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Town Mayor: Cllr A Biscoe

Town Clerk: C Williams

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre,
Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 19th January 2026**

Present: Cllr S Barnes
Cllr E Allen
Cllr A Biscoe
Cllr P Broad
Cllr D Reeve
Cllr I Thomas
Cllr W Tremayne

(Chair)

In attendance: Mrs C Williams
Mrs H Bardle
Ms M Martin
Ms K O'Dell
Cllr R Jolly
Ms E Vitai
Mrs S Phillips
Ms R Purdy
Mr G Bennett
Mr P Deakin
Ms J Miller

Town Clerk
RFO / Deputy Town Clerk (DTC)
Business Liaison Officer
Administrator

YMCA Cornwall
Redruth Memory Café
Make it Better (MITBER) CIC
Four Lanes Snooker Club
Fluxus Cornwall CIC
Clifford's Kingdom

3 members of the public were also present.

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

Prior to the meeting commencing Cllr Barnes read out a statement about civility and respect and informed the meeting that the Town Council would be making an audio recording of the meeting for the purposes of minute taking. In line with Standing Orders, he asked those present to declare if they were also intending to make a recording and to state if it was visual or audio. Cllr Allen confirmed that she was audio recording the meeting.

1648.1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Biscoe and Morrison.

1648.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda.

Cllrs Allen and Tremayne both declared an interest and signed accordingly.

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

Ms Vitai introduced herself as the Fundraising and Partnerships Officer for YMCA Cornwall and thanked the committee for considering supporting the 'Your Help, Their Future' project. She told the committee about a young man who had been supported by YMCA Cornwall and how he had turned his life around from overdosing on drugs, to reaching out and getting proper support, completing A-levels and now moving into his own accommodation with a bright future ahead of him. Ms Vitai added there are lots of young people like him across the county who need help and support but cannot get it as their accommodation units are full and there are currently 46 people on the waiting list. This project would enable YMCA Cornwall to build 4 new self-contained flats to help reduce this waiting list. They would then be able to get stability, safety and a future. They are based in Penzance but have approximately 5% of young people from Redruth needing their help. Regularly have young people from Redruth on their waiting list and using their free housing advice service. Ms Vitai explained that they do not receive statutory funding and rely solely on support from volunteers and the local community. They are less than £8000 from their target so any further grant funding would be extremely appreciated.

Mrs Phillips spoke on behalf of the Redruth Memory Café. She thanked the committee for their generous support of their last application and allowing her the opportunity to apply again. The Memory Café have recently celebrated their 15th birthday and have been between 35 and 40 members that they support twice monthly. The previous grant award enabled them to go on some coach trips, purchase much-needed equipment and train first aiders. This time they would like to apply for funding to help with coach trips to Leach Pottery in St Ives and a trip to Chacewater Garden Centre and have provided some quotes as to the cost. Mrs Phillips then read out an emotional message from the daughter of one of the members the Memory Café has been supporting for 2 years, highlighting the importance of the work they do.

Ms Purdy introduced herself as the project manager for the Active Looking Project being run by Make it Better (MITBER) CIC. It has been running for 3 years around the county and now about to run in Redruth, Pool and Camborne. They run creative activities designed to help people to live well. Active Looking is about looking at the world around us and creating positive change. New project using a mix of photography, meet ups, challenges and creative workshops. They would commission local artists to deliver the workshops. The project will help participants focus on the idea of reflecting and responding to things rather than reacting to them. They will be running different pathways, one of which is a partnership pathway working with other organisations including Cornwall Mental Health Trust, the Pain Clinic Network, Home Educated Young People, Inspiring Women's Network, Carefree Cornwall and the Women's Centre Cornwall. They will be particularly focusing on people whose lives are not fixed by place. They intend to run these workshops in libraries, community hubs, places where people can get extra support. Ms Purdy then read out a note from a lady called Bridget (who was also in attendance) that explained how much the project had helped her.

Mr Bennett spoke on behalf of Four Lanes Snooker Club. He explained how they are currently revamping the club which is a building of historical significance. The majority of the funding to date has been privately fundraised by members. They have applied for a grant to help finish the works and encourage young members to join up and looking for support to help complete the works.

Ms Miller introduced herself as the owner of Clifford's Kingdom. She explained that Clifford's Kingdom is a rare-breed Suffolk Punch horse visiting centre where they offer horse riding, carriage rides, equine therapy and equine based learning. It is a legacy she created in the memory of her son who sadly committed suicide. It has been a healing journey for herself that led to her creating this Redruth based centre that is unique as it is the only centre in Britain that is dedicated to riding the Suffolk Punch horse. They provide Cornwall's only horse-drawn funeral service which has supported many families from Redruth. Clifford's Kingdom provides a sanctuary for equine assisted learning and therapy for anyone suffering from mental health, trauma and isolation. They serve vulnerable members of the community and never turn anyone

away due to lack of funds. Ms Miller currently operates Clifford's Kingdom at a personal expense with no paid staff and relying on volunteers. She stated the running costs and asked the committee if they would consider her grant application to continue running the centre safely and sustainably. This would enable her to purchase protective equipment for the public and volunteers, essential tools for daily care and management and outreach promotional services. Funding would ensure that Clifford's Kingdom remained a safe, compliant and inclusive space whilst protecting a rare piece of our heritage. She then asked permission to play a short video for the committee which Cllr Barnes confirmed she could. Whilst the video played Ms Miller added they have worked with other charities including Georgia's Voice and that she'd received lots of positive feedback and interest from members of the public.

Cllr Barnes thanked all the speakers for their time and explained that the grants would be discussed at the end of the agenda for the meeting and the Town Clerk confirmed that all applicants would be informed in writing of the outcomes.

Ms Vitai, Mrs Phillips, Ms Purdy, Mr Bennett, Ms Miller and three members of the public left the meeting at this point.

The RFO/DTC then read out an email on behalf of RJ Working which is to be included as an addendum of these minutes.

1648.4 **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20th October 2025**

1648.4.1 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20th October 2025 as a true and accurate record of proceedings [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded by Cllr A Biscoe] Cllr Allen abstained.

1648.5 **To confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Finance Committee held on 8th December 2025**

Cllr Jolly stated she was not particularly happy with part of these minutes regarding 1644.4.2 at the bottom of page 2 stating that in her opinion they were not accurate and there was still no clarification of what she had asked and do not reflect what happened. The Town Clerk said her recollection is that they would take Cllr Jolly's point on board and said detail is yet to be determined but it could be either. The Town Clerk added that minutes are not verbatim and are to cover key action points. The RFO added there is still work to be done that would be in place before April.

Cllr Allen said she feels the part where Jessie Leigh circulated and read a letter could have been recorded better and suggested that it would help for context if the letter was added to the minutes as an addendum. The Town Clerk and RFO both agreed to this.

1648.5.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on 8th December 2025 as a true record of proceedings subject to Jessie Leigh's letter being added as an addendum to the Minutes [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Broad]

1648.6 **To review the Management Report for the nine months ended 31st December 2025**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. The RFO explained that these had been put into the same format as the budget which would be the standard from now on. Cllr Allen had sent some questions about the CCTV costs, the RFO directed Cllrs to the correct page. The RFO said it was important to note that the budget for CCTV was originally prepared in August 2024 by the previous engagement officer who was in charge of CCTV at the time.

Cllr Allen had concerns about how much money had been spent on the set-up costs and legal fees and questioned how we are going to recover the money from our partner councils. She said she was not a councillor when everything was agreed but she does not understand the benefit of RTC paying for everything.

The RFO went through Cllr Allen's question regarding set up costs and explained some was spent on legal expenses. It was more expensive than originally expected but we now have an extremely robust set up for when we start to expand our provision to other councils. Some costs were for redecorating and refurbishing the CCTV room as well as providing equipment and IT support. The RFO explained the process of re-charging our partner councils and monthly invoicing has now been set up and how the proportional costs have been worked out.

The Town Clerk confirmed the decisions were before this current administration of RTC and explained the historical reasoning as to why RTC made them. She added the set-up costs were a one-off. The legal fees were necessary as the existing policies from Cornwall Council were unsatisfactory and that Stephens Scown have produced a gold standard piece of work ensuring full compliance and added Cllrs would be welcome to view the new policies. She added that longer term the costs would even out and provide better value for money than other options.

Cllr Reeve said she clearly remembered Cllrs being presented with 3 options with all costs shown and this was the one they voted to opt for. She said the initial costs were highest but over time it would work out to be the best value for money.

The RFO said that very recently, on the strength of our CCTV provision our Strategic Projects Officer has managed to get £40,000 funding from the PCC. Cllr Barnes recalled there have been several attempts to have CCTV in Redruth and we have not had much success by partnering with Cornwall Council. We now have an excellent system in place.

The Town Clerk added that the legal policies and CCTV staff belong to RTC not the other partner councils and the staff are on fixed term contracts for 5 years.

Cllr Thomas asked a question about the percentages; he wondered why Camborne had less than Redruth. The RFO explained that each council gave us hours they wanted coverage for and the staff rota is based upon that. She also confirmed that Camborne have less cameras than Redruth, hence the percentage difference.

The Town Clerk said that historically RTC have offered a room free of charge to the police to use as a rest room and that at the end of the last administration the Police sent a letter saying they were no longer going to use it but reversed that decision due to having the CCTV control room. Lots of mutual benefits and information sharing now happens.

1648.6.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the report be noted [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe]

1648.7 **To receive the report from the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) for the period ended 31 December 2025**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk added that there has been a meeting scheduled with shops in Bond Street and West End regarding this year's Christmas lights.

1648.7.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the report be noted [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Broad]

1648.8 **To receive the interim Internal Audit report for 2025/26**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- 1648.8.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the report be noted [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe]
- 1648.9 **To receive the Committee's internal audit report for Q1 2025/26**
- The report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- 1648.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the report be noted [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Reeve]
- 1648.10 **To receive a report from the Business Liaison Manager for Q4 2025/26, including a strategy for 2026/27**
- The report was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Allen asked what was happening with the 'Match My Project' that the Strategic Projects Manager had shown them a few months ago. The Town Clerk replied that the idea from that had come from the Wigan trip. Upon further investigation it required a lot of investment. We are planning to do something similar but a more localised version as Cllrs all liked the concept.
- Cllr Allen asked if there were any targets for income and how that would be shown. The Business Liaison Manager replied that she has a £6,000 income generation target for this quarter and she is working with the local industrial estates as there is a lot of potential in that area. The RFO added we will be looking for St Piran's sponsorship, but we would be breaking things down into more specific targets for longer term projects.
- Cllr Allen asked for a clear demarcation between grant funding and finance which the RFO agreed to. The Town Clerk said it would be useful to know for reporting purposes if Cllrs would like income broken down into three sections: grant income, in-kind support and cash income which was agreed to.
- 1648.10.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the report be noted [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Reeve]
- 1648.11 **To consider an Asset Register and Disposals Policy**
- The report was circulated prior to the meeting. The RFO explained this is a short policy that formalises what we already do but has been expanded to cover disposal of assets. Cllr Thomas asked how Cllrs can view the Asset Register and the RFO replied she'd be happy to show it to them anytime and suggested a good opportunity might be during the quarterly Cllr audit. She is also happy to email a copy. It is not yet on the website but will be on the new one. Cllr Reeve mentioned that two areas on the audit cover the asset register and they had marked it as unsatisfactory due to the staff and councillor phones not being added. The RFO does have a list of phones which she will add to asset register.
- 1648.11.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Asset Register and Disposals Policy once mobile phones have been added [Proposed Cllr Tremayne; Seconded Cllr Thomas]

Chair

Redruth Town Council
Grant Application Summary
Meeting Date: 14th July 2025

Budget 2025-2026: £16,000		Allocated to date: £3,638		Balance available: £12.362	
No	Applicant	Purpose	Amount Applied for	Decision	Previous Awards
1.	Four Lanes Snooker Club	Four Lanes and Pencoys Snooker Club plays a vital role in the community of Redruth by offering numerous benefits including: social, youth engagement, skill development, mental health, community events and economic impact. This application is seeking funding to undertake essential repairs and upgrades and will include running hot water, new kitchen, damp proofing, general repairs and the pool table. These upgrades are for maintaining the club as a welcoming and functioning community space continuing to provide a hub for the residents of Redruth.	£3000	RESOLVED by Majority to not award any money for this application [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe] Cllrs Barnes, Broad and Thomas abstained	Nil
2.	YMCA Cornwall	YMCA Cornwall is an independent registered charity that provides supported accommodation for vulnerable young people aged 16-24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. They are based in Penzance, but figures show a number of Redruth residents use their services. Their specialist team support young people to build confidence and life skills and fulfil their potential. Their accommodation is consistently full, and they have recently been granted planning permission to create 4 new self-contained studio flats which they plan to deliver in 2026.	£1000	RESOLVED by Majority to award £1000 on the condition they reach their overall project target [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe] Cllrs Barnes and Thomas voted against	Nil

3.	Redruth School Duke of Edinburgh	<p>The school has an Area Resource Base attached to it where a number of students with SEND receive their education. They are looking to expand their student profile by including these pupils and helping them achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. To this end they are looking to purchase two larger 5-man tents to allow them all to camp in the same tent and have a little more space to assist those with sensory issues.</p> <p>In addition, if they could access further funds, they are aiming to try and open up the award to more students from relatively poor backgrounds under the pupil premium scheme. To this end they are trying to build a supply of loan clothing, specifically waterproofs, and torches which tend to be a major cost for the families concerned.</p>	£522	Unanimously RESOLVED to award £522 on the condition it is only used for the Duke of Edinburgh award [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr Broad]	Nil
4.	Clifford's Kingdom	<p>Clifford's Kingdom is a locally based Community Group They are seeking funding for a project titled Promoting Well-Being through Equine (horse) Activities and Community Engagement. The project provides free, non-judgemental and inclusive equine activities to improve the physical and mental well-being of the community, especially those who struggle to engage with traditional forms of exercise or need accessible mental health support. They use interaction with the rare breed Suffolk Punch horses to offer tangible projects and skill building. The activities will include horse care, use of horses through history, riding and carriage driving all whilst incorporating physical activity by interacting with the horses and their</p>	£3,716	Unanimously RESOLVED to award £1000 [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr Reeve]	Nil

		environment. Any grant money would be used on equipment (costing £2383) to enable the project to be delivered safely and for advertisement costs (£1333).			
5.	Redruth Town Band	Redruth Town Band is a registered charity that provides music, musical education and brass band instruments to enable members to perform to the local community by taking part in various concerts, parades and services. They are looking to form a new training band to involve young and older people from the local community to ensure the ongoing continuity of the band for future generations. In particular they are looking to fund the purchase of new music stands for both the current and proposed new training band and would be grateful for any contribution towards this.	£1,300	Unanimously RESOLVED to award £1300 [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr Reeve]	£500
6.	Make it Better (MITBER) CIC	Make it Better (MITBER) CIC supports communities to live well through the arts. They believe creative activity is a vital, often overlooked human right that helps us connect, contribute, and care for our diverse cultures. Their work in Redruth is important because they tackle issues like digital poverty, social isolation, and poor mental or physical health. They offer joyful and meaningful ways to creatively explore technology together. They are inspired by taking notice of the world around us and they think giving attention to looking helps us to externalise our thoughts and adjust our perspective. Their Active Looking Project (ALP) will support individuals in Redruth who are most affected by health inequalities because of their social,	£500	RESOLVED by Majority to award £500 [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr Reeve] Cllr Barnes abstained	Nil

		economic or cultural status by offering creative opportunities to learn about wellbeing.			
7.	RJ Working	<p>RJ Working is a children and young people's charity based in Redruth. Since 2017 they have worked with Redruth School and have strong relationships with local Primary Schools including Trewirgie Juniors and St Day and Carharrack. Their main purpose is reducing inequality through using "Restorative" approaches to strengthen relationships between children and young people in their peer groups, and intergenerationally with adults. Restorative simply means 'making things better' so can be used for lots of different purposes, working together in circles gets everyone's voice heard, and engages young people more deeply. We are especially concerned to include those who might be marginalised or left out and those who are struggling with issues such as not enough money at home, or parents who are so stressed that they don't have the resources to provide positive coaching. This work benefits communities through increased cohesion and understanding. RJ Working will partner with Redruth School, and feeder Primaries to develop an annual Youth Conference at Kresen Kernow, starting in 2026 on the theme of Climate and Nature. They will involve and co-create this with Redruth Youth Council, using the Restorative model. We are already partners at Camborne Youth Conference which is held annually. This would include delivering two dedicated members of the RJ Working team providing a total of 9 workshops. These young</p>	£500	<p>RESOLVED by Majority to not award any money for this application [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe] Cllrs Barnes and Reeve abstained</p>	Nil

		people will then be supported to develop their own presentation for the Conference which will involve an exchange of learning on various relevant themes e.g. school food gardens, beekeeping, rewilding. Redruth Youth Councillors will be invited to be involved in planning and evaluation of the event.			
8.	Lowender	Lowender is a registered charity that exists to promote Cornish culture and heritage. They hold an annual Celtic festival in Redruth. The festival had a fallow year in 2025 to have a management rethink. In 2026, Lowender will return with a stronger, umbrella structure delivering four key programming areas: the Community Centre, Redruth Wesley, Buttermarket, and civic spaces. A freelance coordinator will connect with local businesses and community groups, ensuring a cohesive town-wide festival. They will lead a sustained marketing campaign and grow sponsorship and fundraising for long-term sustainability. The festival will have a bigger footprint through street performances and “painting the town tartan,” encouraging businesses to create themed displays, host entertainment, and run Celtic-inspired events as part of an integrated programme. Alongside high-profile touring acts, they will continue community outreach to schools, library, and care homes. As a registered charity seeking funding from other sources, this uplift can also be used as match to draw further funding into the town / festival. They are already using funding secured for	£2,500	RESOLVED by Majority to award £2500 [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Tremayne] Cllr A Biscoe abstained	Nil

		other projects, e.g. the Youth Folk Ensemble, Youth Dance Mash Up and talent development projects, to help part-fund festival activities			
9.	Gwealan Tops	<p>Gwealan Tops is a registered charity whose core service is free adventure playground sessions for 7-16s after school, weekends and school holidays all year round. They provide free healthy meals throughout school holidays. Various other services nest within their main purpose including learning support groups for those not in school; 13-19s youth group; community meal; parents/carers and toddlers' group; plus over 13s volunteer programme. Whilst some people travel from all over Cornwall to visit over 75% of their 1100+ beneficiaries are local.</p> <p>The cost of running an all-year-round provision open 50 weeks a year and 5 days a week exceeds £160,000. Whilst it has always been a challenge to fundraise this amount and maintain a free play service, in the current challenging economic climate with more charities chasing fewer funding streams and costs increasing this has proven difficult to achieve in recent times. In order to provide a basic offer to 7–16-year-olds through the coming year they need funding for staffing, play resources and running costs.</p>	£2,000	Unanimously RESOLVED to award £2000 [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Barnes]	£500
10.	Redruth Memory Café	Redruth Memory Café is a Voluntary Organisation that has been running for 14 years and supports 45 plus members living with dementia, memory loss and loneliness. Thanks to the previous grant from RTC they have been able to purchase wheelchairs and have first aid	£500	Unanimously RESOLVED to award £500 [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr Thomas]	£1329

		trained volunteers. They are now applying for a grant to help pay for coach trips planned for July and October 2026.			
11.	Fluxus	Fluxus Cornwall CIC is a community-driven organisation based in Redruth, focused on making STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths) learning accessible, practical, and engaging for local residents. Their longer-term aim is to re-establish regular STEAM activities in the town centre and contribute to Redruth's growing reputation as a creative and inventive place, where local people can learn, create, and take part in exciting, community-led projects. This project will enable Fluxus Cornwall CIC to continue and expand its community STEAM activities in Redruth by purchasing two refurbished Windows 11 laptops for use during workshops, pop-up sessions, and public-facing events. The laptops will be shared equipment, used to support a range of hands-on activities including coding, electronics, game and interactive project development, animation workshops for children, and creative digital making. They will also be required to operate existing tools such as our laser cutter and 3D printer, which are no longer compatible with older versions of Windows. Almost all of our current laptops are Windows XP-era and cannot run modern software or safely support these activities.	£500	Unanimously RESOLVED to award £500 [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr Reeve]	£500

12.	Grow Box CIC	<p>The Grow Box CIC is a community-interest company based in the heart of Redruth, dedicated to keeping our high street alive by connecting people through good food, local produce, and shared experiences. The Grow Box is a friendly community hub tackling isolation and building confidence. They host events such as community suppers, quiz nights, and film evenings, alongside volunteer opportunities in their café, shop, and allotment.</p> <p>They are seeking funding to support new external signage, window graphics, and updated branding materials for the shop, café, and allotment sites in Redruth. As their community business has grown and evolved since becoming a CIC, the current signage no longer reflects the full scope of what they do or the welcoming, inclusive space they've created. The project will include professionally designed and installed exterior signs for our premises, along with cohesive branding to use across print, digital, and community materials.</p> <p>This rebrand represents an investment in Redruth's high street by helping them strengthen their presence, increase footfall, and continue offering meaningful opportunities for local people.</p>	£500	Unanimously RESOLVED to award £500 [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Allen]	Nil
13.	Mayes Creative	Mayes Creative produces creative engagement opportunities for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. In partnership with heritage, science and technology partners, we aim to bring exciting events, activities & experiences to communities,	£775	Unanimously RESOLVED to award £500 [Proposed Cllr Broad; Seconded Cllr Barnes]	Nil

		<p>whilst constantly seeking new and innovative ways to share and explore inspiring ideas through collaboration. They aim to illuminate and surprise, making apparently complex or difficult ideas fun and accessible to everyone.</p> <p>This application is to extend the Story of Steam project (created to celebrate the 200-year anniversary of passenger rail travel) to create a community film with schoolchildren and other members of the community. Redruth Town Council funding will pay for materials and artist time to deliver two filmmaking sessions with community members, using heritage filmmaking equipment and eco-friendly plant-based developers. The activity will take place at Redruth Library and also at the train station/Moseley Museum where they can film the model steam railway and Murdoch Flyer to remind people of the wonderful steam engines which used to join our communities. We will also highlight the 2025/6 200-year anniversary of the Redruth and Chasewater Railway. This activity will be led by Joanna Mayes and St Ives Film which will both produce short films for sharing on social media but also give an introduction to the pathways for learning filmmaking locally, with the aim of developing opportunities for people to develop skills, especially young people with an interest in film and social media.</p>			
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Subject: Letter for Town Council tonight

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On behalf of the signatories below (local businesses co-ordinated by Totally Locally and local cultural organisations/practitioners co-ordinated by Redruth Cultural Consortium) - I would be grateful if the letter of thanks below could be read out by one of the officers at tonight's Town Council meeting. With best wishes, Jessie

Dear Councillors,

We are writing - as members of Redruth's business community, co-ordinated by Totally Locally, and cultural sector, co-ordinated by Redruth Cultural Consortium - to express our sincere thanks to Councillors for considering and supporting our proposals to Full Council on 25 November, and to your 8 December Extraordinary Budget meeting.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a Town Council which recognises the value of cultural events, and champions investment in festivals, backed by a team of officers who work incredibly hard to deliver them. We wholeheartedly welcome and support your plan to uplift the town's annual investment in festivals and events by £70,370. Although a reduction on the initial proposed uplift of £84,080, it remains a significant sum which is capable of generating real return on investment, supporting the ongoing culture-led regeneration of our town, and achieving extraordinary impact. We are delighted that your Extraordinary Budget meeting chose to consider all of the uplift for festivals and events in the round, as a single Festival Enhancement Fund; and to defer detailed decisions on the allocation of this fund to allow time for wider input and engagement. Our local business community and cultural sector have a wealth of expertise and resources to contribute to the development of an enhanced festival and events programme that delivers maximum impact for our community, and supports our bid to be a Town of Culture. Redruth Cultural Consortium and Totally Locally have offered to form a working group leading a rapid report back to the Town Council, with recommendations on how to maximise return on investment, to inform your decisions on how the uplift is spent.

We would welcome Cheryl, Millie and Rebecca joining this working group - as the Council's officers for projects, events and communications - to make it a truly

collaborative endeavour. We recognise the need for pace and will ensure we are ready to report back rapidly.

We are all heavily invested in supporting the continued revitalization of our wonderful town, and we are delighted that the proposals agreed at your 8 December Extraordinary Budget meeting will enable us to achieve remarkable impact for Redruth by harnessing the combined skills and resources of the Council, business community and creative sector. We look forward to working together with you and your team of officers to make Redruth's festivals and events truly worthy of a leading Town of Culture.

Josh Nawras and
Felix Mortimer, The Ladder, Bond Street
Sarah Sullivan, RED Pottery and Gallery, Fore Street
Tina Varcoe, The Art Room, Fore Street
Ross Williams, Cornwall Media Resource and other projects
Vicki Kent, Redruth Revival Projects Manager
Lottie Matthews, Buttermarket Marketing & Events Manager
Sara Clasper and
Sarah Perry, Make-A-Mends, Fore Street
Hilary Coleman, director of Redruth Carol Choir and Redruth Festival Band
Jowdy Davey, Cultural Consortium member
James Warner, director of 89 Redruth Gallery, Fore Street
Linda Stubbs, Central Costume Hub (provider of costumes to town festivals)
Frances Bennett, Bagas Crowd (performing at town festivals since 2007)
Helen Reynolds, The Writers Block, Bond Street
Jessica Pearson, Art for All, Bond Street
Caroline Pedler, Redruth artist, illustrator and educator
Sue Hill, Redruth artist, theatremaker, founder of Mazey Day and Golowan festival
Karen Da Silva, Cornish Health Store, Bond Street
Mati Ringrose, director of Ringrose & Daughter, West End
Helen Griffiths, Sifar, Fore Street
Tracey L Miles, director of the Mining Exchange Studios, Fore Street
Davinia Emberson, Natural Patterns, offering creative workshops in Fore Street
Nikki Reed, Cafe Boesti, Fore Street
Claire Marshall, director Redruth Wesley CIC and Mount Pleasant Ecopark
Sinead O'Connor, Cornish Jewellery Studios, Krowji
Fynn Allen, owner of Lunar Lines, Alma Place and Lansdowne B&B, Clinton Road

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Hi Charlotte, Happy new year!

Hope all is well with you and the Council. I'm getting in touch about the Finance Meeting tonight and RJ Working's application towards a Redruth Climate~Nature Youth Conference. I unfortunately have to send apologies as none of our team members can make it to the meeting (we would have if we could), I hope this doesn't impede our application.

If there are any questions or clarifications needed about the application that have been asked for in advance, do let me know by email and I can answer them before the meeting begins.

Could you please let councillors know that the Conference is booked for Friday 3rd July at Kresen Kernow? Work is beginning with Redruth School and the feeder primary schools. I also wanted to share some other key bits of information:

1. This will be the first of many Youth Conferences, and we want to make it an annual event involving Redruth School and the feeder primaries
2. We are really keen to involve the Youth Councillors, especially in the planning - there will be opportunities for them to visit the feeder primary schools to drum up excitement and engagement
3. This aligns with Redruth Town Council's goals of championing UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and your Climate Action Plan goal of engaging the community

Thank you, keeping fingers crossed for the outcome

All the best,
Phil

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