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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 10th January 2022

Present: Cllr W Tremayne Chair
Cllr A Biscoe
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr H Biscoe
Cllr M Brown
Cllr L Collins
Cllr B Ellenbroek
Cllr C Garrick
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett Town Clerk
Ms A Hunt Operations & Facilities Officer
Mr C Strugnell Facilities Supervisor

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

1445.1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Broad and Reeve (other commitments).

1445.2 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.

1445.3 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 1st November 2021

1445.3.1 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 1st November 2021 as a true and accurate record of proceedings [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Brown]. Cllr Tremayne abstained as he had not been present at the meeting.

1445.4 Town Clerk's Report

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk further advised that the opening hours at Market Way would be reviewed at the end of the month. He had still yet to hear from Cornwall Council in relation to the lease at Strawberry Fields and would email Cllr Barnes who agreed to intervene. The transfer documents in relation to the telephone box outside the London Inn had been signed off and the planning application approved. It was reported that the future use of the kiosk had yet to be decided. The Town Clerk would email the details in relation to the Community Garden Project to Cllr Barnes, who would make contact with those concerned. Confirmation of the outcome of the Changing Places toilet funding bid was still awaited. The report was noted.

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1445.5 To receive correspondence

Redruth HSHAZ – approval sought for refurbishment of lighting columns in ‘Tatie Court’

Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1445.5.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the refurbishment of lighting columns in ‘Tatie Court’ [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Collins].

1445.6 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Department

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Facilities Supervisor stated that the public conveniences in New Cut Car Park were now free to use, following work to reconfigure the locks. No additional antisocial behaviour attributable to the removal of charging had yet been identified. He further advised that the recruitment process was underway for an additional Facilities Technician and it was hoped to have someone in post in the near future. It was reported that East End Playing Field and the area around the Skate Park was currently very wet, as it always was over the Winter. The Town Clerk stated that pathways would probably be laid in the Spring, with the tender currently out. The Facilities Supervisor advised that low levels of vandalism had been noted at the Skate Park, with a definite decrease in levels at the Brewery site. Cllr Barnes questioned who would cover the cost of damage caused by leaks coming from The Foyer and was advised by the Town Clerk that LiveWest would pay. Cllr Barnes also queried who would cover the cost of outstanding work to the Clocktower and was advised by the Town Clerk that the contractor had done all the work they had been authorised to do, but that the actions taken had caused additional work to be required. The Town Council would pay for this additional work. Cllr Ellenbroek thanked the Facilities Team for planting up the seeds for the Queen’s Jubilee. She further asked to be contacted if Coastline did not commence works at Parc An Mengleth as she would be happy to provide assistance. Finally, Cllr Ellenbroek reported that the leats at Tesco were due to be cleared later that week. Cllr Brown queried the use of the toilets in Market Hall and was advised that they were now open on market days and that no issues had been encountered to date. Cllr Tremayne asked as to levels of antisocial behaviour in Market Hall and Market Way. The Facilities Supervisor advised that the removal of the stalls appeared to have helped and that the situation continued to be monitored, with the relevant people being notified when issues arose. He further advised that efforts were being made to prevent unauthorised vehicles parking in Market Strand. In response to a question from Cllr Barnes, Councillors were advised that all businesses in the town centre would be approached in relation to the 2022 floral display, along with advertisement on social media and the Redruth Record, however, given the continued difficult financial position in which many businesses and individuals found themselves, numbers were expected to remain down on pre-pandemic levels. The Facilities Supervisor was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at this point.

1445.7 To further consider a report from the Skatepark Project Manager

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Ellenbroek reiterated that she would be happy to put money towards a new bench and encouraged Community Chest applications to all three Redruth Cornwall Councillors. She further advised that she had spoken to Coastline about signage at Miners Court car park. The Town Clerk confirmed that the pathways were currently out for tender following redesign to ensure DDA compliance. An official opening of the skatepark was now proposed for June to coincide with Murdoch Day.