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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 in the Redruth Civic Centre on Monday
29th July 2024

Present: Cllr S Barnes Chair
Cllr A Biscoe
Cllr H Biscoe
Cllr P Broad
Cllr M Brown
Cllr B Ellenbroek
Cllr C Garrick
Cllr K Grasso
Cllr R Major
Cllr D Reeve
Cllr C Skinner
Cllr I Thomas
Cllr W Tremayne

In attendance: Ms C Caldwell Town Clerk
Mrs H Bardle Responsible Finance Officer
Ms S White Engagement Officer
Mrs J Pelham-Wales Administration Assistant
Miss E Stephens Summer Intern
Ms S Hill Local Resident
Mr P Deakin Local Resident
Mr O Aziz Local Resident
Mr J Morrison Local Resident
Mr D Sargisson Local Resident
Ms C Marshall Local Resident

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

1589.1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Craze.

1589.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda

Cllrs Brown and Tremayne declared an interest in agenda item 5 and signed accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. S. Barnes'.

1589.3 **Public participation session – to enable the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda**

Ms Hill spoke about the use of weedkiller by the Town Council's contractor near to her property. She asked whether the Town Council should be using pesticides. Cllr Reeve said that the use of weedkiller had been brought up in the Climate Working Group and that the Events and Marketing Manager had been asked to look into this. It was agreed that the matter would go to the next Operations Committee for discussion.

Mr Deakin said he was in the process of setting up a CIC which was about getting older and younger people working together within Redruth. He stated that over 300 people came to show their interest on St. Piran's Day. Lottery funding was being applied for and people from Cornwall and Falmouth College were getting involved in weekly workshops. Some money from grants would be used on robotics and engineering. He stated that the current issue was space to store items and have meetings in. Suggestions were made that Mr Deakin speak to Latitude 42, the Community Centre, Library, Gwealan Tops and Hideaway 77. The Town Clerk and Engagement Officer would attend one of their meetings. Cllr Ellenbroek mentioned that St. Day Road cemetery chapel was up for let and suggested Mr Deakin find out Cornwall Council's plans on this. Kingfisher, B&Q and Amazon had all expressed an interest in funding once a space was found.

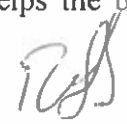
Mr Aziz was interested in the number of derelict buildings available in Redruth as he wanted to turn them into residential premises. Cllr Ellenbroek gave Mr Aziz her card and asked that he contact her directly.

Mr Sargisson from Grassroots Garden CIC thanked Councillors for the grant they had received. He would speak to the Town Clerk in the next week about Incredible Edibles and would also be talking to R J Working. He would update Councillors in three months' time.

1589.4 **To receive a presentation from the Town Clerk, Engagement Officer and the Chair of the Engagement Committee on the recent fact-finding visit to Wigan**

Cllr Garrick began the presentation by introducing Wigan as a former mining town, with similarities to Redruth such as socio-economic deprivation. When the Town Clerk was recruited earlier this year, he had suggested a benchmarking visit to Wigan to see an award-winning project. As a result, following research, the Engagement Committee agreed to a fact finding visit in June. The Town Clerk, Engagement Officer and Cllr Garrick visited Wigan to see the work being done by community groups and individuals. They visited the Brick and Wigan Council to see the breadth of projects.

The Engagement Officer then went on to explain that 'The Brick' is a charity which helps people across the whole of the Wigan borough, supporting some 1400 community groups to provide a safe place for the homeless, they distribute furniture, clothing, toiletries, food and the like. The Hub provides emergency overnight accommodation, it has a safe space, hairdressers, drug and alcohol workers and helps people into more sustainable housing wherever possible. There is a food pantry which costs £5 for a weeks' worth of shopping and is designated to give those in need, a sense of self-worth and dignity. The food pantry allows members to walk around and 'shop' for their groceries, rather than the typical system of being handed a standard box of items. She said that the learning was that Wigan's community is at the heart of everything they do and work in a partnership. Wigan Council's staff are given three days off to work within the community groups. Wigan Council run a Match My Project platform, which gives businesses the opportunity to support the community by matching up interests with need. It helps the businesses



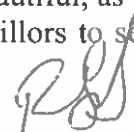
demonstrate social investment and value. The Council's team values were to understand one another, to acknowledge different ways of working and to challenge thinking. They are very passionate, creative and bold, they have a real sense of pride at the Brick and a fantastic reputation.

The presentation was concluded by the Town Clerk with short term, medium term and long-term action plans for if Redruth Town Council were to adopt a similar approach to community support. Short term plans included: creating a visual wall of projects, achievements and celebrations; using a similar version of 'Team Wigan' to identify team characteristics; and replicating the Match My Project initiative. Medium term plans included: lobbying and advocacy for those in need; fostering an alliance with Amazon and other large retailers; and exploring the introduction of key services (such as a post office, banking hub and a food pantry). Long-term plans included: creating a community hub; providing small scale and emergency housing; creating Redruth's own version of 'The Brick' with strategic partners in warehousing and distribution to benefit the local community; and repurposing empty properties to prevent them from being demolished and use them as community spaces.

Cllr Ellenbroek thanked the team for the presentation and asked if RTC are going to set up a Committee which could deal with all the ideas that came from the Wigan trip. The Town Clerk responded by saying that a working party would be a good model to set up with community groups and partners as it would have more flexibility to be agile. Cllr Ellenbroek said that we must make sure we are not re-inventing the wheel and make this easy for it to be accessed as a locally based hub people can go to and ensure there are strategic partners to support. Cllr Barnes said that we currently have partners, but they are working separately and that we need to link them up and co-ordinate. Cllr Major asked how long it took the Brick charity to build up and achieve success. The Engagement Officer replied that it has taken about twenty years in total and that their needs are still evolving all the time. The Town Clerk said that an action plan meeting would take place on 20th August following which a further report would be brought to Council.

1589.5 To receive a presentation by Deborah Reeve, Cornwall Centre for Culture & the Arts CIC – Redruth Wesley Project

Ms Reeve, Director of Cornwall Centre for Culture & the Arts CIC began her verbal presentation by introducing Ms Marshall who is a fellow CIC Director. Ms Reeve gave an overview of an event she helped organise at the Redruth Wesley Chapel which was to raise monies for the restoration of the Chapel. The event went extremely well, Wynne Evans performed, with a sell-out of 500 tickets. Ms Reeve expressed how much she enjoyed it with excellent customer feedback. She explained that the Chapel stopped being used for worship in 2016 and the aim is to preserve/restore it. It is an ideal venue for performances as the acoustics are excellent and there are very real opportunities for people to use the building. In 2019 the building was added to the list of community assets which runs for five years and in order to renew it, the building needs to be in use. The Methodist Church gave them a year to move in and in 2020 the CIC was formed of seven Directors with two more to join. They have architectural heritage funding, but significantly more funding is required. Since November a programme of events has been underway, and space has been given to a school's music project. There are six summer concerts planned and various local groups who struggle to find a space have used it. She stated how the original organ player was 92 years old had the chance to play again, he played a piece of music that was left there from years ago, it was beautiful, as the music travelled around the space. Ms Reeve circulated leaflets for Councillors to see and let



others know about Redruth Wesley. They are asking for the community to help save the historic building so it can be enjoyed for future generations. A Go-Fund-Me page has been set up to raise money for this restoration project. There will be a bespoke recording studio put in, which again will bring people in. Ms Reeve finished by saying that there is a programme of events for the Autumn including the RBL remembrance concert.

Ms Marshall reported they are attracting different types of audiences, and they are being loaned a grand piano. She went on to say that Truro city of lights installations are on display in the Chapel. They have volunteers with a range of tasks for example selling refreshments, it is hard work but incredibly rewarding. Cllr Major added that the usage of the space inside is amazing, and it feels like a community. She asked how many toilets there were in the Chapel and Ms Reeve said there were only three.

1589.6 To receive reports from Cornwall Council Divisional Members on their work within Redruth

A report from Cllr Barnes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Barnes reported that Gwealan Tops car park had now been surface patched. Cllr Tremayne said that they were very grateful. Cllr Barnes gave a special thank you to the Town Clerk as he said that the state of the car park had been a talking point for 10 years, but that she had only been in her position for 4 months and had managed to get it repaired. The report was noted.

A report from Cllr Ellenbroek had been circulated prior to the meeting. She gave more information about the 20mph speed limit which covered the whole of Redruth apart from two sections of Sandy Lane and advised that more signs would be going up. The Town Clerk would speak to the Facilities Team regarding the flashing signs which had been given to the Town Council. Cllr Ellenbroek raised the fading of several white lines which needed attention. The Town Clerk would write to Cllr Donnithorne, the Community Link Officer and Highways. Cllr Ellenbroek advised that Cornwall Council were keen to touch base with Redruth Youth Council and would speak to the Operations Officer. The report was noted.

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

1589.7 To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor and Town Clerk

The Town Mayor's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report was noted.

1589.8 To receive correspondence:

1589.8.1 *Asset of Community Value nomination, Red Lion*

Cllr H Biscoe said the landlord would need to look after the asset. Cllr Tremayne said the building was historically important. Cllr Ellenbroek asked if it was a listed building and was advised that it is Grade II Listed.

1589.8.1.1 RESOLVED by Majority to nominate The Red Lion as an asset of community value [Proposed Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

1589.8.2 *Friends of Victoria Park letter*

Friends of Victoria Park wished to install a free water bottle Refill Station in the grounds of Victoria Park. They had requested a letter of support.



1589.8.2.1 **RESOLVED** by Majority to write a letter in favour of installing a free water bottle refill station in Victoria Park. [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe] Cllr Thomas abstained.

1589.8.3 *Parc Erissey Industrial Estate*

Cllr Barnes said he was hoping to visit in early August. It was stated how important it was for the Town Council to support Redruth's business community.

1589.8.4 *Update from Police*

The Town Clerk tabled the police report which had been received by email on the day of the meeting. The report would be sent with the minutes to all Councillors, but she spoke about the extremely sad and sudden passing of PCSO John Thorne and how he would be sorely missed. The Police thanked the Town Council for allowing them to place the book of condolence for PCSO Thorne at the Civic Centre. The Town Clerk would send an email to Councillors with details of how to donate. She also stated that PC Kirsty Anderson will continue to patrol the area.

1589.9 **To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Council held on 24th June 2024**

1589.9.1 Unanimously **RESOLVED** to confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Council held on 24th June 2024 [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

1589.10 **To receive the Minutes as reports of the following committees and meetings, and to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8th July 2024**

Unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8th July 2024 [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

1589.11 **To consider the Town Clerk's report**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report prior to the meeting. She asked that as many people attend the Emergency Plan meeting as possible. The report was noted.

1589.12 **Youth Council Report**

The Town Clerk reported that the Operations Officer was keen to get more responses to the questions raised by the Youth Council at the Annual Town Meeting. The report was noted, and Councillors agreed to email their responses to the questions to the Operations Officer. Cllr Ellenbroek offered to attend a future Youth Council meeting to verbally explain why some of the questions from the Youth Council are not the responsibility of Redruth Town Council.

1589.13 **To consider the adoption of an Equality and Diversity policy and the refreshed Social Media Policy**

Cllr Ellenbroek raised a point on the Equality and Diversity Policy about caring responsibilities which is not the same as care leavers. The Town Clerk would amend this.

1589.13.1 Unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the Equality and Diversity policy and the refreshed Social Media Policy [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

1589.14 **To consider and approve the schedule of payments**

RESOLVED by Majority to approve the schedule of payments [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Garrick] Cllr Reeve abstained.



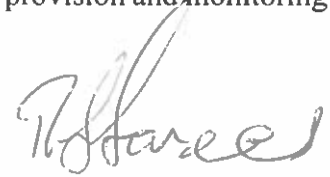
1589.15 The Council passed the following resolution:- That pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].

1589.16 **To receive a verbal update on the subject of the Clocktower**

Councillors were given a verbal update on the subject of the Clocktower

1589.17 **To receive a verbal update on the provision and monitoring of CCTV for the town**

Councillors were given a verbal update on the subject of CCTV provision and monitoring.



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