



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

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

25th January 2018 at 7pm

Ref	Present: D Morrison (Chair), P Chandler, A Hart, C Dobie (part meeting) Observers: Cllr D Moffat, Cllr M. Rowley	Action
1.	Apologies: V. Dobie, H. Goldie-Scot, J Dobie, I Usalj, Cllr J Greenwell	
2.	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 23 rd November were approved. Proposed by PC, seconded by DM	
3.	Matters Arising: Direction sign on A6112 to Reston not yet replaced. Cllr Rowley will contact relevant SBC Officers again. Hollytrees hedge and fence, no further progress at present. Slow signs on the road at this location, no action yet. Cllr Moffat will contact relevant SBC Officers again. Crash barrier repairs will be completed in next 28 days. The Ford will be assessed in the Spring. Cundy in hand by SBC Paul Matthewson Waste Bins at Abbey St Bathans – SBC have confirmed that there will be no change made to the current waste collection service. A site meeting will be arranged to discuss further before a final decision is made. Abbey St Bathans village hall – cleaning completed, rodent control completed (no charge made) Community Payback will complete external maintenance DM has provide some necessary timber to reappear path edges.	Cllr MR VD Cllr DM VD/IU
4.	Reports from grants recipients: Tai Chi at Preston has folded. Carpet Bowls in mid-season attracting 10 members.	
5.	Resilient Communities: Batteries obtained for Blackerstone RC torches. Saw mill had to provide sawdust for The Square in Abbey to help with ice. Abbey RC will apply for a salt/grit bin in the new financial year.	
6.	Sub Groups: No wind farm subgroup meeting has been held since the last CC meeting. The Chair replied to the consultation request from SBC regarding the Scheme of Liaison for Aikengall Ila, recommending closer and more	

	<p>frequent meetings with residents, to allow concerns to be taken into account before transport and road plans are made. No progress on securing funds from Aikengall II yet. Quixwood fund is now open to application, PACT is submitting an application.</p> <p>PACT minutes provided. PACT are employing FACE (www.facrpr.co.uk) to provide updates and newsletters</p>	
7.	<p>Chair's report: An application has been submitted for remaining subsidies for pool membership and swimming lessons to cover until June 2018. Morag Lamond has agreed to pass responsibility for application and administration of subsidies to the CC windfarm administrator in future. The Chair is meeting with Trish Dale and Kirsty Inkpen on 29th January to work out a sustainable process before an application for funding from June 2018 is submitted. The Chair responded to the request from a resident for information on Broadband access, relayed via Councillor Moffat at the last CC meeting. The plans and work being progressed by PACT towards improved Broadband access was discussed, and the resident may contact PACT trustees to make further suggestions.</p>	VD
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report: Number 2 £61587.54 Number 1 account £531.69 Invoice from admin costs from Lucy Lavelle £60 for June 2017 to January 2018 Still no receipt for fish and chips and the rest of the amount applied by PACT for the AGM has not been received.</p>	
9.	<p>Secretary's report: The first meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership will take place on Thursday 1st February at Berwickshire High School – Secretary to attend. The usual Police report was received, in summary: There were 19 calls to the police for the beat area which includes Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston during December. These included requests for advice, reports of vehicular accidents, missing persons and a report of suspected poaching/Hare coursing. 28/12/17: The discovery of damage to a Badger Sett has resulted in enquiry being made and officers attending with an ecologist. The ecologist was able to confirm that the Sett is still in use and therefore an offence under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 has been committed, Further enquiry is being carried out with our Wildlife Liason Officer Pc Andy Loughlin taking the lead.</p>	AH
10	<p>Funding applications: Swimming pool application for additional £500 to cover overspend. Approved.</p>	AH, DM, PC, CD

11.	<p>Planning and Licensing: Planning application for the erection of a dwelling house on land south of 8 Preston Cottages, Preston. Andy Rosher had provided his opinion of the application and residents from Preston and Cumledge Mill had provided information. The Community Council will lodge an objection to the planning on the basis of access on to a busy road and uncertainty regarding waste disposal.</p>	AH
12.	<p>AOB: There was no other business.</p>	
13.	<p>Dates and Venues of future meetings: All dates are Thursday's 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>	