

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 13th Jun 2019 at 7.15pm
Avonbridge Community Hall, Avonbridge

Meeting chaired by G. Addison

1. Present

G. Addison, D. Goldie, A. Frerichs, H. Baird, J. Hirst, Ed Chappell, S. Grimes (SEPA), I. Cruickshank (SEPA), Falkirk Council Environmental Health Officer & 6 members of the public.

2. Apologies

E. Lipski,

3. Police Report & Community Safety

The Community Safety Team - Are currently monitoring the 2 vacant properties for youths entering and causing a nuisance/damage.

Police report – Avonbridge – The following crimes were reported Fraud x1, Theft x1 & House breaking x1, no crimes were reported for Standburn.

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019

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

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

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

Craigend Brickworks Planning Application to remove condition to protect the local environment – Representatives from both SEPA and Falkirk Council were invited to discuss the ongoing concerns regarding waste processing and lack of adherence to guidelines by local contractors. After listening to our apprehensions & concerns, I. Cruickshank assured ASCC that he will investigate and review any evidence that ASCC has regarding the matter. He gave assurance that he will follow up with ASCC once SEPA have had time to review all the information.

Falkirk council advised that if situations arise that residents feel are a statutory nuisance to please continue to report them to the Environmental Health department.

6. Chair's Report/Correspondence

- a) An email was received from Falkirk Council relating to enquires made about Craigend Brickworks planning and enforcements procedures. Cllrs and ASCC will continue to monitor and report back at next meeting.
- b) Bus stakeholder group forum meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th June 6.30pm at the Municipal Buildings.
- c) A few members of the public reported that the F25 service did not arrive in Standburn. ASCC to monitor.

7. Treasurer's Report

ASCC Acct - Balance £6,384.12 (£5237.67 ring fenced for Christmas decs).
Burnhead Moss Acct – Balance £3692.16.

Micro Grant Applications – 4 applications received this month.

Avonbridge Lunch Club – grant to restock larder –Approved subject to receipt of evidence of previous grant monies having been spent as proposed.

Drumbowie Parent Council – Grant requested towards end of term activities –further information required before approval can be granted.

H. Konkol – Costs for refreshments to host talks for youths including Royal Navy presentation - further information required before approval can be granted.

Braes Scouts – Scouts & Young Leaders - Request for indoor and outdoor equipment different ages groups – Approved

8. Planning, IT and online update

2 new planning applications since last meeting

West Hill, Candie – Erection of dwelling house.

Maric Cottage – Extension to dwelling house - P/19/0322/FUL.

IT

Website hits – 523

BROADBAND

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

2. A meeting between the ASCC project team and representatives at DSSB is proving difficult to arrange at present but another meeting with Angus MacDonald is scheduled on Monday 17 June.

3. EC has set up a blog on the ASSC website, to give more visibility on our situation.

4. EC to contact Digital Scotland, requesting a freedom of information report on behalf of ASCC. The request to DSSB is for a detailed plan on the completion of converting the exchange. .

9. Bedding Plants

DG asked if ASCC can look into accessing plants for the villages. GA to follow up.

10. Avonbridge Hall

The hall committee have been working hard to get the hall's affairs in order, since taking over in February 2019. Hall hire prices have been reviewed. £15p/h for commercial and £12p/h for community lets.

Summer activities – Hall committee have applied to Burnhead Moss fund to support a village fun day planned for July 2019.

Cycling UK has also granted the committee funding to run a cycle activity at the event.

£1000 grant was received from Fairer Falkirk to provide free lunch & fun club every Wednesday for under 18s.

The café has reached its 3rd birthday. Hooray.

Falkirk Council have intimated they wish to transfer the ownership of the Hall to the Community. The hall committee confirmed they do not wish to proceed on this basis. Consequently the ASCC will check the legislation relating to Community Asset Transfer and liaise with the Council on their behalf.

12. Next Meeting: AGM, Thursday 12th September 2019 in Drumbowie Primary School, Standburn 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

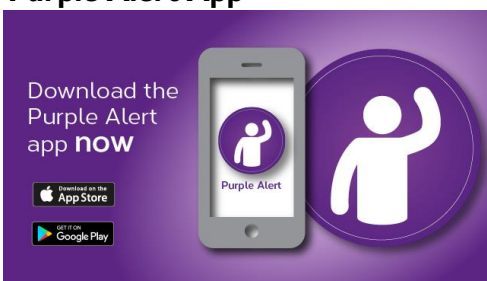
<https://www.facebook.com/BMETFUND/>

Advanced planning searches for planning applications

<http://edevdevelopment.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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