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**Town Mayor: Cllr Ms D L Reeve**

**Town Clerk: P B Bennett**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council Amenities Committee held at The Chambers,  
Penryn Street, Redruth, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Present: Cllr Ms D Reeve Chairman  
Cllr S Barnes  
Cllr Mrs A Biscoe  
Cllr H Biscoe  
Cllr P Broad  
Cllr Mrs J Davidson  
Cllr Mrs B Ellenbroek  
Cllr C Garrick from the point mentioned  
Cllr Ms C Page  
Cllr I Thomas  
Cllr J Tregunna

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett Town Clerk  
Ms A Hunt Office Administrator  
Ms M Ralph Cornwall Council GI4G Project Lead  
Mr A Webb Facilities and Contracts Manager

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

**1285.1 To receive apologies for absence.**

Cllr Ms Eyre (family commitments).

**1285.2 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.

**1285.3 To receive an update on the Green Infrastructure for Growth (GI4G) Project by Melissa Ralph, Cornwall Council.**

Cllr Garrick entered the meeting during consideration of this item. A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Ms Ralph further reported that three Redruth projects had now been completed and were in establishment phase with outstanding work items being addressed. Work had also begun at St Day Road Cemetery, with tree planting taking place this month. At Treskerby signage was now in place and a new noticeboard had been installed. A bin was to be replaced and relocated and efforts were being made to engage with the Friends of Treskerby group. A 'Spruce Up' day was planned on 30<sup>th</sup> March. At Trenoweth, new signage and compost bins had been installed and bulb-planting would take place on 17<sup>th</sup> January. Two new bins were yet to be installed and significant works to the former allotment area were scheduled for February. Littering at the site had been a problem and a community litter pick would be organised. Signage and bulb planting had also taken place at Knights Way, with bins yet to be installed. Requests had been received

for a litter pick at this location and Ms Ralph would also be liaising with Pennoweth School to create a bug hotel. At St Day Road Cemetery, it had been decided not to clear the edges of the footpath as it was felt that this would create more problems than it would solve. Efforts would however be made to make it as tidy as possible and Councillors were asked to advise Ms Ralph if there were particular patches of concern. The roof of the Chapel of Rest had been repaired and enquiries were being made to see if there were any parties interested in taking on the chapel. The headstone survey was now complete and a potential funder for several trees identified. Interest in a heritage project had also been received from the University of Exeter. Ms Ralph would resend the brief to the Town Council and asked that she be made aware of any further information or contacts. Meadow improvements at the site were planned for March/April and a bioblitz in June. Cllr Barnes suggested that compost bins be installed for the use of people changing flowers at the graves. Ms Ralph further advised that Trefusis Park was now to be included in the GI4G project, with onsite consultation scheduled for February. She would make contact with the Friends of Victoria Park in this regard. Ms Ralph would e-mail the plan to the Town Council and the Town Clerk would then collate any responses. The Sandy Lane project had been put on hold but might be considered during phase two of GI4G were the funding bid successful. The idea was that Redruth would lead the way in testing out best practice.

Ms Ralph agreed to discuss with Cllr Barnes his concerns over an area of land in North Country. Cllr Tregunna offered to encourage participation in the litter pick at Trenoweth and suggested that the noticeboard be used to publicise the event. In response to a question from Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek, Ms Ralph agreed to ask whether s106 money was available for a green gym at Knights Way. Councillors were advised that there was a minimum fifteen year commitment to management of the sites, but that local volunteers and Friends of groups could add to this. Ms Ralph was also approaching universities in the hope of recruiting students. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek suggested that Duchy College also be approached. Ms Ralph thanked everyone who had been involved in joint working on the project and was in turn thanked by Councillors who advised that GI4G was an excellent project and that it had been a pleasure to work with her.

**1285.4 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

RESOLVED by Majority to accept the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Thomas]. Cllrs Broad, Mrs Davidson and Tregunna abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.

**1285.5 Town Clerk's Report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk further reminded those present that a meeting in relation to the Community Emergency Plan would take place the following day. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek would attend a meeting in relation to the request for transfer of freehold of the Gweal-An-Top site on the 15<sup>th</sup> January and would thereafter speak to the Town Clerk. Additionally, it was reported that signage for Market Way was being worked on and the Town Clerk was waiting to hear back in relation to the offer to take over the Trewirgie Allotments from the Board of Percy Williams & Sons.

**1285.6 To receive correspondence**

None had been received.

**1285.7 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Departments Work**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Biscoe enquired as to the removal of soap dispensers from the public toilets and was advised that costings for new dispensers were awaited. In relation to paragraph 5.4 of the report, Cllr Biscoe was advised that the installation of a changing places toilet would be costed out, taking into account additional space requirements. Cllr Biscoe thanked the Ground Staff for the work they put in and

stated that they were an asset to the town. Cllr Thomas advised that a compliment had been posted on social media in relation to the work the team had done on Shoot Row. The public generally had also been very positive about the Ground Staff and their work. Concerns were raised about antisocial behaviour in the town centre and the importance of reporting every incident to the Police was reiterated. The Facilities and Contracts Manager would e-mail Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek who would in turn provide him with the relevant Police contact details. The Facilities and Contracts Manager was looking at preventative measures to try to stop people accessing the roof at Market Way. Cllr Broad would raise the issue with St Rumon's Club and provide the Facilities and Contracts Manager with the details of a contact there. The Town Clerk would contact the new Sector Inspector and ask him to meet with representatives of the Town Council to discuss concerns. Cllr Thomas thanked the Facilities and Contracts Manager on behalf of the community groups using The Buttermarket for allowing use of Market Hall. It was agreed that there was no objection to its future such use on a temporary basis. In response to a request from Cllr Barnes, the Town Clerk agreed to look into creating a small card with contact details for the Police, the Town Council and Cornwall Council so that Councillors were able to provide this information if approached by a member of the public. The report was noted.

**1285.8 Update on progress with the Multi-wheeled facility proposed for East End Playing Field**

Councillors were advised that it had been hoped to have a fundraising meeting but that only one person from the project team had been available and the meeting had therefore been deferred. The Town Clerk was waiting to hear back from Groundworks in relation to its future support of the project.

**1285.9 Further thoughts on the future of The Chambers post-relocation**

Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek queried the possibility of keeping the building and converting the upper floors to residential properties and stated that there was a need to be proactive. Cllr Barnes suggested speaking to Cornwall Council Planning and Coastline. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council was not in a position where it had to sell. It was agreed that the Kernow Credit Union was an asset to Redruth and that the Town Clerk would speak to them and ask them to come back with something more concrete.

**1285.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that in principle Redruth Town Council: (i) is minded not to sell The Chambers; (ii) wishes to retain the presence of the Kernow Credit Union on the Ground Floor and (iii) wishes to investigate the possibilities for the First and Second Floors [Proposed Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Ms Reeve]**

**1285.10 Improvements to Redruth Railway Station**

Cllr Garrick advised that, as a regular user of the railways, he felt that Redruth was a nice station in the centre of town and with parking, however parts of it were looking very dated. He suggested writing to: (i) ask if there were plans to upgrade what was a very good resource for the town and (ii) state that better facilities were desired. Cllr Mrs Davidson agreed that as the town improved, the station was looking more and more run-down. Cllr Thomas stated that it was a very good idea, particularly as the intention existed to increase traffic on the railways.

**1285.10.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to write to Nigel Blackler at Cornwall Council, copying in Cllr Geoff Brown and Network Rail, asking: (i) whether there were plans to upgrade Redruth Railway Station and (ii) stating that better facilities were desired [Proposed Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr Biscoe]**

**1285.11 Addition of Redruth Wesley Chapel, Wesley Buildings and Jubilee Hall to the List of Community Assets of Community Value Register**

**1285.11.1 RESOLVED by Majority that Redruth Town Council apply to have the Redruth Wesley Chapel and its associated buildings added to the List of Community Assets of Community**

Value Register [Proposed Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson] Cllr Thomas abstained.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. R.', written in a cursive style.

Chairman