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**Town Mayor: Cllr Ms D L Reeve**

**Town Clerk: P B Bennett**

Minutes Of A Meeting Of The Redruth Town Council General Purposes Committee held virtually  
and remotely on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Present: Cllr Mrs J Davidson MBE Chairman  
Cllr H Biscoe  
Cllr Mrs A Biscoe  
Cllr M Brown  
Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek  
Cllr C Garrick  
Cllr Ms D Reeve  
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett Town Clerk  
Mrs J Pascoe Administrative Assistant  
Ms L Hill Community Projects Manager  
Ms C Waterhouse Senior Library & Information Assistant

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

1393.1 **To confirm Members can communicate with others at the meeting and to receive apologies for absence.**

The Clerk confirmed with each Member present that they could hear and if applicable see the proceedings. Apologies were received from Cllrs Bishop and Broad.

1393.2 **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.

1393.3 **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

1393.3.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr Brown]

1393.4 **Town Clerk's Report**

There were no items to report.

1393.5 **To receive correspondence**

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A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised she would be attending a scrutiny committee meeting the following day, and asked Members to forward to her any points they wished to raise. The correspondence was noted.

## 1393.6 **Reports from Members/Officers**

### 1393.6.1 *Community Projects Manager on her work to date*

A detailed report on the Community Project Managers (CPM) work since the last meeting had been circulated. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek and Mrs Davidson congratulated the CPM and the Events team for the posters they had produced, which were keeping the community involved. Cllr Biscoe queried that as the elected Town Council representative for the Markets Committee he had not received any communications about the meeting detailed in the report. The CPM would make enquiries, and confirmed the meeting was for the Redruth Town Markets. Cllr Thomas suggested Cllr Tregunna may be able to assist with supplying a drone for St Pirans Festival, with the possibility of saving costs. The CPM would contact Cllr Tregunna to check if he possessed the necessary licences, as there was much legislation to comply with on the use of drones. She advised the Town Council needed to take appropriate care when flying drones to avoid windows, with Fore Street having high buildings and a low pedestrian area.

1393.6.2 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Council use Aerial Cornwall for the Drone Project for the Virtual St Pirans Festival, subject to discussions with Cllr Tregunna [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Brown]

### 1393.6.3 *Update on the work of the Redruth Library and Information Service by the Senior Library and Information Assistant*

A report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The Senior Library and Information Assistant (SLIA) advised since the January lockdown was announced the task had been to balance delivery of the service whilst not encouraging the public to go out. 475 customers had visited during lockdown, and a total of 6500 customers had visited the building since opening on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020. There were still instances of customers whose visit was their first outing since lockdown. The SLIA had worked with the CPM and the Events team keeping the Library presence high on social media. She further advised she had covered the information and advice phone line every day and calls were received daily being mainly Library enquiries. Mask wearing was now mandatory in the Library, persons with an exemption could book an appointment to visit to ensure the safety of staff and the public. 74 children were receiving the Junior book bundles which were hand-picked by staff weekly. The Home delivery service was being used by 23 housebound borrowers and continued to grow. This was supported by the two Library volunteers, one of whom was 84 years of age, and also 8 volunteer drivers. The SLIA gave her thanks to the volunteers, stating they were a key part of the service the Library offered. The Town Clerk would send individual letters of thanks to the volunteers for their work. There was no further information to report on the Cornwall Council review of Information Services strategy, but she would be attending a meeting later in the month. The SLIA further advised she had now obtained data on which neighbouring parishes were visiting Redruth Library, which she would compile and report to Members at the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek asked if posters could be placed in the Library for those who did not use social media to encourage the public to use Borrow Box. The SLIA would work with the Events team to provide links on the website and produce posters for display. The Members gave their thanks to the SLIA and the Library team for all the work they were doing. The report was noted.

The SLIA left the meeting at this point.

### 1393.7 **To Consider a report on the Redruth Website and Marketing Proposal submitted for consideration by the Redruth HSHAZ Project Officer**

A report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Cllr Ms Reeve stated any additional help with the website would be a good thing. Cllr Mrs Davidson advised it was a chance to update the image and lift the profile of Redruth in preparation for when lockdown restrictions eased.

1393.7.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Redruth Website and Marketing Proposal and financial commitment is approved [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson]

1393.8 **To consider a report on the Footfall Measurement Proposal submitted for consideration by the Redruth HSHAZ Project Officer**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Thomas advised local companies had expressed an interest in the project and should be considered when obtaining quotes. Cllr Brown expressed legal and ethical concerns with monitoring footfall using mobile phone technology. He voiced concerns with GDPR complications and stated the public may feel they were being watched and be scared away from the town. He asked what the obligations would be for ongoing maintenance of such systems. Cllr Ms Reeve stated if a person did not have a phone they would not be counted resulting in inaccurate figures, and suggested similar information could be obtained using CCTV. She queried if the funds set aside by HSHAZ had to be used for this purpose or could be directed elsewhere. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised footfall count was a requirement set by Heritage England to obtain funding. Much further discussion was needed, and the Council could collaborate with HSHAZ to reach a decision as they were obliged to do the footfall count no matter what. Interactive systems using mobile phones were commonly used in many places, and information was regularly obtained from the public in other ways such as on websites and loyalty cards. She further advised she would strongly support the appointing of a local business for the contract if possible. Cllr Thomas further advised that CCTV can be a more intrusive method of obtaining information.

1393.8.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that Redruth Town Council have further discussions with HSHAZ on the Footfall Measurement Proposal [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Ms Reeve]

1393.9 To exclude the press and public from the meeting for the remaining item of business as their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest by virtue of the confidential nature of the subject matter (potential commercial contract), and on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the 1972 Local Government Act.

1393.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Biscoe]

The CPM left the meeting at this point.

## PART II – PRIVATE SESSION

1393.10 **To confirm members can communicate with others at the meeting and to confirm that no unauthorised people are able to view or hear proceedings**

The Clerk confirmed with each Member present that they could hear and if applicable see the proceedings, and no unauthorised people were able to view or hear proceedings.

1393.11 **Redruth CCTV Management Report 2020-21 Q3**

The report was noted.

Chairman

