



**ABBAY ST BATHAN'S, BONKYL AND PRESTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Preston Village Hall
24th May 2018 at 7.30pm

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair); P Chandler; A Hart; H Goldie-Scot; I Usalj; J Dobie Observers: Cllr D Moffat	Action
1.	Apologies: C Dobie; D Morrison; M Rowley; J Greenwell	
2.	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 22 nd March were approved	VD, PC
3.	Matters Arising: Cllr DM has spoken to Paul Mathewson about the SLOW signs near Hollytrees and the collapsed road edge. No action at present but Cllr DM will ask for an update for the next meeting. Fence work ready to go ahead at Hollytrees. Report outlining grants made in the previous financial year has been completed and will be placed on the web site to ensure transparency. IU will welcome Reivers and Wynesome Maide on 7.7.18 at 9.30am.	Cllr DM
4.	Reports from grants recipients: No reports. Windfarm administrator has forwarded a report regarding the swimming grant – The limit we set has not been reached, swimming memberships are just over £4,000. All past members have been sent emails. Looking for any further ideas to publicise the grants available. Discussion re GDPR implications. Application form to be updated to comply with GDPR. Website mail chimp addresses need to comply. Similarly any resilient community's database.	AH DM
5.	Resilient Communities: H Goldie-Scot has arranged visit from Community safety Officer re resilient communities.	
6.	Sub Groups: PACT No change on broadband issue, wait to see what is delivered by Government and then use resources where there are gaps. Abbey St Bathans will be connected by the end of June. Village hall planning application and demolition warrant have been completed. Application to Durham for the funding to complete the demolition and groundworks. Once the money is in the bank then an event will be arranged to seek community views, hopefully at the AGM. David Morrison has resigned as Chair of the village hall committee.	

7.	<p>Chair's report: <u>Wind Farm Subgroup meeting 30.4.18</u> James Dobie, James Robson and Wendy Reid attended. Quixwood – it was decided that JR would communicate with Martin Sweeney from NTR to ask for Terms of Reference and Agreement to be signed off by all parties. The application from PACT to Quixwood is in progress. Aikengall II – VD to communicate with Rob Fryer of Community Wind Power to ask for agreement to be signed off. Wendy Reid is happy to work with Rob on application forms Blackhill – JR reported that the committee works well and efficiently with support from an employed secretary. Aikengall IIa and Crystal Rig – Neither have approached CC about community funds, although Rob Fryer from CWP has indicated that the agreement for Aikengall IIa is likely to be the same as the expected agreement for Aikengall II. Letter from Gavin Shirley re Crystal Rig IV, seeking CC views on further information, agreed we request Non Tech summary on USB stick. We should also ask what the arrangement is for the community benefit fund, has there been any decision?</p>	AH
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report: SBC Grant received, number 1 account £973.13, and number 2 account £60,849.54. Treasurer is starting to work on the end of year accounts. CC members examined and agreed that bank statements were correct. Agreed Treasurer and Vice Chair to remain signatories. Arrangements are in hand to prepare this year's memorial flowers. Examination will be completed relating to CAUS accounts with a final payment not made because the work has not been completed. VD asks that at the next meeting CAUS prepare a brief summary of application and monies spent. Secretarial note: original application dated 24.8.16 for £1,549.20 for works already completed plus £10,474.53 plus VAT for remaining work. Application approved at CC meeting 22.9.16. In 2016 Duns Primary School applied for a grant to support children on educational trips, the application was approved but the money has not been drawn. AH to research and report back. Secretarial note: Application by Steve Jacks on behalf of Duns Primary School "Involving Everyone" dated 23.2.16 for £20,000 each from Lammermuir and Crystal Rig wind farm community benefit fund. It was hoped that this amount would last for 4 years. SJ presented the application at CC meeting 25.2.16, after much detailed discussion it was agreed that while this would be a very good use of windfarm money, any grant given to the school would have to be ring fenced and allocated according to clear criteria. It may be possible to work through PACT rather than the CC direct. It was recognised that members had some concerns which needed further discussion and consultation with the school Head, however all agreed in principle. CC meeting 26.5.16 matters arising a note that PC still to speak to school Head. CC meeting 25.8.16 DM relayed an email from SJ explaining how the scheme was working; he asked that CC should liaise with school Head in future. VD suggested releasing £1,000 per year over 3 years as Lammermuir have done. This item does not appear in subsequent minutes.</p>	HG-S
9.	<p>Secretary's report: Secretary summarised a series of communications from the Chair of the Scottish Borders CC Network voicing complaints about a lack of consultation with CC's and concerns that members representing CC's at</p>	

	<p>Area Partnership Meetings did not have a vote. Gavinton CC had written to the Chair advising that their CC did not support the views expressed by the SBCCN. As a result the SBC Director for Customers and Communities has arranged a series of meetings to obtain the views of CC members. The Berwickshire meeting was arranged for 31 May. Secretary will attend to represent the views of ABPCC. Discussion pointed out that Scottish Borders Councilors attend ABPCC meetings and take forward matters on behalf of the CC. Members supported the views expressed by Gavinton CC. AH and PC to attend meeting.</p> <p>Mark Rowley requested views on transport corridor consultation. H G-S first comment was that the link did not work. He has looked and the data in the report could be very useful but can't see what we can do with the report. VD commented that the report asked readers to complete a survey but the survey could not be found. VD did not feel there were any comments that she wished to make. AH to reply the information is useful but we await next steps. To some extent a wish list approach, we find it difficult to comment.</p>	<p>AH/PC</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Funding applications:</p> <p>Eyemouth school asking for £124 as a contribution toward the leadership weekend. The applicant advised that there are pupils from the school residing in the CC area. VD pointed out that improving the leadership skills in the school impacts on all the pupils. PC pointed out that school is outside our catchment area, PC could not think of any children in ABPCC area who attend the school and felt that we should be cautious. Approved in principle subject to application.</p> <p>Application for £1,000 towards Tentage costs for Duns show. Secretary summarised decisions made in 2017 to award £1,000. VD pointed out that the event was a good community event attended by many people from ABPCC area. Discussed and agreed to provide £1,000 this year.</p> <p>Bevan outdoor residential trip £880. Bevan World War One Battlefield trip £470. Note this trip has moved forward to late June.</p> <p>Email views from CD were acknowledged and supported by JD. Agreed educational trips and of benefit to individuals in the community. PC pointed out that all the children attend Duns Primary School that had applied for funds to support school trips in 2016 but not followed through with the application (Treasurers report above). HG-S suggested that if the school had funding from the CC they could identify all the young people from this area rather than just a parent who was well informed. Useful to have personal feedback from the children. VD to write to Mike Bevan to ensure there are no other children eligible from our area and request feedback after the event.</p> <p>VD raised concerns that there might be a misconception about the amount of money that is available from the community fund bearing in mind the PACT committed funds.</p>	<p>VD and JD. PC abstained</p> <p>JD and IU</p> <p>VD/HG-S VD/AH</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Planning and Licensing:</p> <p>Replacement windows at The Cottage, Cockburn Mill. No objections or other comments. AH to respond to planning department.</p> <p>Application for replacement village hall at Abbey St Bathans. Members viewed that plans and discussed the application at length. AH to draft positive reply the CC feels the use of wood to the outside of the building blends with the local environment. PACT will arrange a community event to seek the views of the community.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>

