

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2017**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
 Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, T Nethercott, K Simms and J Taylor.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
 Community Warden  
 Cornwall Councillor P Giles  
 Cornwall Councillor J Rowse.

1709/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor J Moore and Councillor S Wheeler.

1709/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1709/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1709/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1708/10 Letters of thanks for donations have been received from St Mary's Church and Merlin MS.

1709/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

August 2017

	Recorded 8/17	Recorded 8/16	Difference
Violence with Injury	6	8	-25%
Violence without Injury	2	2	0%
Rape	0	1	-100%
Other Sexual Offences	1	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	1	1	0%

Burglary Non-Dwelling	2	0	-
Vehicle Offences	0	1	-100%
Shoplifting	1	1	0%
Other Theft	2	4	-50%
Criminal Damage	8	3	166.7%
Public Order Offences	4	2	100%
Possession of Weapons	1	0	-
Other Offences	0	1	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16.7%</b>

#### Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 8/17	Recorded 8/16	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	17	11	54.5%
Crime Recorded	13	12	8.3%
Crime Not Recorder	1	2	-50%
Public Safety	51	43	18.6%
Transport	12	11	-9.1%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-19%</b>

#### 1709/06 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden is currently up to date with all his work however he is concerned about the terrible condition of Rosehill Cemetary. Councillor Giles has reported this to Cornwall Council as she has also had concerns. The Clerk will write to Cornwall Council and ask if any improvements can be made.

#### 1709/07 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

Since the last meeting, we had the noise disturbance caused by a youth's party at Prideaux Road, which, although not in my Division, affected everyone in it! Regrettably, the Chief Executive and Portfolio holder of Cornwall Council were on holiday, the Duty Director was unable to answer her phone, so it was up to me to get a resolution. I am pleased to say by working in conjunction with the Police we managed to get the equipment seized, which was fortuitous as it was scheduled for the entire weekend. Whilst I sympathise with the youngsters who say there is nothing to do in St Blazey, turning the music up at 2 am and expecting everyone to put up with it for 48 hours is not the answer!

I attended a Fostering meeting at County Hall, which was enlightening, we have many children in need of short and long term places in Cornwall. I am sure there are families in St Blazey, who would be ideal candidates for this, and anyone wishing to consider it, please contact me, so that I can put them in touch with the right people.

I have attended the second of three NHS Shaping Our Future meetings with stakeholders, GPs, Nursing staff, patients and fellow Councillors. We are all agreed that the working practices of the NHS must change, and that departments must work as a cohesive unit in order to supply a smoother more efficient service. The final meeting is in October, when a list of proposals will be drawn up. I am hopeful

as Shadow Cabinet member for Children and Families and a member of the Scrutiny Committee.

I attended “Making Integration Happen”, Cornwall’s bid to the Social Care Innovation programme. This has the potential to integrate children’s education, community health and social services under the umbrella of ‘One Vision’. It is an exciting time, and will if agreed upon, achieve a better outcome for all children, especially the vulnerable ones. Living in St Blazey, this can only be a good thing, with St Blazey West being in the Top 10 of deprived areas in Cornwall and indeed the UK.

I had a very good meeting with Anti-Social Behaviour caseworker Helen Toms, and PCSO Harris. I receive complaints from the public constantly about the poor service of the Police, which I believe to be, to a great extent, unfair. The problem we have is, people are venting on social media, sharing things that are going on in St Blazey, but not reporting it! Thus, there is no log of any incident, so nothing is done. The Police need everyone to report anything suspicious or an incident which could affect them or their community. I have been told that incidents don’t get reported as the victims are afraid of the repercussions. Ironically, without reporting something, the offenders think, no one is going to do anything, so we’ll carry on!

Please use the following contacts:-

Phone 101 for non-emergency.

Phone Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111, which can be anonymous.

Email - [antisocialbehaviour@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:antisocialbehaviour@cornwall.gov.uk)

For advice - [www.safercornwall.co.uk](http://www.safercornwall.co.uk) .

My main focus going forward is the health and wellbeing of St Blazey, and tackling its deprivation. I am pleased to say ‘What for Dinner’ is coming together.

Finally, St Blazey ‘Festival’ ideas are coming together, as plans are gathered I will pass them on to other relevant bodies in St Blazey, and of course, to the Town Council.

#### 1709/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Cornwall Council Divisions are split in to Community Network Panel’s (CNP) and St Blaise is part of the St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel CNP. In this CNP we represent 15,000 residents and I was delighted to have been chosen by my fellow CNP Cornwall Councillors to be the representative for the area on the St Austell Bay Economic Forum (SABEF), making me now one of the Directors.

Members of SABEF work together to bring about positive economic change in the St Austell Bay Area. SABEF includes representation from major businesses in the area, the local college, as well as local councils and community groups. So, the St Austell Bay Area speaks with one voice. As our focus is economic, we seek to grow the local economy by concentrating on the factors that encourage inward investment; connectivity, infrastructure, workspace, talent, services and overall quality of life.

We are excited about the assets that surround us; their potential is vast with St Austell Bay as an obvious starting point. Economic growth in this wider area will have a knock-on effect on more deprived areas. We want local people to become proud of the area again, and that is one of our goals on a journey of partnership and economic success. Cllr Nethercott, who represents St Blaise TC on SABEF, and I, plan to work together to ensure that St Blaise and the PL24 area is not forgotten and to make sure the focus is equally on us, as it is with St Austell.

Further to my report last month with regards to the Wainhomes development and the concerns with the residents of the community and specifically those living up at the Mount, I have now had a site meeting with Wainhomes. I have come away from the meeting feeling positive that they do understand the concerns that I raised and will be addressing them accordingly. I will be writing to the residents of Bayview in the coming days to give them a more detailed update on this meeting and how this development will affect them.

Whilst I'm on the topic of this development, I have recently met with Biscovey Academy to discuss how this development will affect them and more specifically what they are doing to address the local residents' concerns about parents parking carelessly by the school. I am due to meet with the head again next week along with our PCSO Jamie Ward to discuss this matter further.

One thing I have been working on this month, and it's very early days, is on my idea that I have come up with about bringing the PL24 community together through 'PL24 in Bloom'. I think this is a really good idea and I want it to be more than just pretty hanging baskets. I want to work with organisations and residents in our community to tidy up our area and take pride in it once again; celebrating our rich heritage. I have already met with some organisations in the area and will continue to develop the idea over the coming month.

I had my first surgery at the beginning of the month at Par Library and it was a huge success, completely full. Going forward, my surgeries will be on the first Saturday of each month at the library between 10:30 – 11:30.

My 'first 100 days' leaflet has also been printed and I will be distributing this in the coming weeks. As ever, if the Town Councillors have any Cornwall Council issues they wish to raise with me then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

#### 1709/09 **IMPLECATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk is constantly being contacted by Cornwall Council with instructions to carry out work on land, buildings and property owned by them. They obviously don't have an up to date programme of works for which they are responsible for. Unfortunately as our Warden carries out small jobs as requested by local people, the Clerk is concerned that this will grow into larger works. However if Dave doesn't do these smaller jobs, they wouldn't get completed.

The Clerk has reported several small issues to Cornwall Council and always gets a response that the matter will be looked at within 5 days, unfortunately nine days later

an e-mail is received informing that the matter has been passed onto the area surveyor.

1709/10 **UPDATE OF WAINHOMES MEETING**

St Blaise Town Councillors Anderson, Moore and Nethercott met with representatives from Wainhomes along with Cornwall Councillors Rowse and Giles. Councillor Anderson said it had been a productive meeting but the Wainhomes representatives had been mis-informed about several matters. They want to build on land north of the A390 that has previously been refused planning permission due to access and will not be available if the STaRR project is to proceed.

1709/11 **SUGGESTIONS FOR STREET NAMES AS REQUESTED BY WAINHOMES**

Wainhomes have requested that we provide some suggestions for street names to be used for the new housing on the land north of Mountlea Drive. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would forward Boscovean Road and Follys Lane. Other suggestions were made that could be Road, Close, Avenue or other and they are Bream, Candle, Blaise and Studley. Names that refer to local mining and quarries i.e. Stone, Copper, Tin or Clay will also be submitted. They ask that names of people are not usually considered however the last Cornish Engineer was William West who died in 1879 but was a resident of the Town and it would be nice to have a William West Close or other so this will also be suggested.

1709/12 **CAROL CONCERT READERS**

Liz Davies has said that the Boy Bishop will read one of the readings at this year's Carol Concert, Councillor Nethercott and Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles will read the other two.

1709/13 **DONATION TO EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor Nethercott proposed a donation of £150 to the 2017 Earl Haig Poppy Appeal, Councillor J Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1709/14 **TO REVIEW THE RETENTION OF RECORDS PROCESS**

Deferred to October 17 meeting.

1709/15 **TO REVIEW THE PUBLICATION SCHEME**

Deferred to October 17 meeting.

1709/16 **COUNCIL TO AGREE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR LIGHTING IN PIGGY ALLEY**

The Clerk told the Council that the Annual inspection on the lighting in Piggy Alley is due on 21<sup>st</sup> October, the Councillors all agreed that All Connections Electrical who installed the lighting would carry out the inspection.

## 1709/17 PROJECT LIST

**New Community Centre/Burrows Centre** – The Clerk asked if new tenders should be sought for the extension, All the Councillors agreed.

**Neighbourhood Planning** – Councillor Moore has arranged a consultation event for the 10<sup>th</sup> October between 4.00 and 7.00pm at St Blazey Railway Club. It is intended that there will be members of the working group available to answer any queries regarding the survey, and to have available copies of the youth friendly survey for anyone who wants to complete it. It is hoped that this will boost returns of the survey, which are already deemed to be good.

**King Edward Gardens** – The Clerk has been informed by our solicitor that she is waiting to hear from Cornwall Council regarding overage.

## 1709/18 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk has had a report that the lighting in Piggy Alley is not working correctly and has reported this to All Connections.

The Council agreed that Christmas Trees would be purchased from Andrew Rundell.

The Clerk has received the EOY audit back from the Audit Commission. Our Internal Auditors checked the box that said we have petty cash which we don't. The Clerk should have noticed this and so this was reported.

Rachel Bice who is working on the STaRR project was due to give a presentation at this evenings meeting however she has delayed for a month as there will be significantly more to report by then.

CALC is hosting a conference on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 at New County Hall. It is an opportunity to find out how the Boundary Review will affect our Council and our community. Councillor Anderson and Nethercott will attend.

We have had notice that there will be an election for a new Town Councillor on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. The Clerk will arrange posters, an advert in the St Austell Voice and an advert on the PL24 social media pages.

The Clerk attended the Society of Local Council Clerks Training Seminar on September 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a presentation on the use of Social Media and it was made clear how useful this is for Town and Parish Councils, however we should ensure that we have Cyber Liability Insurance before following this path. Councillors should also be aware that when making comments they make it clear they are posting as themselves not as a Councillor on their own private page.

NALC are re-writing the harassment and bullying procedures as the current Code of Conduct is inadequate to cover Council workers as currently there is no standards

board. More and more Clerks are taking Councils to court on this and so we are asked to remind Councillors that they are actually also employers.

NALC are currently re-writing the Clerks model contract and this will be available in early 2018. Councillors are no longer excluded from practicing if they are made bankrupt and we were again reminded that the new Data protection rules come into force in May 2018.

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

Location: Driving Lane, Par

Timing: 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017(24 hours)

#### Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.16A

Event: Eden Marathon

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Times: 9:30 to 9.40 hours and 10:00 to 10:10 hours

### 1709/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been two planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to one of them.

PA17/07663            Demolition of garage and construction of new double garage.  
45 Rose Hill  
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to:-

PA17/08280            Application for the modification or discharge of a planning  
obligation from application 11/07103.  
2 Finlay Court  
Church Street  
St Blazey

The Councillors believe that affordable housing remains affordable.

#### Results Received

PA17/06389            Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of room as ancillary  
accommodation previously used for post office/commercial.  
The Old Post Office  
St Austell Road  
St Blazey Gate  
GRANTED

PA17/06989 Loft conversion and internal reconfiguration and renovation.  
72 Par Lane  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

1709/20 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Annual landlord inspection took place yesterday.

1709/21 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Clerk told the Council that the six monthly inspection of the Police rooms is due.  
The Clerk will arrange for Councillors J Taylor and J Anderson to do this.

1709/22 **ACCOUNTS**

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	542.00
Interest	1.89
High Deposit Int	138.09
C/R room hire	58.00
Luxulyan PC	400.00
Precept	41250.00
CTS Grant	3215.43

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1371.65
Wardens Wage	590.93
Broadband	25.40
UK Fuels	27.40
HMRC	555.40
CC (pen)	483.00
Eclipse	14.38
Aviva	280.90
ID Cards	20.00
SLCC	82.80
Grant Thornton	480.00
PCC-Par	100.00
i-Sight Cornwall	200.00
Merlin MS	100.00
<u>AH</u>	
Bus Rates	285.70
SSE	261.30
EON	72.00
SWW	122.00
Cleaners Wage	68.20
Chubb (parts)	13.31
<u>PC</u>	
PC's Bus Rates	51.00
Locking	30.00
Electricity	64.03
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Bus Rates	301.29

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1709/23 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Nethercott has attended a meeting of SABEF (St Austell Bay Economic Forum). The group has two different Town Councils represented. Cllr Nethercott is working hard to get St Blazey recognised by the group with the intention of bringing about economic prosperity and reducing local deprivation.

1709/24 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.09 pm.