

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 26th November 2015**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor

Councillors

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
Four members of the public
1 Community Warden
2 representatives from Devon & Cornwall Police

1511/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Seel and G Allen.

1511/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29th October 2015 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1511/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1511/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1510/13 The Clerk investigated adding the Roundhouse Turntable to the Community Right to Bid, but was informed that this could not be done due to it being a moveable structure however both the Roundhouse and the Turntable are listed with English Heritage which gives greater protection than the Right to Bid. Councillor Moore said that both Roundhouse and the Turntable are now listed with English Heritage as at Risk. Councillors Roy Taylor and Jenny Moore will be meeting with English Heritage in December and the Council will decide the next action after this meeting.

1510/21 The Clerk has completed and returned the application for the Cornwall Council Waste Incentive Scheme.

1511/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

October 2015

	Recorded 10/15	Recorded 10/14	
Difference			
Violence with Injury	1	5	-80%
Violence without Injury	3	3	0%
Burglar Dwelling	3	0	-
Burglary Non Dwelling	1	0	-
Vehicle Offences	0	1	-100%
Other Theft	2	3	-33.3%
Criminal Damage	6	6	0%
Public Order Offences	2	2	0%
Possession of Drugs	4	0	-
TOTAL:	22	20	10%

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 10/15	Recorded 10/14	
Anti-Social Behaviour	14	17	-17.66%
Crime not recorded	1	0	-
Crime Recorded	13	6	116.7
Public Safety	40	48	-16.7%
Transport	7	3	133.3%
TOTAL:	75	74	-11.9%

Crimes recorded for St Blazey are fairly similar to the same month in 2014, but up compared to last months figures (9 crimes recorded in September). There was also little difference in the logs/calls to the Police in October.

1511/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Station Road flower beds have been re-planted and he is up to date with all maintenance.

1511/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

I attended a meeting with eco boss when Sami Sawari announced he was to move forward as soon as possible with their proposed eco town development at Carluddon. He implied that Par docks would be next.

I missed the latest flooding incident at Brooks Corner but Councillor Doug Scrafton did an admirable job in my absence. Returning from holiday late Monday afternoon, I paid a brief visit to the PCA 5th birthday event at the Football Club.

I am aware that Kilhallon is in the neighbouring parish but the road is likely to be closed to through traffic for some months while repairs are effected to a section of road that has failed. This will have an effect on traffic flows in the town.

Considering that this has a higher priority than full Council, I met with residents on Tuesday to view the damage and discuss the implications of the road closure as well as how to expedite repairs.

I attended a meeting with CC officers, Councillor Doug Scrafton and Councillor David Hughes on Wednesday discussing Area Network issues. Also last night the open doors meeting in St Austell where the Leader and Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council were giving a “financial state of the county” presentation followed by a question and answer session with those present.

I have been to County Hall today to hear the Scrutiny Management Committee debate on “Integrated Passenger Transport Provision” and “Progress in Developing and Delivering the Devolution Programme.” The latter was revealing with regard to the complications they face trying to devolve services.

1511/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Doug Scrafton sent the following report:

I attended a meeting on eco-towns where Sami Sawaris of Eco-Bos announced that they were reviving their planning application for Carglaze. He added that the Par Dock development was his next priority, and that he hoped that it would not be too long before there was further news on that.

I continue to work with others on proposals to bring Par running track into community ownership.

I participated, as part of the ‘wider-membership’ panel in the process of selection for a new Chief Executive for Cornwall Council.

I participated in the ‘sleep out’ at the Eden Project in aid of homeless charities. I am grateful to those who felt able to sponsor me.

I attended last night’s open doors meeting in St Austell where the Leader and Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council were available to respond to questions raised by members of the public. Cllr Roy Taylor was also present. I noted significant representation from a number of town and parish councils. It is unfortunate that no other representative of St Blaise Town Council was able to attend.

I have attended a number of other Cornwall Council meetings, including Tuesday’s Full Council.

1511/09 **THE FUTURE OF ST BLAZEY POLICE STATION**

Andrew White from the office of the Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioners attended with Inspector Ed Gard, a police inspector from St Austell. Mr White said that he was pleasantly surprised by the news that the cuts to police funding would no longer go ahead as revealed in the Chancellors Autumn Statement yesterday.

He believes the decision is extremely welcome however this does not change the need for St Blazey Police Station to close. The decision to close police stations was hastened by financial savings as money needs to be diverted for fire armed officers cybercrime and other severe crimes. The police are still faced with a 1.3% real time cut.

Inspector Ed Gard assured the Council that the current police, police officers and PCSO's, cover will be maintained for at least five years and there is an expectation for a further 10 years. The PCSO's will begin and end their working day in St Blazey if the Town Council purchase the site and allow the police free access to an agreed area, including those for Lostwithiel, Fowey and Luxulyan.

Councillor Roy Taylor proposed that the Town Council offer £25,000 to purchase the Police Station to enable a continued police presence in the Town, Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Mr White accepted the offer and said the relevant department from Police Commissioners office would be in touch.

The Clerk asked for permission to contact a solicitor when necessary, the Councillors agreed.

Councillor Taylor suggested that the Clerk contact the neighbouring councils and ask them to contribute to the buildings running costs and this was agreed.

1511/10 **MAINTENANCE OF DOUBLETREES COURT**

Residents of Doubletrees Court attended the meeting, Councillor Putt said that he estimated it would take 2 hours for each cut of the grass area and therefore proposed that the Town Council charge £30 per cut. The residents said that they would like the grass cut 18 times a year and if they were invoiced they would pay an annual bill before the first cut in March 2016. Everybody agreed.

1511/11 **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Charles Richards has reduced original flood plan into a smaller document. Amy Pearce is to adapt this into an Emergency Plan.

Charles Richards asked that the Town Council adopt the new plan. Councillor Wheeler proposed that the plan be adopted, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Council instructed the Clerk to now apply to Cornwall Council for funding accepting the terms and conditions of the grant, the funds will then be used by the group.

1507/12 **LIGHTING WORK IN PIGGY ALLEY**

The Clerk reminded the Council of their care of Duty and asked the Council to consider the quote from All Connections Electrical Ltd for £5,690.47 to repair the

lights. Councillor Putt proposed that the quote be accepted and the work carried out. Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, Councillor Blackie was against the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1507/13 **CAROL CONCERT**

The Clerk arrive at St Blazey Church at 5.15pm on 13th December to put out chairs for the concert if necessary, Councillors June Anderson and Jenny Taylor will arrive at 5.15pm to meet and greet.

1507/14**CHRISTMAS TREES**

Councillor Roy Taylor offered the Council free Christmas Trees which were gratefully accepted. Councillor Putt and the Warden will collect the trees tomorrow Friday 27th November. When the trees have been collected, Councillor Putt will inform the Clerk who will ask Richard Heyward to trim the bottoms. The Clerk, The warden, Councillors Putt, Wheeler and Anderson will meet at 9.00am on Wednesday 2nd December at St Blazey Church to decorate the trees.

1507/15 **TO SET 2016-17 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**

The Clerk told the Council that the current budget is sufficient however due to the decision to purchase the police station an additional sum should be requested. The Clerk was asked the figure she believes would suffice and estimated 4.30%. Councillor Taylor proposed that the precept be increased by 4.3%. Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, 5 other Councillors agreed, Councillors Blackie and Wheeler voted against the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

1507/16 **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Clerk presented the Council the Statement Internal Controls and asked for any amendments, Councillor Roy Taylor proposed that we accept the document as it is, Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1507/17 **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The Clerk presented the Council the Investment Policy and asked for any amendments, Councillor Blackie proposed that we accept the document as it is, Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1511/18 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – There is to be a meeting at the Burrows Centre on Tuesday 1st December at 6.00pm to discuss its progress.

Burrows Centre – The plans for the extension are currently out for tender, the Clerk will contact Purl Design and find out when they will be available.

1511/19 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has purchased a new Lap Top with the funds provided by Cornwall Council and asked if Microsoft Office could be purchase to allow working away from the office. Permission was given.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that Planning Applications PA15/00768 & PA15/03339 have appealed to DCLG.

The Clerk informed the Council that the new Bus Shelter is in place at the top of Middleway.

1511/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been one planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to it.

PA15/09760 Various works to trees subject to a TPO
 Roselyon School Trust Ltd
 St Blazey Road.
 St Blazey

Results Received

PA15/08047 Land Adjacent to Rosemount
 St Austell Road
 St Blazey Gate
 APPROVED

Other information received.

PA15/02904/PREAPP Desktop appraisal pre-application advice for the construction of
 2 new dwellings
 Land Adjacent to Tanglewood
 Cornhill Road
 St Blazey

1511/21 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Warden has painted the toilets at Alexander Hall.

1511/22 **ACCOUNTS**

November 15

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	664.50
Interest	4.34 10/15
High Deposit Interest	137.43 10/15
Interest	4.25
Donation	10.00 10/15
Hall Bookings	55.00 10/15
Re-imburement	90.59

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1350.78
Wardens Wage	568.47
Broadband	28.63
UK Fuels	39.66
Insurance	216.83
HMRC	486.87
CC (pen)	466.14
Eclipse	14.38
D Hooper	150.00
Avast	19.99
BT	71.96
Cornwall Council	198.00
Hawthorne	454.80
Viking	335.49
Xmas Direct	30.97
Town Team	50.00
Mulled Wine	35.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	73.00
EON	51.00
CEF	67.05
Cleaners Wage	
Chubb (parts)	12.78
<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	53.00
Warden	30.00
SWW	160.14

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1511/23 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Blackie asked if more “dog fouling” signs could be put up in Hillside Road and the footpath to Lamellyn Road.

1511/24 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.