

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7.15pm
Drumbowie Primary School, Standburn

Meeting chaired by Gordon Addison

1. Present

G. Addison, J. Hirst, D. Goldie, A. Frerichs, H. Baird, J. Ingram, E. Chappell, Cllr McLuckie, PC Todd, PC Mansell, PC Laura Robertson, & 12 members of the public.

2. Apologies

Cllr Hughes, MSP McDonald, Inspector Stuart, G. Baird.

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:

PC Laura Robertson gave a brief presentation about how wildlife crime is monitored and some advice about reporting any suspicious activities relating to wildlife. Some useful links and contact details are listed at end of these minutes.

PC Todd reported that the drugs misuse call in Avonbridge was related to the discovery of an uncapped needle in the Main St. He assured the meeting that local community officers are working with partners to identify those responsible and urges anyone with information to contact 101 quoting ref 2236 or Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

AVONBRIDGE

Since last meeting there have been 12 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

Concern for person	Road traffic
Assist member of the public	Drugs/substance misuse
Disturbance	Neighbour dispute

There have been 2 crimes recorded in Avonbridge relating to:

- Theft of temporary traffic lights at Boxtton road/Blackbraes road roundabout. Anyone with information is asked to call 101 quoting ref 2757 of 15/10/19
- Threatening & Abusive behaviour, Assault of police officer

STANDBURN

There have been 3 calls made to police in that time in relation to the village of Standburn of the following call types:

Child Protection	Animals
External agency request/house fire	

There has been one recorded crime in the village of Standburn in that time. This related to a hit & run road traffic collision whereby a van was damaged overnight (27th into 28th October) by an unknown vehicle. Anyone with information is asked to call 101 quoting ref 0796 of 28/10/19.

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 10th October 2019

The minutes were proposed by A. Frerichs and seconded by D. Goldie.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

Braes High School Report

School captains gave a brief overview of the variety of activities and community involvement opportunities that are available to Braes pupils. Mr Livingstone also gave a report on the outcomes of children services engagement visit. This formative exercise allowed the school to reflect on how they are performing. It was concluded that the school are yet again performing well with attainment continuing to rise and more support is being successfully provided to the most vulnerable pupils.

Falkirk Council Housing – E. Hogan (Housing Officer)

E. Hogan informed the meeting that as the new housing officer for the area she is making a point of walking around the villages and she is happy to stop for a chat. Anyone wishing to raise any housing concerns can also contact her directly via the main switchboard on 01324 506070 (Option2) or email: housingservices@falkirk.gov.uk

She has also advised that following her initial walk rounds and feedback from the community that the following issues were of concern:

- Fencing
- Fly tipping, litter, social isolation & speeding vehicles
- Fuel Costs
- Lack of consistency
- Dog fouling

Elaine is responding to these concerns by requesting weekly patrols at the Avonbridge Park and liaising with the community safety team. She also advised that FC are looking into solar panels as an alternative for rural areas and replacing windows by 2021. Fencing will also be offered to any council tenant that needs it but FC will only provide 1m high fencing for front garden areas.

Jl highlighted the need for the War Memorial to be power washed and cleaned due to the presence of green algae. Cllr McLuckie indicated this came under member services.

6. Chair's Report/Correspondence

Nothing of note to report.

7. Treasurer's Report

ASCC Acct -	£917.30 ASCC Funds
	£5237.67 reserved funds for Christmas lights.
	£8500 reserved funds for active travel group.
	Total Balance £14649.97
Burnhead Moss Acct –	Balance £2540.36.

£50 fee for accounts auditor is still outstanding.

Micro Grant Applications – Micro grant guidance is being formulated and a sub committee will make decisions on any grant applications going forward.

1 application received this month.

Xmas

J. McArthur from FC has agreed to arrange delivery of a tree to Standburn and provide some second hand lights from FC. Tree installation date for Standburn still to be confirmed. Avonbridge will have 8 strings of lights installed on 8 lampposts along the Main Street. JH has agreed to donate a tree for Avonbridge, which will be installed again outside the Avonside Inn.

Avonbridge will be holding an official light switch on event with carols and mince pies on Saturday 23rd November, outside the Avonside Inn, after the Avonside Christmas Fayre at 4.30pm. HB to update ASCC Facebook page.

8. Planning, IT and online update

Planning report not submitted to the meeting due to time constraints, held over to next meeting.

BROADBAND

EC has advised that most of the areas within both villages should have access to superfast broadband. Still no progress yet for the outlying areas such as those along the Blackston Road/ Candie areas. JH & EC are continuing to lobby Digital Scotland on behalf of residents and are now in direct contact with Fiona Muir (Scottish Gov Development Lead).

9. Next Meeting: Thursday 5th December 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://edevelopment.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 –



Wildlife Crime – Email: ForthValleyWildlife@scotland.pnn.police.uk
- Tel 077602 68054 OR 101

Rural Watch Scotland – Receive free crime alert and info about the area where you live by registering at www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk

Construction & Agricultural Equipment Security and Registration (Cesar) Scheme –
Protect your tools and equipment using Cesar. For more information go to
www.cesarscheme.org