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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 Tuesday 7th May 2019

Present:	Cllr Ms D Reeve Cllr S Barnes Cllr Mrs A Biscoe Cllr H Biscoe Cllr Mrs J Davidson Cllr Mrs B Ellenbroek Cllr C Garrick Cllr Ms C Page Cllr I Thomas Cllr J Tregunna	Chairman
In attendance:	Mr P B Bennett Ms A Hunt Cllr M Brown Miss M Richards Ms M Ralph Mr A Webb	Town Clerk Office Administrator Redruth Youth Council Cornwall Council GI4G Project Lead Facilities and Contracts Manager

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

1307.1 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Ms Eyre (unwell).

1307.2 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.

1307.3 To receive a presentation on a review of the town's Playground Equipment by members of the Youth Council

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Office Administrator introduced Youth Councillor Miss Richards. Miss Richards advised that the Youth Council wanted to improve the parks in Redruth and, as part of that, had needed to review what was already going on. She advised that existing equipment tended to target primary children and there was a desire to make parks more appealing to 11-15 year olds. Miss Richards stated that there was a need to reduce vandalism and graffiti, and mend or replace broken equipment. She was also pleased to report that, in response to concerns raised with Cornwall Council by the Youth Council, the zip line was now operational again at Fairfield following a long period out of action. Cllr Barnes thanked the Youth Council for their work and advised that he had received complaints about drinking, littering and antisocial behaviour at Fairfield after dark. Miss Richards suggested better signage may help to alleviate the

problems. Cllr Mrs Davidson asked where the climbing rock featured in the report was located and was advised that it was in Newquay, although there was known to be another at Stithians Lake. Cllr Ms Reeve stated that she had recently attended a school council meeting at Pennoweth School where Plain-An-Gwarry park had been discussed. She advised that young people at that meeting had also mentioned a climbing wall, the need for better signage and concerns about graffiti. The pupils had proposed that new signs be designed by young people as they might be more effective. Cllr Ms Reeve suggested that there was a need to have the conversation more widely. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek noted the request for green gym equipment and advised that there was potential for it to be installed at Knights Way and Treskerby. She stated that the Town Council needed to think about how it took forward the Youth Council's report and that it could be the basis of an ask as to how Redruth could enhance its offer. She suggested Councillors needed specifically to think about where s106 money was and how it could be pooled. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek stated that the report was a really good starting point and expressed a hope that young people would be able to lead on this issue. She further pointed out that it would be useful to look at the green spaces which had not been visited, including those with no play equipment, as it was good to have multifunctional spaces. In response she was advised that the Grounds Team had also recently conducted a review of green spaces. Cllr Mrs Davidson pointed out that there was a need to look to the future, particularly with the Tolgus development coming, and suggested that the Youth Council approach young people as they would be able to get answers that the Town Council would not. Cllr Thomas thanked the Youth Council for their report and advised that some skeleton green gym equipment could be installed by Cornwall Council at Trefusis Park under the Green Infrastructure for Growth programme. Cllr Tregunna suggested that it would be useful to know which age groups were using each green space. Cllr Brown advised that a local tattoo parlour had offered to run graffiti sessions for young people and that he would be happy to follow up on this. The Town Clerk would keep this item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

1307.4 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, with some outstanding works to be addressed. In addition, grant funding agreement for phase 2 of the project was undergoing sign off, with a launch to take place at a later date. At Treskerby, a meeting had taken place with the Friends of Treskerby and a potential future play project had been discussed. Ms Ralph would pass notes from the Great Green Spaces nature and play conference to the Office Administrator for the information of the Youth Council. At Trenoweth, a 'Spring Spruce Up' had taken place. Ms Ralph thanked all those who had taken part. Cllr Tregunna stated that he had spoken to local residents who all seemed very pleased with the work done. He further advised that a very rare orchid was to be found at Trenoweth. Ms Ralph stated that she would be pleased to know more. Enquiries were ongoing as to what could be done with the former allotment area and liaison was taking place with Environmental Protection officers in this regard. Cllr Thomas enquired as to access and was advised there was a need to make the site safe and control access before it was opened. In relation to Knights Way, Ms Ralph was awaiting a response from Pennoweth School as to a bug hotel event. The Heritage Report in relation to St Day Road Cemetery had previously been circulated to Councillors, who were advised that the author had really enjoyed producing it and would visit Kresen Kernow when it opened to obtain further records. It had also been suggested that he speak to Redruth Old Cornwall Society. The report would be launched to the public at the Bioblitz event on 30th June and Mr Bayfield would be in attendance to speak to people. A heritage board had been spoken about as a way of communicating about the war graves. A 'Spruce Up' event would take place on 17th May and it was hoped a group of children from Gwealan Tops would attend. Cllr Barnes raised an issue with access at

Trefusis Park. Ms Ralph would come back and speak to Councillors about this site at a later date. Sandy Lane was currently on hold.

1307.5 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4th March 2019

RESOLVED by Majority to accept the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4th March 2019 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Ms Page; Seconded Cllr Mrs Biscoe]. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek abstained as she had not been present at the meeting.

1307.6 Town Clerk's Report

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk further advised that the venue for the Community Emergency Plan meeting on 11th June was yet to be confirmed. Cllr Ms Reeve stated that she was awaiting a meeting date with regard to the community orchard. Some clarification was sought in relation to Redruth Wesley Church and the Community Assets of Community Value Register. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Council was putting the buildings on the register on behalf of a CIC. There was no commitment made in so doing and anyone could still come in and bid. Adding property to the register protected it against developers and allowed community groups a six-month period to put forward a proposal. If after five years nothing had happened, another application could be made. Cllr Thomas stated that Mel Martin would be in contact in relation to funding for the multi-wheeled facility at East End Playing Field.

1307.7 To receive correspondence

Moseley Museum - an update on the Murdoch Flyer by Mr C Saxton

The Town Clerk reminded those present that the Town Council owned the Murdoch Flyer and its replica. There was a need to start thinking about future plans for both. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek raised concerns about potential health and safety issues. The matter would be placed back on the Agenda at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

Cornwall Funeral Services – potential sponsorship of roundabouts

The Town Clerk advised that, although roundabouts were the responsibility of Cornwall Council, support was being sought from the Town Council. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised that she had also been speaking to Cornwall Council about Barncoose roundabout and the 'boulevard' as, although assurances had been given that the original planting plan would be reinstated once work was complete, these remained in a poor state with enormous weeds.

1307.7.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to support the offer of sponsorship of the planting and maintenance of a roundabout by Cornwall Funeral Services [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson].

Cormac – Volunteer Week

Councillors were asked to let the Community Partnership Officer if they knew of any suggestions for potential projects in which the initiative could get involved. Cllr Barnes suggested that work could be done at Redruth Community Centre.

1307.8 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Departments Work

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. In answer to a question from Cllr Barnes, the Facilities & Contracts Manager reported that there had been two separate incidents of arson, one of which had caused quite serious damage to one of the doors at the Library. Damage had been repaired by property services and metal sheeting had been requested as protection. In relation to the public toilets, it was reported that the Gentlemen's door was still subject to continued attacks, while the unlocking system for the Ladies door was broken. The Facilities & Contracts Manager was waiting to hear back from Healthmatic in this regard. Cllr Biscoe enquired whether charging facilities should be

removed and whether the cost of repairs outweighed the amount of money taken, however Cllr Mrs Davidson suggested that this would not stop the main problem and Cllr Thomas argued that it would be giving way to bad behaviour. The Town Clerk suggested waiting to see the costings before making any decision. In relation to provision of a changing places facility, it was suggested that the cost of a collaborative project with Choices Redruth would be high. It was pointed out that Kresen Kernow would have such a facility, in addition to there being one at Gwealan Tops and, while the real difficulties for individuals involved were understood, it was suggested that the money would be better spent on the public conveniences. Cllr Ms Reeve queried what was happening at Raymond Road allotments and was advised that there had been telephone communication to say that Coastline would deal with the issue. Site visits had taken place with the Grounds Team present and fencing was up. The Facilities & Contracts Manager would continue to chase this matter. Cllr Thomas suggested mentioning that the relevant Cornwall Councillor was concerned about damage to peoples' property and that he would be happy to pick the issue up.

- 1307.8.1 **RESOLVED** by Majority to respond to the individual who had raised the issue of changing places facilities, stating that the Town Council had fully considered the options and pointing out there was already such a facility at Gwealan Tops, with another coming at Kresen Kernow within 100 yards of the town centre. [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek] Cllr Thomas abstained.
- 1307.8.2 Unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the report and grant approval for necessary works. [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Biscoe]
- 1307.9 **Update on providing a yard and welfare facilities for the Grounds Team**
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 1307.9.1 Unanimously **RESOLVED**: (i) that the Williams Yard site is selected as the preferred location for the Facilities team yard with every effort made to secure a longer initial lease or comparable securities to protect the Council from having to find alternative facilities in the short to medium term and (ii) that the contents of the report are considered and accepted with selection of preferred landlord, contract drafting and expenditure approval. [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Biscoe]



Chairman