

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7.15pm
Drumbowie Primary School, Standburn

Meeting chaired by D. Goldie

1. Present

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

2. Apologies

G. Addison, J. Hirst, PC Todd, J. Singh.

3. Police Report & Community Safety

The Community Safety & Environmental Enforcement Team – Are continuing to monitor levels of litter, fly tipping and dog fouling in the area. If anyone has information relating to those responsible, please contact them on community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk or call the council call centre on 01324 506070.

Police report:

AVONBRIDGE

Since last meeting there have been 10 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

Police Information	Police Information
Disturbance	Abandoned / Silent 999
Sudden Death	Neighbour Dispute
Drugs / Substance misuse	

There have been no crimes recorded in Avonbridge in that time.

STANDBURN

There have been 1 call made to police in that time in relation to the village of Standburn of the following call type:

Concern for Person	
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There has been one recorded crime in the village of Standburn during this time relating to the above call which resulted in a 78 year old male being traced by police and subsequently arrested and charged in relation to drink driving offences

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2019

The minutes were proposed by E. Chappell and seconded by D. Goldie.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

- I. New grant protocol will be finalised and made available in the New Year. EC will make agreed amendments and publish new protocol on ASCC website. New protocol will come to effect as of 1st January 2020.
- II. DG extended a special thanks to J. Ingram for all his help with the Christmas trees in both villages. Without him neither would have happened and it was a huge amount of time and effort in miserable weather on his part.

6. Chair's Report/Correspondence

Nothing of note to report.

7. Treasurer's Report

ASCC Acct -	£573.16 ASCC Funds £5237.67 reserved funds for Christmas lights. £8500 reserved funds for active travel group. Total Balance £14310.83
Burnhead Moss Acct –	Balance £2538.36.

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

4 applications received this month:

Drumbowie Action Group (DEAG) – Paint & bulbs - £150 approved

J. Bell – Funds for cost of building Santa's grotto - £150 approved

Avonbridge Parent Council – To supply each child with a book for Christmas - £150 approved

Drumbowie Parent Council – To supply each child with a book for Christmas - £120 approved

8. Planning, IT and online update

Carried over from last meeting:

Conversion of outbuildings into dwelling houses at Windy-Yett farm – ref no. P/19/0643/FUL

Extension at Southbrock, Avonbridge – ref no. P/19/0670/FUL

Formation of vehicle access, Irene terrace, Standburn – ref no. P/19/0697/FUL

Modification of planning obligation to land NE of Standburn Villa – removing requirement to make an indexed core path contribution of £2,500 per residential unit. – ref no. P/19/0701/75M – Concerns raised as this is of critical importance to the Active Travel Group.

New planning application since last meeting:

Erection of 2 dwelling houses – Land east of Fairview, Main St, Standburn – ref no. P/19/0749/FUL

Craigend Application:

An appeal has been lodged in respect of the removal of condition 7 for Craigend works planning permissions. The appeal application will be determined by an assigned reporter from the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA). Cllr Hughes advised that as the appeal was lodged under non-determination, it is likely that following DPEA's account, this will be discussed at the next scheduled Planning Committee meeting on 23rd January 2020.

BROADBAND

EC is continuing to investigate alternative fast broadband options for rural location within the area. He discussed that 4GEE Home and EE micro networks may be a possibility.

EC proposed to contact I. Rennie from FC and invite him to come along to ASCC meeting to discuss broadband issues within area.

Website has had an additional 50 hits since last meeting. 808 total.

9. Muiravonside Country Park

DG met with Maddiston CC to discuss concerns that Muiravonside is yet again at risk due to funding cuts. All agreed that the park is a great asset to the area, and we must do what we can to support it. DG has created a flyer to raise awareness and will circulate this flyer around the local area. HB will post on ASCC Facebook page.

10. A.O.C.B

- I. Freedom of information – DG requested a FOI from Scottish water relating to water course and land contamination in the area.
- II. EWOS, Cargill Plant – DG reported that EWOS have installed fast acting doors and increasing additives to reduce processing time, as a way to reduce unpleasant smells in the area.
- III. DG & JH are continuing to meet with SEPA to discuss ongoing relating Gardrum Moss and W. Jawcraig.
- IV. JI highlighted that dog fouling is still a growing problem in the area. Cllr Hughes agreed to follow up with relevant FC departments. ASCC to send an official letter to D. Pugh of FC regarding the matter. JI agreed to map out local bins and where additional bins are needed in the area.
- V. Neighbourhood watch – Next meeting will be held on 23rd January 2020. Anyone wishing to become part of the watch or needing signs ordered please let D. Goldie know.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday 9th January 2020 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

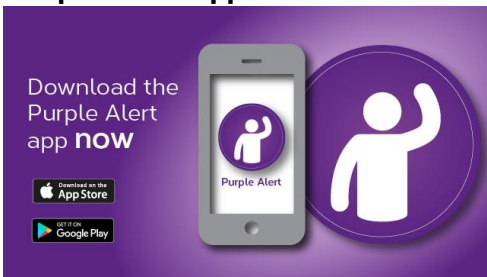
<https://www.facebook.com/BMETFUND/>

Advanced planning searches for planning applications

<http://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 –



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