

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 29th January 2009**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson

Councillors:

G Allen, D Goddard, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller & D Scrafton

In attendance: Borough Councillor Taylor
Town Clerk
1 member of the press

0901/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Gill, Councillor Putt, Councillor Seel, PC Toms and County Councillor Burley.

0901/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th November 2008 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0901/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

0901/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 0811/09 The Chairman thanked the Councillors for attending the Carol Service as it had been reported as another success.

0901/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

December 2008

	Crimes	Detected		Crimes	Detected
Assault	7	4	Burglary Dwelling	3	2
Burglary Other	6		Theft of M/V	0	
Vehicle Crime	6	1	Theft	1	1
Damage	1		Other	6	4
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TOTAL	30	13			

PCSO Jim Shaw reported that it was a busy month but the detection rate was good, this will soon improve as two youths have been arrested regarding damage and burglary offences at Biscovey School. They have admitted 10 offences between them and are currently on bail.

Sergeant John Capp has reported to Councillor Hooper that he is concerned at the state of the Town Car Park.

0901/06 **BOROUGH ITEMS IN THE TOWN**

Borough Councillor Taylor had received a phone call from hands together asking for permission to put stones with the names of the estates at each of the entrances, he has sought and passed on the permissions required.

He believes that the first unitary elections will be in October 2009 once the boundary review has been completed.

0901/07 **CHRISTMAS 2009**

The Clerk asked if another two sets of Christmas tree lights could be purchased as we have two faulty sets. Councillor Miller proposed the purchase, Council Heyward seconded and the Council agreed.

Councillor Miller suggested that other Church's be invited to the Carol service, this invitation to be sent in the summer, to include more residents of St Blazey. The Clerk will send invitations in June.

Councillor Hooper presented an offer to the Council on behalf of Champagne Ladies to perform at this years Carol Concert. After discussion the Council agreed that the Ladies perform in the Church and the Male Choir perform at the Football Club.

0901/08 **CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Councillor Scrafton and the Clerk attended a meeting of larger councils in Truro on 10 December (it was organised at very short notice by Truro City Council after CALC had sought to cancel it at the last minute). Councillor Scrafton attended a subsequent, CALC-arranged meeting in St Austell on 8 January. The burden of these meetings was dissatisfaction at the way in which One Cornwall were dealing with larger councils, who had much to offer in terms of helping ensure the successful launch of the new unitary authority. The first meeting agreed to write to the Chief Executive of Cornwall County Council and the Chief Executive of the new authority, expressing dissatisfaction and concern, and demanding an early meeting. That has now been granted. At the St Austell meeting, it was agreed to re-launch the CALC larger councils committee. CALC promised to be in touch about this soon.

The Clerk asked the Council who would be attending the CALC AGM on 7th February at New County Hall. Councillor Scrafton and the Clerk will attend.

0901/09 **ONE CORNWALL**

As agreed at our last meeting, Councillor Scrafton sent a bid in to One Cornwall for participation in a pilot project covering grass cutting. The Clerk has a copy of the letter. So far, we have heard no more than an acknowledgement.

Councillor Scrafton has done some work with One Cornwall on their draft Charter, which is intended to set out the way in which the unitary authority will deal with town and parish councils. Before Christmas, town and parish councils were asked to comment on what One Cornwall described as the core principles of the Charter. A response was requested by the end of December. On behalf of the Council, Councillor Scrafton wrote to One Cornwall (copy in the office), expressing concern about some of the putative core principles, and also about some parts of the draft charter. Councillor Scrafton indicated that St Blaise Town Council would be unable to sign up to either the core principles or the charter as currently drafted. (Other larger councils have similar concerns – Bodmin have also rejected the core principles).

0901/10 **WARD BOUNDARIES & COMMUNITY NETWORK AREAS**

Councillor Scrafton and the Clerk attended a meeting at Liskeard on 16 December. Following the Liskeard meeting, Councillor Scrafton informed those concerned that we had no strong objections to the proposed ward boundaries insofar as they affected us – though we would welcome a more logical division of St Blaise that the one proposed if that we possible. Councillor Scrafton further indicated that our principal concern regarding the Community Network Area boundaries was that we must not be grouped with St Austell. Provided that this requirement was secured, then we would probably be able to accept most CNA proposals likely to be elaborated.

0901/11 **OVERVIEW OF PARISH PLAN MEETINGS**

The Steering Group had met on 4 December and 15 January. Restormel Borough Council has informed us that they will provide us with £5,000 towards the cost of preparation and production of the Plan. They have also secured a grant of £60,000 for consultation within the Clay Area in connexion with the Eco Town (see above). They will use a substantial part of that to employ an expert to help us and St Mewan (if I remember correctly) with the preparation of our parish plans. We will arrange the next Steering Group meeting when this expert might be available to attend.

0901/12 **GOOD AND YOUTH CITIZEN AWARDS**

Councillor Anderson proposed that Val Chapman be nominated as the Good Citizen, the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED. The Clerk asked the Council for nominations for youth.

0901/13 **ST PIRANS DAY**

The Council RESOLVED to make St Pirans Day a public holiday for their staff.

0901/14 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Council looked at the heads of terms and conditions for the transfer of the Burrows centre to St Blaise Town Council. The Clerk was instructed to send these documents to David Jane, a solicitor based in St Austell, to check and prepare a report. The Council want to know their own personnel positions and that of the Clerk for now or in the future, if there are any restricted covenants on the land.

Once the report is returned by the solicitor, the Clerk will arrange an extraordinary meeting of the Council before the documents are signed.

The Council gave the Clerk delegated powers to sign any paperwork corresponding to the transfer.

The Clerk has had a meeting with Ed Thompson who has suggested that we may be able to acquire EU funding if certain criteria is followed for the extension when it is built. The criteria would mean making ample arrangements for Economic development. The Council agreed that this would be the way to go.

0901/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has again contacted Serco who have said that they empty too many bins in St Blazey and thought that we would be better off moving bins already in place. Anne Trevarton will be sending an outworker to meet with us.

The Clerk will arrange to meet with James Kittow and Councillor Putt to discuss the piece of land that has been offered to the people of St Blazey.

The Clerk has received the breakdown of costs from Ocean Housing for the wardens in 2007/08 and will therefore release a cheque for their funding.

0901/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been five planning applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to three of them.

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| 08/01696 | Full Planning
Erection of 80m anemometer Mast.
The Eden Project
Bodelva |
| 08/01692 | Full Planning
White UPVC Conservatory to Rear
98 Polgover Way
St Blazey |

08/01795 Full Planning
Conversion of garage to annexe for disabled son and accommodation
for carer. re submission due to amendments.
17 Prideaux Road, St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to two of them

08/01702 Outline Planning
Erection of dwelling in existing garden.
Renewal of outline approval 05/00726 granted 5/7/2005
Kaymarie, St Austell Road, St Blazey Gate

09/00779 Full Planning
Erection of two dwellings..
Land on Old Roselyon Road, St Blazey

Planning Application results received.

07/00608 Mod/Discharge of S106 – Measures to improve traffic flow
around Eden and other sustainable transport initiatives.
Eden Project.
APPROVE MODIFICATION

08/01432 Full Planning Major – Permanent status for Cherry, Mango,
Melon and Lemon Carparks.
Eden Project.
GRANT PERMISSION

08/01499 Full Planning – Erection of 137 meters of 1.8 meter high
fencing.
Harbour Road, Par
GRANT PERMISSION

08/01558 Full Planning (Amended) -Proposed annexe extension and art
studio. Re-submission 08/00329
53 Trenovissick Road, St Blazey
GRANT PERMISSION

08/01617 Full Planning - Convert lawn to hardstand
54 Chyandor Close, St Blazey
GRANT PERMISSION

08/01621 Full Planning – Convert store to dwelling to provide
accommodation for elderly relative
107 Station Road, St Blazey
GRANT PERMISSION

08/01692 Full Planning – White UPVC Conservatory to Rear
98 Polgover Way, St Blazey
GRANT PERMISSION

0901/16 ACCOUNTSDecember 2008Income

Interest	132.54	11/08
Hall Bookings	1187.50	
Interest	31.81	
CCC	2552.28	
Mayors Lunch	90.00	

Expenditure

Insurance	130.96
C Tax	79.00
Water	54.50
EDF	37.00
Broadband	25.19
Inland Revenue	218.17
CCC	357.34
Clerks Salary	910.08
Cleaner	83.09
Piggy Alley	634.50
Councillors Allowances	900.00
P Farry	265.88
MCYB	250.00
IMC	250.00
Hog Roast	295.00
Parish Plan	38.00
CIS	97.24
Advert	23.00
Stationery	16.97
Carol Service Refreshments	108.75
Christmas Tree	8.84
Postage	33.12
Cleaning Materials	24.47
Admin	8.35

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4,849.45

January 2009Income

Hall Bookings	641.00
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Expenditure

Insurance	130.96
C Tax	79.00
Water	54.50
EDF	37.00
Broadband	24.02
Inland Revenue	245.22
CCC	306.14
Clerks Salary	910.08
Cleaner	80.22
ChubbFireLtd	114.36
Councillors Allowances	271.00

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2,252.50

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller asked the Council if we should roll the investment in the high interest account for a further two months until the end of March 2009. The Council RESOLVED to authorise Councillor Miller to do so.

The Clerk asked Councillor Miller to ensure the supporting paperwork is received, Councillor Miller said he would do his best but could not guarantee support, the Clerk warned the Council that it was necessary for the end of year audit.

0901/17 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Scrafton attended the road show on 1 December, and has a copy of the DCLG assessment of the Imerys proposals if anyone would like to see it. Councillors Anderson and Scrafton attended meetings on this on 7 January and 15 January (the Parliamentary Secretary at the DCLG was present at the latter). Restormel Borough Council and Imerys had set out their views, and also indicated how they proposed to ensure the consultation of the people currently living in the areas concerned. There was general welcome for the ideas put forward. Councillor Scrafton welcomes the Eco Town proposals to the extent that they would improve the living/working conditions of current and future electors. Councillor Scrafton did, however, stress the importance of enabling the closest possible consultation of those likely to be affected by the developments. The Minister indicated that this was no less important to him and his Department.

A further part of the ECO town exercise has been the acquisition for the Clay Area of some £1.8 million in EU funding to go towards the development of sustainable tourism and similar projects (precise details are not yet available). When Councillor Scrafton heard of this, he immediately put forward a suggestion that we might, for example, wish to bid for funding to establish a Tourist Information Centre at the Eden Project where (with their cooperation) we could demonstrate just how much in addition to Eden there is available on our doorsteps. Councillor Scrafton also suggested that we might wish to apply for funding to renew the town car park with grasscrete. Neither of these ideas was dismissed out of hand.

Councillor Hooper suggested that the Town Council hold a community event sometime during the year as we will no longer have a Mayor of Restormel event to attend. This will be added to a future agenda.

Councillor Goddard had attended the Fourways Management meeting on Monday 26th January.

Councillor Allen offered to varnish and tidy the footpath sign at the Mount; the Council gratefully accepted his offer.

0901/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 26th February 2009 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.