

St Blaise Town Council

Annual Report

2017/ 2018

Introduction

Welcome to St Blaise Town Council's Annual Report for 2017/18.

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 Amos Putt and Stuart Wheeler. Special thanks must go to our two Cornwall Councillors Pauline Giles and Jordan Rowse who have served our community so well. Kelvin Simms was co-opted onto the Council, taking up the vacant seat left by Amos Putt.

Even though Councillor Putt retired from the Council in July after 23 years serving as a Councillor, during November and December he worked with our Warden Dave Pearce replanting the flower beds and planters around the town. Amos also helped with the decorating of the Christmas Trees.

Amos Putt continues to work with our Warden with the planting of the flower beds and for this reason he was presented with the Council's Good Citizens Award.

I am taking this opportunity to thank our plant sponsors Outboard Services, Archie Taylor from the Bridal Sweet and Trevor Pogue, a resident from Station Road. I would also like to thank Archie Taylor

for helping keep Fore Street presentable and John Gronwalt for keeping Church Street, Church Corner and Station Road clean and tidy.

Stuart Wheeler was a Councillor for almost 5 years and I appreciate the work he undertook on behalf of the people of the Town.

Our Community Warden Dave Pearce is a great asset to St Blazey, the town always looks clean and tidy due to his hard work.

The poppy wreath was laid at St Blazey Church on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the people of St Blazey. The Christmas trees at the two churches either end of the town which the Council provided looked great as ever however we would appreciate more help in the future.

We had the Annual Carol Concert at St Blazey Church on Sunday 3rd December at 4.00 pm followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies. I would like to thank the Church for allowing us to do this. It was well attended and everybody enjoyed the performances by Mount Charles Band and Biscovey Academy Boys Choir with a special and outstanding solo performance by George Underwood of Walking in the Air.

I enjoyed a trip to St Dennis Incinerator with other Councillors and know that some of them also enjoyed a Pit to Port tour arranged by Imerys.

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to make progress and so I would like to give special thanks to Councillor Jenny Moore for all the very hard work she has put in. I am looking forward to seeing improvements around the Town once the StARR project begins. St Blazey Flood Group are making progress under Councillor Roy Taylor's Chairmanship and this will evolve into an Emergency plan which will safeguard the residents of the town if ever needed.

Plans remain in place to extend the Burrows Centre and work has already started on enlarging the car park.

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

June Anderson – Mayor of St Blazey

St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan

I write this from a darkened room, even though it is bright and sunny outside as I am trying to put together the policies that will form the Neighbourhood Plan. These are policies that you, the community, have identified as significant to you now and to 2030, and which became clear in the recent questionnaire.

The results can be found at www.stblaisenp.co.uk – Survey Results – along with additional analysis to make the data more digestible. The responses are shown as a total for those over 30 and those under. They make interesting reading and the comparison surprised me by the similarity in responses. This is very helpful when writing the policies.

It isn't just me writing the policies as I have had invaluable input from the working group. It is no easy task writing a Neighbourhood Plan particularly as there is currently a review of the National Planning Policy Framework, but make no mistake, this is a document of increasing importance in representing the wishes of the Community in relation to the development and improvement of St Blazey.

Councillor Jenny Moore

Chair of St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan.

Finance

Set out below is a summary of the Council's income and expenditure for the financial year 2017/18.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	82,500	General Admin	40,406
Alexander Hall	9,442	Warden Scheme	17,225
Vat refund	4,070	Community Assets	3,850
Other	22,358	Donations	3,550
		Alexander Hall	7,596
		Community Rooms	4,370
		Election Costs	7,050
		Neighbourhood Planning	7,050
		Events	341
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	118,370		87,442

Attendance at Meetings

	Full Council	Other
Cllr J Anderson	13	51
Cllr R Taylor	12	30
Cllr G Allen	5	6
Cllr R Chamberlain	13	11
Cllr S Ford	1	1
Cllr J Moore	11	31
Cllr T Nethercott	11	60
Cllr K Simms	8	5
Cllr J Taylor	13	25
Cllr S Wheeler	9	7

Councillors Responsibilities

June Anderson -	Burrows Board of Directors Carlyon Bay Development Representative Cornwall Community Flood Forum Employment Appeals Panel Grow St Blazey New Pavement Steering Group New Community Centre Steering Group Par Liaison Group Par Skate park Steering Group Planning Committee PL24 Community Association St Blazey Community Watch St Blazey Reclaimed 2 nd Internal Verifier		Emergency Planning Group PL24 Community Association PL24 in Bloom St Blazey Community Watch
Roy Taylor-	Burrows Board of Directors Community Network Panel Cornwall Community Flood Forum Doubletrees School of Governors(Deputy) Eden Community Geothermal Liaison Group Employment Committee Fourways Youth Club Management Grow St Blazey Hands Together New Community Centre Steering Group New Pavement Steering Group Par & St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group Planning Committee St Blazey Community Watch	Jenny Moore-	Cornwall Community Flood Forum Cornwall Association of Local Councils Employment Committee Eden Liaison Grow St Blazey Hands Together Historic Environment & Heritage Rep Luxulyan Valley Partnership Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group Planning Committee PL24 Community Association St Blazey Reclaimed
Ryan Chamberlain	Employment Appeals Panel Internal Verifier. Par & St Blazey Community Flood Group	Tony Nethercott-	Burrows Board of Directors Cornwall Association of Local Councils Community Network Panel Employment Appeals Panel Fourways Youth Club Management PL24 Community Association Par Skate park Steering Committee Par & St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group New Pavement Steering Group New Community Centre Steering Group Par Liaison Planning Committee St Austell Bay Economic Forum St Blazey Community Watch
		Kelvin Simms -	Doubletrees School of Governors

Employment Appeals Panel
PL24 Community Association
PL24 in Bloom
Press Officer

Jenny Taylor-

Burrows Board of Directors
Employment Committee
Footpath/Bridleway/ Cycle ways
Fourways Youth Club Management
GDPR Committee
Local Transport Representative
New Community Centre Steering Group
New Pavement Steering Group

POLICE REPORT

We currently have two active priorities;

Vehicle Thefts and Damage – Throughout January, February and into March, we saw a significant rise in vehicle crime. Since mid-March we have seen this drop. When a trend was identified the local team increased patrols in specific areas in an effort to deter and catch offenders.

Update - On Thursday 5th April 2018, a 27year old from St Blazey was sentenced to 42 weeks in prison. He was arrested by PC Barnicoat on Monday 19th February after he was seen driving a vehicle without a licence.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Still of high priority to us and occurring throughout the area. We work closely with our partner agencies such as Cornwall Council, the Anti-Social Behaviour team, Youth Offending Service and the housing association groups.

Update – We recently attended a meeting with the Directors of the Burrows Centre and some local residents to discuss ongoing issues.

List of sitting Councillors

Councillor June Anderson	37 Rose Hill, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LQ 813995
Councillor Ryan Chamberlain	46 Manor view, Par, Cornwall PL24 2EN 07817876988
Councillor Steven Ford	52 Treryn Close, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LL Mob: 07912623559
Councillor Jenny Moore	1 Meadow Drive St Blazey, PL24 2HL 816849
Councillor Tony Nethercott	30 Station road, St Blazey PL24 2ND 814282
Councillor Kelvin Simms	17 Pembroke Close, Par, PL24 2BT mob:07910 888156
Councillor Jenny Taylor	40 Chyandor Close, St Blazey, PL24 2LP 816867
Councillor Roy Taylor	Palm Garden House, Tywardreath Highway, Par PL24 2RW 816112

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