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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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Present: Cllr Mrs J Davidson MBE Chairman  
Cllr M Brown  
Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek  
Cllr Ms D Reeve  
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett Town Clerk  
Mrs J Pascoe Administrative Assistant  
Ms C Waterhouse Senior Library & Information Assistant  
Mr B Barber Redruth Rotary  
Mrs S Barber Redruth Rotary

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

**1404.1 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 Biscoe, Mrs Biscoe, Broad and Garrick.

**1404.2 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.

**1404.3 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

1404.3.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Brown]

**1404.4 Town Clerk's Report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk advised there was nothing further to report regarding the Footfall Measurement Proposal. The report was noted.

**1404.5 To receive correspondence**

*Rural Services Network*

An email had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk advised the Council could join the Rural/Market Towns Grouping whenever they wished. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek

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stated that it was a good organisation to be part of and would give the Council added strength.

1404.5.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to join the Rural/Market Towns Group [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek]

1404.6 **Reports from Members/Officers**

1404.6.1 *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. The CPM had sent apologies for being unable to attend. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek thanked the whole Events Team for providing publicity for the town. Referring to item 4.4 of the report, Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek asked if a local company could be used to purchase the 10 folding tables rather than a company found on the internet. She stated that the Town Council as a matter of principle should look to buy local first. The Town Clerk advised he would look at suitable local companies.

1404.6.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to purchase tables for use at the Monthly Markets which will be owned by Redruth Town Council and stored within the Market Hall area, using a local company if possible [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Brown]

1404.6.3 *Update on the work of the Redruth Library and Information Service by the Library and Information Service Team Leader*

A report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

Mr B and Mrs S Barber joined the meeting at this point.

The Library and Information Service Team Leader (LISTL) advised 1631 people had been through the doors of the Library during lockdown. The Library was following a “Roadmap to Recovery” giving a timescale of when which services would become available. Limited browsing had commenced, with 2 public access PC’s available, and the service was now open on six days a week. The Summer Reading Challenge 2021 would have an environmental theme called “Wild World Heroes.” It was planned to deliver the challenge on both digital platforms and in the traditional way to encourage families to reconnect with the Library. The Tourist Information Service was now a key part of the overall Information Service run by the Library, following the organisational review. Plans were in progress on how the service would be delivered. The LISTL further advised the report included a postcode breakdown of active library borrowers, as previously requested by Cllr Thomas. It showed an interesting split of borrowers using the service from other parishes including Illogan, Pool and St Day. Cllr Thomas stated the report highlighted the impact the Library Service had as it was used by all around Redruth. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised the LISTL of a literary project she had become aware of aimed at the very young pre-school ages in the Camborne, Pool and Redruth area, and would forward details on. Cllr Thomas further advised it was ran by the National Literary Trust and they would be in contact. Cllr Mrs Davidson thanked the LISTL and the whole Library team for their work.

The LISTL left the meeting at this point.

1404.7 **To suspend Standing Orders to allow the public to speak**

1404.7.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow the public to speak [Proposed Cllr Mrs Davidson; Seconded Cllr Ms Reeve]

1404.8 **To allow the public to put questions to the Committee relating to any items on this agenda**

Mr Brian Barber introduced himself to the Members, and advised he wished to speak in support of the Grant Application being made by Redruth Rotary in his capacity as the Public Image Officer. Redruth Rotary were aiming to give every Key Stage II pupil in years 3-6 a copy of a Safeguarding reference book called "Watch Out! A child's guide to everyday dangers." The book had been created and produced by a small charity called "OK Our Kids", and the project had been adopted and supported by the Rotary Clubs. The Rotary were approaching Town and Parish Councils for Grant assistance for the project, and the books themselves cost £1 each. In Redruth, the aim was to deliver to the three schools in the area being Pennoweth, Treleigh and Trewirgie. It was estimated that nearly 1000 books would be required, which would include enough for the new intake in September and the teachers. Cllr Thomas asked if Mr Barber had been in touch with Cornwall Council regarding the project. Mr Barber confirmed the founders of the charity were in talks looking into Cornwall Council taking it on in the future. Cllr Thomas suggested Redruth Rotary contact Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service to ask if they could offer assistance. He further advised that after the May elections Cornwall Councillors would be able to offer support through their Community Chest allocation, which if he were to be elected, he would be happy to support them. Cllr Mrs Davidson thanked Mr and Mrs Barber for attending, and the Council would let them know of their decision in due course.

Mr and Mrs Barber left the meeting at this point.

1404.9 **To reinstate Standing Orders**

1404.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders [Proposed Cllr Mrs Davidson; Seconded Cllr Thomas]

1404.10 **To consider requests for financial assistance**

1404.10.1 Members consider and agreed financial request as per the schedule attached at Annex A.

1404.11 **To thank Cllr Mrs Davidson**

Cllr Ms Reeve paid tribute to Cllr Mrs Davidson, as after many years of service to Redruth Town Council she would not be standing at the forthcoming May elections and would be greatly missed. Cllr Thomas thanked Cllr Mrs Davidson for her impartiality and fair approach to all matters, and her outstanding service. Cllr Mrs Davidson thanked all of the Members for their good wishes, she had much enjoyed the past 14 years as a Councillor, and would still be involved in the town through her connections with Redruth Revival.

  
Chairman

Redruth Town Council  
 Appeals Schedule  
 Meeting Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Budget 2021/2022: £10000		Allocated to date: £NIL	Balance available: £10000
No	Appellant	Amount Requested/Purpose	Recommendation
1.	Redruth Rotary	A request for £700 as a contribution towards a project "Safeguarding for Key Stage 2" which aims to give every Key Stage 2 pupil at the schools in our area a copy of a safeguarding reference book called "Watch Out! A child's guide to everyday dangers".	Unanimously RESOLVED that we make a donation of £700 [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Ms Reeve].
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