

Minutes of
Avonbridge and Standburn Community Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 12th November 2009 at 7pm

In
Drumbowie Primary School

Present: David Donaldson, James Anthony, May Binnie, Jo Hirst, Alan Wallace, Doreen Goldie, Alan Roy, John McLuckie

Meeting chaired by David Donaldson

1. **Absent:**

Alistair Dow

2. **Apologies:**

Brian Pirie

3. **Matters arising from last meeting**

Former opencast at Foggermountain

JA referred to an e-mail from Brian Wallace, Mr McCaigs representative, whereby he requested to meet with the community council regarding the proposed Foggermountain development.

It was agreed that AR would invite Mr Wallace to the next meeting and offer him a thirty minute slot in which to make his presentation and answer any questions.

4. **Introduction to new Community Council**

David Donaldson opened the meeting by explaining some of the history of how the previous committee operated. It was agreed that it may have been beneficial had Brian Pirie been present to answer a few questions with regards to establishing grants and funding options available to the committee and also to clarify whom the sixth elected member was.

Nevertheless it was agreed that the main focus of the meeting should be to form the new council and vote in the new office bearers. David Donaldson had enough information to hand to allow us to do this and this information would then be relayed to Brian Pirie who could attend the next meeting with the necessary information we require.

5. Election of Office bearers

The following members were voted in as the new office bearers:

Chair	Jo Hirst	Proposed by AW, seconded by DG
Treasurer	Doreen Goldie	Proposed by JH, seconded by AW
Secretary	Alan Roy	Proposed by JA, seconded by JH

6. Constitution

It was agreed that at the next meeting we should look at a draft constitution and amend and adopt our own constitution. JH will contact BP, let him know that we have constituted ourselves and ask for an e-mail copy of a constitution on Word format.

7. Treasurer

DD passed over the treasury file to DG.
DG will try to establish what annual payment for the community council is available and will also arrange for signatories to be changed before the next meeting. DG will also contact Margaret Fellows to have any statements etc redirected to her.

8. Secretary

DD explained that at present all correspondence relating to planning applications and the weekly planning list, licensing applications etc is sent to him. AR will contact BP and have this redirected to AR.

9. Future meetings

It was agreed that next years meetings would be on the second Thursday of the month from 1900hrs to 2100hrs

Therefore the dates for next year's meetings are:

January 14th
February 11th
March 11th
April 8th
May 13th
June 10th
August 12th
September 9th
October 14th
November 11th

AR will book Drumbowie Primary for the next three meetings.

10. Village Notice Board

JH to contact Brian Pirie in relation to acquiring a replacement notice board for Standburn and new notice board for Avonbridge. Both of these boards will have the same key.

David Donaldson will be the specified keyholder for Standburn (on behalf of Drumbowie Park). A specified keyholder for Avonbridge has yet to be nominated. All members of the community council and John McLuckie will have keys to these boards. It was agreed that the content displayed within these notice boards should pertain to relevant local community and village matters only.

11. Local groups

The council agreed that it is important to invite representatives from local groups to attend the meetings. As a result JH will contact Hugo Butts regarding the Avonbridge Tenants Association, Alistair Dow regarding the community hall committee, both headmistresses from the local primary schools and seek a representative from parent council and any other associated groups.

12. Co-opted members

It was agreed that a decision would be made on co-opted members at a future point to give representatives from local groups and from Avonbridge the opportunity to attend future meetings.

13. Sustainability of Drumbowie Primary

AW mentioned that Dave Park would like to speak to the community council regarding the sustainability of Drumbowie Primary School. AR will contact him in relation to this and give him the opportunity to add this to the agenda for a future meeting.

Date and time of next meeting:
Thursday January 14th 2010 at 7pm
in Drumbowie Primary School.