

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 29th July 2016**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

G Miller, J Moore, A Putt, A Seel, J Taylor and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
One member of the public
The Community Warden
Two PCSO's

1607/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor G Allen and Cornwall Councillor D Scrafton.

1607/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th June 2016 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1607/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

1607/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

We have received a reply from Cllr Jeremy Rowe regarding our letter of support for Cambourne Town Councils bid to take over the rugby pitch in the Town.

1607/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

June 2016

	Recorded 6/16	Recorded 6/15	Difference
Homicide	1	0	-
Violence with Injury	3	3	0%
Violence without Injury	5	7	-28.6%
Other sex offences	2	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	1	1	0%
Burglary non-Dwelling	2	1	100%
Vehicle Offences	2	1	100%

Shoplifting	0	1	-100%
Other Theft	5	2	150%
Criminal Damage	5	6	-16.7%
Public Order Offences	1	4	-75%
Other Offences	1	0	-
TOTAL:	28	26	7.7%

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 6/16	Recorded 6/15	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	18	19	-5.3%
Crime Not Recorded	1	2	-50%
Crime Recorded	3	10	-70%
Public Safety	53	36	47.2%
Transport	13	12	8.3%
TOTAL:	88	79	-30.10%

1607/06 COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT

Dave Pearce reported that a lady had been locked in the ladies toilet in Station Road earlier in the month and a gentleman had been locked in the gentlemen's toilet on Monday. The lock on the ladies was not broken however the one on the gents has been removed and will be replaced tomorrow.

Earlier in the month, Dave had to assist a Polish driver who had attempted to drive under Five Arch's Bridge and directed the traffic that had built up.

Another boat has been donated to the Town which is currently being painted, it is proposed to place this next to the bus shelter in Middleway.

Councillor Putt has received a compliment from a member of the public who says that Station Road toilets are the cleanest public toilets in Cornwall. All the Councillors thanked Dave.

Councillor Anderson asked if some maintenance could be arranged for the bus shelters at Lodge Hill and Middleway as they are both looking a little tired.

1607/07 A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR

I have had a busy month, I will not list activity but table a few salient points.

I had a meeting with CC officers at the Roundhouse and I now have a slight expectation of assistance, a meeting with an update on Starr and another about the future governance of Cornwall.

I learned this week just how much money is "at risk" for Cornwall following the Brexit vote.

European Social Fund	£71,690,646.
Agricultural Fund	£88,997,000.
European Regional Development Fund	£303,598,818.
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Total:	£464,286,464.

This means that funding for the STARR project, Eden Geothermal and potentially several others local schemes is at risk. Cornwall Council is awaiting a definitive response on future funding from Government.

Due to the traffic problems outside schools, a meeting was held yesterday with representatives of interested parties. Notably school representation was thin on the ground. Cycling initiatives were aired and the likelihood of more children qualifying for free bus transport was mentioned. The main conclusion was that a culture shift particularly on the part of the parents is needed to reduce the level of chaos outside schools at the beginning and end of the school day.

I attended what is likely the final meeting of Biscovey Infants School governing body. The school is expected to become an academy in the autumn.

The growth of weeds, particularly brambles has become an issue in several places. CC and Cormac have very limited ability to carry out this work and it will fall to the riparian (adjacent) landowner to control the weeds.

The St Blazey cricket ground have requested funding from the Community Chest. They have several projects particularly involving young people in football and cricket that should qualify but I have very limited funds but have been able to give a small grant.

The Kilhallon works are scheduled to be complete by mid-August and Cormac have agreed to clear some of the roadside vegetation.

1607/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Although I have been somewhat off-colour for the past couple of weeks, and unable to do as much as I would have wished, I attended a substantial number of meetings during the first part of the month, including at Fourways, a briefing on the current state of the STARR project and various Cornwall Council committee and other meetings: full details as always available to anyone who would like them.

One of the more significant Council-related meetings was that held by the Leader and Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council at the St Austell Printing Company on 14 July, to hear the views of local people about future governance arrangements for Cornwall. I found attendance at that a little disappointing, since it was a real opportunity to offer thoughts on ways of improving the current system.

Another encouraging meeting was one that Councillor Roy Taylor and I attended at the Roundhouse with officers of Cornwall Council. We were exploring ideas for some modest support that might be offered by the Council to help move the Roundhouse project further forward. I followed that meeting up with a brief

discussion earlier today with the Chief Executive of Cornwall Council. It is too soon to say whether or not these discussions will bear fruit – but at this stage, I am not downhearted.

I know that many from St Blaise look forward each year to Par Carnival. I thought that this year's carnival was outstanding, and I hope that others enjoyed it as much as did I.

A rather more sombre development during the course of the month has been the decision by CEG to suspend work on the development of Carlyon Bay. They have explained to me that this is a result of the EU referendum – and in particular the consequent uncertainty about the availability of the many millions of pounds worth of investment needed to bring things to reality. CEG (and I!) hope that this uncertainty will be purely temporary, and that things can get back on track very soon.

1607/09 **THE FUTURE OF ST BLAZEY POLICE STATION**

The Clerk has signed all the paperwork for the purchase of the police station and the money has been transferred to our solicitor, completion was due to take place tomorrow 29th July. Unfortunately the station has not been cleared of items and there is still outstanding IT equipment / connections to be moved and therefore the completion has been postponed until August 12th 2016.

PCSO Jamie Ward has informed us that their estates team will be visiting the site to clear the items on August 8th. Gaynor will arrange a visit for 12.30pm on August 12th.

1607/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Due to BREXIT, Cornwall Council are unable to know of the effect this will have on them and we do not know how this will affect us.

1607/11 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – The results of the Local Plan should be known by CC by August 12th, although we will not know until later and this will determine our housing figures. We are awaiting the draft household survey and as the STAR project is currently in limbo, we do not know how this will affect the plan.

Burrows Centre – The Centre is reasonably busy at the moment but we are still not able to fund an extension.

1607/12 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

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

Location: Road from Edgecombe Road to Sans Lane, Kilhannon, Par

Timing: Originally 20th May to 27th July 2016 now extended until 14th October 2016 (24 hours, weekends included)

The Community Led Local Development funding bid is due for submission by August 31st. A drop in event to view the documents is to be held at St Austell One Stop Shop on August 10th between 10am and 12am.

1607/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

We have received three planning applications, it was RESOLVED to not object to two of them.

PA16/05624 Construction of decking providing external eating area.
Cornish Market World
Stadium Retail park
Par Moor Road

PA16/06418 Siting of 2 static caravans for recreational use with car parking
spaces, storage shed and new gated access entrance.
Land West of Maycross House
Par Moor Road

It was RESOLVED to object to one:-

PA16/04955 Hybrid Planning Application comprising: Outline planning
application (all matters reserved apart from access) for 5.44ha
of land for approximately 103 dwellings, extension to Kingdom
Hall for additional parking, 2,500m² of allotments, provision of
school drop off with turning facilities including additional
parking for allotments, in addition to footpath/cycle connection
from Mountside Road to Lamellyn Road and detailed
application for 86 no residential dwellings with associated
access roads, footways, parking, landscaping, drainage and
open spaces.
Land North of Mountlea Drive
Mountside Road
St Blazey

The Access onto Mountside Road estate from Par Lane is already insufficient and will not sustain additional vehicles.

The road through the Mountside Road estate will not sustain additional traffic as it is too narrow.

The sewers are inadequate for the current capacity and this will exacerbate the problem. Evidence from the EA will confirm this.

The water run off onto Par Lane and Harbour Road will exacerbate a long standing issue which is currently being looked into by SWW/CC and EA and no further build should take place until current issues are rectified.

We have concerns that an archaeological site may be impacted.

We know the land is situated on old mine workings.

The Town Council are currently writing a Neighbourhood Plan that will say that our preferred sites for future housing are north of the A390 partly due to flooding issues.

1607/14 ALEXANDER HALL

We have received a quote to replace the rotten barge boards, the guttering and Down pipes where required and fit new fascia boards to the entrance of the building for £525. Councillor Putt proposed that the quote be accepted, Councillor Seel seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED to accept the quote.

1607/15 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	774.00
Interest	1.79
High Deposit Interest	184.72
WPS	560.35
Black sacks	21.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1383.72
Wardens Wage	568.67
Broadband	27.51
UK Fuels	20.00
Insurance	230.29
HMRC	555.44
CC (pen)	482.96
Eclipse	14.38
WPS	15.00
Argos	100.16
St Austell Bay	
Investment Plan	375.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	73.00
EON	20.00
Cleaners Wage	59.40
Chubb (parts)	13.02
Southern Electric	146.64
<u>PC</u>	
Business Rates	53.00
R Thomas	25.00
Wallgate	537.60
Cleaning Mats	203.04
Locking	31.00
<u>Roundhouse</u>	

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1541.86

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4934.84

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

The Clerk told the Councillors that the certified Annual Return has been returned from the Audit Commission.

1607/16 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Miller is concerned about the road side overgrowth between Mid Cornwall Galleries to the roundabout on the A390. Cornwall Councillor R Taylor said CC and Cormac have very limited ability or finance to carry out any additional work.

Councillor Miller and Councillor Wheeler had attended the CNPM on Monday and were impressed with the presentation given by Sarah Mason from CALC regarding recruiting new Councillors. The Clerk will agenda this for August.

Councillor Moore is concerned about the overgrowth at the bottom of Biscovey road, the Clerk and the Warden will investigate to see what action can be taken.

1607/17 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 25th August 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.