

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 28th April 2016**

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)
One members of the public
The Community Warden

1604/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors A Seel and G Allen.
Cornwall Councillor D Scrafton also sent his apologies.

1604/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 31st March 2016 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1604/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no expressions of interest on items on the Agenda.

1604/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1602/04 The Clerk has heard from the Clay Country Singers but they are unable to perform at this year's Carol Concert. The Clerk will look for other Choirs. Mount Charles Youth Band have confirmed their attendance.

1603/22 Councillor Wheeler confirmed that the reflectors on the bollards by East Crinnis Farm are now at an acceptable standard and that Cormac have confirmed that the fencing by the railway crossing on St Andrews Road will be repaired in due course.

1604/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

March 2016

	Recorded 3/16	Recorded 3/15	Difference
Violence with Injury	4	4	0%
Violence without Injury	5	8	-37.5%
Rape	0	1	-100%

Other sex offences	1	0	-
Vehicle Offences	1	2	-50%
Shoplifting	2	4	-50%
Other Theft	1	4	-75%
Criminal Damage	3	8	-62.5%
Public Order Offences	0	1	-100%
Trafficking Drugs	0	1	-100%
Possession of Drugs	1	0	-
TOTAL:	18	33	-45.5%

Logs/Calls to Police

	Recorded 3/16	Recorded 3/15	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	21	18	16.7%
Crime Not Recorded	0	1	-100%
Crime Recorded	10	12	16.7%
Public Safety	32	34	-5.9%
Transport	13	9	44.4%
TOTAL:	76	74	2.7%

1604/06 COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT

Dave Pearce has started weed control and has sprayed Church Street, Fore Street, Rosehill, the path behind Biscovey School, the footpath between Polgrean and Station Road and the path between Landreath and Rosehill. Station Road, St Blazey road and Doubletrees to Lodge hill will be treated when weather permits.

Tarmac chippings which have been donated have been used to fill the potholes in the Town Car Park.

Councillor Anderson asked if the Welcome Stone at Tregrehan could have the letters re-painted.

1604/07 A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR

A390 level crossing closure

There is still a significant program of works to be carried out on the local rail infrastructure.

So, quarterly meetings have been arranged between CC Transportation staff and representatives of Network Rail to prevent a repeat of the disruption that was caused to the A390 happening elsewhere.

Centurion Site Services are no longer welcome in Cornwall.

Kilhallon landslip

Work has started using pile driving for long term stability and is expected to be completed in August.

The Roundhouse

I have attended a meeting of the Roundhouse board and had another meeting with a representative from Barrow Hill Roundhouse who are very enthusiastic about our prospects.

Motion re parking at Schools

This was discussed at the 15th April Transportation PAC. There is no single cure for the issues but a surprisingly large range of means are already available to parents and children including cycle schemes and walking bus. In addition a reappraisal of the criteria for safe routes to school is likely to lead to significantly more children being offered free transport to school and the Department for Transport initiative re zig zag lines is still awaited.

The portfolio holder has agreed to set up a meeting with relevant parties to see what suggestions come forward. Enforcement will be the next hurdle and the committee sent a resolution to cabinet requesting that greater resources are put into enforcement.

St Piran's Day public holiday motion.

This was carried by a large majority of members at the Cornwall Council meeting held yesterday. This means that the administration will be negotiating for this in addition to the other items in the "deal for Cornwall".

I have attended meetings of the Emergency planning group, Young People's PAC, Fourways, AGM of St Blazey Reclaimed, STARR meeting at Dowerglann, Site meeting and public meeting re Wain Homes proposal.

1604/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Doug Scrafton sent the following report:

I hope I will be forgiven for not attending this evening's meeting. The Par Sports and Leisure Park group, with whom I am working to secure the future of Par running track, are holding a public event to mark the adoption of the proposal they are putting to Cornwall Council for the handover of the track. As this is such a potentially important initiative, I feel that I ought to be there. May I, however, take this opportunity again to thank St Blaise Town Council for its very welcome message of support for our endeavours.

With Councillor Roy Taylor, I attended the Strategic Planning Committee's informal site visit and the subsequent public meeting concerning Wain Homes' application for planning permission for building above the Porth Meadow and Manor View developments. That application returns to the committee next week, and I will be there to remind the committee that during the public meeting they heard overwhelming opposition to the development.

I attended a meeting of Cornwall Council's Transport PAC, where my motion to the Council concerning traffic problems at schools was considered. I thought that the issue had a very thorough airing there, thanks to sterling chairmanship of the meeting, and am confident that this will result in further efforts to help communities address the problems.

I attended a briefing from SWW, the EA and CC about the work they are doing to address the flooding issues in the Par Bay catchment area.

I attended a meeting of the Resources PAC, where a motion I had supported calling for the abolition of business rates for public conveniences was considered. I was

heartened that the committee agreed to this, and intend to ask the portfolio holder to approach central government about it.

1604/09 **THE FUTURE OF ST BLAZEY POLICE STATION**

Our offer to purchase the police station has been accepted and all legal matters are being dealt with by Coode's in St Austell. The clerk asked that the Council think of a suitable name for the building.

1604/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Cornwall Council have written a Memorandum of Understanding relating to the devolution of assets and services. A new process is to be introduced where a CC officer will offer an asset, negotiations will take place, the matter will be considered by the localism Pac and finally cabinet,

1604/11 **COUNCIL TO APPROVE 2015-16 EOY ACCOUNTS**

The Council all agreed and approved:-

The Council have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of accounting statements.

The Council have maintained adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and deduct fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.

The Council have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.

The Council has provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The Council have assessed all risks facing the council and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including internal controls and external insurance cover where required.

The Council has maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council accounting records and control systems.

The Council has taken appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.

The council considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after year-end, have a financial impact on the council and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for 2015/16 to the council. Councillor Putt proposed that they be accepted, Councillor Miller seconded, all the council agreed and it was RESOLVED.

The Council will carry £245,025 into the new financial year. The reserves will be apportioned as follows:-

Council running costs (in case of emergency) –	35,025
Community Centre (purchase) -	170,000
Repair and maintenance of the Town Car Park -	40,000

1604/12 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – There was a Neighbourhood Planning meeting on April 12th, CRCC has presented papers that are ready for pre-consultation after the Cornwall Local Plan is agreed. Victoria Regan presented the meeting with various sites for consideration for affordable housing.

Burrows Centre – The Council is not yet in a position to consider an extension until after the purchase of the Police Station.

1604/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Church have written, concerned that they will lose the facility for movement of hearses and wedding cars once the new homes are occupied at the Cornish Arms. The Clerk will reply that this is free land and cannot be taken by the new residents.

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

Location: Par Moor Road & Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 23rd May 2016 (19:00 to 07:00)

1604/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

We have received six planning applications, it was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

PA16/02878 Proposed double storey extension
27 Hillside Avenue
St Blazey

PA16/02950 Advertisement consent to display a double sided freestanding
illuminated sign at main entrance.
Cornish Market World
Par Moor Road
St Blazey

PA16/02951	Advertisement consent to display two single sided freestanding signs at East car park entrance. Cornish Market World Par Moor Road St Blazey
PA16/03216	Creation of vehicular access and hardstanding. 52 Par Lane St Blazey
PA16/03311	Advert Consent Illuminated Fascia Sign with individual letters over. Cornish Market World Par Moor Road St Blazey
PA16/03202	Construction of rear extension to existing property. Groundworks and timber frame construction to be used according to building regulations. 67 Meadow Drive St Blazey

1604/15 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk has received a quote to replace the fascia boards which is extremely high, another quote will be sought.

1604/16 **ACCOUNTS** April 16

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	470.50
Interest	1.02
High Deposit Interest	176.41
Precept	38,625.00
CTS Grant	4,328.82

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1340.80
Wardens Wage	568.67
Broadband	30.47
UK Fuels	28.00
Insurance	216.83
HMRC	496.61
CC (pen)	466.14
Eclipse	14.38
SLCC	167.00
CALC	1,566.71
Nomix	60.72
Coode's	900.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	73.00
EON	20.00
Cleaners Wage	57.40
Chubb (parts)	13.02
<u>PC</u>	

	Business Rates	54.92
	Locking	30.00
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1604/17 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Miller had attended the Community Network Panel meeting on Monday evening and reported that there is concern about the seaweed at Par Beach. Some would like the seaweed cleared, others believe it is necessary to be kept for environmental reasons.

Councillor Blackie asked if the road from Biscovey Farm down to Par Moor Road could be added to the street cleaning to the regular street cleaning schedule. Councillor Taylor explained that roads graded less than A were only cleaned on request.

Councillor Putt said that he had received some funding for plants from local businesses but would like to spend approximately £100 in addition. The Council agreed.

1604/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 23rd May 2016 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.39 pm.