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**Town Mayor: Cllr M J Brown**

**Town Clerk: P B Bennett**

Minutes Of A Meeting Of The Redruth Town Council General Purposes Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

Present: Cllr Ms D Reeve  
Cllr S Barnes  
Cllr A Bishop  
Cllr P Broad  
Cllr C Skinner  
Cllr I Thomas

Chairman

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett  
Ms A Hunt  
Ms S White  
Mr B Laidler

Town Clerk  
Administration & Finance Officer  
Engagement Officer  
Summer Intern

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

**1422.1 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Biscoe, Mrs Biscoe, Collins and Craze (other commitments) and from Cllr Brown (family commitments).

**1422.2 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 11.3 on the Agenda and signed accordingly.

**1422.3 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

1422.3.1 RESOLVED by Majority that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Bishop; Seconded Cllr Skinner] Cllrs Barnes abstained as he had not been present at the meeting.

**1422.4 Town Clerk's Report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report was noted.

**1422.5 To receive correspondence**

None had been received.

**1422.6 Reports from Members/Officers**

**1422.6.1 Report from the Engagement Officer on her department's work to date**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Engagement Officer further reported that she was working with the HSHAZ team in relation to ensuring that the town looked at its best as the Tour of Britain passed through and with the Facilities team to

determine potential locations for The Queen's Green Canopy Campaign. Potential locations for tree planting were suggested by Councillors including Trefusis Park and East End Playing Field. A review of the tender submissions for the Discover Redruth website would take place the following day and a LinkedIn profile had been created for the Town Council, allowing the sharing of relevant information in a professional setting. In response to a question from Cllr Thomas, the Engagement Officer advised that it was likely markets would increase in frequency in the lead up to Christmas. Cllr Broad questioned whether the intention was for the September market to spill out on to Fore Street and was advised that it was. The Engagement Officer further advised that there was a desire to explore siting entertainment in other areas. The report was noted.

1422.6.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to release £1000 from the Redruth International Mining & Pasty Festival budget towards the Monthly Markets for this Autumn, on a matched funding basis only [Proposed Cllr Skinner; Seconded Cllr Broad]

1422.6.3 Unanimously RESOLVED to release £500 from the Christmas budget for the Redruth Wassail [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Barnes]

1422.6.4 *Report on the work of the Library from the Library & Information Service Team Leader*

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Library & Information Service Team Leader had sent her apologies. Cllr Barnes offered to assist in the presentation for the Summer Reading Challenge and stressed the need to promote the Library and its activities. The report was noted.

1422.7 **To give a Committee response to the recent email from Cornwall Councillor Barry Jordan about Cornwall Council**

An email had been circulated prior to the meeting. The email would be circulated among the Standing Committees until October, at which point the Town Clerk would compile a response. As such, the matter would be back on the Agenda at the October meeting of the General Purposes Committee. Cllr Thomas stated that the Cornwall Council policy of no surprises was farcical and that it should bring pressure on adjoining parishes to financially support facilities such as Libraries and public toilets. Currently only the parishes in which the facilities were located bore the costs, despite statistical evidence that those outside the boundaries were also using them. Further comment was made on the need for a proper lead-in time and financial input when Cornwall Council took the decision to devolve services to Town and Parish Councils. Additionally, poor communication and lack of consultation were cited as concerns. It was suggested that Cornwall Council had done better on Education and that time would tell if it would deliver on its promises in relation to climate change and issues such as trees and wildflowers. Councillors were advised that any further comments could be sent to the Town Clerk by email.

1422.8 **To consider requests for financial assistance**

The requests for financial assistance were dealt with as per the attached Appeals Schedule.

1422.9 **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 (confidential material), 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**

1422.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED 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 (confidential material), 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 [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Bishop].

1422.10 **CCTV Quarterly Management Report – Q1 2021-22**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1422.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept the report [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Bishop].

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Khan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Chairman**

Redruth Town Council  
 Appeals Schedule  
 Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

Budget 2021/2022: £10000		Allocated to date: £1200	Balance available: £8800
No	Appellant	Amount Requested/Purpose	Recommendation
1	Treleigh Parish & Community Hall	£3000 towards the upgrade of insulation and electrical wiring and decoration of hall	Unanimously RESOLVED to make a donation of £1000 subject to matched funding [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Thomas].
2	Redruth Club	An amount up to £1150 for the cleaning of the front façade of the Grade II listed building	Unanimously RESOLVED to decline to give assistance on this occasion, but to signpost the applicants to the High Streets Heritage Action Zone should the property be confirmed as being situated within the zone [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Bishop] Cllr Thomas left the meeting prior to consideration of the next application, having previously declared an interest.
3	Redruth Town Band	£750 of matched funding to go towards an opening event of the new bandstand in Victoria Park on Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Unanimously RESOLVED to make a donation of a maximum of £500, to come out of the Fun Day budget [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Skinner] Cllr Thomas returned to the meeting following consideration of this item

Previous Awards  
 1999  
 £400  
 (Treleigh Parish Church)

NIL

1989-1999  
 £3026