

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 27th October 2011
Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson

Councillors:

M Gill, R Heyward, G Miller, A Putt & D Scrafton

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

1110/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Seel, Hooper & Muskett – Geake.

1110/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29th September 2011 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1110/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

1110/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1108/11 Jones Lang LaSalle, property managers for the Co-op are clearing the land to the left of the bridge at the rear of the store. The Clerk has received information from the Land Registry that the land to the right of the Bridge is leased to Kelly's Cornish Dairy Ices Limited.

1110/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

September 2011	Detected	
Assault	10	9
Burglary Dwelling	4	
Burglary Other	2	
Criminal Damage to M/V	11	1
Theft	4	1
Damage	5	
Other	10	2

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Total	46	13

There were 17 crimes in September 2010. 224 Police Logs were responded to in the month of September for the St Blazey area.

PCSO Jamie Ward has been out talking to the youths of the community and found that the majority requirement is a skate park. Jamie is investigating to see if there is any chance this could be possible.

1110/06 **A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY WARDEN.**

The Warden has visited vulnerable tenants, decorated the bus shelters and carried out various other maintenance around the Town. Kevin Atkinson reported that the trees overhanging the station Road Car Park need professional services. Councillor Heyward will assess the area.

1110/07 **A PRESENTATION BY JULIET ROSE - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

Neighbourhood planning will allow people to come together through a local parish/town council or community group and say where they think new houses, businesses and shops should go – and what they should look like. These neighbourhood development plans could be very simple, or go into considerable detail. Local communities would, by creating what is called a Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO), also be able to grant full or outline planning permission in areas where they most want to see new homes and businesses, making it easier and quicker for development to go ahead.

The Clerk told the Council:-

The Localism Bill is expected to receive Royal Assent in late 2011. Cornwall Council is taking the initiative to test how it is going to meet its localism obligations with regards to neighbourhood plans. This does not mean that Cornwall Council can lead on individual neighbourhood plans, but can seek to obtain funding to support those parishes that are keen to develop a plan for their agreed area.

The Council has the opportunity to apply to DCLG for grants under the Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners scheme. The grants are to be used to help the local planning authority understand how the provisions for neighbourhood planning are likely to work in practice following commencement of the Localism Bill. This is a new process and therefore the Council is keen to work with a number of parishes/towns across Cornwall to trial how to work in support of parish/town councils in the future.

Juliet told the Council :-

The Clerk with her assistance should contact DCLG funded Building Communities Programmed led by Locality and register our interest in accessing tailored support. Council members should attend the Planning Camp at the Eden Project in February 2012. We should also be investigating the support being offered by other

organisations under the DCLG supporting communities and neighbourhoods in planning schemes including: Princes Foundation for the Built Environment, Royal Town Planning Institute, National Association of Town Councils in Association with Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Juliet Rose was part of the group that wrote the Power of the Plan booklet. The public document produced by Carnegie UK Trust and she assured us that she will give us all the help and support that we need, including technical and administrative support from Eden if required.

Councillor Scrafton proposed that the Town Council apply to Cornwall Council to become one of the Councils to be involved in the Government Neighbourhood Planning Frontrunner bids. Councillor Heyward seconded the proposal, all the Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVE.

1110/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR.**

Councillor Taylor had attended the St Austell Bay Economic Forum and also visited the Scorrier contact centre.

Councillor Taylor informed the Council that the St Austell, St Blazey and China Clay Regeneration Plan is currently subject to a potential Judicial Review. The Council will not be withdrawing the plan but putting it on hold pending the resolution to the legal situation.

Councillor Miller asked Councillor Taylor about the road to nowhere in St Dennis, Councillor Taylor will provide the Councillors with the response he received when he asked the question at Full Council.

1110/09 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes began by thanking all those involved in making the Big Bus a success the previous Saturday.

Councillor Hughes told the Council that he had received a request for grit bins at Manor View seeing that those that were owned by Cornwall Council have been removed as the authority is no longer prepared to assume responsibility for them as it does not have a statutory responsibility.

St Blaise Town Councils has been invited to take over the service but are reluctant to do so because of the very significant cost due to the many places that they would be required within the Town. The Town Council have offered a grant towards a resident's society if they wished to undertake the spreading of salt/grit.

The tender process for a café at Par Beach has begun, it is important to the selectors that a community orientated proposal is successful.

Councillor Hughes told the Council that the press were premature in releasing notice of Public Convenience closures as no decisions have yet been made.

1110/10 **HOW ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL CAN HELP THE FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY**

The Friends of Luxulyan Valley asking for St Blaise Town Councils support of the improvements to Carmears Tramway. Councillor Miller proposed a donation of £250 as this public walkway is used well by the residents of St Blaise. Councillor Heyward seconded and the Council RESOLVED to give the donation.
Charles Arnold-Baker 26.30. Public Health Act 1875, s164

1110/11 **HOW ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL CAN IMPROVE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD FOR THE ELDERLY**

Councillor Taylor asked the Council to be aware of the surrounding area especially pavements and report them so that St Blazey can be a safe environment for the senior residents.

The Big Local have set up a Focus Group that will be visiting the elderly in the area and speak with them to find out their needs.

1110/12 **UPDATE ON THE TOWN PLAN**

The Town Plan Committee had met earlier. The Clerk will contact the Transport Team at Cornwall Council to discuss a Town Bus. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Eco Bos and Imerys to discuss allotments and the Clerk is busy preparing an application for Quality Status.

1110/13 **APPROVAL TO BORROW FROM THE PUBLIC LOANS BOARD**

The Clerk recommended that St Blaise Town Council apply to borrow £250,000 from the Public Works Loan Board to cover construction costs between the Town Council paying the developer and the RDPE paying out the grant for the extension to the Burrows Centre if the RDPE funding bid is successful. Councillor Scrafton Proposed that an application be submitted to Cornwall Association of Local Councils for approval to borrow, Councillor Gill seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1110/14 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCILS TO AUTHORISE THE CLERK & THE WARDEN TO GIVE FPN'S**

The Clerk presented the Council with Cornwall Councils Environmental Crime Fixed Penalty Notice Enforcement Policy which St Blaise Town Council must adopt before the Town Clerk and the Warden can give such notices for Dog Fouling and Littering. Councillor Putt proposed that St Blaise Town Council adopt the Policy, Councillor Scrafton seconded, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1110/15 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL'S DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY**

The Clerk presented the Council with a draft Dignity at Work/Bullying and Harassment Policy. Councillor Scrafton proposed that St Blaise Town Council adopt

the Policy, Councillor Miller seconded, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1110/16 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL'S EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT**

The Clerk presented the Council with a draft Equal Opportunities Statement. Councillor Scrafton proposed that St Blaise Town Council adopt the Policy, Councillor Gill seconded, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1110/17 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCILS CUTS**

The Clerk had attended the CALC Larger Councils meeting on 26th October when toilet closures were discussed; we should expect to have a meeting with the devolution team within the next month to discuss the public conveniences in Station Road.

1110/18 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk has been working with Nikki Mills and hopes to complete the funding bid next week. The Chairman thanked the Clerk and told the Council that she appreciated the amount of work that she had invested in putting the bid together.

Piggy Alley – The Clerk read the Council the Heads of Terms for the Community Asset transfer on a 99 year lease to the Town Council. The Clerk asked the Council if Nalders could be instructed on our behalf to complete the legal side. The Council gave their permission.

1110/19 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic
Location: Road from Edgecombe Road to Sans Lane, Kilhallon, Par
Timing: 7th November 2011 to 1st February 2012 (24 hours weekends included)
Reason: Cornwall Council - Construct a New Retaining Wall
Contact: M Hollow - Highways Service - Tel: 0300 1234222

The Clerk has received an E-mail from a resident concerned the road narrowing at the bottom of Par Lane which has been exasperated by the Wainhomes development. The Councillors discussed the matter and are also concerned. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways.

1110/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been two applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to either of them.

PA11/05335 Full Planning
 Barn Conversion to form two 3 bed affordable houses.
 Biscovey Farm
 Biscovey Road, St Blazey Gate

PA11/08258 Full Planning
 Installation of photovoltaic system to two ancillary buildings
 Ancillary Buildings.
 Eden Project
 Bodelva

Planning Application results received.

PA11/05376 Full Planning
 Permanent status for car parks – Cherry, Melon, Lemon & Mango.
 Eden Project, Bodelva
 APPROVED

PA11/06152 Full Planning
 Installation of solar PV panels to roof.
 St Blazey Football Club
 Station Road, St Blazey
 APPROVED

1110/21 ALEXANDER HALL

The Clerk has been informed by PRS, who issue the music Licence that from next year we will also need a PPL License.

1110/22 ACCOUNTS

Income		Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	264.00 9/11	Broadband	26.39
Hall Bookings	748.50	SWW	55.00
Int	1.85 9/11	Electricity	38.00
Int-Deposit	214.25	HMRC	339.90
		CC (pen)	339.03
		Clerks Sal	1020.49
		Wardens Wage	734.39
		Cleaners Wage	51.24
		Sterling Tech Serv	162.00
		Viking	48.36
		R Thomas	65.00
		Petrol	86.62
		Land Registry	52.00
		Cornwall Council	160.30
		Insurance	158.25
		Icon Web services	55.00
		Chubb Fire	125.04
		Poppy Appeal	120.00
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	1,228.60		3,637.01

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1110/23**TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Heyward reported that the pot holes in New Road that have been filled are already in need of a refill; the Clerk will pass this onto highways.

Councillor Miller told the Council that he had arranged a stall to be set up in the Co-op to sell the War Memorial publication on Saturday 12th November and would like volunteers to help man it. Councillor Putt volunteered for 10.00am to 12.00pm and Councillor Anderson volunteered for 12.00pm to 1.00pm. Other Councillors will consult their diaries and get in touch with Councillor Miller.

Councillor Putt is concerned that flooding is a problem in Polgrea Place due to water run off from the land above Rose Hill and Church Street; Muddy water runs down clogging drains. Councillor Putt will be attending the Community Flood Recovery Group on 3rd November and hopes that he can find some support and advice.

Councillor Gill reported that the bus stop has not been moved from its position adjacent to the crossing in St Austell Road at Biscovey; the buses are stopping further on. The Clerk will speak to the transport department and remind them it is still an issue.

Councillor Anderson thanked Councillors Allen, Miller, Putt and Hooper who had helped her with sand bagging during the heavy rain on Monday 24th October.

Councillor Anderson had been on a walk about with the Pat Harvey, Chairman of Cornwall Council, Martin Eddy, Community Network Manager, Roy Taylor, Charles Richards and Councillor Putt to assess the flooding situation earlier today.

1110/24**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 24^h November 2011 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.44pm.