

ABBAY ST BATHANS, BONKYL & PRESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of ASB, B & P CC held on Thursday 28th June 2007

Preston Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT

D. Morrison, C. Tiffney, M. Taylor, P. Chandler, S. Thomson, J. Miller, J. Apted, R. Forrest, R. Sidney, Cllrs F. Renton, T. Jones

D. Morrison in the Chair

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Ref	Discussion	Action
1.0	Apologies A. Rosher, C. Walker, D. Moffat	
2.0	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate	
3.0	Matters Arising Rosettes for presentation during the Ride-Out have been ordered.	
4.0	Police Liaison Officer Richardson advised that there have been no significant police matters in the area during the last month. He noted that the 'Boy Racer' initiative tackling dangerous driving is ongoing and members of the public are encouraged to contact the police, via 999 if necessary, and report incidences of dangerous driving. A note of the offending car's number plate is extremely useful. Officer Richardson also noted the need for continued vigilance for bogus house callers and encouraged members of the public to challenge callers for identification and if in doubt to contact the police.	
5.0	Crystal Rig Wind Farm Plans for Phase IIA have been submitted to the S.E. for 9 new turbines producing 27 additional MW of capacity. Closing date for representations to S.E. is 27 th July. A summary of the plans has been provided to the CC.	
6.0	Black Hill Wind Farm A meeting between representatives from the CC's of Cranshaws, Ellemford & Longformacus; Duns; Gavinton,	CT

Polworth & Fogo and ASB B & P was held on Thursday 7th June. The meeting was constructive and a consensus emerged. CT has circulated minutes of the meeting for agreement by all participating CC's. Once these have been signed and returned RES will be approached to take the matter further. The CC considered the minutes and all agreed.

7.0 Chairperson's Report

D. Morrison had nothing additional to report.

8.0 Funding Applications

No new applications have been received. The CC actively seeks applications for funding and encourages members of the community who have ideas for projects within the CC area to get in touch. It was agreed that new notice boards should be purchased as the existing ones do not have sufficient capacity.

10.0 Abbey St Bathans Project

No new progress to report since last meeting.

10.0 Community Social Event September 8th '07

P. Chandler has prepared the funding application. Since this could take up to 2 months to be approved and in view of CC members' holiday commitments it was agreed to defer the event to 2008. Funding applications to be made early next year. C. Tiffney has obtained a copy of the electoral roll for the CC area to use for invitations and this will be held by P. Chandler.

12.0 Treasurer's Report

M. Taylor reported that the current No. 1 a/c balance is £1,564.93. Incoming £540 grant from SBC. No. 2 (Crystal Rig) a/c balance £362.02. No movement in the last month.

13.0 Secretary's Report

Various items of correspondence were examined, most notably: Community Council Scheme Review. P. Chandler to respond. B. Darling retirement function 3rd July. No rep to attend, note to CC's thanks and good wishes to be sent.

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14.0 Planning and Licencing Applications

No planning or licencing applications have been received,

15.0 Any Other Business

DM noted that the ASB community bench is broken. It was agreed that the CC would purchase a replacement. CT to contact a local joiner to quote for this, an ASB village sign and

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notice boards.

Jim Clark Rally. C. Tiffney noted that the fence at ASB village hall has now been repaired and thanked Cllr Renton for her help in getting this done.

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C. Walker noted via email that the fence over the bridge from the hall has not yet been repaired.

J. Apted noted that marshals had parked in the cemetery at Preston during the event and this had upset local people.

Cllr. Renton noted that during the recent debrief meeting about the event local people's concerns had been taken on board by the organisers. The JCR organisers have offered to hold a public meeting at ASB, but stipulated that D. Morrison may not attend. The CC rejected this proposal.

D. Morrison noted that on the whole the rally went OK, local landowners identifying as problems speeding reccy cars; that there was no 'End of Rally' car signifying the stage had finished; that barrier tape was not removed; that there was a lot of litter left along the route, particularly at Ecclaw; and the disturbance of lambing ewes at Barnside by noise.

Landowners along the stage request that next year's rally is not held earlier than 20th May.

D. Morrison also reported that the road repairs along the Monynut Valley have been well performed by SBC so far, and the remainder of the work is expected to be undertaken once the weather improves.

Cllr Renton agreed to take these points up with the JCR organisers.

R. Forrest noted that the Ride Out Reivers party will be in Preston at around 9.30am on 7th July to receive rosettes and everyone in the community is encouraged to attend and support the event.

R. Sidney advised that the CC's website will be available by early July and content is requested. The website address is www.idbuilder.co.uk/abbeypreston Richard's email address for content is richardmsideny@aol.com Everyone in the community is encouraged to visit the site and to contact Richard if they have information they would like displayed on it.

CC Logo competition entries will be judged at the next meeting. Book tokens to be given to the winner and runners up.

15.0 Date and Venue of Next Meetings

26th July, ASB, 7.30pm

12th September, Preston 7.30pm

25th October, ASB, 7.30pm

22nd November, Preston, 7.30pm