

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 28th July 2011
Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
 Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson (late arrival)

Councillors:
 G Allen, R Heyward, A Putt, & D Scrafton

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
 Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
 1 members of the press

1107/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Gill & Councillor Miller.

1107/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th June 2011 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1107/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

1107/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

1107/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

June 2011

Assault	4
Burglary Dwelling	3
Burglary Other	0
Theft of M/V	0
Vehicle Crime	1
Theft	8
Damage	5
Drugs	0
Other	4
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Total	25

There were 36 crimes in June 2010 therefore there has been a 30% drop in crime. Councillor Anderson has been approached by a resident of Biscovey Road regarding some unsocial behaviour; the Warden will assess the situation and speak with the police.

1107/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR.**

Councillor Taylor reported that he was very disappointed that the road scheme improvements that he put to Cornwall Councils Highway Department have not come to fruition. He is actively attempting to provoke a response.

Councillor Taylor has dispensed more grants to the residents who suffered from flooding in November.

Councillor Taylor had a meeting with the bus companies who will have their contribution from Cornwall Council cut regarding the restricted services that could be forced. There is to be no cut at this time.

1107/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes brought to the attention of the Council the Localism Bill which is currently proceeding through the House of Lords which will if enacted as currently drafted; remove the National Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted members. He believes this to put local councils in a dangerous position and urged the Council to give this issue considerable thought.

Councillor Hughes brought to the Councils attention the reality that residents who use Par Beach car park are unhappy with the current charging arrangement. The car park is leased from a private landlord and therefore money has to be raised to pay the rent and maintenance on the land.

Councillor Hughes told the Council of discussions taking place for Resolve to have a bike restoration and sales scheme set up at Par Beach which could be linked to a community café. The lease on the caravan park is being re-negotiated and it is hoped that the footpaths through the site will become designated rights of way.

1107/08 **THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

Councillor Anderson would like the Town to have a fete to recognise the Queens Diamond Jubilee and thinks it would be a good idea for the Council to join with other organisations and arrange an event. Councillor Putt will speak with Hands Together the Football Club and other community groups and report back to the Council.

1107/09 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCILS POLICY**

Councillor Scrafton prepared a paper on the possibility of the Council having to take on services from Cornwall Council in the future. The Clerk distributed this to all Councillors. The issue was discussed and it was agreed that a town meeting should be arranged for Monday 15th August 2011.

1107/10 **A BIOGRAPHY OF ST BLAZEY WAR DEAD PUBLICATION**

Councillor Miller presented the Council with his finished publication of the biography of St Blazey War Dead. The coloured publication with a card cover would cost £518.89 for 300 copies. Councillor Miller suggests that each booklet be sold for £3.00 and the profits be donated to “Help the Heroes”. Councillor Scrafton proposed that the Council pay the initial outlay to be repaid from sales, Councillor Heyward seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1107/11 **PROJECT LIST**

St Blazey Fountain – May Gurney have confirmed that they will honour their quotation of £500 to re-instate the workings of the Fountain and said that the fountain would require emptying and cleaning prior to commencement of work. Clearflow are prepared to do this work for free as a goodwill gesture in return for some positive PR. The Council must ensure that the water and electricity connections are live first.

Town Car Park – Councillor Taylor has arranged for Cormac to quote for the work to the surface of the Car Park and this will be reported the Clerk. Kevin Atkinson has filled between the kerb stones but Councillor Putt has suggested that the Bell Tower from the old boy’s school which is currently situated in Fourways car park be re-sited at the entrance of the Car Park. The Council agreed this to be an excellent idea and Councillor Taylor is investigating as to whether this will be possible.

New Community Centre – Tenders for the extension at the Burrows Centre have been received, the Council accepted the quote from Gilbert & Goode for £295,248. This quote exceeded the others received £291,747.66 and £295,638.14 on the grounds that these builders constructed the original building and therefore less likely to come across unexpected problems; they were the most local and the construction time being the least, therefore minimising disruption.

Piggy Alley – Devolution at Cornwall Council have informed the Clerk that a lease for Piggy Alley will be available shortly.

1107/12 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Council held an open meeting to discuss the implications of Localism and Cornwall Council cuts and the effects it could have on the Town council. Town Councillors Allen, Anderson, Heyward, Miller, Putt and Scrafton attended along with Cornwall Councillors Hughes and Taylor. Apologies were received from Councillors Seel, Muskett-Geake and Gill.

The Council decided that it would be preferential to keep the Town presentable rather than take on services that only affected a few residents and therefore tasks were put in a priority order if they should be forced upon them. The priorities being:-

1. Grass verge cutting / flower beds.
2. King Edward Gardens.

3. The playground in Lamellyn Road/ Green space.
4. Bus Shelters and Street furniture.
5. Public Conveniences.

Trailblazer Park was also discussed as Cornwall Council currently do the regular H&S checks, some of the maintenance and insure the park. It is a Town Council owned facility so the Council are preparing themselves for additional costs.

Councillor Taylor told the Council that Serco are currently looking after a piece of land owned by an individual as part of the Cornwall Council contract, the Clerk said that we could not carry this on under any condition as we do not have the legal power.

lerk has received a letter from Cornwall Council regarding the Localism Bill which is currently proceeding through the House of Lords which will if enacted as currently drafted; remove the National Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted members. The Clerk has been advised by CALC to reply declining to reply as there is not yet any legislation in place and therefore no statutory framework to work within.

CALC has asked that this issue be put on each Councils Agenda as the Clerk will be invited to attend a meeting in September when a representation will be formulated that NALC will present to Government. The Clerk will put information together for the next meeting.

The Clerk has investigated the possibility of the Warden being able to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and litter. We would issue Cornwall Council Fixed Penalty Notices for dog and littering offences, the notices would be forwarded to Cornwall Council who would accept payment. Once received a remit 80% would be repaid to us. Prosecution for non- payment would be the responsibility of Cornwall Council. The Council agreed that both the Warden and the Clerk should receive training.

It has been brought to the Clerks attention that the beds by the Fountain have not been planted, the Clerk will investigate further. The planters at the end of Station Road are in need of attention, it is too late to plant for the summer but the Warden will put in winter pansies and wall flowers in them this autumn and will plant bulbs for next summer.

1107/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been one applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to it.

PA11/05247 Full Planning
Proposed lounge and bedroom extension.
Greenacres
Cornhill Road
St Blazey.

Planning Application results received.

- PA11/01547 Full Planning
Proposed residential building plot for the construction of a two
bedroomed house on the site of existing pre-fabricated flat roof garage.
Land to the East of Penarwyn House
St Blazey
PERMISSION REFUSED
- PA11/04013 Full Planning
Proposed double garage.
Highland Court Lodge
Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate
PERMISSION APPROVED
- PA11/04194 Full Planning
Permission to replace extant planning permission for a first floor bed
room extension.
5 St Marys Road
Biscovey
PERMISSION APPROVED

1107/14 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Saturday car boot is taking a summer break.

1107/15 **ACCOUNTS**

Income		Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	283.00 6/11	Broadband	25.14
Hall Bookings	426.50	SWW	55.00
Int	3.47 6/11	Electricity	38.00
Int -Deposit	170.60	HMRC	341.90
		CC (pen)	339.03
		Clerks Sal	1020.49
		Purl Design	5100.00
		Wardens Wage	719.53
		Cleaners Wage	117.60
		Ad Sales Ltd	60.00
		Viking	462.86
		Icon Web-services	70.00
		Petrol	52.81
		Walter Bailey	9.48
		SLCC	66.25
		Insurance	158.25
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	883.57		9055.74

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1107/16 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Scrafton has attended the Big Lottery Steering Group and reported that the administrator will be appointed by the end of the year.

Councillor Putt has been informed by the environment Agency that pipe work leading to the pump in Piggy Alley will be dropped underground.

Councillor Putt asked if the Warden could be given the task of painting and cleaning the Bus Shelters and replace the Perspex where necessary.

Councillor Allen had attended the launch of the Saint's Awards, an exciting new awards initiative which will cover postcodes PL22/23/24/25/26. Councillor Allen asked if he could be the representative for St. Blaise Town Council, the Council agreed.

1107/17 **PART TWO ITEMS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO BE DEBATED IN
ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC** As per Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

1. To resolve to exclude the press and public for items of a confidential nature.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public.

2. Co-option of Town Councillor.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Alexia Muskett – Geake to the Town Council.

1107/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 25^h August 2011 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.