



**ABBAY ST BATHAN'S, BONKYL AND PRESTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Preston Village Hall
26th January 2017 at 7pm**

Ref	Present: V Dobie (chair), P. Chandler, C Dobie, A Hart, D. Morrison, Iva Usalj, Hamish Goldie-Scot, Observers:, Cllr D Moffat	Action
1.	Apologies: Veronica Kerr; James Dobie; David Morrison; Cllr J Greenwell	
2.	Approval of Minutes: CD and IU	
3.	<p>Matters Arising: Cumledge Bridge Repairs have not been completed. Cllr DM to ask about timing to repairs. Police Report to be included in secretary's report in future. Berwickshire Hunt Pony Club and the Bowling club should be informed that their funding application has been successful. Blackerstone Road potholes have been repaired. Abbey St Bathans Cundy to remain as a matter to be resolved.</p>	CllrDM AH DM
4.	<p>Reports from grants recipients: Bunkle and Preston history group VD advised that a letter from the group explained that there were some small delays in progressing the project. Ten places will be available for members of the public to join the professionals to learn geophysical techniques. The County Archaeologist has expressed interest in the project. More information will be provided in due course. Berwickshire Wheels AH circulated a report from the Service Development Officer outlining how a £10,000 grant had been used toward the purchase of a wheelchair adapted vehicle. This vehicle has completed 1800 passenger journeys conveying elderly and disabled people to their appointments. The vehicle had been an enormous support to the service.</p>	

5.	<p>Resilient Communities: VD reported that Blackerstone has established a scheme. Sally Hart has kindly agreed to lead the planning for the Blackerstone resilient scheme. PC reported that Preston has established a scheme but does not at present have a call tree in place. Abbey did not currently have a scheme. PC said relevant equipment has been delivered and is stored at Cumledge Mill. SBC officers are very helpful. Discussion followed. Abbey representatives to discuss and report back. Resilient Communities information to be included on web site when Abbey St Bathans has decided if they would like to form a resilient community. To remain as an agenda item.</p>	DM AH
6.	<p>Sub Groups: Windfarms Detail from the sub group was included in Chairs report. Penmanshiel wind farm will be transferring £20,060 direct to PACT to take forward the action plan agreed. However there are still some difficulties in the negotiations with the wind farm regarding the fund transfer. PACT Members have yet to be elected and an AGM needs to be called before matters can progress. More information should come out after the next windfarm subgroup meeting on 6th February 2017. Discussion re possible application from PACT for funding for signs in Preston where the play park is to be sited. PACT will be re-submitting the application for planning preparation for the Abbey St Bathans Village Hall.</p>	
7.	<p>Chair's Report: Discussed potential for further community events to try and encourage more people to get involved. Potential to link events to wildlife crime prevention or similar. To be agenda item at next meeting. PC to speak to Police representative. Berwickshire CC forum AGM and ordinary meeting Chair and Secretary will attend. Clare Malster will provide information regarding the Community Empowerments Act at this meeting. Sarah Dannfeld from CHAS wanted to attend CC and seek support. VD has contacted Sarah who wants to raise awareness, agreed to place information on ABPCC website. Email from Morag Lamont would residents want to discounted access to swimming pool. VD to forward email to AH for details in minutes. Community Council members should ensure that those on their circulation list are also on the web site circulation list. The Secretary will circulate a revised Crystal Rig application form for information, which will include a note regarding use of the data for the ABPCC website.</p>	AH PC DM AH
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report: PC provided a verbal report, the number one account has £557.42 Number two account £77,954.75. However several CAUS payments are to be completed. Invoices for CAUS initial excavation and generator both in without VAT. Discussion re correct manner of invoicing and payment. David Stebbings to invoice CC for excavation quoting CAUS. The invoices for Xmas children's parties are coming in at less than £120 that has been agreed.</p>	CD

9.	<p>Secretary's report: Previously circulated including a brief details of the current Police report and summaries of a number of circulations and consultation documents. Members agreed that all consultation circulations should be copied to CC Members with a brief summary to be included in Secretaries report. Secretary to purchase a meeting recording machine to aid minute taking.</p>	AH AH
10.	<p>Co-opted Members: James Robson and Andy Rosher have agreed to become co-opted to the Community Council. Andy understands planning and will have a useful input. James has many dealings with windfarms and will be able to provide helpful views on the subject. One co-opted space available. Pauline Bolson has clarified the recording of co-opted members – their names and addresses must appear in the agenda of the next meeting and be proposed and seconded.</p>	AH AH
11.	<p>Funding Applications: Tai Chi – Pip Chandler provided details of an application for funding to secure the services of the Tai Chi facilitator. As author of the application PC left the meeting to allow discussion. (a) HG-S suggested limiting to the funding to 6 months in the hope that there would be an increase numbers in the meantime. VD suggested that members approve the application unless average numbers drop and that PC should report back after 6 months including any steps taken to encourage increased numbers. It was suggested that an item was placed on the web site to encourage members. Ownership of any property purchased as a result of applications for funding was discussed. VD felt that the Community Council should not own items. Agreed this should be made clear to future recipients of funding.</p>	PC DM PC/DM
12.	<p>Any other business: CAUS – Hamish Goldie-Scot HG-S was aware that some time had passed since approval was granted. The back-up generator working and the pipe work is all good with a successful supply of water. Revenue stream coming in from users. The time for the next AGM is approaching and some work needs to be completed to ensure that there is a long term maintenance plan. Invoices should be coming in imminently. (b) Generator invoice to be paid to CAUS so that they own it and (c) remaining invoices direct to the supplier. There has been a positive response from residents. Some mapping of the system is now needed. Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) Sarah Dannfal dealt with by VD in the Chairs report. Cllr DM briefed members regarding a number of high school young people driving events. These events are well funded. Older driver courses also to be repeated, first one was held in Foulden. Police 999 Call centre visited and reports that matters have improved and now properly staffed. Very few calls now receive no response.</p>	
13.	<p>Planning Applications: There were no applications.</p>	

14.	Dates and Venues of future meetings: All dates are Thursday's 23 February 7pm Abbey 23 March 7pm Preston 25 May 7.30pm Abbey 22 June 7.30pm Preston 24 August 7.30pm Abbey 28 September 7pm Preston 26 October 7pm Abbey 23 November 7pm Preston Date of AGM to be agreed	
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