

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.15pm
Drumbowie School Standburn

1. Present

G. Addison, N Cochrane, A. Frerichs, E. Chappell, J. Hirst, H. Kidd, D. Goldie, Cllr J Kerr, Cllr G Hughes, Cllr McLuckie and eight members of the public.

Apologies

D. Cameron, I. McGillivray, J Hunter, C. Sharples, D. Park, PC Todd, S & G Robertson.

2. Police Report –

Emailed report PC not present at the meeting, no significant events this month.

Since the last report (12/04/2018) there have been 7 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

- Domestic Incident Road Traffic Matter (false call, good intent) Abandoned/Silent 999
- Road Traffic Collision House Fire External Agency requesting welfare check
- Public Assistance re possible scam/bogus workman

2 crimes have been recorded in Avonbridge since the date of the last report in relation to

- Assault (non-injury), Vandalism (broken pane of glass in front door) and Threatening & Abusive Behaviour (Domestic) Obstruction of and disturbance of a Badger Sett

For the village of Standburn there has been one call made to police in relation to

- Public Nuisance (unidentified male alleged to be trying to damage temp. crossing)

There are no recorded crimes in that time within Standburn.

3. Community Safety Team Report

Presented by GA.

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 12th April 2018

Proposed by E. Chappell

Seconded by H Kidd

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Xmas lights – GA has form and will complete for funding
- Muiravonside Country Park update - parking charges – letter sent registering our objection, joint meeting held with reps from ASCC, Maddiston CC, SCCC and Brightons CC with Claire Mennin of Falkirk Community Trust. Trust adamant they must start charging barrier will be in situ by June.

Confirmation email received from Paul Finnie FCT.

6. Chair's report & Correspondence

- £100 contribution agreed to SCCC to support Appeal representation
- The new '**Preventing Unintentional Injuries in Early Years**' eLearning module launched on the 9th April 2018.
- Fly tipping Collection Candie/Dummies Lane – to proceed with support of Falkirk Council
- Progressive closure of the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals:- Private boat owners and commercial operators concerns regarding Scottish Canals' maintenance strategy Falkirk Council also added their support...
The Council supports the campaign by canal based voluntary groups to keep the canals alive and asks all those who funded the Millennium Link, including this Council and the Scottish Government, to urge the Board of Scottish Canals to meet their statutory obligations to keep the canals maintained and open for use.

- GA attended meeting with Council for CC, very useful, financial support available, reduction in paperwork and training regime in place for office bearers if required. FC will also supply a laptop.
- Contact from A. McCaig re: Craigend Brickworks wish to collaborate with ASCC on prevention of lewd behaviour in the area, GA responded & contacted police.

7. Treasurers Report

Current Bank Balances:

ASCC Account = £ 315.00

Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Fund = £ 2,647.82

The 2017/18 Accounts have been submitted for auditing to French & Duncan LLP Accountants as yet not returned AF chasing.

Micro grant applications submitted this month –

- Avonbridge Messy Play group £150.00 set up costs Approved form received
- A&S Recreational Initiative £150.00 course fees and stationery costs Approved
- DEAG £150.00 cheque from last meeting outstanding.

8. Planning and Online Update/Report

Planning

4 new applications made over the last month. These relate to Linhouse Farm, Hareburn Hatchery, Netherton and Candie Farm Steading. Details can be reviewed via the eplanning link.

Facebook Page update: - No statistics available this month.

Broadband –

The status entry has been modified slightly since last month. The main change being that the launch date for superfast fibre on our exchange is now "June 2018". No information regarding the possible offering of superfast to Standburn at this time though. The situation should be easier to progress once Avonbridge exchange has gone live.

Website

A simple bulletin board style website has been uploaded. Link is www.aandsc.org.uk . The plan is to upgrade it as requirements evolve.

The annual fee of £66 inc VAT for renewing our email and website hosting with Fasthosts is due 18 May. It was agreed that it should be renewed for another year. EC will action.

9. GDPR Update - we are not required to register or pay a fee but must comply with legislation. We need to contact all on our circulation list and request confirmation they wish to remain. We must then ensure the database remains secure and all emails are issued with personal emails in blind copy.

10. Avon Gorge Road Closure Update

Notice received indicating road closed until 25th May. Disputed by Cllr McLuckie clarification will be sort tomorrow.

All present agreed the number of lorries on diversion route were a problem.

Pedestrian lights in each village are very effective.

GA agreed to write to FC and Police Scotland and request same measures be put in place again in the event of another closure.

Westfield to Avonbridge road in very poor condition, agreed to contact WLC via local Cllr.

Letter to go to FC Roads Dept. when Avon Gorge reopens indicating residual damage to local network is horrific and requires attention.

11. Revised ASCC Constitution – reserved for discussion with CC members after meeting.

12. A.O.C.B

- B825 Collapsed to east of Drumbroider Cott – dangerous inform Roads Dept.
- Demolished garden wall on B825 due to speeding lorry in Avonbridge – Council aware.
- Fracking debate – SCCC requested support in respect of lobbying for the cancellation of PEDL Licences - agreed.
- Drumbowie School role reducing, cause for concern.
- Dummies Lane road condition appalling should be closed to traffic, notify roads dept.
- Defibrillator – Agreed to proceed with proposal from St John’s who will supply and maintain.
- Pedal for Scotland – 9th Sept 2018 full road closure proposed again, route on website same as last year.

13. Date of Next meeting - Thursday 14th June 2018 in Avonbridge Community Hall at 7.15pm.