

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

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, T Nethercott, A Pearce, A Seel & K Simms.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Dan James
Cornwall Councillor P Giles

Dan James from the Eden Project and gave the Council an update on the current activities and future plans.

Summer 2019 had good visitor numbers and spending had increased. They are very focused on climate change and are investing in the rain forest. 50% of the Eden Sessions has been sold to AEG who specialise in live events and it is hoped that they may attract a wider range of entertainment.

With Christmas approaching the ice rink will again be in action and they are to hold Christmas Fayres and jumper swaps.

Funding is now in place for the Geo-thermal project which will mean drilling down 4.5 kilometres, there are to be two wells one to drill down and the other to bring the energy up and will take 18 months to install. There will be a net surplus of energy once they source energy for themselves but no decision of how this will be done has been made, they are having conversations with Cornish Lithium.

Eden Project Learning is doing very well and currently 136 students from the University of Plymouth are using Eden as their campus, various schooling is taking place including agriculture and sustainable tourism.

Eden are working with the Big Local and hope to be able to assist with the Roundhouse project and they are keen to encourage social prescribing. They are currently working with Wheal Northey, walking groups and host two weekly lunch clubs. In the outer part of the estate they have introduced horticultural therapy and hope to work with a Social Prescriber Navigator.

The National Wildflower Centre is now based on site previously housed in Liverpool and will be working on the link road from the A30 to St Austell.

Eden are working with Garfield Western on a 'Create a Buzz' project which is wild flower intervention and would like to work with St Blazey.

Eden International are building a similar project in China, working in Dubai for the 2020/20 expo, delivering in Derry NI and creating sustainable a northern version of the Eden Project which could open by spring 2023 at Morcambe Bay's seafront, featuring five giant "mussel-shaped" domes. If approved, the Project will assist drainage in Morcambe.

1911/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from St Blaise Town Councillors T Chapman, J Taylor and Cornwall Councillor Jordan Rowse.

1911/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 31st October 2019 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1911/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1911/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1910/14 A receipt has been received from The Poppy Appeal for the Town Councils donation.

1910/07 After Councillor Rowse told the Council about the hole that had opened on the footpath from Trevarweneth to Wilson Way, Councillor Seel was pleased to see works being carried out.

1910/18 Betty Hicks has written accepting her Community award.

1911/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave is still unable to remove the bolt from the seat on the zip wire and due to wet weather has been unable to paint the seating. The park is being used as Dave has had to pick up all kinds of debris including glass. Is it worth considering locking the park during extended periods of wet weather. The Councillors agreed to trial this suggestion.

Dave has removed the summer plants from the majority of the flower beds, only the planters at the end of Station Road and the welcome stones are outstanding.

1911/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I attended the electoral review panel and confirmed St Blaise Town Council did not want to change their boundaries, it was noted.

At the recent Neighbourhood Overview and Scrutiny meeting, it was agreed to increase the cost of cremation at Cornwall Councils Penmount crematorium from £784 to £930 on 1 April 2020. This brings it in line with the private crematorium in

Bodmin, which is currently charging £999 with an increase due on 1 April. This service has been running at a loss for quite some time, putting pressure on other services.

I attended the Localism Summit earlier in the month, much of what we discussed, the Town Council have started to implement, one thing that came through loud and clear, was, the Action Group formed must encompass many organisations, and age groups. For many Towns and Parishes the Action Group is made up of Councillors. If our residents are serious about a Climate Emergency, they must get involved, in order to make change.

I attended the PPG Conference in Bodmin, at the forefront was the increase in preventable illness. The NHS are looking at new ways to deliver health and care to meet the changing population. Social prescribing is considered to be one of the best defences. Supporting people within our community, providing safe place to meet, providing groups who meet regularly, combating loneliness are key to wellbeing not only to a growing elderly Cornish population, but to our young community, struggling with mental health issues.

Social Prescribers are funded nationally, but I am to understand that St Blazey and the surrounding area do not have access to such a person. I am going to contact the local surgeries to check if this is true, and enquire how we can address this lack of support services in one of Cornwall's most deprived areas.

I attended the New Dawn Celebrations to remember the Polgrean of old, and to look to the future plans. Amos Putt led the walkabout, giving everyone his account of Polgrean over the years. I look forward to seeing the demolition of the old and the rise of the new.

The kitchen has finally been installed at St Blazey Recycle, cookery class's start on 6 January. People living in Polgrean, Landreath, Penarwyn and the surrounding area are encouraged to contact me if they are interested in taking part.

1911/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

It was a tough day at the office at County Hall on Tuesday, however I was pleased to be one of the 66 who voted for providing Cornwall's Spaceport with £10.3 million today. This means that, when the time is right and the criteria has been met, Cornwall Council will provide some funding towards the project. The project will create high-skilled, high-valued jobs, Cornwall really has the opportunity to prosper.

As for the climate change argument against the project, I understand the concerns. However, satellites need to be sent in to orbit. Now more than ever. There is a clear demand for it. This isn't an unrealistic vanity project. This is something that is ready to go. The infrastructure at Newquay Airport is there. We just need to believe and press the green button. The Government support this and the backing from Cornwall Council today moves us one step closer to making this happen.

Extinction Rebellion attended the meeting and protested against putting money towards the Spaceport. As an environment advocate and someone who supported Cornwall Council declaring a climate emergency, we share a common cause - improving our planet and doing all we can to help it recover from years of neglect. What I don't support is how they behaved.

I have recently learnt that, as part of the new Waste Contract, Cornwall Council are set to remove their local recycling banks. This concerns me. The kerbside recycling figures for St Blazey are very low. I feel there are a number of ways we can increase kerbside recycling, without taking away these important recycling banks. I will be keeping a close eye on this.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

1911/08 **TO CONSIDER VE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Councillors discussed options and decided that an event could be held preferably at the Football Club where residents could bring and compare old photos and memorabilia. The Clerk will liaise with the church and the football club.

1911/09 **TOUR OF BRITAIN THROUGH ST BLAZEY**

The Tour of Britain will be coming to St Blazey on September 6th 2020, the Councillors decided that shops and businesses on the route will be contacted to ask if they would dress their windows and the Council will put out flags.

Councillor Moore left the meeting.

1911/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

The Clerk attended the Localism Summit at Royal Cornwall Showground on November 6th. The main focus of the Summit was Collaboration and Partnership. Locality was set up in 2017 and have been working in four areas, Cornwall, Stevenage, Southwark and Wigan but Cornwall has not passed any of the funding to lower level local Government.

We were told that Cornwall Council would not carry out any more services that they do not have a duty to do. We learned that since becoming a unitary authority the average Town/Parish Precept has risen by 138%. St Blaise has given an increase of 85% during this period.

Climate change was discussed and the Community Network Officers have been working with other panels across Cornwall to deliver Action Plans.

1911/11 **TO SET THE 20-21 PRECEPT**

The Clerk had written a budget with a proposed increase of 12%. Councillor T Nethercott proposed the increase, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1911/12 **REPORT FROM THE GDPR COMMITTEE**

The GDPR committee met on 11th November and are satisfied that all requirements have been met and no breaches have occurred.

1911/13 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

The Council considered the Statement of Internal Control. No changes were made. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the document be deemed acceptable, Councillor T Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1911/14 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –

The Clerk had contacted all Councillors except the Mayor as Councillor Moore had suggested the new room be called The June Anderson Community Centre. The response had been favourable. Councillor T Nethercott proposed the room be called The June Anderson Community Hall, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, one Councillor abstained from the vote, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1911/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk met the Town Clerk from St Cleer who are also planning to purchase an Evolis Speed detector. Other Councils are to be contacted to see if the price can be reduced with a multiple purchase.

The Clerk attended the SLCC Regional Training Seminar on Wednesday 13th November and learned that new Web-site rules come into effect on 23rd June 2021 for Town and Parish Councils. We must meet accessibility standards and publish an accessibility statement.

The Clerk has received a letter from Cornwall Council relating to Business Rates on Public Conveniences. In the 28th October 2018 budget a 100% business rate relief on public conveniences was announced with effect from 1.4.20. This was not passed before Parliament was dissolved on 6th November therefore it is currently unknown if this legislation will be brought back following the General Election on December 12th.

The Clerk asked the Councillors if they would be happy to continue the Local Partnership initiative during 20-21. All the Councillors believe this is essential to continue with the upkeep of the footpaths.

The Clerk has received correspondence from a resident concerned about the parking situation on the road entering the Old Roselyon Estate from Middleway. They say that it has now reached a stage that it must be single file traffic due to various cars and work vans being parked along there. When you enter the estate from Middleway, you have to be so careful as cars coming out of the estate are 90% of the time on the

wrong side of the road due to the parked vehicles. The situation is worse over the weekend when the cricket club is being used. It is an accident waiting to happen.

The Clerk has replied that this will be added to the next Highway Scheme.

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

Location: A390 from Bridge Street to Porcupine, Tywardreath Highway, Par

Timing: 22nd to 23rd January 2020 (22:00 hours to 06:00)

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Location: St Andrews Road, Par

Timing: 22nd to 23rd January 2020 (22:00 hours to 06:00)

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

Location: Polgrean Place, St Blazey

Timing: 6th January 2020 to 6th July 2021 (24 hours, weekends included)

1911/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA19/09542 Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling.
Lower Bodelva Farm
Prideaux Road
St Blazey

PA19/10030 Proposal; to crown reduce the Ash tree subject to a TPO
Chy-An-Rosen, 2 Boundary Gardens
St Blazey

Results Received

PA19/08849 Part removal of front garden wall and dropping the kerb to provide vehicular access to front of property.
4 Rose Hill
St Blazey
APPROVED

- PA19/08548 Extension to and conversion of existing garage to provide residential accommodation for adult member of applicant's family.
238 Manor View
Par
APPROVED
- PA19/10030 Proposal; to crown reduce the Ash tree subject to a TPO
Chy-An-Rosen, 2 Boundary Gardens
St Blazey
APPROVED

1911/17 **ALEXANDER HALL**

No issues to report.

1911/18 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Annual Fire Alarm service has been carried out.

1911/19 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	508.00
Interest	1.20
High Deposit Int	23.06
Com room Income	342.00
Com Room Damage	66.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1489.91
Wardens Wage	657.80
Broadband	27.50
UK Fuels	
Insurance	205.32
HMRC	639.51
CC (pen)	1109.16
SLCC	96.00
Cllrs Travel	5.70
Burrows Ext	453.48
Wisdom Signs	66.00
A Rundle	90.00
SWW (fountain)	11.12
<u>AH</u>	
CC Bus Rates	246.00
Cleaners Wage	59.60
Chubb (parts)	13.98
EDF (Elec)	76.00
SWW	74.00
EDF (Gas)	71.00
<u>PC</u>	
CC Bus Rates	54.00
Locking	30.00
EDF	12.00
CIS	170.04
SWW	127.54

<u>Community Rooms</u>	
CC Bus Rates	102.00
EDF	64.00
Broadband	15.00

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1911/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Moore attended the Annual Tree Warden Forum South West on 9th November 2019 and reported that the Tree Council have a funded planting scheme, however the overall problem with tree planting, was lack of land.

There was an acknowledgement of the role trees play in natural flood management and Ann Reynolds (CC) discussed Cornish Hedges. Jon Stokes from the Tree Council emphasised the need to be careful when sourcing trees, and to check the biosecurity policy of suppliers.

Portsmouth is rebranding itself as the orchard city, there are 1000 trees planted already. Churchyards and cemeteries often have good tree cover, which can be expanded. Cornwall has the highest incidence of skin cancer, trees are needed to provide shade. There are possibilities, canopy assessment and Citizen Science has a tree recording scheme. There are also schemes where there is family tree planting.

There are schemes to explore including the Future Parks Accelerator Programme and the Green Minds Project.

Councillors Moore told the Council that the planting on the Britannia roundabout is to begin in March.

Councillor Chamberlain had attended the PL24 AGM and had recruited a new committee member.

Councillor Nethercott had attended the Par Liaison meeting and was pleased to report that Imerys do not expect too much difficulty if we leave Europe as much of their business is abroad.

Councillor R Taylor attended the New Dawn Celebration at Polgrean and Par Liaison which were both informative events and has been working with the Eden Geothermal project.

1911/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 30th January 2020 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.16 pm.