

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

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

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)

Before the meeting began the Mayor told the Councillors that Rob Blackie had resigned from the Council. Cornwall Council Democratic Services have been informed. The notice requesting that if any elector wishes to request an election will be posted next week.

1610/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cornwall Councillor Doug Scrafton, St Blaise Town Councillors G Allen and A Seel.

1610/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1610/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Moore and Putt declared an interest in Agenda item 9h, minute reference 1610/16. Councillor R Taylor declared an interest in Agenda item 9c, minute reference 1610/11.

1610/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1608/10 The Clerk has contacted Esther O’Bearagh who will be delivering additional recycling receptacle for us to giveaway next week.

1609/19 The Clerk reported that the last light between the Co-op and the bridge was not working to their property manages and was assured it had been fixed. Gaynor will report this again.

1610/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

September 2016

Recorded 9/16

Recorded 9/15    Difference

Violence with Injury	2	1	100%
Violence without Injury	8	5	60%
Rape	0	0	-
Other Sexual Offences	1	0	-
Burglary non-Dwelling	5	0	-
Vehicle Offences	3	0	-
Shoplifting	1	0	-
Other Theft	1	0	-
Criminal Damage	6	2	200%
Trafficking of Drugs	2	0	-
Other Offences	1	1	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>233.3%</b>

#### Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 9/16	Recorded 9/15	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	14	9	55.6%
Crime Not Recorded	2	2	0%
Crime Recorded	9	1	800%
Public Safety	50	33	51.5%
Transport	11	14	-21.4%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>45.8%</b>

The police have not attended a Town council meeting for some time, Stuart Wheeler had attended the Police liaison meeting and was informed that they are only required to attend two meetings a year.

#### 1610/06 COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT

Dave Pearce is up to date with feeding and watering the flowers, he and Councillor Putt will be collecting the winter plants from the nursery tomorrow.

The new boat is to be delivered soon and Councillor Putt has arranged for top soil to be delivered.

Dave has spent a morning cleaning Trail Blazer Park, the residents using the facility are not using the rubbish receptacle provided, making the park unpleasant for other users.

Dave will cut the green at Doubletrees another 2 times to complete the work they have paid for.

#### 1610/07 A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR

As I have been on holiday, there is somewhat less to report than is usual. I have nonetheless attended various meetings and events including: A brief visit to the St Blazey Reclaimed Autumn Fete at the Burrows Centre and a meeting with residents at Kilhallon. This was followed a few days later by a meeting with Cormac officers and residents at Kilhallon where various remaining highway defects were aired.

I also attended the Community Network Area meeting in Lostwithiel where various highways issues were discussed amongst other items. I chaired a Transportation PAC at County Hall today and held a pre meet for the November PAC. I have arranged for fly tipped material (a mattress and the ever present tyres) to be cleared from Cornwall Council land adjacent to the footpath leading up to Treryn Close.

We have received a complaint about noise generated from “ISO Spaces” on Middleway. This is being dealt with through Environmental Health and Planning Enforcement.

Cornwall Community Flood Forum has converted itself into a Community Interest Organisation. According to the bank, the constitution of the CIO prevents any individual from viewing the accounts online. As Treasurer this is a problem. Fortunately the old CCFF bank account still operates at least pro tem.

#### 1610/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton is unwell and so there is no report.

#### 1610/09 **THE STARR PROJECT**

Shaun Pritchard from the Environment Agency told the Council that the Starr Project is still hopeful of coming to fruition. It is a grand scale scheme that will alleviate flooding from the A30 down to the coast of St Austell Bay focusing on Par and St Blazey. As a result of the BREXIT vote, the funds could have been in doubt. The environment Agency have been informed that as a current project it will still be funded.

The bid has passed the first two stages and as a new project and the first of its kind, the funders see the value of the scheme. The project will cost between 21 and 31 million pounds. Therefore the third stage, which they are currently working on, is very important. The EA is trying to raise money however 9.7 million will be EU funding with DEFRA making up most of the difference. The Cornwall Economic Strategy requires the project to be completed by 2020 as a requirement of ESIF funding.

Councillor Jenny Moore has her own suggestions which she feels would be of value to the project and has been speaking to the Environment Agency. They both see the importance of the project being worked into the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Moore was asked, as Hon Sec of Cornwall Community Flood Forum whether they are involved in the planning. The Flood forum haven't been involved in the planning of this, but there may be possibilities of their engagement, if the money comes through.

#### 1610/10 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

Councillor Putt and the Warden have completed all decorating work on the Community Rooms. The carpets are to be fitted on Monday and the furniture will be delivered shortly.

The Clerk will speak to All Connection Electrical regarding alarms when he returns to re-fit the heaters. The tree to the left of the building has been cut back. The trees to the right of the building have been reported to Western Power Distribution who are arranging trimming.

Councillor Putt and the Warden have cleaned the gutters and are to pressure wash the outside of the building shortly.

#### 1610/11 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Councillor Roy Taylor has asked the council to consider some funding for Fourways Youth Centre now that Cornwall Council are no longer funding the facility. St Blaise Town Council only consider donations in February and August but the clerk wanted the matter discussed as she would be working on the Budget before next month's meeting.

Councillor Taylor explained that the Youth Work that takes place at and out of Fourways is widely recognised as an exemplar of good practice. The centre provides a location for young people to hang out. Intensive work with some hard to reach youngsters has been successful in reducing anti-social behaviour and keeping them out of the criminal justice system. Cornwall Council no longer pay salaries for Youth Workers as youth service provision is not a statutory duty. When the youth work team were made redundant by Cornwall Council they formed themselves into a Community Interest Company (Kernow Youth CIC) and the Fourways charity has been paying the CIC to maintain a Youth Service for the young people of the area.

The charity has to be funded to make this work possible and any contribution will be welcome towards the approximate £40K pa cost of paying the CIC. The CIC are approaching many organisations and grant funding bodies.

Councillor A Putt proposed that £2,500 added to 2017/18 budget for the Youth Club, Councillor J Taylor seconded the proposal, Councillor R Taylor abstained all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 1610/12 **ST BLAZEY 2016 COMMUNITY AWARDS**

It was Resolved in October 2015 that St Blaise Town Council would start giving an Annual Citizen award. The Council agreed that the award would entail giving a citizen a certificate that would be awarded at the reception after the Carol Concert. A photo would be taken and later given to the citizen and also sent to the local press.

Councillor J Taylor proposed that Archie Taylor be given the 2016 award, Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was Resolved.

#### 1610/13 **CAROL CONCERT READERS**

Liz Davies from Biscovey School will be asked if the girl Bishop will do a reading, if this cannot be, Councillor June Anderson will perform the first reading, Councillor Jenny Taylor who is also secretary to Par Church's Together was asked to read and accepted and Councillor Miller was asked and accepted to read the third.

1610/14 **CHRISTMAS TREES**

Councillor Roy Taylor offered the Council free Christmas Trees which were gratefully accepted. The clerk asked for a budget for trees if none were suitable. Councillor Putt proposed a figure of £150, Councillor J Moore seconded the proposal, Councillor R Taylor abstained all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1610/15 **WMC – CORNUCOPIA TO TWIN WITH MEXICO**

The Mayor and the Clerk visited Cornish Market World who would like to twin with Real del Monte in Mexico. Real Del Monte have a pasty museum hence the twinning with St Blazey which will house a pasty museum in Cornucopia.

All the Councillors agreed that it was an excellent idea and that the Town Council would be happy to support the twinning.

1610/16 **HANDS TOGETHER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SPONSORSHIP**

Hands Together have written to the Mayor asking the Town Council to fund their Christmas festivities. The Clerk said that she was unhappy about the request as the lunches, parties and gifts are not available to all residents of the Town.

The clerk was instructed to write suggesting that they apply for a grant towards the costs in February.

1610/17 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning** – Councillor Jenny Moore will meet with Shaun Pritchard from the EA to discuss how the STARR Project will integrate into the plan. Once in the plan, all future planning decisions could be dependent on the policy.

A draft survey, leaflet, poster and questionnaire have been issued to all Neighbourhood Planning members ready for consultation.

**Burrows Centre** – No Action.

1610/18 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Parliament are considering making the referendum principle that affect Principle Councils onto Town and Parish Councils meaning that if we were to raise our precept above 2%, we would have to have a referendum. Due to Cornwall Council cuts and devolution, St Blaise Town Council have been unable to keep within this 2% for some time and would be unable to keep improving the Town as the Council has done in recent years. The Clerk was instructed to write to our MP and NALC with our objections.

Kernow Matters to You, an organisation campaigning to keep Cornwall whole in opposition to the Boundaries Commission proposal to join Launceston and Bude with Bideford in Devon making a cross-border constituency. The Clerk was instructed to write to them with the Councils support and write a letter to CC supporting their actions to oppose the boundary change.

The Clerk has written to the Town Team requesting some funding for the winter planting.

The below event road closure request has been received.

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

Location: Par Moor Road & Harbour Road, Par

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 (19:00 to 07:00)

#### 1610/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been six planning application received and it was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

PA16/08747            To construct vehicular hardstanding and access over a footpath.  
73 Station road  
St Blazey

The TC have added a clause that it must be a hard standing and not a moveable substance that could block drains.

PA16/08793            Application for works to a tree subject to a TPO - works to  
sycamore.  
26 Old Roselyon Road  
St Blazey

PA16/09230            Replacement of door & changes to Fenestration.  
Land and Stores to rear of The Furniture Cellar  
Station Road  
St Blazey

PA16/09551            Demolition of garage, construction of two storey side extension  
and single storey rear extension.  
24 Rose Hill  
St Blazey

PA16/09552            Extension and alterations to create rooms at first floor level  
with the inclusion of dormer windows on the north and south  
elevations.  
Birchwood  
The Mount  
St Blazey

PA16/09686 Conversion of barn to form 2 x 3 bed semi-detached dwellings.  
Biscovey Farm  
Biscovey Road  
St Blazey Gate

#### Decisions Received

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  
REFUSED

PA16/07472 Application to vary condition 1 to permit continuation of use in respect of decision notice PA156/03363 – Proposal to use amenity land adjacent to existing youth hostel operation for the temporary provision of a 60 pitch campsite including toilet and shower blocks 94 x toilets and 4 x showers)  
The Eden Project  
Bodelva  
APPROVED

#### 1610/20 ALEXANDER HALL

The Clerk is looking out for a mini fridge as more and more of our users are requesting this.

#### 1610/21 ACCOUNTS

##### Payments Received

Hall Bookings	1,038.00
Interest	0.79 (9/16)
Interest	2.32 (10/16)
High Deposit Int	175.55 (9/16)
High Deposit Int	179.31 (10/16)
Plant Donation	140.00

##### Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1351.57
Wardens Wage	568.67
Broadband	27.94
UK Fuels	56.00
Insurance	246.52
HMRC	559.52
CC (pen)	487.14
Eclipse	14.38
St Blazey TT	50.00
Walter Bailey	7.75
Printer Maint	119.00
St Austell Gard M	5.00
TMS	4.00
The Range	30.74
EDF	61.00

Icon Web	60.00
Councillors Travel	17.10
Hay Nurseries	266.43
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	81.00
EON	51.00
Cleaners Wage	77.35
Chubb (parts)	13.02
Chubb (F/A)	144.60
Screw fix	5.29
Co-op	8.73
Fridge	40.00
<u>PC</u>	
Business Rates	53.00
Locking	31.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Trago Mills	1.80
Plumbase	214.95
Travis Perkins	48.04
B & Q	66.00
Walter Bailey	22.45
Chrissies	11.10
Cost Cutters	907.06
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	5709.15

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1,535.97

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1610/22 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Putt asked that the Clerk write a thank you letter to the plasterer who worked on the Community Rooms for free.

1610/23 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.