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Town Mayor: Cllr A Biscoe

Town Clerk: Mrs C Williams

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council held at Redruth
Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 28th September
2026**

Present:

Cllr A Biscoe	Chair
Cllr P Broad	Vice Chair
Cllr E Allen	
Cllr S Barnes	
Cllr H Biscoe	
Cllr K Cunningham	
Cllr B Ellenbroek	
Cllr R Jolly	
Cllr A Mays	
Cllr D Reeve	
Cllr I Thomas	
Cllr W Tremayne	

In attendance:

Mrs C Williams	Town Clerk
Mrs H Bardle	Deputy Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Mrs J Cockerham-Harris	Minute Taker
Ms J Turner	Senior Library Officer
Mrs C Rundle	HR Manager
Ms L Ackerman	Community Liaison Manager
Mrs S Brown	Administration Supervisor
Mr S Sharples	Cornwall Council

3 members of the Youth Council

11 members of the public were also in attendance.

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr A Biscoe read the two statements from Redruth Town Council regarding respectful conduct and audio recording of the meeting for minute taking purposes. Redruth Town Council, Cllrs Mays and Allen declared they were audio recording the meeting.

1677.1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Selwood, Cllr Morrison and Cllr Sally Harrison

1677.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda.

Cllrs Thomas, Barnes, Allen and Jolly all declared an interest in item 5 on the Agenda.

1677.3 Public participation session – to enable members of the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda.

1677.3.1 A member of the public addressed the Cllrs regarding the Lidl's planning application for Redruth. He asked the Cllrs to get consultation over the application to address concerns over traffic management. The Town Clerk stated there would be a public consultation with Lidl's to address any concerns. He also stated his concern over the rough sleepers in the town centre and Cllr A Biscoe stated the issue had been reported accordingly.

1677.3.2 A member of the public also stated her concerns over the Lidl planning application and asked Cllrs to consider other uses for the green space in question. Cllr Cunningham suggested that residents register their thoughts on the online planning portal. She also volunteered to assist with the Neighbourhood Priority Statement and the Town Clerk responded.

1677.3.3 A member of the public congratulated the Council on resident's pride in Redruth, thanks to the recent successful festivals. He went on to state the lesser amount of Full Council meetings would not offer enough opportunities for residents to

address the Council and would be an oversight. The Town Clerk clarified it was on the agenda for decision this evening.

1677.3.4 A member of the public updated the Cllrs on the organisation Fluxus' new location as well as their developments and plans for the future, stating the new location is a positive for Redruth.

1677.3.5 Cllr Allen read a statement from a resident voicing their opinion not to halve the number of Full Council meetings as it allowed for more transparency over public information.

1677.4 To receive a short presentation from Redruth Youth Council.

1677.4.1 A representative of the Youth Council asked Cllrs to consider the proposal to support the Youth Councillors to have a free stall at the monthly Town Market, as well as hold an event in Market Hall in January 2027, to involve and engage the youth groups of Redruth. The Town Clerk advised over the use of Market Hall as well as the partnerships involved with the Town Markets, and Cllrs Thomas and Allen commended the proposal. Cllr Thomas asked the Youth Council to consider having a table for the festival events throughout the year.

1677.4.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to Support the Youth Council to have a free stall at the Redruth Town Markets and use of Market Hall to hold an event for the youth groups of Redruth [Proposed by Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded by Cllr Allen].

1677.5 To receive an update from Cornwall Council staff in relation to the proposed Devolution of Assets.

1677.5.1 Mr S Sharples clarified his position at Cornwall Council and explained the current point of discussion surrounding the Devolution of Assets and opened to questions. Cllr H Biscoe asked if there was any potential for the devolution of car parks to Redruth and Mr Sharples clarified the current situation with the potential for open discussions for the future. Cllr Ellenbroek asked for clarification over the maintenance requirements and contractual agreements for Treskerby Park, and Mr Sharples clarified any current agreements would be transferred over and be continued and he would clarify further any specific details.

1677.5.2 Cllr Thomas asked why Cornwall Council allow play equipment to fall into managed decline when deemed to be a health and safety risk. Mr Sharples asked for a specific example for reference and clarified the current system had to

prioritise health and safety concerns and focus resources on statutory issues. Cllr Barnes gave an example, and Mr Sharples clarified the reasoning of the decision and stated they were always looking for opportunities for grants and funding.

1677.5.3 Cllr Broad asked for an extra sign and dog bin for Treskerby Park and Mr Sharples stated he would look into it. Cllr Jolly stated there was difficulty in the Friends of Victoria Park attracting external funding due to ownership conditions and Mr Sharples stated he would look into the agreements for Victoria and Trefusis Park and if devolved to the Council, any arrangements would be within the Town Council's discretion. Cllr Cunningham asked for clarification over the use of glyphosate and if the parks weren't devolved, would the weedkiller be used. Mr Sharples stated this was not within his departmental knowledge but would investigate. Cllr Allen asked for clarification over staff needs in the case of devolution and the Town Clerk clarified.

1677.5.4 RESOLVED by Majority to continue the investigation into the Devolution of Assets from Cornwall Council [Proposed by Cllr Barnes; Seconded by Cllr Ellenbroek; Cllrs Allen and Jolly were against].

1677.6 To receive reports from the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor.

1677.6.1 The reports were summarised and noted.

1677.7 To receive reports from the Divisional Cornwall Councillors.

1677.7.1 Cllr Ellenbroek passed along apologies from Cllr Donnithorne. Cllr Allen asked for any further information regarding the hole in Berryman's Bakery and Cllr Reeve provided an update. The Town Clerk stated the Business Liaison Manager could visit them and to ask Cornwall Council to speak to them as well.

1677.2 Cllr Allen commented on some fly-tipping that was on private land, and the Town Clerk stated it was being addressed.

1677.8 To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 27th July 2026.

1677.8.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 27th July 2026 [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

- 1677.9 To receive the Minutes as reports of the following committees and meetings, and to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the Minutes of the:**
- 1677.9.1 Staffing Committee – 13th July 2026**
- 1677.9.1.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 13th July 2026 [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].
- 1677.9.2 Finance Committee – 13th July 2026**
- 1677.9.2.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 13th July 2026 [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Mays].
- 1677.9.3 Planning Committee – 27th July 2026**
- 1677.9.3.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27th July 2026 [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].
- 1677.9.4 Planning Committee – 24th August 2026**
- 1677.9.4.1 RESOLVED by Majority to confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 24th August 2026 [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe; Cllrs Allen, Jolly and Thomas abstained].
- 1677.9.5 Asset Management Committee – 7th September 2026**
- 1677.9.5.1 RESOLVED by Majority to confirm the Minutes of the Asset Management Committee held on 7th September 2026 [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Allen; Cllr Cunningham abstained].
- 1677.10 To consider the Town Clerk's report.**
- 1677.10.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve Cllrs Mays and Ellenbroek joining the Staffing Committee [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].
- 1677.10.2 Cllr Allen discussed the proposal to include a new paragraph of ethical veganism within the Equality and Diversity Policy, asking where the paragraph would sit and that it was already covered within other sections of the document already. Cllr Cunningham clarified her personal standing to include the paragraph and clarified the differences between Ethical Veganism and plant-based veganism.

- 1677.10.3 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the policy as currently drafted [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Thomas; Cllrs Mays, Cunningham, Allen and Jolly Abstained].
- 1677.10.4 RESOLVED by Majority Not to accept the additional paragraph concerning ethical veganism [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek; Cllrs Reeve, Tremayne, Allen, Jolly, H Biscoe, Barnes and Thomas all Abstained].
- 1677.10.5 The Town Clerk clarified the context over the proposed meeting dates for 2027-28 and explained that a number of similar larger councils in Cornwall had moved to having Full Council meetings either every two months or quarterly and that work is conducted effectively through Committees and Working Groups. Cllr Barnes stated he did not see the feasibility of fewer meetings due to the length of them currently. Cllr H Biscoe echoed his concerns, and the Town Clerk further clarified the background thinking but reiterated it was up to Council to decide. Cllrs debated the pros and cons of fewer meetings, considering the length of meetings and allocating different points to other committees alongside working groups. Cllr Thomas asked for the 3rd day of the Pasty and Mining Festival to be added to the calendar.
- 1677.10.6 Unanimously RESOLVED to schedule Full Council dates to occur monthly, apart from August and to accept the other dates as per the calendar. [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Broad].
- 1677.11 To receive brief verbal updates from Members as representatives on outside bodies.**
- 1677.11.1 Cllr Ellenbroek gave an update for the Safer Town's Partnership with the various events over the year, alongside meeting the new Anti-Social Behaviour Case Worker for Redruth, who will make arrangements to introduce herself to Cllrs. The Town Clerk confirmed that she was scheduling a meeting with the new ASB Caseworker to enable progress reports to come to Council on a regular basis.
- 1677.11.2 Cllr Reeve gave an update for the Real Del Monte Twinning Association and that Gwealan Tops had invited everyone to their Trustees meeting. Cllr Mays gave an update of the Chamber of Commerce and Cllr H Biscoe gave an update on the Mineral Point Twinning Association. Cllr Ellenbroek also discussed UKPAC and asked local business in the town to sign up and come forward for any help required.

1677.11.3 Cllr A Biscoe extended the meeting by 40 minutes, as Chair at her discretion in line with Standing Orders.

1677.12 To consider the monthly Management accounts.

1677.12.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to confirm the monthly Management accounts [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

1677.13 To consider and approve the schedule of payments.

1677.13.1 The DTC/RFO clarified the used of Adobe within the Council. Cllr Allen asked if there were any more cost-effective ways to avoid the subscription charges of Adobe and the DTC/RFO clarified the reasons why the subs are needed from an operational perspective. Cllr Allen asked for clarification over the Traffic Management costs for the International Mining and Pasty Festival and the DTC/RFO responded by confirming that the costs and use of the traffic management company was on health and safety grounds and had already previously been ratified. Cllr Allen also asked about the CCTV and ATV costs and the Town Clerk clarified.

1677.13.2 RESOLVED by Majority to approve the schedule of payments [Proposed Cllr Broad; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe; Cllr Allen abstained].

PART II – PRIVATE SESSION

The Council is invited to pass the following resolution: - That pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to the Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

1677.14 To consider a report from the Deputy Town Clerk on the future of The Chambers.

1677.14.1 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the recommendation within the report. [Proposed by Cllr Barnes; Seconded by Cllr Thomas; Cllrs Allen & Jolly were against]

1677.15 To discuss a potential Data Breach.

- 1677.15.1 The Town Clerk and DTC/RFO stated that a report had been received alleging a potential personal data breach following a Part 2 meeting. Due to the seriousness of this matter, the attendees were asked to contact the Town Clerk the following day, with any relevant information and if this was not conclusive, then an independent fact-finding investigation would be undertaken.

Chair

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