

**ABBEY ST BATHAN'S, BONKYL AND PRESTON  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Preston Village Hall  
26/05/16 at 7.30 pm**

Ref	Present: D. Morrison (chair), Cllr J Greenwell, Cllr D Moffat, P. Chandler, V Dobie, Gilly Walker. Observers: Steve Whitehorne, J Wilson-Smith, Alistair Hart. Speaker: Robert Thomson	Action
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> V Kerr, T Kerr, J Robson, J Dobie, W Reid, B Laidlaw,. E Lipscombe, Cllr F Renton.	
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Minutes approved. Proposed by <b>VD</b> and seconded by <b>GW</b>	
3.	Quixwood Update: From Bob Thomson. There were issues with the first section of road closure which now seem to have been resolved with the road opening agreement. The middle section is due to be tarmacked beginning of June & will need to be completely closed for several hours each day, this will allow for school bus times only. The concreting programme has been revised with two Saturdays over the next month. Pouring is 6am to 2pm approx.. Concreting traffic is classed as normal traffic, but they have been reminded of the 40mph speed restriction. The ramp will be evened out on a sweep. Explanation for the original lack of communication, sub-agent had not clarified with the council over letter drop & didn't drop to where they should have. BT acknowledged that it was a sticky start but they have tried hard since to accommodate the residents. Butterdean road needs major repairs, it is being used by extra & heavier traffic which is problematic, Heavy lorries are restricted to the early hours. The bridge over the Eye water should be begun very soon, then traffic will use this route.	Pt 9 below
4.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> Primary school trips/ hardship fund: PC still to speak to Leanne Stewart. DM to pass Steve Jack's phone number to PC VD – Blackhill Windfarm funding & Quality of life funding for the Defibrillators & Cabinets has been approved. There is a grant application going into the Crystal Rig fund for the fitting of the defibrillator cabinets into the telephone box. Apparently the Abbey St Bathans phone box is registered to this CC, VD to investigate further. Power supply to this box is an issue – either needs to come from a resident or Scottish power via the pole. Cllr DM suggested that a Defibrillator cabinet has minimal running costs so a house supply would be okay, with an agreement in place. PC to ask HW about Defibrillator training for Preston to begin with.	<b>PC</b> <b>DM</b>  <b>VD</b>
5.	<b>Police Liaison:</b> PC has emailed all current information sent by police. Black vehicles in the area, report any suspicious vehicle. Pass on community's thanks for all information received.	PC
6.	<b>Sub groups:</b> <b>1. Resilient Communities:</b> To be kept on the agenda – no subgroup formed as yet. <b>2. Wind Farms:</b> Penmanshiel meeting on 9 <sup>th</sup> June. Funding agreement looks to be moving forward. <b>3. PACT:</b> Still waiting for a response from OSCR.	<b>DM</b>
7.	<b>Chairman's Report:</b> Cheque for broadband survey postage refunded. Stuart Faed has passed on that their write-off value for our accounts is between £400-500 therefore future costings for paid for aspect of the accounts could be £600 plus excluding VAT. This would need to be looked at for PACT.	<b>DM</b>

	<p>Still no response from some SBC employees. Cllr DM Cllr JG suggested contacting Philip Barr, Chief Executive, Department for Place. This is for CC business.</p> <p>Contact issues re Crystal Rig Craig Potter phoned a response to DM's written question. (No written response.)</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's report:</b> The Number 1 a/c is £708.35 and the Number 2 a/c is £73,873.98.</p>	<b>PC</b>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Secretary's report: There is no secretary.</b></p> <p>Circulating information by email continues to be successful.</p> <p>The Archaeological dig was successful &amp; information could be put on the website.</p> <p>EL would like some photos of the Aikengall II works &amp; schedule of works put on the website. VD will ask Patrick Keenan what content could be put on the website.</p>	<b>PC /DM</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Funding Applications:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Preston Village Hall Funding application for decoration of the hall was approved. DM to confirm with chair.</li> <li>2) Bunkle &amp; Preston History group- as it is such a large amount of money we would like a society member to come &amp; speak to us re the application. PC to invite.</li> <li>3) Photography course: Steven Whitehorne Update – project can now go ahead. Timescale needs to be moved forward. Using Preston Village Hall as it has blackout curtains, Projector screen &amp; cheaper. He will leaflet every household in catchment. Exhibition &amp; Slideshow on tail end will need extra funding to piggyback a community get-together on the back of it. Committee needs to think about what &amp; how.</li> </ol> <p>JWS asked about funding for upgrading the cemetery at Cumledge Mill, Crystal Rig funding cannot be used due to its restrictions. Cemeteries need to be joint funded with some body such as Scottish Heritage. There is lots of paperwork involved, but the new wind farm funding might be able to be used to joint fund.</p> <p>Preston Stitches: PC asked if the remaining funding from the original group can be moved to this evolved group, the original funding was mainly for the educational aspects. DM to email round &amp; ask FORL.</p>	<p><b>DM</b></p> <p><b>PC</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b> SBC Code of Conduct. Those CC members present agreed to abide by the SBC Community Councillors Code of Conduct. All not present need to confirm their agreement by or at next meeting please.</p> <p>Reiver's Preston Ride out – James Dobie to hand out the rosettes on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016. PC will order &amp; send invitation.</p> <p>Cllr DM updated us on young drivers event, 90 youngsters took part, a good day! Local Drugs bust, two charged &amp; one pending, 16 officers involved.</p> <p>Rural Broad band – Callum Kerr &amp; Paul Wheelhouse have a meeting scheduled to discuss &amp; try &amp; move it forward.</p> <p>Heavy goods vehicles are using unsuitable roads due to Sat Nav. instructions SBC personnel are trying to get the Sat Nav. Companies to change the routes/take the roads off.</p> <p>PC to request the Kirk for next meeting as Abbey Hall will be used for the referendum voting.</p> <p>PC requested that Cllr J G please order the wreath again on our behalf for November 13<sup>th</sup>. PC to email for minister etc.</p> <p>Local Plan is out &amp; we have a copy.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>JD/ PC</b></p> <p><b>PC</b></p> <p><b>PC</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Planning and Licensing Applications:</b> None</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Date and Venue of Next meetings:</b> June 23<sup>rd</sup> Abbey St Bathans Kirk 7.30pm, Preston Village Hall 25<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm</p>	<b>ALL</b>

