

## Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.15pm  
Drumbowie Primary School, Standburn

Meeting chaired by G. Addison

### **1. Present**

G. Addison, D. Goldie, A. Frerichs, H. Baird, J. Ingram, D. Cameron, & 3 members of the public.

### **2. Apologies**

J. Hirst, J Singh, E. Chappell, E. Lipski, K. Robertson, M, Lourie, Cllr Hughes.

### **3. Police Report & Community Safety**

**The Community Safety Team** - Nothing new to report this month.

#### **Police report**

##### **AVONBRIDGE**

Since the last report there have been 8 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

Road traffic matters	Assist Members of the Public
Concern for person Neighbour Dispute	Concern for person Neighbour Dispute
Police search warrant	

There have been no crimes recorded in Avonbridge since last the last report.

##### **STANDBURN**

There have been 5 calls to the village of Standburn recorded as follows

Lost property Suspicious person (Dwelling door handle tried)	Lost property Suspicious person (Dwelling door handle tried)
Police Information Domestic	Police Information Domestic
Assist member of public	

There has been 1 crime recorded for the Standburn area

Vandalism (domestic related)

### **4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

The minutes were proposed by D. Goldie and seconded by A. Frerichs.

### **5. Matters arising from previous meeting**

- **Speed Limit Blackston Road & other road issues** – GA reported that Falkirk Council have no plans to reduce speed limit on road and feel it is safer not to put not out a mirror in place at Dummies lane. GA agreed that he will pursue the issue further and report back any findings.

- **Pot Holes** - GA to write to FC about the increasing number potholes appearing in the area. Residents raised concern about the condition of the Drumbowie car park and the sunken drain in front of Avonbridge Primary School. GA agreed to highlight this in his correspondence to FC.

- **Riverbank litter** – Cllr Hughes to follow up with Falkirk Council on behalf of ASCC. In the absence of Cllr Hughes it was agreed to carry this over to the next meeting.
- **Defibs** - GA informed meeting that he has written to Stevensons regarding decision from last meeting and he is awaiting a response from St Johns about installation. Discussions will be carried over to next meeting.
- **United Reform Church** – Open day was a success and was attended by many within the community.

## 6. Chair's Report/Correspondence

- a) GA was contacted by J. McArthur from FC about planning for 2019 Xmas and is happy to offer help where possible.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

**ASCC Acct -** Balance £6,3663.31 (£5237.67 ringfenced for Christmas decoration expenditure)

**Burnhead Moss Acct –** Balance £671.63

**Micro Grant Applications** – 2 applications received this month:-

L. Morton Community Garden - £150 for new equipment and plants - Approved

OAP Lunch Club Avonbridge - £150.00 to buy additional crockery and pots – Approved

## 8. Planning, IT and online update

No new applications have been reported since last meeting.

### **BROADBAND**

No change to current completion dates. EC emailed MSP Angus McDonald for an update on 7<sup>th</sup> March. MSP McDonald reported that there are 'currently no plans in place to provide fibre to the rural areas of Avonbridge.' He will continue to pursue the matter on ASCC's behalf.

Cabinet 2 on the Avonbridge exchange has however been upgraded but still no further forward. Open reach workers have told a member of the public that cable to home is set up in the cabinet.

DG suggested that ASCC should write to Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity to ask for his support.

## 9. Avonbridge Community Hall Update

A new committee was formed on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 with 13 new members. Committee meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

JH wrote to MSP Angus MacDonald to request support and ask if council would reconsider the decisions being made regarding hall transfer.

COSS event – JH & DC attended an event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to find out more about possible support and options available for the community hall.

Lynne from COSS attended the hall meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March to advise the committee of options. She agreed to talk to Falkirk Council on committee's behalf and report back.

### **Events**

Car boot sale in hall was a success. Creating a buzz about the place. Attendees all gave very positive feedback and expressed an interest in making the boot sale a regular event.

In order to raise funds, the Hall are holding a family prize bingo on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Donations for prizes would be most welcome.

## 10. Active Travel Group

DC reported that the group have been working on options for a safe route from Avonbridge to Braes High School. He explained that the next steps will be for an independent feasibility study to be carried out in order to gauge local opinions and design options. The group have applied for part funding from Pass for All and are hoping to gain match funding from EDF. ASCC agreed to support Active Travel Group with their application.

## 11. A.O.C.B

**I. Hall Talks.** H.Konkol proposed arranging various talks in Avonbridge hall as a means of encouraging community engagement. She agreed to would investigate further options and report back with more information.

**II. Digital Drop In session.** Slamannan Library are holding digital drop in workshops for primary school kids during the Easter break. Sessions are ticketed at £2 and will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**III. Community Council Workshop.** DG & JH attended a community council workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> February. Where feedback was given to Falkirk Council from various CC's

## 12. Closure of Meeting –

**Next Meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Avonbridge Community Hall, 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](mailto:UpperBraesCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

## Purple Alert App



Purple Alert is a free app designed by Alzheimer Scotland and is fully supported by Police Scotland. The app allows carers to share the person living with dementia's profile if they lose their way and alerts any users within a set distance immediately so they can report any sightings. Purple Alert is the first app of its kind in the UK and it is available for free download to iOS and Android smartphones – visit [www.purplealert.org.uk](http://www.purplealert.org.uk)

## Neighbourhood Watch Alert



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 [www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

## Braes Storehouse Food Bank –

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