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Town Mayor: Cllr R S Barnes

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 3rd July 2023

Present: Cllr A Biscoe
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr H Biscoe
Cllr M Brown
Cllr B Craze
Cllr B Ellenbroek
Cllr R Major
Cllr D Reeve
Cllr C Skinner
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Ms A Hunt
Ms C Coomber
Mr C Strugnell

Operations Officer
Administration Manager
Facilities Supervisor

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

1538.1 To receive apologies for absence.

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

1538.2 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.

1538.3 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 2nd May 2023

RESOLVED by the Majority to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 2nd May 2023 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Thomas] Cllrs A Biscoe, H Biscoe and Major abstained as they had not attended the meeting

1538.4 Clerks Report

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk gave an update regarding the potential closure of Redruth Post Office. The Engagement and Operations Officers had visited Redruth Post Office in person to obtain more detail and also contacted the Post Office by email to request clarification of the situation. The Operations Officer read out an official statement received from the Post

Office in response. As far as the Town Council is concerned, it was agreed that it was essential that a form of Post Office services remained in the town centre. Any further updates would be relayed to Members as and when they were received.

The Clerk advised that no further information had been received from Cornwall Council in relation to Strawberry Fields. Cllr Barnes suggested the Town Clerk confirm who had been contacted previously, and another letter be written. Cllr Thomas asked if the Town Clerk could also clarify the current conditions of the lease in relation to sub-leasing.

Cllr Reeve asked what information had been received from the community consultation undertaken on Murdoch Day as to future use of the former telephone kiosk outside the old London Inn. The Operations Officer confirmed that a popular idea appeared to be a book swap, although that would not necessarily be the final option. Cllr Reeve wished to note that Make-A-Mends had suggested a project they were keen to work on. The Clerk advised that consultation was being undertaken by the Engagement Team, who were best placed to provide further information. The report was noted.

1538.5 To receive correspondence.

Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. In relation to the request for the supplying of a salt bin, the Operations Officer advised that the Town Clerk had stated several concerns, including (but not limited to): lack of budget for the purchase or maintenance of salt bins; concerns over health & safety aspects; theft/antisocial behaviour and liability for insurance purposes. Cllr Ellenbroek commented that it would be useful for Cornwall Councillors to have a policy from Redruth Town Council that could be advised to residents regarding salt bin provision. Cllr Barnes asked if it would be possible to find out the costs of a salt bin.

1538.5.1 RESOLVED by Majority: (i) that the request to supply a salt bin not be supported, based on the recommendations of the Town Clerk; (ii) to ask that a policy be drafted regarding Redruth Town Council's position on salt bin provision. [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe] Cllr Barnes voted against.

1538.6 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Department

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The current condition of The Chambers was discussed. Cllr Ellenbroek asked if it would be possible to provide an estimate for the short-, medium- and long-term works required, together with a priority statement for works.

Cllr Reeve asked for an update on the Murdoch Flyer replica sited on Tolgus roundabout. The Facilities Supervisor confirmed that the team was awaiting Cornwall Council to carry out works on the roundabout to enable access to make the relevant repairs. The Administration Manager confirmed that Cornwall Council had been contacted but no response had been received. Cllr Thomas commented that as a key entrance point to the town, the general condition of the roundabout was incredibly poor. The report was noted.

1538.6.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the inclusion of a sum in future budgets to allow for expected required works at The Chambers, both to the roof and to bring the building up to an appropriate level of energy efficiency. [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe]

1538.7 To receive an update on the current position relating to the town's public conveniences.

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Ellenbroek asked what had happened regarding the funding for the Changing Places facility as the grant needed to be spent within the deadline of the original funding application. The Facilities Supervisor

confirmed that he was awaiting quotations for UV lighting to be fitted in the public conveniences, and that the changing of opening hours had seemed to deter some of the antisocial behaviour. Cllr Barnes asked if the Police had been advised of the antisocial behaviour and was advised that there had been repeated reports to the Police. Cllr Ellenbroek suggested contacting the Community Safety Partnership, who may be able to provide some guidance. The Facilities Supervisor asked Councillors to advise how they wished the team to move forward in relation to the current closure of the New Cut Public Conveniences.

Cllr Ellenbroek asked if there had been a conversation with Cornwall Council regarding replacing the trees in Fore Street and was advised that incidents were reported to Cornwall Council but, as far as the team were aware, there had been no conversation as to a long-term resolution to the issue of people slipping.

- 1538.7.1 Unanimously RESOLVED: (i) that a wider discussion regarding New Cut and Market Hall public conveniences be placed on the Agenda of a future Full Council meeting; (ii) that signage be erected at New Cut advising of the availability of public conveniences at Market Hall and (iii) to proceed with repair works at New Cut Public Toilets, including investigating the possibility of UV lighting, then reopen the facility as soon as practical to do so on completion of the works. [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe]
- 1538.7.2 Unanimously RESOLVED that a formal request be made by Redruth Town Council to Cornwall Council asking to investigate the options of replacing the trees on Fore Street with more appropriate species which did not leak sap. [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Barnes]
- 1537.8 **To receive a report on the work of the Administration Department**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Administration Manager gave an overview of the report and asked for any questions. The report was noted.



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