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**Town Mayor: Cllr A Biscoe**

**Town Clerk: C Williams**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place,  
Redruth on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Present: Cllr I Thomas  
Cllr J Morrison  
Cllr E Allen  
Cllr P Broad  
Cllr K Cunningham  
Cllr B Ellenbroek  
Cllr D Reeve

Chair  
Vice Chair

In attendance: Mrs H Bardle  
Ms C Welsh  
Ms J Turner  
Ms R Pearce  
Ms L Akerman  
Mrs J Cockerham-Harris

Responsible Finance Officer/Deputy Town Clerk  
Strategic Projects Officer  
Senior Library Officer  
Communications Manager  
Community Liaison Manager  
Administrator

Mr A Jewell

Twinning Association

There were 4 members of the public also in attendance

## **PART I – PUBLIC SESSION**

Cllr Thomas read the two statements from Redruth Town Council regarding respectful conduct and audio recording of the meeting. Cllr Allen and Redruth Town Council declared they were audio recording the meeting.

### **1651.1 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jolly, A Biscoe and H Biscoe.

### **1651.2 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.

**1651.3 Public participation session – to enable members of the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda**

1651.3.1 Mr P. Deakin circulated a report on accessibility advice and asked the Council to consider and implement it as soon as possible in order to secure its continuation with the new website development. He stressed the importance of all types of information being accessible, as well as the Council's Accessibility Statement being online, with an ask to make a motion to bring this issue to Full Council. Cllr Thomas stated he could see the sincerity of Mr Deakin's efforts, and that he would pass this to the Town Clerk to consider before the next Full Council meeting.

1651.3.2 Ms J. Pearson stated her concern over the empty shops on the high street, mentioning the High Street Rental Auctions (HSRA) grant. Cllr Thomas stated he remembered Cllr Allen bringing this scheme to a previous meeting but was unsure what the outcome of this was. Cllr Allen stated there had been a meeting between Cornwall Council and the Redruth Town Team and found that the grant scheme was not something they were eligible for due to a majority of properties not being available to rent. Cllr Ellenbroek stated that the Redruth Town Team had received funding in the past, where they were able to assist in this regard, resulting in areas like the Buttermarket, but as they currently had no funding, their efforts went into supporting other local projects.

**1651.4 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.**

1651.4.1 Unanimously RESOLVED by that the minutes of the Community Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 are received with the amendment of Cllr Cunningham's specified additional communications to the Star Council Awards. [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek].

**1651.5 To receive an update from the Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce and Totally Locally.**

1651.5.1 Cllr Reeve stated there was no update from the Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce since the previous meeting. Cllr Allen stated that Totally Locally had updates regarding their website, the map, and the current collaboration with Redruth Cultural Consortium and Redruth Town Council staff regarding the Festivals report. The report stated that the group were working hard to alleviate the decline of occupied shops and asked for any assistance available to give from Redruth Town Council, commenting on the success of a few recently opened businesses. She went on to state the concern over safety in the entry points of car parks and thanked the Events Coordinator for all her efforts in collaborations over the upcoming festivals.

**1651. 6 Reports from Officers:**

**1651.6.1 Report from the Senior Library Officer**

1651.6.1.1 The Senior Library Officer verbally summarised her report and asked the Cllrs to consider nominating a Cllr to Champion the National Year of Reading. Cllr Ellenbroek stated her wishes to be nominated and asked if the digital support service was restricted to residents only. The Senior Library Officer stated that the digital support was available to anyone who visited the Civic Centre. Cllr Allen stated she would also like to be considered as a champion for the National Year of Reading.

1651.6.1.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to nominate Cllrs Allen and Ellenbroek to work with the Library to champion the National Year of Reading [Proposed by Cllr Thomas; Seconded by Cllr Morrison].

1651.6.1.3 The report was noted.

#### **1651.6.2 Report from the Strategic Projects Officer**

The Strategic Projects Officer summarised the key contents of the report. Cllr Allen asked for confirmation about access to the town centre's free wifi and clarification on the dates mentioned for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Strategic Projects Officer clarified that the wifi would only need details to be inputted once and the date for submission of the expression of interest is 27 February. Cllr Ellenbroek raised concern over the lighting and safety in the open ways and if there was any chance for it to be included in the CIL bid and the Strategic Projects Officer stated that she would consider it.

Cllr Thomas asked for clarification over the year of funding from the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), and the Strategic Projects Officer clarified in the CCTV upgrade section in her report. She also stated that she had been trying to get in contact with the ASB Officer from Cornwall Council. Cllr Allen asked for clarification on the areas of OPCC funding and the Strategic Projects Officer stated that the partnership between towns enabled them to broaden their capacity. Cllr Ellenbroek noted the Strategic Projects Officer's hard work.

The report was noted.

#### **1651.6.3 Report from the Community Liaison Manager**

The Community Liaison Manager gave an overview of her report and Cllr Allen stated her concern over timings, how it seemed a lot of work to do in a short space of time. The Community Liaison Manager answered that the current methods were a trialling system and that they continue to learn from and develop. Cllr Ellenbroek acknowledged the hard work and care that the Community Liaison Manager had put into the various community groups to help them develop and benefit. Cllr Cunningham asked if the Volunteer Directory would be accessible via the website using a search function. The Community Liaison Manager answered that the current plans were for a printed document and the Communications Manager answered that it could be a possibility in the new website development, though this would not be applicable by the March deadline.

The report was noted.

#### **1651.6.4 Report from the Communications Team**

1651.6.4.1 Cllr Thomas stated that the Bond Street Collective proposal would be supported and that the team would ensure this was done in line with the Financial Regulations. The Communications Manager further asked Cllrs to consider decisions 2.6 and 2.7.

1651.6.4.2 Cllr Ellenbroek volunteered to assist in the running of the St Piran's Festival information stand.

1651.6.4.3 Unanimously RESOLVED to Support the Murdoch Day 2026 them 'Pride in our Community' [Proposed Cllr Broad; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek].

**1651.6.5 To receive short verbal updates from the three Twinning Associations, Real Del Monte, Plumergat and Mineral Point.**

Mr A Jewell gave a verbal update from the Twinning Associations from Mineral Point, stating that the group was essentially dormant with the exception of the student exchange scheme. He continued with an update from Plumergat, stating that the visit scheduled recently had to be cancelled due to the bad weather affecting the ferry, and so they are now raising money for 30 people to take a trip in May 2026 to cover costs of travel. He stated that all would be welcome at the AGM in February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Cllr Reeve gave a verbal update from Real Del Monte, stating they were currently raising money and planning a fundraiser event on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April at Heathcoate's Social Club and would circulate details closer to the time.

**Chair**

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