

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillor A Seel – Vice Mayor

Councillors

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

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)  
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton  
Three members of the public  
1 Community Warden  
1 representatives from Wellington Market Company  
1 PCSO  
1 Police Officer

1602/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R Blackie.

1602/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1602/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1602/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1511/14 The Clerk is waiting to hear from Liz Davis to see if the Biscovey Choir could perform at this year's Carol Concert if it was to be brought forward to 4.00pm this year. Councillor Putt told the Council that the football club is booked in the afternoon of December 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 however December 4<sup>th</sup> is free.

1511/11 The funding request to Cornwall Council for the Emergency Planning Grant has yet to be applied for as a completion of plan has not been given.

1507/13 The Clerk has received the 2016-17 recycling and collection charges from Cornwall Council. The next step of the campaign is to arrange a leaflet drop and Poster display.

1602/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

January 2016

	Recorded 1/16	Recorded 1/15	Difference
Violence with Injury	3	3	-
Violence without Injury	1	1	-
Robbery	0	1	-100%
Vehicle Offences	0	1	-100%
Shoplifting	1	0	-
Other Theft	0	2	-100%
Criminal Damage	4	7	-42.9%
Possession of Drugs	0	2	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-47.1%</b>

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 1/16	Recorded 1/15	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	8	14	-42.9%
Crime Recorded	4	7	-42.9%
Public Safety	42	41	2.4%
Transport	14	10	40%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>

1602/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Dave Pearce told the Council that he believed that St Blazey was looking tidy, as the verge cutting and planting is up to date. He said that most areas are not currently badly affected by dog fouling with the exception of the footpath at the back of Biscovey School. He has fixed the guttering at Alexander Hall but told the council that a fair amount of the fascia boards need replacing, the Clerk was instructed to arrange a quote.

The Warden told the Council that the flooring in Station Road toilets was lifting and he is concerned as this is a safety risk. The heavy rain causes puddles outside the toilets and as the tarmac outside is higher than the flooring inside the water comes in and causes the lino to lift. Councillors Putt and R Taylor will look at this and instruct the Clerk on action.

1602/07 **SAM HEALY REGARDING PLANS FOR CORNISH MARKET WORLD**

Sam told the Council of the plans to re-develop the site and form Cornucopia. The front of the building will have a totally different look with start-up businesses being based at the entrance along with a traditional American Diner which will be run by Sam's who have a few local restaurants. There will be local suppliers based behind selling local produce which will include fruit and vegetables, a butcher and a baker.

There is a local person who has helped set up the only other Pasty Museum which is in Mexico. They will be working with Market World to set up a Museum on the site. They are also in talks to set up a sports hub and hoping to promote and improve local cycle ways.

The new facilities will be open 7 days a week and could be open until 11.00pm, the project will generate 100 Full Time equivalent employment opportunities and 100 apprenticeships.

The current market will be moved back and each stall condensed to give a more modern appearance and feel, all the current traders will remain and it is hoped that they will be able to trade 3 days a week all year round.

Sam's Diner will open this summer and it is expected that the new facilities will open Easter 2017.

## 1602/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

### **A390 level crossing closure**

The official diversion provided a detour via Bodmin, the A30 and the A391. As anticipated, many people used local country roads to get around rather than that "negotiated" by NR. Residents of Porcupine Lane, Treemill, Kilhallon, Lanescot and Driving Lane saw a very significant increase in traffic not all being driven at a speed suitable for the road conditions. Although I am not aware of any plans to do so I have insisted that should there be any repeat closure an enforceable one way system for local back roads with a suitable speed limit will have to be put in place prior to granting consent for closure.

The address supplied by NR to enable claims for compensation for loss incurred by the closure is: Claims, Network Rail, Western House, 1 Holbrook Way, Swindon, SN1 1BD

### **Kilhallon landslip**

Trial pits and borehole sampling of the materials under the road have been completed and the matters have been analysed in the lab. A permanent restoration is now being planned using this data and I understand that the repairs will be initiated as soon as a plan is in place, expected to be in April.

### **The Roundhouse**

To avoid reinventing the wheel, the group that is trying to improve the lot of the Roundhouse and turntable have an opportunity to meet with Mervyn Allcock from Barrow Hill (a roundhouse railway centre / museum) near Chesterfield.

### **St Blazey Police Station**

Regrettably the police have withdrawn from the sale of the property to the Town Council. It is apparent to me that the representatives of the police we were dealing with had not thought through the requirements of their own officers before offering the property for sale.

### **Motion re parking at Schools**

Twice a day, five days a week in term time parking traffic chaos descends upon the roads near most schools in Cornwall. Councillor Doug Scrafton's motion to Council has been sent to the committee I chair to deal with. It will come up on the April agenda.

### **Various highway schemes**

That have been submitted by Doug, David and myself have all been rejected.

### **A Housing and Planning bill**

A bill which is making its way through parliament to amend National Planning Policy Framework. I attended a briefing this week and the information provided was disturbing to say the least. Too much data to absorb in one session. I will provide further reports on this when I better understand the ramifications.

## 1602/09 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Doug Scrafton presented the following report:

I attended a number of meetings at County Hall, including briefings on dementia, corporate safeguarding and housing. I also attended full council, and the Scrutiny Management, Localism and Reputation and Performance committees. I went to a meeting of the St Austell Bay Economic Forum, and to a Fourways board meeting.

Council Taylor and I attended another briefing on progress towards StARR – the St Austell Area Resilient Regeneration project, on which this Council was briefed last month.

Since your last meeting, I have had four meetings with the group putting together proposals to assume responsibility for and control of Par Running Track. That group is making very encouraging progress, and I am increasingly confident that it will have a convincing feasibility and business case ready in time for submission at the end of next month.

I have attended meetings concerning the St Blazey Roundhouse and have had a meeting with the headmaster of Biscovey Infants School, to follow up my motion to full council concerning traffic near schools.

The Planning Inspector has found in favour of the application to build a house on land in Biscovey Road. This Council and I have twice opposed that application, and the Planning Committee has twice refused it. It is disappointing in the extreme that yet again someone sent from Bristol should see fit to overturn the position taken by local experts. But I fear that there is nothing further that can be done about this case.

There are indications, but I await confirmation, that the Wain Homes application for 190 plus houses above Porth Meadow and Manor View may come to a planning committee in March. I await news of the formal site meeting and formal public meeting that I have asked planning officers to arrange.

I have been appointed a non-executive director of CC Group. This is the holding company that supervises the work of the Cormac Companies and the Cornwall Development Company.

1602/10 **THE FUTURE OF ST BLAZEY POLICE STATION**

Since informing Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioners that they will not be allowed use of the kitchen, the Clerk received a phone call on 18<sup>th</sup> February informing us that they will not be proceeding with the sale. We have since received a letter from them asking us to reconsider the use of the kitchen.

After discussion it was agreed that they still not be allowed to use the kitchen however the Clerk was instructed to arrange two quotes for a sink to be put into one of their rooms.

1602/11 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

We have received information regarding the Local Devolution Fund which was discussed at the recent Community Network Panel and a report for tree works that is needed for King Edward Gardens.

Our Community Link Officer has informed the Clerk that due to financial pressures the service will only deliver urgent/ safety works but would, she believes, be happy to deliver additional elements of the work if TC were minded to fund it. Tasha also says that if there is something that the Town Council thinks they want to apply for from the Local Devolution Fund then any proposal needs to be submitted by 21<sup>st</sup> March for the Panel to consider on 25<sup>th</sup> April. We must bear in mind that there is only £22244 for our area.

The clerk is trying to arrange a meeting with Tasha Davis before March 21<sup>st</sup>.

1602/12 **TO APPOINT AN INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2015-16**

The Clerk asked the council if South West Internal Audit should continue as our Internal Auditors for another year. The Council RESOLVED to use them for our 2015/16 Audit.

1602/13 **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Emergency Planning seems to have come to a standstill, the Clerk will e-mail all those concerned to see if the group can meet soon.

1602/14 **DONATION REQUESTS**

Cruse Bereavement Care Cornwall have asked for a donation towards their running costs, Councillor A Seel proposed a donation of £100, Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Great Western Railway Club have asked for a donation towards the repair to their roof. St Blazey Town Councillors said that as this was a repair to the fabric of the building and therefore inappropriate for us to give a donation. The Clerk was instructed to write advising them to apply to Par Bay Big Local or to ask the Gateway group for adult with learning and physical disabilities to apply for a donation from our council.

#### 1602/15 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning** – Neighbourhood planning is currently not moving as we are waiting for the Local Plan to be adopted that will decide housing numbers and the result of the StaRR funding application.

**Burrows Centre** – The Clerk has applied to PBBL for funding but has been told we can only have an Interest Free Loan. The council decided to start a conversation with the BIG LOCAL TRUST.

#### 1602/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has received an offer of £384 to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership, to cut the public rights of way. The Clerk was instructed to accept the offer.

Truro City Council have written asking us to support them in asking Cornwall Council to reduce the housing figures in the Local Plan. Cornwall Council had their 1<sup>st</sup> submission of the local plan refused due to the housing figure of 47,000 being too low and was told that if they did not increase this figure a total of 60,000 would be imposed. The Clerk will write in support of the figure of 52,500.

Tempus Leisure have written regarding the Eden Classic which will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2016. There will be approximately 600 cyclists on the roads in and around St Blazey between 8.30am and 10.30am and again between 12.00pm and 4.00pm.

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

Location: Polmear Hill, Par and A3082 between Polmear Hill and Four Turnings Roundabout, Fowey

Timing: 2nd to 4th March 2016 (09:30 to 16:30 hours)

#### 1602/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

We have received two planning applications, it was RESOLVED to not object to one of them.

PA16/00386	Replacement of existing dwelling. Heywards Heath New Road. St Blazey
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It was RESOLVED to object to :-

PA16/00028 Demolition of one existing dwelling & erection of 44 new dwellings and associated highway and landscape works together with provision of open space and associated infrastructure. (revision to affordable housing allocation and house types relating to planning approval PA14/01614)  
Land east of Mount crescent  
Mount crescent  
St Blazey

The Town Council do not approve of the removal of the three 2 bedroomed and 2 three bedroomed socially rented properties and replacement with 5 larger houses to be sold.

#### 1602/18 ALEXANDER HALL REPORT AND RENT REVIEW

Unfortunately the boiler has been condemned, the Councillors have chosen to have a Worcester replacement. This will be installed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Clerk asked the Council if the rents should be increased as there had been no increase for seven years. Councillor Seel proposed that the morning and afternoon charges be increased to £18 and the evening charge to remain at £20. Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal. 4 other Councillors agreed, Councillor Wheeler objected and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 1602/19 ACCOUNTS

February 16

##### **Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	690.00
Doubletrees	540.00
High Deposit Interest	171.56
Interest	.99
Burrows	64.78

##### **Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1350.98
Wardens Wage	568.47
Broadband	27.88
UK Fuels	57.00
Insurance	216.83
HMRC	496.81
CC (pen)	466.14
Eclipse	14.38
BT	71.96
EDF (fountain)	61.00
Scribe	234.00
Viking	37.64
SLCC	82.80
T Huddy	80.00
Nisbets	64.78
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	73.00

	EON	20.00
	Cleaners Wage	61.50
	Chubb (parts)	13.02
	M Gilbert	33.00
	Premiere Heating	60.00
	St Austell Glass	96.00
	<u>PC</u>	
	SWW	199.92
	Locking	29.00
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

#### 1602/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

The Clerk was asked to report the broken lights at the back of Co-op to the store again and inform them that enforcement action could be taken.

Councillor Anderson told the Council that the Big Lunch run by Par Community Association, which we agreed to support, would be combined with the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. The date has been postponed from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 1602/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.