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**Town Mayor: Cllr M Brown**

**Town Clerk: P B Bennett**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council Amenities Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Present: Cllr W Tremayne  
Cllr S Barnes  
Cllr M Brown  
Cllr L Collins  
Cllr I Thomas

Chairman

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett  
Mrs J Pascoe  
Mr C Strugnell  
Mr J Roberts

Town Clerk  
Finance and Administrative Assistant  
Facilities and Contracts Supervisor  
Local Resident

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

**1411.1 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Biscoe, Mrs Ellenbroek, Ms Reeve, Biscoe and Broad (other commitments). An email was read out from Cllr Ms Reeve expressing her disappointment at being unable to attend the meeting and offering her full support to the new Chairman.

**1411.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda.**

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in Item 14 on the Agenda.

**1411.3 To suspend Standing Orders to allow the public to speak**

Unanimously RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow the public to speak [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Barnes]

**1411.4 To allow the public to put questions to the council on any item on this agenda**

Mr Roberts introduced himself to the members and advised he wished to speak on behalf of his mother, who was a resident of West End Court, Redruth living in social housing. He asked for the Councillors assistance to sort out the ongoing problems with the premises. He advised of several issues, including gaps in the windows, old and inefficient night storage heaters costing £80 a month to run, and problems with damp. The communal television area had taken two months to fix when broken recently. CCTV was paid for but did not cover all areas, lighting in the carpark did not work and the safety of the tenants was a concern. Nothing was being done to address the issues. Cllr Barnes advised the three tenants who lived in the property shaped like a turret were separated from the rest of West End Court, but were still affected by other persons entering and leaving the area. Cllr Thomas advised he fully accepted what Mr Roberts had said and was aware of other

problems in housing owned by social housing. Cllr Tremayne thanked Mr Roberts for his comments.

**1411.5 To reinstate Standing Orders**

Unanimously RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Brown]

**1411.6 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**1411.6.1** RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Minutes of the Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 as a true and accurate record of proceedings [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Barnes]. Cllr Collins and Tremayne abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.

**1411.7 Town Clerk's Report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Thomas advised he had raised with Cornwall Council the request for a litter bin to be installed at Church Lane. They were unable to install a new bin due to costs associated with the existing contract, however they did agree an existing bin could be moved there if it could be proven there was a problem. They arranged for the town's street cleaners to visit the area periodically to monitor the situation. Due to the relaxation of Covid restrictions litter increased, resulting in the area now being cleaned daily as part of monitoring for a trial period initially. Cllr Barnes advised there had not yet been another meeting of the Redruth Community Centre due to purdah and the recent elections. Cllr Barnes further advised he had spoken to Adrian Drake at Cornwall Council in respect of ascertaining the owner of the land at North Country. It had been confirmed to him all of the land in question belonged to Highways (Cornwall Council). Cllr Barnes enquired if it could be considered along with the Community Garden project, with the aim to get persons to park their vehicles properly and only where permitted to do so. The Town Clerk suggested the item was placed on the agenda for the next meeting, together with the item on the Community Garden Project. Cllr Thomas further advised with regard to the Multi-wheeled facility that additional funding had been secured, and he had been in touch with the contractor. A definite timescale would be provided to the members at the next meeting of the Full Council. The report was noted.

**1411.8 To receive correspondence**

None was received.

**1411.9 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Departments Work**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk advised members that the Facilities and Contracts Manager (FCM) Mr Alec Webb had now left the post, and the Facilities and Contracts Supervisor (FCS) Mr Chris Strugnell had prepared the report with the FCM's help. The FCS further advised the Market Way Café was now open, the toilets in New Cut carpark now had a new door fitted, and the gents toilets were fixed. There already had been incidents of persons blocking the new door mechanism with paper. Reports of issues of cleanliness had been raised to the cleaning contractor Sparkles by the FCS. In response to a question from Cllr Barnes, Cllr Tremayne advised they were waiting for the waterproofing repairs in the Clocktower to be carried out before getting the clock working again, as it was unwise to keep it going with water ingress. Water was seeping through the new pointing and was taking the lime render off the walls. The Town Clerk advised he would be speaking to the contractor and would come back with a quote for the costs to repair. Cllr Thomas declared an interest being the unit holder of the Market Way Café, and advised there had been issues that week with the cleanliness of the toilets and lack of supplies in Market Way, which he had reported to the FCS. The Town Clerk thanked the FCS for his work.

1411.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED the report is noted and approval granted for necessary works, equipment disposal and purchases [Proposed Cllr Tremayne; Seconded Cllr Brown]

The FCS left the meeting at this point.

1411.10 **Cllr Barnes puts the motion that “this Council calls upon Cornwall Council to set up an enquiry into Registered Social Landlords, similar to the one that they held for Private Rented Landlords”**

Cllr Barnes advised he had been involved with several residents in Redruth in respect of problems with their social housing. Many flats had the same issues, with out-dated night storage heating, damp, and properties not being inspected regularly. He referred to the problems Mrs Roberts in West End Court was having and advised damp in the lobby there was terrible, with no reflection on her as she maintained her flat spotlessly. The door buttons at the turret were regularly pressed by callers at night to West End Court and disturbing tenants, and there were reports of anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in that area. Tenants of social housing were charged service charges even if the service was not provided. Cllr Barnes stated that Cornwall Council needed to set up a review. Cllr Brown advised damp conditions caused respiratory issues and put lives at risk. Cllr Thomas advised at the last meeting of the CPIR network panel they had demanded action be taken, and was happy to support. Cllr Tremayne stated that maintenance on these properties had been neglected for a long time. The Town Clerk would contact the Housing Portfolio Holder at Cornwall Council.

1411.10.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that this Council calls upon Cornwall Council to set up an enquiry into Registered Social Landlords, similar to the one that they held for Private Rented Landlords [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Brown]

Mr Roberts left the meeting at this point.

1411.11 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.

1411.11.1 Unanimously RESOLVED [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Barnes]

## PART II – PRIVATE SESSION

1411.12 **Project for the development of Strawberry Fields as a Competitive & Community Football Hub**

1411.12.1 RESOLVED by Majority to approve in principle the use of the playing fields known as Strawberry Fields as both a competitive and community football hub, subject to further investigations being made, and to be considered for final approval by the Amenities Committee [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Collins] Cllr Thomas abstained.

1411.13 **To consider a lease for the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, The Chambers**

1411.13.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Cornwall Rural Community Charity take on a lease for the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, The Chambers, subject to a formal lease being agreed [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Barnes]

Cllr Thomas left the meeting at this point.

1411.14 **Rent Review of Market Way Units**

1411.14.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to consider the item at the next meeting of the Full Council  
[Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Barnes]

**Chairman**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Trenggo", is written below the printed name "Chairman".