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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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

In attendance: Mr P B Bennett Town Clerk  
Mrs J Pascoe Administrative Assistant  
Mr E Bayfield University of Exeter  
Ms M Ralph Cornwall Council GI4G Project Lead  
Mr A Webb Facilities and Contracts Manager

**PART I - PUBLIC SESSION**

- 1296.1 **To receive apologies for absence.**  
Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek (family commitments).
- 1296.2 **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.
- 1296.3 **To receive a short history update on St Day Road Cemetery by Ned Bayfield, University of Exeter**  
Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek entered the meeting during consideration of this item.  
Mr Bayfield addressed the meeting and advised the members he was studying International Heritage Management and Consultancy at the Penryn Campus. He was gathering information and historical accounts of the St Day Road Cemetery and had become involved with the GI4G project working with Melissa Ralph. He was interested in its rich cultural history including 30 Commonwealth war graves, memorials and headstones. Focussing on the community heritage side of the project he was reaching out to local history groups and businesses, and consulting with the Redruth Old Cornwall Society. He was proud to be involved with the project, and asked if anyone had any local knowledge to get in touch with him. Cllrs Barnes and Biscoe advised Mr Bayfield of some further contacts he could explore, and Cllr Garrick would pass on a book on Cornish

Migration. Cllr Mrs Davidson expressed how lovely it was to have someone from the younger generation interested in Cornish history. Mr Bayfield thanked the meeting and Councillors for their time.

1296.4 **To receive an update on the Green Infrastructure for Growth (GI4G) Project by Melissa Ralph, Cornwall Council.**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Ms Ralph further reported that four Redruth projects had been completed and were in establishment phase, with outstanding work items being addressed in the spring. Trefusis Park Community Consultation day had taken place on 16<sup>th</sup> February, and GI4G were due to be on site in the autumn subject to available funding. Sandy Lane verges would be designed and costed in the summer, and delivered in GI4G2 if the bid was successful. At Treskerby notice board posters had been added, tree tubes and canes removed and perennial beds pruned. A replacement bin was still to be located near the notice board, keys for the board to be issued and engagement with the Friends of Treskerby. Ms Ralph distributed a map indicating an area where play equipment could be located. At Trenoweth, the former allotment area had been cleared in February, including an informal route into the site through the chain link fence. This was presently fenced off due to presence of asbestos panel sheets. The area around the pond would be made good in the spring, and one new bin and one replacement bin to be installed. There would be engagement with a "Trenoweth Spring Spruce Up" in April, litter pick with local volunteers. At Knights Way, establishment works were on track. Compost bins were to be added, two replacement bins to be installed and Redruth Town Council had aspirations to add a Green Gym to this Site, subject to Cornwall Sports Partnership or S106 funding. "Knights Way Woods Spring Spruce Up" would take place in April with local volunteers. "Pennoweth School Bug Hotel" event was planned for May. At St Day Road Cemetery, University of Exeter MA student Edward Bayfield was involved with the Heritage Project after a start-up meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January. Three replacement bins were to be installed. Offers of help and contribution including payment for some of the trees had been received towards this project. A bioblitz event was planned for May/June 2019 if appropriate in this location. Meadow seeding would take place in March/April. Trefusis Park would now be included in the GI4G project subject to funding confirmation. On site consultation had been carried out on 16<sup>th</sup> February to allow production of a costed design by Cormac. A plan of Trefusis Playing Field and a summary of the consultation day comments were distributed to the members. Sandy Lane Verges project was on hold and may be considered during a second phase of projects if the bid is successful.

Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised that at a recent meeting of the Friends of Treskerby, the group had been in discussions with the Cricket Club with the potential to have a Green Gym equipment on their site. All were very pleased with the work GI4G had done. Ms Ralph advised there was Health and Wellbeing funding available for the whole of Cornwall, which could be applied for from Cornwall Council towards the provision of a Green Gym at Knights Way. A good quality gym with surfacing would cost in the region of £30,000.

1296.4.1 **Unanimously RESOLVED that Redruth Town Council write to John Mitchell of Cornwall Council in support of a Green Gym at Knights Way [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek]**

Cllr Barnes commented that granite seats detailed on the plan of Trefusis Park would be cold to sit on. Ms Ralph advised the use of granite had been chosen as it could not be vandalised. The Town Clerk suggested recycled plastic seats could be considered as an alternative. Ms Ralph further advised the picnic benches would be moved further into the park than shown, and in response to a query from Cllr Barnes she confirmed the compost bins were not at present intended for public use or grass cuttings. In future GI4G would move towards more public engagement at the site. Trefusis would be put in for the next stage and she would bring plans back to the Town Council for further comments before

pausing to check sufficient funding was in place to go forward. In response to a question from Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek, Ms Ralph would look further into the water tap at St Day Road Cemetery. Cllr Barnes suggested water butts could be installed there in future. Ms Ralph was thanked by the Councillors for all of her continuing good work with the project.

**1296.5 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

RESOLVED by Majority to accept the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Davidson]. Cllr Ms Eyre abstained as she had not been present at the meeting.

**1296.6 Town Clerk's Report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk further advised he would be meeting with the Community Link Officer to look at the Community Emergency Plan. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek and the Town Clerk would look at documents on 7<sup>th</sup> March with reference to the Gwel-an-Top site request for freehold transfer. Discussions had been held by the Town Clerk with a countywide organisation regarding the future of The Chambers post relocation, and he was waiting to receive further details from them on this matter. No reply had yet been received from Redruth Railway Station, and he was in the process of gathering information for the Redruth Wesley Church and associated building to Community Assets and Community Value Register. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek expressed concerns that a letter circulated prior to the meeting received from St. Stythians Male Voice Choir could imply that Redruth Town Council were purchasing the buildings, which would be incorrect. Cllr Ms Reeve agreed to write to them and make the position clear.

**1296.7 To receive correspondence**

*Sharon Cahill- Richards – Community Orchard/Growing Space*

An email had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Ms Reeve advised that she had contacted the lady enquiring what her interest and expertise were in the area, and had not yet received a reply. She would update the members at the next meeting. Cllr Thomas suggested that an invitation to give a presentation to the council could be offered to her.

**1296.8 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Departments Work**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Facilities and Contracts Manager further advised in relation to section 16 of the report there were additional concerns over exposed tree roots on the boundary wall, and had informed Coastline with it being their responsibility. In response to a query on item 12.2 the Facilities and Contracts Manager advised rough sleepers had obtained entry to the toilets under a grill where the retaining sleeve had been removed. No damage had been caused to the toilets and the retaining sleeve had been replaced. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek asked if we should consider installing our own CCTV with ongoing vandalism. In relation to item 12.4 Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised a brand new Changing Places facility would be available at the Kresen Kernow building, which would be available to the public with parking for disabled. Concerns were raised over issues at St Rumons Gardens with street drinkers, which could be a problem for other users. The Facilities and Contracts Manager would report any issues to the police. In relation to item 12.3, Cllr Ms Reeve asked if we should review compulsory charging for toilets, as it did not cover the costs of repairs. The Town Clerk further advised Councillors should consider if paying for repairs was cost effective and should they be made free. From April 2019 no business rates would be payable on the toilets resulting in a saving of £3000. There was little vandalism in the ladies toilets. It was agreed to carry the issue forward to the next meeting. Cllr Garrick expressed he would like the toilets to be available free of charge. In relation to item 7.4 the increasing problem of pigeon droppings was considered. The Facilities and Contracts Manager would find out if

permission was needed to place deterrents at the former Cornish Studies Library in Alma Place. Further signs could be placed on bins requesting do not feed pigeons, as members of the public were still leaving bird seed. Cllr Mrs Davidson advised she had spoken with a lady from Chester City Council where there had been similar issues with pigeons but were now trouble free. The Facilities and Contracts Manager would make enquiries over this and report back to the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Davidson would also speak to Redruth Revival at their next meeting regarding the problems. The report was noted.

#### 1296.9 **Update on former Cornish Studies Library – Proposed Layout**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk advised all staff had been consulted over the plan, and although the library space was slightly smaller it would still meet their requirements. Talks would be held with Cornwall Council as soon as possible regarding IT needs, to ensure the IT meets all requirements for the Town Council, the Library and the general public. Cllr Thomas enquired of dimensions and costs of hiring the external community space as detailed on the plan. The Town Clerk advised it would not be available to be permanently booked by outside organisations. Cllr Thomas further advised that the Christmas Grotto had been a success in the library in 2018, and the Festival Committee would like to be advised if it would still be in Clinton Road this Christmas. The Town Clerk advised it was highly likely the move would not take place until January 2020 being a quieter time of year.

1296.9.1 RESOLVED by Majority that the Council approves the proposed layout enabling us to obtain official drawing for use further down the line with refurbishment works and also in seeking approvals by the Building Regulator, Heritage Officer and Fire Safety Officer [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek]. Cllr Thomas abstained.

#### 1296.10 **Clock Tower repair – Project Update**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. In response to a question from Cllr Biscoe the Facilities and Contract Manager confirmed the figure of £30,000 would be enough to take out all of the clock faces and return them to their correct state. Cllrs Biscoe and Ms Eyre expressed concerns that a historic building surveyor was needed to assess and report exactly what work was necessary. The Facilities and Contracts Manager advised the survey in the report had been carried out in 2017 and were all the facts that were currently available. Costs were estimated and before any work took place the survey would be revised and it would be inspected again. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek queried if the problems were due to the Clock Tower being connected to other buildings. The Facilities and Contracts Manager advised that the issues were caused by the water ingress at the top of the tower running down. Cllr Thomas stated that the Clock Tower was an old building of great importance to the town, and asked if Heritage Lottery Funding was available to assist with the costs. The Town Clerk advised such funding was received by Kresen Kernow due to it being a new building, but would look into the possibility in this instance. Cllr Barnes suggested the inside of the tower could be taken out and a spiral staircase installed. Cllr Biscoe felt it should be repaired but kept as it was.

1296.10.1 Unanimously RESOLVED (i) that the contents of the report be noted; (ii) progress to the implementation phase be approved with funding authorised from the Clock Tower EMR with financially prudent boundaries, with the Chair, Town Clerk and FCM authorised to decide on which company to award the contract and (iii) that delegated authority be granted to the Chair, Town Clerk and FCM for undertaking of any additional works required following completion of the inspection phase of the project [Proposed Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Ms Eyre]

#### 1296.11 **Doctor's Shaft Facilities Yard – Improvement Project**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Thomas stated he would have liked to have a site for the yard in the parish, and if space came available to relocate. Cllr Ms Reeve advised she was happy the Facilities and Contracts Manager had looked at all other

options, the costs of which were very expensive. The space at Doctors Shaft was adequate for our needs and we were unlikely to find something within the town. The Town Clerk advised he would not commit the Town Council to spending any funds unless a good long term lease agreement was in place. Cllr Biscoe stated he was one hundred per cent behind the grounds staff but queried how often the facilities would be used whilst they were out working. The Facilities and Contracts Manager advised although the ground staff would use their vehicles at lunchtimes when out, a facility could still be provided for them to use as and when required. Cllr Mrs Davidson agreed there was a need for good facilities for the staff. Cllr Thomas suggested a facility at the New Cut toilets was an option that could be considered in future.

- 1296.11.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that (i) the contents of the report are noted; and (ii) the proposed improvement works are approved along with a funding allocation and the granting of delegated authority to the Chair and Town Clerk for future decisions on matters relating directly to the works outlined in this report [Proposed Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson]
- 1296.12 Unanimously RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the remaining items of business as their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest by virtue of the confidential nature of the subject matter (contracts in confidence), and on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12[A] of the 1972 Local Government Act. [Proposed Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson.]

## PART II - PRIVATE SESSION

### 1296.13 **To confirm the provision of Floral Displays during summer 2019**

- 1296.13.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the use of the existing supplier and maintenance contractor for the provision of the floral displays for 2019 [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson.]
- 1296.14 **Update on progress with Multi-wheeled facility proposed for East End Playing Field, including recommendations on issues surrounding external assistance.**
- 1296.14.1 RESOLVED by Majority that Redruth Town Council does not employ Groundworks South to provide support for the Multi-wheeled facility project [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson] Cllr Thomas abstained.
- 1296.14.2 RESOLVED by Majority that we do not consider the offer from Syzergy [Proposed Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson] Cllr Thomas abstained.
- 1296.14.3 RESOLVED by Majority that we seek alternative options to provide support for the Multi-wheeled facility project including discussions to be held with Maverick [Proposed Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson] Cllr Thomas abstained.



Chairman