

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 26th January 2017**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

G Allen, J Moore, A Putt, J Taylor and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
1 x PCSO

1701/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Seel and Councillor G Miller.

1701/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 24th November 2016 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1701/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no expressions of interest on items on the Agenda.

1701/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk has moved the Monday booking for Memory Matters to the Community Rooms.

1701/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

November 2016

Crimes Recorded - 01/11/2016 to 30/11/2016 - GW30

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/11/2016 to 30/11/2016	Recorded Crime 01/11/2015 to 30/11/2015	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	2	3	-33.3%
Violence without Injury	1	5	-80.0%
Rape	1	0	-
Other Sexual Offences	2	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	1	1	0.0%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	3	0	-
Vehicle Offences	0	2	-100.0%
Shoplifting	4	0	-
Other Theft	4	3	33.3%
Criminal Damage	10	9	11.1%
Possession of Weapons	0	1	-100.0%
Possession of Drugs	2	0	-
Other Offences	0	1	-100.0%
Total	30	25	20.0%

Incidents Recorded - 01/11/2016 to 30/11/2016 - GW30

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/11/2016 to 30/11/2016	Incidents - 01/11/2015 to 30/11/2015	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	23	15	53.3%
Crime Not Recorded	0	1	-100.0%
Crime Recorded	13	12	8.3%
Public Safety	38	31	22.6%
Transport	7	9	-22.2%
Total	81	68	19.1%

December 2016

Crimes Recorded - 01/12/2016 to 31/12/2016 - GW30

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/12/2016 to 31/12/2016	Recorded Crime 01/12/2015 to 31/12/2015	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	9	5	80.0%
Violence without Injury	3	5	-40.0%
Burglary Dwelling	0	2	-100.0%
Shoplifting	7	0	-
Other Theft	2	5	-60.0%
Criminal Damage	4	4	0.0%
Public Order Offences	1	1	0.0%
Other Offences	0	1	-100.0%
Total	26	23	13.0%

Incidents Recorded - 01/12/2016 to 31/12/2016 - GW30

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/12/2016 to 31/12/2016	Incidents - 01/12/2015 to 31/12/2015	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	21	17	23.5%
Crime Not Recorded	1	0	-
Crime Recorded	11	10	10.0%
Public Safety	37	56	-33.9%
Transport	10	12	-16.7%
Total	80	95	-15.8%

PCSO Lloyd Painter told the Council that PCSO Jamie Ward had been moved to Lostwithiel and did not know if the Tywardreath/Par/St Blazey vacant position would be filled.

1701/06 COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT

Dave Pearce told the Council that he is up to date with all work and had put together the last of the chairs for the Community Rooms.

1701/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

I have attended various meetings and events since we last met. I will not list them here but mention some:-

The pre-Christmas Youth Market held at Cornish Market World was a success that would have been even better if more people attended.

Schools access. It has been agreed that the zig zag lines at school entrances will be made compliant and thus enforceable where it is practical to do so over a period of two years taking advantage of routine maintenance opportunities. This will at least reduce the risk to any pedestrian at a school entrance.

Hands Together are arranging a litter pick for Polgrean with residents. This has the potential to foster community spirit and thus I regard it as preferable to the litter pick I arranged recently for Landreath using the services of Cory / Biffa.

Charles Richards has stood down from the local flood group and some of us are trying to take over the task. The immediate need is to update the documentation and I suggest recruit more people to become involved. The flood plan should be enhanced to include other emergency scenarios to become an emergency plan. I have agreed to speak to the Town Team on the subject in February.

The Community Network Panel met in Fowey earlier this week and amongst other interesting items on the agenda was “drought risk and you” focussing on the Fowey River catchment. For me this emphasised the importance of rainwater harvesting as this will impact on both flooding and drought. Another agenda item was “keep Cornwall fed”. A presentation from Stuart Millard on utilising food that would otherwise go to waste to tackle food poverty. www.keepcornwallfed.com

StARR still awaits government funding and as it is so potentially valuable to our community I will not waste any opportunity to promote the scheme.

The Burrows. The caretaker has resigned, the job is being advertised, if you know anyone who might be interested in this part time job, a job description is available from Gaynor.

Casework is as diverse as ever and includes a school excluded child and a confused elderly person.

For your information, the Tywardreath and Par Neighbourhood Plan has been relaunched, reinvigorated by a new team of interested people. I wish it well.

PBCT who will be based at Cornubia Hall are investigating moving Par library onto the premises.

Cornwall Council Cabinet have made the decision to spend £500,000 to promote Truro to become the City of Culture.

1701/08 A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON

First of all, my apologies for not being able to attend tonight's meeting.

Since the Council last met, I have attended a number of meetings, including full Cornwall Council, Cabinet, several all-member briefings, a briefing on the current state of play on the STARR project, a Community Network Panel meeting, Fourways, a meeting of the Board of Corsery, and others.

I am delighted that the objections that Roy Taylor and I registered over plans to introduce higher parking charges, and a new evening charge, for parking at Par beach (and objections that other Councillors raised in their parts of Cornwall) has resulted in these measures being suspended. At yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet, the portfolio holder for finance indicated that any shortfall in income for the 2017/2018 financial year would be met from other council sources.

The development of the STARR project proposals to address flooding issues in the Par Bay catchment area continues. Much work is being done behind the scenes, though little may be apparent at present.

The appeal by Wain Homes against refusal of planning permission for a new development above Mountside Avenue is due to take place during the week beginning 13 March. I do hope that the Town Council and residents will ensure that they are well and fully represented at this hearing, so that their views can be heard by the Inspector.

I have had representations about an overflowing litter bin in the children's play area on Wilson Way (off St Mary's Road). I am finding it difficult to identify who is responsible for this bin: Cornwall Council assure me it is not theirs, and the Town Clerk has confirmed that it is not yours either. The land is not owned by Cornwall Council. If anyone is able to cast any light on the ownership, that would be very helpful.

Finally, I should, perhaps, just mention that I remain fully engaged with the development of the arrangements for the takeover of Par track by a community group. This is a major undertaking and occupies a great deal of my time at present.

1701/09 ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS

The police have removed their rubbish bin from our down pipes from our guttering.

The local police have asked that they use the rooms for free and not have to book them through the Clerk. The Clerk informed them that there would be no free use but discount would be given to Community Groups. The Clerk also explained the rules on double taxation to the electorate if they were to have greater use of the rooms. The Clerk explained the impossibility of them having free access when the rooms are to be rented out as this would cause double bookings and chaos.

Councillor Moore suggested a “Memorandum of Use” should be written so that we are clear where we each stand, the Clerk will look at the contract and write a document.

The Council discussed a date for an official opening and the date of Saturday 25th February from 11 am to 1.00 pm was agreed.

1701/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk attended the Cornwall Association of Local Council conference and was informed that Cornwall Council agreed that the Local Maintenance Partnership payments should increase and that they are to extend the agreements from one year to three years. These changes are expected from financial years 2018/2019.

1701/11 **TO REVIEW THE RETENTION OF RECORDS POLICY**

All the Councillors agreed that the retention of records policy was adequate and did not need changing.

1701/12 **TO REVIEW THE PUBLICATION SCHEME**

All the Councillors agreed that the publication scheme was adequate and did not need changing.

1701/13 **TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING PROTOCOL**

The Clerk asked the Council to consider signing up to a new pre-application protocol produced by The Cornwall Planning Partnership and Cornwall Council. Councillor Jenny Taylor proposed that we adopt the protocol, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1701/14 **MARCH OPEN DAY FOR COUNCILLORS**

The Council discussed a date for an open evening for new Councillors and the date of Thursday 23rd March 2017 from 6.00pm to 9.00 pm was agreed.

1701/15 **OVERVIEW OF THE CAROL CONCERT**

The Council discussed the Carol Concert and it was agreed that the Carol Concert will be on 3rd December at 4.00 pm but there will be no reception afterwards.

1701/16 **TO CONSIDER THE RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Clerk had re-written the Risk assessment, Councillor Wheeler suggested a few document amendments but no adjustments to the content. The Council agreed to adopt the amended document.

1701/17 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – Councillor Jenny Moore told the Council that we have had the consultation documents from CRCC and all have had the opportunity to comment – Councillor Moore’s view was that she could alter the survey and end up coming back to the original as it is never going to be perfect.

CRCC have been informed by the Clerk that the support funding for printing this documentation has been given and the Clerk has given CRCC to proceed with this.

Jenny has been trying to get a date from CRCC for consultation, but the lack of response is probably due to the wait for funding to be approved.

Jenny has received this link <http://www.out-law.com/en/articles/2017/january/expect-more-neighbourhood-plan-challenges-in-2017-says-expert-as-parish-council-plan-fails-examination/>. Jenny feels the following quote is worth keeping in mind:

“This draft neighbourhood plan fell foul of two key principles: consultation responses must inform the draft neighbourhood plan and policies must support the strategic development needs set out in the local plan. Expect to see further neighbourhood plan examination failures and legal challenges in 2017.

This does reinforce the need for consultation

Burrows Centre – No progress since last meeting.

King Edward Gardens – The Clerk has received a Heads of Terms from Cornwall Councils Estate Service Manager for the transfer of the park to the Town Council. The Clerk and Councillor Moore approved these and the devolution will now be reported to the Director for approval.

Our Community Network manager asked if the Tree Maintenance requirements would be taken on by the Town Council. After discussion all the Town Councillors agreed to this.

1701/18 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The below road closure Intention Notice has been received.

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

Location: Cypress Avenue and Sea Road, Carlyon Bay: 9th to 13th January 2017
(09:30 to 16:30)

The below event road closure request has been received.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A

Event: St Blazey Feast: 3rd February 2017 (17:30 to 18:15)

The below road closure has been approved.

Location: Cypress Avenue and Sea Road, Carlyon Bay: 31st January 2017 (22:00 to 06:00)

The below road closure has been approved and is in progress.

Location: Bobs Road, St Blazey: 21st January to 10th February 2017 (09:00 to 23:59)

The below road closure has been approved and is in progress.

Location: Pennys Lane, St Blazey: 24th January to 27th March 2017 (24 hours weekends included).

Charter for Cornwall have asked that we support four pledges that they would like Cornwall Council members to sign up to, to reduce housing numbers in Cornwall. We replied. We support the four pledges and believe that most Cornwall Council members will also support them. However these arguments have been made with Westminster, the Government needs to change, should MP's sign up to this pledge.

The proposed A30 to St Austell link road proposals for two potential route options were considered in May and June 2016. As a result design work and environmental investigations are under way on an alternative route to be considered by Cornwall Council during February and March 2017. The Clerk has details for these and there will be a small exhibition on January 27th at Treverbyn Village Hall.

Cllr Dave Potter from Helston Town Council wrote to each of the Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall to gauge interest in Cornwall hosting a stage of the Tour of Britain cycling race. The Clerk from responses from the Town Councillors gave support but highlighted concerns over cost. Cllr Potter has replied that he intends to raise funding from Cornwall Council.

Steve Double has updated us on the local referendum principles that could subject Town and Parish Councils to a referendum if raising the precept by more than 2%. He appreciates that Cornwall Council is increasingly palming off local services to us and supports that we should be allowed to increase our relatively small precepts without a referendum.

The Clerk asked if we should change our phone line to Talk Talk as they are offering very competitive rates. The Clerk was authorised to investigate further.

Falmouth University have launched a 12.7 million pound investment into Launchpad which is intended to become a hub for transformative economic change locally. All St Blaise Town Councillors are invited to visit the campus and meet the team.

The Clerk passed out information on the DRY project, Drought Risk work that is being carried out in the Fowey catchment area. Councillors Moore and R Taylor believe it would be worth talking to them in connection with the STaRR project.

The Clerk attended a meeting of Cornwall Larger Local Councils Committee on January 25th where a senior Environment Officer gave an overview of Cornwall Councils Environmental Growth Strategy. There is to be an Environmental Growth Challenge Event at the Eden Project on Wednesday 8th March. The Clerk will forward details.

A talk was also given by David Chadwick from Cornwall Council who advised us that all Town and Parish Councils should have a Business Continuity Plan. The Clerk will write one to be adopted at a later meeting.

Sarah Mason, the County Officer gave an update on the Local Government Boundary Review. The Clerk has sent all Councillors a copy of the report. The Clerk highlighted the expectation that the Community Network Panels are to be given a greater responsibility. The response from those present was that Community Networks work better for towns and villages that are in similar situations. i.e. Two places like Fowey and Lostwithiel work well however as they consider us the poor relation we do not benefit so well.

The report supports an elected chamber in the range of 85 – 95 members. Any reduction in council size must ensure that the council is able to function effectively with a strong committee structure embracing policy and scrutiny. It is believed that the higher level of membership would ensure that the council also retains the capacity to respond to significant local need and does not de-humanise the role of the ward member in their locality.

The Clerk sent the following response to CALC:-

1. We think it is a fair report and agree that there should be enhanced communication between Cornwall and Town/Parish Councillors as well as Network Panels.
2. The report suggests there should be guidelines for the role of Cornwall Councillors but we think that is difficult to enforce as they are elected not appointed.

We think it is inevitable that the total number will be reduced and 85 to 95 and is reasonable.

1701/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been two planning application received and it was RESOLVED to not object to one of them.

PA16/11777	Tree works to two sycamore trees –both subject to TPO Land to immediate south of 189 Manor View St Blazey.
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It was Resolved to Object to:-

PA16/10555 Change the gardens of the properties into permeable surface for car parking spaces.
47 & 49 Doubletrees -
St Blazey.

Decisions Received

PA16/09176 Reserved matters following outline planning permission
PA15/01067 for two dormer dwellings
Land South East of Pine Trees
Seaview Terrace
St Blazey
APPROVED

1701/20 ALEXANDER HALL

We have had the six monthly fire alarm check and been advised to install flashing beacons into each toilet. As this is not essential to comply with law, the Councillors decided not to take this action.

The Clerk asked if 12 new chairs could be purchased as many had broken over the years. The Council agreed the purchase.

1701/21 ACCOUNTS

December 2016

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	618.00
Interest	1.68
High Deposit Int	175.06 (11/16)
High Deposit Int	178.25
Doubletrees	540.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1351.57
Wardens Wage	603.19
Broadband	31.48
UK Fuels	30.00
Insurance	246.52
HMRC	612.17
CC (pen)	487.14
Eclipse	14.38
Members All	883.00
SWW (fountain)	15.49
Carol Concert(ref)	55.00
Hog Roast	300.00
Xmas Trees	80.00
MCYB	250.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	81.00
EON	51.00
SE	146.64

	Cleaners Wage	84.10
	Chubb (parts)	13.02
	<u>PC</u>	
	British Gas (elec)	54.42
	Locking	31.00
	<u>Community Rooms</u>	
	Viking	74.02
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1512.99		5495.14

January 2017

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	702.00
Interest	1.37
High Deposit Int	163.04
Hall Bookings (C/R)	26.00
Plant donation	100.00
J Foye	100.00
Black Sacks	7.00
LMP	384.00
Grant	1,518.00

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Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1351.57
Wardens Wage	585.93
Broadband	33.17
UK Fuels	25.00
Insurance	246.52
HMRC	574.22
CC (pen)	487.14
Eclipse	14.38
Wardens Tools	8.05
Bristol Comm	12.60
Hospitality	10.31
Mem All	144.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	81.00
EON	51.00
Cleaners Wage	101.25
Chubb (parts)	13.06
Members All	144.00
Cleaning Mats	23.10
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	31.00
New Equipment	25.98
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Viking	183.52
Woolacotts	169.98
Nisbits	95.98
Key Cutting	38.92
Equipment	32.80

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4,466.12

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1701/22 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Jenny Moore went to the Eco Communities meeting, and sent the following report to the Council:-

Par Docks has always been supported by local people, businesses and other bodies however the developers have been negative. The proposed housing figure is 300-500. I specifically asked about the numbers (200 houses is a big difference) and the basic response was they are optimistic for 300 but are aiming for 500 beyond 2030. Wainhomes want to know if 300 will be delivered by 2030.

I have always been given the impression that it is West Carclaze first, with Par Docks following however it is West Carclaze first and Par Docks will be started while West Carclaze is under way. Cornwall Councillor Doug Scrafton raised the question of infrastructure, specifically schools and drainage for Par Docks. Admissions were made that there were gaps and referred drainage to STaRR.

The STaRR project is progressing, but they still haven't secured funding. Cornwall Council need to progress these plans. Consultation responses have been considered but unfortunately they had had a very low response to the consultation. The document reports responses which are now out of date also and conveniently no documents had on them the date of origination. My personal view is that some modifications have been made so that the eco communities' document fits more closely with the Local Plan.

I believe more information could be entered into both documents, for example, the historic environment is robustly referred to in the Local Plan, yet this is not mentioned in respect of STaRR or Par Docks. There was no mention of a marina at Par Docks and neither was it clear how jobs were going to be provided for all these people.

There is a plan for a site visit to both sites sometime between now and February 2017 which is when those involved have to report back to the planning team. This is to be a 15-20 year project, but I will not have the opportunity to attend the visit to West Carclaze on 3 February.

With regard to the flood amelioration policy, I have been in discussions with EA in relation to the continuation of application for STaRR funding, which seems hopeful but we are living in uncertain times. Additionally there has been a meeting with Strategy people at the Council and EA, as there are other strands of funding coming through which could be particularly beneficial in respect of flood amelioration and feed into economic regeneration.

PART TWO – ITEMS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO BE DEBATED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC as per Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

1701/23 CO-OPTION OF A NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR

1. To resolve to exclude the press and public for items of a confidential nature.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public.

2. Co-option of Town Councillor.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Tony Nethercott to the Town Council.

1701/24 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 23rd February 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.