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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 24th February 2025

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

In attendance: Ms C Caldwell Town Clerk
Mrs H Bardle Responsible Finance Officer
One local resident was also in attendance

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

A minute's silence was held to honour Mr Len Pascoe, former Town Councillor and Mayor, who had passed away recently.

1612.1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Broad, Cllr Brown, Cllr Craze and Cllr Skinner.

1612.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda

Cllr Barnes declared an interest in agenda item 5 and signed accordingly.

1612.3 Public participation session – to enable the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda

No questions were put to the Council by the public.

1612.4 To receive reports from Cornwall Council Divisional Members on their work within Redruth

Cllr Barnes reported that he had visited Wheal Peevor, and in response to a question from Cllr H Biscoe stated that he was not aware of further work being done at the site.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'CS'.

1612.4.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to invite representatives of the Hallenbeagle Waste Scheme to a future meeting of the Council [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].

1612.4.2 Cllr Ellenbroek reported that a footpath near to Wheal Uny has been churned up by farm vehicles, but that Cornwall Council are dealing with the matter.

Cllr Ellenbroek verbally reported that the Police had presented to Cornwall Councillors about personal safety, and asked Councillors to report any incidents to 101 or via the Devon and Cornwall Police website, quoting 'OP FORD'. Such incidents might include repeated unwanted contact, fixations, or threatening behaviour. The police will co-ordinate all reports made under that code.

Cllr Reeve asked if information from the police could be circulated to Councillors before the minutes of the meeting are sent out. The Town Clerk agreed to send them out as soon as possible after the meeting.

Cllr Barnes asked why the water levels were so uneven in the leats. Cllr Ellenbroek replied that the majority of leats in the town are on private land, and it is for the landowner to repair or unblock them when necessary. Cornwall Council is not responsible for this work.

The Town Clerk had contacted Portreath Parish Council as resolved in the January meeting and is waiting for a suitable date from Portreath to attend a meeting there, to discuss the issue of flooding risk.

Cllr Ellenbroek stated the need for the Town Council to be aware of flood risks when considering future planning applications.

Cllr Thomas raised a concern about responsibility for dealing with knotweed reverting to landowners in future. Cornwall Council will not be responsible for clearing knotweed if they are not the landowner but will give advice. Cllr Grasso stated that in some areas, knotweed is managing itself and is best left to avoid spreading it further. Cllr Thomas stated that knotweed can be spread by animals.

1612.4.3 Cllr Garrick and Cllr H Biscoe asked for clarity about item 2.2 in Cllr Donnithorne's report regarding the provision of free bus passes and the meaning of the 'contractual operational shortfall'. The Town Clerk agreed to contact Cllr Donnithorne to ask for clarification of these items.

1612.5 **To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor and Town Clerk**

Cllr Barnes gave a verbal report detailing the various meetings he attended as Town Mayor since the last meeting. He requested assistance from Councillors at the St Piran's Festival on 1st March.

The Town Clerk had received three announcements to share with the meeting as below;

1612.5.1 The Council received a card from Cornwall Air Ambulance thanking the Council for the grant of £500 towards the new helicopter.

1612.5.2 The Peninsula Transport Survey Scheme is setting up a forum looking at transport across the South-West, particularly in relation to coach travel. It is asking Town and Parish Councils to identify coach parks and coach drop-off points within their parishes. Several ideas were put forward in the discussion. Cllr Thomas suggested sending in a collective response from the Council.



- 1612.5.3 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to Peninsula Transport Survey Scheme stating the Council's support for the survey in principle, and that the Town Clerk sends the survey to Councillors following the meeting. [Proposed: Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr Barnes].
- 1612.5.4 The Town Clerk reported that she, together with the Engagement Officer and the Manager at the Community Centre, was compiling a bid to Cornwall Council (Community Levelling Up Programme) for funding to carry out refurbishment work at the Community Centre, which is owned by the Town Council. The manager has received a lot of letters of support from users of the Centre and felt it would be useful for the Council to formally approve the bid.
- 1612.5.5 RESOLVED by a majority vote that the Council supports the funding application to the Community Levelling Up Programme [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Tremayne; Abstained Cllr Barnes, Cllr Ellenbroek, Cllr Thomas].
- 1612.6 **To receive correspondence – letter from the Sunflower & Choughs Social Club.**
- 1612.6.1 Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- The letter from the Sunflower & Choughs Social Club asked for the Council to support the raising of the flag of Ukraine in the town, in recognition of the third anniversary of the war between Russia and Ukraine. Cllr Grasso asked whether this might set a precedent for requests to fly other flags. Cllr Barnes responded that this had not happened before.
- 1612.6.2 Unanimously RESOLVED that the flag of Ukraine is flown from the Chambers provided flag protocols are observed [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Thomas]
- 1612.6.3 **To receive correspondence – letter from Cornwall Councillor David Harris**
- 1612.6.4 Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- The Town Clerk reported that she had written to every Town and Parish Council in Cornwall with a copy of Cllr Grasso's motion regarding the second homes premium, as resolved at the January meeting of the Council.
- The response from Cllr Harris states that there is no legal basis for redistributing the second homes premium between parishes.
- Cllr Ellenbroek suggested writing to all the Cornwall MPs, forwarding copies of the original motion and replies received to date.
- 1612.6.5 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to all Cornwall MPs as suggested by Cllr Ellenbroek [Proposed Cllr Grasso; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek]
- 1612.6.6 **To receive correspondence – letter from Jim McMahon OBE MP to Perran Moon MP.**
- 1612.6.7 Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- The letter from Jim McMahon OBE MP states that the Government has no plans for providing Town and Parish Councils with funds to compensate for the additional Employers' National Insurance Contributions to take effect from 1 April 2025.
- 1612.6.8 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to the five other MPs in Cornwall to ask them to support the request for compensation, and also to write to Jim McMahon OBE MP, inviting him to Redruth [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Garrick].



1612.7 To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Council held on 27th January 2025.

1612.7.1 Cllr Thomas requested an amendment to the draft minutes. In item 1608.4 it had been Cllr Thomas, not Cllr Tremayne who raised the issue of protected species.

1612.7.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council on 27th January 2025 as a true record, subject to the above correction being made [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].

1612.8 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:

Finance Committee – 20th January 2025

Staffing Committee – 3rd February 2025

Engagement Committee – 3rd February 2025

1612.8.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 20th January 2025 [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Thomas].

1612.8.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 3rd February 2025 [Proposed Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

1612.8.3 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the minutes of the Engagement Committee held on 3rd February 2025 [Proposed Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

1612.9 To consider the Town Clerk's report

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1612.9.1 The Town Clerk provided an update on her visit to Gweal-an-Tops. Cllr Ellenbroek reported in her capacity as a Cornwall Councillor that Cornwall Council has given verbal support to the enforcement of the property boundaries. Cllr Ellenbroek also expressed concerns regarding potential safeguarding issues resulting from the inadequate boundaries around Gweal-an-Tops.

The Town Clerk agreed to provide Cllr Ellenbroek with copies of all correspondence and requested that Cllr Ellenbroek liaise with Property Services at Cornwall Council.

The Town Clerk agreed to write to Cornwall Council to enquire whether it was possible to enforce the height of boundary fences and whether there should be additional secure fencing around the site.

1612.9.2 The Town Clerk confirmed that the temporary Banking Hub will open in Units 5 & 6 Market Way in early March 2025, and that the Cash Access UK team are looking for a permanent site in the town centre.

1612.10 Youth Council Update

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update.

Cllr Ellenbroek has advised on the date of the 'Annual Conversation' at Cornwall Council and will ensure that Redruth Youth Council is represented.

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The Youth Council is considering ideas for a Youth Festival in 2025 and 2026, for which we have received £20k in funding. There will be a further update at the next meeting.

Cllr Ellenbroek asked whether we have received the Youth Manifesto from Cornwall Council. If not, it should be available shortly.

Cllr Ellenbroek suggested that the Redruth representative on Cornwall Youth Council is invited to a future meeting of Redruth Youth Council. Cllr Barnes suggested that Councillors should attend Youth Council meetings more regularly in future.

Cllr Ellenbroek suggested inviting Kath Ennever to Redruth Town Council, to explore ways of Councillors and Officers working more closely with the Youth Council.

1612.11 To consider and approve the schedule of payments

1612.11.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].

PART II – PRIVATE SESSION

1612.12 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 Ellenbroek].

1612.13 To receive a verbal update on the works at the Clock Tower

CAD Heritage has been appointed as architects on the project and will carry out a measured survey before the scaffolding is removed in the week commencing 3rd March 2025.



Chair

