



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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Abbey St Bathans Village  
Hall  
28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm**

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair); P Chandler; A Hart; H Goldie-Scot; I Usalj; C Dobie Observers: Cllr D Moffat; M Rowley; A Smith; Part meeting E Dobie; B Landon; N Landon; T Bevan	Action
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> D Morrison; J Dobie; J Greenwell	
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Minutes of the meeting of 24 <sup>th</sup> May were approved	PC/IU
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b> SLOW on the road at Hollytrees, no progress, to remain on agenda. Grant application form to be updated to comply with GDPR Website mail chimp needs to be updated, Chair not sure that the notification is sufficient. Isolation and loneliness, HG-S has spoken to the person now running the Riverside Café who is very interested in the potential for a community lunch club. IU has obtained quotes for a new bench, planter and notice board. These are very different amounts. Agreed further quotes to be obtained before an application is submitted HG-S had reported potholes to a specific site with photographs and they were fixed within 3 weeks. Cllr MR pointed out that SBC now has their own web site 'Report It' with a number of options, any reports will result in action.</p>	<p>Cllr DM AH DM</p> <p>IU</p>
4.	<p><b>Reports from grants recipients:</b> None received. AH has emailed the primary school re previous grant not taken up and has received no response, matter to be closed.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Resilient Communities:</b> Question whether Hoardwheel has a resilient community organisation. HG-S offered to discuss with A Smith if required.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Sub Groups:</b> Discussion as to whether the CC should comment on the extension of the existing Crystal Rig wind farm. Cllr MR provided some additional information relating to the increased height of the proposed turbines. Any response requires time and the effort is unlikely to produce the wanted</p>	

	<p>result. There is a mix of views amongst members and of particular concern is the fact that alternative sources are not progressed and that the power generated is not being used because the grid can't cope with the additional power that is generated. The power companies are being paid not to generate. A vote was held and the majority of members abstained. PC will send a response on behalf of the CC</p> <p>Windfarms. Aikengall II has progressed slowly and there is an agreement just waiting signature at the end. The grant will be used by PACT. Members thanked the Chair for her persistence in achieving this result.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Chair's report:</b>  Hollytrees fence has been installed. Householder is pleased with the result but there is a further piece of fencing that the householder expected to be completed at the same time. This has left the Chair in a difficult position so has asked for a quote but it is quite a length of fencing. CC members to look at fencing and consider a further application.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b>  Number 1 account £873.13, no statement for number 2 account so remains at £60,849.54. Treasurer has paid the Battlefield trip grant, the Duns swimming pool grant £8210 from the agreed £12,000 so still money left for further swimming applications. Paid the Duns show grant, the Eyemouth High School grant and the fencing £2,976.  Treasurer has bought stamps, envelopes and the memorial tub planting, members approved the claim for reimbursement.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Secretary's report:</b>  Draft response to the questions in the consultation about the future Area Partnership arrangements and the community council networks were discussed and agreed. AH to respond to the consultation.</p>	AH
10	<p><b>Funding applications:</b>  'Sea the change' application for £2,450 to establish a Wellbeing programme for residents of the area. Insufficient information to make a decision. Chair to write asking that they provide further information regarding identified need and attend the next meeting.</p> <p>Volunteering in Tanzania. (Presentation from T Bevan and N Landon)  Tabitha explained that the trip is to take place in June 2019, organised by Vine Trust to build family homes in Tanzania. Population over 60 million with over 1.5 million orphans. The volunteers will be offering support to vulnerable children in the north east of the country. Previous students have explained that the trip is worthwhile and an excellent experience. Cost £2,900 per person with each student responsible for raising the money to cover the cost of the trip. Tabitha has held various events to raise funds.  Nathan explained how the trip would benefit individual students, the local community and develop leadership skills. Both have raised £1,000 so far. 30 students from Berwickshire High School are attending. They are requesting £1,000 each from the community fund. Several questions were asked of the two particularly as to what they would be doing on the trip. They will engage with local people and offer support to young people and experience life in a third world country. Both will attend a CC meeting after the trip to provide feedback. They left the meeting. Discussion – part of the experience for young people is raising the money in two years, with an expectation that some fund raising is as a group. Members felt that they should receive a grant but not for the amount requested. Agreed £500 each.</p>	<p>VD</p> <p>VD/CD/H G-S/IU</p>

	<p>Defib Pads – application for replacements £94.80. Approved.</p> <p>CAUS – application for repairs to a leak in the pipe. CAUS is now in a position where income is covering the running costs and minor repairs. Given time CAUS will have funds to meet most eventualities. However a major leak has been discovered in a short section of pipe that runs under the road. The cost of repair is £1,100 + VAT. Request is for £500. It was acknowledged that other communities might come to the fund for similar costs. CAUS received the original grant on the understanding that it built up reserves to meet future costs, this leak has come when there has not been sufficient time for reserves to be built. Approved.</p> <p>Ellemford Show request £3,164 for marquee hire and ancillary costs. Acknowledged that the show was for the benefit of the local community. Approved but ask for feedback and make clear that the grant is provided on this occasion and that there should be no expectation for the future.</p> <p>International Forestry Student Symposium (Presentation from Ellinor Dobie) This year’s symposium to be held in Mexico with students attending from all over the world. Ellinor’s family manage the forest in Abbey St Bathans and the saw mill, this has led to her interest in forestry leading to studying at university in Wales and recently graduating. Elinor has also studied in Canada with a year’s work placement with the Forestry Commission in the Scottish Highlands. Has become involved with international youth forestry student association who are hosting the event in Mexico. Ellinor is Head of Cultural Competencies for the association. The 2 weeks will focus on forest and communities which will be relevant to her future work in Abbey. There will be lots of travelling to various diverse locations around Mexico. Hopes the experience will bring benefit to this community where the location of the mill within the forest is very unique. The application is for £500 toward the £1165 cost of the trip. Ellinor left the meeting before the discussion. CD left the meeting. Approved as a benefit to the community.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>VD/PC/I U</p> <p>PC/VD/A H</p> <p>HG- S/PC/IU</p>
11.	<p><b>Planning and Licensing:</b> None</p>	
12.	<p><b>AOB:</b> Developing Digital Skills consultation. No response available. Broadband IU has discovered that some updates have been installed and by contacting her provider is hoping that speed will be increased. IU to email DM with information. Hedgehog aware posters discussed and agreed to distribute.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Dates and Venues of future meetings:</b> All dates are Thursday’s 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 7.30pm Preston 27<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm 2018 Abbey St Bathans 25<sup>th</sup> October (AGM) 7pm 2018 Preston 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 7pm Abbey St Bathans</p>	