

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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Abbey St Bathans Village Hall
7/12/16 at 7.30 pm**

Ref	Present: D. Morrison (chair), P. Chandler, V Dobie, J Dobie, C Dobie, Cllr D Moffat, Observers: Alister Hart, Iva Usalj	Action
1.	Apologies: V Kerr, Cllr J Greenwell, H Goldie Scott	
2.	Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved. Proposed by VD and seconded by PC	
3.	Matters Arising <u>Defib Training</u> ; The first group of 10 are being trained on Monday 12 th Dec 2016. There is funding for the hire of the hall, tea and coffee and petrol expenses. <u>De La Bastie Bridge</u> ; PC has asked to be kept informed of decisions and/or progress but has had no updates. <u>Cumledge Bridge</u> ; PC asked Cllr DM about using the Community team to help with repairs. The team are currently based in Selkirk but there is a move to also establish a team in the eastern borders.	
4.	Police Liaison: This months report is due to be sent out. PC will change the recipients name to AH for future reports.	PC
5.	Sub Groups: <u>Resilient Communities</u> To be raised at the next meeting <u>Windfarms</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aitkengall 2; There will be a meeting with Aitkengall 2 in 2017 to discuss how and where grants are made but no date has been set due to delays in the implementation of the windfarm. • Penmanshiel; DM and Wendy Reid are looking at how to have the windfarm monies sent directly to PACT. NB Some older funding allocations ie christmas lights at Preston, will continue to come from the CC. • Crystal Rig; The next payment has been received by the CC. <u>PACT</u> The five trustees have met twice. Wendy Reid has been preparing the Code of Conduct and other statutory paperwork to guide procedures. The bank account should be up and running by the next PACT meeting. The group are looking at a site for the Preston Playpark and have been in discussions with farmer Rob Forest. Some sites have already been ruled out ie the Bullfield.	
6.	Chair's report: Given at AGM	
7.	Treasurer's Report: Only one account statement was available. A payment of £120, from the SBC account, was agreed for the Abbey St Bathans Christmas party.	
8.	Secretary's report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of phone numbers will be made to allow for the cancellation of meetings at short notice. • There is to be a public consultation regarding suitable sites on which to build affordable housing. VD asked for a volunteer to read the draft consultation document (which also includes the PO agreement). The document will be forwarded to AH. Cllr DM noted that the current target for affordable housing has been exceeded. 	

<p>9.</p>	<p>Funding Applications: <u>The Berwickshire Hunt</u> The Hunt has applied for £3869 to buy rustic jumps made of natural materials. These are more successful when training working ponies and both local children and the RDA would benefit. VD suggested agreeing to the funding on this occasion but making it clear that other sources should be tried in future. JD said it would be helpful if successful applicants were asked to follow up their spending with a report to the CC which could be publicised. This suggestion will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. <u>Bowling Club</u> All agreed that this application should be approved. The club welcomes all comers, it is supporting the local village hall and members would have difficulty raising funds in any other way in such a small community.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any other business/Code of Conduct: Those attending agreed and signed the code of conduct. AH re-emphasised the poor state of the Blackerstone road. Cllr DM said repairs are behind schedule but he would check on where SBC are with roadworks. DM pointed out the need for a path from Cumledge Mill to the churchyard as walking along the road could be dangerous. PC will be putting in a further application for Tai Chi in Preston Village Hall. CD was approached a year ago about the erection of 4G masts for emergency services and this is looking as if it might happen. CD said the cundy was due to be dealt with a year ago but nothing had happened so far. Cllr DM will copy in to the next letter. CD offered thanks to the CC for the financial support given towards improving the water supply at Abbey. VD There is a community Funding Committee for Quixwood for which 2 CCs are needed to work with representatives from the developers and from the wider public to help manage funding applications. James Robson was suggested because of his experience of windfarms. CD volunteered to be the second person. The first meeting is due in February. VD said an explanation of PACT's role in managing funding applications would be included in the next agenda. DM will put in the bill for the bowling club at the end of the season to ensure accuracy.</p>	<p>Cllr DM</p> <p>Cllr DM</p> <p>DM</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Planning Applications: None</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Date and Venue of Next meeting: PC will ensure AH has the necessary contact details for booking the village halls. The meetings in 2017 will be held in alternative halls on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm, beginning on January 26th at Preston. Items will be allocated ten minute slots to help control the length of each meeting.</p>	