



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

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

26th October 2017 at 7pm

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair), P Chandler, C Dobie, A Hart, I Usalj, H.Goldie-Scot Observers: Cllr D Moffat, Stuart Faed (Independent Examiner)	Action
1.	Apologies: James Dobie JD to be asked to send apologies when necessary to Secretary.	AH
2.	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 28 th September 2017 were approved.	PC VD
3.	<p>Matters Arising: Cllr DM to contact Paul Mathewson re Cundy at Abbey St Bathans and the hedge at Hollytrees. VD will visit the occupier again but would need factual information about the legal position regarding the distance that the hedge should be back from the edge of the road. Members discussed the possibility of a slow sign on the road, Cllr DM to investigate. Morag is responsible for dealing with the swimming pool regarding the extra money owed. The £10,000 cheque has been cashed. Windfarm administrator does not wish to be involved in additional work. Suggestion that the swimming pool project is an example of a project that could apply for a grant from community benefit fund. Chair asks whether PACT should be assisting individuals to make applications to other funds but that PACT would need admin support to do that. DM said that PACT does not require additional resource at present. AH to forward an email detailing the opportunities available from the community benefit fund. PC suggested a modern apprenticeship might be a resource available if we could engage with the scheme. PC to explore possibility. Receipt for refreshment still outstanding. Abbey St Bathans bin shelters waiting for quote for shelter at Barnside. IU to write to the contact at SBC advising that the CC intends to construct a bin shelter at The Square where the bins are currently kept and copy to Cllr DM. Cumledge Bridge sign, Cllr DM will talk to Road Safety Officer. Preston sign, Fantasy Prints need a new vector for the badge. DM to pass Logo to Fantasy Prints. Cost agreed from number 1 account. Fly Tipping has been removed. Sign on A6112 to stay on minutes.</p>	<p>Cllr DM VD</p> <p>Cllr DM</p> <p>AH</p> <p>PC PC</p> <p>IU DM</p> <p>DM</p>
4.	<p>Reports from grants recipients: Letter of thanks received regarding grant to Ellemford show. Approx 50 people used the bus. First meeting of Blackerston boot camp is next Sunday.</p>	

5.	Resilient Communities: No reports	
6.	Sub Groups: Wind farm - draft agreement with Aikengall Quixwood a little bit more complicated, they have made a new proposal for allocating the fund but still a little way from getting a final agreement. Crystal Rig new application noted. Invite a representative to the November meeting but restricted to 15 minute presentation and 15 minutes for questions. PACT minutes circulated and noted with thanks.	AH
7.	Chair's report: Included in the AGM minutes.	
8.	Treasurer's Report: Number 2 Account £52,461.04. Number 1 account statement not yet received. Accounts will be submitted to SBC which will trigger the next payment of grant. Money in account so proposal to contract cleaner for Abbey Hall with a £200 budget. Rodent control also required. Decorating and outside maintenance also need, suggestion that Community payback might be available to assist. Cllr DM to obtain contact details and advise AH to try and contact team at Selkirk. Internal cleaning, VD and PC to contact local people. DM to contact rodent control. VD to contact hall committee members. Total budget available £600.	AH/PC/ VD/DM
9.	Secretary's report: Separate report submitted. Discussion about the bidding process to be used for applications for the community benefit fund and the requirement for a public vote. Members hoped there would be a balance between applications from small areas against those from the larger towns. Secretary will be attending SBCCN AGM on 1 st November.	
10	Funding applications: No applications received.	
11.	Planning and Licensing: No applications received.	
12.	AOB: Crash Barriers above Abbey saw mill have still not been repaired. CC members to look and forward details to Cllr DM. Cumledge Mill, fibre optic work involved digging up private land, unfortunately the contractors did the work without gaining permission from the various owners. Similar work may be happening elsewhere and it appears that the contractors do not need to gain permission. Most of the groundwork has been completed but three small areas were not satisfactorily finished. Matter noted in case works are not completed. DM had spoken to the contractor repairing the Monynut road, who said it was the worse road he had seen in Berwickshire!	HG-S

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Dates and Venues of future meetings:

All dates are Thursday's

23 November 7pm Preston

25th January 2018 7pm Abbey St Bathans

22nd February 2018 7pm Preston

22nd March 2018 7pm Abbey St Bathans

24th May 2018 7.30pm Preston

28th June 2018 7.30pm Abbey St Bathans

23rd August 2018 7.30pm Preston

27th September 7.30pm 2018 Abbey St Bathans

25th October (AGM) 7pm 2018 Preston

22nd November 2018 7pm Abbey St Bathans