

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 24th November 2011
Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
 Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson

Councillors:

G Allen, M Gill, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller & A Putt

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
 PCSO Jamie Ward
 PCSO Rebecca Harris
 Kevin Atkinson
 One member of the press
 One member of the public

1111/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Scrafton, Muskett – Geake & Cornwall Councillor Taylor.

1111/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th October 2011 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1111/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

1111/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1108/11 The Clerk has written to Kelly's Cornish Dairy Ices Limited regarding the land to the right of the Bridge at the back of Co-op, he has advised us that he sold the land to Kelly's of Lostwithiel. The Clerk will write to the new owner.

1110/06 Councillor Heyward has assessed the over hanging trees at the Town Car Park and he will trim and crown them as necessary when he has the time.

1110/7 The Clerk has received a letter from Cornwall Council, on receipt of St Blazey's expression of interest as a frontrunner pilot for Neighbourhood Planning; they have supported us and made a bid for funding to DCLG. They expect an announcement of their decision in January.

1110/10 The Friends of Luxulyan Valley have written thanking the Town Council for the donation towards the refurbishment of Carmears Tramway and our letter of support.

1110/23 Councillor Heyward said that the pot holes in New Road have been refilled.

1110/23 Councillor Miller thanked Councillors Anderson and Putt for their assistance in selling the War Publication on Saturday 12th November, he is hoping to repeat the operation in the spring.

1111/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

October 2011		Detected
Assault	7	3
Burglary Dwelling		
Burglary Other	4	
Theft of M/V		
Criminal Damage to M/V	2	
Theft (including from M/V)	6	
Damage	4	
Other	8	6
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Total	31	9

There were 23 crimes in October 2010 of which 10 were detected. 76 Police Logs were responded to in the month of October for the St Blazey area.

1111/06 **A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY WARDEN.**

The Warden has replaced most of the Restormel Dog Fouling signs with the Cornwall Council notice's, he will replace the remainder when the stock of signs has been replenished. He asked the Councillors to keep him abreast of any problem areas and to report any signs that have not been replaced. Kevin has been carrying out general maintenance throughout the Town.

1111/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councilor Hughes told the Council that at present there are different recycling and waste collection arrangements in different parts of Cornwall. This is because before April 2009 Cornwall was divided into six district councils, each with its own recycling and waste contracts. These contracts have to run their course and Cornwall Council is in the process of harmonizing these arrangements, so that eventually wherever you live in the county the materials collected will be the same. Different parts of Cornwall are using reusable boxes and bags and have weekly rubbish collections and bi-weekly recycling collections this will expand to Cornwall in its entirety.

Councillor Hughes has passed the Town Councils offer onto the residents of Manor View that a grant would be provided towards a neighbourhood group if they wished to undertake the spreading of salt/grit.

The Planning application for a house to be built on the site of the garage servicing 38 Par Lane has been given permission as the applicant has amended his plans and will be using a permeable gravel driveway and has confirmed to the planning officer that a hydro brake will be installed on the drainage system to restrict flows during an extreme storm event.

A sea-side Town grant has been awarded to enable disabled access to Par Beach. The tender process for a café at Par Beach has finished and the tenders have been opened but as yet no decision has been made.

1111/08 **ST BLAISE TOWN CAROL CONCERT**

Charles Richards, Martin Eddy and Anne Weaver will be the readers at this years Carol Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 11th December at St Blazey Church. Councillors Miller and Hooper will meet and greet. Councillors Heyward and Hooper will put out the chairs.

1111/09 **DRESSING OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

It is hoped that the Christmas Trees will be provided by Councillor Roy Taylor; the dressing of the trees will start at St Blazey Church and then follow on at Leekseed Chapel.

1111/10 **TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2012/13**

After much discussion, taking into account the Queens Jubilee Celebrations and the cost of employing a Community Warden and other cuts that Cornwall Council propose, the Council agreed that a 21.5% increase would have to be made to the precept. This figure equates to £5.56 per year to a property with a Band D council Tax. Councillor Seel proposed the increase, Councillor Heyward seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1111/11 **THE PURCHASE OF ROAD CLOSURE SIGNS**

St Blazey Feast Lantern Parade is to take place on 3rd February 2012. Re-usable road closure signs need to be purchased. Councillor Seel proposed that signs should be bought, Councillor Gill seconded, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1111/12 **PAR LANE SAFETY**

The road safety in Par Lane is becoming more of an issue; the Town Councillors do not believe that the road safety measures agreed during the planning process are being adhered to. The Clerk will find the relevant paperwork and contact the appropriate persons responsible.

1111/13 **FLOODING ISSUES & ADOPTION OF THE PAR/ST BLAZEY FLOOD PLAN**

Charles Richards, Chairman of the St Blazey/Par flood group told the Council that there has been 5 flood alerts in the town during the last month, 3 of which were level 3. The flood plans are working.

Some progress has been made with South West Water as they have committed to set up an emergency phone service for the flood wardens, it will not be for public use.

South West Water has promised to clean the drains and sewers in Par Lane and St Blazey Road. An automatic pumping system is to be installed in December and a consultant is to be taken on to look at renewing pipes.

Charles presented the Town Council with the Par/St Blazey Community Flood Plan. It was suggested that the contact details for the wardens be an appendix to the document rather than part of it as these could change over time. On this premise Councillor Seel proposed the Council adopt the plan, Councillor Heyward seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Discussion took place regarding the effect of new building work on the flooding situation. The Clerk was instructed to write to Cornwall Councils Head of Planning re-iterating our intention to object to any builds that would increase demand on the sewers and drainage until South West Water have a solution in place.

1111/14 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN ST BLAISE**

The Clerk has received a letter from Cornwall Council informing us that they will no longer fund the public conveniences in Station Road. Councillor Hughes told the Council that £1,000,000 has now been committed to funding the facilities for a further 18 months. The Clerk will write to Cornwall Council expressing our dismay at the prospect of the only PC in St Blazey, which is well used, should be closed.

1111/15 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk submitted the funding bid for the extension to the Burrows on 11th November.

Piggy Alley – The Clerk has instructed Nalders to undertake the legal work for the lease of Piggy Alley from Cornwall Council to the Town Council.

St Blazey Fountain – Councillor Hooper proposed that the Council accept May Gurneys quote of £3,208.86 and Western Power Distribution's quote of £906.53 to have the Fountain re-instated before the Queens Jubilee. Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee – It was agreed that a face painter, a juggler, nail art and a hair braider would be at Penarwyn along with hopefully a pollinator from the Eden Project. The children from Biscovey School would have a couple of stalls where they would sell things and have games. The Brownies would have craft activities and the School would hold a king and queen competition. The Council will provide a hot dog van to give all the children lunch. Eden is hopefully providing a bus to transfer everybody to the football club.

Carol from Fourways will provide a balloon maker and is looking at arranging a bouncy castle. The Football Club will mark the pitch out to have games such as sack

racing, egg and spoon races, welly throwing and a penalty shoot out. Roy Collison will make certificates for the winners of these events.

Activities for older children were discussed and it was agreed that a battle of the bands should be arranged, Liz and Carole are looking into this and a prize of £50 would be given before giving the children tea. Paul has arranged that members of the football club will prepare this for a cost of approximately £200. The Council will be asked to buy 250 coins at a price of approx £1 to give to the children attending.

1111/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

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

Location: B3269 between the junction of A390 and the A3082

Roundabout at Newtown, Castledore, Fowey

Timing: 5th to 23rd December 2011 (0930 to 1630 hours)

Reason: Cornwall Council - Patching Works

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

Location: Biscovey Road, St Blazey Gate, Par

Timing: 19th to 20th December 2011 (24 hours)

Reason: May Gurney on behalf of SWW - Manhole Cover Works

The Clerk has received an E-mail from “Keep Cornwall Whole” asking us to write the Boundary Commission giving support to their fight. The Council agreed to do so.

Cornwall Association of Local Councils has asked for the Town Councils views on the Future of the Code of Conduct. The council believes there should be a single Code of Conduct for Cornwall; the same code should apply to all levels of local government.

The latest Cornwall Council parking consultation has made no changes to the Car Park provision in St Blaise.

Cornish Market World have written asking us to support their applications in request of a farm shop and additional trading days, although the council support the principle it cannot pre determine an application. The Clerk will write stressing this.

The tenants of the Packhorse Inn have appealed against an enforcement notice served on their smoking shelter. The Town Council support their appeal.

1111/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been seven Planning applications received. It was **RESOLVED** to not object to five of them.

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

- PA11/09317 Full Planning
Proposed changes to elevations and internal layout, including repository of domestic garage.
Mountvean
The Mount, St Blazey
- 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
- PA11/08178 Full Planning
Substitution of Lanhydrock 3 storey front/ 2 storey rear split level with Lanhydrock full 3 storey house (Minor Amendment changes only)
Plot 4-9 Par Lane
St Blazey
- 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

The Council RESOLVED to object to two of them.

- PA11/08660 Full Planning
Construction of a new 4 bedroom house with integral garage.
Plot 2A Uplands
The Mount
St Blazey
- PA11/08667 Full Planning
Construction of a new 4 bedroom house with integral garage.
Plot 2B Uplands
The Mount
St Blazey

Planning Application results received.

- PA11/07108 Full Planning
Installation of ATM.
The Co-op
Middleway
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA11/07496 TPO
 Various tree works
 47 & 49 Treryn Close.
 St Blazey
 APPROVED

PA11/06123 Full Planning
 Use of Kidzworld and Charlie's as Class D play area (include extended hours and adult participation). Erection of high rope provision: Conversion of part of offices to take away food sales including hot beverages.
 Cornish Market World
 APPROVED

1111/18 ALEXANDER HALL

Councillor Miller is looking at Gas & Electricity rates for Alexander Hall as the contracts are due for renewal.

1111/19 ACCOUNTS

Income		Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	214.50 10/11	Broadband	33.37
Hall Bookings	278.00	SWW	55.00
Int	2.76 10/11	Electricity	38.00
War Publication	110.00	HMRC	347.33
		CC (pen)	339.03
		Clerks Sal	1020.49
		Wardens Wage	734.19
		Cleaners Wage	
		CIS	86.06
		Viking	98.47
		Petrol	86.80
		Land Registry	5.00
		Friends of Lux Val	250.00
		Insurance	158.25
		Cornwall Council	518.89
		British Gas	179.06
		Travel	141.60
		Warden equipment	12.67
		Cleaning Supplies	6.99
		Training	6.63
		Stationery	10.59
		Ladder	11.99
		BT	55.80
		Paints	46.26
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The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1111/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 26^h January 2012 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.27pm.