

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 7.15pm

Drumbowie Primary School

Meeting chaired by G. Addison

1. Present

G. Addison, A. Frerichs, H. Baird, J. Hirst, PC Todd, Cllr Hughes & 4 members of the public.

2. Apologies

D. Goldie, E. Chappell, D. Cameron

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. Candie area is currently being monitored following several reports of fly tipping.

Neighbourhood Watch – Police Scotland have advised that there was an attempted vehicle theft in a rural area of Avonbridge on Sunday 28th October. This male ran off into a nearby white Ford Transit van which had the word CALL on the side, before driving off and are urging residents to stay vigilant and take extra measures such as security lighting, gate alarms to help deter criminals.

Police report - Since the last report (11/10/2018) there have been 10 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. These consisted of suspicious persons, road traffic concern, garden bonfire, concern for person, theft from garden, assault (non – injury, primary school), external agency information, domestic incident and assistance to member public/mental health.

2 crimes have been recorded in Avonbridge since the date of the last report in relation domestic assault and assault (minor assault) neighbour dispute.

For the village of Standburn there have been 3 calls made to police in that time in relation to Assisting member of public and 2 abandoned vehicles. Calls in relation road traffic relate to one call of inconsiderate parking on a grass verge and a report of a vehicle collision with a telegraph pole (non-injury).

An account was also given of some locals being caught after a vehicle pursuit through Slamannan. PC Todd has also advised that reports have been received of diesel being targeted in the area. Police are 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 11th October 2018

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

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

Braes Food Bank – HB reported that the poster for the new food bank has been placed on Facebook page and she will send EC the relevant information to be placed on website. HB agreed to put copies of the referral form on Outreach Worker desk in the Avonbridge Café. Anyone wishing to make donations or seeking help can contact the food bank by email or phone. (See useful information below)

Pedal for Scotland – Following further issues being reported as a result of the event, it was agreed that the Convener would write to Pedal for Scotland with feedback.

Muiravonside – DG contacted FCT regarding dogs being allowed inside the café. C. Mennim from FCT management responded 'Dogs are not allowed in the Steadings café due current policies regarding food preparation.'

DG called to see J Wilson regarding DEAG regarding an uncashed cheque but he wasn't in. A. Frerichs confirmed she had also been unable to make contact.

No response received from Cllr Hughes regarding a planning application to Falkirk Council by N Lanarkshire Council regarding W Jawcraig. Cllr Hughes confirmed he had no further information.

A801 Canal side car park – DG had raised the issue of unsavoury activities in this area and asked the police and Community Wardens to follow up, no feedback received to date.

EWOS – DG is continuing to monitor the ongoing smells and reported that SEPA are making regular visits in an effort to monitor the ongoing smells issues. Anyone else experiencing the strong smells from EWOS are encouraged to report it to the SEPA Action Line 01786 457700.

6. Chairs Report / Correspondence

Xmas Tree

GA informed the meeting that some progress had been made in sourcing Xmas tree lights from Blanchere Illuminations UK Ltd including costs.

7. Treasurer's Report / Statement of Accounts

Current Bank Balance

ASCC Account = £ 7,045.46

Burnhead Moss Account = £1,951

Micro Grant Applications

No grants received since the last meeting.

8. 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. No opposition was raised.

- x1 Application for conversion of an outbuilding along Boxtton Road west.

IT

Fibre broadband update still set at December 2018 for activation at the Avonbridge exchange. A local resident spoke to the contractors doing cabling recently and it was indicated that the project was still likely to be completed by December.

A fibre to premises connection was made recently in a rural area of Blackburn. It appears that if fibre on poles has been installed near your property you have to get FTTP. If you are connected via a green roadside cabinet you can only get FTTC or pay a high installation cost to get a fibre line installed. The link to check status has been updated. <https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com/yourstreet>

Website

Hit counter on ASCC website is now up to 168.

Page views since last meeting – 91.

EC is working with a group of Braes High School pupils to make graphic design improvements to the website soon.

9. Remembrance Day 2018

JH purchased 2 poppy wreaths on behalf of ASCC, one for each village. AF agreed to lay the wreaths at both village services.

Avonbridge are planning on having 2 special Remembrance Services on Remembrance Sunday to mark the 100th Anniversary of WWI. Avonbridge church will be holding a service at 9.15am. Some local residents have been tidying up the Avonbridge memorial and have arranged a service for the whole village to attend at 10.45.

JH has been working with Mr Tom Leslie (a resident in the village as a boy) to make arrangements for a memorial service in Standburn. Mr Leslie has donated a WWI Tommy silhouette in honour of relations who fought in the war. JH informed all that a special service of remembrance was to take place on Friday 9th November. Local councillors, Provost and Falkirk Herald have all been invited to attend. Pupils from Drumbowie are going to read out the names of the fallen, a bugler will be in attendance and a Braes High school pupil will play the bagpipes.

10. AOCB

a. **Garages at Craigbank Road** - Residents asked if the community council follow up issues already raised with Falkirk Council regarding the dumping & storage of scrap vehicles in the vicinity. GA agreed to write to Falkirk Council housing department and request assistance.

b. **Braes High School Xmas Concert** – Braes High School have invited members of the ASCC to come along their annual Xmas concert being held on 12th December. Members interested in attending are asked to contact the school directly.

c. **Hall Signage** – HB raised that as the Avonbridge Hall is tucked behind Stevenson's yard that it would perhaps be useful to have a sign on the Main Road to direct people who may not be familiar with area. JH to arrange a grant application for improved signage and paint to redo exterior of hall once the better weather comes in.

GA proposed to get in touch with residents about volunteering to help with maintenance/ painting the exterior of the hall.

d. **Interest in joining ASCC** – Mr J Ingram has expressed an interest to join the ASCC. JH will invite him to attend next meeting.

e. **Possible Newsletter** - Following a meeting with Blackridge community council members recently, JH suggested that ASCC could, like Blackridge, produce a regular newsletter to help keep the community informed and engaged in current local events. It was proposed that this could be developed and produced Bi-annually at first. JH will look for a volunteer to help with the newsletter.

f. **Defibrillator** – GA is following up on having a defibrillator installed for both villages and will report back at the next meeting.

11. Education & Training Fund

The Burnhead Moss working group met on 29th October. It was agreed by all communities involved that following the success of the trial outreach service for Avonbridge & Standburn (ASED) that it should be rolled out to the other areas of benefit and be rebranded as BMET (Burnhead Moss Education & Training fund). The group agreed to commit to support the service for a minimum of 18 months. HB has updated the Facebook page and is arranging new promotional materials to be printed.

12. Closure of meeting

Next meeting to be held on **Thursday 13th December 2018 at Avonbridge Community Hall, Avonbridge, 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