

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 13th December 2018 at 7.15pm

Avonbridge Community Hall

Meeting chaired by J. Hirst

1. Present

J. Hirst, A. Frerichs, H. Baird, D. Goldie, E. Chappell, PC Todd, J. Ingram, D. Cameron & 2 members of the public.

2. Apologies

G. Addison.

3. Police Report & Community Safety

The Community Safety Team continues to monitor for Litter, Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour through patrols and reports received from the Local Community. Nothing new to report this month.

Police report - Since the last report (7/11/2018) there have been 8 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. These consisted of suspicious persons, road traffic issues, utilities incident, concern about ATM, neighbour dispute and domestic incident.

1 crime has been recorded in Avonbridge since the date of the last report in an air weapon found within a property without the appropriate licence.

Calls relating to road traffic issues in Avonbridge relate to one call about a dispute between 2 drivers. One driver was found to be driving without a valid MOT and was issued with a £100 conditional fixed penalty fine.

For the village of Standburn there have been no calls made to police

PC Todd has also advised that there is a new app called Purple Alert designed by Alzheimer's Scotland. The app, allows carers to share information about the persons living with dementia profile if they lose their way and alerts any users within the area so they can report any sightings. www.purplealert.org.uk

Police are still monitoring on going anti-social issues within the Boxtton Road area and continue to patrol the area as often as possible.

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2018

The minutes were proposed by A. Frerichs and seconded by J. Hirst.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

Braes Food Bank – HB to send details and link to EC for website. DC has been assisting with the development of a website for the Braes Storehouse. (See useful information below)

Defib – GA is continuing to liaise with the relevant bodies about arranging the installation of defibs in both villages.

Hall signage – JH advised that signage will need to be delayed due to a new hall committee being formed in the new year and the discussions of asset transfer.

6. Remembrance Day

Great success. Special thanks to J. Ingram et al. who worked hard to arrange services in both Avonbridge and Standburn. JH agreed send thanks to Mr Leslie for the service arrangements made for Standburn.

7. New members

JH proposed J. Ingram to become a co-opted member. Proposal was seconded by EC.

8. Dummies Lane

Fly tipping becoming problem again. JH agreed to contact Cllr Hughes about ongoing issues and ask him to follow up.

9. Riverbank

Local resident has raised concern about the volume of rubbish lying around on the riverbank. As resident was not present at meeting it was agreed to carry this item over to next meeting.

10. Xmas tree & lights

Now up and sparkling in Avonbridge. The community all gathered for a special light switch on with carols and festive treats. Well done to all those involved.

JH & AF are aiming to begin arrangements soon for Christmas 2019 in both villages.

11. Polling allocations

DG request that ASCC write to Falkirk council regarding the polling district allocations. JH agreed to write to FC expressing that polling districts should not be reduced.

12. Community Forum

GA attended community forum on next years' budgets.

13. Treasurer's Report / Statement of Accounts

Current Bank Balance

ASCC Account = £ 7,045.46 (£6000 ringfenced for Xmas trees)

Burnhead Moss Account = £1,951.46

Micro Grant Applications

4 grant applications received since the last meeting.

Drumbowie & Avonbridge PTAs requested £150 each for a trip to the Robert the Bruce interactive exhibit – Grant Approved.

Homing pigeon society for repairs to club house – Grant approved.

D. Cameron – grant for Braes food bank website development. – Grant approved.

14. Planning, IT and online update

Planning Applications

Report from EC indicated that there was one planning application of interest awaiting decision since the last meeting.

- x1 Application for Candie house stable block to be demolished and the erection of new dwellinghouses.

IT

Fibre broadband update still set at December 2018 for activation at the Avonbridge exchange. Standburn poles have fibre.

The link to check status has been updated. <https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com/yourstreet>

Website

Hit counter on ASCC website is now up to 266.

Page views since last meeting – 91.

10. AOCB

- a. **Dog fouling** – ASCC to contact community safety team.
- b. **Ownership** – residents would like to know if they can erect a contemplation bench in the area next to the war memorial but it is unclear who the ground belongs to.
- c. **Damage fences** – number of complaints have been received about damage being caused to fences in Avonbridge. JH agreed to write tot Cllr Hughes to follow up concerns.
- d. **United reform church** – Refurbishment of the village church is making progress and it will be re-opened early 2019. It is hoped that the church hall can be used as multi purpose facility for community activities. One local resident has expressed an interest in setting up a drop in job club. ASCC have offered to provide start up support.

12. Closure of meeting

Next meeting to be held on **Thursday 10th January 2019 at Drumbowie Primary School, Standburn, 7.15pm.**

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)

BMET Burnhead Moss Education and Training Fund Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/BMETFUND/>

Advanced planning searches for planning applications

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

Reports to the Police

UpperBraesCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Purple Alert App

www.purplealert.org.uk