters in either village since the last meeting although we are aware of the ongoing issues and will continue to monitor and take action and pro-active measures whenever possible.

DISHONESTY CRIMES

Crimes of dishonesty can take many forms and include minor Thefts as well as the more serious offences of Housebreakings to residential houses and Theft of Motor Vehicles. There are many stands to tackling this type of crime including preventative measures such as police patrols and police road checks at the right locations and at the right time. There are investigative measures, which include the recovery of forensic evidence and progressing CCTV enquiries and there are intelligence measures, which includes sharing information with local neighbouring Divisions and targeting repeat offenders for these types of crimes.

There have been no reported housebreakings or theft of vehicles since the date of the last report.

Christmas lights:

GA was in touch with FC re lights decision to be made exactly what we want then advise FC in writing for either a Pre-light tree / Xmas lights. Funds are £3,000

- **Action - NC will write to** Drumbowie & Avonbridge School
- Cllr Kerr advised Camelon spent £64,000 this was raised by the community

Chair's Report

- Road closure GA advised the residents of all local closures
- Reminder your place your views – 15th March 630pm consultation workshop assist in the establishing our priorities for our areas, GA welcomed residents to attend
- Memorial service cleaning – Falkirk based company, 2 trial being conducted a feasibility study ongoing in Slamannan and Muiravonside. Unsafe memorials will be lied flat however it was raised that memorials were asked to lie stones face upwards

Cllr Kerr advised the meeting:

- 100 years of the RAF 26th May celebration at the spit fire in Grangemouth RAF baton is coming to grangemouth that day
- ACTION – NC will advise schools of this event.
- GA advised Mr Mcgillvery Stenhousemuir and Larbert has recently published a book upon his villages very well received
- Women's name on the memorial however her parents felt this was inappropriate to have her name on this, local resident will try to find out about this and gain information upon the family

Correspondence received:

- An email has been received from “your place your views” closing date has now been extended to 14th February
- My name is Denis Shovlin and most of you will know of me and have come into contact with me through the election process and as Larbert Stenhousemuir and Torwood community council's longest serving community council member. I am writing to you as a volunteer with Linking Education and Disability (LEAD) Scotland, a charity that empowers disabled people and carers to improve their lives through inclusive learning opportunities
- Here are the details/contact for the Community Defib. The contact I have is from the Maddiston Community Defib Project. They have a facebook page and you will find some useful info on the Maddiston Defib.
Contact email: Norriebrown776@gmail.com Basically we would want a robust Stainless Steel Cabinet, and Defib . The landlord at the pub said some time ago he would be willing to house it. It takes a small amount of electricity. As below it could also be sited on the wall at the Health Clinic. If at the Clinic I would feel it would need some security fencing around it. The contact is Norrie Brown should also be able to give you contacts for first aid and CPR training. CPR and Defib are pretty straight forward it just takes confidence for someone to step in and start it. That is where the classes are great for giving people that little bit more confidence.
- Community safety brief was received
- Safety barrier works

Treasurers Report

Balance of acc on 8th Feb which was last meeting was £3097.82. Since then 2 lots of £150 have been paid out to Dave Cameron, Active Travel Group on 10th Feb and the other to Jo Hirst for EDF Education & Training Steering Group. This leaves a balance of £2797.82.

There were the further 2 applications discussed at the meeting on Thursday for 2 x £150 which were approved so will take the balance down to £2497.82.

- Avonbridge parent council – school garden money, herbs poppies etc - Approved
- Avonbridge – maintenance of bridge hill garden - Approved
- Pavillions to go on the next agenda

Planning and Online Update/Report

There was no new application since the last meeting.

Over 40 comments have been lodged with Falkirk planning on the application near Broadhead.

Facebook Page update:

Total views Feb : 2732

Dates of meetings post reached 168 people

Biggest hit was post re road works on Avon Gorge total 1446 people.

March so far: 5931 views

Post re the digging out of Blackstone Road reached 2511 people.

The post re the “your views” meeting reached 73 people.

We had a few private messages too.

Broadband provision in ASCC area.

No change to the target date on Avonbridge exchange of June 2018. Still no replies from Digital Scotland regarding Community Champions.

It has come to my notice that West Lothian has a councillor who reports on the progress of the superfast broadband project within the West Lothian region. The information he provides is very detailed and could only be supplied by Openreach.

Councillor Kerr took an action to investigate if Falkirk Council has a similar person that could provide accurate information to the Community Council.

A.O.C.B

- Play park project– NC discussed the background to this project and the key was the involvement of local children of all ages DC advised that Jillian shaw is the Braes contact– Braes to be contacted / St Mungos headteacher / St Andrews – all to be written too in relation to play park project
ACTION - ASCC to write to the schools
- Cllr Hughes advised the meeting of an association on a song association educate children on the conflict in partnership with poppy Scotland they are selling poppy seeds. £1 per packet 400 poppies there was significant support from the ASCC and local resident ACTION – NC will advise the school of this and advised Cllr Hughes to contact DEAG
- Snow storm - 2 families snowed in for several days, with thanks to Stevenson’s Haulage Company. Plea to FC that we are ready for any future storms in way of planning. Local residents cleared both

Community schools and surroundings foot paths etc ASCC would like to thank each and everyone for their support which was gratefully received

- The defib would require robust Stainless Steel Cabinet, to be housed within. The landlord at the pub said some time ago he would be willing to house it. It takes a small amount of electricity. As below it could also be sited on the wall at the Health Clinic. If at the Clinic I would feel it would need some security fencing around it. Norrie Brown should also be able to give you contacts for first aid and CPR training. CPR and Defib are pretty straight forward it just takes confidence for someone to step in and start it. That is where the classes are great for giving people that little bit more confidence
- Shield hill development (await paragraph from local resident)

Next Meeting Date

Thursday 12th April 2018 in Avonbridge Community Hall at 715pm

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>