

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 29th November 2012**

Present

Councillor J Anderson - Chairperson
Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson

Councillors:

M Gill, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller and A Putt.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
1 x member of the public.
Kevin Atkinson

1211/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Allen, Muskett-Geake, Scrafton, PCSO J Ward, PCSO R Harris and PC R Toms.

1211/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th October 2012 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1211/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on pecuniary and non pecuniary items on the Agenda. Councillors Anderson, Gill, Putt & Seel signed a dispensation allowing them to vote on the 2013/14 precept, Agenda Item 1211/12.

1211/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1210/08 Councillor Taylor has successfully used enforcement and the lighting of the footways between Polgrean Place and the Co-op has been restored.

1210/11 Councillor Putt asked if the Council would add the Roundhouse and the working railway turntable to list held by Cornwall Council for Community Right to Bid. All the Councillors agreed.

1210/23 Councillors Putt told the Council that culvert work carried out in the land behind Julian Foye is working successfully.

1211/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

October 2012		Detected
Assault	10	2
Burglary Dwelling	2	
Burglary Other	2	
Theft of M/V		
Criminal damage to M/V	6	
Theft (Including from M/V)	5	1
Damage	4	1
Drugs		
Other	5	
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Total	34	4
October 2011	35	11

1211/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

This month the warden has cleaned and repainted the Eden Stones and the memorial work at the fountain as well as cementing in the stones in the Town car park.

1211/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor has met with some local influential people who were interested to know how Eden had impacted on local life. Councillor Taylor said that both the Big Local, St Blazey Football Club and many other local organisations had benefitted from them.

Councillor Taylor will be attending a meeting tomorrow to investigate ways in which the Geothermal Energy system could be financed; he hopes that government money could contribute to the estimated £34,000,000 needed.

Councillor Taylor had attended a planning site meeting at the Cornish Arms and although doesn't like everything in the proposal believes the scheme to be advantageous within the current restrictions.

Councillor Taylor is concerned that the Welfare Reform Act will see many local people affected as their benefits are cut. He had attended a Cornwall Council meeting to discuss future shared services and reported that the new leader of the Council is against these proposals.

Councillor Taylor has attended a board meeting of Cornwall Flood Forum. He will be visiting the Enchanted House tomorrow as it is currently for sale and is sure that there could be a use for the building locally.

Councillor Seel asked Councillor Taylor if he could speak to Eden regarding local transport to the site as it is very difficult for local people to visit the Eden Project.

1211/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes told the Council that although there had been no flooding around Brooks Corner during the severe weather last weekend, the sewerage system was still not working well and residents had been unable to use their facilities.

There has been enforcement action taken on a property in Harbour Road which has been converted into flats without planning permission. He had attended the Cornwall Council meeting when shared services had been discussed and was pleased to report that most of the highway markings that had been requested have now been completed.

The virtual footpath under the bridge in Par is in use; Councillor Hughes was like to hear resident's opinions as to whether it is working and safe.

1211/09 **SINGLE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS IN CORNWALL.**

Councillor Seel proposed that the Council accept the new code, Councillor Gill seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1211/10 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCILS CAROL CONCERT**

Councillors Hooper and Heyward will arrive early to set out the chairs, Councillor Hooper will pass out the service sheet and carol leaflet and the Clerk will reserve 18 seats.

1211/11 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCILS CHRISTMAS TREE'S**

Councillor Putt has investigated and can purchase 2 trees at a cost of £70 and therefore proposed this, Councillor Heyward seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1211/12 **TO SET THE 2013/14 PRECEPT**

After much discussion, the Council agreed that a 4% increase to the precept would be necessary. We have been informed that the government may cap the increase at 2% which would mean by asking for the extra, a referendum would be called. The council decided that if this is the case the Clerk will enforce the alternative budget ensuring that the cost of a referendum would not be forced onto the electors. Councillor Seel proposed the increase, Councillor Miller seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1211/13 **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Clerk asked the Council to consider if adequate internal controls are in place and that they accept the responsibility of safeguarding public money. The Council considered the Risk assessment, Minute Book, Attendance Book, Declarations of Interest and accounts are being verified correctly, enough insurance is in place,

banking arrangements are acceptable, approved the direct debits, variable and static. All agreed the Internal Controls are acceptable.

1211/14 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING/COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

Councillors Anderson, Seel and Scrafton met with a Cornwall Council officer to discuss how best to spend the affordable housing money being provided by The Beach. They all agree that the best way forward would be a Community Land Trust. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Alan Fox, Director of Cornwall Community Land Trust and invite him to speak with the Council and the Neighbourhood Planning steering group in January.

1211/15 **DROPPED KERBS & THE EFFECT ON MOBILITY SCOOTERS**

Councillor Seel has recently started using a mobility scooter and has noticed the inadequacy of the dropped kerbs around the Town. He has therefore proposed that we write to residents who use scooters asking their opinions and that we ask the press to invite those that may be missed to get in touch with us also. Councillor seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1211/16 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Councillor Anderson had attended this year's remembrance service and was dismayed as she was the only St Blaise Councillor in attendance. Councillor Anderson reminded the councillors that this was a civic duty that they are required to attend and asked that a greater effort is made by all next year.

1211/17 **IMPLECATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCILS CUTS**

Cornwall Council is considering stopping the One Stop Shop out and about service as it is proving unviable. The Clerk sent all the Councillors a report by the Assistant Head of Shared Services – Face to Face - An update on the progress of the review of rural services and outlined the proposals made by the Rural Services Working Group. The Councilors agreed that the Clerk should write to Cornwall Council with their concerns that may St Blazey residents find it difficult to visit St Austell One Stop Shop as it is a fair distance from the Bus Station. The Council believes that if Cornwall Council wants to out-source vital services then it does so by maintaining links between our city and town and village hubs which are often quite distant village communities.

We have no further information regarding the proposed closure of the public conveniences in Station Road.

1211/18 **PROJECT LIST**

St Blazey Car Park – The new sign for the Town Car Park is ready to be erected.

Neighbourhood Planning - The Clerk reminded all the Councillors about the training day to be held at Alexander Hall on Thursday 6th December. The Clerk told the Council that the steering group proposed to hire the empty shop by Co-op in

conjunction with the Big Local for one year to carry out consultation and keep the community informed of progress. The cost would be born by funds from Big Local, new growth point funding and other funding sources. The Clerk asked the Council if they were happy to have the lease on the shop in their names. Councillor Seel abstained from a vote; all the other Councillors were in favour.

The Clerk asked the Council if a lap top computer/I pad or similar could be purchased for neighbourhood planning so information could be taken out to the community. The Council agreed that a maximum of £400 should be spent.

1211/19 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk asked if the Warden should be paid for his recent sick leave, the Council agreed that as the total was now eight days since April 1st, he could be paid.

The Clerk and Councillor Anderson attended the Local Council Planning Forum on Tuesday 13th November; they were informed that as a result of the planning performance review, Cornwall Council will be introducing an accreditation for Councillors on planning committees as the review found that some members are not listening to professional advice.

The Clerk has been speaking with Sustrans regarding the lighting in Piggy Alley, the original maintenance contract has been misplaced due to the passing of the staff member but they are investigating and looking for a solution.

The Clerk had forwarded the Councillors a letter from Cornwall Council regarding Seagull proof sacks. Cornwall Council is currently considering how to proceed with promoting and selling these sacks throughout Cornwall. A number of Town and Parish Councils have expressed an interest in the scheme already and Cornwall Council propose to give all Town and Parish Councils the option of taking a stock of these sacks, promoting them and selling them in their locality. The Clerk will send a response that St Blaise Town Council would be interested in the scheme and would estimate a need of approximately 200 which would be sold from the Town Councils office and that we would charge for them.

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

Location: Road from Edgecombe Road to Sans Lane, Kilhallon, Par
Timing: 26th to 30th November 2012 (24 hours)
Reason: May Gurney on behalf of SWW - New Water Connection Works
Contact: South West Water, Tel: 0800 1691144

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

Location: Station Road, St Blazey
Timing: 2nd January to 26th March 2013 (24 hours weekends included)
Reason: CORMAC Solutions Ltd - Bridge Investigation Works
Contact: A Hoffen, CORMAC Solutions Ltd, Tel: 0300 1234 222

Please note that this is only an Intention Notice and as of yet an Order has not been Issued

Location: Biscovey Road, St Blazey Gate, Par
Timing: 31st January to 7th February 2013 (0730 to 1800 hours)
Reason: CORMAC Solutions Ltd - Patching Works
Contact: S Trevains, CORMAC Solutions Ltd, Tel: 0300 1234 222

The Clerk forwarded the Councillors text that Charles Richards proposes to add to the Cornwall flood forum and Cornwall Councils resilience network web-sites. He asks if we are happy with St Blaise to have its own page and asked if we wanted any changes to the text. The council are happy with the proposal.

1211/20 PLANNING MATTERS

There has been eleven planning application received, it was RESOLVED to not object to seven of them.

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| PA12/08766 | Full Planning
Demolition of workshop and construction of new dwelling as side extension to existing property
28 Rosehill
St Blazey |
| PA12/10205 | Extension of time
Replace existing dwelling PA C2/09/01709
Heyward's Heath
Prideaux Road
St Blazey |
| PA12/09998 | Full Planning
Proposed garage conversion & extension to provide additional accommodation for dependent relative.
55 Trenovissick Road
St Blazey |
| PA12/09624 | Full Planning
Proposed construction of glass roof over seating area outside the restaurant, proposed garden room against the existing cellar and alterations to provide improved access with installation of bi-fold doors.
The Britannia Inn
St Austell Road
St Blazey |
| PA12/09625 | Listed Building Consent
Proposed construction of glass roof over seating area outside the restaurant, proposed garden room against the existing cellar and alterations to provide improved access with installation of bi-fold doors. |

The Britannia Inn
St Austell Road
St Blazey

- PA12/10352 Full Planning
Installation of new conservatory to front of park home
7 Bay View
The Mount
St Blazey
- PA12/10196 Variation of condition 4 in respect of decision notice
PA10/07544 to allow amendment of the car park layout,
landscaping and minor works.
Overflow car park at Carlyon Bay
Off Beach Road
Carlyon Bay

It was RESOLVED to object to four of them.

- PA12/09727 Full Planning
New dwellings and associated works
15 Trenovissick Road
St Blazey
- PA12/10476 Full Planning
Proposed detached dwelling
2 Rose Hill
St Blazey
- PA12/10259 Full Planning
Redevelopment of the Cornish Arms to provide eleven units of
residential accommodation including affordable units.
Cornish Arms
Church Street
St Blazey
- PA12/10337 Listed Building Consent
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residential accommodation including affordable units.
Cornish Arms
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Planning Applications decisions received.

- PA12/07202 Full Planning
Single storey extension to rear of property.
4 Aberdeen Close, St Blazey.
APPROVED

1211/21 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Co-op are continuing to turn the lights off at 9.15pm each evening despite the closed enforcement case EN12//02589 stating the breach has been RESOLVED.

1211/22 **ACCOUNTS****Payments**

Hall Bookings	944.50
Interest	3.33 10/12
LMP	349.00

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1296.83

Expenditure

Broadband	53.91
SWW	66.50
Insurance	158.32
HMRC	167.05
CC (pen)	423.47
Clerks Sal	1261.66
Wardens Wage	704.49
UK Fuels	99.84
EON	88.00
Melba Swintex	133.08
Grahams Ga ma	98.87
CEF	34.32
BT	58.32
Viking	158.46
May Gurney	4450.63
Wisdom Signs	342.00
Cleaners Wage	69.40

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8,368.32

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1211/23 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Anderson told the Council that she had attended the Carlyon Bay Community Liaison meeting and been informed that building work has been postponed for a year until 2014 and the development will not be complete until 2018. The Beach is to close the bottom car park to save money on security.

1211/24 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 31st January 2013 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.32pm.