

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 29th March 2018

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
 Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

G Allen, R Chamberlain, J Moore, K Simms & J Taylor.

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Community Warden
 Cornwall Councillor J Rowse
 Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles

1803/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillors S Ford, T Nethercott and S Wheeler.

1803/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 22nd February 2018 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1803/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1803/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1802/09 Letters of thanks have been received from both Cornwall Air Ambulance and Cruse Bereavement Care.

1803/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

	Recorded 2/18	Recorded 2/17	Difference
Violence with Injury	0	4	-100%
Violence without Injury	3	4	-25%
Other Sexual offences	1	0	-
Burglary Non-Dwelling	4	2	100%
Vehicle Offences	18	1	1700%
Shoplifting	0	3	-100%
Other Theft	2	1	100%

Criminal Damage	9	9	0%
Public Order Offences	1	1	0%
TOTAL:	38	25	52.0%

Non- Notifiable Offences	1	0	-
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Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 2/18	Recorded 2/17	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	19	13	46.2%
Crime Not Recorded	5	5	0%
Public Safety	31	27	14.8%
Transport	10	5	100%
TOTAL:	65	50	30.0%

Councillors are concerned about the amount vehicle crime and asked the Clerk to ask for further information.

The Clerk told the Councillors that the February 2018 Community Watch meeting had been missed and as the PACT process is no more, and has not been for some time, the Police are unable to commit to these meetings in the future. The Clerk was instructed to arrange the May meeting and not re-arrange the missed meeting.

1803/06 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden is up to date with all his work. Dave has cut the grass at Doubletrees for the first time this year and has started cutting the footpaths. He is pleased with the display of daffodils and glad that his hard work has been rewarded.

Dave has spoken to PCSO James Ward about the vehicle crime spree who believes just a few offenders are responsible.

1803/07 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

I attended the Your Shore Conference with Councillor Jordan Rowse last month, there's some pretty inspirational projects going on in Cornwall. As Par Beach is in Jordan's division, I will leave him to elaborate on this.

I spent an interesting morning on Speedwatch, and received data, which didn't reflect the problems in our area. I suspect this is because the camera is left out for at least a week, thus diluting the offender's excessive speed when calculating the mean average. I am going to request further data is collected over a weekend, in order to give us a more accurate account, and then hopefully, we can get more speed cameras fitted.

I spent a very chilly afternoon out with Tom Fletcher from the Environment Agency, walking the division, and discussing plans for the StaRR project. I am hopeful that we are getting ever closer to flood protection for the low lying parts of St Blazey. Cornwall Councillor Jordan Rowse, Town Councillors Jenny Moore and Roy Taylor also attended.

I attended the SW Water Workshop, with an electronic voting system, the data captured will be used to help shape the business going forward, and through group discussions, prioritise in the order. With my Children and Families hat on, my priority was to increase the number of families on low wages who can apply for assistance with their bills.

I attended a briefing on the Integrated Health and Social Care, Health Service is struggling. People in Cornwall are living longer, but not necessarily in health. By implementing a joined up system, and reducing duplication it can become more efficient and use its resources in a better way, securing better health and welfare outcomes for the people of Cornwall. The general consensus was that there must be change.

I attended the Cabinet meeting yesterday, the Cabinet is made up of 5 Liberal Democrat representatives and 5 Independent, to debate the Stadium for Cornwall. Whilst I am not against the project, I believe it is in the wrong place. I am against Cornwall Council putting the current £3million shortfall into the project. Given that the Council Tax has just increased, I do not think it can be justified. I attended a meeting with the stakeholders, there were many things I was concerned about, no endorsement from the RFU and FA, no attempt to raise the shortfall from businesses in Cornwall, and the proposal to use a cesspit for the waste. This is due to be debated at the Full Council meeting on April 17th.

Finally I am seeking the Town Councils support for the application for funding from Par Bay Big Local in conjunction with Suez and Cornwall Council to run St Blazey Recycle, Reuse, Re sale. We will be repairing furniture and household items, selling much of it to sustain the business and through joint working with social housing caseworkers, gift items to families in crisis in St Blazey. This has come from the success of the collection done before Christmas. The scheme will be run as a Social Enterprise initially, and should it be a success, charity status will be sought in the future.

With St Blazey West, being one of most deprived, not only in Cornwall but the UK, this project is exactly what the Big Local money was given to this area was for.

The St Blaise Town Councillors agreed to write a letter of support.

1803/08 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

I'll start off where I started last month with the Wainhomes parks. Still no sign of the park up on Porth Meadow despite me constantly pestering them for 12 months now. It was due to be installed on 29th January but never came. I have however been provided with another installation date earlier today. I am led to believe it is now going to be fitted on 9th April. I was however at Mount Crescent earlier this week meeting with residents and much to my surprise, they already have their park installed and it's looking fantastic. It's not formally signed off yet, but it will be shortly. I am also led to believe that Wainhomes will be finishing off this site next week, just a year after they started. There are 44 properties in there and it is a lovely little estate. Focus will now very much be on the Mountlea estate.

Earlier this month I welcomed Rachel Tatlow, Head of Highways at CORMAC, to Biscovey and St Blazey Gate for a tour of the area which gave me the opportunity to raise a number of concerns with her, that had been raised with me. I raised concerns regarding the parking and speed on Par Lane, Trenovissick Road and the A390 from Mid Cornwall Galleries down to the Britannia Roundabout. I raised concerns over the issues with surface water on Par Moor Road after heavy rainfall, but that is an on-going issue that Highways are working with Imerys on.

Two weeks ago I went for a tour of Par Docks and it was fantastic to spend some time at the docks understanding their operations down there and how they have adapted to change over the years and how this will continue with future plans. The Western end of the docks are redundant and 'Par Marina' is planned to go. I am due to meet with the Managing Director of ECO-BOS, John Hodkin next week to discuss their latest plans for this side of the docks.

At the end of February I, Cllr Giles, Cllr Jenny Moore and the representatives from the EA met for a walk around St Blazey to discuss their latest plans for the StARR project. Work is ongoing to secure funding from DEFRA, Imerys, SWW and other sources. Further investigations and surveys are underway and will continue for the following months and in the last few months Cormac have also been on site. The Cornwall Council Estates team have now been formally appointment to take part in consultation with local landowners. As you know, there is the 'PL24 Futures' event on April 12th in Alexander Hall which is based around the StARR project, so please do try and attend if you can.

Plastic Free PL24 is going from strength to strength and we are very nearly at the stage where we can be formally recognised as 'Plastic Free PL24' and I want to thank the Town Council for their support. It has been really great to see so many business committing to going plastic free as a result of our pressure, including huge companies like Imerys.

Gill Butler and I are running a 'Plastic Free PL24' event called 'Super Spring Spit Beach Action Day' on Spit Beach on Sunday April 8th. The main objective of the event is to educate children from PL24 and further afield about our oceans and coastlines. Activities will include a litter pick, beach art and rock pooling. Spit Beach is hugely neglected in comparison to Par Beach so it will be great to give it some TLC. It is set to be a fantastic day so if you know of any children that may be interested please bring them along.

We are starting to move forward with St Andrews Pond and I will be down there tomorrow morning planting PL24 in Bloom surplus daffodils to brighten it up the area. Again, if anyone is free please come along.

1803/09 **IMPLECATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk has not heard of ant more cuts however would like to high-light that roadside weed killing, highway tree maintenance, vermin control, road gritting, sand box refilling and public toilets are just some of the areas that Cornwall Council no longer take responsibility for.

1803/10 LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP

The Councillors all agreed that the Council would continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership ensuring the footpaths are kept to a good standard.

1803/11 ANNUAL REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The Council considered the statement of Internal Control adequate to manage risk to a reasonable level. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the council deem the document acceptable, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1803/12 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONTROL OF MONEY (Segregation of duties)

The current system ensures that a Councillor should scrutinise all cash processes. Councillor Anderson does this and verifies all orders, purchases and payments. A Councillor to scrutinise all purchase processes and a person independent of the process to verify the transaction. Councillor Anderson does this and verifies all orders and purchases. A Councillor should scrutinise all General Ledger processes and a person independent of the process to check all transactions. Councillor Anderson does this and verifies all orders and purchases.

Councillor R Taylor proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1803/13 ANNUAL REVIEW OF ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY

The clerk distributed the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy. Councillor J Taylor proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor K Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1803/14 ANNUAL REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The clerk distributed the Financial Regulations. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1803/15 ANNUAL REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The clerk distributed the Standing Orders. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the current document be accepted with change to the meeting place, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1803/16 PROJECT LIST

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre – Purl Design invited 5 contractors to quote for the extension to the car park. Only one quote has been received from Dale Isbell from St Blazey Gate for £33,720.00.

Councillor R Taylor proposed that the quote be accepted, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Neighbourhood Planning –

Since the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group was established, considerable progress has been made. There are a number of projects affecting St Blazey of which need to be reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan, such as StARR, St Blazey Masterplan etc. These have been considered while developing the policies. However, as these projects are in their formative stages, it is necessary to keep updated in order to proceed.

The Chair, Councillor Jenny Moore, has been in consultation with CRCC and also with the Neighbourhood Plan Development Officer, Ryan Searle, who has commented extensively on the questionnaire to ensure that we comply with all necessities for the plan.

The Chair recently attended a Neighbourhood Plan Surgery, at which a timetable for the drafting of the plan was developed.

Vision and Objectives, feedback on questionnaire, communication to the community (the feedback will be summarised into a template which has been provided) - 12/4/18

Draft plan and Screening - 1/6/18

Feedback on screening - 1/7/18

Plan finalised - 1/8/18

Pre submission consultation – September 18

Pre submission consultation response - Mid October 18

Submission - December 18

Further to the Town Council agreeing that the NP Committee could change web-site provider, Eve Winterbottom has updated the site and wishes to change the host to site builder. All present agreed.

The Clerk told the Councillors that some larger Local Authorities are having measures imposed on them as they have not encouraged Neighbourhood Plans and would like to impress on the St Blaise Town Councillors the importance of the plan.

King Edward Gardens – The Clerk has still not heard anymore regarding the devolution of KEG, another meeting with Councillors Anderson and Moore will be arranged. Cornwall Councillor Giles will also be invited.

1803/17 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had applied to The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation for a grant for the Burrows extension however have been informed that we are ineligible.

The Clerk asked the Councillors how to proceed as Councillor Ford has not attended a Council meeting for five months, the Clerk was instructed to write asking his position.

The Clerk has written a letter of thanks to a resident in Station Road thanking him for his assistance with filling in the pot holes at the Town Car Park.

The Clerk has been asked by Roundhouse Cornwall Ltd to add the Roundhouse Turntable to the Community Right to Bid list. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should proceed.

The Clerk has had information from our Community Link Officer regarding the establishment of an annual “Community Network Highways Budget” of £1m per annum from the Local Transport Plan budget of £4m per annum. In the first year, this will be allocated equally between CNAs i.e. £50,000 each, with £50,000 in reserve. She has volunteered to attend a Council Meeting after April 30th. The Clerk will invite Tasha Davis to the May meeting.

1803/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA18/00435	Outline application for development of 11 business units comprising a mixture of B1/B2 usage, creation of new road and access along with associated works. Hensbarrow Dry Porth Farm Par Moor Road
PA18/01600	Erection of extension to provide additional office space And extended staff room. Middleway Surgery Middleway St Blazey
PA18/01336	Variation of condition 2 of notice PA16/10409 (New build hotel accommodation) for substitution of plans for amendments to the design reducing from two blocks to one block. Eden Project Bodelva
PA18/01792	Listed Building Consent for works to Repair the chimney which forms Part of a Grade 11 Listed old foundry. 38 Station Road St Blazey
PA18/02228	Various Tree works to trees cover by TPO Rosehill House Middleway St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to Object to:-

PA18/02491 Outline planning permission with all matters reserved:
Four bedroomed detached property with double garage.
Freedom House
Par Moor Road

The supporting information and the Flood Risk Assessment related to a totally different property.

Results Received

PA18/00742 Works to be undertaken to a large Eucalyptus tree
covered by a TPO.
Rosehill Residential Home
Middleway.
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA18/00909 Construction of access path and ramps to provide
pedestrian/wheelchair access for pupils from school /
hostel site to the sports field on land to rear of hostel
building. Works to include formation of path alongside
northwest boundary, cutting through the existing north
east boundary bank and forming viewing area.
Provision of new gates on boundary line and associated
handrails along length of path/ramp.
Doubletrees School
Access to Pentour
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA18/01549 Works to trees subject to a TPO. Reduce selected NW
branches from one beech by 2 metres and reduce
selected SW branches from one further beech by 2.5M.
Old Roselyon School
Middleway.
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA18/01396 Non material amendment to convert garage into living
room.
24 Helleur Close
St Blazey
Not acceptable amendment.

PA17/02789 Erection of 7 light industrial units
 Land at Par Moor Road
 St Blazey
 APPROVED

Pre-Application Advice Given

PA18/00368/PREAPP Advice for Proposed Residential Development
 Land South West of Tanglewood, Cornhill Road,
 St Blazey.

1803/19 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk reported the Hall remains busy.

1803/20 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Community Rooms continue to have bookings but these could be improved.

1803/21 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	730.00
Interest	2.36
High Deposit Int	185.56
C/R room hire	153.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1371.65
Wardens Wage	611.74
Broadband	26.00
UK Fuels	53.20
HMRC	553.39
CC (pen)	483.00
Eclipse	14.38
Aviva	280.90
Tesco's	17.50
Wardens phone	20.00
SWW (fountain)	7.25
Ad Sales	78.00
CRCC	1650.00
CVD Insurance	496.90
Clerks Travel	32.70
Newspapers	2.32
Cards	5.15
Warden Equipment	62.38
Equipment for Van	26.34
Donations	500.00
<u>AH</u>	
Bus Rates	285.00
EON	59.00
Pennon Water	122.00
Cleaners Wage	83.12
Chubb (parts)	13.57
EDF	110.00

R Thomas	165.00
Premier Heating	55.00
A Palin	24.00
Cleaning Materials	51.40
Southern Electric	0.64
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	31.00
EDF	9.00
J Gronwalt	42.10
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
EDF	128.00
Equipment	20.58

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674.00	6,980.73

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1803/22 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Moore attended the dry ski slope development proposal open evening and while she loves the ideas she doesn't believe they are plausible. The evening was a marketing exercise and as such they had definitely been economical with the truth.

Firstly two dry ski slopes were mentioned – Sheffield and Pendle and from the presentation material, you would have thought they were thriving. Sheffield was failing pre 2010, when it suffered a fire and has not been operational since, and only at the end of last year (7 years later) has there been any suggestion of it being revived. Think of the huge catchment Sheffield can access, motorway links etc. and it was still not a viable business.

Pendle was flagged up as where one of the Olympic snowboarders learnt to snowboard. What was not flagged up, is that this ski slope is run by volunteers, therefore no local jobs.

Apart from the access problems there would be at this site, it may not be appreciated that ski slopes are open late at night and are flood lit. Is this light and noise pollution really appropriate for a residential area?

Planning permission has been granted at Newquay and Truro for dry ski slopes and neither have not taken off, as it is believed that they have been unable to attract funding. However, if these slopes were developed, then obviously that would reduce the customer base for this one. There is archaeology in these fields, not great archaeology, but it is there.

Councillor Moore would want to see, a robust business plan, as there is every potential this will not succeed. It is a great idea, wrong place.

Councillor Moore told the Councillors that she had attended the Luxulyan Valley Partnership meeting on March 14th 2018 and that the costs of the restoration work continue to rise, and are more than the previous figure (£900k) as more challenges have been identified. Please remember, work has not yet started.

The HLF delivery team are not happy with the lack of progress. The grant offer is valid for 12 months and continues until 27 September 2018. If the permission to start requirements have not been met by then, HLF will withdraw the offer. However, there is more risk that HLF will withdraw the offer, if the partners are not aligned on how to progress before then. HLF have already uplifted the original grant offer by 10% as have other partners, so no further offer of funding is likely.

The turbine was expected to cover its own capital costs, but this is now unlikely and has not been helped by changes to the feed in tariff. Landowner agreements are a further problem.

Peter Marsh attended the meeting, he is the service director for the Environment at the Council. He referred to the recently advertised project manager post – in that these serious problems will be outlined to applicants as the post (HLF funded) could end quite quickly.

Councillor Moore left before the meeting finished, but did not see it was going to get any further. The committee don't seem to grasp how serious the situation is.

1803/23 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 26th April 2018 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.47 pm.