



**ABBEY ST BATHAN'S, BONKYL AND PRESTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Preston Village Hall
22nd November 2018 at 7.00pm**

Ref	Present: V Dobie (Chair); P Chandler; I Usalj; C Dobie; D Morrison Observers: Cllr D Moffat; ; Part meeting D Kennedy, E Dobie, PC Ian Porter	Action
1.	Apologies: H. Goldie-Scot; J. Dobie; Cllr J. Greenwell; A. Hart, H. Saw, Cllr M. Rowley	
2.	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 25 th October 2018 were approved. Copies of final minutes to be circulated.	PC/CD
3.	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr D Moffat reports no news on SLOW sign that is meant to be painted at Burnhouse junction. ● Newsletter design has been submitted by IU 	Cllr DM
4.	Reports from grants recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PC presented a postcard with a thank you from one of the grant recipients, awaiting for their formal report. 	
5.	Resilient Communities: No reports.	
6.	Sub Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Windfarms. No reports. B. PACT - Meeting to be held w/c 26th November 2018 	
7.	Chair's report: Reporting that CC area has an opportunity to apply for membership for Berwickshire Maritime Trust and would then be covered by their insurance for the outings. Treasurer confirmed that membership fee of £50 could be paid from Number 1 account.	VD
8.	Treasurer's Report: Number 1 account £842.63 Number 2 account £59,068.25 The treasurer reports that the invoice for GWA accountants was put up by 10% which brings it to a total of £660. Written agreement with crystal rig for budget for accounts will have to be amended.	PC VD

9.	<p>Secretary's report: Secretary to write back to SBC on behalf of CC to state our position on the locality bid fund matter. We have agreed not to stand behind SBCCN Chair Colin McGrath as we believe this fund is should be publicly available and therefore the responsibility of SBC, not in the remit of Community Councils.</p>	AH
10	<p>Funding applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) ASB Notice board – IU presented an application for notice board bench and planter to be made out of larch and treated with osmo oil. seeking for £3100 in total, £2900 for noticeboard, bench and planter and £200 for plants. Application approved. b) Sea the change - amended application seeking for £1225 for 3 events, Green cleaning, beeswax wrap workshop and beach Nurdle Hunt. CC agreed to award £400 to cover one workshop, preferably Green cleaning workshop. If this event is successful the CC would be please to to consider a further application for funding the remaining two workshops. Sea the change will be asked to return the unused cheque from their last application. 	CD/PC VD/IU
11.	<p>Planning and Licensing: None</p>	
12.	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Forestry Commission and Scottish Natural Heritage presented their case as to why we should apply for £5000 funding from forestry commission to preserve the ancient oak woodland. We have agreed to put in an application with Simon Lockwood carrying out the work early next year. 2. Community event for feedback from local funding awards date time and title to be discussed next time. 3. PC reports that the the wreath laying ceremony in Preston held on 11th November was well attended. 4. Eyemouth Art Trail to be supported by featuring it on our website. 5. Communications: Newsletter design well received, to be amended to be able to hold address labels. Will be used and printed whenever CC deems necessary to communicate with the residents. 6. Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CC has agreed to move to new supplier (Alpha Information Services) upon end of contract with Strive digital. CC to acquire a written agreement on the services received form new supplier. b. Picture contest to run until first day of spring. Prize for winner photo is professional framing. c. Push harder with advertisement of local businesses 	VD IU IU IU IU

13.	Police Report Surprise visit from PC Ian Porter was well received. We are happy to have met him and are delighted that Police Scotland are putting an effort in communicating with the communities in person. PC IP will try to attend as many of our CC meetings as he is able.	
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14.	Dates and Venues of future meetings: <u>2019</u> 24 th January 7pm Preston 28 th February 7pm Abbey St Bathans 28 th March 7pm Preston 23 rd May 7.30pm Abbey St Bathans 27 th June 7.30pm Preston 22 nd August 7.30pm Abbey St Bathans 26 th September 7.30pm Preston 24 th October (AGM) 7pm Preston 28 th November 7pm Abbey St Bathans	
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