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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 30th March 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 A Mays

Cllr D Reeve

Cllr M Sellwood

Cllr I Thomas

Chair

In attendance:

Mrs C Williams

Mrs H Bardle

Mrs J Cockerham-Harris

Ms J Turner

Ms C Welsh

Ms L Akerman

Town Clerk

Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)/Deputy Town Clerk(DTC)

Minute Taker

Senior Library Officer

Strategic Projects Officer

Community Liaison Officer

Mr J. Nawras

Police Inspector L. Brown

Cornwall Cllr S Harrison

Cornwall Cllr R Tarrant

Cultural Consortium

There were 10 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.

- 1657.1 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Tremayne and Morrison.
- 1657.2 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).
- 1657.3 Public participation session – to enable members of the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda.**
- 1657.3.1 Mr T. Schofield asked for the Cllrs to explain the rise in the precept. The RFO answered that expenditure was raised in a variety of areas, as agreed by Cllrs in December. Cllr Selwood stated the actual relative cost to a Band D property for example was minimal in comparison to the percentage number.
- 1657.3.2 Mr P. Deakin stated his congratulations to Cllr Mays and stated there was confusion about the responsibilities between the Town Council and Cornwall Council. He asked the Cllrs to consider the importance of inclusivity, transparency and accessibility. The Town Clerk answered that she had answered his queries previously and updated him then on the points previously addressed, stating that the Council is always looking for grants that will assist with funding any ongoing projects, with updates to the public when available.
- 1657.3.3 Ms C. Schuoler commented on the recent election results and asked the Cllrs to consider adjustments for disabled and vulnerable people within the town and during festivals. The Town Clerk stated that through recent efforts, the Council had commissioned accessibility audits and were in the process of working on the recommended advice. She added that once these changes were in, they would be promoted through the various networks of the Town Council (social media, noticeboards, the Community Liaison Officer etc). Cllr Ellenbroek stated that Gweal an Tops had facilities that had inclusive spaces, and mentioned the Youth Council and their dedication to inclusivity for the young people in the town. The Town Clerk also stated that the Community Liaison Officer was already undertaking work around a citizens panel to get representation from differing points of view. Ms Schuoler asked where the nearest baby-changing facilities were and the Town Clerk answered there were facilities available in Kresen Kurnow and Gwealan Tops with comment to another facility in the area. After this meeting, upon further investigation, the third location does not exist.
- 1657.3.4 Mr A. Rogers asked the Cllrs to clarify the recent tax increase, asking Cllr Mays to clarify his standing around the question. Cllr Allen clarified that the decisions were discussed in detail, with an understanding to some increases being out of their control. Cllr Mays stated his own views on the increase.
- 1657.4 To formally welcome the newly elected Town Councillor.**
- Cllr A Biscoe and the other Cllrs welcomed Cllr Mays.
- 1657.5 To receive a report from the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (see attached report).**
- The report was noted.

1657.6 To receive reports from the Divisional Cornwall Councillors.

Cllr Allen stated her concern to Cllr Harrison about the conversion of application PA26/00223 and how other applications may risk following suit. Cornwall Cllr Harrison stated that they evaluated the history of the property and did not believe there was a strong enough reason to take it to call in. Cllr H Biscoe clarified the Town Council's decisions regarding the other applications within the report.

Cllr Tarrant offered his congratulations to the newly elected Cllr Mays, and summarised his report.

Cllr Ellenbroek relayed Cllr Donnithorne's apologies, he was unable to submit his report due to technical difficulties.

The reports were noted.

1657.7 To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Council held on 23rd February 2026

Unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Full Council on 23rd February 2026 are received and approved [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

1657.8 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:

1657.8.1 Asset Management Committee – 2nd March 2026

Unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Asset Management Committee on the 2nd March 2026 are received and approved [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Broad].

1657.8.2 Planning Committee – 9th March 2026

Unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee on the 9th March 2026 are received and approved [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Selwood].

1657.9 To receive a presentation and report from the Cultural Consortium and Totally Locally: The future of festivals (see attached report).

Mr J. Nawras gave the presentation with a verbal summary of the report. Cllr Barnes asked about extending the evening entertainment offer proposed and Mr Nawras answered that it can be done through programming and curation that appeals to different areas of the community. Cllr Cunningham stated an idea of ensuring safety and good attendance for the festivals by providing a buddy system. Cllr Selwood asked for the immeasurable developments to be defined with clarification of the costings mentioned in the report and Mr Nawras answered that he would bring the information for the Council to consider.

Cllr Broad asked for clarification regarding the payment of volunteers, to which Ms Kent stated that the payment would be to encourage more volunteers with useful experience and skills. Cllr Ellenbroek added the importance of diversity

and inclusion. Ms Kent also stated that the figures within the report were an estimate and asked the Cllrs to consider the proposal.

1657.9.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to endorse the report methodology as a way forward and to ask the Officers to devise the next steps based on recommendations in the report, including budget and costings. [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr Reeve]

1657.10 To Consider the Town Clerk's Report (report attached).

The Town Clerk summarised the report.

Cllr Allen stated that a member of the public had been in touch about the Traffic Regulation Order and the Town Clerk requested the Cornwall Cllrs feedback to the Highways department. Cllr Harrison stated she had been in communication with Highways but the situation was not to be addressed further by them.

The report was noted.

1657.11 To consider a report on the Financial Summary for February 2026 from the RFO/Deputy Town Clerk (report attached).

Cllr Allen asked the RFO/DTC if she could clarify the review on the Business Liaison Manager role, to which the Responsible Finance Officer answered that a discussion was had regarding the development of a different approach to sponsorship – to have a package that businesses can support. Cllr Allen asked if they were actively seeking other funding to fill the elections deficit, and the RFO/DTC answered that they were always looking for funding.

1657.11.1 RESOLVED by Majority to Support the proposal to take the election costs from the unplanned Festivals uplift budget [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Barnes] Cllrs Allen, Jolly and Reeve voted against.

1657.12 Youth Council update.

The report was noted.

1657.13 To receive brief verbal updates from Members as representatives on outside bodies.

Cllr Allen updated the Council on her first meeting at the Redruth Community Association evening, commenting on the new renovations and plans for future development.

Cllr Reeve stated that the Twinning Association were hosting a fundraising quiz on Saturday the 18th of April.

1657.14 To consider and approve the schedule of payments.

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

1657.15 To receive a brief verbal update from the Police.

Inspector Brown gave a verbal update of various incidents investigated by the Police. Cllr Cunningham asked about a recent cyberattack she had faced, and the RFO/DTC asked about a recent burglary in Market Way, if the cost of repairs could be recouped. Inspector Brown answered that she would look into the cyberattack Cllr Cunningham reported, and the burglary repair costs would be discussed in the court case.

1657.16 To consider the following motion;

Proposer: Cllr Ellie Allen, Cllr Jack Morrison, Cllr Rosi Jolly. Date 24th February 2026.

Motion Title: Participatory Budgeting Pilot for Anti-Social Behaviour Funding (2026/27)

In order to strengthen democratic engagement, improve community trust, and ensure that public funds allocated to addressing anti-social behaviour are used in a way that reflects the lived experience and priorities of residents, I propose that Redruth Town Council pilots a participatory budgeting process for a defined portion of its 2026/27 budget.

Participatory budgeting is a recognised approach that enables residents to propose, shape, and help determine how a specific allocation of public funding is spent, while retaining appropriate member oversight and statutory compliance.

Proposed Resolution:

That Full Council:

Notes that £20,000 has been allocated within the 2026/27 budget for initiatives intended to address anti-social behaviour within the parish;

Recognises the significant concerns raised by residents regarding safety, antisocial behaviour, and community wellbeing, as evidenced through recent engagement, correspondence, and public feedback;

Agrees in principle to pilot a participatory budgeting process for the allocation of this £20,000, enabling residents to propose and contribute to decisions on projects aimed at preventing or mitigating anti-social behaviour within the town;

Requests that officers prepare a report for Council consideration outlining:

- A proposed framework and timetable for delivering a participatory budgeting pilot within the 2026/27 financial year;*
- Eligibility criteria and guidance for project submissions;*
- Legal, governance, and financial considerations, including compliance with the Council's statutory duties;*
- Administrative and staffing resource implications;*
- A clear mechanism for member oversight, scrutiny, and recommendation prior to final decision-making;*
- Agrees that the final allocation of funds shall remain subject to approval by Full Council following completion of the participatory process.*

Rationale:

This proposal is intended to:

- Enhance democratic participation and transparency in the use of public funds;*

- *Ensure that spending intended to address anti-social behaviour is informed by local knowledge and community priorities;*
- *Test an inclusive and accountable decision-making model on a limited, defined budget before considering wider application;*
- *Retain clear member oversight and ultimate responsibility for expenditure.*

This motion is forward-looking and does not seek to alter or retrospectively review previously agreed budget decisions.

Unanimously RESOLVED Not to support the motion [Proposed by Cllr Allen, Seconded by Cllr Jolly]

1657.17 To consider the report of the Strategic Projects Officer: Anti-Social Behaviour Caseworker for Redruth.

1657.17.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to suspend standing orders [Proposed by Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded by Cllr Reeve]

1657.17.2 Inspector Brown clarified the current system and location of the ASB Office in relation to how the Officer would work for Redruth.

1657.17.3 Unanimously RESOLVED to reinstate standing orders [Proposed by Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded H Biscoe]

1657.17.4 Unanimously RESOLVED to Support the motion of item 17.12, to make a grant agreement with the OPCC/Safer Partnership, and to part-fund the ASB Officer in advance of the grant being finalised [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; 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 [Proposed by Cllr Barnes; Seconded by Cllr Reeve].

1657.18 To receive a verbal update on the Bonded Warehouse and the Clocktower from the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk gave an update on the Bonded Warehouse and it was agreed the Council would withdraw interest and leave this to the private sector. There was also an update on the Clocktower.

Chair