

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, T Chapman (late), J Moore, T Nethercott, A Seel, K Simms & J Taylor.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Community Warden  
Cornwall Councillor P Giles  
Cornwall Council J Rowse

Before the meeting began, the Mayor welcomed returning Councillor Adrian Seel.

1910/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

1910/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1910/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1910/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1909/15 After objections being received from residents regarding the Highway Scheme proposed changes in Old Roselyon Road, a meeting was held with Helen Scott-Daniels, Highways Technician from CORMAC. Various compromises were agreed.

Other suggestions for the next Highway Scheme were: speed bumps if deemed necessary in Old Roselyon Road after the yellow lines have been installed; yellow lines in Middleway end of Old Roselyon Road and yellow lines in Helleur Close where residents are parking in the turning circle.

1909/20 The Clerk has tried to contact Dan James from Eden but has not received a reply. Cornwall Councillor Jordan Rowse will see if he can ask him to contact us.

## 1910/05 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

Dave has only one remaining issue at Trail Blayser Park and now has the paint for the seating ready for drier weather.

The Clerk received a phone call from Ocean on September 27<sup>th</sup> informing us that we had to be out of the garage by October 28<sup>th</sup>. After contacting all the Councillors it was agreed to purchase a container that could be housed in the Town Car Park. The container was delivered on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October and despite Dave cordoning off the area it was to be placed, a car was parked there. When the owner of the car returned, he and a colleague verbally abused the Warden.

The Clerk asked if a letter could be written to the company that employs the individuals asking them to respect our staff and property. The Councillors agreed.

## 1910/06 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

The waste contract with Biffa is due to finish in early 2020, a lengthy tendering process has been continuing. Cornwall Council were unable to award the contract due to tenders being over their budget by £6million. To this end, Cornwall Council has extended Biffa's contract by 6 months and asked the two shortlisted companies to go away, look at their offering and reduce their operation costs considerably. It will be the Leader of Cornwall Council to make the ultimate decision before the end of 2019. As yet it is unknown how this will affect the proposed changes to services.

The network panel meeting was poorly attended by the public on 14<sup>th</sup> October, with only two attending the meeting. It was agreed to have the quarterly meetings at the Burrows in the hope that if we have a permanent venue, people will attend more.

A successful Half Term litter pick, collecting a staggering 21 black bags of rubbish was carried out. It's such a pity that people do not respect their area enough to put their litter in a bin or take it home. Most infuriating is finding a pushchair and other household items in the river behind the Co-Op. This could be a lovely riverside walk if developed, and I am hoping some funding from StARR can be channelled in that direction.

A PL24 Community Association meeting was held on Monday 28th October, the 2020 Pinnock Tunnel trip will be on Sunday 19 April. Tickets can be purchased via Cornwall Riviera Box Office. PL24 AGM is on Monday 25 November at 6pm at the Railway Club.

Yesterday I attended a meeting with Cornwall Council to discuss the planned interventions pertaining to StARR, and today walked many of the sites in St Blazey. St Blazey ponds, the area at the entrance to Aberdeen Close, currently used by the children to play football is intended to have a 5 metre deep pit with sloping sides to trap any water in a major flood and protect Aberdeen Close's houses. I know this will not be good news to some, but it will protect people's homes, which is the priority. Anyone who wishes to discuss this further with me, can contact me. StARR is a great

opportunity for St Blazey and it is hoped it will be completed by 2022, with a buffer into 2023 for unforeseen delays.

Councillor Chapman entered the meeting.

#### 1910/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Earlier today I along with Cllr Moore, Cllr R Taylor and Cllr Giles met the cross-agency team involved with the STARR Project on site to discuss the latest plans now that all of the funds, £30+ million, have been secured. Plans are really starting to take shape and the timetable going forward will see planning applications for the project being applied for at the end of November, with a view to start work in the middle of next year.

While out and about today, we took the opportunity to have a look at the subsidence to the railway track at Pontsmill on the Par to Newquay branch line. This has happened over the last week and has meant that the branch line has grounded to a halt with no trains able to use the line at all. I wanted to make Par Train Station more accessible and encourage greater use of the Par to Newquay Branch Line, this is a huge blow. Numbers using the line are dwindling, however our main focus now is to get the branch line up and running. This will take some time. Network Rail are working incredibly hard and I thank them.

Some will have seen that there has been a small hole/void that has opened up next to the footpath from Trevarweneth to Wilson Way in Biscovey. It may just be minor subsidence, a collapsed drain, or soak away damage, but with the recent mining failures in the area of Lesnewth and the relative close proximity of this defect, Cornwall Council are going to carry out some mining checks and have cordoned off the area with fencing. In truth, we are not sure what the issue is yet, but we hope it is only minor.

Eden are set to benefit from £17 million to start their geothermal energy project as they now have all of the funds to start the project, ten-years after the initial plans. I have been working closely with Eden on this and, last year, I was proud to support the Cornwall Council's decision to invest £1.4 million towards the Project.

Geothermal energy will be a game changer for Eden, Cornwall and the UK. Once running, the plant will provide more than enough renewable electricity and heat for their site and the local area.

I am pleased to confirm that superfast broadband is now available for the Porth Meadow estate. When estates are built, they should not be completed and signed off until the necessary infrastructure is in place which includes superfast broadband and the parks that are promised.

Lastly, the Brit have been nominated for Pub of the Year so I just want to congratulate them and wish them the best of luck.

1910/08 **WARDEN AND CLEANERS PAY AWARD**

The Clerk asked the Council if the Warden's hourly rate should be increased, the National Working Wage from the Living Wage Foundation increases from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. Councillors agreed that the Warden's wage be increased in line with the National Working Wage as would the cleaners.

1910/09 **TO CONSIDER THE NAMING OF STREET SIGNS IN CORNISH**

Information has been received that dual language road signs can be installed at no cost to the Town Council. The Councillors agreed that this would be an asset for the town for many reasons. The Clerk was instructed to put this into action.

1910/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

The Clerk has heard of no further cuts but would be attending the 2019 Localism Summit with Councillor Nethercott when more information should be forthcoming on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

1910/11 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROPOSALS**

The Waste and Climate Emergency committee asked the council if £10,000 could be added to 20/21 budget. The Clerk explained that to add a figure to a budget you had to explain why.

Councillor R Taylor told the Council that the Woodland Trust would provide between 30 to 300,000 trees free for communities. A single tree is great but a woodland is better as trees combat climate change, they reduce flooding and encourage wildlife.

Other trees that can be purchased are:-

Small tree (Blackthorn, Crab apple, Hazel) £6.95 each or 60 for £64, 95

Medium tree (Elder, Hawthorn, Holly)

Large tree (Beech, Oak, Birch)

Fruit and nut (Juniper, Hazel, Rowan)

Garden trees (Beech, Osier, and Maple)

Evergreen trees are 8 times more effective at sequestering carbon than deciduous trees and proposed a sum of £200 for planting.

Councillor Chamberlain said that he would like to see solar panels on the roof of the Community Rooms, specific costs are unavailable as levy changes are due but believed a sum of £5,000

Councillors agreed a figure of £5,200 to be added to the budget.

1910/12 **REVIEW OF THE RETENTION OF RECORDS POLICY**

The Council considered the Retention of Records Policy. Councillor J Taylor suggested various changes which will be made. Councillor R Taylor proposed that after the amendments, the Council deem the document acceptable, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED

1910/13 **REVIEW OF THE PUBLICATION POLICY**

The Council considered the Publication Policy. No changes were made. Councillor J Taylor proposed that the document be deemed acceptable, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1910/14 **DONATION TO EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor Nethercott proposed a donation of £150 to the 2019 Appeal, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1910/15 **CAROL CONCERT READERS**

Councillors Pearce, J Taylor and T Chapman all agreed to read at the 2019 Carol Concert.

1910/16 **INTERNAL CONTROLS - ANNUAL REVIEW**

The Clerk asked the Council to consider if adequate internal controls are in place and that they accept the responsibility of safeguarding public money. The Clerk asked if the Statement of Internal Control was adequate, and to consider that the Minute Book, Risk Assessment, Attendance Book and Declarations of Interest are being kept properly, the accounts are being verified correctly, enough insurance is in place, banking arrangements are acceptable, approved the direct debits, variable and static. All agreed the Internal Controls are acceptable.

1910/17 **TO REVIEW the INVESTMENT POICY & STRATEGY**

The Council considered the Investment Policy and Strategy. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the document be deemed acceptable, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1910/18 **SBTC 2019 COMMUNITY AWARD**

Councillor J Moore proposed that Betty Hicks be given the 2019 award, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1910/19 **PURCHASE AND DECORATION OF CHRITMAS TREES**

Councillor R Taylor offered a donation of the Christmas Trees, the Warden does not have the facility to collect so unfortunately they will have to be purchased. The Clerk asked for a budget to purchase if necessary. The Councillors agreed £120.

It was agreed that the trees would be decorated and assembled on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

1910/20 **LAYING OF REMEMBRANCE WREATH**

Mayor June Anderson volunteered to lay the remembrance wreath at St Blazey Church at the Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 am. Councillor Anderson asked that all the Councillors also be in attendance.

1910/21 **PROJECT LIST**

**New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –**

Matt Dixon, Project Manager met with the Clerk and Councillors on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September for the handover meeting. The repair work to Happy Days was completed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

There are various issues outstanding one of which is the guttering at the back of the building which the builders have said that the existing guttering on the building is not made any more, so they cannot purchase any fittings for it and the only option is to change the existing guttering on the back of the building for new, to match the new extension on the path.

The Councillors believe this should have been in the original quote and have instructed the Clerk to pass this opinion on.

The Clerk asked if furniture could be purchased and was instructed to buy 10 tables and 20 chairs as a start.

**Neighbourhood Planning –**

Councillor Jenny Moore has a meeting with Gemma Hankins on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

1910/22 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk asked the Councillors if a GDPR meeting could be arranged, the meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10 am at the Community Rooms.

Power for People have asked the Council to pass a motion in support of the Local Electricity Bill and sign up to the Campaign. The Councillors agreed.

St Blaise Town Council (i) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;(ii) further recognises that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so, that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and that revenues received by councils that became local renewable

electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities.

Accordingly the Council resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and further resolves to write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People expressing its support.

Cornwall Hospice care are holding open days at Little Harbour at Porthpean on either November 4<sup>th</sup> or December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

St Blaise Feast have asked to use King Edward Gardens on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, the Councillors gave permission.

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

Location: North East Distributor Road, St Austell

Timing: 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (19:00 hours to 07:00)

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

Location: Par Moor Road and Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (19:00 hours to 07:00)

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

Location: Station Road, St Blazey

Timing: 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (09:30 hours to 16:30)

## 1910/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA19/08184            Application for works to a tree subject to a TPO – Works to an Ash Tree.  
Land South of St Marys Church Biscovey  
St Austell Road  
St Blazey Gate

PA19/08548            Extension to and conversion of existing garage to provide residential accommodation for adult member of applicant's family.  
238 Manor View  
Par

PA19/08575	Construction of single storey side extension, convert the loft space with associated rear flat roof dormer. 5 Mountside Road Par
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
PA19/09119	Demolition of existing single storey front and side extensions and formation of new 2 storey front extension and single flat roof side extension. 3 Pembroke Cottages Penny's lane St Blazey
Results Received	
PA19/04813	Proposed Residential Development to replace existing 66 residential and 6 commercial units. Land at Polgrean Place St Blazey APPROVED
PA19/06810	Proposed new dwelling Land West of Little Trenovissick The Mount Par APPROVED
PA19/06941	Change of use B2 to B8 Storage Carvear Dry Par Moor Road APPROVED
PA19/07176	Reserved Matters application for the construction of a dwelling Land west of Tanglewood Cornhill Road St Blazey APPROVED
PA19/07266	Works to trees subject to a TPO namely various works in the green area to the rear of 191-233 Manor View 191 Manor View Par APPROVED



PA19/07509 Extension to the north-east elevation of the dwelling  
4 Pembroke Close  
Par  
APPROVED

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Ash Tree.  
Land South of St Marys Church Biscovey  
St Austell Road  
St Blazey Gate  
APPROVED

#### 1910/24 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk asked if the Cleaner's hourly rate should be increased in line with the increase of the National Working Wage from the Living Wage Foundation from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018. Councillors agreed that the Cleaner's wage be increased in line with the National Working Wage. (See 1910/08)

#### 1910/25 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

Reach Out who use the rooms on a Wednesday and Thursday have broken the glass in the front door however have agreed to pay for the repair.

#### 1910/26 **ACCOUNTS**

##### **Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	1028.00
Interest	1.22
High Deposit Int	
Com room Income	12.00

##### **Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1489.91
Wardens Wage	637.00
Broadband	27.50
UK Fuels	73.14
Insurance	198.43
HMRC	617.71
CC (pen)	554.58
Donations	150.00
Xmas Direct	125.96
Brewers	64.18
Burrows Ext	3070.00
Bodelva Tyres	87.00
Withiel Comm	2724.00
T and C Haulage	20.00
Walter Bailey	12.93
Cornwall Council	15.00
EDF (fountain)	108.69
Online Playgrounds	30.00
Cormac	196.63
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CC Bus Rates	246.00
Cleaners Wage	68.30
Chubb (parts)	13.98

EDF (Elec)	76.00
SWW	74.00
EDF (Gas)	71.00
Chubb	162.52
<u>PC</u>	
CC Bus Rates	54.00
Locking	30.00
EDF	12.00
Cleaning Cover	36.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
CC Bus Rates	102.00
EDF	64.00
Broadband	30.00
St Austell Glass	66.00
Allen's Locksmith	
40.00	

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

#### 1910/27 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Moore told the Council that Mark Allott who is the Programmes Manager for StARR had verbally agreed that creating rain gardens at the Community Rooms, would be a great project for community engagement. Councillor Moore emailed him earlier this week to confirm, as another source of funding was rapidly disappearing.

His response:

Whilst the 'Community Nature Engagement' (CNE) initiative is fully supported by StARR's Board, any forthcoming projects will have to secure their own funding and delivery. I suggested some potential funding sources in my paper for information; many of which should suit the aims and objectives of multiple initiatives/funding sources.

Having said that, we might well be able to identify and accommodate opportunities as part of StARR's delivery. For example, some Cornish Hedges are proposed as part of the proposals, so this could well be a community skills-share session led by a skilled supplier/contractor and provide opportunities for volunteering. The Par Lane rain garden proposals might also be an opportunity for the community to get involved. I'm keen to identify and accommodate as many of these as opportunities as possible as part of our delivery.

Cllr Moore's understanding of the funding for StARR, is that there were to be imaginative approaches to flood amelioration, not just sticking an isolated rain garden in and there is no evidence that Cornish hedges are suitable for flood amelioration. They are only doing some things but want the community to volunteer to do these for

them, and the community can apply for funding for anything else. Which StARR will not have input into but we will count towards their targets.

So, the community engagement event on 12 November is really about them telling us what we should do for them, not listening to what the community wants. Prior to his email, Alison White (T&PNP) had already formulated a number of questions we want a response to, before 12 November.

Councillor Jenny Moore attended the CALC Larger Council meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and found that both the Chair and Vice Chair have resigned, but there did not seem to be a suggestion on how this would be dealt with. Sarah Mason ran the meeting informally.

Councillor Moore attended the Cornwall Planning Partnership meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> and told the Councillors that as a result of Climate Change Cornwall Council will no longer install fossil fuel boilers in CC new housing developments.

The Development Plan Document will take 18 months to develop, but there will be member's briefings in the interim. There will be no directive to TCs and PCs who have adopted a climate change initiative. We can use our own initiative. This cannot appear in the NP as it would mean the NP does not follow the Local Plan.

CIL: funding will not be launched until mid-2020, with applications thereafter. The intention is to train everyone on CIL, not just those who will be serving on the panel. There will be an explanatory CIL document on the website for Town and Parish Councils.

Cornwall Council will be holding a Localism Summit on November 6<sup>th</sup> and importantly the localism strategy comes to an end at the end of this year. The intention is to look at deliverables rather than targets. There will be workshops to formulate strategy, specifically climate change will be dealt with in the afternoon, with a view to producing common documents.

The Community Governance Review is continuing by area, and is complex. St Blazey is included with St Austell and is due to be considered on 4 November. The Clerk has asked Cornwall Councillor Giles to attend. We were warned that it is time to think about public consultation, and the more public involvement there is, the better. The Clerk added that at this time we do not know what we would be consulting on.

At the CALC AGM on November 26<sup>th</sup>, a health and wellbeing strategy will be considered and the aim is to develop local area plans.

Councillor Moore attended the Cornwall Planning Partnership, the committee members are to be trained and learn more about the distribution of funds.

A local lady wants to hold a dance party on Par Beach, at the end of May 2020. It will be a maximum of 50 attendees. It will be ticketed and have security but no alcohol. They will come to dance as there will be dance instructors. These events have been held before. Tywardreath and Par PC will have to be consulted, CC have already been consulted and asks for SBTC to support.

Councillors agreed to support the event.

Councillors R Taylor and T Nethercott attended the CNP meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> but had nothing to report.

1910/28 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

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