



**ABBAY ST BATHAN'S, BONKYL AND PRESTON  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Preston Village Hall  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7pm**

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair), P Chandler, C Dobie, A Hart, I Usalj Observers: Cllr D Moffat	Action
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> D Morrison, J Dobie, H Goldie-Scot	
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Minutes of the meeting of 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 were approved.	IU and CD
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>Abbey St Bathans Cundy not sure if any work has been completed and it is flowing at present. Cllr DM to speak to Paul Mathewson.</p> <p>CD has spoken to the owner of Hollytrees who feels the hedge has been taken back far enough and feels someone should put up a mirror. Cllr DM will discuss with Paul Mathewson and establish how far back the hedge should be cut. VD will visit again and advise that the CC can't place a mirror.</p> <p>Swimming Pool will receive £10,000 for the costs of the swimming project, a further application for the additional £292 will be submitted to deal with outstanding amount; agreed that this amount is approved once paperwork received. Windfarm administrator to be asked to meet with Morag and establish an appropriate method of recording/monitoring the use of the grant funding.</p> <p>Bar B Q cleaning was an oversight and a safe storage location will be found.</p> <p>Receipt for refreshments for PACT AGM fish and chips still not received.</p> <p>History group grant application, the applicant has advised that they now need to raise funds for insurance before they can start the project. Project to remain pending.</p> <p>Community events concluded, disappointing attendance at Preston event.</p> <p>Two extra bins obtained for Abbey residents, the siting of one of the proposed bin shelters was not approved by SBC at the current location.</p> <p>The siting of the other shelter was approved will go ahead as planned.</p> <p>Cumledge Bridge repairs completed so suggested signage to be pursued by Cllr Moffat seeking views from appropriate Officers.</p> <p>Preston sign progress - DM absent</p> <p>Monynut road damage meeting to take place.</p> <p>Cllr Moffat raised the point that there has been discussion at SBC regarding that attendance of rural CC's at Locality meetings so that the meetings are not dominated by the town CC's. There will be an expectation that 3 CC's should be represented and one should be a rural CC. The budget available will be in excess of £90k.</p>	<p>Cllr DM</p> <p>Cllr DM VD</p> <p>VD</p> <p>PC</p> <p>Cllr DM</p> <p>DM DM</p>

4.	<b>Reports from grants recipients:</b> No reports received	
5.	<b>Resilient Communities:</b> PC will try and raise some enthusiasm in Preston!	PC
6.	<b>Sub Groups:</b> Information contained in Chair's report.	
7.	<b>Chair's report</b> PACT have met since our last meeting, we have received minutes from the June meeting. Windfarm sub group have not met this month. Chair is concerned that Martin Sweenie (Quixwood wind farm NTR) is moving on to other projects without the grant payment situation resolved; he is supportive of the money being used for larger projects but that agreement is not in writing. James Robson continues to pursue the issue.	
8.	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Number 1 account, £858.65. Number 2 account, £65,316.83. There is still £10k to go out for the swimming project. CC will receive approximately £8k - £11k every 6 months. SBC grant next payment will be made when the accounts are submitted. Chair commented that we have provided grants of almost £30k in the last twelve months and decisions in the future will be harder. PACT do not intend to make small grants from the funds that they receive. Accounts will be presented at the AGM in October.	
9.	<b>Secretary's report:</b> CC enrolled with energy network. Secretary attended Locality meeting and was concerned that there was no opportunity for CC to have a voice confirming concerns raised by DM at the August meeting. Cllr DM reiterated that rural CC must have a voice. The next meeting of the Community Council network chaired by Dave Torr will be held on 1 November. Agenda for the AGM in October will be prepared. Cllr DM pointed out that an SBC Councillor usually Chairs the first part of the meeting.	
10	<b>Funding applications:</b> A resident from Abbey St Bathans has spoken to Chair suggesting that the CC should offer some financial support for the firework display provided by James Dobie. PC there would be an insurance risk to the CC if we provided funding. CD believed that JD would not want financial support although there is a substantial cost he felt it would change the character of the event. After some discussion it was agreed that an application to assist with the provision of refreshments would be appropriate. VD to speak to JD. Co'Path primary school application for play equipment was refused because, as far as we are aware, no children from the CC area attended the school. VD to write. Blakerstone bootcamp – quote number 2 approved £934.80. VD to write to include a comment that if the project cost exceeds the quote the applicant is responsible.	VD VD VD
11.	<b>Planning and Licensing:</b> Erection of mast for emergency services which will improve mobile signals in the valley areas where the signal is currently poor. The expectation is	

	that the mast will later be available to commercial phone providers. No observations to be forwarded. CD left the room during the discussion as she has an interest in the planning application.	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>Fly tipping on track (? Lovers Lane) that comes out at Castle Mains near Alderstane on the right travelling towards Duns, builder's rubble.</p> <p>Sign down on the A6112 at the junction to Marygold and Reston coming from Grantshouse towards Duns.</p>	<p>Cllr DM</p> <p>Cllr DM</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Dates and Venues of future meetings:</b></p> <p>All dates are Thursday's</p> <p>26 October 7pm Abbey St Bathans (AGM)</p> <p>23 November 7pm Preston</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Abbey St Bathans</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 Preston</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 Abbey St Bathans</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Preston</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Abbey St Bathans</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 Preston</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Abbey St Bathans</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> October (AGM) 2018 Preston</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 Abbey St Bathans</p>	