



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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Abbey St Bathans Village
Hall**

24th August 2017 at 7.30pm

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair), P Chandler, C Dobie, A Hart, D Morrison, J Dobie, I Usalj Observers:	Action
1.	Apologies: Cllr D Moffat; Cllr M Rowley; H. Goldie-Scott	
2.	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 22 nd June 2017 were approved.	PC DM
3.	Matters Arising: No news on repairs to Abbey St Bathans Cundy. CD to write to SBC. Overgrown hedge at the junction that is a traffic hazard. VD visited resident who, at the time of the visit did not have a gardener, since resolved. Resident suggested that the CC fund and place a mirror at the junction, discussed but to be advised that the CC could not go against the advice of SBC who would not approve a mirror. CD advised that some cutting has been done but not sufficient. VD will visit again and advise result and offer support to achieve improvements. IU suggests a good fence could be the answer with the hedge removed. Any solution would be subject of application for funds. DM hopes that CC's will still have some influence now that the Area Forum has become the Locality Committee, next meeting 7 th September. Monymut cattle grid has been repaired. Discussion regarding photographs that Ian Renton was to have completed for the web site.	CD VD
4.	Reports from grants recipients: Letter received from Lord Lieutenant re rustic jumps. Note from Morag re swimming pool, so far £9,910 has been used. The deposit system is causing significant work. 18 people have booked swimming lessons, 11 family membership applications and a number of individuals. Discussed and agreed that the conditions placed on the grant should remain. This will be reviewed if a similar application is submitted for the next financial year. VD will advise Morag. Bar B Q, it was noted that the trays at either side of the grill were found with a quantity of grease apparent. VD to write asking that the item be cleaned after use.	VD VD
5.	Resilient Communities: No reports PC will talk to people at community event in Preston to try and encourage involvement in resilient communities.	PC

6.	<p>Sub Groups: Wind farm included in Chairs report. PACT meeting, minutes received.</p>	
7.	<p>Chair's report Chair met with PACT and has agreed that PACT should be responsible for arranging any future community events and should also take forward the Broadband issue. The CC can feed into PACT on these two matters and will receive updates via PACT minutes. Agreed. Quixwood money has not yet been forwarded Durham. Discussions still going on about future funding arrangements. Penmanshiel have paid the funds to PACT £20k Aikengall II protocol has been agreed.</p>	
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report: Number 1 account, £888.65. Number 2 account, £56,103.02. Invoice needed for outstanding PACT AGM costs and a receipt for fish and chips, DM will request at next PACT meeting. Quoits and Bar B Q grants have been paid. Berwickshire show grant paid. Invoices required for Bells grant and Ellemford Show grant. The Bank is changing the way they operate Business accounts. Independent examination will cost £600 to be taken from number 1 account. The accounts were agreed subject to an explanation of what is grouped under the small grants heading. Stuart Faed to be invited to attend AGM and present the accounts.</p>	DM PC
9.	<p>Secretary's report: Community Locality plan and Health and Social Care plan are both out for consultation. The Locality Plan will be the focus of the money that will be divided amongst the five localities and distributed through the Berwickshire Locality Committee. CC Members asked to respond to the health and social care plan as individuals and to forward the link to anyone else who might be interested. Locality Plan discussed and agreed that the CC believe the priorities are health and wellbeing, looked after children and the ageing population categories. AH to draft a response and circulate for comment. The CC should comment that work is ongoing in the Council area with regard to improving broadband connectivity.</p>	All AH
10.	<p>Broadband Access DM reported that he had met with CBS which, as a company, is under review, CBS project is not a runner. Fibre to premises is too expensive. A resident from Blackadder West has made improvements in that area and is offering to assist in this area. Concern expressed about working with a one man band without any support. PACT will take this issue forward in the future; item will be removed from future agendas.</p>	
11.	<p>Funding applications: Quoits application and Community Events application were agreed by previous email circulation. History group approved subject to receiving quotes for the projector. Coldingham school not approved. AH to respond to Elaine Gourley</p>	VD AH
12.	<p>Community Events? Will be arranged by PACT in future. JD opening hall on 8th. VD lamb, plates, napkins etc. PC Fine Foods. Gratuities to speakers H.G-S. DM to arrange drinks with Peter, AH back up.</p>	

	<p>Clearing up Sally, Allister, Victoria. 22nd PC preparing hall. VD lamb. PC Fine foods. CD gratuities for speakers Drinks DM. Clearing PC CD VD AH CC Members to arrive by 6pm. Leaflets to be circulated. Placed on web site. Leaflets to be circulated by email to CC.</p>	AH
13.	<p>AOB: IU met with SBC re the bin shelters at Abbey, two large metal bins will be placed on a concrete base. VD recommends that a three sided shelter is constructed to stop the bins from being blown into the road. SBC will be returning to examine the siting of bins near the church because the drivers will not go to the bins. CC discussed and IU to pursue with SBC on behalf of the CC. Obtain quotes for any work. IU to be a further facebook administrator Cumledge Mill priority signs, bridge repairs have been completed. To remain as AOB until resolved. Sign for Preston footpaths costed by Fantasy Prints £87.28 includes post. Content discussed agreed 'please keep Preston tidy, take your mess home' DM requests CC agreement to contact SBC regarding serious potholes on the Monynut road. Agreed. CD raises the issue of transport for a school child who is attending a school outside the catchment area. Agreed person should contact SBC school transport. DM mentioned that in past years the January meeting had been scheduled earlier because there is no meeting in December. Decision to leave as scheduled.</p>	<p>IU AH DM DM</p>
14.	<p>Planning and Licensing: Nil</p>	
15.	<p>Dates and Venues of future meetings: All dates are Thursday's 28 September 7pm Preston 26 October 7pm Abbey 23 November 7pm Preston Date of AGM 26th October 2017</p>	
16.	<p>To set dates for 2018? 25th January 22nd February 22nd March 24th May 28th June 23rd August 27th September 25th October (AGM) 22nd November</p>	