

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 26th January 2012**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson

Councillors:

M Gill, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller, A Muskett-Geake & A Putt

In attendance: Town Clerk

Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor

PCSO Rebecca Harris

Gill Butler

Clare Leverton

One member of the press

Three member of the public

Before the meeting began 2 residents from Biscovey Road who are suffering problems from young boys aged 7 to 9 years living in the cul-de-sac. They would like paragraph 161 of the Highways Act enforced or the area marked as a no play zone.

PCSO Rebecca Harris was unaware of these problems as no calls have been made to the police since the summer when the police visited the area and spoke to the children concerned. Rebecca suggested that they ring the police whilst the children are misbehaving and they would be in a better position to deal with an issue. The PCSO's will visit the area and arrange a neighbourhood meeting if necessary.

Councillor Hooper told the complainants about St Blazey Community Watch and suggested that they attend the meeting on February 16th.

1201/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from St Blaise Councillors Allen, Seel & Scrafton, Cornwall Councillor Hughes and the community warden Kevin Atkinson.

1201/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 24th November 2011 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1201/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

1201/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1108/11 The Clerk has written to Kelly's of Lostwithiel regarding the land to the right of the Bridge at the back of Co-op, he has advised us that he has returned the lease of the land to Freshwater. The Clerk has written to Freshwater who have said

that the land is now leased to Somerfield Property Company Ltd, trading as the Co-op and they have requested that the fencing be re-instated.

1201/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

November 2011		Detected
Assault	4	1
Burglary Dwelling		
Burglary Other		
Theft of M/V	1	
Criminal Damage to M/V	3	
Theft (including from M/V)	4	
Damage	4	
Other	4	1
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Total	20	2

There were 25 crimes in November 2010 of which 11 were detected.

December 2011		Detected
Assault	5	1
Burglary Dwelling	2	
Burglary Other		
Theft of M/V		
Criminal Damage to M/V	2	
Theft (including from M/V)	4	1
Damage	3	
Other	5	2
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Total	21	4

There were 13 crimes in December 2010 of which 5 were detected.

1201/06 **GILL BUTLER FROM PL24 – THE POSSIBILITY OF A SKATEPARK IN PAR/ST BLAZEY.**

Gill Butler told the Council that further to PCSO James Ward identifying a need for the skate park in our area a steering group has been formed to take the project forward. The group consists of interested people and those with the skills needed to take the project forward, including our PCSO's.

It is to be a youth-led project, a youth survey is to be distributed shortly to encourage the youth to join the steering group and establish their preferences. The youth steering group will advise the lead steering group.

A survey will also be distributed to the neighbours of the preferred skate park site which is next to Par running track, where there was one previously.

Jim, who accompanied Gill, has been researching other skate parks and continues to do so, Jamie Ward is researching crime log figures associated with skate parks and other members of the steering group are looking into safety and aspects such as:- CCTV, Insurance, restricting times the park could be used, regular checks by the PCSO's, lighting and open-sided shelters. Research has shown that maintenance costs would be negligible, nil for the first few years. They are looking to build it into existing cover for the other recreational activities.

Hopefully most of the funding will come from the Big Local Lottery Grant or something similar. They have to get all our facts and figures, design etc ready before June so as not to miss the deadline for a Big Local lottery Grant. They will be looking for local funding, to compliment the major funding, for example our local town/parish councils, Cornwall Council and other public funding. There are many costs involved i.e. a designer, architect fees and the like.

Gill asked that a representative from St Blaise Council join that steering group, Councillor Hooper volunteered. Gill also asked if the youth steering group could give their presentation at your February Council meeting. St Blaise Town Councillors look forward to meeting them.

1201/07 **CLARE LEVERTON – THE CLAY TRAILS STUDY.**

Clare gave the councillors copies of the Clay Country Local Action partnership feasibility study of the clay trails network. The aim of the study was to assess the accessibility of the trails and look at the possibilities for improvement, so encouraging greater use of the network by walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

The study, written for Cornwall Council and Natural England, has highlighted the opportunities to link the trails to other routes and identified a number of 'missing links' which could extend and enhance the network.

There is potential for improvement in many and asked the council to report on the parts most relevant to this community so they can understand in detail the possibilities for enhancement. The study identified community involvement and business development opportunities. The trails can offer local communities many benefits for leisure activities and health and are an important part of sustainable tourism, bringing visitors into the area and providing economic benefit.

1201/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor told the Council that Cornwall Council have made the decision no to change public transport in the County for the next two years despite the government cutting the amount paid to them for National Concessionary Travel.

Councilor Taylor told the Council that Cornwall Council may increase plastic recycling from April and food waste collection may be introduced in the future. A bag

of household rubbish costs £2.00 to remove and dispose of whilst a similar amount of recycling costs just 40p.

1201/09 **OVERVIEW OF ST BLAISE TOWN CAROL CONCERT**

All agreed that the Carol Concert went well and the same format would remain for 2012.

1201/10 **PAR LANE SAFETY**

The Clerk has been in contact with Highways regarding the road safety in Par Lane, Sharon Bundy; the Development Control Manager is looking into the issue. The Council instructed the Clerk to arrange a site visit with her.

The Clerk and Councillor Allen met with Peter Crawford from Wainhomes who showed them their plans that superseded the plans from Midas which made it impossible to provide 5 parking spaces in Par Lane as they would lie in the visibility splays for the junction.

Wainhomes have offered us the five parking spaces that they currently use as parking for their sales centre for £1. We would be responsible for legal costs and any changes that planning should require.

The Council instructed the Clerk to reply that we are interested but would like to meet with Highways before a final decision is made.

1201/11 **FLOOD ISSUES IN ST BLAZEY**

Charles Richards reported that there was heavy rainfall during November and December, Brooks Corner suffered from surface water flooding and man-hole covers lifted off completely presenting a hazard to road users.

South West Water contracted Clearflow to remove debris from the surface water and sewerage pipes along Harbour Road and Par Lane in the Brooks Corner area. Some 75 tons of sand and debris have been extracted. It is widely agreed this has made a significant improvement to drainage in the immediate area. A pipe has been connected that serves as an overspill into the St Blazey Stream to relieve pressure on the system. This has been done with consent from the Environment Agency.

The Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group now have a dedicated telephone line to allow problems to be reported during emergencies directly to South West Water. Cornwall Council's Highways Service will make improvements to their drainage under St Blazey Road in the Brooks Corner area through January 2012. The Environment Agency is to undertake extensive improvements to the Station Road culvert throughout February and March 2012. South West Water are planning to remove a pressurised mains water pipe from the culvert.

With more than 80 community flood wardens, smaller local meetings will be held throughout February to outline roles and responsibilities and to describe procedures within the flood plan.

Charles Richards will write a concise training document for community flood wardens outlining general information on flooding and health and safety. This is to be used by other local communities. The Community Flood Wardens are to receive basic First Aid training through the British Red Cross.

RJM Windows has secured the contract to install non-return valves, air brick covers and flood doors through the IPP scheme. Installation of air brick covers and non-return valves has started the flood doors have not been received by RJM Windows yet from the manufacturers.

The British Red Cross have selected St Blazey to undertake a research project to identify the needs of households before, during and after a flood. St Blazey will be one of six communities studied within the project.

Charles was invited to attend the latest South West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and present a discussion of flood insurance and the possible implications of the expiry of the Statement of Principles between the Government and the ABI on the 1st of July 2013. The Committee have requested to hold their next meeting in St Blazey so they can see the area for themselves and learn more of the recovery process from representatives of the community.

Charles Richards has met with Stephen Gilbert MP to discuss home insurance and the Statement of Principles between the Government and the ABI and scope to address the problem within this area. He has spoken with Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency to see what can be done to provide households taking part in the IPP scheme with a report detailing the works that have been done to mitigate flood risk for their properties.

Charles has details of an insurance policy to provide public liability and personal accident cover for our Community Flood Wardens. The policy is being designed for community flood groups in conjunction with the National Flood Forum. The premium to cover 100 volunteers will be £227.90 including IPT. This provides cover for the following Public Liability – Up to £5m and Personal Accident Cover – Up to £20,000 capital / £200 weekly benefit.

1201/12 **THE BIG LOCAL**

The Big Local Steering Group, phase 1, has now been completed. This has involved a round of consultations with the residents of this Big Local area. These consultations have produced a large number of ideas for spending the funds available, and a good number of individuals (including many young people) who would like to be involved in some way with the work now in hand.

The second phase of work revolves largely around preparing what the Big Local Trust describes as a vision statement. This will set down on paper the aspirations voiced by the residents of the area, as well as some guidelines on how individual applications

for funding should be assessed. It will base itself not just on the information gleaned from phase one consultations, but also on published documents including ‘Which Way for the Clay?’ and the St Blaise Town Plan.

To meet the requirements of the Big Local Trust, this second round of work must be undertaken by a group rather different than the steering group that has hitherto been active. It has therefore established the Local Partnership which, in accordance with the Trust’s requirements is comprised largely of individuals, and largely of residents of the area.

Although it is not required under the terms set out by the Big Local Trust, the steering group have also chosen to establish a Consultative Group to work with the Local Partnership. The consultative group will be chaired jointly by Cllr Roy Taylor and Cllr David Hughes. It will draw its membership from the organisations previously members of the steering group, other organisations that would be willing and able to assist with the work, and as many individuals who would care to participate. The aim will be for it to provide essential feedback and comment to the Local Partnership as its work develops. A secondary role will be to provide experience to individuals who may not previously have been involved in work of this nature, with a view to some of them transferring to the Local Partnership over time.

Doug Scrafton is to be the initial Chair of the Local Partnership. Since he will sit on that body as an individual, he wants to make clear that should there be any conflict of interest work of the Local Partnership, his priority on such occasions must be to further the aims of that body. To guard against the possibility of a conflict of interest, St Blaise Town Council is invited to appoint a member to represent it at the Consultative Group. Councillor Alexia Muskett-Geake was appointed.

1201/13 **IMPLECATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk has received a letter in reply to our letter expressing our dismay at the prospect of the only PC in St Blazey, which is well used, should be closed. They have replied that the cabinet have allocated additional funds to enable further discussions and negotiations with Town and Parish Councils on the future provision of Public Conveniences in Cornwall as we were informed by Councillor Hughes at the November Council meeting.

The letter also said that the reason the Station Road public conveniences were placed on the ceased funding list was due to recommendations from members working group following a detailed and lengthy process which involved capturing costs, inspecting the condition of the toilets, listening to advice from outside bodies and the placing of them into categories such as beaches, parks, trails and key tourist locations.

1201/14 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk has had to re-submit the funding bid for the extension to the Burrows as the council funds are considered public money and therefore cannot be used as match funding.

We have revised the structure of the project and request RDPE funding towards a discrete part of the overall project. We have removed the following items of expenditure from the RDPE project bid and will fund these separately with the Town Council's own funds: External Works - £36,710.92, Provisional Sums - £20,000.03 & Professional fees architect - £35,000, Totalling £91,710.95.

St Blazey Fountain – Councillors suggested that the Clerk contact May Gurney and inform them of the Culvert work taking place in Station Road and ask if the trough work for the Fountain could be carried out at the same time.

St Blazey Car Park – Councillor Taylor has still not received a reply regarding the possibility of moving the Bell Tower from Fourways Youth Club to the Town Car Park.

Piggy Alley – The Clerk has heard from Cornwall Council and they will be visiting the area to assess the broken down fencing shortly.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee – The Clerk will arrange a meeting of the steering group for Monday 13th February.

1201/15 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

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

Location: Station Road, St Blazey

Timing: 3rd February to 30th March 2012 (24 hours weekends included)

Reason: Environment Agency - Culvert Repair Works

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A

Location: Station Road, Middleway, St Blazey Road & St Andrews Road, St Blazey

Timing: 3rd February 1730 to 1800 hours

Reason: St Blaise Feast Parade.

The Clerk has received information regarding a Community Information Morning to be held at Biscovey Academy on Wednesday 8th February between 9.00 and 11.00am. Many support providers will be available to discuss various topics from return to work options, career changes, child care, adult education, family and financial support along with community ideas. Councillors Anderson and Gill will attend to answer questions on behalf of St Blaise Town Council.

There is to be a 3 day Neighbourhood Planning Camp at the Eden Project 5th-7th February. The Clerk will attend all three days and asked Councillors to join her on each of the other days. Councillor Heyward will attend on the Sunday; Councillor Anderson will also attend either Monday or Tuesday. The Clerk will contact Councillor Scrafton to see if he is available on any of the days.

Councillor Scrafton visited the Core Strategy consultation on Thursday 19th January. He believes that the town councils comments have been listened to and has no

concerns about the proposals. Councillor Scrafton believes that we should re-state our concerns and aspirations to ensure they are considered in the finalisation of the policy. Councillor Scrafton has prepared a reply and all the Councillors agreed that these should be forwarded to the Planning & Regeneration Team.

1201/16 PLANNING MATTERS

There have been ten Planning Applications received during December and January. It was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

- PA11/10134 Listed Building Consent.
Siting of 12kw PV panels on glass house
Tregrehan House
Par
- PA11/10133 Full Planning.
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Tregrehan House
Par
- PA11/10578 Variation of conditions 12 & 13 on planning consent C2/07/01121
Proposed conversion of clay dry into 4 letting units and managers flat.
Proposed full time occupation.
Wheal Rashleigh Holiday Cottages
1 Prideaux Road
St Blazey
- PA11/09742 New Agricultural Access
Bryn Gweath Farm
Luxulyan Road
St Blazey Gate
- PA11/10029 TPO
Two Sessile Oak trees; T1 - raise whole crown to height of eaves to clear wall and roofs, and 15% crown thin on remaining crown and dead wood to allow for light. T2 - crown uplift by 1 metre and 20% crown thin and dead wood to allow for light.
49 Treryn Close
St Blazey
- PA11/10252 Full Planning
Ground floor extension for bedroom with en-suite bathroom.
8 Doubletrees
St Blazey

- PA11/10068 Full Planning
Double garage of concrete construction with render finish and concrete vehicle access.
20 Trenovissick Road
St Blazey Gate
- PA11/10369 Full Planning
Proposed conversion of loft space in to sleeping area, creating an extra 2 bedrooms and shower room
45 Old Roselyon Crescent
St Blazey
- PA11/09440 Full Planning
Installation of conservation Velux window and window to south-east elevation
The Britannia Inn
St Austell Road
- PA11/09744 Listed Building Consent
Conversion of store room to study/office and cloakroom. Replacement Of rear door with window. Creation of new opening to access above.
St Marys Cottage
St Austell Road.

Planning Application results received

- PA11/01086 Full Planning
Proposed new 5 bedroom house with garage.
Plot 2A Uplands
The Mount
St Blazey
WITHDRAWN
- PA11/01121 Full Planning
Proposed new 5 bedroom house with garage.
Plot 2B Uplands
The Mount
St Blazey
WITHDRAWN
- PA11/08762 TPO
Sectional dismantling of 13 trees, felling of 3 trees and single branch to be removed from chestnut tree.
53 & 55 Chyandor Close
St Blazey
APPROVED

- PA11/09265 Full Planning
Extension of time of C2/08/01621 for the conversion of existing store with link to dwelling to provide ground floor accommodation for elderly dependant relative.
107 Station Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA11/09317 Full Planning
Proposed changes to elevations and internal layout, including repository of domestic garage.
Mountvean
The Mount, St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA11/09269 Listed Building Consent
Internal alterations to provide 4 additional bedrooms, installation of lift, conservation velux window and a window to the SE elevation.
The Britannia Inn
St Austell Road, St Blazey
REFUSED
- PA11/09440 Full Planning
Installation of conservation Velux window and window to south-east elevation
The Britannia Inn
St Austell Road
REFUSED
- PA11/10369 Full Planning
Proposed conversion of loft space in to sleeping area, creating an extra 2 bedrooms and shower room
45 Old Roselyon Crescent
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA11/08660 Full Planning
Construction of a new 4 bedroom house with integral garage.
Plot 2A Uplands
The Mount
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA11/08667 Full Planning
Construction of a new 4 bedroom house with integral garage.
Plot 2B Uplands
The Mount
St Blazey
APPROVED

- PA11/09744 Listed Building Consent
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Of rear door with window. Creation of new opening to access above.
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St Austell Road.
APPROVED
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St Blazey
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vehicle access.
20 Trenovissick Road
St Blazey Gate
APPROVED
- PA11/10685 S52/S106 and discharge of condition
Submission of details to discharge condition 7 in respect of decision
notice PA11/06123.
Wellington Market Company PLC
Stadium Retail Park
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA11/10981 S52/S106 and discharge of condition
Discharge of condition 6 of PA11/06123 for use of Kidzworld and
Charlie's as class D2 play area (to include extended hours and adult
participation); erection of external high rope provision; conversion of
part of offices to takeaway food sales including hot beverages-
Discharge of Condition 6 m- Lighting.
Wellington Market Company PLC
Stadium Retail Park
St Blazey
APPROVED

1201/17 ACCOUNTS**December 2011****Income**

Hall Bookings	901.50
Int	2.44
Int	2.58 11/11
War Publication	56.00

Expenditure

Broadband	46.52
SWW	55.00
Electricity	38.00
HMRC	353.93
CC (pen)	339.03
Clerks Sal	1020.49
Wardens Wage	734.39
Cleaners Wage	75.24
Stationery	98.53
Postage	72.00
Petrol	38.67
Insurance	158.25
Travel	93.60
Plants	49.99
Newspapers	8.20
Carol Concert	168.33
Hog Roast	300.00
Warden equipment	125.33
Cleaning Supplies	38.25
Members Allowance	1171.00
WPD	906.53
Electrician	59.47

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January 2011**Income**

Hall Bookings	730.50
War Publication	72.00
High Interest	214.71
Interest	2.28
J Foye	100.00

Expenditure

Broadband	31.32
SWW	55.00
Electricity	38.00
HMRC	354.13
CC (pen)	339.04
Clerks Sal	1020.49
Wardens Wage	734.39
Cleaners Wage	126.48
Xmas Direct	15.09
SLCC	78.00
MYCB	250.00
De Ja Vue	100.00
Insurance	158.25
Land Registry	16.00
Speedy Assets	191.98
UK Fuels	86.13

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3,594.30

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1201/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Putt has received a complaint that somebody is driving a vehicle on the footpath that runs from the Mount to the car park at Spit Beach. The Clerk will write to the person responsible.

1201/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 23rd February 2012 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.58pm.