



**ABBAY ST BATHAN'S, BONKYL AND PRESTON  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Preston Village Hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm**

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair), P Chandler, C Dobie, A Hart, D Morrison, J Dobie, C Dobie, I Usalj Observers: Cllr D Moffat, Cllr M Rowley	Action
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> H Goldie-Scot, Cllr J Greenwell. Cllr D Moffat notifies his apologies for meeting 24.08.2017	
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Minutes of the meeting of 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved.	
3.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> Cllr DM has discussed with Paul Matherson repairs to Abbey St Bathans Cundy, not yet progressed. Hedge still outstanding and is dangerous. SBC have difficulties with cutting the hedge back sufficiently because of the property boundary. VD will visit and discuss possibility of Community Council funding a fence at the property replacing the hedge for road safety reasons. DM unable to attend Berwickshire Area Forum. Cllr M Rowley advised that the forum will become the Berwickshire Localities Committee as one of five localities in Scottish Borders. Significant funds will be devolved approx. £500k between the five localities. He advises that it will be worth engaging because there will be funds that can be ploughed into local services. In addition a number of trust funds are now available that have been buried within the Council that should free up additional funds. SBC Web site will have details of consultation. AH to check the web site. DM will continue to attend the Localities Committee. Recycling bags have been delivered. Bank forms completed. Cattle grid at Monynut will be repaired Cllr DM advises this is one of two that needs repair. Advisory sign at Preston, DM to follow up. PACT AGM reminder to members to attend. Thank you letter written to Veronica Kerr. Bells application for funding was amended as requested and the £400 was approved, VD will write to Bells. Swimming lessons application has been forwarded to F Olsen. .	Cllr DM  VD      AH DM   DM   VD
4.	<b>Resilient Communities</b> No reports. DM asked where contact details of the Co-ordinators should be placed on the web site. Sally and Hamish to look at web site and advise location.	H G-S AH



	<p>Cllr MR said that Lammermuir CC has commissioned a feasibility study looking at fibre to homes and the results should be known soon. He also suggested that BT is behaving in odd ways where they think there are community broadband proposals. In about a month a clearer picture of who has and who has not got broadband will be produced.</p> <p>JD suggested that now there are two companies to compare we should wait until the offers are on the table.</p> <p>CBS are only likely to cover 60% of homes but it was agreed to let them fund what they can and then pick up the others with alternatives. VD suggests that we continue with all three until we know what is on the table, until we actually have to sign on the line. JD suggests that there should be a time limit for our decision. Members agreed to continue with all three options until we have more information. DM abstains. JD against and feels we should move on with the other two options and not CBS, there are other pots of money available. Further detailed discussions followed. All agreed stay with CBS and explore other options.</p> <p>DM will continue with CBS, CC Members voiced thanks to DM for his continued work.</p>	DM
11.	<p><b>Community Events</b></p> <p>Dates and place have been agreed, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at Abbey St Bathans and 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Preston 6.30pm – 9pm. Food and drink available from the beginning while presentations are delivered.</p> <p>Andy community wildlife officer will present and have stand with information.</p> <p>Simon Lockwood will attend both to talk about trees and forestry work.</p> <p>Steve Whitehorne to be asked to provide a photographic display.</p> <p>Peter Stuart to be asked to provide drinks, back up approach to Majestic.</p> <p>OINK to be approached to supply a lamb roast and costings with or without staff.</p> <p>Fish and Fine Foods in Duns to be approached to provide Vegetarian food and cheese and biscuits.</p> <p>Leaflet by BAVS A5 with label stamps. A4 15 leaflets.</p> <p>Details of speakers to Allister within two weeks.</p> <p>Once costs agreed then a Crystal Rig application to be completed and additional costs come from the number 1 account.</p> <p>PC to advise VD of the previous year's costs.</p>	PC CD PC DM PC  PC  AH All AH  PC
12.	<p><b>Windfarm Fund Administrator</b></p> <p>Lucy Lavelle has agreed to take on the role as outlined in the grant application. PC suggested that the position should be the subject of annual applications and that the current application should be amended to read 'for an initial period of 12 months'.</p> <p>All successful funding applications should be included on the web site in future.</p>	AH
13.	<p><b>Funding Applications:</b></p> <p>Ellemford queries whether other CC's are supporting, reply to H G-S, yes Lammermuir do fund. Approved must have feedback report after the event.</p> <p>Duns show, they answered the questions previously discussed, £1,000 towards tentage costs. This application was previously agreed.</p>	AH
14.	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p>Agreed AGM to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017.</p> <p>Bin shelters for Abbey St Bathans, obtain quotes and then submit application.</p>	IU

	PC suggested that several years ago the CC had provided sustainable bags as a means of advertising ABPCC. If repeated they could be available at the September events. Agreed, obtain costings to include logo and website address.	PC
<b>15.</b>	<b>Planning Applications:</b> Proposed dwelling at Hoardwheel Farm. Comments provided by H G-S were shared at the meeting. DM commented that the application should have been passed to Andy Rosher for comment who is our co-opted planning expert. AH to email Andy and check, then forward comments from the CC to the Planning Officer.	AH
<b>16.</b>	<b>Dates and Venues of future meetings:</b> All dates are Thursday's 24 August 7.30pm Abbey 28 September 7pm Preston 26 October 7pm Abbey 23 November 7pm Preston Date of AGM <b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>	