

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Present**

Councillor J Moore – Mayor

**Councillors**

J Anderson, R Chamberlain, K Simms, F Wearne and C Williams.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk

2202/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors T Chapman – Gunner, T Nethercott and R Taylor.

2202/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2202/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2202/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

2201/05 Further to the report of the broken branch in KEG, the Clerk invited a tree surgeon to look. They reported that the tree was damaged and he could re-shape the top and raise the crown however the tree has been braced and the cabling (metal work that is aiding the trees stability) needs replacing. The other option was to remove the tree. The Clerk had instructed him to remove the tree.

2201/05 The seat opposite the chip shop at the end of Station Road has been repaired.

2201/05 Councillor Moore has contacted Eden regarding the grass outside the park at Deeble Drive with the planting of wild flowers but has yet to receive a response.

2201/11 The Rota-net at Polgover play area was repaired on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

2201/12 Councillor Moore reported that the work book from Arcadis had been received by Cornwall Council but as yet we have to see this.

2201/12 The Clerk has still not been able to speak to anybody regarding a penalising camera for Station Road.

## 2202/05 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

All grass cutting and play inspections are up to date. The toilets are being cleaned daily.

After the recent storms I have patrolled the area and passed the information regarding damage to the Clerk.

I met with Markus Ankers at the Town Car Park and have obtained plainings ready to fill the pot holes there.

I have prepared all the footpaths by removing debris and cutting back branches ready for the footpath maintenance work.

I have spoken to my ankle consultant and been informed that I will have to take more time off work than originally thought. I spoke to the Clerk about this and believe I will not be returning to my post. I am prepared to stay on as long as needed or until my operation to train a replacement.

## 2202/06 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

I am finding my time taken up trying to help families who are facing homelessness due to private landlords wanting to sell their properties. I have been delving into the enigma that it Homechoice, a puzzle to many, including myself.

At the moment we have 295 live bidders on Homechoice with local connections to St Blazey. 139 are looking for one bedroom properties and with so few of them in our Town, I am concerned that many will struggle to find a home. I have a meeting booked with Ocean next month, to discuss their properties currently sitting empty in St Blazey. This could greatly alleviate our waiting list, so I need to understand what is holding up the release of these properties and see if there is an agreeable solution.

I am delighted to say the island refuge in the road, near the entrance to the Co-op, will be installed next month. Yellow lines are being put in to stop parking along the grass verge, by the bus stop which forces pedestrians into the road. The Highways consultations are now closed and I have had a meeting with Cormac to discuss comments received.

The yellow lines at the Middleway end of Old Roselyon are needed, but I have suggested that they be shortened to still give residents room to park, but to allow a bus to get to the junction on the right side of the road. I have agreed similar at Penarwyn. I am conscious that parking is needed, but at a safe distance from the junction leading onto Par Lane. Rosehill posed a problem, and I have heard arguments from both sides. I think we have reached a happy medium, putting yellow lines 8m either side of the residents drive entrance, allowing them visibility to pull out safely, yet still leaving ample parking space for cars to park.

Bull Engine Park has quietened down a little, but it has been agreed that a sign should be put up stating that the skateboard equipment will close at 9pm. I hope this will help.

The Cricket Club, Railway Club and Football Club have all been allocated funds from my Community Chest towards Jubilee celebrations. I am meeting with representatives of each venue soon to decide what entertainment we will have. I have written in the PL24 magazine asking if there is anyone interested in helping, or have good ideas to contact me, this goes for anyone reading this.

I shall be at the Eden Project all day on Saturday 5 March, St Pirans Day, as one of the judges of the World Pasty Championships, I hope to see many locals there.

#### 2202/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

We have had no further notices.

#### 2202/08 **QUEENS PLATINUM JUILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Purchase of Commemorative Bench's.

Councillor Chamberlain proposed that 2 bench's be purchased, one for Penarwyn Green and another for King Edward Gardens. Councillor Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Painting of Bus Shelter's

The Town Council own seven bus shelters, the ones by the Doctors Surgery in Middleway, the top of Middleway, Lamellyn Road and on the A390 by Doubletrees School have never been painted and once we start painting them, we will have to continue.

The ones that have been painted are opposite Doctors Surgery, Middleway, on the A390 opposite Polgrean Place and on the A390 at Lodge Hill.

The only other bus shelter is Polgrean which belongs to Cornwall Council.

Councillor Williams proposed that the three bus shelters owned by the Town Council that have never been painted be painted red, white and blue as all 3 will be highly visible. Councillor Wearne seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2202/09 **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Clerk had asked the council if Aalgaard Renshaw Business Solutions Ltd should continue as our Internal Auditors for another year. The Council RESOLVED to use them for our 2021/22 Audit.

2202/10 **TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOURWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The secretary of Fourways Management Committee has asked that as Councillor Nethercott who was St Blaise Town Council's representative to Fourways management committee has resigned from the committee whether the Town Council would like to appoint a new representative.

Councillor Wearne and Williams both volunteered.

2202/11 **TO REVIEW the INVESTMENT POLICY & STRATEGY**

The Council considered the Investment Policy and Strategy. Councillor F Wearne proposed that the document be deemed acceptable, Councillor C Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2202/12 **DONATION TO CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE TRUST**

Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust have asked for a donation to extend their services. Councillor Moore proposed that no donation be given, the proposal was not seconded.

Councillor Wearne proposed a donation of £200, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2202/13 **TO APPOINT A COUNCILLOR TO THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE**

The Clerk asked for a volunteer to join the employment committee, Councillor Anderson volunteered.

The Clerk has advertised the post for the new Warden, the applicants will be interviewed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

2202/14 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning –**

Councillor Moore has made no further progress.

Councillor Moore asked that the NP site builder web-site be renewed for £538.56. Councillor Chamberlain proposed that the site be renewed, Councillor Anderson seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

**Play Area Update**

Deeble Drive – Play inspections up to date.

Penarwyn Green – Some earth is being dug out by the play equipment, the Clerk will speak to M Ankers about putting in some turf.

Polgover Way – Whilst the Clerk was carrying out the Play Inspection on Monday she noticed that the Rota - Net did not seem to be moving correctly. The Clerk has not seen another like it but will speak to others at the training next week.

Trail Blazer Park – Play inspections up to date but we are still awaiting Cormac to carry out repairs.

### **Town Vitality Fund/Place Shaping Partnership.**

Councillor Moore has made no further progress as the work book has not been received from Arcadis.

### **Welcome back fund – St Blazey Feast.**

The Clerk told the Councillors that she was unhappy that funds had to be spent by the Council before re-imburement. When applying for funds on behalf of other organisations more information must be sought.

## **2202/15 TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk attended an Arcadis meeting hosted by Matt Baker and Michelle Chapunza-Mhindurwa on January 31st with Councillors Moore, Anderson, Nethercott and Simms. Anne-Marie Rogers and Alice Maffey attended from Ocean as did Councillor Giles, James Kittow & Thomas Hewitt.

Matt Baker and Michelle Chapunza introduced themselves and explained that as a Cornish Town we may be entitled to money from the shared prosperity fund which replaces ERDF as are areas from the North East.

Alice and Anne-Marie from Ocean believe the biggest constraints faced by St Blazey are poverty, deprivation, unemployment and covid isolation although believe it has good community spirit and there is unlocked potential, aspirations need to be lifted which will in turn cut anti-social behaviour.

Matt Baker said that he had already established that St Blazey needs a business association, a community hub and skills hub.

Thomas Hewitt said that he was keen to provide Industrial units as he knows that there are businesses (distribution and engineering) in the town that want to grow however a central hub is needed. The town needs to make better use of its scenic routes i.e. canal/river/prideaux woods.

Councillor Pauline Giles said she would like to see small eclectic shops and has an idea in mind and feels that Cornwall Council need to step up. A micro-brewery is a possibility. When ECLG changed to IMERYYS 30 years ago the town was stripped of well paid jobs.

Councillor Nethercott said the Town needs to attract more businesses and that Kernow Youth is available in the Town which could raise aspirations. Councillor

Anderson reiterated this and said that the youths of the Town have a preconception that there is not a lot of opportunity.

Matt Baker said a mean while scheme would work well in St Blazey, this is where you have pop up businesses and shops to trial if they work but do we have a location.

James Kittow believes that the busy A390 is killing the town because pedestrians can't safely cross the road. The Town has rivers and canals that are not utilised. We should start looking at Station Road that would then move onto St Blazey Road and then into Harbour Road. We need to attract business from in and outside the town. We need cafes and Art Centres.

Jenny Moore believes that the Town has a thriving community but no Town Centre, we should make more of its post-industrial heritage. The China Clay is high quality and we need to up the skills in the Town.

James Kittow said we need a traders association as the St Blazey and District association set up 15 years ago died of lack of interest but a paid position to run the organisation would work.

Arcadis will produce a work book that will be the first step towards future change.

The Councillors agreed that the new web-site should go live.

The Clerk has had further correspondence from the resident that wants a bin near the steps at Manor View and they have proposed a place on Par Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate whether a bin could be purchased by the Town Council if Cornwall Council would agree to the emptying.

The Clerk has received and forwarded various Housing manifestos, it was agreed that the Clerk would write one of St Blaise to be considered at next month's meeting.

The Clerk asked the Councillors if they would agree to renew the Local Maintenance Partnership for 2022-23, all the Councillors agreed.

The latest recording from the speed camera in Station Road show 63.95 of incoming traffic and 79.12 of outgoing traffic are breaking the speed limit.

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

Location: Station Road, Par

Timing: 5th March 2022 to 6th March 2022 (19:00 to 07:00 hours)

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

Location: Luxulyan Road, St Blazey Gate

Timing: 9th March 2022 (06:00 to 12:00 hours)

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

Location: Par Lane, Par

Timing: 14th March 2022 to 2nd August 2022 (07:30 to 17:00 hours daily)

### 2202/16 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA22/00850 JA/TN/JM	Proposed annexe plus associated works. 29 Southview Road. St Blazey
PA21/12518 JA/TN/RT/JM	Internal and external alterations to conservatory. To include replacement of roof and windows and doors. Installation of new roof and roof lights. Hollyoaks The Mount Par
PA22/00968 JA/TN/RT	Application for an amendment to PA17/02296 to replace x3 360-degree swings with a climbing wall. The Eden Project Bodelva Road Bodelva
PA22/01687 JA/TN/RT/JM	Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), Monterey Pine C2/174, undertake a crown reduction of 5-6 meters to remove the major deadwood. Reduce the side branches to the Pine numbered C2/139 by 5 meters. Land East of Penarwyn House St Blazey
PA22/00666 JA/TN/RT/JM	Two storey extension to form self-contained staff accommodation. Rosehill House. Middleway St Blazey
Results Received	
PA21/09437	Refurbishment and extension of an existing bungalow + new garage at rear of garden. 15 Doubletrees St Blazey APPROVED

- PA21/07901 Outline application for development with some matters reserved for business units comprising a mixture of E/B2 usage, creation of new roads and access along with associated works following demolition of existing structures.  
Hensbarrow Dry  
Porth Road  
Par Moor Road  
PAR  
APPROVED
- PA21/07191 Outline Planning Permission for all matters reserved for up to 5 residential properties.  
Coppergrove  
65A Rose Hill  
St Blazey  
WITHDRAWN
- PA22/00311 Works to Tree subject to TPO works include – Sessile Oak (T1) reduce height by 1.50m and to leave 9m in height and radial crown spread on all sides. All cuts no larger than 50mm diameter, taken back to suitable growth points.  
Kelkamar  
The Mount  
APPROVED
- PA21/03433 Certificate of Lawfulness for Lawful development certificate for the works to re-align a short stretch of the private road affected. The design minimise the works by effectively sliding the road over the width of half one carriageway locally to the slip area.  
The Eden Project  
Bodelva  
WITHDRAWN
- PA21/12514 Single storey rear extension and decking area to existing dwelling  
4 Rose Hill.  
St Blazey  
APPROVED
- PA21/12518 Internal and external alterations to conservatory. To include replacement of roof and windows and doors. Installation of new roof and roof lights.  
Hollyoaks  
The Mount  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

PA22/00850 Proposed annexe plus associated works.  
29 Southview Road.  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

2202/17 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE  
ANDERSON HALL**

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that all bookings must be paid for to cover the costs of gas, electricity, water, loo rolls and other sundries unless prior approval is given by the town council.

Alexander Hall is being used but not as well as pre-pandemic. The Clerk has had the fire protection equipment serviced.

St Blazey Community Rooms still has no bookings.

June Anderson Hall – Last Friday during storm Eunice, the fire doors somehow opened and then were blown off the hinges and are now destroyed. The caretaker has used screws and nails to make the building secure however it does not conform to Health and Safety requirements. The Clerk has only managed to obtain one quote however the Councillors agreed as this was an emergency the work should be completed.

2202/18 **ACCOUNTS**

**Payments Received**

Hall Hire	250.00
Interest	.50
High Deposit Int	
Roselyon Res	6000.00
Burrows Electric	327.42
JA Room Hire	140.00

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1596.57
Wardens Wage	712.60
Broadband	22.00
UK Fuels	
Insurance	185.59
HMRC	667.21
CC (Pen)	582.19
Burrows Elec	327.42
Westward Ser	475.00
Wisdom Signs	128.00
Cllr All	144.00
Sovereign	34,733.89
CIS	83.37
Bodelva	122.00
Fountain Elec	29.29
Nomix	1,375.20
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	15.38
Corona (Gas)	62.48
Corona (Elec)	59.48
SWW	76.00
Cleaners Wage	31.80

<u>PC</u>	
Electric	261.15
Locking	40.00
Water	251.95
Cleaning	38.10
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	63.95
Business Rates	
Water	50.03
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Water	
Electric	67.20
Barriers	230.09

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42,431.94

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

#### 2202/19 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Chamberlain reported that the PL24 Community Association litter pick was cancelled on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 due to high winds. The next PL24 magazine will be available next week.

Councillor Chamberlain reported that the updated LVP constitution will be available for consultation and he would respond on behalf of the Town Council.

Councillor Simms said he was due to attend an Eden Geothermal meeting shortly and would report back to the Council.

Councillor Simms has visited Doubletrees School many times recently and was pleased to report that he was working well with the new head and could see many improvements.

Councillor Moore reminded the Council that the St Blazey Feast and Fete Festival of Light would be taking place tomorrow evening.

Councillor Moore reported that her time in February had been dominated by the events organised by St Blaise Feast and Fete who did an excellent job of arranging the celebrations. The church service took place on the evening of 3 February, On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February there was a craft fair at the Railway Club and on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> a textile fair in the Football Club.

Councillor Moore believes that work on the triangle will begin soon and didn't realise how difficult the StARR funding was to obtain.

Councillor Moore had been advised that all StARR work will be maintained for 25 years and no costs would fall onto other parties.

2202/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm at Alexander Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.02 pm.