



**ABBAY ST BATHAN'S, BONKYL AND PRESTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Preston Village Hall
23rd November 2017 at 7pm**

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair), P Chandler, C Dobie, A Hart, I Usalj, H. Goldie-Scot Observers: Cllr D Moffat, Cllr M. Rowley	Action
1.	Apologies: J. Dobie	
2.	Approval of Minutes: AGM Minutes no comments or amendments. Minutes of the meeting of 26 th October 2017 were approved with two corrections.	PC VD
3.	Matters Arising: Sign on A6112 is still down to stay on minutes. Cllr Rowley will pursue. Resident at Hollytrees is happy for the community council to arrange for a replacement fence and removal of the hedge. In addition repairs will be required to a retaining wall, some of which has previously been repaired by SBC. Must keep owners dog safe while work is being completed. Quotes to be obtained prior to submitting a windfarm application for the fence and removal of the hedge. CC will pursue the placement of slow signs on the main road either side of the junction. Cllr DM will ask the question. Crash barriers repairs will be in next years planned works. Cundy no reply from Paul Matthewson. Cllr DM will follow up. Scott Roberts from waste management meeting with Cllr DM re bins at Abbey. Also take forward issues with the Ford. CD to photograph when is an issue. Swimming pool issue not resolved; £200 outstanding. Modern apprenticeship to remain outstanding. Receipt for PACT refreshments still outstanding. Bin shelters not resolved. Quotes being obtained. Issue of the Cumledge Bridge sign to remain. Preston sign acquired to be installed by Fantasy Prints with agreement of the farmer. Rodent control at village hall arranged. Community payback being arranged. Cleaning has started.	Cllr MR Cllr DM Cllr DM CD AH/DM
4.	Reports from grants recipients: PC Tai Chi is folding, trainer is leaving the area. Any remaining budget to be discussed. Blackerstone bootcamp proceeding well with 8 – 10 participants on each day. Trainer establishing what the group requires to take forward over the coming weeks.	PC
5.	Resilient Communities: Abbey St Bathans reviewing the telephone chain to make sure all in place	

	for the winter period. Blackerstone equipment in place. Preston/Cumledge Mill equipment in place.	
6.	<p>Sub Groups: PACT next meeting 7.12.17. Broadband - Alex Cacciamani solution is more expensive than previously proposed, he has been asked to try and bring the costs down. First quote £109k and further likely other related costs. Noted that Open Reach will be closing roads in the area to install fibre and suggested that most farms will get fibre to premises in due course.</p>	
7.	<p>Chair's report: Windfarm sub group met on 30.10.17 Quixwood – James Robson will seek further details regarding the planned allocation of the fund, timing of applications, CFC meetings and release of funds. Aikengall II – sub group to consider proposal that 50% of the grant to be reserved for large projects and 50% for small grants, if not used to be carried forward to large projects. Aikengall IIa – scheme of liaison previously circulated. SBC require the CC to agree the scheme of liaison before SBC discuss with the developer. Agreed providing that the CC can discuss delivery times and arrangements. VD to write requesting consultation with residents regarding these issues. Crystal Rig IV planning to meet all CC's at one meeting. AH to respond emphasising that we do want to meet to understand what is planned. A percentage of the funds to come to CC.</p>	VD AH
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report: Number 2 Account £63,544.04. Received £11,797 from CR2 Community Fund. Number 1 £799.21. Accounts forwarded to SBC, await confirmation of grant. Discussions regarding need to have admin costs for independent examiner ring-fenced from budget. Official agreement needed to ring-fence this amount, DM to arrange. Agreed to monitor communication with Fred Olsen to ensure contacts are known.</p>	DM
9.	<p>Secretary's report: Attended Scottish Borders Community Council Network AGM on 1 November. Question the need for the network in view of the new locality area partnerships and the drive to locality working. Attended Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting on 9 November. Meeting was ok and there is hope that in the future CC's will have a voice at these meetings. Presentations by Police and Fire and Rescue were useful. Unable to attend Berwickshire Community Councils' Forum and again question the value of these meetings with the adoption of Area Partnership meetings. PC suggests that the funds currently held by the BCCF should be passed to the Community Safety Partnership, to be raised at the next community safety partnership. AH to attend the next meeting of the Area Partnership and report back.</p>	PC AH
10	<p>Funding applications: No applications received.</p>	

11.	<p>Planning and Licensing: Whareburn Cottage, Abbey St Bathans installation of a balanced flue (retrospective). Andy Rosher advised "Nothing really to comment on this, it's a bit of tidying up by the council for a minor piece of work on a listed building." AH to Reply</p>	AH
12.	<p>AOB: Duns high school and primary school. School crossing patrol. Cllr DM and MR raised at Council meeting when there will be a schools meeting to discuss the issue. Matters in hand by SBC Officers. CD suggests cameras at either end of Abbey St Bathans village, is there a legal issue on a public road. Cllr MR will investigate. Cllr DM mentioned that Individual was asking questions about mobile phone and broadband, he had referred the individual to the CC.</p>	Cllr DM Cllr MR Cllr MR
13.	<p>Dates and Venues of future meetings: All dates are Thursday's 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</p>	