

St Blaise Town Council

Annual Report

2016/ 2017

Introduction

Welcome to St Blaise Town Council's Annual Report for 2016/17.

First of all I would like to thank the Town Councillors for their sterling work over the last twelve months, including our two retiring councillors George Miller and Adrian Seel. Special thanks must go to our two outgoing Cornwall Councillors, Doug Scrafton and Roy Taylor who have served our community so well over the years.

Our Community Warden Dave Pearce is a great asset to St Blazey, the town looks cleaner and tidier due to his hard work. A new boat has been placed in Middleway and been planted.

I would like to thank our sponsors Holmbush Windows, Kittows Butchers, Dignity, Walter Bailey, St Blazey and District Town Team, Archie Taylor from the bridal Sweet, Steve Vicary and Trevor Pogue, a resident from Station Road.

The Town Council purchased the former police station in August 2016 which has been completely refurbished and I would like to give special thanks to Councillor Putt and Dave Pearce. It is now St Blazey Community Rooms and houses the local police ensuring their presence remains in St Blazey.

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to make progress now that we know what is contained in Cornwall Councils Local Plan. Due to Brexit, the STaRR project seemed to be in jeopardy, however work continues to secure funding to bring this important project to fruition. Brexit has also caused work to be suspended at Carlyon Bay.

The contentious planning application by Wainhomes for 190 homes to the rear of Porth Meadow and Manor View which was refused by Cornwall Council had a public enquiry and we await the decision on this.

Cornish Market World approached the Town Council with a proposal to twin with Real del Monte in Mexico and we are happy to support this. The Roundhouse turntable has been repaired, thanks to dedicated workers and is attracting much attention.

Due to the resignation of Councillor Blackie, Tony Nethercott was co-opted onto the Council. Charles Richards has stood down from the local flood group and we thank him for all the work he has put into this project.

Archie Taylor was awarded the Town Councils citizen of the year award for brightening up the Town by painting street furniture and the fountain railings.

King Edward Gardens is to be devolved to the Town Council. The devolution is still in the hands of solicitors. A donation of £2500 to Fourways Youth Centre has been agreed by the Town Council for their continued work during 2017-18.

We support the Big Lunch which will be held at Par Running Track Pavilion on Saturday 3rd June. The poppy wreath was laid at St Blazey Church on remembrance Sunday on behalf of the people of St Blazey. The Town Council again provided the Christmas Trees at the Churches at either end of the Town. This year's Carol Concert

will be on December 3rd at 4.00 pm but with no reception afterwards.

Lastly my thanks must go to our Town Clerk, Gaynor for all her work over the year.

Finance

Set out below is a summary of the Council's income and expenditure for the financial year 2016/17.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	77,250	General Admin	32,204
Alexander Hall	7,618	Warden Scheme	12,542
Vat refund	7,198	Community Assets	43,222
Other	21,921	Donations	900
		Alexander Hall	5,310
		Neighbourhood Planning	172
		Events	781
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	113,987		95,131

Attendance at Meetings

	Full Council	Other
Cllr J Anderson	12	53
Cllr A Seel	7	
Cllr G Allen	4	5
Cllr R Blackie	0	0
Cllr G Miller	11	18
Cllr J Moore	11	17
Cllr A Putt	11	1

Cllr R Taylor	12	16
Cllr J Taylor	11	18
Cllr S Wheeler	11	12
Cllr T Nethercott	3	10

Councillor R Taylor attended many other meetings on behalf of the Town Council while also representing Cornwall Council. Councillor R Blackie resigned from the Council in December 2016 and Councillor T Nethercott joined in February 2017.

Councillors Responsibilities

June Anderson -	Par Liaison Group
	St Blazey Community Watch
	Burrows Board of Directors
	Planning Committee
	St Blazey Reclaimed
	New Pavement Steering Group
	New Community Centre Steering Group
	Carlyon Bay Development Representative
	Employment Appeals Panel
	Cornwall Community Flood Forum
	PL24 Community Association
	Par Skatepark Steering Group.
	Biscovey Board of Trustees.
	2 nd Internal Verifier
Roy Taylor	Planning Committee
	New Pavement Steering Group
	New Community Centre Steering Group
	Burrows Board of Directors
	Par & St Blazey Community Flood Group
Emergency Planning Group	
Cornwall Community Flood Forum	
Fourways Youth Club Management Committee	
Employment Committee	

	<p>Community Network Panel Grow St Blazey Eden Community Geothermal Liaison Group St Blazey Community Watch</p>		<p>Par Bay Skate Park Steering Committee Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group Fourways Youth Club Management Committee Cornwall Association of Local Councils St Blazey Community Watch New Pavement Steering Group New Community Centre Steering Group</p>
George Allen-	<p>Employment Appeals Panel Burrows Board of Directors</p>		
Ryan Chamberlain –	<p>Internal Verifier. St Blazey Community Watch Employment Appeals Panel Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group PL24 Community Association Press Officer</p>	Amos Putt -	<p>Footpath/Bridleway/ Cycle ways Hands Together Cornwall Community Flood Forum Employment Appeals Panel New Pavement Steering Group</p>
Jenny Moore-	<p>Employment Committee Luxulyan Valley Partnership Cornwall Community Flood Forum Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group Grow St Blazey Eden Liaison Emergency Planning Group Historic Environment & Heritage Representative PL24 Community Association Planning Committee St Blazey Reclaimed Cornwall Association of Local Councils</p>	Jenny Taylor-	<p>Planning Committee Employment Committee Burrows Board of Directors Local Transport Representative St Blazey Reclaimed New Community Centre Steering Group Fourways Youth Club Management Committee</p>
Tony Nethercott-	<p>St Austell Bay Economic Forum Par Liaison Group Burrows Board of Directors PL24 Community Association</p>	Stuart Wheeler	<p>Employment Appeals Panel New Community Centre Steering Group Community Network Panel St Blazey Community Watch Emergency Planning Group New Pavement Steering Group</p>

POLICE REPORT

St. Blaise Town Council Police Crime Figures **May 2016– April 2017**

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Recorded Crime</u> <u>2016/17</u>	<u>Recorded Crime</u> <u>2015/16</u>	<u>Recorded Crime</u> <u>Difference</u>
Homicide	1	0	-
Violence with Injury	53	33	60.6%
Violence without Injury	59	46	28.3%
Rape	6	1	500%
Other sexual offences	6	6	0%
Burglary Dwelling	6	12	-50%
Burglary non Dwelling	16	9	77.8%
Vehicle Offences	14	10	40%
Shoplifting	26	9	188.9%
Other Theft	29	27	7.4%
Criminal Damage	64	54	18.5%
Public Order Offences	18	9	100%
Possession of Weapons	2	1	100%
Trafficking of Drugs	5	1	400%
Possession of Drugs	7	8	-12.5%
Other Offences	4	6	-33.3%
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>36.2%</u>

<u>Incidents Recorded</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Anti-Social Behaviour	187	167	12%
Crime not Recorded	17	7	142.9%
Crime Recorded	104	111	-6.3%
Public Safety	532	451	18%
Transport	116	118	-1.7%
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>956</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>11.9%</u>

Crime figures for the year have increased by 36%. Most crime categories seeing an increase. Logs/calls to the Police have gone up by 12%. It has been a very busy year.

The Police team covering St Blazey has changed slightly. The biggest change has been a move into our Police Office which is part of the St Blazey Community Rooms. This happened last August after St Blaise Town Council bought the building. We are very pleased to still be able to operate from patch instead of having to be based in St Austell.

The local neighbourhood team are still heavily involved in “St Blazey Community Watch” which is held every three months and gives members of the public a chance to have their say. Local police are still actively involved in the Par and St Blazey Pub watch scheme which holds regular meetings throughout the year. We also work with PL24 Community Association and produce a report in the newsletter they distribute around Par and St Blazey. The neighbourhood team continues to work closely with local housing associations, Cornwall Council anti-social behaviour team, local councillors and other agencies to try and resolve local issues.

St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan

The St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan was one of the first to get off the starting block, so to speak, and as a result has been through 'trial and error' in its production. I am Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan, but was not involved right at the outset. For me, it has been a steep learning curve, with directions having to be changed, in terms of my understanding and of the plan.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan? No, it is not another bit of red tape, but is actually giving you, the community the chance to have your say in how your town develops. A Neighbourhood Plan is a legal document that sets out the aims and vision for land use and development in a local area, and also for sports facilities local historic sites etc. Planners and inspectors must consider it whenever development decisions are made. It can't be used to stop development but it can shape and influence proposals to take views of local people into account. It is intended to influence planning until 2030, so there is the added difficulty of trying to anticipate what will be required throughout this time.

Why isn't it complete now? Some of those who submitted their Neighbourhood Plans early had to go through phases of amendment, to get them accepted. Some have had them rejected, and are now having to rewrite much of the plan. In fact this was very much what happened to the Local Plan for Cornwall, which was only accepted in November 2016. While this was going through a process of review, there was obviously no point in developing our Neighbourhood Plan, as there was the likelihood it would have to be reviewed, once the Local Plan was submitted. The Neighbourhood Plans have to reflect what is in the Local Plan.

Initially, the committee tasked with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan had a very broad remit to deal with. As with all committees, the members tend to be very busy people, so it was not always possible to have meetings involving everyone. Subsequently,

I have formed a smaller working group to take the lead on formulating the policies. We are currently meeting once a month, or more, and are working Cornwall Rural Community Charity (CRCC) to develop the policies and extend consultation with the community.

The policies identified after consultation with the community are: Flooding, Young People, Heritage and Landmarks, Green Spaces and Environment, Travel and Transport, Housing and Economy. The development of these policies will be reliant on input from you, the community, so please do feed back to us. A survey/questionnaire is currently being devised and will be widely available.

Very recently, we heard from Tom Fletcher of the Environment Agency and Matthew Vowels from Cornwall Development Company. They are both working on the St Austell Bay Resilience Regeneration project (STARR - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/countryside/estuaries-rivers-and-wetlands/flood-risk/flood-risk-management-projects/st-austell-bay-resilient-regeneration-project/>) Tom from the environmental/project design side and Matthew on the economic implications. In summary, STARR is looking at catchment flood amelioration, but in an imaginative way, utilising green spaces etc through which there will be considerable opportunity to regenerate the town. Matthew is considering what this will mean economically for St Blazey when the potential is unlocked by the reduction of flood blight. Businesses need long term certainty. The overall picture will be pulled together in one overriding document, St Blazey Masterplan.

I'm sure I don't have to spell out for you the significance of this. St Blazey has waited long enough for an injection of cash and expertise, into what is a beautiful and interesting town. When will STARR start? Hopefully, at the end of this year. While STARR clearly has implications for how the Neighbourhood Plan is developed, the STARR project itself will need to have considerable input/drive from the community. Please do look out for opportunities to engage with the project – and with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan has a website www.stblaisenp.co.uk and a Facebook page, which I use to post regular updates. If you want to know more, or want to be involved in the working group, contact me Jenny Moore on 816849 or jenny.moore@btinternet.com
A final word on some confusion: St Blaise is the parish saint, and St Blazey is the town named after him.

Move Together! - Family Dance Workshops

Fun and creative monthly dance workshops for all ages and abilities commencing Sun 2nd July 10-11.30am, Alexander Hall, Middleway, St Blazey

Dance artist Sam Lawrence will lead a range of creative movement games, playful exercises and adventures with great music, followed by a chance to relax and wind down. Time for free play and refreshments also included.

Designed for children of all ages and their parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and carers, these inclusive, friendly and relaxed sessions offer the opportunity to get active, creative and have fun together.

£6.50 for one adult and child, or £5.50 for an adult and child under 2 (discounts for additional children or adults)

No experience necessary. Book now or find out more: Sam Lawrence Dance Tel 07939 167526

Email sam@samlawrencedance.co.uk

List of sitting Councillors

Councillor George Allen	6 Bay View, The Mount, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2BY 815707
Councillor June Anderson	37 Rose Hill, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LQ 813995
Councillor Ryan Chamberlain	46 Manor view, Par, Cornwall PL24 2EN 07817876988
Councillor Jenny Moore	1 Meadow Drive St Blazey, PL24 2HL 816849
Councillor Tony Nethercott	30 Station road, St Blazey PL24 2ND 814282
Councillor Amos Putt	55 Polgrean Place, St Blazey PAR PL24 2LH 815444
Councillor Jenny Taylor	40 Chyandor Close, St Blazey, PL24 2LP 816867
Councillor Roy Taylor	Palm Garden House, Tywardreath Highway, Par PL24 2RW 816112
Councillor Stuart Wheeler	56 Moorland Road, Par, PL24 2PB 815370

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