



**ABBEY ST BATHAN'S, BONKYL AND PRESTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Preston Village Hall
27th September 2018 at 7.30pm**

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair); P Chandler; I Usalj; C Dobie; D Morrison Observers: Cllr D Moffat; ; Part meeting D Murray, F Murray	Action
1.	Apologies: H Goldie-Scott; J Dobie; Cllr J Greenwell; A Hart	
2.	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 23 rd August 2018 were approved. Copies of final minutes to be circulated.	IU/PC
3.	Matters Arising: SLOW on the road at Hollytrees, DM explained that the Council has a new line painting machine but no timing for this work yet available.	Cllr DM
4.	Reports from grants recipients: None received.	
5.	Resilient Communities: No reports.	
6.	Sub Groups: a) Windfarms. The Chair reported that the negotiation with Aikengall II has now progressed. The agreement is finalized, and the application forms are being finalized with Wendy Reid on behalf of PACT. DM queried if some small grant applications should be made to Aikengall II, rather than Crystal Rig. Chair explained that that present agreement with PACT is that small grant applications should proceed through Crystal Rig in preference, in order to keep other Wind farm funds intact for large projects. CD to ask that the Crystal Rig Fund be advertised in Abbey St Bathans newsletter. b) PACT. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PACT AGM was held in Preston Hall on Sunday 26th August. The accounts were agreed and directors voted onto Board. • PACT has decided not to circulate a paper copy of annual newsletter, this will be distributed only to those who have registered by email. CC decided that it would undertake distribution of paper copies if necessary to ensure all members of community remain aware of PACT and its activities. 	CD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DM reported that a new mast at Hardens may improve availability of connectivity in the area. The other potential provider remains Whitespace. 	
7.	Chair's report: No report	
8.	Treasurer's Report: Number 1 account £854.47 Number 2 account £49143.54 The treasurer intimated that as the CC cheque books are presently with the accountants, no cheques can be written at the moment. It is expected that the cheque books will be returned to the treasurer shortly.	
9.	Secretary's report: Offers of assistance with the Secretary's duties were made, IU to take minutes and DM to manage emails if required. Minutes of the Scottish Borders Community Councils Network meeting and the Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting, and the Police Report were presented and discussed. The Scam Mail poster will be displayed on the ABPCC website.	
10	Funding applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Volunteering in Tanzania – Fergus Murray attended the CC meeting and described the project for which he is looking for funding. After Fergus left the meeting a decision was made to award £500 towards this application, in line with previous awards for the same expedition. b) Parentspace – Di Murray gave the CC an update on the progress and success of the Parentspace initiative to which the CC awarded Crystal Rig funds when it started four years ago. Events have been held in the ABPCC area, and at least 7 parents in the area have attended and benefitted from their work. Parentspace is looking for funds to support the project until they establish their own charitable status, expected in six months time. <p>The CC agreed to fund £5000 towards the present costs. The CC asked that a further event be held in Preston in this six month period. The CC suggested that if Parentspace did not secure sufficient funding from other sources to maintain their project that a further application to the Crystal Rig fund could be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Music Residential Course – Two applications for £95 made to support two children to attend a weekend course. The CC noted that previous applications had been made for children from the same family to attend educational events, but this was not considered relevant to this application which was improved. The CC asked that the applicant be reminded of the 10 day cut off before CC meetings for funding applications. Waived in this case as the music course is imminent. d) Hollytrees Cottage – Application for £336 to complete fencing work already carried out with the aim of improving road safety. Agreed by CC. Resident to be informed that hedge should be kept trimmed within new fence. If hedge trimming required but not carried out by resident, Council will arrange for trimming and the resident will be expected to pay costs. e) Berwickshire Maritime Trust – Application for £10,000 for safety equipment. CC decided to invite Mr Johnston to present at next CC meeting, with a 15 minute slot, suggested 10 minute application. 	<p>CD/VD</p> <p>PC/IU</p>

	Chair to invite Mr Johnston and ask for more details on projected costs, and any applications for funding from other sources.	VD
11.	Planning and Licensing: None	
12.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>CD reported: .The Forestry Commission and Scottish Natural Heritage may be approaching ABPCC to get additional funding for work on the SSSI oakwoods along the Whiteadder.</p> <p>2. Ellinor Dobie is producing a "long term forest plan" (required by the forestry commission) for the forests at AStB and will be contacting stakeholders in a scoping exercise. The ABPCC will be contacted and any comments, concerns, or ideas about the management of the forests will be considered in the drawing up of the plan. She will send out a fuller explanation along with a scoping document and maps that outline the key management proposals in the near future.</p> <p>PC – The wreath laying ceremony in Preston will be held at 3pm on the 11th November. This will be advertised on the ABPCC website.</p>	
13.	<p>Dates and Venues of future meetings:</p> <p>All dates are Thursdays</p> <p>25th October (AGM) 7pm 2018 Preston (Apologies DM)</p> <p>22nd November 2018 7pm Abbey St Bathans</p> <p><u>2019</u></p> <p>24th January 7pm Preston</p> <p>28th February 7pm Abbey St Bathans</p> <p>28th March 7pm Preston</p> <p>23rd May 7.30pm Abbey St Bathans</p> <p>27th June 7.30pm Preston</p> <p>22nd August 7.30pm Abbey St Bathans</p> <p>26th September 7.3pm Preston</p> <p>24th October (AGM) 7pm Preston</p> <p>28th November 7pm Abbey St Bathans</p>	