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Town Mayor: Cllr M J 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 Monday 5th July 2021

Present: Cllr W Tremayne Chairman
Cllr Mrs A Biscoe
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr H Biscoe
Cllr M Brown
Cllr L Collins
Cllr B Ellenbroek
Cllr D Reeve
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett Town Clerk
Mrs J Pascoe Finance and Administrative Assistant
Mr C Strugnell Facilities and Contracts Supervisor
Cllr A Bishop
Mr K Fisher Representing Dropship
Mr M Eddy Local resident
One other local resident also attended

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

1418.1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Broad (other commitments).

1418.2 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.

1418.3 To receive a presentation from Mr Kevin Fisher about Dropship, both the company and the football aspects, as part of the process for leasing/letting Strawberry Fields

Mr Fisher introduced himself to the Members. He advised Dropship FC had been formed 18 months ago and had grown substantially in that time. They were looking for a site to base themselves and would like to use Strawberry Fields, where the club could build and start youth football. The club would wish to install changing rooms and showers at the site, and in future hoped to provide a clubhouse. Dropship FC would make a financial contribution and cut the grass in the area used as football pitches. Mr Fisher said the benefits of leasing/letting Strawberry Fields to Dropship included youth participation in sport and learning to respect the local area, community events involvement and financial benefit to Redruth Town Council, as the club would maintain the area they used at their own cost. The Town Clerk advised the public would still have access, but the main pitch would have a fence installed to prevent dogs or bicycles accessing the area. Redruth Town

Council would look at charging a peppercorn rent in view of the reduction in maintenance costs if they did lease the area. Cllr Collins enquired about the business aspect of Dropship Ltd and Dropship FC, and what profits went directly back to the club. Mr Fisher advised he operated a company called KF Online Ltd involved with product design, of which Dropship Ltd was a part of. Money generated from product design was put back into sport and the club. Mr Fischer confirmed the profits from Dropship were mixed back into the parent company KF Online Ltd. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek asked if pre-application advice had yet been sought for the building of facilities on site. The Town Clerk advised the Town Council leased Strawberry Fields on a 99 year lease from Cornwall Council, which currently did not allow any sub-letting or leasing of land. He had written to Cornwall Council asking for a variation or the offer of a freehold transfer under devolution. No reply had yet been received, but upon which he would follow up looking into permissions for building facilities.

1418.4 To suspend Standing Orders to allow the public to speak

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

1418.5 To allow the public to put questions to the council on any item on this agenda

Mr Eddy advised he was involved with Redruth United who played at Clijah Croft. He asked Mr Fisher why Dropship FC wished to be based at Redruth and if player recruitment would be from the local area. He questioned how it would be ran going forward, and advised that Clijah Croft already had changing rooms facilities and a car park which was usually full, with no parking at Strawberry Fields. In response Mr Fisher advised the majority of players were from the Redruth/Camborne area and proximity to the A30 was important. Many youths had found that local clubs were full and they could not get in. Recruitment would be using the flexi-league structure with people who did not already play football, who then would progress to reserves and then the first team. They would not be looking to recruit players from existing local teams. Going forward was still to be planned as was some years away. Parking options could be investigated at land at the top of Strawberry Fields.

1418.6 To reinstate Standing Orders

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

Mr Fisher left the meeting at this point.

1418.7 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 25th May 2021

1418.7.1 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Minutes of the Committee held on 25th May 2021 as a true and accurate record of proceedings [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Brown]. Cllrs Mrs Biscoe, Mrs Ellenbroek, Ms Reeve and Biscoe abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.

1418.8 Town Clerk's Report

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk further advised that following the Rent Review of Rents at Market Way rents would remain the same at present unless the unit changed hands where it would be reviewed. The report was noted.

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1418.9 To receive correspondence

Trewirgie Junior School – Legacy Project

An email had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Tremayne advised he had been approached by Trewirgie School who would like a site in the town to display their sails installation designed by the children. Suggestions were made by the members of places that could be suitable. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised contacting Cultural Consortium HSHAZ project manager, as there was much else going on in the town that it could be coordinated with. The Town Clerk would write to Trewirgie School to advise accordingly.

1418.10 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Departments Work

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The FCS further advised that the gents door at New Cut toilets had been constantly kicked in and broken, and would now no longer lock. A discussion took place on how to prevent the vandalism. Additional CCTV would not cover the area needed to be of use. It had been agreed by Council to refurbish the toilets but funding was still a requirement. Business rates were no longer charged on the premises but the saving was only in the region of £3000 a year. The Town Clerk would look into other methods to check on them following a suggestion from Cllr Barnes. Cllr Reeve advised the cleaning of the toilets at New Cut and in Market Way was not of a high enough standard. The FCS advised he had spoken with the contractor but the situation had not improved. Cllr Tremayne thanked the FCS for his report. The report was noted.

The FCS left the meeting at this point.

1418.11 To receive an update on the Clock Tower

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk advised the required work would be carried out then the clock could be got running again, with decoration taking place after this. Cllr Biscoe requested that the clock mechanism cabinet be properly sealed up before work commenced to prevent dust entering. Cllr Tremayne advised there was still rotten wood in the tower which should have been replaced. The Town Clerk would contact Regan Builders with the concerns and ask them to commence the works.

1418.11.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to give approval for the works to be carried out as soon as possible [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Collins]

1418.12 Further discussions on Community Garden project/land at North Country

Cllr Barnes advised the land at North Country would be an ideal area for the group from the Community Garden Project to get involved with, who had previously been in contact the Town Council. It had been confirmed to Cllr Barnes that the land belonged to Highways. The Town Clerk advised the land would need to be transferred to the Town Council, or an agreement reached.

1418.12.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to contact those involved with the Community Garden Project, and to ask the FCS for his ideas [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Thomas]

1418.13 To receive an update on the CPIR Climate Change Group/Town Council Working Group

Cllr Ms Reeve advised the Working Group needed more Cllrs to join. In response Cllrs Collins, Tremayne and Brown all volunteered to go on the Working Group. Cllr Ms Reeve further advised the group met once a month, and at the last meeting they had received a presentation on waste and recycling which had been very comprehensive and informative. A similar presentation could be arranged to be given to Redruth Town

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Council if required. The Climate Action Plan had been agreed last year and Council needed to ensure it was implemented, and a suitable person whose remit it was should be appointed. There was no mention of the plan on the Town Council website. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised part of the Redruth Neighbourhood Plan included questions on Climate Change, and the NDP Project Manager may know of persons who would like to join the Working Group. Young people could also be invited to get involved. The Geothermal site was making great progress and may be possibilities to link with them also.

Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Tremayne', written in a cursive style.