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Town Mayor: Cllr R S Barnes

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 5th June 2023

Present: Cllr D Reeve
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr M Brown
Cllr B Ellenbroek
Cllr C Skinner
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Ms Sam Hunt	Engagement Officer
Ms C Coomber	Administration Manager
Mrs C Waterhouse	Library & Information Team Leader
Miss A Lamming	Acting Community Project Manager

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

1533.1 To receive apologies for absence.

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

1533.2 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.

1533.3 To receive a presentation from Jessie Leigh about Lowender 2023

Jessie introduced herself and referred to last years' Lowender Peran festival, and the success of the event approximately one thousand people attended last years' event which is still run solely by volunteers. Research suggested that the move to Redruth was welcomed by those interviewed Last years' event broke-even. Lowender have recently undertaken some rebranding to remain in keeping with the Cornish connections, but also relevant to their role within the community. Lowender are looking to implement a new format using multiple venues across Redruth, focusing on, and committing to increased community engagement. The programme is currently being prepared and will again include visitors from other parts of the UK and France. Grant Funding has successfully been applied for to fund someone to work on publicity and promotion at festivals and market days. Lowender are exploring different ways to cover costs for the 2023 event. Redruth School will be used as a central evening hub including a main event on 28th October 2023, to which Cllr Barnes was asked to open. The Albany Club have also offered their location as a new venue. The events will be free from under 18's.

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The library and information service team leader offered the use of the library during the event. It was asked if it would be possible for the Engagement Team to use the research information to assist with future festivals. Jessie commented that she would arrange for this information to be sent to the Engagement Officer. Cllr Thomas asked if other local Cornish Groups had been contacted regarding the festival. Jessie confirmed this was the case.

Cllr Reeve thanked Jessie for coming to the meeting and giving her presentation.

1533.4 **To receive a report on options for Christmas Lights & Grotto in 2023**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Barnes asked the Engagement Officer if the additional Christmas lights costings were within budget and why it wasn't possible to not have the Sleigh. The Engagement officer explained that the Engagement team would be looking to cement previous offers from Local businesses to cover some of the additional costs, and that the original budget will not be increased by much more. The Sleigh forms part of the original 3-year contract of which we are currently in year 2. The original intended location for the sleigh was St Rumons gardens, but it was no longer considered suitable, due to the increased levels of anti-social behaviour. Cllr Henry Biscoe asked if the Community Centre may be too far out of the Town Centre and suggested that there are empty shops that are available. The Engagement officer confirmed that this was a fair comment, but that it would not be possible to secure availability of an empty property this far in advance but would certainly consider it as an option going forward. Cllr Ellenbroek suggested that the engagement team contact Kresen Kernow and see if they would be interested in joining together for some events. The members all agreed that it was important that we support the Community Centre.

1533.4.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept the following recommendations;

(i) that Members agree to pursuing an agreement with the Trustees of Redruth Community Association to host the lighting installation and grotto at Redruth Community Centre in November/December 2023.

(ii) that Members agree to spend a maximum of an additional £2,718 to fund lights on West End. [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek]

1533.5 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of:**

1533.5.1 *Engagement Committee held on Monday 3rd April 2023*

RESOLVED by the majority that the minutes of the Engagement Committee held on 3rd April 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe] Cllr Ellenbroek abstained as she has not been present at the meeting.

1533.5.2 *Engagement Committee held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023*

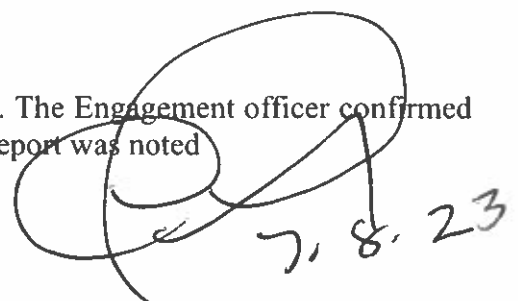
RESOLVED by the majority that the minutes of the Interim Engagement Committee held on 2nd May 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek] Cllrs H Biscoe, and A Biscoe abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

1533.6 **Clerk's Report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1522.4 Town Centre Hub.

There is currently no update on the Town Centre Hub. The Engagement officer confirmed that she will continue to keep members updated. The report was noted

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1533.7 To receive correspondence.

No correspondence had been received

1533.8 To receive a verbal update from the President of Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce on the work of the Chamber.

The President of the Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce Mr Hernandez informed members that a new Treasurer had been appointed. The Chamber had recently been given some Trophies which had previously been used at "Shopping Week" an event which used to take place in Redruth. Having carried out further investigation they were considering trying to reinstate Shopping Week and would be contacting local businesses to see if they would be keen on the idea. Members suggested various names of people who may be able to provide more information regarding what happened at these previous events. Mr Hernandez confirmed that the Chamber has recently gained 6 more members. Cllr Brown asked if the Chamber of Commerce had arranged to visit local businesses yet. Mr Hernandez said that this was something he was hoping to arrange soon. The verbal report was noted.

1533.9 Reports from Member/Officers;

1533.9.1 Report from Engagement Officer on her department's work to date.

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. In addition to her report the Engagement Officer informed members that she had recently visited Drillserve to view the Telephone kiosk, remarking that it was looking great. It is hoped that the kiosk is returned to its original location in July. Make a mends were providing assistance to make the alterations to the Town Crier outfit, so that it will fit the new Town Crier. Cllr Reeve asked if it would be possible for the Engagement team to investigate whether cash machines would be available on Market / Festival days, as this had been an issue at the most recent Market Day. The report was noted.

1533.9.2 Report from the Acting Community Projects Manager on her work to date.

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Barnes asked if there were any big differences to this years Murdoch Day. The Acting Community Projects manager confirmed that the main differences were that Shallal would be helping produce flags to be flown in town and that there had been 600 festival guides produced. Cllr Reeve commented that the main change this year was that Redruth Town Council engagement team were organising all of the Street Stalls rather than Raymond's, so things may look slightly different. The report was noted.

1533.9.3 Report on the work of the Library from the Library & Information Service Team Leader

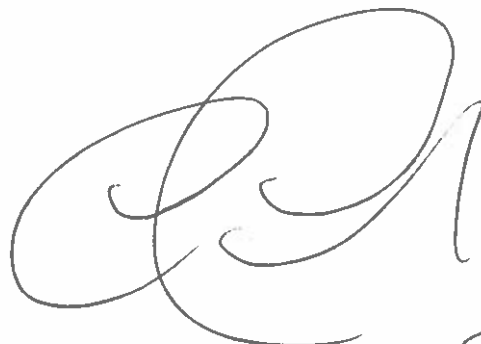
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Library & Information Service Team Leader drew members attention to the figures contained within her report. Noting specifically that there had been 961 people using the warm space, and that the area was still being regularly used. The Library service has implemented new software which requires more details for targeting services. Cllr Ellenbroek asked if the drop off in the number of people using the library was a common issue all over Cornwall and if so, did we know the reason. The Library & information service team leader confirmed that this was a national issue, not just Cornwall. There were a number of contributory factors but not one single reason. The Library are working on their inclusivity of people entering the Civic Centre and using the different library spaces. Students from local schools are coming to the library after school as it is considered a safe place. The report was noted.

1533.10 Update from the Climate working group

7.8.23

A verbal report was presented by Cllr Reeve on the The Climate Working Group now includes, Gwithian, Hayle & Gwinear. Cllr Reeve confirmed that the priorities of the group for the next 12 months all have common themes around reducing travel, sewage, planning and engagement. Cllr Reeve confirmed that there is currently as specific focus on waste and recycling with efforts to keep the local area tidy. Growing your own food, and individuals carbon footprints. Cllr Ellenbroek advised members that Cornwall Council now have 16 areas in Cornwall that have been identified as Green Urban spaces, and that there was potential for a new funding stream. The report was noted.

Chair



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