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Town Mayor: Cllr R S Barnes

Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council Operations Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 8th January 2024

Present:	Cllr W Tremayne	Chair
	Cllr A Biscoe	
	Cllr S Barnes	
	Cllr H Biscoe	
	Cllr M Brown	
	Cllr B Ellenbroek	
	Cllr R Major	
	Cllr D Reeve	
	Cllr C Skinner	
	Cllr I Thomas	
	Cllr P Broad	
In attendance:	Ms A Hunt	Operations Officer
	Ms C Coomber	Administration Manager
	Mr C Strugnell	Facilities Manager
	Ms S White	Engagement Officer
	Mrs J Pelham-Wales	Administration Assistant
	Mr K Fentham	Local Resident

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

- 1563.1 The Town Mayor gave a short speech regarding the recent passing of former Town Clerk, Peter Bennett. A Minutes' Silence in Honour of Mr Bennett was observed.
- 1563.2 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Garrick & Craze (unwell).
- 1563.3 **Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda**
None were declared.
- 1563.4 **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 7th November 2023**
RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 7th November 2023 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe]. Cllr Reeve abstained as she had not been present at the meeting.

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1563.5 Clerks Report

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk advised that written permission had been received from Cornwall Council to allow a sports club to use Strawberry Fields, were a suitable request to be received. A request to acquire the freehold of the site had been made, however the anticipated time frame was 18-24 months. A large depression had recently appeared at Strawberry Fields. A mining company had been engaged to make further investigations and the area had been cordoned off. An update would be provided when appropriate. Following the decision to revisit refurbishment of the public conveniences at New Cut car park, possible options would be provided to the Committee at a future meeting. It was confirmed that the Post Office was still working to re-establish a service to the town centre, but there was no further update at this time. Work was still in progress to make a case for the provision of a banking hub in Redruth. The report was noted.

1563.6 To receive correspondence

Correspondence in relation to closure orders for Trevingey Road and Glen Leigh was noted. Further correspondence had also been received regarding upcoming road works at Sandy Lane. It was anticipated that there would be a road closure in place for a period of 5-6 weeks in early March. The correspondence was noted.

1563.7 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Department

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Facilities Manager confirmed that he was awaiting quotations for upgrading the boiler at the Civic Centre. There was currently on single and one double unit available in Market Way. ASB at the public conveniences had dropped, however a door had been damaged and would need to be replaced. A bench at East End Playing Field had been removed due to health & safety concerns, following confirmation from Cornwall Council that they considered it to be the property of the Town Council. The bench would be replaced. Cllr Ellenbroek asked if there had been any communication from Cornwall Council regarding trees adjoining Raymond Road allotments. The Facilities Manager responded saying work had been completed, but there was more to be done. Cllr Ellenbroek offered to chase this up with the relevant department if needed. The report was noted.

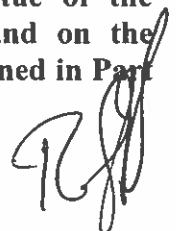
1563.8 To receive a report on the work of the Administration Department

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Administration Manager reported that she had received a number of expressions of interest in the vacant units at Market Way. Cllr Barnes suggested that the Town Council should prioritise retail. Cllr Reeve asked if the double unit would be reinstated back into two single units. The Administration Manager confirmed that if this were to happen structural work would have to be carried out first, and currently several applicants were interested in the double unit. Once all the application forms had been sent out and received, a decision would be made on the most suitable applicants. The report was noted.

1563.9 To discuss the gate way to North Country

Cllr Barnes set out the current situation and confirmed that he was in contact with the Highways Manager at Cornwall Council to try and resolve the issues.

1563.10 To exclude the press and public from the meeting for the remaining items of business as their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest by virtue of the confidential nature of the subject matter (contracts in confidence), and on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12 [A] of the 1972 Local Government Act



1563.10.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the remaining items of business as their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest by virtue of the confidential nature of the subject matter (contracts in confidence), and on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12 [A] of the 1972 Local Government Act. [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

1563.11 To consider charges for cleansing of devolved land for financial year 2024-2025

1563.11.1 RESOLVED by Majority: (i) to note the estimated cost of waste cleaning services in relation to Redruth Community Centre (including Plain an Gwarry Play Area), East End Playing Field and St Rumon's Gardens; and (ii) ask that Cornwall Council continue to deliver waste and cleansing services, through its waste contractor, on devolved land under the control of the Town Council from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, for which an annual charge will be applied. [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Brown] Cllr Barnes abstained.

1563.12 To confirm the provision of the Redruth Floral Display 2024

1563.12.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to: (i) accept the estimate from Millennium Plants for provision of the Redruth floral display 2024 and (ii) accept the estimate from Cows and Sows for delivery, hanging, maintenance and removal of the Redruth floral display 2024 [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Brown].



Chair