

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - Thursday 14th June 2018 at 7.15pm
Avonbridge Community Hall

1. Present

G. Addison, N Cochrane, A. Frerichs, E. Chappell, H. Kidd, D. Goldie and 4 members of the public.

Apologies

J. Hirst, J Hunter, C. Sharples, I. McGillivray.

2. Police Report

Not received

3. Community Safety Team Report

Not received

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 10th May 2018

Proposed by AF Seconded by EC

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Muiravonside Country Park – Access barriers are now in situ with parking charges in force.

6. Chair's report & Correspondence

Sent out EDF funding applications re Xmas lights for villages (now received)

Advised we have F C monies for laptop/admin/printer (£500)

Discussed some anon e mails re defamatory comments received about a person in village and warned the meeting re dangers of Facebook postings

Advised that Blackston Road to be closed for repairs on 20 June for 3 days

Chair advised he'd written in response to a request to FC re roads and conditions (works now completed)

Avonbridge village notice board discussed.

Defibrillators - wrote to schools and pub and liaised with suppliers (pub says ok no response from schools or GP)

Discussed North Lanarkshire council letter re planning at Shooting School - No action required

Discussed the need to book lets for coming year

An appeal has been submitted by the developers for Candie development at Broadhead.

7. Treasurers Report

Current Bank Balances:

ASCC Account = £315.00

Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Fund = £2,047.82

The 2017/18 Accounts have been received from French & Duncan LLP Accountants audit completed

Micro grant applications submitted this month –

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| • Litter pick and rubbish uplift in Avonbridge incl van hire. | | Pending |
| • Gravel to complete community garden – Avonbridge | £150 | Approved |

8. Planning IT and Online Update/Report

Planning

One application for Holehouse Cottage, Avonbridge.

Babbitt Hill – exercise arena Details can be reviewed via the eplanning link.

Information Technology:

No change to June 2018 date for superfast fibre broadband from the Avonbridge exchange.

Made contact with Ian Rennie at Falkirk Council who has some contacts at BT Open reach. He will try to get some updated information that may help us.

Noted "Fibre on pole" being installed in a rural location near Blackburn West Lothian. This technology is being rolled out and may be the way that Standburn could get Fibre broadband once the Avonbridge exchange becomes enabled.

Facebook Page update: -

May 970 views – meeting agenda

June 811 view – pedal for Scotland

9. Pedal for Scotland – 9th September 2018 route same as last year with full road closures in place.

10. A.O.C.B

- Concerns were raised over a sighting of a drone being operated over a local property by persons unknown. This was discussed and it was agreed this represented an invasion of privacy & raised security issues. The matter was reported to the police. Advice received is that any sightings causing concerns should be immediately reported to the police.
- Paths – Mr McCaig plans to go on site with police
- Sewage sludge – James Hutton Institute will report to Scot Gov't with their report on the impact of odour from Sewage Sludge on rural residents.
- Democracy matters – questionnaire has been cascaded
- Burnhead Moss Education & Training Fund– A community outreach worker has now been appointed on a 6 month trial basis to assist those applying for funding. The project was launched with a first aid course for 12 people. New FB page set up, drop in sessions available in the Avonbridge Community Hall. If successful the aspiration is to extend the model to other areas.
- 2 Calls to police - re a group of youths – Craigend Works setting fire to canisters and drinking
- A power point presentation regarding the history behind the wind farm funding has been prepared for public presentation. Time and date to be agreed.

11. Date of Next meeting

AGM Thursday 13th Sept 2018 in Drumbowie School Standburn at 7.15pm.