

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7.15pm
Avonbridge Community Hall, Avonbridge

Meeting chaired by Gordon Addison

1. Present

G. Addison, J.Ingram, D. Goldie, A. Frerichs, E. Chappell, Cllr Hughes & 7 members of the public.

2. Apologies

J. Hirst, H.Baird, G.Robertson, Police Scotland.

3. Police Report & Community Safety

The Community Safety Team – There have been 25 reports of fly tipping and litter in the area. This ongoing concern was discussed at the meeting.

Police report

PC Todd was unable to attend due to illness. The chair read out the police report supplied by PC Todd.

AVONBRIDGE

There have been 3 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

Communications

Concern for Person

Disturbance

Neighbour Dispute

Police Generated Activity

Police Information

Sudden Death

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There have been 3 crimes recorded in Avonbridge relating to Threatening or Abusive Behaviour x2 and Fraud

STANDBURN

There have been no calls made to police or recorded crimes in the village of Standburn in that time.

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 13th September 2019

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

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

- a) The Chair reported that he had been further approached by email by the developers of the land adjacent to the river but were unable to attend the meeting to comment further.
- b) Cllr Hughes could confirm that the Slow for Horses signs are being further investigated and that a site meeting is being arranged.

- c) Fly tipping was discussed and again further reports have been referred to Falkirk Council. A site meeting was organised. JH attended.
- d) CCTV may well be installed in one of the targeted areas but it require solar power which will restrict its use in the darker months.
- e) Cllr Hughes confirmed that the request for a grit bin in Candie is being pursued.
- f) Further enquiries are being made by DG on ASCC's behalf regarding the planning application at Craigend.
- g) Support and donations to assist Muiravonside Country Park should be considered by everyone as there are ongoing concerns about its viability and anyone who wishes further information should contact Maureen Campbell at FCT. They are filming Outlander in the park at the moment so there appears to at least some funds being made available to FCT for its use.

6. Chair's Report/Correspondence

- a) The chair advised that he had had some correspondence from a resident in the village. The enquiry related to the activities being held within the local community. The resident who attended the meeting for the first time was happy with the response.
- b) GA also reported that he and JH had attended a meeting with those on the hall committee. Enquiries are being made through the opuses of ASCC, regarding the finances of what was known as the halls in the past and they have yet to receive a reply from Falkirk Council.

7. Treasurer's Report

AF confirmed that there is a balance of:

ASCC Acct -	Balance £11,149.97 (£5237.67 ring fenced for Christmas decs).
Burnhead Moss Acct –	Balance £912.00

Micro Grant Applications – No new applications received this month.

8. Planning, IT and online update

2 new planning applications since last meeting:

Standburn – Static caravan

Drumbroider Moss – erection of the dwellinghouse

No concerns were raised at the meeting.

BROADBAND

In relation to broadband there was good news in that largely the villages are now up to speed and only the areas surrounding the villages will struggle with their broadband speed. There remains no formal provision in Candie.

9. Christmas

There has been a great help and response from Jacquie McArthur at Falkirk Council. The lighting has been organised by S. Gorman. It is hoped there will be lamp post decorations and trees with lights for both villages. This will coincide with the Avonside Christmas Fayre at the end of November. GA expressed his gratitude to all those who have worked hard to bring this about and there will be more details at the November meeting.

10. A.O.C.B.

- a) There was considerable discussion regarding the lunch club and a further application is going to be required to enable a grant to be considered. Although there is a fund available to us and we have some discretion in distributing funds, the rules and guidelines for this are complex. It was agreed that a subcommittee will be set up to review and frame these guidelines. It was also expressed and emphasised that there is a need for receipts to be obtained from grantees confirming what the money was spent on.
- b) Dog fouling was discussed, and further dog fouling signs have been sought but there has been no follow up from Falkirk Council.
- c) Fresh gravel is needed for the War Memorial and an application is likely to be received by the group planning for Armistice day. Cllr Hughes indicated he would try and arrange to have the railings painted in Avonbridge and if possible, the monument to be power washed. J. Ingram could confirm that he now has the boxes ready for planting next season and will seek out appropriate soil, seeds and plants etc in the spring.
- d) New accounts software is being discussed and prepared by the treasurer and EC so that ASCC's accounts can be managed and audited more efficiently.
- e) The paths around Standburn and Avonbridge parks were discussed and the ongoing maintenance required. A letter with photographs has been drafted to be sent to FC highlighting the areas of concern.
- f) Avonbridge hall arrange a bus trip for the over 60s. The bus trip to Loch Katrine was a great success with 28 people benefitting from the trip and then enjoying afternoon tea served in the Avonside Inn.
- g) A freedom of information request has been made to Scottish water in relation to ongoing enquiries regarding the quality thereof.
- h) The pagoda at Drumbowie park is in desperate need of restoration and the meeting discussed an application being made by a suitable group for a grant to employ a joiner or an apprentice to carry out some repair work.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday 14th November 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

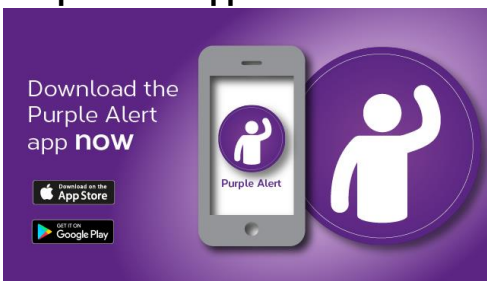
<https://www.facebook.com/BMETFUND/>

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

SEPA Hotline –



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