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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 15th December 2025

Present:

Cllr A Biscoe
Cllr P Broad
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr H Biscoe
Cllr K Cunningham
Cllr B Ellenbroek
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
Mrs J Cockerham-Harris	Minute Taker
Ms C Welsh	Strategic Projects Officer
Ms J Turner	Senior Library Officer
Ms L Akerman	Community Liaison Manager
Mr G Coombs	Facilities Manager
Ms C Rundle	HR Manager

Mr Max Morrison
Police Inspector Louisa Brown
Cornwall Cllr C Donnithorne
Cornwall Cllr R Tarrant
Cornwall Cllr S Harrison
Ms E Allen (via remote link)

Members of the Public in attendance: 16

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr A Biscoe read the two statements from Redruth Town Council regarding respectful conduct and audio recording of the meeting.

1646.1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Major, Jolly, Allen and Cunningham.

1646.2 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.

1646.3 Public participation session – to enable members of the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda.

1646.3.1 Mr I. Symonds stated his desire for the Civic Centre to receive a fresh coat of paint.

1646.3.2 The Communications Manager read a letter out from Totally Locally and the Redruth Cultural Consortium, which reiterated their desire to be considered for leading a development process on festivals with a report back to Council in the new year.

1646.3.3 Mr P. Deakin asked about the Neighbourhood Development Plan and how Planning could evidence interest in commercial units. He stated his effort to open a community workshop and asked what the Council could do to assist this. He also stated he had previously sent emails to the Council regarding this concern earlier this year but had not received a response.

The Town Clerk asked Mr Deakin to send his unanswered emails to the Council to determine the reasoning for the lack of response. She further stated that the Council were attempting to explore a site visit to the Bonded Warehouse and are awaiting a date from Cornwall Council. She asked Mr Deakin to keep up his efforts and said that the Council would assist where they could, pointing business in the right direction of commercial agents and grants, though they could not offer direct business support.

1646.3.4 Ms C. Douglas and a Ms E Chadder, expressed their gratitude regarding the budget for youth funding. Ms Chadder stated that she was leading between two towns, working with young people to address anti-social-behaviour (ASB) and there were some very positive outcomes. She wanted to highlight the change in these young people with the support and relationship building the funding allows these services to perform.

1646.3.5 Ms E. Allen had joined the meeting remotely and submitted her statement to be read out (by the Communications Manager) due to technical difficulties. The statement voiced her disappointment and upset over being denied participation in the meetings remotely in her role as a Cllr. She stated that due to surgery, she was unable to attend the meetings in person for her three-month long recovery period and understood this meant she was unable to vote. The Town Clerk responded by reiterating that due to legislation, Cllrs are not able to participate in meetings as a Cllr, but they can participate in the public section of the agenda.

Ms Allen stated she was not absent by choice, with concern over the lack of voice for her constituents during this recovery period, and that other councils had managed to overcome this remote challenge, with concern over the infringement of her rights as per the equality act. She stated that the standing orders discussion did not explore a solution to this situation and she had written her concerns to the NALC (National Association of Local Councils) and to Perran Moon MP. She hoped this Council would address her issue with serious action.

The Town Clerk restated that the Town Council was following legislation and that she could understand E Allen's frustration but that this was the situation.

She stated that she had sought legal advice from CALC (Cornwall Association of Local Councils). The legislation was clear and Cllrs could only attend remotely as members of the public, if the Council agreed to hold hybrid/remote meetings. The Town Clerk stated it was legal in Wales and that the sector is currently lobbying for change. She also stated that the infrastructure for remote meetings needed proper support with a 360 degree camera and new investment in IT, in order to facilitate such meetings in the future, once legislation allows.

1646.4 To receive a report from the Town Mayor (verbal report)

Cllr A Biscoe stated she attended the Redruth Festival in Lights, which she greatly enjoyed. She also went to a St Andrews concert with Cllr H Biscoe, which she also greatly enjoyed with the public. She commented on the excellence of the Nativity Play.

1646.5 To receive reports from the divisional Cornwall Councillors (verbal reports)

1646.5.1 Cllr C Donnithorne stated they would soon be scrutinising the draft proposals for the 2026/27 budget, looking in detail at the entire list of proposed savings and understand the choices behind those difficult decisions. He gave an overview of his report and opened for any questions.

Cllr Barnes asked why Cornwall Council were not making money out of the Langarth Scheme, and what the current status of the Stadium for Cornwall was. Cllr Donnithorne stated he was unsure of the current state of the projects but they had asked questions in public forums regarding the Langarth Scheme. He offered to arrange a meeting with those responsible to discuss this further.

The Town Clerk asked about Business Rates, which are collected centrally but leave the town, and asked if they would be lobbying for change so that there is more support for the independent business sector. She went on to state that organisations like Totally Locally and the Chamber would really benefit from this lobbying, to which Cllr Donnithorne answered he would be happy to look into it, and that Cornwall Council were looking at a 100% business rate retention for Cornwall and that the next step would be to keep that money in the towns. The Town Clerk stated that a lot of the towns in Cornwall had BIDs (Business Improvement District), she believed it would be good to have more support through that process for towns that are in more deprived areas. Cllr Donnithorne stated he and the other Cllrs would be more than happy to take this on.

1646.5.2 Cllr R. Tarrant gave an overview of the report, stating that everything was in hand and that the Tolgus Roundabout had recently been made available to the Town

Council. Cllr Tremayne stated that the offer regarding the roundabout was unclear. The Town Clerk advised that the letter offered devolution of the roundabout, contingent they agreed to take on the maintenance. Cllr Tremayne highlighted that the Facilities team would require proper certification and equipment which would require funding.

- 1646.5.3 Cllr S Harrison gave a brief overview of her report and opened for questions. Cllr Ellenbroek stated the pedestrian improvement was to ensure proper traffic control. Cllr Reeve asked if there was an update on the hole in Berryman's Bakery car park, to which Cllr Harrison stated they were waiting to hear back on this matter.

1646.6 To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Town Council held on 24th November 2025

- 1646.6.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Full Council meeting on 24th November 2025 are received, and that the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved [Proposed Cllr Tremayne; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

1646.7 To receive the Minutes as reports of the following committees and meetings, and to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the meetings of the:

Extraordinary Planning Committee – 24th November 2025

- 1646.7.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Committee meeting on 24th November 2025 are received, and that the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Tremayne].

Extraordinary Finance Committee – 8th December 2025

- 1646.7.2 RESOLVED by Majority that the minutes of the Extraordinary Finance Committee meeting on 8th December 2025 are received, and that the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Reeve] 5 Cllrs Abstained.
- 1646.7.3 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Budget for 2026/27 as recommended by Finance Committee at their meeting on 8th December 2025 [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Barnes] 3 Cllrs Abstained.
- 1646.7.4 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the precept for 2026/27 of £1,836,162 [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Reeve] 4 Cllrs Abstained.

1646.8 To receive a presentation by Max Morrison and Deborah Reeve on their visit to Mexico. (Presentation attached at the end of the Minutes)

- 1646.8.1 Mr Morrison gave a verbal presentation on his and Cllr Reeve's visit to Mexico, describing the events and emphasising the respect to the shared heritage between the towns. He and Cllr Reeve stated their interest in bringing the spirit of these events to Redruth's festivals, offering ideas from what they'd seen. Cllr Selwood asked if the town in Mexico is smaller, how many festivals a year did

they hold, and Mr Morrison answered they ran at least four per year. Cllr Ellenbroek stated that during the visit in 2008 from the Mexican Mayor of Real Del Monte, the difference in power between the Mayor for Redruth was an indicator of the difference between the extravagance of the festivals. Mr Morrison stated that the key take-away from the trip was to try and apply more of the town's heritage into the festival, utilising the resources at the town's disposal. Cllr Thomas agreed with Mr Morrison and Cllr A Biscoe stated they could aspire to receiving further sponsorship to fund these exciting ideas.

1646.9 To receive an update from the Police Inspector Louisa Brown.

1646.9.1 Ms Brown gave a verbal update of her report, stating the Police had been doing a lot of work in ensuring public safety, with an appreciation of the valuable CCTV asset from the Town Council.

Cllr Reeve asked where they were at with fulfilling the numbers on the Policing teams and Ms Brown answered that they had one person leaving with someone ready to replace them, so the full team were response ready. Cllr Barnes asked how the number of staff were split between Camborne and Redruth and Ms Brown answered there was no division but she could get the specific numbers to be sent to the Cllrs. Cllr A Biscoe asked to suspend Standing Orders for a member of the public to ask a question.

1646.9.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders [Proposed Cllr Morrison; Seconded by Cllr Barnes].

1646.9.3 Ms Ince thanked Ms Brown for attending and giving an update and asked if Ms Brown was aware of any Officers on that team who had any history of inflicting abuse. Ms Brown reassured Ms Ince.

1646.9.4 Unanimously RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

1646.10 To consider the Town Clerk's report.

The report was noted.

1646.11 To consider a report on the process of managing Festivals.

1646.11.1 The Town Clerk went through the report in detail giving an overview of each option and asked Council to make decisions in 2.2 and 2.3. The Cllrs deliberated over the different options, evaluating the risks of each decision. Cllr Broad stated that the Council had to be conscious of time to allow the Communications Team to begin planning as soon as possible and Cllr Morrison stated the importance of not giving up control of the festivals.

1646.11.2 RESOLVED by Majority to enable the Redruth Cultural Consortium and Totally Locally to lead a development process/consultation on festivals in the town and to bring a report back to Council in March 2026 for consideration. This is to include a plan to attract match funding.[Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Thomas] Cllr Barnes Abstained.

1646.11.3 Unanimously RESOLVED to consider the options for change in the way the Council manages the Festival programme [Proposed Cllr Morrison; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

1646.12 To consider a report on the proposed St Piran's Day Festival.

1646.12.1 The Communications Manager asked the Cllrs to consider the decisions in sections 2.1 and 2.3.1.

1646.12.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept the theme of 2026 St Piran's Festival – 'Gwenton, Cornish Spring' [Proposed Cllr Morrison; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

1646.12.3 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept the timings of the festival and festival market as 11-5pm [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

1646.13 Youth Council Update. (verbal report)

1646.12.1 The Communications Manager gave a verbal report, commenting on the positive year and efforts of the youth Cllrs and their involvement in the Festivals, as well as their rebrand. The report was noted.

1646.14 To receive a brief verbal updates from Members as representatives on outside bodies.

Update was postponed to the next meeting due to time constraints.

1646.14 To consider and approve the schedule of payments.

1646.12.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments (Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe).

PART II – PRIVATE SESSION – Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Council is invited to pass the following resolution:- That pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to the Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

1646.15 To receive a verbal update on community safety matters from the Strategic Projects Officer.

Verbal update was received.

1646.16 To sign off on the Lottery funding bid.

1646.12.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to Support the Lottery funding bid (Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Broad).

Chair

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The Pasty Festival and its
international links















