

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.15pm
Drumbowie Primary School, Standburn

Meeting chaired by G. Addison

1. Present

G. Addison, D. Goldie, A. Frerichs, H. Baird, J. Hirst, J. Ingram, D. Cameron, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Kerr, A. MacDonald MSP & 24 members of the public.

2. Apologies

E. Chappell, E. Lipski.

3. Police Report & Community Safety

The Community Safety Team – Avonbridge is currently being monitored for dog fouling in a number of areas within the village.

Police report

AVONBRIDGE

Since the last report there have been 13 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

Youth ASB (Scramblers/Quads)	Assist Members of the Public
Persons Attacked By Dog	Road Traffic matter
Suspicious Persons/ Theft / Threats	Police Information

There have been 2 crimes recorded in Avonbridge since last the last report, relating to Dog dangerously out control contrary to S.3 Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and Vandalism of 2 cars, rear windows being smashed.

STANDBURN

There have been no call or crimes recorded for the village of Standburn.

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2019

The minutes were proposed by J. Hirst and seconded by D. Goldie with an amendment, the minutes were seconded by D Goldie and not D.Cameron.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

Defib – GA still working on arrangements and will report back to next meeting with any updates.

6. Chair's Report/Correspondence

- a) GA received information on a public consultation of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's strategic plan 2019-22. The consultation will be open from 9th May until 18th July for anyone wishing to have their say. Further information is available from www.firescotland.gov.uk.

- b) Mr Livingstone, has formally invited members of the community council to attend the Braes High School Junior Awards Ceremony taking place on Thursday 16th May. Any CC members wishing to attend are asked to confirm with the school's clerical assistant.
- c) VE Day 2020 event is being planned to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day on 8th May 2020. Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster, for the event is encouraging communities to take part to commemorate this important anniversary. Further information is available on the website www.veday75.org.

7. Treasurer's Report

ASCC Acct - Balance £6,456.52 (£5237.67 ring fenced for Christmas decs).
Burnhead Moss Acct – Balance £3848.56 – 2 outstanding micro grants.

Micro Grant Applications – No applications received this month.

8. Planning, IT and online update

No new planning since last meeting.

Boxton Road West – Dwelling house application now available to view online.

Craigend brickworks – discussed later in meeting.

IT

Website hits – 455

Web Hosting renewal due for renewal. ASCC approved.

BROADBAND

1. No change to June 2019 date for fibre activation in Avonbridge according to DSSB website.

2. Angus MacDonald MSP confirmed at the meeting he has requested a meeting with Digital Scotland to discuss the matters with them directly. He also advised that he has corresponded with Fiona Muir DSSB and encouraged her to make a formal presentation to ASCC. F.Muir has confirmed to Mr MacDonald that the online map for those going live is not accurate and that they are proposing to go live for Avonbridge in Dec 2019. JH reported to Angus that the issues will continue for many of the outlying areas and Standburn, as the exchange will only service those within 0.5 miles of the exchange.

EC & JH will continue dialogue with DSSB and request a meeting to discuss future proposals for the R100 programme and broadband provision for rurally located properties.

9. Craigend Brickworks Planning Application – Anglo Scottish Bio Solids Ltd.

A planning application was submitted in recent weeks to Falkirk Council requesting removal of restrictions imposed by Condition 7 of the original planning consent granted in 2009. Condition 7 restricts the materials which are able to be processed on site to 'inert building waste'. ASCC contacted Falkirk Council planning dept. to request an extension of the comments deadline to 15th May to allow local CCs time to make people aware of the issue.

GA invited those present to comment on the issue. Numerous strong feelings and objections were raised by those present including concerns relating to the monitoring and control of possible activities and the lack of enforcement of planning conditions and waste regulations by the relevant authorities. Mr MacDonald MSP having listened to the comments agreed to fully support the objections of the community and submit his own objection. He also advised that he will be requesting a site visit. Mr MacDonald further agree to follow up on the lack of enforcement of previous planning conditions and enquire within the Scot. Gov't as to the results of the review into the impact on human health of the Spreading of Sewage Sludge on Agricultural Land by the James Hutton Institute.

ASCC together with Maddiston CC, Shieldhill & California CC and other surrounding CCs have rallied to inform as many residents & members of the public within the areas affected as possible. JH & DG reported that ASCC alone had collected 368 paper objections and the website had 98 objections registered online to date.

10. Unconventional Gas & Oil.

Maria Montinaro from SCCC reported that 32 Community Councils have joined together with the support of a legal team to voice their concerns over the Scottish Government's proposal to only include the banning of drilling for UOG as policy and not enshrine it in legislation. It is hoped a meeting with CC reps can be arranged. The Scottish government has published an addendum to its Strategic Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report and invites further comments from the public. Responses can be made via an online consultation, Citizen Space: <http://consult.gov.scot/energy-and-climate-change-directorate/unconventional-oil-and-gas-sea>. The consultation will be open until 25th June 2019.

11. A.O.C.B

- i. **Flytipping/Dumping on Boxton Road** - Cllr Hughes agreed to follow up on issue and report back at next meeting. It was also suggested the passing places should be blocked up as these were only built to facilitate the open cast mining 9 years ago and are now abused by unwelcome visitors to Drumbowie Park.

12. Next Meeting: Thursday 13th June 2019 in 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

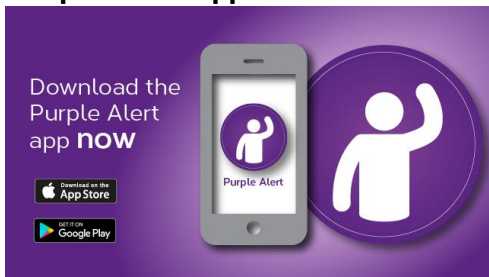
<https://www.facebook.com/BMETFUND/>

Advanced planning searches for planning applications

<http://evelopment.falkirk.gov.uk/online/search.do?action=advanced>

Reports to the Police - 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

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

Braes Storehouse Food Bank –

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