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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 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Present: Cllr Reeve Chair  
Cllr Barnes  
Cllr Brown  
Cllr Craze  
Cllr Skinner  
Cllr Thomas  
Cllr Ellenbroek

In attendance: S White Clerk/Engagements Officer  
A Hunt Operations Officer  
C Coomber Administration Manager  
J Pelham-Wales Administration Assistant

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

**1526.1 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Biscoe; H Biscoe; Smith; Garrick; (other commitments), Broad (family commitments).

**1526.2 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.

**1526.3 Clerks Report**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk advised there was no further update with regards to Town Centre Hub, but that they are hoping to reconvene meetings in the next couple of weeks.

**1526.4 To receive correspondence.**

No correspondence had been received.

**1526.5 Report from the Engagement Officer on her department's work to date**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Barnes commented that the Local Heroes Awards were good and suggested that a list of events for the upcoming year should be put out on all the tables at future events. Cllr. Barnes hoped that the awards would be better attended next year. The Clerk commented that two Councillors per table were invited to the Local Hero awards to talk to the sponsors and winners, but few had sent any RSVP. There are hopes that next years' event will be better attended by the Councillors, supporting the Ambassador sponsors.

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Cllr Reeve raised the issue of the lack of attendance by councillors at Town Council events, social events and civic events. Cllr Reeve suggested that this be addressed. Cllr Brown suggested that there was a wider discussion required. Cllrs Reeve and Brown both suggested that a Mentor / Buddying system could be introduced to new Councillors. Cllr Ellenbroek commented that there appeared to be a misunderstanding by the wider public about the roles and responsibilities of being a councillor, and that Redruth Town Council may wish to look that the Cornwall Council process of Councillor training. The Operations Officer advised that she had already started work on putting together a full induction programme for new Councillors, including the creation of a 'buddy' system, provision of a training package, an introduction to the role of the Town Council and its officers and guidance as to the role and responsibilities of a Councillor. As part of this work, she had also begun to look into an ongoing training programme for existing Councillors and the way that the Town Council engaged with potential new Members. The Operations Officer stated that the work was not yet ready to come to Councillors for discussion, but that a report would follow in due course.

Cllr Thomas suggested that any future Councillor applicants be invited to speak to the Town Clerk prior to interview, to be given more information as to the role, and encouraged to attend a Council or Committee meeting as an observer.' Cllr Reeve also suggested that a skills assessment be included.

- 1526.5.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to ask: (i) that work continue on the preparation of an induction programme for all new Councillors and an ongoing training package for existing Councillors; (ii) that the current system for recruitment of new Councillors be evaluated and (iii) that a report on these matters be submitted to the Full Council in due course [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Brown]

Cllrs Craze and Skinner arrived at this point of the meeting.

- 1526.5.2 Cllr. Brown asked if there was an alternative location for the Union Jack to be flown in Redruth Town Centre, as several members of the public had asked him about it. The Clerk confirmed that unfortunately there was not an alternative location. If the scaffolding on the Chambers building were removed, then we would be able to fly the flag from there, but it was looking unlikely. There will be Union Jack, and Kernow flags flying up and down Fore Street from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. Cllr. Barnes asked if we could fly the Union Jack from our building. The Clerk said that to do this we would need to get listed building consent as previously advised. Cllr Thomas asked if the flag could be erected elsewhere. The Clerk said that unfortunately there was nowhere else at this time.

The Clerk mentioned that there are souvenir mugs available for the Coronation, of which some would be given as prizes at the Town Fete on Sunday. The mugs would then be available for Sale at £7 each in the library. 100 Coronation badges have been purchased and will be given out for free to the children at the Town Fete.

The clerk reported that Murdoch day participants of the parade, will receive a seed bracelet which can then be taken home and planted. These have been sourced from a local company.

Cllr. Reeve asked the Clerk if she had been to The Miners Event. The Clerk hopes to go later this month.

Cllr Reeve asked how the planning for the Pasty Festival was shaping up for September. The Clerk said that the Engagement Team have not been able to get in touch with The Cornish Pasty Association, but work is continuing.

Cllr Reeve asked about the Parade on Murdoch Day and did we know how many schools would be attending. The Clerk replied she would investigate and report back.

Cllr. Reeve asked the Clerk if there was any update on the ongoing Wilko parking area situation. The Clerk replied that the work was coming along slowly, but that they are now working with Helen Kneale the Community Link Support officer to hopefully make some

headway. Cllr. Barnes commented that he is due to have a meeting with Cllr Donnithorne to review the parking situations at both Bellevue and the rear of Wilko. The Clerk suggested it would be beneficial following this initial meeting to discuss all findings with all interested parties. The report was noted.

**Chairperson**

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