

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor

**Councillors**

J Moore, T Nethercott & J Taylor.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Community Warden  
Cornwall Councillor P Giles  
Cornwall Councillor J Rowse.  
Tom Fletcher – Environment Agency  
1 member of the public

1902/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillors R Chamberlain, A Pearce, K Simms, R Taylor, T Chapman and S Ford.

1902/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1902/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1902/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1901/13 Councillor Moore confirmed that a bench for King Edward Gardens would be provided.

1902/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave Pearce told the Councillors that the bench by St Blazey Church had been forcibly uprooted, this has been reported to Cornwall Council. Dave has been busy working in King Edward Gardens, the park is looking a lot better. The plants for the planters have been ordered and will be planted on his return from holiday at the end of April. All other work is up to date.

Councillor Jordan Rowse thanked Dave for his help with the pathway that was water logged at the Mount.

1902/06 **PRESENTATION BY TOM FLETCHER FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

Tom Fletcher told the Council about some of the flood alleviation plans that could improve St Blazey and attract millions of pounds of investment to improve the area. The StARR project is a joint scheme between the EA, Cornwall Council and other agencies. The EA are responsible for rivers and seas, Cornwall Council for surface water.

Par and St Blazey are built on a former estuary and this is now resulting in water damage and will therefore attract funding which will help the resident's aspirations for future green spaces.

Tom showed the Councillors the five areas of main concern which were Aberdeen Close, the football ground, Station Road, area behind co-op and the A390 corridor. Improvements include rain gardens, ponds and pocket parks. The 30 million pounds worth of funding could improve the Town now and in the future as it will be the first to have a scheme of this type.

The resident of Par Lane said he was concerned about the lack of information from the EA regarding a letter he received asking to drill on his land. Tom explained that the work was ground investigation and infiltration tests which are simple work.

Tom also explained that if land owners co-operate, the Environment Agency pay legal fees and compensation, if they don't, they receive neither.

1902/07 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

There are a number of residents of Polgrean, still to be rehoused and so to assist with applications on Home Choice, Project Manager, Amy Smith, will be at the Polgrean hub on Thursday mornings from 9am until 11am. No appointment is needed, anyone needing advice or who are worried, pop in and Amy will help.

On Tuesday, I was pleased to support a Labour party motion, to direct some of the Councils reserves to children's mental health services in Cornwall. Whilst some remarked that this was just a sticking plaster, I'd like to think it will help many and give Cornwall Council an opportunity to accrue statistics which can be used as evidence that more funding is needed in the future.

As you will know, St Blazey Post Office had a fire last week. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and indeed, both Jen and Bill were at the maternity unit with their new son. It was lovely that St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale were able to step up and offer immediate support. Smoke damage meant they needed a pram, carrycot and new-born clothes, this is what the shop is for. I know many people in the area came forward offering help. I was able to arrange accommodation, where they will stay, until repairs are complete, I would add that the Post Office and shop are open as usual.

Now to the issue of the break-in at the Recycle shops warehouse! It was upsetting to see the damage, but heartening to see the community rally around. It is really quite staggering how much our little shop means to so many people. All the children

responsible have been apprehended, their parents were mortified, and the children apologetic. All have been fingerprinted and I think the Police were somewhat flummoxed at the speed of the intelligence, and the resolution of the crime. Couldn't be prouder of our community.

Councillor Giles told the Councillors that she had applied to Par Bay Big Local for some funding to build a mezzanine floor at St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale when it moves to the new premises behind our current shop. They have replied that they are already working with various organisations towards similar goals and that they are approaching the end of their 10 year plan and most of the funds which were allotted have already been committed therefore it is unlikely that, if approved, they could offer more than a proportion of the funding sought.

Councillor Giles asked that St Blaise Town Council write in support of her application, the Councillors agreed.

#### 1902/08 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

After recent complaints regarding a section of the footpath at the Mount being in a dire state of disrepair and virtually impassable and Cornwall Council being unable to help, I decided to take remedial action myself. This footpath is heavily used by locals and I believe Cornwall Council have a duty to maintain our footpaths and bridleways to a high standard. I asked Imerys to donate some aggregate, which they kindly did. I then asked Gaynor if Dave would give me a hand to transport the aggregate and to help out with the path.

A couple of weeks ago Dave and I worked on the path for a few hours and I think the path is looking much better. Without Dave I could not have done it, so a massive thanks to him for his hard work and the Town Council for allowing him to help me.

This week we had Full Council meeting regarding next year's budget and as a result Council Tax is set to increase by 3.99%. The Conservative Councillors put forward amendments that would have seen unused funds from within the council's existing budget used to increase funding for children's mental health services and the countryside access footpath network. These were rejected. An amendment from the Labour Party which was passed will see funding taken from reserves and spent on children's mental health. I was pleased to have been one of the 54 that voted for this. This shows I will support actions from any political party if I believe it is in the best interests of my constituents I will support them.

I have now spent all of my community chest this year and have supported Tywardreath and Par Brownies, Friends of Par Beach, PL24 Nature Reserve, PL24 Community Association, Four Ways Youth Club and In Search of Tywardreath and Par Community Orchard. Applications for my 2019/2020 Community Chest will be available in April.

It's my first surgery over at Cornubia on Saturday so if anyone fancies popping over to see me and to have a nosey around Cornubia, do come over. I will be there from 10am until about 12.

1902/09 **TO APPOINT AN INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2018-19**

The Clerk 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 2018/19 Audit.

1902/10 **TO CONSIDER DONATION REQUESTS**

Cornwall Air Ambulance have asked for a donation towards their new helicopter as the lease on their current air ambulance expires in April 2020. Councillor Nethercott proposed a donation of £250, Councillor J Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Sowenna who are Cornwall's first adolescent mental health unit have asked for a donation to equip the new unit in Bodmin. Councillor J Moore proposed a donation of £300, Councillor J Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Cruse Bereavement Care have asked for a donation towards their running costs. Councillor Nethercott proposed a donation of £100, Councillor Moore seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Cornwall Hospice Care have asked for a donation towards their running costs of the two Cornish Hospices that care for those with terminal illnesses. Councillor J Taylor proposed a donation of £100, Councillor T Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1902/11 **PROJECT LIST**

**New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –**

The Phase II land contamination works started on site Monday with nothing unexpected found. The gas monitoring equipment is now in place and will be examined on: 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> March. Once the report is written and all is well with the investigations, the contractor is scheduled to start on site on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**Neighbourhood Planning –**

Councillor J Moore, Chairman of the Neighbouring Plan Committee reported that after the meeting held on February 26<sup>th</sup> they had agreed the plan objectives, agreed the development boundary already a natural barrier between St Blaise and St Austell and therefore there would be no need to draw a development boundary.

The design quality criteria proved difficult as the design quality guide is currently being produced by the Planning Policy team. Generally, design should be in keeping with traditional appearance, without ruling out innovation. However most specifically, it was felt that StARR should feature in design quality criteria.

There is often confusion over brownfield and flood blighted land, it was high-lighted that: Brownfield land is a term used in urban planning to describe any previously developed land that is not currently in use, whether contaminated or not. It is also used to describe land previously used for industrial or commercial purposes with known or suspected pollution including soil contamination due to hazardous waste. As a result many sites were recognised.

The policies were reviewed and some changes made and a draft plan will be ready shortly.

## 1902/12 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Cornwall Council inspected Trail Blayser Park on 12<sup>th</sup> February and had concerns with the quick links on the toddler and tyre swings which they replaced for free. Last week the inspector found one of the links on the flat swings was broken, Mike Davies repaired the joint for free and the seat will be replaced soon.

Our Community Link Officer has given us details of a new scheme called CNA (Community Network Area) SOS which is being introduced as part of the '10 years of Cornwall Council' celebrations throughout this year. It is based (loosely!) around DIY SOS, they are looking for existing community projects that Cornwall Council's volunteering scheme can support by way of a day's commitment.

Each Town and Parish Council now has the opportunity to nominate an existing project that needs extra support. They have sent us an Expression of Interest (EOI) form that we could submit for consideration. The Clerk suggested that we nominate Trail Blayser Park, all the Councillors agreed.

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

Location: St Andrews Road, Par

Timing: 15th March to 18th March 2019 (06:00 to 21:00) Inclusive.

Timing: 22nd March to 25th March 2019 (21:00 to 07:00) Inclusive.

The Clerk has asked Crantock Pc if we will have any costs refunded from our contribution to their judicial review, they replied that although Crantock was unsuccessful in obtaining permission for a Judicial Review into Cornwall Council's decision to approve a planning application that they considered to be counter to their fully adopted Neighbourhood Plan. They chose to exercise their right to seek a formal open court hearing. Unfortunately, they were again unsuccessful.

In pursuing their case they have incurred substantial costs and are still detailing the final costs. These costs will be met by donations from a wide range of sources and the closing date for collecting donations is 28 Feb at which time they will be able to reconcile the final accounts that will be published. In the event that they have collected more funds than required they will consider how best these funds should be used. This will include the potential to reimburse supporters.

1902/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA19/00604            Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and associated works  
26 Rose Hill  
St Blazey

PA19/01281           Proposed two storey side extension incorporating integral garage/store.  
52 Old Roselyon Road.  
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to:-

PA19/00239           Proposed change of use and conversion of existing garage to detached annex  
The Vicarage  
Church Street  
St Blazey

PA19/00240           Listed Building Consent  
Proposed change of use and conversion of existing garage to detached annex  
The Vicarage  
Church Street  
St Blazey

PA19/00942           Outline application for construction of new dwelling with all matters reserved  
Land Adjacent To Penarwyn House  
Pentour  
St Blazey

Results Received

PA19/00604           Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and associated works  
26 Rose Hill  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

1902/14 **ALEXANDER HALL REPORT AND RENT REVIEW**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Safety check would be carried out Monday.

Councillors discussed whether to increase the rent at Alexander Hall, Councillor Nethercott proposed that the rent remain unchanged, Councillor J Taylor seconded the proposal, All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1902/15 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Broadband is working.

1902/16 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	742.00
Interest	2.48
High Deposit Int	169.27

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1431.70
Wardens Wage	629.60
Broadband	29.65
UK Fuels	11.62
Insurance	183.27
HMRC	592.29
CC (pen)	511.32
Wardens Equip	70.63
CIS	14.66
Wardens phone	55.00
CALC conference	36.00
Scribe	416.40
<u>AH</u>	
Cleaners Wage	68.30
Chubb (parts)	13.98
EDF (Elec)	66.00
SWW	114.50
EDF (Gas)	64.00
Cleaning Mats	41.83
D Smith	78.75
MetroRod	78.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	28.00
EDF	13.00
SWW	99.71
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
EDF	71.00
SWW	636.04

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913.75

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1902/17 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Moore will attend Climate Change and Neighbourhood Planning conference on March 9<sup>th</sup> and is concerned that CC do not seem to know the impact or benefits as yet.

1902/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.