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Town Mayor: Cllr M J Brown

Town Clerk: P B Bennett

Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council Engagement Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 6th February 2023

Present: Cllr D Reeve Chair
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr M Brown
Cllr L Collins
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr I Thomas
Cllr C Skinner

In attendance: P Bennett	Town Clerk
S White	Engagement Officer
C Coomber	Administration Manager
J Sandiford	Community Projects Manager
C Waterhouse	Library & Information Service Team Leader
M Hernandez	President of Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce
Claire Marshall	Redruth Book Festival (Bookfeast) Committee
Joy Sailsbury	Redruth Book Festival (Bookfeast) Committee

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

1511.1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Biscoe, H Biscoe, Broad, Craze, McEvoy, Garrick, Smith (other commitments)

1511.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda.

Cllr Reeve declared a pecuniary interest in Item 13 of the agenda – Consideration of financial assistance for Redruth Book Festival, as Cllr Reeve is on the organising committee.

1511.3 To receive a presentation regarding the new Redruth Book Festival

Joy Sailsbury and Claire Marshall presented information to members regarding the format, location, and details of the forthcoming Redruth Book festival (Bookfeast) at Redruth Drapery on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd April 2023. They confirmed a number of authors had been approached, with the headliner being Mr Terry Waite CBE. Redruth Library would be involved providing free children's events. Members were advised that the event will be a Pilot event, and that any money remaining from ticketed events would be used to help fund another Book festival next year.

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1511.4 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Engagement Committee held on 5th December 2022

1511.4.1 RESOLVED by Majority that the Minutes of the Engagement Committee Meeting held on 5th December 2022 be amended to remove Cllr Brown as attending the meeting as this had been entered in error. Remainder of minutes accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Collins; Seconded Cllr Thomas] Cllr Brown abstained as he had not been present at the meeting.

1511.5 Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report to this meeting.

1511.6 To receive correspondence.

No correspondence had been received.

1511.7 To receive an update from the President of Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce on the work of the Chamber.

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. In addition to his report Mr Hernandez informed members that the Chamber of Commerce were hoping to look at reinstating the Street Art project. The Chamber of commerce were also interested in potentially putting street furniture around Tatty Court, depending on what happens when Halifax closes. Mr Hernandez said that he was looking forward to working with the engagement team regarding the Chamber of Commerce application to the Good Growth prosperity fund, as it will affect everyone. Mr Hernandez confirmed that the Social Media course for local businesses had to be paused whilst the refurbishment of Murdoch House was completed. Commenting that a number of local businesses who had taken part had seen a growth in their business. Cllr Brown asked if Mr Hernandez had walked around the town with the engagement team. Mr Hernandez confirmed that although this had not happened yet, he would be attending the DISC event, and agreed that it was important to walk around and talking to businesses.

1511.8 Report on proposal for an Interim Engagement Committee meeting to be added to the calendar.

Unanimously RESOLVED that an Interim Engagement committee meeting be added to the calendar as a trial from March 2023 and reviewed at the Full Council meeting in May 2023. [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Collins]

1511.9.1 Report from the Engagement Officer on her department's work to date

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Barnes asked the Engagement Officer if there were any plans for the Coronation. The Engagement officer explained that limited information had been received so far from the Palace regarding timings etc. A recent briefing from NALC confirmed that Sunday would be the main event, but until more information is available, the team are limited to the planning they can do.

The Mayor requested that a Cake Competition be incorporated into the celebrations, suggesting the WI or Townswomen's Guild be consulted.

Cllr Reeve asked if Councillors would be available to attend during Police surgeries. The Engagement officer confirmed that the next Surgery would be on 3rd March 2023. The Engagement officer confirmed that she is working with the Local Neighbourhood Police on a proposal for a potential Town Centre Drop in location, which would need to be ultimately given the go ahead by the Chief Constable. Cllr Reeve asked that this item be placed on the Clerks report for future reporting at meetings.

The Engagement office reminded all councillors to RSVP for the Local Hero Awards.

The report was noted.



1511.9.2 Report from the Community Projects Manager on her work to date and ongoing projects

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. In addition to her report the Community Projects Manager reported that the Redruth Roundtable meeting was due to take place on 12th January 2023. Councillors suggested that the name of this meeting be amended to be more representative of the group's work. The Community Projects Manager commented that she was open to suggestions. Cllr Collins asked the purpose of the Roundtable meeting. The Community Projects Manager responded that it was an opportunity to sit down with other organisations, to gain feedback, networking, and input for future events. Cllr Collins continued that in his opinion six to seven weeks prior to an event was not enough time to discuss the event.

Water re-fill ideas were discussed, and Cllr Barnes commented that it needs to be more central. A proposal would need to be passed at a committee. The Engagement officer confirmed that she will talk to the Operations officer to discuss further.

Redruth Festival notes will be circulated to all councillors. The next meeting would be on 9th March 2023.

The Community projects manager was thanked by all for her commitment to the Town Council as despite leaving her position, to take on a new job, she will be working on St Pirans Day.

The report was noted.

1511.9.3 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 reiterated information provided within her report. In addition the Library Information Service Team Leader informed members that she has recently taken part in the Writers Block panel. There is an intention to use Libraries to explore what things make people feel more comfortable and making it a more inclusive and public space. In addition to making, it more Dyslexia and Autism friendly. An application has been submitted to FEAST funding bid for Vicki Aimers to host a residency consisting of creative workshops for schools and adults along with drop-ins for Murdoch Day. The report was noted.

1511.10 Update from Climate Working Group

There was no update, as the Climate working group had not met.

1511.11 To consider a request for financial assistance from Redruth Book Festival

Cllr Reeve left the meeting prior to the discussion point 1511.11 as she had previously declared an interest.

Cllr Barnes suggested that in his opinion, the Book festival would be beneficial to the town.

1511.11.3 RESOLVED by the Majority to support the request for financial assistance to be approved and £1000 to be donated to Redruth Book festival. [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Brown] Abstained Cllr Thomas

Cllr Reeve re-entered the room at 20:40

1511.12 To exclude press and public from the meeting for the following item of business as their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest by virtue of the confidential nature of the subject matter (sensitive and confidential matters), 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.

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PART II – PRIVATE SESSION

1511.13 **To agree the text of a proposed letter to Goldentree productions Ltd for in-kind support for Hellfire Kernow.**

Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the proposed letter to Goldentree productions for in-kind support for Hellfire Kernow. [Proposed Cllr Collins; Seconded Cllr Brown]

Chairman

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