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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 27th January 2025

Present: Cllr S Barnes
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

Chair

In attendance: Ms C Caldwell
Mrs J Pelham-Wales
Ms A Hunt
Ms S White
Mrs H Bardle
Mr G Coombs
Mr P Ince and one other local resident were also in attendance

Town Clerk
Administration Assistant
Operations Officer
Engagement Officer
Responsible Finance Officer
Facilities Technician

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

The Town Mayor started the meeting by thanking Mr Coombs for all his hard work on the Christmas Grotto, this was followed by a round of applause by all Councillors. He was then given a small token of appreciation by the Deputy Mayor. Mr Coombs then left the meeting at this point.

- 1608.1 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Craze.
- 1608.2 **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.

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1608.3 Public participation session – to enable the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda

Mr. Ince spoke in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour. The Mayor advised Mr. Ince that the issue would be referred to the appropriate committee. Mr. Ince left the meeting at this point.

1608.4 To receive reports from Cornwall Council Divisional Members on their work within Redruth

Cllr Donnithorne had sent his apologies. No written report had been received.

Cllr Barnes gave a verbal report detailing the various meetings that he attended in January.

Cllr Ellenbroek reported that work had commenced on the passage by Clotworthys. After speaking to the contractor, she said that the work should take about 2 months to complete before the passage reopens. She went on to say that the contractor said there is currently only a railing in place where the work is taking place which is extremely dangerous so in case of anyone trespassing whilst the works are taking place, the contractor is putting up scaffolding to keep the area completely safe.

Cllr Ellenbroek spoke about the Gas Leats and the various reports of fly tipping; stating this was not a straightforward issue. The ownership of the Leats is not clear, and she is extremely worried the problem with the Leats will eventually lead to flooding, given that flooding had already been encountered in other locations. Cllr Tremayne suggested that the Environment Agency need to be aware too, as there could be protected species in the water. Cllr Thomas pointed out that eventually all the water goes underground and ends up going into the sea at Portreath. It was suggested Portreath Parish Council be made aware so that they could jointly communicate with the Environment Agency about the potential flooding.

1608.4.1 Unanimously RESOLVED for the Town Clerk to write to the Town Clerk of Portreath Parish Council to jointly communicate with the Environment Agency with regards to potential flooding. [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Tremayne].

1608.5. To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor and Town Clerk

Cllr Barnes gave a verbal report detailing the various meetings he attended at Town Mayor during the month of January.

The Town Clerk said she had no announcements this month.

1608.6 To receive correspondence - letter from Devon & Cornwall Police, letter from Cornwall Scrapstore, Climate Change email.

1608.6.1 Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The letter from Devon and Cornwall Police stated their decision to discontinue the use of the facilities at The Chambers, Penryn Street was mainly due to costs and resource required to meet their legal responsibilities. Cllr Tremayne stated that there was no cost to the police for the use of the facilities at The Chambers and asked if a letter could be sent by the Town Clerk to the police correcting them on this point. Councillors also asked the Town Clerk to ask the police what impact moving out of Redruth would have on policing Redruth. Also, to stress the fact that there will be mutual benefit for the police and CCTV operating from the same premises. The Town Clerk also stated she would ask the Police and Crime Commissioner to confirm that the second homes premium will be



used to increase police numbers. Lastly the Town Clerk stated she would ask the police to ensure that Redruth has a fair allocation of police resources.

1608.6.1.1 Unanimously RESOLVED for the Town Clerk to write to Ian Thompson at Devon & Cornwall Police in relation to the matters discussed about the matters discussed [Proposed Cllr Tremayne; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

1608.6.2 Cllr Tremayne suggested that the Cornwall Scrapstore be invited in to tell the Members what they do. The Town Clerk said she would invite them in to Engagement Committee. The Engagement Officer said she had been working with Mr. Read from Cornwall Scrapstore for over a year and was working hard with him to help raise funding in order to find the right venue. Cllr Reeve stated that in her opinion they would be a great addition to the town.

1608.6.3 The email regarding the Climate and Nature Bill was considered. The Engagement Officer gave a short verbal report.

1608.6.3.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to note the correspondence.[Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

1608.7 **To consider a motion from Councillor Grasso.**

A motion was presented by Cllr Grasso in advance of the meeting, she proposed that Cornwall Council consider a fairer allocation of the new second homes premium. After some discussion the proposal was amended to include the example of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allocation as a comparable fairer system of allocating funding across Cornwall.

1608.7.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Town Clerk would write to all councils with a copy of Councillor Grasso's motion. [Proposed Cllr Grasso; Seconded Cllr Biscoe].

1608.8 **To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Council held on 16th December 2024.**

1608.8.1 RESOLVED by Majority to confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Council held on 16th November 2024 as a true and accurate record of proceedings [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe] Cllrs Garrick and Tremayne abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.

At 8pm a minute's silence was observed to remember the victims of the holocaust.

1608.9 **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 - 9th December 2024 and 13th January 2025.

1608.9.1 RESOLVED by Majority to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the minutes of the Planning Committees held on 9th December 2024 and 13th January 2025 [Proposed Cllr Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Thomas].Cllr Major abstained.

1608.10 **To consider the Town Clerk's report**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk stated that negotiations with Cornwall Council to devolve Victoria Park and Strawberry Fields freehold are ongoing. There are other parks and smaller pockets of land that could be devolved to the Council in due course. Cllr Thomas supported the notion but would like to see Trefusis Park included. Cllr Biscoe asked whether car parks are still under review for devolution. The Town Clerk said that more information maybe made available at the next Larger

Councils meeting. Cllr Brown noted that there was a list of green spaces in the Parish and could something similar be made available at a later date. The Town Clerk noted that a spreadsheet with all opportunities for devolution of green spaces would be presented at the next Operations Committee meeting. Cllr Barnes stated that some pieces of land are part of Highway.

1608.10.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the resolution to commence the devolution process in respect of Victoria Park and Strawberry Fields on a freehold basis. [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek].

1608.10.2 Cllr Ellenbroek reported seeing a lot of positive news on social media regarding the Banking Hub and congratulated the Engagement Officer for her hard work. Cllr Broad asked if there was any update on a permanent site for the banking hub. The Engagement Officer responded stating she was working with the team at Cash Access on this matter. She also stated that a press release will be made available soon regards the Banking Hub opening.

1608.10.2.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to thank the Engagement Officer in relation to her work on the Banking Hub. [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Biscoe].

1608.11 Youth Council Update

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Operations Officer advised that the new Chair would like to come to future Council meetings to explore alternative ways of working together. Cllr Ellenbroek said it was suggested that members of Cornwall Youth Council should visit Redruth's Youth Council as they have produced their own manifesto, and we should then encourage our Youth Councillors to hold Councillors accountable. The Operations Officer said she would make connections with the Cornwall Youth Council to explore this further.

1608.11.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept the report of the Operations Officer from the Youth Council. [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

1608.12 To consider the report of the Responsible Finance Officer on the Council's Budget and Precept for the year 2025-26 including the recommendations contained within from the Finance Committee held on 20th January 2025.

1608.12.1 The RFO presented the Budget Report for the year 2025-26. She reported that it had been approved by the Finance Committee on 20th January and was recommended for approval by Full Council.

Cllr Ellenbroek asked whether the increase in national insurance was in line with other Councils. The Town Clerk responded that it was and that the increase was commensurate with the number of staff a council employs.

1608.12.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Budget and associated report. [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].

1608.12.3 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Precept for 2025-26 at £1,381,718 [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].

1608.13 To consider and approve the schedule of payments

1608.13.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments [Proposed Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr S Barnes].



PART II – PRIVATE SESSION

1608.14 Unanimously RESOLVED 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 Garrick].

1608.15 **To consider the appointment of architect services for, and to receive a verbal update on the Redruth Clocktower**

The Town Clerk presented three tenders to deliver the architectural services on the Redruth Clocktower to achieve best value. Unanimously RESOLVED to appoint CAD Heritage Ltd. [Proposed Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr S Barnes].

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Chair