

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 29th July 2021**

Present

Councillor J Moore – Mayor

Councillors

J Anderson, T Chapman-Gunner, T Nethercott, K Simms, R Taylor,
F Wearne and C Williams.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr P Giles
Thomas Hewitt
PC Prophet
PCSO Yasmin Barrott

Before the meeting began the Mayor welcomed new Councillors Francine Wearne and Carol Williams and gave a brief overview of its powers and responsibilities.

The Council were informed yesterday that the police would be attending this evenings meeting and PCSO Barrott and PC Prophet gave the following report.

Neighbourhood Police Team

Neighbourhood Team Leader

Sergeant 4794 Dave Mitchell

Neighbourhood Beat Manager

PC 4886 Andrew Barnicoat
PC 5929 Gareth Hawken
PC 6170 Colin Sheppard
PC 7177 Will Chesterfield
PC 7069 Yasmin Vokes
PC 5427 Dingle
PC 7283 prophet

Police Community Support Officer

30499 Julie Carpenter
30047 Wendy Christophers
30528 Natalie Merrikin
30004 Ally Relf
30262 Steve Tibbles
30055 Graham Wade
30449 Jamie Ward
30740 Yasmin Barrott

Overall Crime

Really positive news, roughly a 10% reduction in all crime over the last 12 months. Almost all crime types are down with significant reductions in dwelling burglary, vehicle offences and shoplifting. The main increase has been in violence without injury and this is largely due to changes in the crime recording rules and the classification of offences, all harassment/stalking/malicious communications offences for example are categorised as violence without injury which inflates the numbers considerably.

Other areas which have increased include possession and trafficking of drugs, and weapons offences. These offences only get recorded when they are detected by officers and demonstrates our proactive work to tackle drugs and weapon crime. Despite the numbers being up in these crime categories they are still low by national standards. Individual crime figures can be found on our website.

Priorities over the last 12 months

Safeguarding of vulnerable people particularly with Covid and significant partnership work undertaken. Domestic abuse has been a national priority due to the concerns around increases particularly during periods of lockdown. We have seen some rises at various times but overall, our sector hasn't seen the increases that other sectors have.

Anti-Social Behaviour has been an issue from time to time and has been tackled with partner agencies such as Helen Toms ASB Officer.

County Lines has been a real priority which as a sector we have tackled very well in terms of executing warrants, charging, and remanding several key individuals and seizures of drugs. The perpetrators of county lines have continued their 'business' but using different tactics, as a sector we have carried out more drugs warrants than anyone else.

We must stress the importance of community intelligence and encourage communities to report things to us. Information relating to vulnerable persons being exploited is particularly important right now.

Moving forward

Last year was unprecedented for us in terms of demand. There was approximately a 20-30% increase on our demand and we anticipate the same this year due to the number of visitors coming down as opposed to going abroad.

We have operated as 'one team' for some time now and the system is working well. There is currently no thought that we will return to dedicated officers for each area.

3 New Tri Service Officers to be in post soon at Lostwithiel, Fowey and St Dennis.

Inspector Gard has moved to a new post and a new Inspector is to be appointed.

2107/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Pearce and Chamberlain.

2107/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 24th June 2021 were amended at 2106/13 then confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2107/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2107/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 24th JUNE 2021**

2106/06 A member of the public has written to the Clerk in relation to Vet Fest - I would like it minuted that, despite their representation to the Town Council and their assurance that they were writing to all residents close by, I have received NO such letter. After their failure to keep their promises two years ago that there would be no disturbance, and now their failure to contact all residents in the immediate vicinity, I'm sorry to say that their word is worthless. I sincerely hope for the residents sake, there is little disturbance, but I doubt it.

2106/09 The Clerk has written a letter about Deeble Drive devolution to Cornwall Council, indicating that we know they have been underhand and that we are not impressed with their actions but has yet to receive a reply.

2107.14 Further to the resident reporting that a couple of trees in King Edward Gardens look dangerous. The Mayor and Tree Warden have visited and see no imminent danger. The resident has now contacted Councillor Nethercott.

2107/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Trail Blazer Park still has a litter problem as the users refuse to use the bin and alcohol debris is always evident.

I have has carried out the weekly play inspections on Deeble Drive and the surrounding area, the surfacing yet again has been vandalised. The grass cutting at Penarwyn and Polgover is up to date as is Piggy Alley and King Edward Gardens.

I am watering and feeding the flowerbeds daily and most of the kerb-side weed treatment has been done as has the LMP footpath maintenance.

St Blazey Toilets were opened on July 19th.

2107/06 **THOMAS HEWITT SPOKE ABOUT DEVELOPING LAND IN ST BLAZEY**

Mr Hewitt last came to speak to the Council in June 2017 about land that his family had owned for many generations that they could build on. Now a piece of land at the

rear of St Marys Church has been identified and he asked the Council what they would like to see there.

Councillor Moore explained that the Neighbourhood Plan does not allow for any more than 10 new dwellings on any site as Cornwall Council have said we have no need for further housing until 2030 but exceptions could be made for retirement homes or social housing in compliance with needs referred to in the Neighbourhood Plan. Everybody agreed that retirement homes would be a good idea as it would free some Social Housing stock. The Councillors agreed to consider options and report back to Mr Hewitt.

2107/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

This month, we have had our first meeting to discuss the Queens Platinum Jubilee next June. In my role as Chairman of Cornwall Council, I am spearheading the wilding of verges all over Cornwall, and in conjunction with Cormac, Eden, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Cornwall Council, we want to turn our verges red white and blue, using a mix of wild flower seed put together by Eden.

I am asking every Cornwall Councillor to commit some of their Community Chest to make every division look amazing. The Town Council might want to consider this when planting out next spring.

I met Prince Charles and Camilla at the Duchy Nurseries last week to celebrate the 10 +1 Anniversary of the Princes Countryside Fund and launch his Confident Rural Communities network, bringing together over 300 rural community organisations who have benefitted from a grant programme since it was established in 2010.

Last Tuesday, I went to look at the progress of the Polgrean development, most of Phase 1 houses are occupied, the chip shop is now up and running, and the hairdressers were doing their final touches. I have a meeting with Ocean and CN4C next week to discuss the options for the Community room. Given that the chip shop is open in the evenings, I wondered if it might be an idea to thin out the foliage on the park side of the river, so that there is a clear view from the chip shop to the park, hopefully helping to limit the ASB which goes on there.

I went to Eden last Thursday, to talk about the effects Covid has had on the business. Their biggest challenge at the moment is, recruiting staff! And because of this, they are continuing to restrict the visitor numbers in order to ensure guests still have an enjoyable visitor experience.

Cornwall Councils waste contract changes will now be delayed until 2023. Wheelie bins of seagull sacks (for those with limited room) will still be rolled out this year. Facilities for the collection of food waste are not currently in place, with some planning permissions still not agreed, so the decision was taken to move the new scheme back two years.

I attended the Constitution and governance meeting on Tuesday to again object about the possible movement of Par/Tywardreath/Fowey into SE Cornwall electoral constituency. St Blazey and Par are indelibly linked, and to split the community of

PL24 would not have been right. Thankfully with the divisional Councillors agreement, the St Columb Major, St Mawgan & St Wenn division will move to North Cornwall, evening up the numbers, so Par/Tywardreath/Fowey will remain in St Austell and Newquay constituency.

I am looking forward to supporting the Vetfest at the Football Club on Saturday, a worthy cause of which there are many local members.

And finally, I asked the Clerk to print off the plan of the proposed pedestrian island at Middleway. This will stop vehicles parking on the road, assist members of the public to cross the road to the Co-Op carpark, and hopefully with the new signage, slow down the traffic coming down Middleway.

2107/08 **PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Cornwall Councillor Giles had covered this in her report.

2107/09 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

There had been no issues this month.

2107/10 **TOWN COUNCIL CAROL SERVICE**

The Councillors agreed that preparation for the Town Carol Concert should begin and it would take place on Sunday December 12th 2021.

2107/11 **TOUR OF BRITAIN**

The Tour of Britain commences at 11 am on Sunday 5th September in Penzance finishing in Bodmin at 3.30 pm before continuing on 6th September in Devon with the finish post in Aberdeen on 12th September.

Sweetspot are handling all marketing and will provide a race manual 30 days prior to the start of the race, final approval for the event will be 14 days before and will depend on the level of Covid cases. Cornwall Council Director of Public Health will let us know the level of Covid infection that will allow the race to proceed or be cancelled. Some of the contenders will be foreign but the race meets the Elite Sport Exemption list and therefore can compete but will not be able to mix.

There is a Cornwall Tour of Britain Web-site and the entire event will be shown on ITV4. The race reaches St Austell at 2.53pm and Bodelva Road at 3.00 pm.

Route Risk Assessments have been undertaken – last recce to take place 8 August. 18 August -Community Event SAG Meeting. 19 August -Tour of Britain SAG 2. w/c 23 August - Table top Exercise.

The Councillors agreed that nothing could be decided yet as the race does not come directly through St Blazey and could still be cancelled.

2107/12 HRH THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II will be marked in 2022 being the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II on 6 February 1952. An extra bank holiday has been created and the traditional May bank holiday weekend will be moved to the start of June, to create a special four day Jubilee weekend From Thursday June 2nd to Sunday June 5th 2022. This will be the first time any British monarch has celebrated a platinum jubilee.

The Trooping the Colour, which usually takes place on the second Saturday of June, will be held on 2 June 2022 to mark the Queen's official birthday. The event will close with the Queen and Royal Family observing a Royal Air Force flypast from the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

The lighting of beacons will take place on 2 June across the United Kingdom along with every capital city of each Commonwealth country to mark 70 years of The Queen's reign.

On 3 June, the traditional service of thanksgiving for the Queen's reign will held be at St Paul's Cathedral. There will also be a birthday parade along Horse guards Parade.

The Queen will also attend the Derby at Epsom Downs accompanied by other members of the royal family on 4 June. In the evening, a concert named 'Platinum Party at the Palace' will take place at Buckingham Palace, featuring some of the biggest artists and entertainment stars. The event will be broadcast by the BBC. Members of the public will be invited to apply and attend the event.

On the last day of the extended bank holiday, people are encouraged to have a 'Big Jubilee Lunch', encouraging communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little better. A pageant featuring about 5,000 people from across the UK and the Commonwealth will take place against the backdrop of Buckingham Palace combined with street arts, theatre, music, circus, carnival and costume celebrating the Queen's reign.

A campaign, known as 'The Queen's Green Canopy', was launched in May 2021, ahead of the Jubilee in 2022. People across the United Kingdom are expected to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' to mark the milestone. To help the environment and make local areas greener, people will be urged to create this 'special gift' for the Queen, in her Platinum Jubilee year.

The Clerk asked if red, white and blue flowers could be ordered for the planters next year, the Council agreed.

PL24 Big Lunch may not be on June 5th however Councillor Giles is looking to arrange a Big Lunch at the Cricket Club for the entire community rather than all streets having individual events.

The Clerk asked if commemorative coins should be purchased for the children of the Town, Councillors thought this outdated and would think about another choice.

2107/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Moore has spoken with Cornwall Council planning with various issues, the main query being whether it was worth proceeding to pre submission consultation (still 10 weeks) in the light of the government's proposed planning reforms. It was confirmed that CC had no idea what was going to happen, and couldn't offer an opinion, but suggested that Councillor Moore seek advice from James Evans, the planner, in the light of the Town Vitality funding bid.

Councillor Moore also highlighted that about 2/3 years ago she had enquired whether St Blazey could have a Principal Residents Policy, which is designed to stop second homers. At the time was told that this was not relevant to the NP, as St Blazey did not have a high number of second homers – although the NP is supposed to guide what happens in St Blazey to 2030. Obviously, there is now a problem, and it was suggested that Councillor Moore seek advice from James Evans, the Planner, as to whether it is worth putting the Policy in – there is some debate as to how effective it is.

As we now know as we have already been advised that the NP has weight and can influence planning decisions, although it has not been formally adopted. Under the NP, St Blazey has zero requirement for housing development to 2030, but can consider applications for no more than 10 houses. Councillor Moore asked what the procedure would be if a local applicant wanted to put in a pre- submission consultation for a development of more than 10 houses – keeping in mind that if planning permission is granted by the TC for more than 10 houses, we open the doors to all developers.

The advice given was that the applicant would have to 'make a case' for a development of more than 10 houses. For example, if the application was for 60 retirement homes, the NP having flagged up that there is a lack of retirement homes in St Blazey, arguments around that would be considered by the TC, without damaging the restrictions of the NP. It was confirmed that this would be a suitable argument for development of more houses than outlined in the NP, and would be addressing a problem highlighted by the NP.

Play Area Update

Deeble Drive – See Community Wardens report.

Penarwyn Green – The Community surrounding Penarwyn Green are keeping an eye on the park and arranging themselves to deal with small matters. The Clerk asked Councillor Williams if they are interested in raising additional funds to put with the grant from Eden. Carol will report back to the Clerk.

Polgover Way – Play equipment for the park has been ordered and work will begin 2nd November 21. The residents group will be asked to follow Penarwyn's example and deal with small issues as the Warden has too much work to inspect the area every day.

Town Vitality Fund/Place Shaping Partnership

Councillor Moore has not yet heard whether the Town Vitality Fund application has been successful.

2107/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk asked the Councillors if the Toilet Wardens money could be increased. Councillors agreed a raise of a third.

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

Location: Par Lane

Timing: 5th July 2021 to 9th July 2021

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.16A

Location: Eden Marathon

Timing: 10th October 2021

The Clerk told the Council that both new Councillors have had their code of conduct training.

The Speed camera recorded that 88.4% of incoming vehicles, down from 97.24% are below the speed limit (18,163 cars) and 79.12% down from 93.24% (19,421 cars) of outgoing traffic is below the speed limit. Councillors agreed to keep the speed camera as is.

The Clerk has received a letter from a resident recently moved to Sea View Terrace at the end of 2019 and had a baby in April 2020. They feel a little cut off from the main facilities in the town. The main issue is that they are not able to cross Fore Street (A390) safely. It is a very busy and fast road with high volumes of traffic, including many vans and Lorries. Even when they walk up to the traffic lights, there are no pedestrian facilities.

This has been investigated before however the Clerk was instructed to contact Highways to see if anything can be done.

2107/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been six planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to any of them:-

| | |
|------------|---|
| PA21/05958 | Construction of new detached dwelling. Land West of Little Trenovissick Road from Lamellyn Road to Bayview The Mount |
|------------|---|

| | |
|------------------|---|
| PA21/04170 | Works and rebuilding to the Grade II* listed Buildings at Restineas and change of use to training and research purposes Restineas Farm Garker The Eden Project |
| PA21/04171 | Application for Listed Building Consent Works and rebuilding to the Grade II* listed Buildings at Restineas and change of use to training and research purposes Restineas Farm Garker The Eden Project |
| PA21/06574 | Non-material amendment with respect to decision notice PA19/04813 Polgrean Place St Blazey |
| PA21/05693 | Outline Application all matters reserved for the erection of a dwelling. Land South Of Pico Ville The Mount |
| PA21/06643 | Raising of roof forming first floor accommodation. Sunkist Pennys Lane |
| Results Received | |
| PA21/06574 | Non-material amendment with respect to decision notice PA19/04813 Polgrean Place St Blazey APPROVED |
| PA21/03306 | Erection of single detached dwelling Land at 1 Southview Road St Blazey APPROVED |
| PA21/03208 | Proposed domestic garage with hobbies room over and kitchen, utility, bedroom and games room extension. Rievaulx Biscovey Road St Blazey Gate APPROVED |

2107/16 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE
ANDERSON HALL**

Alexander Hall has had new fire doors fitted at the rear of the building and all the fire appliances have had their Annual Service. Some of the bookings are coming back.

St Blaze Community Rooms have had all the fire appliances have had their Annual Service. We still have no bookings.

June Anderson Hall along with the Burrows Centre has suffered a lot of damage by youths, this has been reported to the police but it seems that none of the culprits have been identified so no action to be taken. All the fire appliances have had their Annual Service. Bookings are going well.

2107/17 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Hall Hire | 340.00 |
| Interest | 0.50 |
| High Deposit Int | 18.22 |
| Black Sacks | |
| Burrows Electric | 210.31 |
| JA Room Hire | 460.00 |

Expenditure

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Clerks Wage | 1615.57 |
| Wardens Wage | 664.13 |
| Broadband | 29.83 |
| UK Fuels | 87.02 |
| Insurance | 185.59 |
| HMRC | 650.23 |
| CC (Pen) | 582.19 |
| Electric(foun) | 22.59 |
| SWW(foun) | |
| St Austell GM | |
| Cormac | 105.61 |
| Sovereign | 8683.48 |
| Burrows Elec | 423.51 |
| CIS | 137.31 |
| Amazon | 60.49 |
| Plumb Nation | 233.98 |
| Wardens Phone | 20.00 |
| Icon Web-services | 220.00 |
| CALC | 48.00 |
| Amazon | 22.00 |
| <u>AH</u> | |
| Chubb (parts) | 14.76 |
| Corona (Gas) | 39.10 |
| SWW | 21.50 |
| Cleaners Wage | 45.60 |
| Chubb | 100.80 |
| K Ridsdale | 1002.80 |
| <u>PC</u> | |
| Electric | |
| Locking | 30.00 |
| <u>Community Rooms</u> | |

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Electric | 101.50 |
| Business Rates | 104.00 |
| Water | |
| Firecrest | 57.60 |
| <u>JA Hall</u> | |
| Electric | 89.26 |

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| ===== | ===== |
| 1029.03 | 15,398.45 |

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2107/18 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Moore told the Councillors about a monolith to be installed as part of the StARR project next to the attenuation tank on the A390 by the Fourlords Public House. It has been created by Robin Sullivan. It will be around 2-2.5 metres high and around 1m across at its widest point. It will be made from locally sourced China Clay and ball clays with added molochite (high fire china clay), alongside granite sands. It will also have bronze fillings, plus copper and tin filings added and these will change colour over time. It will be located adjacent to the Four Lords, where StARR works have taken place, by StARR.

It will be painted in other local clays and minerals with the help of local artist from St Austell, ceramicist Julian De'Courcy. The intention is to reference the local landscape and industries. It will be fired in a custom built petal kilns, the first of its kind in the UK, originally designed by Estonian kiln master Andres Allik. The kiln was built over 4 weeks with the help of 25 students across 4 courses from St Austell Collage through a collaboration with Cultivator Cornwall. The kiln will be fired three times this summer with the final monolith being fired hopefully at the end of August. The installation is then being handed over to Cormac and the StARR project coordinators to be installed, the expected installation date being November, perhaps with a ceremony.

Councillor Moore attended a St Austell Bay Economic Forum meeting on July 21st and reported that The Welcome Back fund will be applied for but are finding it as difficult to know what to spend the money on as the funding has to be spent by March 2022. St Austell has been awarded £140k from the Town Vitality Partnership but the fund has been hugely oversubscribed.

The Parliamentary Boundary review was discussed and a split of the Clay Country is being opposed. Apparently S Double MP is sitting on the fence but everyone in attendance was opposed to the proposal, and in favour of St Columb being moved.

Councillor Moore told the Council that there would be a walk of the StARR sites week beginning 23rd August 2021, date to be confirmed.

Councillor Taylor said that the vandalism at the Burrows Centre had been mentioned at the Community Network meeting.

2107/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 26th August 2021 at 7.30pm at Alexander Hall.

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