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Town Mayor: Cllr M J Brown

Town Clerk: P B Bennett

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

Present: Cllr D Reeve Chair
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr A Biscoe
Cllr H Biscoe
Cllr L Collins
Cllr B Craze
Cllr C Garrick
Cllr I Thomas
Cllr E Smith

In attendance: Ms S White Engagement Officer
Ms A Hunt Operations Manager
Ms C Coomber Administration Manager
Miss K O'Dell Administration Assistant

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

1516.1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Brown (unwell) and Cllr Broad (other commitments)

1516.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda.

None declared.

1516.3 To receive a verbal update from the Engagement Officer regarding St Pirans Day

Despite the official debrief not having yet taken place, the Engagement Officer expressed her congratulations to both her team and the facilities team for what was a truly splendid day. Many people attended which was also mentioned on local news and radio stations. The Library recorded over 600 people past the counter, and Hellfire Kernow handed out over 400 stickers. The Engagement team hired a roaming photographer to cover the event, which proved hugely successful and has provided a large bank of photographs that can be used for the Redruth Town Councils social media platforms and any future literature.

The Engagement officer confirmed, that for the first time this year, the engagement team chalked out the retailer stands on the Friday evening prior to the event. This worked well as it resulted in less confusion amongst retailers. The new Redruth Town Council Information stand was a success. The plan is to have more St Pirans Day flags next year, with the possibility of raising money from donations.

The windbreaker at the mining statue helped, however it was reported that some of the retailers at the top of the town felt cut off, so this will need reviewing The Engagement

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officer confirmed that the stall layout needs to be looked at as there was an unfortunate pinch point at the bottom of the town during the parade.

Cllr Barnes commented that it would be good to encourage more people to the top of the town, and that in his opinion the coffee van was badly parked and took up more space than necessary. The Engagement Officer responded saying that the fire escape for the library and Town council offices opens up within the Courtyard in Market Strand, which needs to be kept clear at all times.

The Engagement Officer suggested that more help first thing on the day of the festival would have helped, with regard setting up of stalls and gazebos. The option of recruiting more potential volunteers would be investigated. The RAF Cadets helped in some capacity during St Pirans Festival however it may be pertinent to approach other organisations, such the Scouts. The Engagement Officer confirmed that the PA system was perhaps not as effective as hoped, but all options would be explored before the next event.

All Councillors agreed that the festival was a great success and thanked the Engagement Team. The Verbal report was noted.

1516.4 **Clerks Report**

The Clerks report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Engagement Officer confirmed that a meeting regarding the Town Centre Hub had been held, but that discussions remain ongoing.

Cllr Thomas confirmed that he had attended the Police Surgery on Friday 3rd March and was disappointed by the lack of interest. Cllr Thomas commented that in his opinion the format was rather intimidating, and although private discussions could be held, it may not seem that way to members of the public, and that Confidentiality aspect needs to be promoted. Cllr Barnes suggested that it may be more beneficial if the Police surgery were to take place one evening at the same time as, or prior to Full council meeting. The Engagement Officer confirmed that there is already ongoing discussions with the Police regarding potential ways forward. The report was noted.

1516.5 **To receive correspondence.**

No correspondence had been received.

1516.6 **Report from the Engagement Officer on her Departments work to date.**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. As this is the first Interim Engagement report, the Engagement Officer wished to keep her update primarily focused on events. Cllr Barnes asked if there was an update on plans for the Coronation. The Engagement Officer confirmed that currently no further information has been received, therefore, timings are still unconfirmed. The Engagement Team are planning to hold a community event in Victoria Park. There will be a marquee available. A TEN notice (Temporary Events Notice) has been applied for and submitted to Cornwall Council. Cllr Thomas asked if there would be a Mining Tribute linked to the Miners for the International Mining and Pasty Festival. The Engagement Officer confirmed she and another member of staff would soon be attending an event with a group of ex-miners to ask for their input and ideas.

In relation to the ongoing parking issues behind The Regal Cinema / Wilkinson's, various options are being considered. Cllr Biscoe asked if the large car park behind the jobcentre building could be utilised more? The Engagement Officer confirmed that discussions with all relevant parties are ongoing.

Cllr Reeve announced that Hellfire Kernow have confirmed the date of their event on 1st May 2023. Literature regarding this event is available in the library.

The Engagement officer confirmed that the Writers Block had produced and circulated a new Book named the Redruth Story Book, copies are available to all Councillors. The report was noted.

Chairman

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