

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Monthly General Meeting
Held on Thursday 7th February 2018 at 715pm
Avonbridge Community Hall

Meeting chaired by Gordon Addison

Present

Jo Hirst, Gordon Addison, Nicola Cochrane, Cllr Hughes, E.Lipski, D Goldie, Claire Sharpels, Alison Frerichs and 26 local residents

Apologies

Sharon Robertson, Claire Charpells

Approval of Minutes

Proposed E Charpells seconded D. Goldie.

Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) Claire Charpells co opted as general member Jo and chair agreed,
- b) Alison Ferricks has agreed to become Treasurer
- c) ASCC requires a vice convenor to be put on next meeting will report back

Chair's Report

Convenor shared his reason for becoming a member of ASCC he stated that is was his desire for a prettier village, some plants, flowers etc

Monica Wild would be happy to offer a foraging this will be advertised for the 2 villages

Members of community in Avonbridge asked if ASCC would be interested to have a Murel painted on the gable end of the wall possibly get a graffiti artist to do this.

Delta art in Larbert was suggested as they have previously done work at Avonbridge School which was a success, a resident also suggest that Falkirk Council (FC) have someone / company they have used for other schools

Constitution was in need of a review to reflect member changes; members will approve this electronically and report back to the next meeting

ACTION – Resident will feedback at the next meeting

ACTION - Hall committee / School and youth club also to be involved.

Correspondence

An email has been received from "your place your views" closing date has now been extended to 14th February

United Reform Church Refurbishment plan:

Create a new church within existing church, hoping members of the community to support this project. ASCC in touch with the local minister. Around 16 of a congregation lunch club is very well attended. ASCC will write soon to offer support.

Universal Credit:

Comes in mid March, this is a purely online application it is headed by the DWP where you can get help or advise. The is a section on the FC website advertised as help around application On the HMRC website has information. Should the community council be asking for an upfront remedial? council support. 4 pilot areas rent arrears food banks were in updated on these sites. Members highlighted form filling 1:1 to support

Write to Falkirk Council re: learning from previous pilots and offer support to the community
FC are conducting a pilot on digital life skills and promote computer skills courses, entitled to .co.uk

Christmas Lights:

2016 – local resident highlighted to council their wish for Christmas lights resident contacted Jackie McArthur via email he was advised that FC would support this and would check lights annually / resident to check for operating procedure / hanging of lights. Resident advised that Jackie advised on average cost is between £3-4 thousand per village, next steps funding / Storage / hiring / different options / Leasing. Suggestions that Christmas lights may be reduced by FC due to financial pressures Cllr Hughes advised this was not the case and in fact FC had received an increase in their funding via Scottish Government

Action: ASCC to arrange quotes and consider options, report back to the next meeting

Christmas tree as well as lights was suggested in the meeting - members agree

NOTE - FC has received an increase in funding from the Scottish Government

Treasurers Report

All up to date, funding grant to FC was submitted awaiting receipt of this
Micro grants outstanding seeking approval were:

Current Bank Balance

ASCC Account = £59.00

Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Fund = £3,097.82

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Micro grants submitted seeking approval were:

- Avonbridge & Standburn Active Travel Group £150.00 application - Approved
- EDF Education and Training Steering Group £150.00 application - Approved

Planning and Online Update/Report

5 applications posted since the last ASCC meeting.

Erection of 4 Dwellinghouses Open for Comment

Land To The North East Of Broadhead Falkirk

Ref. No: P/18/0044/FUL | Received: Wed 24 Jan 2018 | Validated: Wed 24 Jan 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

Change of Use of and Alteration to Outbuilding to Form Dwellinghouse Open for Comment

Pringle Cottage Falkirk FK1 2JF

Ref. No: P/18/0027/FUL | Received: Wed 17 Jan 2018 | Validated: Wed 24 Jan 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

Alterations to and Change of Use of Existing Outbuilding to Form Dwellinghouse Open for Comment

Linhouse Farm Falkirk FK1 2JS

Ref. No: P/18/0023/FUL | Received: Wed 17 Jan 2018 | Validated: Thu 25 Jan 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage (Amendment to Planning Permission P/14/0716/FUL) Open for Comment

Netherton Falkirk FK2 0BU

Ref. No: P/18/0019/FUL | Received: Mon 15 Jan 2018 | Validated: Tue 16 Jan 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

Temporary Residential Accommodation Open for Comment

Avonside Lodge Falkirk FK2 0BT

Ref. No: P/18/0007/FUL | Received: Fri 05 Jan 2018 | Validated: Fri 05 Jan 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

Facebook

Requires to be updated

ACTION – To take to the next meeting

Broadband provision in ASCC area.

The connection date for superfast broadband in Avonbridge has been changed from December 2017 to June 2018. No response from Digital Scotland has been received by three residents who applied last month to become Community Champions for the Avonbridge exchange area.

A meeting was held with a resident of Limerigg to compare experiences they have regarding fibre broadband. Their experience in terms of getting any information or support from Digital Scotland is similar to ours even though the Slamannan exchange already claims to offer superfast broadband connections.

Standburn and Limerigg are in a similar position in terms of potential for superfast broadband provision. So the plan is to contact Fergus Ewing to express our disappointment with support from his department.

A.O.C.B

- ASCC to become more inclusive, more adverts locally resident offered to put flyers through doors in Standburn
- Litter and fly tipping gradually worse over last 3-4 months
- Blackstone road builder rubble. If it is more than a metre it's not council land. Boxtan Road, windy yetti, Dummies lane was also highlighted to be a place for black bags being dumped.
- Councillor highlighted he has written to the relevant person in the council.
- Members advised to advise local councillor via email member
- A suggestion for cameras to be put in place at litter and fly tipping sites. Local resident made the suggestion to put a nature camera in place "Chair suggested to create a group" to target this

Road Surfaces:

- Dummies road, Blackstone Road, Main Road into Falkirk, **ACTION** - ASCC to write to FC member ask what the procedure currently is for claiming for damage to wheels. Chair advised how this can be done
- B825 – roads female 2 tyres were burst – very distressing hole now patched after several phone calls which eventually became a complaint to the council
- Defibrillator – Avonbridge Health Clinic around £3000
- Coding club local resident will send information to secretary
- Youth activities group 12yrs plus activities Community outreach, lengthy discussion in regards to this local resident will link with schools and community trust

Next Meeting Date

Thursday 8th March 2018 in Drumbowie School Standburn 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>