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Town Mayor: Cllr R S Barnes

Town Clerk: C Caldwell

Minutes of the Redruth Town Council Engagement Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 5th August 2024

Present: Cllr C Garrick Chair
Cllr H Biscoe
Cllr A Biscoe
Cllr B Ellenbroek
Cllr B Craze
Cllr K Grasso
Cllr R Major
Cllr D Reeve
Cllr C Skinner
Cllr I Thomas

In attendance: Ms S White Engagement Officer
Ms A Lamming Events and Marketing Manager
Miss K O'Dell Administration Assistant
Mr P Alison Local Resident
Mrs C Roger Local Resident
Mr A Jewell Mineral Point & Plumergat et Meriadec
Twinning Associations
Mr M Hernandez Redruth Chamber of Commerce & Real Del Monte Twinning Association

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

1590.1 To receive apologies for absence

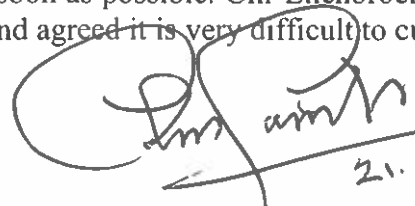
Apologies were received from the Town Clerk and Cllr Broad.

1590.2 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.

1590.3 Public participation session – to enable the public to put questions to the Committee relating to any items on this Agenda

Mr Alison introduced himself as a local resident and asked if there was any further information on when the footpath next to the former Clotworthy's building would be reopened. He said he has struggled to access the town from the New Cut car park and has been made aware of friends that have been avoiding the town because of it. Cllr Garrick replied that RTC were well aware of the impact of the closure and have been putting pressure on Cornwall Council to try and get it reopened as soon as possible. Cllr Ellenbroek added that she had been in contact with building control and agreed it is very difficult to currently


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access the town especially for disabled people. She added that now the building has been demolished it has become clear that the remaining structure is not safe and in a much worse state than expected. She advised Mr Alison to email her a letter with his concerns and she will pass it on. Cllr Garrick thanked Mr Alison for his time.

Mrs Roger said she wished to ask for information regarding the Mexican Twinning Association. She has been in contact with some Mexicans who were wanting to know if the Twinning Association was still in existence and could someone send them a copy of the last AGM minutes, and if there were any plans for a civic reception for the Mexican contingent attending the International Mining and Pasty Festival. Cllr Garrick replied that there would be a report from the Chair of the Redruth: Real Del Monte Twinning Association Chair later in the meeting and her questions would be answered then. Cllr Garrick thanked Ms Rogers for her time.

1590.4 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Meeting of the Engagement Committee held on 13th May 2024

1590.4.1 RESOLVED by Majority that the minutes of the Engagement Committee Meeting held on the 15th May 2024 are received, and the recommendations and resolutions are accepted and approved [Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek]. Cllrs A Biscoe, H Biscoe, Barnes and Major abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.

1590.5 To receive correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

1590.6 Verbal Report from the President of Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce on the work of the Chamber

Mr Hernandez reported that the Chamber had held a meeting last Thursday. One of the items discussed was the upcoming gas works road closures involving West End and Chapel Street. He asked what RTC and Cornwall Council are going to do to ensure people know that the town would be open as usual. They have been receiving regular updates and are keeping local businesses informed. The Engagement Officer stated any signage would be the responsibility of Cornwall Council Highways and once we have official notification we will inform the Chamber. Mr Hernandez said the wooden block race would happen again this year as part of the International Mining and Pasty Festival and would be held on Alma Place. He has planned to meet with the Engagement Team to get the plans finalised.

1590.7 To receive a presentation from Cara Upham from the Salvation Army about the Salvation Army Employment Plus scheme.

Due to unforeseen circumstances Cara was unable to attend the meeting. She has been invited to the next Engagement Meeting in October.

1590.8 To receive a report from the Chair of the Redruth: Real Del Monte Twinning Association

Mr Hernandez confirmed that the Twinning Association still exists and advised Mrs Roger to contact John Hewlett, the Treasurer for further details in answer to her earlier questions. He explained that there had been difficulties in arranging meetings. He had tried to arrange zoom meetings as members from the association are from all over but only three attended so no meeting could be held as inquorate. He has been having conversations with the Town Clerk and Engagement Officer regarding a Civic Reception. At least 10 members from Mexico would be attending the International Mining and Pasty Festival and Mr Hernandez has planned to collect them from London and bring down to Redruth. Cllr Thomas stated he last attended a meeting in July last year and had not received any invitations for zoom meetings. Mr Hernandez said he sent invites to meetings, and it was up to individuals to respond and chase as necessary. Cllr Reeve pointed out that all contact information for the Twinning Associations could be found on the Redruth Town Council website:

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https://www.redruth-tc.gov.uk/Twinning_3325.aspx with lots of other information about all three associations. The Engagement Officer concluded that as we have a confirmed delegation visiting, we need to get organised in order to give them a proper welcome and will be arranging this with Mr Hernandez. Cllr Garrick thanked Mr Hernandez for his reports and his time.

1590.9 To receive a report from the Secretary of the Redruth: Mineral Point Twinning Association

Mr Jewell introduced himself as a former Redruth Town Crier and Secretary of both Mineral Point and Plumergat et Meriadec Twinning Associations. The Mineral Point Twinning Association has been mostly through school exchange visits with Redruth School and the school have been responsible for the majority of the planning. When the American students visit Mr Jewell would take them out for a day showing them Redruth and the surrounding areas such as Gwennap Pit, Poldark Mine and the nearest beaches. This year a group from Redruth School went out to Mineral Point. A lady is visiting later this year and is going to become a Bard. Mr Jewell has planned to introduce her to the town council. The Twinning Association has very few members left, and Mr Jewell hoped that more can be found to continue the association.

1590.10 To receive a report from the Chair of the Redruth: Plumergat et Meriadec Twinning Association

Mr Jewell stated the Plumergat et Meriadec Twinning Association connection as much more cultural. A delegation from Redruth visited earlier this year and were treated to a wonderful time. These visits happen yearly with us visiting one year and then they come here the next. There is a large difference in the number of members, they have 55 and we have only 25. When they are visiting, they are shown as much of Redruth and Cornwall as possible. The Twinning Association desperately needs more members. Gala nights have been planned in order to raise money to help cover the cost of hosting the French guests. Cllr Barnes stated they are actively recruiting for more members, 19 went to France last time and more members would help bring costs down. He added that he would be more than happy to provide further information. Cllr Garrick thanked Mr Jewell for attending and providing updates.

1590.11 Reports from Members/Officers

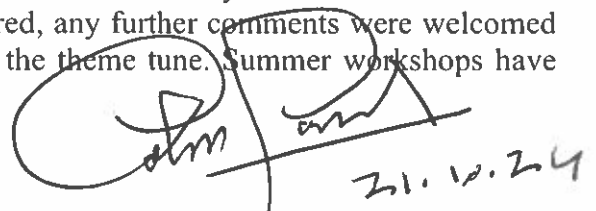
1590.11.1 Report from the Engagement Officer

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Engagement Officer gave a verbal update on the banking hub and post office. It has been confirmed that until the rules change later this year, we cannot do anything further, but the deposit solution would be in place by the end of the year. There was interest in the post office which has not gone any further at present, the Engagement Officer has asked to be kept updated. There was a Totally Locally meeting held at RTC the previous week. It was a very positive meeting, and things are moving forward. Members of the Engagement Team attended the funeral of PCSO John Thorne last Friday. Cllr Thomas said he was listening to an interview with someone from the Financial Conduct Association who stated that banks have an obligation to provide services and if enough members of the public petition for it they are obligated to do something, and he wondered if the Engagement Officer could investigate. The Engagement Officer confirmed that she would contact them for further information.

The report was noted.

1590.11.2 Report from the Events and Marketing Manager

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Events and Marketing Manger stated that the team had been very busy following a successful Murdoch Day. There had been a wash up meeting where feedback and ideas were shared, any further comments were welcomed particularly ideas on how best to proceed with the theme tune. Summer workshops have



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been planned and activities are ongoing throughout the school holidays. Planning for the International Mining and Pasty festival has been well underway and the pasty making tent is returning this year. The Climate Action group has 8 members, and two meetings have been held to date. The group have been reviewing the current policy and planning to update it. Cllr Major asked about the skate workshops, how they are advertised and said several young girls have mentioned to her that they would like a girls only one as the boys sometimes get boisterous and intimidating. The Events and Marketing Manager replied all sessions are fully booked and the summer events budget has been spent but she would keep in mind for future sessions, and they were advertised on Facebook and the Discover Redruth website. Cllr Thomas asked for clarification on the theme tune, if we were reviewing it or reverting to how it was previously. He feels that the public opinion is that traditional values should prevail. The Events and Marketing Manager replied that both options were on the table, we have a new contact in Redruth Town Band and would like to work more with them whilst being aware Murdoch Day clashes with Bugle Festival. The Engagement Officer said previously Redruth Town Band had enough members to do both but this year they didn't and chose to go to Bugle which forced us into the situation of changing the tune and previous feedback suggested the traditional tune was too slow. Cllr Major agreed that the tune needs to have a tempo that the children can dance to.

The report was noted.

1590.11.3 Report from the Acting Library Manager

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Engagement Officer said the Acting Library Manager was on annual leave and added the Library team had almost been overwhelmed as it has been incredibly busy even on sunny days. The Reading Challenge has been going very well and we have recruited a great bunch of volunteers. It has been lovely to see so many young people enjoying choosing books and reading. Cllr Ellenbroek stated we are very lucky to have the National Literacy Trust working with us in Redruth and said she was extremely appreciative of all the hard work from our Library team, wonderful to see young people in the Library. She gave a huge thanks to the Library and Town Council teams for making it such a warm and welcoming place to be. The Engagement Officer added the Library van will be going out into the community at East End Park where there would be good access. Cllr Thomas asked if other parks could be considered, and the Engagement Officer replied they are investigating the feasibility of other parks.

The report was noted.


Mr Alison, Mrs Roger, Mr Hernandez and Mr Jewell left the meeting at this point.

PART II – PRIVATE SESSION – Exclusion of the Press and Public

1590.12 The Council was invited and agreed to pass the following resolution:- That pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission 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 H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Garrick]

1590.13 Verbal update on Library Staffing

A verbal update was given by the Engagement Officer regarding library staffing.



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