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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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Present: Cllr A Biscoe Chair  
Cllr S Barnes  
Cllr H Biscoe  
Cllr L Collins  
Cllr B Ellenbroek  
Cllr D Reeve  
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett Town Clerk  
Ms A Hunt Operations & Facilities Officer  
Mr C Strugnell Facilities Supervisor  
Mr S Treloar Administration & Finance Officer  
Cllr C Skinner

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

**1455.1 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown (unwell), Broad, Garrick and Tremayne (other commitments).

**1455.2 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.

**1455.3 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**1455.3.1** RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as a true and accurate record of proceedings [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe]. Cllr Reeve abstained as she had not been present at the meeting.

**1455.4 Town Clerk's Report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Operations & Facilities Officer further reported that the decision had been taken to lock the Market Way gates at 5pm from 1<sup>st</sup> March. This would reduce the amount of time the site was left vulnerable to antisocial behaviour, while allowing unit holders to stay open for longer if they wished. Cllr Biscoe requested that signage be placed at the telephone kiosk outside the London Inn explaining that it was being removed but had been adopted by the Town Council and would subsequently be reinstated. Confirmation of the outcome of the funding bid for a Changing Places Toilet was still awaited. Cllr Ellenbroek agree to chase this up on behalf

of the Town Council. The Town Clerk reported that the Skatepark was being well-used. In answer to a question, he advised that only one tender had been received in relation to the pathway. Cllr Barnes stated that there had been concerns about skateboard users in the town centre. The Operations & Facilities Officer advised that complaints had also been received by the Town Council in relation to the dangerous use of scooters, bicycles and skateboards in the town centre. This had already been raised with the Police and the intention was to discuss it further with the Neighbourhood Team on their next visit to the Civic Centre. Cllr Ellenbroek reported additional concerns had been raised in relation to use of the Skatepark. The Facilities Supervisor advised that the site was checked daily by the team with no specific issues identified, other than some graffiti which had immediately been removed. Cllr Thomas expressed concern over the Skatepark and its users becoming a scapegoat. He suggested that antisocial behaviour was actually down since its opening and that the Facilities Team were doing a great job, with members of the public hugely complimentary. The report was noted.

**1455.5 To receive correspondence**

*Gwealan Tops – Condition of Tarmac*

Correspondence had been received after the circulation of papers, the contents of which were read to those present. It was confirmed that the tarmac in question was part of the car park jointly shared by Lowen Harts Day Nursery and Gwealan Tops. It was understood that Lowen Harts were prepared to contribute to the cost of retarmacking the car park, the current condition of which was agreed to be very poor. The Town Clerk would make contact with Lowen Harts to establish their position.

- 1455.5.1 Unanimously RESOLVED in principle to make a financial contribution to the retarmacking of the car park shared by Gwealan Tops and Lowen Harts Day Nursery, on the proviso that all necessary checks are carried out in a satisfactory manner and all financial regulations are met [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek].

**1455.6 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Department**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Facilities Supervisor stressed the importance of the Town Council maintaining its properties, stating that the team was keen to deal with maintenance issues at an early stage, as failure to do so could have significant financial implications. While the addition of a new team member allowed the opportunity to complete more tasks in-house, it was anticipated that the Committee would receive some specific financial requests in the near future. It was expected that the upcoming ROSPA report would highlight some issues and an audit of work at The Chambers was being undertaken. The Facilities Supervisor further expressed concerns over the opening and cleaning of the public toilets in New Cut. He was monitoring the situation and the contractor had been spoken to, however there was now a need to consider the contract as a whole. Cllr Ellenbroek suggested that the issue of public toilets was currently a Cornwall-wide concern. It was agreed to put devolution on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Amenities Committee. At the request of Cllr Ellenbroek, the Facilities Supervisor would send her an email in relation to the current state of work carried out at Parc An Mengleth.

- 1455.6.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to note the report and grant approval for corresponding works and purchases, where applicable [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Thomas].

  
Chairman