

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 30th September 2021**

Present

Councillor J Moore – Mayor
Councillor A Pearce – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

J Anderson, R Chamberlain, R Taylor and C Williams.

In attendance: Town Clerk

2109/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors T Chapman-Gunner, T Nethercott, K Simms and F Wearne.

2109/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th August 2021 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2109/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2109/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 29th JULY 2021**

2107/18 Further to the Town Councillors not being invited to the StARR walk, Mark Allott will be attending the October Town Council meeting to give an update.

2108/14 A certificate of thanks has been received from Women's Centre Cornwall.

2109/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Trail Blazer Park has had the fencing and gate repaired and the contractor is currently repairing the junior MPU so the park is still closed. All grass cutting is up to date.

I have carried out the weekly play inspections on Deeble Drive and I will be painting the children's table and chairs. I am still cutting the surrounding grass also.

The grass cutting at Penarwyn and Polgover is up to date as is Piggy Alley and King Edward Gardens.

I am no longer watering the flowerbeds but am keeping them tidy and clear of weeds most days. The kerb-side weed treatment is up to date as is the LMP footpath maintenance.

I am still having M Rowe work with me which has enable the work to remain up to date and improvements have been made to the fountain triangle.

2109/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Apologies for not attending this evening. September has been busy with civic duties, however I am still on top of casework. I have had several families contact me, extremely worried, as they had received eviction notices due to Landlords wanting to cash in on the current high house prices. I am doing my level best to keep local families close to their families, as often it is the relatives who babysit in order that the parents can work.

The next phase of the Ocean development at Polgrean has been delayed, which is not helping. I am hopeful that shortly we will be able to release an initiative which could help, but until it has been agreed, can say no more.

It was lovely to have a look around the recently completed first phase of the Polgrean regeneration. I was delighted to a see a local lad who went to school with my son, open his house for us to look around. His young son was very proud to show off his newly decorated bedroom and his pet rabbit out in their garden.

The Queens Jubilee seed project is developing apace, with the countywide order going in on Monday. I have pledged some of my community chest to buy seeds to enhance St Blazey's already revered show of seasonal flowers. I want St Blazey to be a blaze of red, white and blue from one end of the division to the other. Imerys have kindly agreed to seed part of Par Moor, and I am hoping Ocean will do the same at the openings of Polgrean and Landreath estates.

I attended the passing out parade of seven more Tri-Service Officers for Cornwall. The scheme has won national acclaim, and now has thirteen fully trained Officers out in Cornwall's Towns and Villages. Fowey, Lostwithiel and St Dennis all have Officers.

The statutory consultation period for the pedestrian refuge at Middleway closed yesterday. The team will now review comments received, so that a decision on whether the scheme can be implemented as proposed is viable.

I am always on the end of an email, however, some of you may not know that it has changed cllr.pauline.giles@cornwall.gov.uk

2109/07 **CONCLUSION OF AUDIT**

The Clerk has received the Annual Governance and Accountability Return from the External Auditor. They confirm that proper practice had been followed and no other matters have come to their attention to cause concern.

2109/08 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

There have been no issues this month.

2109/09 **REVIEW OF THE RETENTION OF RECORDS POLICY**

The clerk had distributed the Retention of Records Policy. Councillor J Anderson proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor C Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2109/10 **REVIEW OF THE PUBLICATION SCHEME**

The clerk had distributed the Publication Scheme Policy. Councillor J Anderson proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor C Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2109/11 **QUEENS PLATINUM JULEE CELEBRATIONS**

The Clerk had looked into presents for the Children of the Town to commemorate the jubilee however the emblem has only just been released so little on sale yet. The Clerk looked into plant pots with seeds but believes this will be too expensive.

2109/12 **DONATION TO EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor Anderson proposed a donation of £175 to the 2021 Appeal, Councillor A Pearce seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2109/13 **CAROL CONCERT READERS**

Councillors Wearne, Williams and Moore all agreed to read at the 2021 Carol Concert.

2109/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Moore has had confirmation that neighbourhood plans will still have impact and will be able to restrict building within a community now that the government planning reform is unlikely to proceed in the short term.

Play Area Update

Deeble Drive – Play inspections up to date.

Penarwyn Green – Play inspections up to date.

Polgover Way – The Clerk and Warden met the neighbour who would like to remove two sycamore trees and some overgrowth within the park. Planning Permission will be required but at no cost. The Councillors agreed that the PA should be sent and the resident can make the changes if approved.

Cormac have been asked to remove the Heras fencing as it has been demolished and damaged. The old play equipment which is beyond repair is no longer shielded.

Town Vitality Fund/Place Shaping Partnership

Councillor Moore is confident that the Town Vitality Fund application will be successful but until the result is known the place shaping partnership meetings are on hold.

Councillor Moore asked the Clerk to add Welcome Back fund to future Agendas as funds which must be spent by March 22 could be used by St Blazey Reclaimed. Councillor Moore asked that the Council submit a bid on behalf of St Blazey Reclaimed.

2109/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

There is a new Community Link Officer, Zoe Bernard-John who has been invited to the October meeting although not actually in post until October 18th.

The Clerk will take up contact details with her for the Safety Camera Partnership and the Rosehill Cameras.

Cormac have contacted the Clerk regarding the path from 159 Old Roselyon Road and Par Lane, Cornwall Council are considering adopting this section of path in the absence of any other owner, in the meantime we will arrange an inspection to cut back any growth currently causing a safety issue.

Bude Stratton Town Council have issues with housing in Cornwall and would like the support of St Blaise Town Council with regard to the proposed housing bill. Councillor Moore said that this is currently on hold and may be scrapped and to do nothing at this time.

Bodmin Town Council have issues with new proposed planning reform and would like St Blaise Town Council to join its efforts. Councillor Moore again said that this is currently on hold and may be scrapped and to do nothing at this time.

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

Location: Cornhill Road, St Blazey

Timing: 4th October 2021 to 18th October 2021 (24 hours)

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Location: Cornhill Road, St Blazey

Timing: 19th October 2021 to 27th January 2022 (24 hours)

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A

Event: Eden Marathon - 10/10/2021

Date: 10th October 2021

Times: 09:30 to 10:10

2109/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been no planning applications received.

Results Received

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| PA21/01800 | Proposed residential dwelling and associated works.
Land North of 1 Bridge Street
St Blazey
APPROVED |
| PA21/07333 | Single storey extension to rear of property and attached garage to side.
18 Rose Hill
St Blazey
APPROVED |
| PA21/05953 | Drop kerb in front of house. Area outside of house to be used for parking. Area has been provided for suitable drainage and covered in porous material.
18 Tenovissick Road
St Blazey
APPROVED |

2109/17 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE ANDERSON HALL**

The Clerk has received a quote for the repair of the entrance doors at Alexander Hall. The Clerk reminded the Councillors that the current lease expires June 2024. The quote of £1,484.87 was discussed and it was agreed that the work was necessary. Councillor Pearce proposed that the work proceed, Councillor Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed so it was RESOLVED.

St Blazey Community Rooms still has no bookings.

June Anderson Hall bookings are going well however the Clerk is concerned about cracks that forming and so will be chasing the builders to return.

2109/18 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Hire	300.00
Interest	.52
High Deposit Int	18.31
C/R Hire	6.00
Burrows Electric	212.66
JA Room Hire	280.00
Eden Geothermal	1382.00
Precept	50,000.00
CTS Grant	1816.04

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1596.57
Wardens Wage	663.93
Broadband	25.36
UK Fuels	105.75
Insurance	185.59
HMRC	640.23
CC (Pen)	582.19
Electric (foun)	22.27
Women's Centre	200.00
Halfords	164.00
Stationery	9.95
Burrows Elec	209.13
Water (foun)	16.08
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	14.76
Corona (Gas)	39.08
SWW	21.50
Cleaners Wage	38.10
Plumb789	13.20
Cleaning mats	9.96
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	147.85
Locking	40.00
SWW	51.23
Screwfix	14.99
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	35.31
Business Rates	104.00
Water	53.31
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	63.11

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2109/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Chamberlain attended the Luxulyan Valley Partnership on 29th September and reported that the organisation would be under new administration. The constitution which was written in 1992 is to be reviewed. The organisation may receive G7 Legacy funds.

Councillor Pearce asked that the Council set up a WhatsApp group as she had been in

the Co-Op when the alarm was activated. The Clerk said that Councillors were not supposed to have meetings not open to the public and was against the idea.

Councillor Pearce left the meeting.

Councillor Taylor reported that Eden Geothermal had now drilled to 4km. Councillor Taylor had attended the Polgrean walkabout and liked what he saw.

Councillor Moore attended a Cornwall Planning Partnership Meeting and told the councillors that a draft strategy document which mainly focuses on how heritage can lead economic regeneration. Councillor Moore is glad that this has been a main focus of the Neighbourhood Plan.

There is also a heritage project under way, which looks to identify places in a community which have significance for the community, rather than being heritage assets. One of the areas is the Clay Country which they see St Blazey on the boundary of. We have already done this and it is included in our NP which Councillor Moore has informed them of.

Lack of affordable housing was high on the agenda. It seems that Planning Reform may now not be happening and NPs are regarded as useful steers for what is needed in the area. However, it was clear from the comments and questions, there are many conflicting requirements as regards housing across the county and frankly Councillor Moore doesn't know how the Portfolio Holder is going to be able to juggle them all.

Councillor Moore attended the online SABEF meeting on September 29th and reported that St Blaise has submitted a Town Vitality bid. Ashley Shopland is retiring from Imerys and his replacement is due to start in February. Ashley will continue part time at Imerys until July.

There is a virtual meeting of the Eden/Heligan cycle route group at 10.00am on Friday 8 October. Councillor Moore asked if anyone could attend in her place.

On Monday Councillor Moore had the idea of starting a Friends of St Blazey Fountain group to see what we can do to renovate the Triangle Fountain and make it more attractive – and sustainable. Tentative enquiries have resulted in a meeting with Rebecca Dickson (from Highways) who apparently have some interest in the fountain and Zoe Bernard-John on Tuesday 5 October at the Fountain at 10.00am. Please feel free to join me if you would like to be part of this group, which is nothing to do with the Town Council, which is a point I made in my email to Rebecca and Zoe. The speed with which this meeting has been fixed is partly due to the Fountain already being on the radar of Rebecca.

The Tywardreath and St Blazey calendar is going ahead, with any luck I should have a copy to show you in the October meeting, and it retails at £4.99.

2109/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28th October 2021 at 7.30pm at Alexander Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.48 pm.