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Town Mayor: Cllr R S Barnes

Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council Operations Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 4th March 2024

Present:	Cllr S Barnes	Chair
	Cllr M Brown	
	Cllr B Craze	
	Cllr R Major	
	Cllr D Reeve	
	Cllr I Thomas	
In attendance:	Ms A Hunt	Operations Officer
	Mr C Strugnell	Facilities Manager
	Ms C Coomber	Administration Manager
	Mrs J Pelham-Wales	Administration Assistant
	Cllr K Grasso	
	Mr D Sargison	Grassroots Garden CIC
	Mr P Allison	Grassroots Garden CIC

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

- 1572.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Barnes act as Chair for the meeting, in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Operations Committee [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Thomas].
- 1572.2 **To receive apologies for absence**
- Apologies were received from Cllrs Garrick, Ellenbroek, Tremayne, A Biscoe, H Biscoe and Skinner (other commitments).
- 1572.3 **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.
- 1572.4 **To receive a presentation from Daniel Sargison, Grassroots Garden CIC**
- Mr Sargison stated that he ran a Community Supported Agriculture farm in Radnor, which used human-scale regenerative agriculture to produce ecologically grown, nutrient-dense food by hand for the people of Redruth. The intention was to feed more families, donate more to food banks, and educate more volunteers and trainees on growing, using efficient methods.

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Mr Sargison further stated that he was representing a group of individuals and organisations intending to create a more cohesive and food-educated town via the 'incredible edible' model. The wider strategy was to increase real food security and move towards the possibility of self-sufficiency with enough plants, seeds, land, tools and knowledge to feed everyone. Mr Sargison reported that many local landowners had already expressed an interest in having a perennial edible collection growing in their soil and the intention was to find as many suitable sites as possible. It was hoped that Redruth's parks could be a public beacon of hope, community and education.

Mr Sargison stated that he was seeking the Town Council's support and, if possible, assistance with permissions, site selection, facilitation and consultation. Mr Sargison was advised that, were financial assistance sought in future, a grant application form would need to be completed and the application would then be considered by the Finance Committee.

Mr Sargison ended his presentation by advising that Grassroots Garden CIC were also working towards starting their own locally adapted seed co-op and that Redruth Town Council would be contacted for support in due course.

Cllr Barnes thanked Mr Sargison for his presentation. Mr Allison left the meeting at this point.

1572.5 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 8th January 2024

1572.5.1 RESOLVED by Majority to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on 8th January 2024 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Brown]. Cllr Craze abstained as he had not been present at the meeting.

1572.6 Clerk's Report

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors had been advised by email of the recent good news with regards to the request for a banking hub in Redruth. Officers had been advised by Link that the town would have a new Deposit Solution. Although not a full banking hub, this was a very positive development and thanks to a lot of work behind the scenes. The report was noted.

1572.7 To receive correspondence

None had been received.

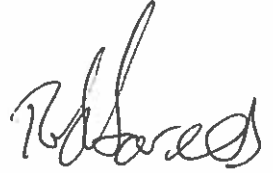
1572.8 To receive a report on the work of the Facilities Department

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Facilities Manager reported that the weather recently had not been helpful, but the team had been pressure washing around the town and had received positive feedback from the public. To provide a greater understanding of the work carried out by the team, Councillors were shown a schedule of tasking undertaken throughout the year across the parish. The report was noted.

1572.9 To receive a report on the work of the Administration Department

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Administration Manager reported that the public access defibrillator would be installed in the Civic Centre entrance area imminently. In response to a question, the Administration Manager advised that the defibrillator, once activated, would provide step-by-step instructions to follow. Cllr Brown enquired whether Redruth Town Council had a member of staff trained in First Aid on site each day the building was open to the public. The Administration Manager advised that the only day a First Aider would potentially not be on site was Saturday. This could be

looked into but would be dependent on whether any more staff who worked on a Saturday would want to be trained in First Aid as it was not obligatory. There were now First Aid kits in all departments and a staff forum every two months for those staff trained in fire safety and First Aid to keep everyone up to date. The Administration Manager reported that Unit 7, Market Way was currently empty as the applicant offered the unit had turned the opportunity down. The unit had been readvertised and the Administration Manager would report back to Members when appropriate. The report was noted.



Chair