



Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth, Cornwall TR15 2AT

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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 6th July 2026**

Present:

Cllr I Thomas
Cllr B Ellenbroek
Cllr E Allen
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr A Biscoe
Cllr H Biscoe
Cllr R Jolly
Cllr D Reeve

Chair
Vice Chair

In attendance:

Mrs C Williams
Mrs J Turner
Mr Stuart Denyer
Ms Sarah Bolton
Ms M Mantell
Ms L Akerman
Mrs C Peate

Town Clerk
Senior Library Officer
Deputy Library Officer
Library Assistant
Events Coordinator
Community Liaison Manager
Administrator

There were three members of the public also in attendance.

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

The Town Clerk 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.

1669.1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Broad, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Morrison and Helen Bardle, Deputy Town Clerk.

1669.2 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.

1669.3 To receive nominations for Chair of the Community Committee and to vote in the Chair for the municipal year 2026/27

Cllr Ellenbroek was seconded by Cllr Allen and received four votes (Cllr Allen, Cllr Ellenbroek, Cllr Jolly, Cllr Reeve).

Cllr Thomas was seconded by Cllr A Biscoe and received four votes (Cllr Barnes, Cllr A Biscoe, Cllr H Biscoe, Cllr Thomas).

The Mayor therefore had the casting vote and declared Cllr Thomas the Chair of the Community Committee.

Unanimously RESOLVED to accept Cllr Thomas for the Chair of the Community Committee.

1669.4 To receive nominations for Vice-Chair of the Community Committee and to vote in the Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2026/27

At a previous meeting Cllr Morrison had been nominated by Cllr Allen. There were no seconders for Cllr Morrison.

Cllr Ellenbroek was nominated by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr A Biscoe.

Unanimously RESOLVED to accept Cllr Ellenbroek for the Vice-Chair of the Community Committee.

1669.5 Public participation session – to enable members of the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda

1669.5.1 Mr Simon Morgan stated that through his CIC he wished to hold an affordable, accessible music and arts festival across Trefusis Park and Victoria Park,

attracting between 8-12,000 attendees. Part subsidised, the event would help address food poverty in Redruth, allowing residents the opportunity to enjoy a festival when they would otherwise potentially be priced out of participating.

The Town Clerk stated that she had already met Mr Morgan and she endorsed his idea, his experience and the focus on affordability. Mr Morgan will now work with Redruth Town Council's Community Liaison Manager to progress.

Cllr Ellenbroek suggested Mr Morgan work with other local providers: Food Troops, Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change, Transformation CPR.

Cllr H Biscoe raised concerns about the immediate neighbours of the proposed festival, and road closures. Mr Morgan stated he would be working closely with residents to ensure their voices are heard and concerns addressed. He is working with a professional events company and contacts who have extensive experience in this matter.

1669.5.2 Mr Mikey Stevens stated that he was at the meeting on behalf of Ashley Sweet from Ginger's café on Bond Street. He wanted to thank Redruth Town Council for Murdoch Day and the Pride Event, which he described as an "absolute delight".

In addition, he wanted to raise the question of how a 'civility and respect' Town Council would help protect the interests of Redruth's LGBTQ+ communities going forward.

The Town Clerk, on behalf of Redruth Town Council and the Councillors, stated that they were individually and collectively hugely supportive of Redruth's LGBTQ+ community. They have a policy to *call out and drown out* all hate crime, and have recently made a statement to this effect at the Local Heroes Awards and on their website and social media.

Going forward, they will continue their commitment to work with Cornwall Pride and Redruth Pride on appropriate comms strategies and take advice, and when hosting events ensure they act in a dynamic way, and apply forward planning – for example including security, if deemed necessary.

The Town Clerk stated that they do not believe cancelling an event is a positive decision as it gives in to hate crime. She reiterated that if at all possible, this would be avoided.

Cllr Reeve raised the subject of a letter written by Roland Bray to call for a multi-agency meeting in Cornwall. The Town Clerk stated she would write to Cornwall Council to push for a response.

Cllr Allen stated that it would be a positive action to communicate with chat group moderators to ensure negative attitudes don't snowball. Cllr Reeve proposed that Redruth Town Council writes to Cornwall Council with regard to the above issue. Seconded by Cllr Barnes. UNANIMOUS vote in favour.

1669.5.3 Mr Zia Ur Rehman attended to watch the proceedings.

1669.6 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Committee held on 2nd February 2026.

RESOLVED by majority to confirm the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2026.

1669.7 Report from the Senior Library Officer.

1669.7.1 The Senior Library Officer took the Community Committee through the report that was distributed with the agenda.

The Town Clerk paid tribute to the hard work and dedication of the Senior Library Officer, particularly in securing the £56,000 Green Library Hub Grant.

Cllr Allen brought up the issue of the Civic Centre development as a wedding venue. The Senior Library Officer stated that there were issues such as the provision of parking spaces, as well as potential planning permission that needed to be addressed, and she was going through the requirements.

Cllr Allen also asked for clarification on the three accounts being used by the email and marketing platform MailChimp. The Town Clerk confirmed three separate accounts were required across the organisation.

Cllr Allen stated that there is the potential for abuse online with regard to the library focusing on environmental issues, which the Senior Library Officer noted. Additionally, Cllr Allen asked what the £56,000 grant would go towards. The Senior Library Officer confirmed the funds would support extra staffing, training and the creation of a mobile green hub that could be used for outreach.

Cllr Ellenbroek asked what digital items were lent out by the library. The Senior Library Officer confirmed that tablets and laptops can be lent through Cornwall Council's Digital Inclusion Hub, on condition that members of the public attend sessions with the library prior to receipt of the leant item.

1669.7.2 The report was noted.

1669.8 Reports from the Community Liaison Manager.

- 1669.8.1 The Community Liaison Manager took the Community Committee through the report that was distributed with the agenda.

Discussion took place on the investment in East End Park's play equipment. The Community Liaison Manager confirmed that children and parents would get the opportunity to feedback on plans during the Victoria Park Fun Day on Saturday 11th July. In addition, professional advice has been sought with regards to the layout of phasing of the park.

Cllr Ellenbroek stated that she wanted to know more about the Suicide Prevention Action group. The Community Liaison Manager stated she has been working with Healthy Cornwall. Redruth has a dedicated individual working in the area to develop a network action group across the town.

- 1669.8.2 The report was noted and Cllr A Biscoe paid tribute to the high quality and volume of work of the Community Liaison Manager, which the Town Clerk concurred with.

1669.9 Report from the Events Coordinator, on the work of the Communications Team.

- 1669.9.1 The Events Coordinator took the Community Committee through the report that was distributed with the agenda.

Cllr Barnes raised the issue of road closures during events, with concern for the emergency services having restricted access.

Cllr Allen believed more roads should be closed for future events to ensure public safety, a move that was also endorsed by the Town Clerk.

Cllr Reeve raised the issue of the need to have comms about the upcoming International Mining and Pasty Festival to maximise attendance. This was particularly important for possible attendees coming from Mexico. The Town Clerk confirmed she would send an official invite to those coming from Mexico, once the contact details had been received from Cllr Reeve.

Cllr Reeve noted that the Redruth Record would benefit from a review, and brought along the *What's on in Chacewater* magazine as an example. The Town Clerk confirmed that Redruth Town Council were having discussions about repurposing the Record, which will be brought to another meeting.

Cllr Jolly raised the issue of a stallholder being denied a place at the forthcoming Fun Day. The Events Coordinator, with the support of the Town Clerk, confirmed that they did not believe the animal euthanasia charity should be included in a

Fun Day, of which one element was a Dog Show due to the fact the stall bookings were full and there would be a more appropriate event for the charity to attend in the future.

1669.9.2 The report was noted.

Chair

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