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**Town Mayor: Cllr A Biscoe**

**Town Clerk: C Williams**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place,  
Redruth on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Present:**

Cllr A Biscoe  
Cllr S Barnes  
Cllr H Biscoe  
Cllr P Broad  
Cllr K Cunningham  
Cllr B Ellenbroek  
Cllr R Jolly  
Cllr J Morrison  
Cllr D Reeve  
Cllr M Selwood  
Cllr I Thomas  
Cllr W Tremayne

Chair

**In attendance:**

Mrs C Williams Town Clerk  
Mrs H Bardle RFO/Deputy Town Clerk  
Ms C Welsh Strategic Projects Officer  
Ms J Turner Senior Library Officer  
Ms Lucie Ackerman Community Liaison Manager  
Mrs Katie Tear Library Assistant

Members of the Public in attendance: 23

**PART I – PUBLIC SESSION**

**1641.1 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allen and Major

**1641.2      Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this agenda.**

Cllr Ellenbroek declared an interest under the item raised in the public participation session concerning Hideaway 77.

**1641.3      Public participation session – to enable members of the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda.**

1641.3.1      Two representatives spoke on behalf of the Highway 77 Youth Cafe who have been very successful delivering youth drop ins and safe spaces for young people experiencing challenging circumstances. They stated that they had unexpectedly lost their funding and were now losing the building in which they had been based. They are seeking funding to continue their sessions and asked the Council if they can support in any way. It could be identifying suitable alternative accommodation, support applying funding or partnership opportunities. Cllr A Biscoe stated that there was not much that the Council could say right now, but that they would be discussing it at the next budget meeting to see what could be doing, if anything. Cllr A Biscoe thanked them for their time.  
Cllr Sellwood enquired about the current venue and asked if it was a financial issue to do with paying rent or the location. Cllr Tremayne encouraged the group to come and have a chat with them at Gweal an Tops.

1641.3.2      Mr M. Dunstan raised the issue of a property in Drump Road and an issue with Japanese Knotweed. Mr Dunstan stated that he had been able to speak with Cllr Ellenbroek before coming into the meeting and appreciates that the issue is a case for Cornwall Council rather than the Town Council. Cllr Ellenbroek stated that Cllr Roger Tarrant is the relevant Cornwall Councillor to raise it with but unfortunately, he isn't in attendance. The Town Clerk asked Mr Dunstan to leave their email with the minute taker so that we could send the contact details for Cllr Tarrant.

1641.3.3      Ms S Sullivan representing Totally Locally, requested that the Communications Manager, Redruth Town Council read out the emails that had been sent to the Council by Ms S Perry and the response from the Town Council.  
Ms Sullivan thanked the Communications Manager for her reply and stated that people still have concerns. She also stated the importance of having a collective voice as many of them are sole traders. They don't always get to hear what is going on and having meetings during working time means that they can't always attend. The Town Clerk responded that a recently held Festival forum was held in the evening to allow people to attend. In response to an issue raised by Gingers Diner relating to lights, the Town Clerk stated that the Town Council have been able to get substantial funding to improve the lights but an issue with the junction box in Bond Street means that we can't do it this year, but it will definitely be done next year. The Town Clerk then invited the Responsible Finance Officer to contribute. The Responsible Finance Officer added that there wasn't a suitable supply in Bond Street and that early next year the Town Council will be liaising with property owners to get an alternative (power) supply and attach the fixings needed for the Christmas Lights next year. The Responsible Finance Officer also stated that there was a similar issue in West End and that the Town Council would

be working with electrical contractors in January to look at what can be done. The Responsible Finance Officer then went on to say that window installations would be going in from tomorrow. It is an interactive light display, and they are encouraging people to go round and see all 8. They then rounded off by stating that a surprising amount of funding had gone on improving the electrical infrastructure to enable the Christmas lights for this year and the Council was planning to do more in the future. The Town Clerk followed up to say that the Town Council had also changed their electrical contractor to ensure they were local and competent. Fluxus are involved this year with the interactive window display, and it was hoped more artists could be brought in.

1641.3.4 Mr J Warner of 89 Redruth spoke about how he had only started his business a year ago this month. The response from the local community, creatives and contact from the Communication and Events team, to be able to give over space for these events has been inspiring and to see the footfall he has had and open it to the arts, emerging artists and young creatives.

1641.3.5 Ms J Leigh read out a public letter from the Redruth Cultural Consortium and provided a copy of the letter to those present. Cllr A Bisco asked for clarification from Ms Leigh if they were asking for a motion to be put forward? Ms Leigh clarified that they are inviting the Town Council to take the highlighted sections of the letter as a summary of what they are being asked to approve when they come to the relevant section of the Community Committee minutes. The Town Clerk clarified that the first point raised, regarding investment, is in the minutes of the previous Community Committee, but the second point raised, regarding a development and reporting process, is something new and would need discussing at the extra-ordinary budget meeting in order to make a decision. Cllr Ellenbroek asked if there was a financial implication if the Cultural Consortium led on a development and reporting process. Ms Leigh asked that the Town Council use the infrastructure report that had already been done by The Cultural Consortium and advised a short working group was set up as recommendations would be need quickly and that there were lots of organisations in the town that would like to help.

Ms S Hill spoke to recommend that people read the report written by Mr Felix Mortimer and Josh Nawras. She stated that since the report was written the Town has changed a lot but there are some very good recommendations and reflection on the festivals that already happen in the town, and how they could be developed. Cllr Sellwood asked if the report could be reissued again as many of them are new councillors. Cllr A Biscoe actioned the Town Clerk to circulate the report.

1641.3.6 Mr F. Mortimer spoke about the new UK Town of Culture fund of £3.5 million. Redruth bid to become the Town of Culture 2028. He stated that Cornwall had been overlooked by the City of Culture competition and is excited by Redruth's position as it spearheads a cultural regeneration that we have all been part of. Mr Mortimer was supporting the agenda item asking for approval for a small fund to help tell the amazing story that Redruth has and to fund a bid writer, video editor, graphic designer to spin our story as Town of Culture Entrants. Mr Mortimer noted that the next Cultural Consortium meeting was on the 4<sup>th</sup> December and encouraged everyone to attend whether they are a cultural organisation or not.

- 1641.3.7 Ms R. Ince asked if she could raise two points and would speak on each for 90 seconds. Chair granted the request. Ms Ince raised the first issue that she had come to meetings as a victim of crime, and no one had told her that her voice would be recorded shared to Facebook with name published. She cited a number of GDPR articles that she felt were relevant to this instance. GDPR article ?? article 6 publishing another article 9 13 & 14 should have been informed voice was being recorded. The second matter Ms Ince raised was concerning that her family raised issues of being victims of anti-social behaviour for several years back in January. This was supposed to then be raised at another Town Council meeting in February. Cllr A Biscoe then actioned the Town Clerk to let Ms Ince know when the next Police drop in would be held in the Library and that these matters would be left to the relevant bodies to deal with.
- The Town Clerk responded to the first point raised by Ms Ince concerning the recordings. The Town Clerk stated that they were not aware that the meetings were being recorded or that it had been put on Facebook until after the event. The Town Clerk cited The Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014 which states that any member of the public is allowed to make recordings or film, but that they should make people aware beforehand that they are doing that. The Town Clerk then referred to a Town Clerk report where a proposal has been made on recording. The Town Clerk went on to say that we have signed up to a civility & respect pledge and that the public should be made aware if recording is to take place and was sorry that it had but that the Council was taking steps to address that particular issue. Ms Ince then asked if the recording on social media would be taken down. Cllr A Biscoe responded that it was not something that the Town Council could do as it was not their Facebook page. The Town Clerk read out the relevant section from the revised standing orders relating to recording of meetings and advised the Town Council that they adopt the revised paragraph.
1641. 3. 8 Mr S Brown stated that he lives up behind where the sinkhole had appeared and that there are two fences, one around the mini and the second around what is possibly the workings. Mr Brown made the Town Council aware that this fencing is preventing emergency vehicles accessing the residences and a neighbour has raised it with Cornwall Council (who have erected the fencing) about this. Mr Brown considers that a contingency plan is needed and suggested a structure is installed to allow vehicle access. The Town clerk responded that she has been doing quite a bit of lobbying to the Highways Department at Cornwall Council. She has emailed councillors this afternoon that she is awaiting statement from the Highways Manager at Cornwall Council and once received will put this on social media and also write to Mr Brown. She added that she has lobbied from a wider public health and protection perspective. Cllr Morrison also added that he had been informed that under the Human Rights Act there is an obligation to save life regardless of whose land it is.
- 1641.4 To receive announcements and correspondence from the Town Mayor**  
Cllr A Biscoe provided a short report. She highlighted that her accompanying cadet was commended by the Air Commodore. Cllr Biscoe unfortunately couldn't attend the Remembrance Day Service due to work and thanked her Deputy, Cllr P Broad for taking her place and giving the reading.

- 1641.5 To receive reports from Cornwall Council Divisional Members on their work within Redruth.**
- Cllr A Biscoe stated that apologies had been received from Cllrs Tarrant and Harrison. The report for Cllr Donnithorne was noted, and it was observed that Cllr Harrison's report contained more detail than that of Cllr Tarrant. Cllr H Biscoe asked if Cllr Donnithorne could be a clearer regarding his reference to the devolution at Roseland Gardens. Cllr Biscoe could only think that this might relate to the play park which has been ongoing for years. Cllr Tremayne asked if there could be an update from Cllr Harrison regarding Coach Lane as it hasn't changed since the last report.
- 1641.6 To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Town Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025**
- 1641.6.1 Resolved by majority that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the full Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 are received, and that the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved.  
(Proposed Cllr I Thomas; Seconded Cllr H Bisco. Cllrs Broad and Morrison abstained as they had not been present at the meeting)
- 1641.7 To receive the Minutes as reports of the following committee meetings, and to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the meetings of the:**
- Finance Committee – 20th October 2025**
- 1641.7.1 RESOLVED by Majority that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 are received, and that the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved.  
(Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Morrison)
- Staffing Committee – 20th October 2025**
- 1641.7.2 RESOLVED by Majority that the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 are received, and that the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved.  
(Proposed Cllr D Reeves; Seconded Cllr Broad.)
- Community Committee – 3rd November 2025**
- 1641.7.3 RESOLVED Unanimously that the minutes of the Community Committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 are received, and that the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved.  
(Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Morrison)

## **Planning Committee – 10th November 2025**

- 1641.7.4 RESOLVED by Majority that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 are received, and that the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved.  
(Proposed Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Broad. Cllrs Jolly and Morrison abstained as they had not been present at the meeting).
- 1641.8 To receive a presentation by Jowdy Davey, Lowender festival.**
- 1641.8.1 Ms Davey talked through a presentation on the Lowender Festival, showing first a short video which provided an introduction and a taste of the Lowender Festival which occurs every two years and celebrates Cornish Culture and its Celtic Connections. Ms Davey went on to explain that the festival has year-round activities including a digital hub, school events, artist support, advocacy, youth folk ensemble, and was an opportunity to showcase and inspire with cultural exchanges and celebrations. Ms Davey continued as to why Redruth was a good location for the festival including its international outlook, central location, good transport links and infrastructure for events and community gatherings. The next part of the presentation included an appeal from Ms Davey about the support needed which included low-cost accommodation, encouraging town togetherness through a coordinator, raising the profile of the festival and finding a permanent home for Lowender. Ms Davey then concluded with a save the date for the next Lowender festival which would take place 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> October 2026. Cllr A Biscoe thanked Ms Davey for her presentation and opened the floor to questions.
- 1641.8.2 Cllr Morrison asked what type of home the organisation was looking for. Ms Davey responded that a pub would be great, but they are looking to consult with the community.
- 1641.8.3 Cllr Barnes asked where the main festival was going to take place and the response from Ms Davey was that it would be across the board, including the Community Centre, the Wesley Chapel, Buttermarket. Cllr A Biscoe then asked how far out the organisation would go and Ms Davey responded that they go quite far out had done visits to care homes and were open to suggestions.
- 1641.8.4 Cllr Biscoe enquired about what sort of space in a pub was needed, going on to mentioned that Trickey's has quite a few American visitors.
- 1641.8.5 The Town Clerk checked that Ms Davey was happy for the slides to be part of the minutes and to send the Communications Officer any promotional material so that the festival can be promoted on socials and noticeboards. She stated that Redruth Town Council owns the Community Centre so the Council would be happy to facilitate anything there.
- 1641.8.6 Cllr Thomas asked about accommodation and if it was an appeal to residents who may put people up. Ms Davey responded positively and that she was aware that there is a twinning association so being able to use existing channels who might be willing to make suggestions.
- 1641.8.7 Cllr Ellenbroek checked if conversations were being had with other organisations like Redruth Revival around a home. Cllr Cunningham added that she was aware

there had been interest in Rose Cottage. Ms Davey responded that there had been but that they weren't quite ready for that opportunity and somebody else had been able to secure it. Cllr Thomas then added that Redruth Town Band were in search of a new home and willing to talk to others in partnership. The Town Clerk then concluded this element of discussion by stating that a feasibility study was currently being conducted into the Chambers and that a drop-in was being held at the festival this Saturday from 12 and encouraged participation.

**1641.9 To consider the Town Clerk's report.**

1641.9.1 The Town clerk summarised her report for the meeting drawing attention to the decisions required for approval. With reference to agenda item 1638.5 Cllr Ellenbroek asked if it would be possible to have monthly update report from the Community Link Officer as it wasn't possible for them to regularly attend the town Council meetings.

Unanimously RESOLVED to write to the CAP and ask the officer to provide a monthly report for the Full Council meetings. (Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Barnes)

1641.9.2 ***Devolution of parks from Cornwall Council – Victoria Park and Trefusis Park***

Cllr Biscoe enquired what amount of funding had been asked for from Cornwall Council and Cllr Barnes highlighted that it would only cover the Tennis Courts. Cllr Ellenbroek voiced concerns that if we declined the offer from Cornwall Council then we could end up with substandard facilities so did we have an appetite to take on these badly neglected facilities and put them right as is being done with East End Park.

The Town Clerk highlighted that the devolution of the parks had already been voted for under the previous Town Council administration, contingent on funding. Following a question from Cllr H Biscoe the Town Clerk responded that there are funds out there but there is no guarantee that we would get them. Cllr Tremayne added to this from the experience at Gweal an Tops and that it was a constant job to find funding and that there was a lot less of it out there.

Cllr Thomas proposed that Redruth Town Council write to Cornwall Council and ask for the actual cost of running the parks, and if they would make a sensible advance on that basis. Cllr Barnes added that the offer is broken down by what Cornwall Council expect to save and how much they would expect to pay out to do up Victoria Park.

Unanimously RESOLVED to contact Cornwall Council and request information on the actual costs of currently running the parks, including how much they expect to save through devolution and what costs they would expect to pay out for Victoria Park. (Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Biscoe).

1641.9.3 ***Review of Standing Orders***

The Town Clerk read out the relevant section of the standing order relating to recording and Cllr Tremayne asked if a line could be added to that to specify that

those attending meetings are made aware whether it was an audio or video recording. Cllr Sellwood suggested a form of words such as 'today the Council is recording but can we ask that if anyone intends to record this meeting in any way can you state that now'. Cllr Broad stated that it was common courtesy to let people know they are being recorded. Cllr Thomas asked that if he wanted to talk about a safeguarding issue, is there a time that we can say please don't record? The Town clerk responded that in the public meeting no, if it is confidential, it should be Part 2.

With regards to the motion to formally adopt the revised Standing Orders with the inclusion of the protocol to of recording meetings and the revision of wording as proposed by Cllr Sellwood. Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the wording (Proposed Cllr Bisco; Seconded Cllr Tremayne).

#### 1641.9.4 ***Climate Action Group***

Cllr Reeves stated that she had met with the Community Liaison Manager, who was the author of the report and is very happy to propose and support it. She added her thanks for her work in taking this forward.

Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the report (Proposed Cllr Reeves; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek)

#### 1641.9.5 ***Town of Culture Bid***

The Town Clerk introduced the bid and stated she had a very useful meeting with the Cultural Consortium team and that Perran Moon MP had also contacted her and was fully behind it. The request is a decision to ratify expenditure, which although within the limits of what the Town Clerk can sign off, she wanted to raise awareness and bring to the full Council.

Unanimously RESOLVED to support the expenditure (Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe)

#### 1649.9.6 ***Highways Budget***

The Town Clerk informed the Council that there is a new Highways budget at Cornwall Council, and an expression of interest is invited from Town and Parish Councils.

The deadline to apply is the 31<sup>st</sup> December but this had now been extended to January. The Town Clerk asked if the Councillors wanted to defer the item to the next meeting so that she can supply further information.

Unanimously RESOLVED to extend/defer for further information. (Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Sellwood).



**1649.10 Youth Council Update**

- 1649.10.1 The Communications Manager provided a verbal update on the activities of the Youth Council and highlighted that elections are currently underway for a number of positions on the Youth Council. The Youth Council are also keen to support the Grant scheme and sit on the panel.

The report was noted.

**1649.11 To receive brief verbal updates from Members as representatives on outside bodies.**

- 1649.10.1 No updates were provided.

**1649.12 To consider and approve the schedule of payments.**

- 1649.12.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments (Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe).

**Chair**

