

**ABBEY ST BATHAN'S, BONKYL AND PRESTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Abbey St Bathans Village Hall
22/09/16 at 7.30 pm**

Ref	Present: D. Morrison (chair), T. Kerr, V Kerr, P. Chandler, V Dobie, W. Reid, J. Dobie, Cllr D. Moffat Observers: Alastair Hart, Hamish Goldie Scott, Liz Macfie.	Action
1.	Apologies: E Lipscombe, G. Walker, Cllr J Greenwell,	
2.	Guest Speakers.	
4.	Approval of Minutes: Apologies had been given by both Cllr D. Moffat & V. Kerr for the meeting. Proposed by VD and seconded by TK .	
5.	Matters Arising: Cllr Greenwell not present to give pothole update. VD brought up issues with the siting of the drains on the widened Blackerston/Quixwood road, & the fact there are no hazard or speed signs up either. NRT's Martin Sweeney has written to SBC re the signs. Cllr DM advised VD/ M. Sweeney to speak to Paul Mathewson about the road issues including raising safety, speed & specifications. The drains are not diverting water as the drains are left where they were before the road was widened, there are ice rink implications for winter. Cllr DM asked to be included in correspondence.	
6.	Police Liaison: PC has emailed all current information.	
7.	Sub groups: 1. Resilient Communities: This needs to be re-invigorated. How do we do this? Can we find someone to co-ordinate in Preston? (To be kept on the agenda.) The CC website gets loads of hits, this might be a way of attracting interest. SBC /Red cross offering free first aid courses to Resilient Communities. WR to forward information, PC to attempt to co-ordinate, may link with Defib. training. Colin Baxter has agreed to give Defib. training, maximum 12 people, but willing to do two sessions if needed. PC to co-ordinate. The Preston Defibrillator is now attached to the side of Preston Village Hall. 2. Wind Farms: Community Windpower Aikengall II; email to Rob Fryer, resent to Gillian Cropper & Diane Wood for getting agreement of money & sign off paperwork (£50K). Hopefully the Draft Heads of Terms will have been sent & looked at by sub group, to be signed off at October CC meeting. Planning permission for wind farm application at Granthouse by LE20: Scott Shearer at SBC was asked to give us an extension, but no response to date. A Rosher suggested that we keep our comments the same as Reston CC, i.e. that we had not been contacted by LE20. LE20 seem not to have informed many locals of their planning request. 3. PACT: Finally got OSCR registration through. The Trustees are: Liz Macfie, James Dobie, Wendy Reid, David Morrison & Richard Swan. They are looking at bank accounts & the first two projects will be Abbey St Batahns Village Hall & Preston Play Park.	WR PC PC
8.	Chairman's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More paperwork still going to J Miller, this is not acceptable, mainly Area Forum information, DM has spoken to Pauline Bolson & Jenny Wilkinson. JW will look into it. • The phone box at Preston: 3 calls in the last 12 months, if it is decommissioned & we keep it what would we use it for? It was decided to make a case for keeping it in operation; poor mobile 	DM PC

	<p>signal, frequent power cuts which means no mobile signal & bad weather, again no mobile signal. It was also mentioned that it needs some maintenance, it is beginning to become an eyesore. PC to respond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First4websites, now run by Steven Walker & Philip Wharton: page for PACT, they will uphold the previous quote. What is to go on the windfarm page? A list of the 5 windfarms that give local funding to be administered by us, how that works, keep it simple & use hyperlinks. Also a map of all of the surrounding windfarms, VD to ask Windbite if we can use/link to their map. • Broadband: Callum Kerr has called a meeting at SBC HQ, 6pm 26th September Mark Rowley is speaking to Community Broadband Scotland. No bill postcodes. 	
9.	<p>Treasurer's report: No 1 a/c is £748.35 as at 2/9/2016 and No 2 a/c is £78,199.68 as at 8/9/2016 £35.00 was agreed to spend on flowers & a card to thank Mrs B Ego for her work on the flower tub at the war memorial, (this will come out of the hanging baskets money from SBC, No 1 Account.) Some correspondence received from Claire Malster from SBC re the accounts submitted a query re the amount of money spent on our website.</p>	PC
10.	<p>Secretary's report: There is no secretary. Circulating information by email. Playpark information received, including a "Ballwall" was passed onto the PACT people present.</p>	
11.	<p>Funding Applications; in order received. <u>PACT:</u> Voting was Postponed as meeting not quorate to vote on this matter due to declarations of interest from DM, WR & JD. However, PC questioned why there was only one quote for the tender for the Architecture of the new hall & related initial regulatory investigations, & expressed a concern that some of that work may well be unnecessarily duplicated from the work undertaken previously. JD answered that some preplanning work regulation has changed in 4 years & that some new reports are required to meet the new standards required by SBC. The further extent of work would then also have to go to tender. We require 3 quotes, if possible, to consider this application & think that OSCR would also require 3 quotes. Those present from PACT agreed to obtain a further 2 quotes, including soliciting the company who drew up the previous plans. All of the previous information was passed to Liz Macfie. All CC members are requested to attend the next meeting so that this application can be considered. LMacfie left the meeting (9.10pm). <u>CAUS water project:</u> This affects 28 households. Willy Dobie can claim the VAT through Abbey Timber for the pipework run. HGS = Resilience, the whole village is vulnerable if the power goes down. DM reported that Scottish Power will not be sorting out the reason for power outages until 2018, therefore trips out are power cuts waiting to happen until this is all investigated & hopefully sorted. There was a query on the size of generator requested, & therefore the cost. The generator needs to be double capacity for start-up of the pump & kickback switch. Pipework has included more manholes to make it more accessible to sort out leaks or problems. JD declared a conflict of interest & did not vote. WR moved a motion to accept the application. PC asked for an agreement that hereafter CAUS will be self-sufficient in all aspects where possible & barring major catastrophe. All agreed to the acceptance of the application & the proviso clause. There ensued a discussion on the risk of opening up wind</p>	<p>PACT</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>farm funding applications from all local private water supplies, it was agreed that the generator in this case is part of a fully fit for purpose system that we are helping set up & then CAUS will be self-sufficient thereafter.</p> <p>DM had asked about an interest free loan system through Crystal Rig funding, they will let us know whether they would consider this in future. The CC would like to say well done to CAUS for their organisation & setting up.</p>	DM
12.	<p>AOB: SBC has won a Community Safety Award for Farm Safety DNA SBC area/Berwickshire Fire Brigade – retained firemen – there will now be two meetings a year with COSLA. 90% of Scotland is covered by retained firemen. There is an 18 month report pending.</p> <p>Police – complaints about Police Scotland. Policing is now done differently in Scotland & some things are working quite well, better than England & Wales, they now have 4 meetings a year with COSLA.</p> <p>Berwickshire Wheels Thanked us for help with funding transport & enabling them to win Transport Times Accessibility Project of the Year.</p> <p>CC Elections November: How are we going to generate more interest? Through the website & Facebook All to write a few words about what we have done in our roles. Forms to be put on website & notice boards. DM to liaise with Pauline Bolson at SBC. Cllr DM to preside over election.</p>	DM
13.	Planning and Licensing Applications: None	
	<p>Date and Venue of Next meeting: 27th October Preston Village Hall 7.30pm. Elections 24th November Abbey St Bathans Village Hall 7.30pm</p>	