

## Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.15pm

Avonbridge Hall, Avonbridge

Meeting chaired by D.Goldie

### **1. Present**

A. Freichs, H. Baird, J. Hirst, D. Goldie, D. Cameron, E. Lipski, M. & M. Lawrie, I. Livingston, J. Singh, Cllr Hughes.

### **2. Apologies**

G. Addison, E. Chappell, J. Hunter, J. Anthony

### **3. Police Report & Community Safety**

Neighbourhood Watch – Police Scotland have received several reports since the last meeting regarding suspicious behaviour. Residents have reported suspicious vehicles in their estate in the early hours of the morning and people looking in the windows vehicles.

Local officers have been conducting high visibility patrols during the night and ask residents to ensure that their properties and vehicles are secure, with keys out of reach of the door.

More advice can be found at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-home>

The Community Safety Team continues to monitor for Litter, Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour through patrols and reports received from the Local Community.

There have been no new reports in the area, since the last meeting.

### **4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The minutes were proposed by D. Goldie and seconded by H. Baird

- Timescales & responsibilities  
AF agreed to handle hall bookings, newspaper notifications and update meeting dates for the Falkirk council website on behalf of the ASCC.

JH to update meeting dates for noticeboards in both Avonbridge & Standburn.

### **5. Matters arising from previous meeting**

AGM – Edit – D.Cameron does not wish to be co-opted onto the community council.

### **6. Braes High School (I. Livingstone)**

I. Livingstone gave a presentation about how well pupils of Braes have been doing regarding S4, S5 and S6 attainment. All very positive.

JH to send a letter of thanks to I. Livingstone on behalf of ASCC.

### **7. Funding Presentation (D. Cameron)**

D. Cameron gave an account of how the ASCC have worked with EDF Burnhead Moss to secure the current funding.

### **8. Chair's Report / Correspondence**

### **9. Treasurer's Report / Statement of Accounts**

#### **Current Bank Balance**

ASCC Account = £ 7801.46

Burnhead Moss Account = £1045

#### **Micro Grants**

- Avonbridge Parent Council - £150 for RHS Garden training course - Granted

### **10. Planning, IT and online update**

#### **- Planning Applications**

EC reported that there are 3 planning applications of interest that are awaiting decisions since the last meeting. No opposition was raised.

- x1 renewal application for the erection of dwellinghouse at Drumbroider Moss, Avonbridge.

- Application for the erection of 2 dwellinghouses on the land to the N.E. of Standburn Villa.

- Land to the south of the Barns, Avonbridge. Application for the formation of a private way for forestry purposes.

#### **-IT**

Fibre broadband update still set at December 2018, the project tracker indicates that the exchange is ready to be activated within next month. Only time will tell!

Hit counter on ASCC website is now up to 147.

Internet speed checker within the café showed 10.7Mbps, which is good but not the 18.4Mbps that ADSL plus is supposed to deliver to the exchange.

## **- Online / Facebook**

- Page views since last meeting – 62.
- Post regarding Pedal for Scotland was the most popular

Email Phishing incident – reported to money action fraud. AF agreed to also contact council to advise other community councils to be vigilant.

## **- Education & Training Funding**

HB reported that the Education and training fund has been very popular since starting her post in June 2018 and has seen around 50% uptake of applications from residents from all areas inc. Slamannan, Blackridge and ASCC catchment areas.

After having meeting with Foundation Scotland & representatives from the other Burnhead Moss areas it was proposed that the outreach worker services be rolled out to all areas covered by the Burnhead Moss Education Fund. Each area agreed to contribute to the continuing success of the education and training fund.

New email: [ased@bmetfund.org.uk](mailto:ased@bmetfund.org.uk)

## **11. AOCB**

- a. EWOS – DG attended meeting to discuss the ongoing problems with the smells and urged anyone else who experienced the smell to continue reporting this to SEPA using the hotline. J. Singh advised that he has reported the smell issue to Falkirk Council.
- b. Number of complaints have been received in regard to spreading and smells coming from Wester Jawcraig. SNH have been informed as concern was raised to the impact this may have on Bean Geese Season.
- c. Local Development Plan – Open for consultation between 28<sup>th</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. No changes to report for Standburn. The plan identifies only one area in Avonbridge, behind Craighbank Road for potential housing development.
- d. Following the recent report of 2 of the Braes councilors being prosecuted they have been removed from all quasi ‘legal bodies’, meaning that they cannot participate in any committee affairs.
- e. Pedal for Scotland – one local resident reported that damaged had been done to their property by cyclists. The chair motioned to carry this discussion over onto next month’s meeting.
- f. Little Mix concert – Local resident from Standburn informed the ASCC that the noise from the concert was so loud it could be heard in Standburn.
- h. Poppy Wreaths – It was agreed that ASSC would order again order a wreath for both war memorials in Avonbridge & Standburn. JH agreed to enquire with Mr Leslie in regard to his email to establish what plan were.

### **10. Closure of meeting**

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Drumbowie Primary School, 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)

##### **ASED Avonbridge & Standburn Education and Training Fund Facebook Page**

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

##### **Advanced planning searches for planning applications**

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