

## Avonbridge & Standburn Community Council Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday 11th April 2019 at 7.15pm

Avonbridge Community Hall

Meeting chaired by G. Addison

### **1. Present**

G. Addison, D. Goldie, A. Frerichs, H. Baird, J. Ingram, J. Hirst, D. Cameron, & 5 members of the public.

### **2. Apologies**

J Singh, E. Chappell, E. Lipski, K. Robertson, Cllr Hughes, Cllr McLuckie.

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

**The Community Safety Team** - Nothing new to report this month.

#### **Police report**

##### **AVONBRIDGE**

Since the last report there have been 9 calls made to police relating to the village of Avonbridge. Those consist of the following call types:

Sudden Death (non - suspicious)	Assist Members of the Public
Assist Ambulance	Road Traffic matter
Domestic Incident	Assault (occurred out with Local Areas)
Sudden Death (non - suspicious)	Damage (electrical substation)
Assist Members of the Public	

There have been 2 crimes recorded in Avonbridge since last the last report, relating to a domestic and a section 38 offence (children's home).

##### **STANDBURN**

There have been 4 calls to the village of Standburn recorded as follows

Suspect Persons	Road Traffic Matters x 2
Neighbour Dispute	

There has been no crimes recorded for the Standburn area

### **4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The minutes were proposed by J. Ingram and seconded by D. Cameron

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

- **Defibs** – GA been in touch with British Heart Foundation (BHF) to source Defibs. BHF are awaiting their new budget before funding for new public access defibs can be made available. GA will follow up after new financial year budget has been allocated to BHF.

- **Active Travel Group** – offered a special thanks to ASCC for their support and have now received a formal offer of £7000 from Paths for All. Possible matched funding from Burnhead Moss Fund is applied for decision awaited.

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

- GA reported that the appeal application to close road in Grangemouth by Ineos has been accepted.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

**ASCC Acct -** Balance £6,363.31 (£5237.67 ring fenced for Christmas decs) so £1,125.64.  
**Burnhead Moss Acct –** Balance £3998.56

### **Micro Grant Applications – 2 applications received this month:-**

Youth Club - £150.00 for new materials and tuck shop - Approved

Avonbridge Parent Council - £150.00 for Insurance for event at Drumbowie park on 20<sup>th</sup> May – Approved

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

Erection of dwelling house on Boxtton Road West - Awaiting decision.

### **IT**

Website hits – 437

HB sent email to FC updating them of changes and ASCC minutes, which are now on FC website.

### **BROADBAND**

1. No change to June 2019 date for fibre activation in Avonbridge.
2. EC sent a chaser email last week to Angus MacDonald to see if he has received a reply from Paul Wheelhouse MSP SNP, the minister now responsible for delivering Fibre Broadband in Scotland. No reply from Angus up to Wednesday this week.
3. It has come to EC's attention that we also have 6 Regional MSPs for the Central Region. Jo & EC suggest we contact them all. It could be that they may be of help in monitoring the progress of the future R100 rollout (fibre coverage for the 5% in rural locations left out in the present project) when it finally gets going. EC & JH will work together and continue to lobby for full coverage across this area in advance of R100 exposing the rural/ rural divide.

## **9. Taylor Wimpey Development**

A local petition is being circulated via email and on change.org in objection to the proposed development at Middlerig Farm. ASCC agreed to lodge an objection in support of SCCC & Reddingmuirhead CC.

## **10. Persimmons Hillcrest Development**

Falkirk Council have received CCs submission for reconsideration. An Equal rights amendment (ERA) has been put forward to Scottish government and is planned to be read in the chamber in May. JH reported that an amendment has been tabled. It is hoped that local MSPs for the area will support the proposed amendment.

## **11. Pedal for Scotland**

Confirmed date for event is Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Further information will be available late June 2019.

## **12. New Refuse / Tip Opening Times**

GA highlighted that the opening times of both tips have now changed. The tips will be closed 2 days per week. GA has written to the Cllrs to raise concerns that this may cause with fly tipping in the area.

- Rough Castle centre will be closed on Tuesdays & Wednesdays.
- Kinneil Bo'ness refuse centre will be closed on Thursday & Fridays.

GA agreed to pursue matter further and write to FC on behalf of ASCC again.

## **13. Avonbridge Community Hall Updates**

A fantastic £470 was raised from the prize bingo held on 4<sup>th</sup> April. The hall committee would like to offer their thanks to ASCC for recent micro grants. Zoolab and Roller Disco for the kids were a great success. The income

raised helped to pay off rent arrears due to FC. DC has sent a returns report to Foundation Scotland and a repairs list is being compiled. EDF are coming investigate the meter following high estimated electricity costs. Roller skate providers have now started offering 1-1 sessions in the hall. It is hoped that a Pilates class will be available as of July 2019.

#### **14. Lunch Club & Church grants**

A query has been received regarding local churches and the OAP lunch club being able to access EDF funds. ASCC advised that Foundation Scotland have clear set guidelines for larger grants which are mandatory but any community group or project that benefits all/any members of the community and is not for the purpose of fabric or property maintenance are eligible to apply for a micro grant to a maximum of 4 per year.

#### **15. A.O.C.B**

**i. Falkirk Tryst Orchestra.** Piano Concerto performance will be taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Falkirk Town Hall (FTH) tickets are now available.

**ii. Dog Fouling / Bins.** J. Ingram asked if there had been any follow up since last meeting about the problems with dog fouling. No response has been received from FC. GA agreed to write to FC and ask the warden to come and take a walk round the fouling hot spots. It was suggested that additional bins in both villages would be useful. Residents from Standburn raised the issue of increased dog fouling at Drumbowie Park and asked ASCC to raise this with FC.

#### **GREEN DOG BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FREE FROM LOCAL LIBRARIES.**

**iii. Drumbowie Park.** AF has learned that the potholes at Drumbowie park do not come under the parks department and has been passed onto relevant department in FC. AF will follow up and report back. Standburn residents have raised concern about the declining condition of Drumbowie Park and asked ASCC for support with the process of forming a new park committee. ASCC have agreed to offer support to them where possible.

**iv. Community Council Workshop.** DG & JH attended a community council workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> February, where feedback was given to Falkirk Council from various CC's

**v. Torphichen Summer Nights Music Society** Summer 2019 programme has been released. For further details see their website. <https://torphichensummernights.org.uk/concert-2018/>

#### **12. Closure of Meeting –**

**Next Meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 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/>

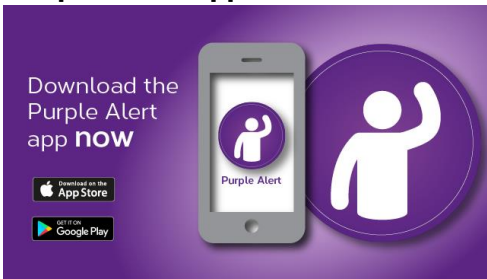
##### **Advanced planning searches for planning applications**

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

##### **Reports to the Police**

[UpperBraesCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

## Braes Storehouse Food Bank –

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