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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 held remotely and virtually on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Present:	Cllr Ms D Reeve Cllr S Barnes Cllr Mrs A Biscoe Cllr H Biscoe Cllr A Bishop Cllr M Brown Cllr Mrs J Davidson Cllr Mrs B Ellenbroek Cllr C Garrick Cllr Ms C Page Cllr I Thomas Cllr J Tregunna	Town Mayor
In attendance:	Mr P B Bennett Mrs J Pascoe Cllr Ms H Frank Cllr Ms N Broadhurst	Town Clerk Administrative Assistant Chairman of Cornwall Council Town Mayor of Penzance - from the point mentioned

**PART I – PUBLIC SESSION**

**1359.1 To confirm Attendance and Apologies for absence**

The Clerk confirmed with each Member present that they could hear and if applicable see the proceedings. Apologies were received from Cllr Broad (other commitments).

**1359.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda**

Cllr Thomas declared an interest at Item 14.1 on the Agenda and would sign accordingly as soon as practicable.

**1359.3 To approve Amendments to the Town Council's Standing Orders**

**1359.3.1** Members received a report prior to the meeting outlining the amendments to the Town Council's Standing Orders which were necessary to enable us to hold Council and Committee meetings virtually.

**1359.3.2** Unanimously RESOLVED to approve Amendments to the Town Council's Standing Orders to enable virtual meetings to take place. [Proposed Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr Brown].

**1359.4 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Mayor further advised she had attended a Safer Towns meeting with Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek, where the matter of how High Streets could open safely had been considered. In addition, Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised she would be attending a Cornwall Council meeting of the Economy and Scrutiny Committee and a Business Cell meeting that week, and the Town Clerk advised he and the Community Projects Manager would also be attending a meeting with Cornwall Council. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek further advised the Redruth Highstreet Heritage Action Zone had now appointed a Project Manager, subject to references being taken up, and it was expected work would commence in September. It was not known if funds had yet been received for the project. Concerns were raised by the members on the decision by Cornwall Council to reintroduce car-parking charges in Council owned car parks. It was suggested free car parking stimulated business, and the public may not be able to use public transport. Cllr Thomas advised a number of Cornwall Councillors had objected to the decision, and a briefing note had been issued that day by the Portfolio Holder for Transport. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek stated that Cornwall Council were losing a lot of money on car-parking fees, and charges would not be going up. She expressed concerns that it needed discussion, and that there may be a need for car parks to be used for the queuing process when shopping. It was suggested a letter be sent to Cornwall Council expressing the concerns of Redruth Town Council. The Town Mayor further advised that as the Murdoch Day and the Mining and Pasty Day Festivals had been cancelled, the events team had produced online competitions and activities to engage the public. Members were asked to publicise and share the details where possible. The report was noted.

**1359.5 To confirm the minutes of the:**

**1359.5.1 *Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020***

RESOLVED by Majority to confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as a true and accurate record of proceedings [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Garrick] Cllrs Bishop, Brown, Davidson, Page and Tregunna abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.

**1359.6 To receive the Town Clerk's report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk further advised the Events team had been working on a programme of activities for a Virtual Murdoch Day and Pasty Day. The report was noted.

**1359.7 To receive Correspondence**

**1359.7.1 *Grass Cutting along Sandy Lane – Cornwall Council***

Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr H Biscoe suggested the manager of the new allotment site at Sandy Lane be contacted and kept informed of the plans. Cllr Barnes raised concerns over visibility issues and was advised the intention was to trim edges and ensure visibility was maintained.

Cllr Ms N Broadhurst joined the meeting at this point.

**1359.7.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to support the trial of a wildlife sensitive approach to Grass Cutting on Sandy Lane verges [Proposed Cllr Ms Reeve; Seconded Cllr Mrs Biscoe]**

**1359.7.3 *CCTV Camera at Clinton Passage – Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service***

Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors expressed concerns that the cost of a new camera was very expensive. Cllr Barnes stated two further quotes should be obtained. It was suggested funding routes be looked at and the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Sector Inspector for Camborne/Redruth approached. Cllr Ellenbroek stated she thought the intention was for a mobile camera to be used at Clinton Passage, and suggested a request be made for such in the first instant. If the mobile camera proved successful, this would be helpful moving forward when trying to obtain funding for a new camera. Cllr Mrs Biscoe advised she had attended a recent meeting of the CCTV group and two mobile cameras were available, but there was a long waiting list. Concerns were also raised over the effectiveness of the CCTV service with nearly 100 cameras being monitored. Further suggestions were made that nearby businesses could be approached for support with funding.

1359.7.4 Unanimously RESOLVED to reply to Sarah Kind of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, and request whether it is possible for a mobile camera to be placed in Clinton Passage [Proposed Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Brown]

**1359.8 To approve meeting protocols for remote/virtual meetings**

A report had been circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Barnes expressed concerns on how a secret ballot would be conducted. The Town Clerk would seek further guidance on this matter from CALC and NALC and report back to Members.

1359.8.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the protocols for remote/virtual meetings [Proposed Cllr Mrs Davidson; Seconded Cllr Thomas]

**1359.9 Cllr H Biscoe puts the proposal that “this Town Council holds its Annual General Meeting as soon as practicable”**

Cllr H Biscoe advised he had recently attended the virtual AGM of Truro City Council where the Mayor Elect, and Deputy Mayor had been voted in. He would like Redruth Town Council to do the same. It would be disappointing for Cllr Barnes to have to wait longer before becoming Mayor himself, and there was a need for the Council to get moving. Cllr Brown advised that due to his much-increased work commitments with the pandemic Coronavirus, he currently could not fit in the duties of Mayor and felt it would not be in the interest of the town. He expected his workload to return to more normal levels next year, but if RTC wished to hold the AGM now he would not stand as Mayor Elect. Cllr Thomas stated the office of Mayor required huge sacrifices. Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek advised that the AGM was also a point where Members were elected onto Committees. If there was a facility to hold the AGM the Council should endeavour to do so. Cllr Barnes stated these were very difficult times and decisions should not be made in haste. Cllr Reeve advised it was important to have continuity and hoped all could work together in the best interests of Redruth. She would guarantee to continue to work with Cllr Brown to bring Redruth back to prosperity.

1359.9.1 The proposal put forward that “this Town Council holds its Annual General Meeting as soon as practicable” was lost. [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek]. Cllrs Barnes, Bishop, Brown, Davidson, Garrick, Page, Reeve and Tregunna voted against.

**1359.10 To agree dates moving forward through 2020**

Cllr Tregunna left the meeting at this point.

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk further advised he hoped to go back to the scheduled timetable from October if appropriate.

1359.10.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the amendments to the Town Council’s Meeting dates as follows: Council Meetings: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020; Amenities, General Purposes and Audit & Accounting Governance Committees: on hold until September

2020; and Planning Committee: Procedure adopted in the light of lockdown be continued until such times as staff are trained and able to use "Teams" software for meetings [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Mrs Davidson]

**1359.11 Requests for financial assistance**

The requests for financial assistance were dealt with in the attached Appeals Schedule.

**Town Mayor**

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**Redruth Town Council  
Appeals Schedule  
Meeting Date: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

<b>Budget 2020/2021: £5000</b>		<b>Allocated to date: £NIL</b>		<b>Balance available: £5000</b>	
<b>No</b>	<b>Appellant</b>	<b>Amount Requested/Purpose</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Previous Awards</b>	
1.	Redruth Cricket Club	<p>Redruth Cricket Club run and maintain 2 cricket grounds in Redruth, one on Trewirgie Hill but also one at Redruth School.</p> <p>The current grass mowing equipment is old, unmanageable and requires replacing due to its poor condition. It would not be financially viable to have it repaired. They are seeking a grant of £3595 for this equipment (total cost £3595)</p>	<p>Cllr Thomas left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>A proposal to donate £1000 was made by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Davidson.</p> <p>An amendment to donate £500 was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Ellenbroek. Cllrs Mrs Biscoe, Bishop, Brown, Mrs Davidson, Mrs Ellenbroek, Ms Page and Ms Reeve voted for the amendment; Cllrs Barnes, H Biscoe and Garrick voted against the amendment.</p> <p>Therefore, it was unanimously RESOLVED that we make a donation of £500 [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek].</p>	2000 - £500	
2.	Mayes Creative	<p>This project would like to provide project postcards with a space left blank for children to draw or write something "to offer a little happiness" to someone who is isolating at home. These cards will then be distributed to those who are self-isolating or need to be shielded at home – it is important to remember that these people</p>	<p>Cllr Thomas returned to the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Cornwall Councillors for Redruth Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek, Cllr Barnes and Cllr Thomas will each donate £50 of their</p>		NIL

		<p>have just been sent a letter by the NHS encouraging them to continue to stay at home for another 12 weeks. This second phase may end up being the time when people are most in need of a little contact and encouragement from their wider communities – this project hopes to contribute to this. They are looking for a contribution of £300 towards an overall cost of £470</p>	<p>allocated Community Chest funding, which will be match funded by Coastline Housing. The Town Clerk would contact the Community Link Officer accordingly.</p>	
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