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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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

**Present:**

Cllr A Biscoe

Cllr P Broad

Cllr E Allen

Cllr S Barnes

Cllr H Biscoe

Cllr K Cunningham

Cllr B Ellenbroek

Cllr R Jolly

Cllr J Morrison

Cllr D Reeve

Cllr M Sellwood

Cllr I Thomas

Chair

**In attendance:**

Mrs C Williams

Mrs H Bardle

Ms J Turner

Ms C Welsh

Mr D Teare

Town Clerk

RFO/Deputy Town Clerk (DTC)

Minute Taker

Strategic Projects Officer

Facilities Supervisor

There were 4 members of the public in attendance

**PART I – PUBLIC SESSION**

Cllr A Biscoe read the two statements from Redruth Town Council regarding respectful conduct and audio recording of the meeting for minute taking purposes. Cllr Allen and Redruth Town Council declared they were audio recording the meeting.

**1653.1**

**To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr W Tremayne.

**1653.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda**

Cllr Ellenbroek declared an interest in an item in Part 2 (The Bonded Warehouse).

**1653.3 Public participation session – to enable members of the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**1653.4 To receive a report from the Deputy Town Mayor (see attached report)**

The report was noted.

Cllr Ellenbroek asked that it was noted regarding the work that had been done on the CCTV and expressed thanks to the Strategic Projects Officer and the Town Clerk. She said it was another example of us providing a solution to a problem.

**1653.5 To receive reports from Cornwall Council Divisional Members on their work within Redruth**

Apologies were received from Councillor Donnithorne and Councillor Harrison and their reports were circulated.

Cllr Barnes asked if the issues with street lighting can be escalated. Cllr Allen stated there is an online map that can be consulted regarding street light issues on the National Grid website. Weblink to be circulated.

Cllr Ellenbroek responded to an item in Cllr Harrison's report concerning an unstable tree and asked that it be passed on that she had already reported it last year so there is a history and that no one quite knows who owns it.

Cllr Reeve referred to the streetlighting issues raised and that there was a large area of Redruth where lights have been intermittently working since Christmas. Regarding the hole at Berrymans Cllr Reeve had also requested an update in Cllr Harrison's report.

Cllr Tarrant was in attendance and gave updates to his report. Rubbish collections and new 20mph zones are forming the casework at the moment. Cornwall Council will have a budget meeting the following day. Has appeared on BBC SW politics speaking about the storms and police force reforms. Was able to visit the new Camborne/Redruth diagnostic centre which is a fantastic facility. Cllr Reeve enquired if Cllr Tarrant had awarded funds to the Adventure Playground. Cllr Tarrant, Harrison and Donnithorne have all awarded funds from their Community Chest to Gweal an Tops Adventure Playground.

**1653.6 To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

RESOLVED by Majority that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Full Council on 26th January 2026 are received and approved [Proposed Cllr S Barnes; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe]. Cllr Jolly and Cllr Sellwood abstained.

**1653.7 To receive the Minutes as reports of the following committee meetings, and to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the meetings of the:**

**1653.7.1 Finance Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Resolved by majority that the minutes of the Finance Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 are received and that the recommendations and resolutions are accepted and approved [Proposed Cllr S Barnes; Seconded Cllr P Broad]. Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Jolly abstained.

**1653.7.2 Community Committee – 2nd February 2026**

Resolved by majority that the minutes of the Community Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 are received and that the recommendations and resolutions are accepted and approved [Proposed Cllr B Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr J Morrison]. Cllr Barnes and Cllr Cunningham abstained.

**1653.7.3 Planning Committee – 9th February 2026**

Resolved by majority that the minutes of the Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 are received and that the recommendations and resolutions are accepted and approved [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr I Thomas]. Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Allen abstained.

**1653.8 To consider the Town Clerk's report**

The Town Clerk provided an update on the ongoing park devolution negotiations. A response had been received from Cornwall Council since the circulation of the report. Cornwall Council had queried why Redruth Town Council was requesting more money and so a list of repair costs had been resent to them highlighting that this was significantly more than the devolution capital request. Cornwall Council have taken this information away for consideration.

The matter of the hole at Berryman's was discussed and the Town Clerk tabled the letter received from Cornwall Council. It was agreed that the town Clerk would write back to further query the matter and the mode of communication.

The Town Clerk outlined that Cornwall Council had invited Parishes to compile a Neighbourhood Priority statement (NPS) as the next step now that the Neighbourhood Development Plan had been made. This is a crucial step in enabling the Parish to feed into the Cornwall Local Plan, the process for which has just started. A number of local parishes are compiling statements and the Town Council invited Councillors to consider if they want to explore the process and costs, including inviting someone in from another Parish who has gone through the process to talk to the Council about it.

**1653.8.1** Resolved by majority to investigate the process and costs of undertaking an NPS and report back to a future meeting [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr D Reeves] Against Cllr E Allen.

Cllr Allen raised a question relating to 4 Penryn Street and a visit by Sarah Preece (Portfolio holder for Tourism, Localism and Planning) and if there was a plan to highlight this to her. The Town Clerk confirmed that the tour was being led by the Cultural Consortium and so would raise this at the meeting on Friday. Cllr Allen understands that there is a lien on the property by Cornwall Council so wondering if there is some leverage that could be used. The Town Clerk will write to Cornwall Council again on these points.

A query was raised by Cllr Cunningham regarding reporting issues to other third parties and a particular issue with blocked drains in Rose Row. Cllr Tarrant offered to escalate the matter.

#### **1653.9 Report to consider how the costs of the new 2026 by-election will be met.**

The Town Clerk summarised the report and recommendations from the RFO/DTC, then invited the Councillor's to discuss the options.

Cllr Allen said there have been several times the Council has been asked to spend on items that have not been budgeted for, eg Town of Culture. Cllr Allen asked if the projected budget could be looked at for 25/26 and identify if there is any underspend that could be used. Also highlighted that we are planning to put £5k into earmarked reserves for elections and if they cost £10K+ then that is clearly not enough.

The Town Clerk clarified that the budget for this municipal year was set prior to Council being sworn in. For unbudgeted or emergency expenditure, the Council has used the appropriate earmarked reserves. If there is an underspend at the year end, this could contribute to the election costs, but a decision is sought if there is no or insufficient underspend. The Town Clerk reminded Council that the new financial year's budget which has been voted through, earmarks a £5k contribution for elections to rebuild the reserve. The number of elections in such a short window has reduced the budget normally set aside for this.

A further discussion then ensued regarding earmarked and general reserves and the legal requirement to have general reserves at a certain level. The Town Clerk advised that it was not best practice to use the general reserve to fund operational expenditure

Cllr Allen stated that it was difficult to make the decision in the absence of the monthly management accounts, which she said had not been presented for a while. The Town Clerk responded by stating that this was the purpose of the Finance Committee and that there had been management accounts presented recently. Cllr Allen asked for management accounts to be presented at each Full Council meeting and the Town Clerk reminded Council that they had sought to keep agendas to a succinct length in the recent Standing Orders review and that the Finance Committee deals with this aspect.

- 1653.9.1** Resolved by Majority to defer the decision until the next meeting of the Full Council and to have monthly management accounts presented at that meeting of the Full Council meeting. [Proposed Cllr D Reeve; Seconded Cllr B Ellenbroek].  
Against: Cllr A Biscoe, Cllr H Biscoe, Cllr S Barnes.

**1653.10 Youth Council Update**

The Town Clerk tabled the Youth Council update and said that Penryn Town Council and also another Council in North Cornwall were keen to come and see how our Youth Council operated. Cllr Ellenbroek highlighted that Falmouth Town Council were extremely impressed with the Youth Council, following a recent visit. Cllr Biscoe raised that the Youth Council were supporting a Rotary charity that needed ring pulls and asked Members to collect ring pulls and drop them in for the Youth Council.

**1653.11 To receive brief verbal updates from Members as representatives on outside bodies.**

Cllr Allen updated on the Breton twinning AGM and that the group were unable to attend the recent fundraising concert in Plumergat due to the storm. However, the event was still able to go ahead. There will be a visit from the Bretons in 2027 and a visit to France in May.

Cllr Reeve attended the Real Del Monte meeting the previous Thursday. There is a fundraising event planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> April and planning is ongoing to host a visit from the Mexican contingent in September.

**1653.12 To consider and approve the schedule of payments**

Unanimously RESOLVED that the schedule of payments are received and approved [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr S Barnes]

**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.

**1653.13 To receive a verbal update on the Bonded Warehouse and the Clocktower from the Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update on the Bonded Warehouse and the Clocktower. A decision on the Bonded Warehouse was deferred until the March meeting.

**Chair**