

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday  
26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Present**

Mayor - T Nethercott  
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

**Councillors**

C Parrock, A Pearce, K Simms, R Taylor, F Wearne and C Williams

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles  
Malcolm Rowe.

2310/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor D Brock.

2310/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2310/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2310/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2023**

2310/20 The Church have agreed that we can put the Tommy Statues on the edge of the wall of the church for a week before Armistice Sunday and a week after and we can then be move them to the war memorial.

2309/11 The Town Council is now covered by Cyber Insurance.

2309/17 Par Bay Community Garden have now asked if we could make a joint purchase of begonias next year, the Clerk will inform them that we will do this but they may have to collect their own plants.

2309/17 Louise Pyle will conduct a tour of the Polgrean development at 11 am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

2310/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All grass cutting is up to date, all footpath maintenance is up to date. Weed treatment continues as weather allows.

The wardens have started to re-paint the benches around the Town and have painted the fire doors at Alexander Hall.

2310/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I was asked to attend a meeting with the Kernow Youth and members of the Fourways Management Committee regarding an alarming invoice from Cornwall Council, for £10,000 rent per annum and a £5,000 damage waiver. This is ridiculous! I have had meetings with Cornwall Council to try and get this sorted, this is an asset, not only to St Blazey, but Par and Tywardreath whose children also attend Fourways. I am hopeful of a satisfactory conclusion to discussions and will report back on this at next month's meeting. I am attending Tywardreath & Par Parish Council meeting (as a council tax paying resident), next week, to speak to its councillors asking for their support to help keep Kernow Youth functioning.

I was pleased to have a tour of Par Harbour earlier this month, to be updated on the revised plans for the site. There will not be a marina, which would cost far too much to develop, however I think there is potential and as nothing is set in stone, an opportunity for the Town Council and myself to have some input. I am keen to see that some of the retail space is set aside for local businesses to help regenerate the area and keep money in our area. I have asked that Dorian Beresford CEO of Eco-bos, comes to a meeting early in the new year, to discuss plans, before they are submitted to Council.

I and members of the Town Council attended a Teams meeting this week, with Southwest Water/Pennon, to hear about their plans for the desalination plant they are proposing to build on the site of the old clay dry, opposite Spit beach carpark. There are still issues which the representatives of groups in the PL24 area which are not being fully addressed, such as their data showing no significant danger to the seagrass, mussel farms, seahorses and other sea-life. I was pleased that SWW have agreed to set up a face-to-face meeting with stakeholders and concerned parties before Christmas and I suggested that Alexander Hall was a good central place to hold this meeting.

Last night St Blazey Recycle held a charity prize bingo at St Blazey Railway Club, there was a good turnout and £1200 was raised for the Tuesday Club based at the Railway Club and The Hub at Cornubia, both valuable assets in our community looking after some of our most vulnerable residents. With everyone struggling a bit, it was great to get the support of many local people, for which I thank them. Now that is out the way, the grotto is now in construction ready for local children who can visit Santa and receive a gift free of charge. No child should miss out on a visit to Santa and admission costs should not be a barrier.

2310/07 **WARDENS & CLEANERS PAY AWARD AS DEFINED BY THE LIVING WAGE FOUNDATION**

The Clerk asked the Council if the Cleaners and Wardens hourly rate should be increased in line with the National Working Wage from the Living Wage Foundation increases from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. Councillor Williams proposed that the Wardens wage be increased in line with the National Working Wage, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2310/08 **LAYING OF REMEMBRANCE WREATH**

Mayor Tony Nethercott volunteered to lay the remembrance wreath at St Blazey Church at the Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 am. All Councillors were reminded that their attendance was required.

2310/09 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

Councillors Nethercott and Wearne attended the on-line meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Regarding next year's budgets however devolution of services was not mentioned but questions were asked and information was promised soon.

2310/10 **PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Clerk was given permission to purchase to Christmas Trees and pay for collection.

2310/11 **GOOD CITIZEN AWARD**

Two nominations for good citizen were given, after discussion it was agreed that Retta Matthews would receive the 2023 St Blaise Town Council Community Award.

2310/12 **GDPR COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The GDPR committee met on earlier and agreed all procedures are being followed correctly.

2310/13 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning**

The Clerk is still working through the recommendations from Cornwall Council.

**Community Event**

Next year's Community Event as agreed last month will be a Picnic in King Edward Gardens, the date suggested and agreed will be Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> as this will also commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DD which is 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**Councillors Surgery.**

The Surgery on September 2<sup>nd</sup> was not attended. The Surgery on November 4<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Councillors Wearne and Parrock.

## 2310/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 66.35% of incoming vehicles, up from 65.73% are above the speed limit and 77.64 down from 78.54% of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

The Luxulyan Valley Partnership has written to the Town Council about a proposal that has been made around a new structure for the administration and governance of the Turbine funds and Community Grants. It is proposed that a member from each Parish Council, plus the Chairman plus a non-voting council officer for support, form an administration committee and the grants committee.

The Clerk as instructed to reply that we i) support the proposal and ii) are supportive but not able to commit to the role.

### **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.14: Speed Restriction**

Location: A390 Bridge Street to St Blazey Level Crossing

Timing: 29th September 2023 to 30th June 2024 (24 hours)

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

The below Road(s) will be temporarily closed to allow works to be completed on the highway.

Location: Middleway, St Blazey

Timing: 29th January 2024 to 30th January 2024 (20:00 to 05:00 hours)

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

Location: Biscovey Road, St Blazey Gate

Timing: 31st October 2023 (08:00 to 17:00 hours)

## 2310/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA23/06129                      Change of use of land to 1. No Gypsy/Traveller pitch comprising of 1 no. touring caravan, and the residential use of those caravans, 1 x Day Room, 1 x Secure Storage Container, retention of existing hard standing and associated works (part retrospective).  
Land at Biscovey Road  
St Blazey

- PA23/08256 Change of use from commercial to residential two bedroomed flat.  
Dental Surgery  
Ground Floor, 97-99 Station Road  
St Blazey
- PA23/08309 Application for consent to Display an Advertisement namely the siting of two internally illuminated LED signboards (displaying static images).  
Cornish Market World  
Stadium Retail Park  
Par Moor Road  
St Blazey
- Results Received
- PA23/07537 Application for tree works in a Tree Preservation Order: Felling of an Oak and crown prune an oak.  
Lower Penarwyn House  
Penarwyn Woods  
St Blazey  
APPROVED
- PA23/05586 Single storey extension and loft conversion, fitting of solar panels, new drainage, rebuilding of storage, ramp for wheelchair access; installation of a sprinkler fire safety system.  
Cadmus  
Doubletrees  
St Blazey  
APPROVED
- PA22/04392 Outline application for a maximum of 9 dwellings plus associated works with all matters reserved.  
Land to the North of Lamb Park  
St Blazey Road  
St Blazey  
APPROVED
- PA22/11426 Proposed ground-mounted solar array to provide 500 KVA supply, including a permanent electrical housing unit, underground cabling and security fencing.  
Land Adjacent to Par Market  
Par Moor Road  
St Blazey  
APPROVED
- PA23/06913 Proposed single storey rear extension  
10 William West Road  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

PA23/07690                      Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use – the subdivision of a single dwelling into two dwellings.  
5A Doubletrees  
St Blazey  
GRANTED

## 2310/16 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

### **St Blazey Public Toilets -**

The toilets are being cleaned Monday to Friday.

### **Alexander Hall**

Bookings have improved slightly.

### **St Blazey Community Rooms**

The rooms continue to be used but bookings could be improved.

### **June Anderson Hall**

Bookings are up.

## 2310/17 PLAY AREA UPDATES

Deeble Drive – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

Polgover Way – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

Trail Blazer Park – Trailblazer Park improvement funding application is with Cornwall Council; the Clerk will be having a team's meeting with CC on Tuesday.

## 2310/18 ACCOUNTS

### **Payments Received**

Hall Hire	505.00
Interest	56.18
High Deposit Int	129.31
JA Hire	

### **Expenditure**

Clerks Sal	1710.53
Wardens Wage	769.07
Broadband	40.31
UK Fuels	171.98
HMRC	724.07
CC (Pen)	604.46
Warden Wage	1075.37
Insurance	306.13
Fountain Elec	50.11
Wardens Equip	66.62
Cormac (TBP)	179.89
Cyber Ins	305.00
Admin	5.58
Daffodils	99.98

	Paint	80.53
	<u>AH</u>	
	Chubb (parts)	16.75
	Chubb F Alarm	209.08
	Corona (Gas)	62.53
	Corona (Elec)	63.07
	SWW	45.50
	Cleaners Wage	17.40
	Window Clean	48.00
	Cleaning Mats	154.32
	<u>PC</u>	
	Electric	
	Locking	40.00
	Water	
	<u>Community Rooms</u>	
	Electric	
	Business Rates	109.00
	Water Heater	70.00
	Broadband	
	<u>JA Hall</u>	
	Cleaning Mats	
	Electric	106.44
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690.49		7,131.72

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

#### 2310/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Williams attended the on-line Air Quality meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> and reported that the Cornwall Air Strategy ends in 2025. Ways in which to improve the current situation are being investigated and suggestions sought. A power-point of the presentation is to be forwarded.

Councillor Anderson attended the CAP meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and reported that the new waste collection for this area will commence on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. St Blazey has the least number of students taking up Higher and Further Education, St Blazey has the highest figures of Domestic Abuse in the County.

Councillor Anderson asked if St Blazey Feast and Fete could use King Edward Gardens on February 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of the Feast celebrations. Permission was given but a risk assessment must be received.

#### 2310/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.