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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 Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Present: Cllr D Reeve Acting Chair
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr M Brown
Cllr B Craze
Cllr B Ellenbroek
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Ms A Hunt Clerk/Operations Officer
Ms C Coomber Administration Manager
Mrs J Pelham-Wales Administration Assistant
Mr R Williams Redruth Revival CIC
Cllr C Skinner

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

- 1527.1 **To elect an Acting Chair in the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair**
- 1527.1.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Reeve act as Chair for the meeting in the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair. [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Barnes.]
- 1527.2 **To receive apologies for absence**
- Apologies were received from Cllrs A Biscoe, H Biscoe, Smith and Garrick (other commitments), Cllr Broad (family commitments) and Cllr Tremayne (unwell).
- 1527.3 **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.
- 1527.4 **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 6th March 2023**
- 1527.4.1 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 6th March 2023 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Barnes] Cllrs Brown and Ellenbroek abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.
- 1527.5 **Clerk's Report**
- A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk had earlier stated that there was no update in relation to Strawberry Fields as he had yet to hear from Cornwall Council. The Operations Officer further advised that the telephone kiosk adopted by the

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Council would be returned to its previous location once the site was ready. Cornwall Cllr Donnithorne had provided an update with regard to progress at Treskerby Playing Fields at the Meeting of the Full Council the previous week. Members were advised that a contractor had been appointed to construct the pathway at East End Playing Field, and that it was anticipated work would commence in May. The report was noted.

1527.6 To receive correspondence

Correspondence from Redruth Revival CIC regarding a request for the installation of banners in Market Hall had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Williams provided Councillors with further information relating to the banners and answered a number of questions which were put to him. It was confirmed that consent was being sought by Redruth Revival to hang decorative banners in Market Hall for the duration of the works currently taking place at The Buttermarket.

- 1527.6.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the erection of three temporary banners in Market Hall for the duration of the current works taking place at The Buttermarket, with the following conditions: (i) Redruth Revival accept all risk; (ii) Redruth Revival make the relevant insurance provisions and (iii) Redruth Revival make good any holes made once the banners were removed. [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Brown]

1527.7 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Department

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Facilities Supervisor was not present, having sent his apologies. The Operations Officer advised that the Facilities Team had been working hard to build relationships, both with other Town and Parish Councils and partners such as Cornac.

Cllr Ellenbroek asked if the Town Council was aware of Cornwall Council doing anything about the roundabout at Tolgus/Tesco. The Clerk confirmed that there had previously been conversations with Cornwall Council relating to the roundabout but that any additional support from Councillors to push for it to be tidied would be welcomed. The Administration Manager confirmed that Cornwall Council were responsible for maintenance of the roundabout and would circulate previously supplied contact details to all three Cornwall Councillors for their assistance. The Operations Officer would clarify with the Town Clerk the position as to maintenance of the replica Murdoch Flyer sited on the roundabout.

Cllr Ellenbroek stated that she had received complaints about noise and lights at the Skatepark. Cllr Ellenbroek had advised members of the public to contact Redruth Town Council about their complaints. The Clerk advised that she was not aware of the Town Council having received any complaints regarding this matter.

Cllr Thomas asked if there were any 'No Alcohol' signs located in Market Way and Market Hall. The Clerk advised that there was an ongoing issue with signs being removed from Market Hall and that she could not confirm whether there were any such signs at present, but that efforts were made to replace signage as soon as it was noted as missing and she would speak to the Facilities Supervisor in relation to the current position.

Cllr Reeve asked for an update in relation to the floral display. The Clerk confirmed that the Facilities Supervisor had spoken to the supplier advising of reduced numbers for the upcoming display and that no indication had been given a surplus would need to be accepted.

A discussion took place around the issue of people accessing the roof of the Civic Centre. The Clerk confirmed that The Foyer staff were doing all they could to deter their residents from accessing the roof but that the problem of young people on rooves was in no way



solely down to residents of The Foyer. Anti-climb paint had been used on Town Council sites and the Police had also been contacted, however it was currently a town-wide issue and the Police were under-resourced. Cllr Barnes agreed to raise this issue at a meeting he was due to attend. Cllr Ellenbroek suggested that the issue regarding lack of available Police officers be raised at the Safer Towns partnership by the Town Council's representatives.

1527.7.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to invite the local Chief Inspector to a future meeting of the Full Council in order to discuss concerns over the current level of antisocial behaviour. [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Brown]

1527.8 **To receive a report on the work of the Administration Department.**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Reeve asked if the Town Council always received responses from Cornwall Council when reporting issues such as potholes. The Administration Manager advised that Cornwall Council responded via an email confirmation along with a reference number. These were all logged and followed up by the Administration team if necessary. Cllr Ellenbroek suggested that the Town Council send Cornwall Cllr Donnithorne a regular update of these complaints to keep him informed.

The Clerk reported that there was an ongoing discussion taking place with Cornwall Council regarding excessive amounts waste being left out on collection days, some businesses not disposing of their commercial waste properly and fly-tipping. This had included Enforcement Officers becoming involved and a site visit having been paid by Cornwall Council officers on collection day. Unfortunately, however, it had not yet led to any substantive improvements to the situation. The report was noted.

Chairperson

