



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

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

26th October 2017 at 7pm

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair), P Chandler, C Dobie, A Hart, I Usalj, D Morrison Observers: Cllr D Moffat. Stuart Faed	Action
	Apologies:	
1.	Cllr D. Moffat opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the ABPCC AGM. Election of office bearers: Chair - Victoria Dobie nominated by AH seconded by PC. Elected Secretary – Allister Hart nominated by PC seconded by VD. Elected Treasurer – Pip Chandler nominated by VD seconded by AH. Elected Vice Chair – David Morrison nominated by VD seconded by AH. Elected Cllr DM handed the meeting to the elected Chair	
2.	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 7 December 2016 had previously been approved.	
3.	Report by Chair on the Council's activities for the previous year: To be read in conjunction with AGM Chair's update. This has been my first year in the role of Chair, and I am grateful to the previous Chair, David Morrison for his support and guidance over this year. In addition, much of the work for the CC has been carried out by the CC Secretary Allister Hart and the Treasurer Pip Chandler. The business of the CC has run smoothly over the last year which is a credit to Allister and Pip. The ABPCC has met seven times in 2017, and has been quorate at all meetings. We have been supported by Councillor Donald Moffat at all the meetings but one, and other councilors have attended meetings intermittently. Two community events were organized in September this year, the first was well attended, the second less so, but the evenings were considered a success by those who attended. At the CC meetings matters relating to local roads, paths, bins and bridges have been discussed. Resilient community development for Blakerston and Abbey St Bathans has been arranged. Broadband access for the community has been considered and is now being taken forward by our community trust, Preston and Abbey Community Trust (PACT). Negotiations with the wind farm developers responsible for Aikengall and Quixwood are ongoing. The negotiation with Penmanshiel has been completed and the first payment made to PACT. The CC has discussed 16 applications for funds from the Crystal Rig wind farm fund, and all but two	

	<p>were approved. Successful applications are listed in the AGM Chair's update.</p> <p>The members of the CC have all shown great commitment over the last year, and we look forward to another year of progress within the community.</p> <p>V.Dobie 23rd October 2017</p>	
4.	<p>The scrutinised/approved Annual Abstract of Accounts:</p> <p>Stuart Faed (Independent Examiner) attended and talked through his independent examination. Healthy reserves going forward. Noted a 30% fall in the income from the community benefit fund. DM commented that in previous years it had been necessary to remind the company of the need to forward the grant. PC to check facts and if necessary VD will write to the fund. Stuart suggested that the CC needs to be careful that they do not become a corporate body and liable for corporation tax.</p> <p>Copies were signed as required. Unanimous approval by CC Members.</p>	PC VD
5.	<p>Proposals for the amendment of the Council's Constitution:</p> <p>No proposals</p>	
6.	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner:</p> <p>For the coming year Stuart Faed agreed to continue in the role.</p>	
7.	<p>Agreement to abide by the Scottish Borders Council Code of Conduct for Community Councils:</p> <p>All present agreed. VD to email James Dobie, James Robson and Andy Rosher.</p>	VD
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>There was no other business</p>	