

Minutes of
Avonbridge and Standburn Community Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 11th February 2010 at 7pm
In
Drumbowie Primary School

Meeting chaired by Jo Hirst

1. **Present**

Jo Hirst, Alan Wallace, Doreen Goldie, James Anthony, Alistair Dow, Alan Roy, John McLuckie, David Donaldson, Sheena McManus, May Bennie, Carol Scott, Fraser Smith, Margie McKay, Alan Hunter, Barbara Hunter, Audrey Barclay, Paula Fergus, Gordon Hughes, Helen Paterson, Billy Paterson, Tracy Calder, Allan Calder, Harry Freckleton

2. **Apologies**

None

3. **Approval of previous minutes of meeting held on 14th January 2010**

James Anthony proposed. Seconded by Allan Wallace.

4. **Matters arising**

JH reported that she has made enquiries as to the costing involved with acquiring the new village notice boards and is waiting for responses to come back.

Information on community groups and circulation of information - JH also reported that she has been receiving names for organisers of the local groups etc and is in the process of contacting them.

5. **Presentation from Dave Park on the sustainability of Drumbowie Primary School**

Dave Park was not present at the meeting to deliver this presentation. AR will contact him to try and reschedule.

6. **Chair's report**

No additional information or mail received this month.

7. **Treasurer's report**

DG confirmed that the balance of the CC account, as of January 4th 2010, was £344.27 and that the signatories had now been transferred.

8. Secretary's report

AR confirmed that minutes of all Avonbridge and Standburn Community Council meetings can be found on Falkirk Council's website. The web address to access this information is

<http://www.falkirkonline.net/For%20Residents/Community/Braes/Avonbridge%20and%20Standburn%20Comm%20Council.aspx>

Additionally, future meeting dates (including times and venues) and past minutes are available to view here.

9. Venues for future meetings

At the first meeting of the new Community Council it was agreed that the first few meetings would be held at Drumbowie and then be revisited. It has now been agreed that as from April the meetings will alternate between the two villages, with April's meeting being held in Avonbridge Community Hall. The cost of hiring this hall has been confirmed as £8 per hour.

10. Foggermountain update and open discussion

The subject of Foggermountain was raised and as with the previous meeting there was much public opinion and concern of any proposal that may be forthcoming. As yet however there is no planning application or Pre application notification to Falkirk Council of any intended development and as such it is very difficult for the community council to react to this.

It was felt however that the information received from Bryan Wallace and Alistair McCaig after January's meeting was not sufficient as it did not provide enough information for the community council to be able to give an informed response and it was agreed that a further request be made for more detailed information as initially requested prior to the community council responding. JH will contact Bryan Wallace requesting this information.

A suggestion was also made by John McLuckie that the Community Council may wish to consider contacting Planning Aid for Scotland who may be able to send along a planning expert to advise the Community Council on any planning issues they require more information on. JH to pursue the potential benefit of doing so.

11. Public access to Drumbowie Park

This issue related to a Standburn resident having difficulties accessing Drumbowie Park with a pushchair. David Donaldson has dealt with this issue directly. Drumbowie Park is run by Drumbowie Environment Action Group and therefore any future concerns / issues relating to Drumbowie Park should not be directed to the Community Council but instead to Drumbowie Environment Action Group via e mail at: info@deag.org.uk or **01324 861534**

12. AOCB

- Concerns were made about the MUGA lights at Drumbowie School remaining on all night. It is believed that they are controlled from a central location somewhere in Falkirk. AW will contact Falkirk Council to see if they can be turned off at night.
- Traffic calming through the villages - to appear on next agenda
- Future agendas will be advertised on the councils website (address at point 8 above) and also sent out to those on the minutes list approximately 5-7 days before meeting dates

Date and time of next meeting:
Thursday March 11th 2010 at 7pm
in Drumbowie Primary School.