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**Town Mayor: Cllr M J Brown**

**Town Clerk: P B Bennett**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Redruth Town Council held in The Council Chamber,  
The Chambers, Penryn Street, Redruth on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Present: Cllr M Brown Town Mayor  
Cllr S Barnes  
Cllr Mrs A Biscoe  
Cllr H Biscoe  
Cllr A Bishop  
Cllr P Broad  
Cllr L Collins  
Cllr B Craze  
Cllr Mrs B Ellenbroek  
Cllr Ms D Reeve  
Cllr C Skinner  
Cllr I Thomas  
Cllr W Tremayne

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett Town Clerk  
Ms A Hunt Administrator  
Mr M Hernandez Redruth & District Chamber of  
Commerce

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

**1409.1 To receive nominations and to elect the Town Mayor of Redruth for the Council Year 2021-2022**

Nominations were received for Cllrs Brown [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Barnes] and Mrs Biscoe [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Biscoe].

1409.1.1 RESOLVED by Majority to elect Cllr Brown as the Town Mayor of Redruth for the Council Year 2021-2022 [Nine votes were received for Cllr Brown; four votes were received for Cllr Mrs Biscoe].

**1409.2 To receive the Town Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Brown took his Declaration of Acceptance of Office before all Members, witnessed by the Town Clerk. The mayoral chain was handed to Cllr Brown.

**1409.3 To receive apologies for absence**

Cornwall Councillor Donnithorne (other commitments).

**1409.4 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.

**1409.5 To receive an address from the outgoing Town Mayor**

Cllr Ms Reeve congratulated Cllr Brown on his election and thanked him for his support over the previous two years. She additionally congratulated those Members new to the Town Council and reminded all of the importance of upholding the standards of public life to which a Councillor should adhere. Cllr Ms Reeve stated that it had been an honour and privilege to serve as Town Mayor and that the town had taken important steps to fulfil its potential, including the declaration of a climate emergency; the opening of the Youth Café; the opening of the archive centre at Kresen Kernow; the successful bid for Heritage High Street status; opening of Redruth Civic Centre and ongoing work with the Neighbourhood Plan and town centre/brewery site masterplanning. There was now a need to move forward, with recovery from the impact of coronavirus a priority and the benefits of the organisational review beginning to appear. Community was at the heart of the town and Cllr Ms Reeve offered, on behalf of the Town Council, support and well wishes to Krowji in light of the fire which had broken out the previous day. In summing up, Cllr Ms Reeve thanked everyone with whom she had worked, her family, and asked that the new generation of Councillors work together to help move Redruth forwards on its journey. She looked forward to continuing as part of the team.

**1409.6 To receive nominations and to elect the Deputy Town Mayor of Redruth for the Council Year 2021-2022**

Nominations were received for Cllr Barnes [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Ms Reeve] and Cllr Mrs Biscoe [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Biscoe].

1409.6.1 RESOLVED by Majority to elect Cllr Barnes as the Deputy Town Mayor of Redruth for the Council Year 2021-2022 [Ten votes were received for Cllr Barnes; three votes were received for Cllr Mrs Biscoe].

**1409.7 To receive an address from the incoming Town Mayor, including appointment of Town Mayor's Consort.**

Cllr Brown thanked Councillors for putting their faith in him and stated he had not taken on the role lightly, as there was no greater privilege in the town he called home. He thanked Cllr Ms Reeve for her service and guidance, as well as her leadership during the pandemic. Cllr Brown also thanked those Members who had departed the Town Council for their service and welcomed the new Councillors, with whom he looked forward to working. He stated that those more experienced Councillors would provide support to their new colleagues and reiterated that nobody sat as an individual, but all were united for the good of Redruth, including the Town Council officers, without whom nothing would happen. The mother of Cllr Brown was appointed as the Town Mayor's Consort for 2021-2022.

**1409.8 To confirm that all Declarations of Acceptance of Office have been completed or to determine when those outstanding will be actioned**

It was confirmed that all Declarations of Acceptance of Office had been completed.

**1409.9 Review of the terms of references for committees; and of delegation arrangements to employees**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1409.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the terms of references for committees, and the delegation arrangements to committees and employees, as reviewed, adequately meet the Council's current requirements [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek].

- 1409.10 **To elect Members for the following Committees and, from those Members elected, to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively:**
- a. **Amenities Committee**
  - b. **General Purposes Committee**
  - c. **Planning Committee**
  - d. **Audit & Accounting Governance Committee**
  - e. **Staffing Committee**
- 1409.10.1 The appointments to the Council's Standing Committees were dealt with in accordance with the attached Annex A to these minutes.
- 1409.10.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Tremayne as Chair of the Amenities Committee [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek]
- 1409.10.3 RESOLVED by Majority to elect Cllr Mrs Biscoe as Vice Chair of the Amenities Committee. Nominations were received for Cllr Mrs Biscoe [Proposed Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Brown] and Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Barnes]. Cllr Mrs Biscoe received six votes, Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek received four votes.
- 1409.10.4 Unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Ms Reeve as Chair of the General Purposes Committee [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Broad]
- 1409.10.5 Unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Bishop as Vice Chair of the General Purposes Committee [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Barnes]
- 1409.10.6 Unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Biscoe as Chair of the Planning Committee [Proposed Cllr Mrs Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Barnes]
- 1409.10.7 Unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Tremayne as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee [Proposed Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Mrs Biscoe]
- 1409.10.8 Unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Barnes as Chair of the Audit & Accounting Governance Committee [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Biscoe]
- 1409.10.9 Unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Craze as Vice Chair of the Audit & Accounting Governance Committee [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Ms Reeve]
- 1409.10.10 Unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Brown as Chair of the Staffing Committee [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek]
- 1409.10.11 Unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Ms Reeve as Vice Chair of the Staffing Committee [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Tremayne]
- 1409.11 **To appoint members to represent the Council on all outside organisations**
- Cllr Broad volunteered to represent the Council with the Royal British Legion and would make enquiries to determine whether representation was sought. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek would forward an email in relation to the liaison forum for the Biffa Recycling Plant at Cardrew and raise Town Council representation at a future meeting. Cllr Thomas would make enquiries as to whether a deputy could be appointed in relation to Youth Cafes Cornwall CIC. Were this permitted, Cllr Mrs Biscoe would be appointed as deputy.
- 1409.11.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to appoint members to represent the Council on all outside organisations as per Annex B attached. [Proposed Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Mrs Biscoe]

- 1409.12 **To receive reports from Members representing the Council on outside organisations**  
 Cllr Barnes reported that an Interim Manager was now in place at Redruth Community Centre and that things were looking positive.
- 1409.13 **To review the Members' Register of Interests for all Members present.**  
 Councillors were reminded that they had twenty-eight days in which to return the Register of Interests. Failure to complete it within this time was a criminal offence.
- 1409.14 **To appoint six Members to act as signatories on Council cheques and other financial documents**
- 1409.14.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs Barnes, Biscoe, Mrs Biscoe, Tremayne, Collins and Broad to act as signatories on Council cheques and other financial documents. [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Mrs Biscoe]
- 1409.15 **Council and Committee meetings going forward under current guidelines**  
 The Town Clerk reported that the legislation allowing for virtual meetings had not been extended and the High Court had ruled that such meetings could not continue. All Council and Committee meetings from now on would therefore require physical attendance. Concerns were expressed over the limited number of people who could be present in the Langman Room under current restrictions. Planning Committee members were asked to be particularly aware of the restricted numbers in the case of contentious applications, where it was suggested that those wishing to attend should be asked to nominate a spokesperson. The Community Centre was suggested as a fall back option. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek would forward an email to the Town Clerk in order that he could see what Cornwall Council was doing in relation to meetings.
- 1409.16 **To consider, approve and adopt a Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members of Local Councils**  
 A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk apologised that a page of the Code was missing from the papers. This had subsequently been emailed to all Councillors. Cllr Thomas expressed concern that nowhere in the Code did it seek to protect Members from outside impact. He had previously raised these concerns at Cornwall Council. The Town Clerk advised that the new Code had been through the House of Lords and it was hoped Cornwall Council would have had an input. There was no body protecting Councillors from vexatious complaints, but the Town Clerk would ensure the comments of Cllr Thomas were forwarded at the next review.
- 1409.16.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the updated Code of Conduct be adopted by Redruth Town Council with immediate effect [Proposed Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Ms Reeve].
- 1409.17 **To give approval to commence the co-option process for the vacancy in the Redruth (South) Ward following the local council elections**
- 1409.17.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to commence the co-option process for the vacancy in the Redruth (South) Ward, with the intention to fill the vacancy at the July meeting of the Council [Proposed Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Thomas].
- 1409.18 **To consider that until the next relevant Annual General Meeting of the Council, that the Town Council adopt the General Power of Competence as laid out in the Localism Act 2011, having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012**  
 A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1409.18.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the General Power of Competence as laid out in the Localism Act 2011 until the next relevant Annual General Meeting of the Council, having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Thomas]



**Town Mayor**

**Redruth Town Council**  
**Committee Membership - Council Year 2021-2022**

<u>Amenities</u>	<u>General Purposes</u>	<u>Planning</u>	<u>Audit &amp; Accounting Governance</u>	<u>Staffing</u>
Cllr Tremayne (Chairman)	Cllr Reeve (Chairman)	Cllr Biscoe (Chairman)	Cllr Barnes (Chairman)	Cllr Brown (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Biscoe (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Bishop (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Tremayne (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Craze (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Reeve (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Barnes	Cllr Barnes	Cllr Barnes	Cllr Mrs Biscoe	Cllr Barnes
Cllr Biscoe	Cllr Biscoe	Cllr Mrs Biscoe	Cllr Biscoe	Cllr Biscoe
Cllr Broad	Cllr Mrs Biscoe	Cllr Bishop	Cllr Brown	Cllr Mrs Biscoe
Cllr Brown	Cllr Broad	Cllr Brown	Cllr Reeve	Cllr Collins
Cllr Collins	Cllr Brown	Cllr Collins	Cllr Thomas	Cllr Ellenbroek
Cllr Ellenbroek	Cllr Collins	Cllr Ellenbroek	Cllr Tremayne	Cllr Thomas
Cllr Reeve	Cllr Craze			Cllr Tremayne
Cllr Thomas	Cllr Skinner			
	Cllr Thomas			

*Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor have ex-officio appointments on all committees, which include voting rights.*

## REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Members appointed to represent the Council on outside bodies 2021-2022

CALC	Cllr Brown; Cllr Ms Reeve Town Clerk
LLCC	Cllr Brown; Cllr Ms Reeve Town Clerk
Redruth Chamber of Commerce	Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Cllr Broad
Redruth Community Centre Association	Cllr Barnes; Cllr Craze
Redruth & District Twinning Association (France)	Cllr Barnes (Deputy: Vacant)
W Cornwall CCTV Working Group	Cllr Mrs Biscoe; Cllr Biscoe; Cllr Collins Town Clerk
Mineral Point Twinning Association	Cllr Brown
Mineral Trails Working Group	Cllr Collins; Cllr Tremayne
Redruth North Partnership	Cllr Barnes; Vacant
Redruth 2000 (Murdoch House)	Cllr Brown
Community Network Area	Cllr Thomas; Cllr Ms Reeve
Kresen Kernow (Archive)	Cllr Thomas; Cllr Tremayne; Cllr Ms Reeve Town Clerk/Engagement Officer
Police Liaison Group	Cllr Mrs Biscoe; Cllr Biscoe
Friends of Victoria Park	Cllr Biscoe; Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek
Redruth-Real del Monte Twinning Association	Cllr Tremayne
Mineral Tramways Partnership	Vacant
Friends of Gweal-an-Top	Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Cllr Collins; Cllr Ms Reeve
Redruth HSHAZ	Town Mayor; Cllr Ms Reeve Town Clerk/Engagement Officer
Place Shaping Board	Cllr Ms Reeve
Safer Towns	Cllr Bishop; Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek Town Clerk/Engagement Officer
CPIR Climate Group	Cllr Ms Reeve
Youth Cafes Cornwall CIC	Cllr Thomas (appointment for duration of Council)
North Kerrier Reference Group	Cllr Mrs Biscoe; Cllr Collins
Geothermal Project	Cllr Tremayne; Cllr Ms Reeve