

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 23rd February 2012**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairman (Late arrival)

Councillors:

G Allen, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller, A Muskett-Geake, A Putt & D Scrafton

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
PCSO Jamie Ward
Gill Butler + 8 local youths
Two member of the public

Before the meeting began Simon Jones and Mr Cronin spoke to the Council regarding the planning application PA12/00591.

1202/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from St Blaise Councillor M Gill and the community warden Kevin Atkinson.

1202/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th January 2012 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1202/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on items on the Agenda or of gifts of a value greater than £25.

1202/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

After last months meeting, Kevin Atkinson has visited Biscovey Road on several occasions but has not witnessed any problems caused by youths in the area. Councillor Hooper has also visited but was told that the complainants would deal with the situation themselves.

1201/10 The Clerk has contacted Cornwall Councils Development Control Manager regarding road safety in Par Lane but she is unwilling to meet with St Blazey Councillors.

1201/18 The Clerk has spoken to the person who is driving a vehicle on the footpath that runs from the Mount to the car park at Spit Beach. The person owns the footpath even though it is a designated public right of way and therefore covered by the Local

Maintenance Partnership. The Council put the gate in place after ex-councillor Gummo asked the owner of the land for permission.

1202/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

		Detected
Assault	5	1
Burglary Dwelling		
Burglary Other	2	
Vehicle crime	4	
Theft	4	
Damage	5	1
Drugs	1	1
Other	2	Awaiting Court Dec 1
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Total	23	3+1

Police Logs = 104

There were 24 crimes in January 2011 of which 7 were detected and 90 Police Logs.

1202/06 **GILL BUTLER & LOCAL YOUTHS – THE POSSIBILITY OF A SKATEPARK IN PAR/ST BLAZEY.**

Young people from St Blazey and Par presented the Council with a presentation for a skate park; they have identified the land next to Par running track as their preferred location. Fifteen youths have made up a steering group and they had put the presentation together themselves.

They have made a design of the skate park that they would like to see, this would include a large covered area ensuring the proposed park could be used all year round. Statistics were provided proving that skate parks reduce anti social behaviour in areas that they have been introduced and that police logs (calls) to Par running track have been reduced since skate ramps were introduced in 2008.

The youths would fund raise for the project and hold open days but would need assistance with organisation, funding, the implementation, the build, after care and maintenance. St Blaise Town Council pledged their support for the project.

Councillor Seel joined the meeting.

1202/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

In the Trevarwenerth Road and Wilson Way area trees need to be trimmed back as they are obscuring street lighting, Councillor Taylor has reported this to the relevant department at Cornwall Council.

Councillor Taylor told the Council that the individual property protection work is currently taking place for those affected by flooding in the town and work on the culvert in Station Road has started.

1202/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes told the Council that Cornwall Council Planning Committee is having discussions as to whether their meetings should be rescheduled to earlier in the day. Councillor Hughes believes that they should remain evening meetings allowing those that have day time commitments the opportunity to attend.

Plans for Par Beach include the removal of the currently derelict shelter; Councillor Hughes asked that anyone with a strong objection contact him.

Councillor Hughes said that the current standards board would remain in place until July 2012 but a new system may come in due to the Localism Act. It is understood that anybody on the current standards board would not be permitted to stand for the replacement board.

1202/09 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

The Clerk attended the 3 day Neighbourhood planning camp at the Eden Project at the beginning of February. Councillors Anderson and Heyward also attended a day each. The event was attended by delegates Countrywide and most neighbourhood plans are being developed by groups of parishes.

1202/10 **RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY WARDENS CONTRACT**

Councillor Putt proposed that the Wardens contract be renewed for a further year, the proposal was seconded by Councillor Scrafton, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1202/11 **THE BIG LOCAL**

A Local Partnership is in the process of being formed which made up of individuals rather than organisations.

1202/12 **OVERVIEW OF THE TOWN PLAN**

The Town Plan steering group met earlier in the evening, the first priority, allotments, are unable to proceed at this time as the land previously identified as a possibility will now be part of the Eco-Town. All the Councillors were asked to give the matter some thought to identifying pieces of land that may be suitable.

The second priority, a Town Bus, is currently being held in abeyance. The third, Quality Status is progressing and the Clerk hopes to put in the application at the beginning of April.

The Clerk has met with Link into Learning who will be happy to put local adult education in place once we have a facility to accommodate them.

A vision of the Town Plan – “A reduced risk of flooding to existing and new homes”. The proposed action was to “create a Community Flood Plan, support the continuation of the flood plan partnership, ensure that the infrastructure exists to deal with run-off from new developments”. These actions are all currently taking place.

Councillor Muskett-Geake left the meeting.

1202/13 **THE TOWN CLERKS WORKING HOURS**

The Clerk left the room.

The Clerk asked the Council to consider increasing her hours, it was agreed that the Clerks hours be increased to 25 on scale point 35 from 1st April 2012.

The Clerk re-entered the room.

1202/14 **APPOINTMENT OF AN EMPLOYMENT APPEALS PANEL**

Councillors Anderson, Seel, Heyward, Hooper, Muskett-Geake, Putt and Scrafton were appointed to the employment appeals committee.

1202/15 **ADOPTION OF ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCILS TRAINING STRATEGY**

The Clerk presented the Council with a draft Training Strategy, Councillor Seel proposed that St Blaise Town Council adopt the strategy, Councillor Scrafton seconded, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1202/16 **TO CONSIDER DONATIONS**

The Council has received the following requests:-

Chicks have asked for a donation to the charity that provides breaks to disadvantaged children across the UK. The Council decided that due to the amount of requests that would help local people they would be unable to give a national charity a donation at this time.

Shelter Cornwall has asked for a donation to the charity that provides help and support to homeless in Cornwall. The Council decided that due to the amount of requests received and considered that they had received a donation from the Council last year they would be unable to give a donation at this time.

Biscovey Boys Choir has asked for a donation towards their travel costs as they have been offered a chance to perform at the Royal Albert Hall on the 9th April. The Council RESOLVED to give a donation of £200. LGA 1972, s.145

Cornwall Air Ambulance has asked for a donation to the charity that provides a helicopter service after a medical emergency or trauma incident in hard to reach places in Cornwall. The Council RESOLVED to give a donation of £200. Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s26-29.

Penhaligans Friends have asked for a donation to the charity that gives support to children and young people across Cornwall who have experienced the death of a loved one. The Council RESOLVED to give a donation of £200. Charities Act 1003 s.79

CAB – Cornwall has asked for a donation to the charity that provides help and advice to the people of Cornwall. The Council decided that due to the amount of requests received and considered that they had received a donation from the Council last year they would be unable to give a donation at this time.

Cornwall Blind Association have asked for a donation to the charity that gives support to blind and partially sighted people across Cornwall. The Council RESOLVED to give a donation of £200. Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s26-29.

Victim Support has asked for a donation to the charity that provides help and advice to the people of Cornwall who have been the victims of crime. The Council RESOLVED to give a donation of £200. Charities Act 1003 s.79

1202/17 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – Our application has been reviewed by the RDPE Regional Management Team who unfortunately has no capacity in their current budget to fund projects under the measure that we are seeking funding. Consequently they are not currently in a position to make a grant funding decision on it. They are, however, in discussion with the Clay Country LAG to establish whether there is scope to support your project within their Programme and will be in touch again once they have clarification of the position with the LAG.

St Blazey Fountain – May Gurney has started work on the Fountain.

St Blazey Car Park – Councillor Seel has provided the Clerk with details of a contractor who may be able to undertake the work of levelling the Town Car Park.

Piggy Alley – The Clerk has not heard from the solicitor dealing with the lease of Piggy Alley and will chase this up. Cornwall Council have visited the area and assessed the broken down fencing which they will remove but will not replace it.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee – The Clerk will be producing a programme of events for the next meeting.

1202/18 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Location: A390 from Bridge Street to Porcupine, Tywardreath Highway, Par

Timing: 17th to 18th March 2012 (2000 to 0900 hours)

Reason: Centurion Site Services - Essential Rail Track Works

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Location: Harbour Road and Par Moor Road, Par

Timing: 30th April to 1st May 2012 (1900 to 0700 hours)

Reason: Cornwall Council - Gully Emptying

The Geographic Information Service at Cornwall Council has asked for suggestions for road names for the second phase of the Porth Meadow development. Councillors were asked to give it some thought and give the Clerk their suggestions.

The Clerk asked if any Councillors would be attending the Cornwall Association of Local Councils AGM on 29th February. Councillor Scrafton will attend.

1202/19 PLANNING MATTERS

There have been four planning applications received, it was RESOLVED to not object to three of them.

PA12/01222 Full Planning.
Proposed lounge and bedroom extension.
Grenacres, Cornhill Road
St Blazey

PA12/01225 TPO
Application for felling of oak.
Plot off Old Roselyon Road.
St Blazey

PA12/01312 Variation of Condition
Condition 6 of planning application C2/96/01204 to permit 20 additional trading days (Wednesdays) and formation within the market of a farm produce shop with unrestricted trading days.
Cornish Market World
Stadium Retail Park

The Council RESOLVED to object to one of them.

PA12/00591 Full Planning
The erection of a new dwelling and associated works.
Trenythron Road.
St Blazey

Planning Applications results received.

PA11/07240 Full Planning
Provision of single 3 bed, 3 storey property on plot of former garage serving:-
38 Par Lane
St Blazey
APPROVED

1202/20 ALEXANDER HALL

The lead has been stolen from the roof of Alexander Hall; the Clerk had to arrange for emergency repairs before more damage was caused by rainfall.

1202/21 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments		Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	450.00	Broadband	57.73
		SWW	55.00
		Insurance	158.25
		HMRC	346.93
		CC (pen)	339.04
		Clerks Sal	1020.69
		Wardens Wage	734.39
		Cleaners Wage	55.92
		British Gas	266.66
		UK Fuels	37.61
		BT	55.80
		Insurance	158.25
		Travel	120.60
		Picture Frames	8.97
		Light Switch	16.64
		SLCC Conference	78.00
		Clerks Manual	30.00
		EDF	90.86
		Mike Davies	441.84
		Scribe 2000	234.00
		SWW (fountain)	6.92
		Roofer	980.00
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	450.00		5294.10

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller told the Council of a Co-operative Bank scheme for public sector investment that offers a much higher rate of interest to the Town Council than Lloyds TSB. The Council RESOLVED to invest £100,000 for three months.

1202/22 **TOWN BUSINESS**

There were no further items brought to the attention of the Council.

1202/23 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 29th March 2012 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.01pm.