

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7.15pm

Avonbridge Community Hall, Avonbridge

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

1. Present

J. Hirst, D. Goldie, A. Frerichs, H. Baird, E. Chappell, Cllr Hughes & 8 members of the public.

2. Apologies

G. Addison, D. Cameron, J. Ingram, E. Lipski, M. Lowrie

3. Police Report & Community Safety

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

It was noted a dog waste bin would be very beneficial at the entrance to the River Avon Heritage Trail.

Police report

PC Wallace has moved on a new post. PC Todd will be re-joining as the assigned community officer for the area.

PC Laura Robertson, wildlife officer, has advised that she will be attending the next meeting to give a brief presentation about wildlife crime.

AVONBRIDGE

Since 08/08/2019 have been 12 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

Road Traffic / Animals on Road Domestic	Sudden Death
Child Protection	Assist Member of Public
Fly tipping at Community Centre	Police Information
Disturbance	
Abandoned	

There have been 3 crimes recorded in Avonbridge relating to x2 Domestic Incidents and Child Protection

STANDBURN

There have been 2 calls made to police in that time in relation to the village of Standburn of the following call types:

Disturbance	Assist Member of Public
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There have been no recorded crimes in the village of Standburn in that time.

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

The minutes were proposed by E. Chappell and seconded by A. Frerichs.

It was noted the micro grant application relating to the Naval Day in Avonbridge had been withdrawn.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

Defibs – AF has been in contact with the chairperson of St. Johns Ambulance and advised that the application for the defibrillators will be sent on off shortly. Installation is expected to be happening very soon.

6. Chair's Report/Correspondence

- a) Correspondence from Lady Haig poppy factory – purchase of memorial wreaths – JH agreed to order wreaths for both memorials on behalf of ASCC.
- b) ASCC have been approached by developers of the land adjacent to the river in Avonbridge beside Station House. The developers are willing to attend the next meeting to discuss.
- c) B825 Slow for Horses road signs – we have been asked to raise the issue of missing road signs on the B825. There used to be 2 road signs asking drivers to slow for horses between Standburn & Avonbridge. Both have been hit by vehicles and subsequently removed, residents in the area have asked if they can be replaced in the interest of safety for local riders. Location information can be provided.
- d) Fly tipping – we are still experiencing significant amounts of fly tipping in the area. The possibility of cameras being installed in targeted areas i.e. Boxtan Road, Candie End, Candie laybys and Dummies Lane, was discussed with Cllr Hughes.
- e) A request for a grit bin outside the gates to Candie House/Candie Lodge on the main Candie Road has been submitted by residents. Cllr Hughes has been asked to pursue on our behalf.

7. Treasurer's Report

ASCC Acct - Balance £6,171.42 (£5237.67 ring fenced for Christmas decs).
Burnhead Moss Acct – Balance £5951.76.

Micro Grant Applications – 2 applications received this month.

D. Cameron – Domain hosting costs for BMET & Braes storehouse - £125 Approved

Recyc – a - bike - £126 Approved

8. Planning, IT and online update

3 new planning applications since last meeting:

Heatherstalks, Standburn – Erection of field shelter and formation of hardstanding – P/19/0561/FUL

Hillend Lodge, Blackston Road – Erection of dwelling house – P/19/0456/FUL

Land to north of Hareburn – Temporary residential accommodation – P/190437/FUL

West Hill, Candie – Erection of dwelling house. – Objection was submitted by ASCC on behalf of local Candie residents.

IT

Website hits – 642

BROADBAND

- 1) Avonbridge exchange is finally fibre enabled! Properties within the village of Avonbridge can now request to be connected using FTTC technology by contacting their local internet provider (LIP). Subscribers in Standburn can request to be connected using Fibre to the pole (FTTP) by contacting their LIP.
FTTP connections along the Blackfaulds and outlying areas of Avonbridge towards Blackbraes are still unknown. Those interested should use the DSSB website tool for updates.
- 2) Another meeting was held with Angus MacDonald MSP on 17th June to request further help in arranging a meeting with a DSSB representative.

- 3) A meeting was held with Fiona Muir on Tuesday 10th September. EC & JH expressed the feeling of frustration held within the community in getting up to date, accurate information about our exchange conversion and future upgrades for the outlying areas.
A more complete report will be published in the Broadband Blog on the ASCC website in the near future.
- 4) EC's Freedom of Information request on behalf of ASCC was declined on the grounds that it was confidential information to BT Openreach. Their response however was surprisingly fast!

9. SEPA & Craigend update

Cllr Hughes advised that the Craigend works application will be raised at the public meeting on Tuesday 24th September, subsequently revised to Wed 23rd October 2019. 9,30am by the planning department. ASCC continuing to have ongoing discussions with SEPA regarding EWOS, Gardrum Moss and Jawcraig. DG urged members of the public to continue to report any issues of concern to SEPA.

10. Avonbridge Hall

ASCC have met with the hall committee during the summer break and are continuing to offer practical support. GA has praised the efforts of the new hall committee in their efforts to date.

11. Muiravonside Country Park

Maddiston CC contacted ASCC regarding concern about FCT consideration to transfer the park to a community management. A letter of concern was sent to FCT.

12. Neighbourhood watch

Anyone interested in becoming part of the scheme please contact D. Goldie for further details.

13. A.O.C.B.

- a) H. Konkol indicated her intention to submit a micro grant application for a photo exhibition.
- b) Cllr Hughes provided information confirming the changes to the 29 Bus Service run by First Bus. This service will be reduced and will not run south of Avonbridge. Alternative services are to be investigated by West Lothian Council.

14. Next Meeting: Thursday 10th October 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

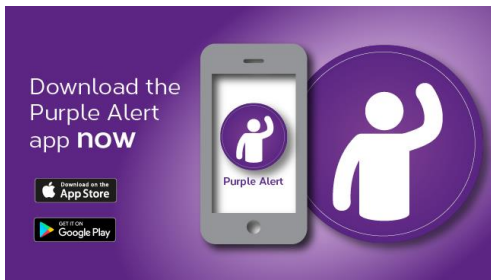
<https://www.facebook.com/BMETFUND/>

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 – <http://www.braesstorehouse.org.uk/>

SEPA Hotline –



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