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**Town Mayor: Cllr R S Barnes**

**Town Clerk: Ms C Caldwell**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place,  
Redruth on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Present: Cllr S Barnes Chairman  
Cllr B Craze  
Cllr K Grasso  
Cllr R Major  
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Ms A Hunt Operations Officer  
Miss K O'Dell Administration Assistant  
Cllr D Reeve  
Cllr I Stewart Portreath Parish Council  
Ms H Mullin Local Resident  
Ms S Heath Local Resident  
Mr D Mitchell Planning Agent  
Ten other local residents were also in attendance

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

- 1584.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Barnes act as Chair for the meeting, in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Major].
- 1584.2 **To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllrs A Biscoe, H Biscoe and Tremayne.
- 1584.3 **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.
- 1584.4 **To allow the public to put questions to the Council on any matters relating to this Agenda**

Cllr Stewart introduced himself as a Portreath Parish Councillor. He spoke in support of PA23/08436 and set out the involvement of the Parish Council in the application and the reasoning behind it. It was noted that Redruth Town Council was not a consultee and that the determination date for the application had already passed. Cllr Stewart stated that there was a need for affordable homes in Portreath parish and that the site in question was the only one which could be found. The site had been previously developed but had since fallen into disrepair and was now overgrown. No protected species of animals or plants had been discovered, with the exception of a badger sett which would be relocated. He

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stated that the application was not aligned with the Portreath Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) but suggested that the need for housing was a greater consideration. There would be mitigation for any environmental impacts.

Ms Mullin spoke regarding PA23/08436 and introduced herself as the former Chair of the Portreath NDP. She set out the main points of the Portreath NDP and advised that it had been strongly supported by the local community. Although affordable housing was a great concern, the site proposed was not aligned with the Portreath NDP. It was not community-led and over two hundred objections on the planning portal reflected that. Ms Mullin added that, in her opinion, it was not a suitable site for housing.

Mrs Heath introduced herself as a resident who lived close to the proposed site for PA23/08436. She stated that the road adjacent to the site was dangerous due to traffic speeds, lack of pavements and the fact that it was unlit. The Mineral Tramway was also unlit and became very muddy during the winter months and periods of wet weather. Wifi was patchy and there was no public transport, which would mean residents relying on cars. Mrs Heath stated there was a recognised link between poverty and poor accessibility to services and the community. This site would only add to the problem. She was concerned that if the application were given approval, it could become a precedent for other applications.

Mr Mitchell spoke in support of PA23/08436. He said the plans were for twenty-two bungalows, all of which would be affordable housing. In the last year, delivery of the needed number of homes had not been met. Portreath Parish Council had looked very closely at all aspects of the situation and there were simply no other delivery sites available. He added that no site is ever perfect, but this one could deliver.

Mr Mitchell also spoke as the planning agent for PA24/03709. He said that the plans would provide sympathetic housing in the heart of Redruth. He hoped that the Town Council would support the application and thanked Councillors for their time.

#### 1584.5 **To consider the planning applications**

The planning applications were dealt with in accordance with the attached Annex A to these minutes.

#### 1584.6 **To receive a brief presentation on the planning process**

As the Town Council had not had a Planning Committee in 2023-24, the Operations Officer gave a presentation on the planning process for the benefit of Members. She asked that Councillors advise her of any topic they wished to be covered at future meetings.

#### 1584.7 **Clerk's Report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report was noted.

#### 1584.8 **To receive correspondence:**

##### 1584.8.1 *Decision Notice Schedule*

The schedule was noted.

##### 1584.8.2 *Licensed Premises Schedule*

The schedule was noted.

##### 1584.8.3 *Pre-application Schedule*

The schedule was noted.

##### 1584.8.4 *Cornwall Council – Mining Remediation Update, Wheal Rose, Scorrier*

The correspondence was noted.



1584.8.5 *Cornwall Council – Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter, May 2024*

The correspondence was noted.

**Chair**

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**REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL - PLANNING SCHEDULE****ANNEX A**

All references for PA24/ unless otherwise stated.

**Meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

<b>REF NO</b>	<b>CC REF</b>	<b>SITE</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>LIST 1</b> Unanimously RESOLVED that Recommendations on List 1 are supported en bloc. [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Thomas]				
1	03429	1 Copper Hill Cottages, Buller Hill, Buller Downs	Proposed single storey extension to rear. Amendment to consent PA22/11170	Supported
2	02180	39 Treskerby	Conversion of garage to living accommodation, creation of upper floor bedroom accommodation and amendments to internal layout	Supported
3	03466	53 Treganoon Road, Mount Ambrose	Side extension, porch and alteration to garage roof	Supported



**LIST 2**

4	02598	15 Coach Lane	Proposed Garage	Unanimously RESOLVED to support the application [Proposed Cllr Craze; Seconded Cllr Thomas]
5	03709	Land rear of the Former London Inn, Fore Street	Erection of a terrace of six (2 bed) residential dwellings	RESOLVED by Majority not to support the application on the grounds of there being no access to the site for emergency vehicles [Proposed Cllr Major; Seconded Cllr Thomas] Cllr Barnes abstained
6	08436 (PA23)	WAAF Site, Cambrose	Proposed 22no. affordable bungalows	Unanimously RESOLVED not to support the application on the grounds that: (i) this is not a Sustainable Development and (ii) the proposals will have a negative impact on the flora and fauna; the natural environment and ecosystem and the Portreath - Devoran Mineral Tramway and its spur to Redruth [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Grasso]

