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**Town Mayor: Cllr M J Brown**

**Town Clerk: P B Bennett**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council Operations Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 5th September 2022

Present: Cllr W Tremayne Chair  
Cllr A Biscoe  
Cllr S Barnes  
Cllr H Biscoe  
Cllr M Brown  
Cllr L Collins  
Cllr B Craze  
Cllr D Reeve  
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Ms A Hunt Operations & Facilities Officer  
Miss S White Engagement Officer  
Mr C Strugnell Facilities Supervisor  
Ms C Coomber Administration Assistant  
Cllr C Skinner

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

**1486.1 To receive apologies for absence**

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

**1486.2 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.

**1486.3 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

1486.3.1 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as a true and accurate record of proceedings, with the amendment that Cllr Reeve had suggested that the meeting be held at Gwealan Tops Adventure Playground rather than Redruth Civic Centre. [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe]. Cllrs Reeve, Collins, and Craze abstained.

**1486.4 Clerk's Report**

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

Cllr Reeve asked about the resurfacing of Gwealan Tops car park, and the funding, as it was no further forward. Cllr Reeve commented that the current surface is deteriorating. Cllrs Tremayne and Reeve expressed their concerns over the safety of users of Lowen Harts and Gwealan Tops. The Operations & Facilities Officer advised that it would be

discussed with the Town Clerk and requested that the issue be placed on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**1486.5 To receive correspondence**

No correspondence had been received.

**1486.6 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Department**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Facilities Supervisor had been in contact with Redruth Revival CIC and a local pest control company to look at a 6–8-week programme of pest control, before building work commenced.

The Facilities Supervisor would arrange to discuss with the Town Clerk regarding the re-painting and lime washing of the Clock Tower.

Due to recent heavy rain, there had been leaks in Market Way, flooding four of the units. There was fortunately no damage to stock, but blocked litter had been removed from downpipes and drains.

The possibility of a permanent deterrent to gain access at East End Park is being investigated, following the recent unauthorised access.

Cllr Reeve enquired about the cleaning contract for the toilets, as in her opinion the current service had not been satisfactory. The Facilities Supervisor confirmed that work was ongoing to find a suitable replacement. It was advised that other Councils were also struggling to employ suitable cleaning companies. Cllr Barnes suggested that Redruth Town Council approach Portreath Parish Council to see who they used to clean their toilet block. Cllr Thomas suggested that Redruth Town Council could employ someone as a Maintenance Operative, who could undertake this role, as it was potentially becoming a health and safety risk.

1486.6.1 RESOLVED by Majority for Redruth Town Council to consider the employment of a Maintenance Operative for the cleaning of the toilets. [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Collins]. Cllrs H Biscoe and Brown abstained.

**1486.7 To consider future use of Units 11 & 12 Market Way**

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

A discussion continued around the content of the report. The Operations Committee concluded that the given recommendations were a good idea, in view of the imminent closure of The Buttermarket.

Cllr Thomas requested the potential interest in the units on behalf of the Redruth Heritage Museum be placed on record and considered by Redruth Town Council without prejudice.

1486.7.1 RESOLVED by Majority: (i) to approve the use of Units 11 & 12 as a combined Town Council space and pop-up space for small local businesses and start-ups and (ii) that this use commence with immediate effect and is reviewed by the Committee at its meeting scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023. [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Reeve] Cllr Thomas abstained.

**1486.8 Upgrade of Redruth Town Council Website.**

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

1486.8.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to look at producing a new Town Council website, with an initial budget of up to £10k, and commence on a tender process as soon as practicable. [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].

1486.9 **To consider the erection of new football posts at East End Playing fields.**

Information from Cllr Broad had been circulated prior to the meeting.

An aerial map outlining the location of the recently planted trees, the Skatepark and the covenanted area of East End Playing Field, was presented.

1486.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED: (i) to approve the installation of junior goal posts at East End Playing Field, parallel to the railway line and (ii) that the Town Council seek permission from the landowner to potentially create access on foot directly from Drump Road onto East End Playing Field. [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Thomas].

**Chairman**

