MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 28th February 2013

Present

Councillor J Anderson - Chairperson
Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson

Councillors:

G Allen, G Miller, D Hooper, A Putt and D Scrafton.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
PCSO R Harris
PCSO J Ward

Before the meeting began The Council expressed their sincere condolences to the family of Councillor Gill who sadly passed away on 23rd February. There will be a service for him at 2.30 on March 7th at Leek Seed Chapel.

Councillor Anderson told the Council that she had received the resignation from Councillor Muskett-Geake.

1302/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Heyward.

1302/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 31st January 2013 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1302/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on pecuniary and non-pecuniary items on the Agenda and no requests for dispensations.

1302/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF**

1301/10 Unfortunately De Ja Vue quartet will be unable to attend the Carol Concert reception this year.

1302/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

January 2013		Detected
Assault	7	1
Burglary Dwelling		

Burglary Other	3	
Theft of M/V	1	
Criminal damage to M/V	8	
Theft (Including from M/V)	7	2
Damage	6	1
Drugs	1	1
Other	6	3
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Total	39	8
January 2012	35	5

Total calls logged for St Blaise in January 2013 = 94

1302/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

This warden has been away on holiday for a week and then 2 weeks sick and therefore there is no report available.

1302/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor apologised for not attending the Community Watch meeting, he did not return from his travels early enough to attend.

Councillor Taylor attended the Feast parade and service on 3rd February and said what a good event it had been.

Councillor Taylor and Councillor Heyward have measured the road width in Prideaux Road/New Road and he believes it is wide enough to install a pavement. Councillor Taylor will add this to his list of highway Improvements.

Councillor Taylor told the Council that the planning application for the site of the closed public house, the Cornish Arms has been withdraw.

Councillor Taylor had attended Child Sex Exploitation Awareness Training and realised that this type of abuse is more common that realised. He urged anybody with the opportunity to attend a similar event.

New signs are to be put up warning of the Schools at Biscovey.

Councillor Taylor had attended the Council meeting on February 26th when the Cornwall Councillors voted for a freeze in Cornwall's rate of Council Tax.

Councillor Taylor is investigating as to whether an area as large as St Blaise is the only one without any recycling bins.

1302/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes had attended the Cornwall Council meeting deciding the Council Tax rate and had voted for a 2% rise as he feels that the increase will have to be inflated greatly in future years when this could have been avoided.

Councillor Hughes reported that Cornwall Council and Imerys will be working together to repair a collapsed pipe, which is causing flooding in the area of Skew Bridge. There will be a road closure in due course.

SWW have previously insinuated that there may be compensation for the residents of Brooks Corner who have suffered sewage being returned through their water systems for a number of years. They have now saying that there will not be any compensation and so those affected are putting a legal case together and are looking for support from the national media.

Councillor Hughes has concerns regarding the planning application that has been submitted for the land at Millers Nook as there is a disused mine under the land. He also has concerns about an application at the Mount and hopes that a compromise can be found.

1302/09 **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

Cornwall Councillor Taylor, Councillor Allen and Councillor Anderson had all attended a community resilience day at The Eden Project. The event gave guidance on procedures in case of a serious incident and emergencies. Cornwall Council will provide equipment to dedicated volunteer groups to use in case of severe weather. All this information can be found on the Community Resilience Web-site.

1302/10 **COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID**

The Clerk has spoken with a DGLG Localism Officer who feels that we should give greater consideration to any of our proposals before requesting that they are added to the register.

1302/11 **REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS**

Donation to Cornwall Air Ambulance. Cornwall Air Ambulance has requested a donation to assist them in keeping the helicopter flying. Councillor Miller proposed a donation of £300, Councillor Hooper seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED. Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s26-29.

Shelter Cornwall. Shelter Cornwall has requested a donation towards their running costs. Councillor Seel proposed a donation of £300, Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED. LGA 1972 s139.

Arthritis Research. Arthritis Research has requested a donation towards their research being carried out in a hospital in Truro. Councillor Hooper proposed a donation of £100, Councillor Allen seconded the proposal, 1 Councillor voted against, 1 Councillor abstained but due to the majority it was RESOLVED. LGA 1972 s139.

Par Bay Skatepark. Par Bay Skatepark are seeking funds from local organisations to further their project. They are requesting that we seek pre-application advice on their behalf. Councillor Putt proposed that we apply for them, Councillor Seel seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED. Local Government(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19.

1302/12 **RECRUITMENT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS**

Councillor June Anderson asked the Councillors to try to recruit new Councillors in preparation for the elections in May 2013.

1302/13 **IMPLECATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk attended a meeting of the Larger Councils CALC meeting and was informed that the Localism Team no longer existed. This is due to the cut from the budget which was set on 26th February 2013. The clerk will speak with our Community Network Manager to see how this will affect us.

1302/14**PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The next part of our application for lottery funding to extend the Burrows must be received by 2nd May 2013.

Neighbourhood Planning – The Clerk told the Council that the contracts have not yet been returned from Hartnell Taylor Cook for the lease of unit 2 by Co-op. Groups have divided to write an Engagement Policy and Evidence Gathering Strategy. The next meeting is expected to be 18th March. The Clerk has received a letter from a resident who would like to see an all-purpose Retirement Home in the Town; this will be passed onto NP Steering Group.

1302/15**TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk attended the SLCC Regional Conference when we were strongly advised to write a Compassionate Leave Policy. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Councillors Allen and Miller.

The Clerk told the Council that Par Old Cornwall Society had contacted her regarding the bricks that were the entrance to the Treffry Estate. Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor will chase up the relevant department regarding the Bell Tower currently housed in Fourways Car Park so that arrangements can be made to move both objects to the entrance to the Town Car Park.

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

Please note that this is only an Intention Notice and as of yet an Order has not been Issued

Location: **St Andrews Road, Par**
Timing: **5th to 6th June 2013 (2100 to 0600 hours)**
Reason: **Centurion Site Services - Essential Rail Track Maintenance Works**

1302/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been five planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to three.

PA13/00761	Proposed Store and first floor extension 5 St Marys Road St Blazey
PA13/01216	Substitution of house types for 10 dwellings. Land at Par Lane St Blazey
PA13/01193	The creation of a garage on detached land to the main property. 19 Chyandor Close St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to two of them.

PA12/11639	Proposed Dwelling Land to the rear of 3 Vernon Villas St Blazey
PA13/00760	Proposed detached house with garage annexe. Millers Nook St Blazey Road St Blazey

The Clerk has been asked by Cornwall Councils planning department to keep our objection to application PA12/10476, for proposed detached dwelling on the land at 2 Rose Hill, but allow the planning officer to give consent - to avoid the proposal going to the Development Control Committee. Councillor Anderson and Cornwall Councillor Taylor had attended a site visit and agreed to the Cornwall Council Officers proposal.

RESULTS RECEIVED

PA12/10259	Full Planning Redevelopment of the Cornish Arms to provide 11 units of residential accommodation including affordable units. Church Street, St Blazey WITHDRAWN
PA12/10337	Listed Building Consent Demolition of flat roof structure & redevelopment of redundant public house to provide11 units of residential accommodation including affordable units. Church Street, St Blazey WITHDRAWN

PA12/10476	Full Planning Proposed detached dwelling. 2 Rose Hill, St Blazey APPROVED
PA12/10937	Reserved Matters Erection of a detached two storey house and garage Land to the south of 2 Old Roselyon St Blazey APPROVED
PA12/11435	Full Planning Conversion of existing dwelling into two flats. 2 Rose Hill, St Blazey APPROVED
PA12/09624	Full Planning Proposed construction of glass roof over outside seating area, proposed garden room against existing cellar and alterations to provide improved access with the installation of bi-fold doors. The Britannia Inn, St Austell Road, St Blazey WITHDRAWN
PA12/09625	Listed Building Consent Proposed construction of glass roof over outside seating area, proposed garden room against existing cellar and alterations to provide improved access with the installation of bi-fold doors. The Britannia Inn, St Austell Road, St Blazey WITHDRAWN

1302/17**ALEXANDER HALL**

There are a variety of small repairs needed at Alexander Hall but the Clerk will wait to see how long the Warden remains absent before instructing contractors.

1302/18**ACCOUNTS**

Payments		**Expenditure**	
Hall Bookings	688.50	Broadband	33.86
Interest	2.94	SWW	66.50
NP Grant	4,400.00	Insurance	158.32
Interest	2.77 1/13	HMRC	464.73
J Foye	100.00 1/13	CC (pen)	423.48
Hall Bookings	214.50 1/13	Clerks Sal	1261.66
		Warden Wage	680.78
		UK Fuels	95.15
		EON	300.00

	Cleaners Wage	67.10
	Scribe	234.00
	Xmas Direct	15.99
	BT	62.16
	SLCC	12.00
	Viking	203.08
	Petrol	19.35
	C Biggs Eng	359.24
	Wardens Phone	79.95
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5,408.71		4,537.35

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller told the Council that the high interest investment was due to mature and that the best interest available was from a 95 day notice account. The Council agreed that this was the best option to take.

1302/19**TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillors Scrafton and Miller will be attending a Neighbourhood Planning Session with Christopher Balch, Independent Inspector for the Dawlish Neighbourhood Plan on 13th March 2013 in Launceston.

Councillor Scrafton told the Council that Par Bay Big Local will be holding another giveaway on Saturday April 20th.

Councillor Scrafton told the Council about an initiative is being run at Fourways where a small group are to look around the neighbourhood and see what they can do to improve the general appearance of the town.

Councillor Anderson told the Council that the St Blazey Reclaimed Team is in need of additional volunteers, she asked the Councillors to spread the word. The Town to Tide event will not be repeated for a few years.

1302/21**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 21st March 2013 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.47pm.