

Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council
Annual General Meeting
Held on Thursday 14th September 2017 at 7pm
Drumbowie School Standburn

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

1. Present

Jo Hirst, Doreen Goldie., Dave Cameron, Ann Wallace, PC Todd, Ed Chappell, Ian McGillivray , Cllr McLuckie, Cllr Kerr, Cllr Hughes and 10 members of the public.

Apologies

James Anthony, Eric Lipski, J Orr and M Lourie

3. Approval of AGM Minutes from meeting held on 14th September 2016

The minutes were proposed by D Cameron and seconded D Goldie.

4. Chair's Report AGM Report September 2017

I would like to welcome everyone to this meeting and thank you for coming.

Being Chair over the past year has at times been challenging but overall very fulfilling. I am delighted to have received the support of many residents and our small team of 7 members has exhibited energy, expertise and good humour throughout. Our success depends on working as a team, recognising our limitations whilst making an effort to represent the views of the community as a whole.

Over the past year we have been instrumental in the following matters:

- Helping to establish and promote the Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Fund, distributing 20 micro-grants for various community activities supporting people of all ages.
- We have developed and promoted the EDF Education and Training Fund forging and developing links with educational partners.
- Set up a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AandSCC) to inform our community and promote the local area.
- We have established a web presence to be developed in the future.
- We secured £9k of CARES funding and completed a Community Consultation exercise which will result in a document to be published shortly identifying the ideas and projects local people have for the future.
- We contributed to the national debate on possible fracking in Central Scotland and the development of a Better Legislative Framework for Environmental Control, including meeting with a United Nations Special Rapporteur delegation in respect of children's health issues across Scotland.

Finally, our minutes continue to be posted on the Falkirk Council website and are distributed directly to all those who have registered an interest.

I would like to thank all my colleagues and supporters for their hard work throughout the year as without them the Community Council would not function. Also thanks to the Councillors who have attended meetings and supported us throughout the year.

Huge thanks also to those of you who attend regular meetings, supply information and have assisted with leaflet drops or canvassed opinions it is all very much appreciated.

As this is our final AGM of this CC term I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to stand for election to the Community Council and to take an active role in developing the ideas and proposals in the Community Plan.

I sincerely hope the Community Council will remain healthy and active for many years to come especially in light of what we have achieved over the last 8 years.

Jo Hirst - Convener

5. Treasurers Report

Current Bank Balance

ASCC Account = £163.80 – books will be audited for incoming Community Council

Burnhead Moss Wind Farm Fund = £602.20 - £300 cheques still to be submitted

Doreen Goldie Treasurer

Micro Grant Applications

- Forage Walk Funding application for 10 adult participants to pay for tutor for group – submitted. This was seen as too limited with regards to the number of people benefitting from it – suggested to be resubmitted as a subsidy rather than full payment, and to include more participants including children – Application declined.

6. Confirmation of Elections for New Community Council

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION TIMETABLE - 2017

- Notice of Election – w/b Monday 23 October 2017 by Falkirk Council
- **Nominations to be submitted by 4 p.m. on Monday 13 November 2017**
- Withdrawal of nominations by 12 noon on Thursday 16 November 2017
- Notice of Poll – w/b Monday 27 November 2017
- Issue of Postal Ballot Papers – 27 November 2017
- Receipt of Ballot Papers – Monday 11 December 2017
- Postal ballot opening/Count – 13 December & 14 December 2017
- Report to Executive confirming results –
- Online application form for Nomination
<http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/people-communities/community-councils/election/docs/Nomination%20pack.pdf?v=201710231105>

This concluded the AGM business and the meeting then moved on to discuss normal monthly business.

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Local Police Update

Changes

PC Todd (C0367) is the new permanent Community Officer – contact details:-

Gordon.todd@scotland.pnn.police.uk or
upperbraescpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Police phone line: 101 (15p flat rate charge)

Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111

Drumbowie Park – activity is on the increase. PC Todd advised to send any information and car registrations to police either by e-mail or to 101 asking for him. It was requested the police make regular patrols of the area and up the police presence.

CCTV – local legislation regarding siting of cameras to be checked by Cllr McLuckie.

CCTV – fly tipping – contact Community Safety team again for an update.

Speeding – both Avonbridge and Standburn – PC Todd and PC Crawford will attend with laser speed guns – email registrations of vehicles seen speeding to PC Todd.

Traffic Calming – Previously Falkirk Council advised we did not meet the necessary criteria – Cllr McLuckie indicated we should contact Russell Steadman FC to see if any other options are available

7. Planning Applications

No current applications affecting community council area.

However the planning consent granted at Afton Lodge, Candie does mean a significant increase in vehicles using the minor roads. It was agreed the ASCC should write to the F.C. roads department noting consideration must be given to resurfacing the roads at Candie Road End and Blackston Road in the near future and before the developments take place.

Clarification requested regarding Community Council objections to development in the countryside, reassurance given that objections are only submitted at the request of residents or in line with the Falkirk Council Local Development Plan which is the agreed policy. Only valid planning objections are submitted.

8. Community Consultation Plan

The project group met on 11th of September to discuss revision of the draft consultation plan, which will be distributed via the Foundation Scotland website, Community Council Facebook page and leaflets to the local community. All in the community will be provided with a leaflet to provide comments and feedback

9. Pedal for Scotland Event analysis

Points to be brought to organiser's attention

- Moto escorts requested at least 5 did not arrive
- Damage to property
- Cones distributed throughout the night disturbing residents
- Cones were removed through the night in some areas
- Number of approx. 8000 entrants was known in advance, did this require full road closure – contact Robert McMaster
- Parking and removal of cars signage – is it legal to lift cars in Scotland?
- Possible use of quad bikes by organisers to assist with residents wishing to enter or leave restricted areas due to road closures
- Suggestion for MSP Angus MacDonald to circulate the survey to all residents affected by the road closures

10. Closure of meeting

Next meeting to be confirmed by new Community Council members once in place

Useful Links:-

Edinburgh Airport Flight Path Consultation

<http://www.letsgefurther.com/>

Burnhead Moss Windfarm – Grant applications

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/burnhead-moss-avonbridge-standburn>

Police Scotland - engagement survey

www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

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)

Advanced planning searches for planning applications

<http://edevelopment.falkirk.gov.uk/online/search.do?action=advanced>