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Town Mayor: Cllr R S Barnes

Town Clerk: Ms C Caldwell

Minutes of the Redruth Town Council Engagement Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 3rd February 2025

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

Chair
Vice Chair

In attendance: Ms C Caldwell
Mrs J Pelham-Wales
Ms S White
Mrs H Bardle
Ms A Lamming
Mrs S Bolton
Cllr M Brown
Mr P Allison

Town Clerk
Administrator
Engagement Officer
Responsible Finance Officer
Events and Marketing Manager
Acting Library Manager

Local resident

PART 1 – PUBLIC SESSION

1610.1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Craze and Broad.

1610.2 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.

1610.3 Public participation session – to enable the public to put questions to the Committee relating to any items on this agenda.

Mr Allison wanted to complain about three cars that he said are constantly parked in Market Way. The Engagement Officer stated that she had asked several times for the cars not to be parked there but unfortunately there wasn't anything that the Town Council can do to enforce the issue. The Town Clerk stated that this would be down to the Civil Enforcement Officer.

1610.4 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of:

6.1 the Engagement Committee held on 21st October 2024

RESOLVED by Majority that the minutes of the Engagement Committee Meeting held on the 21st October 2024 are received, and the recommendations and resolutions are accepted and approved [Proposed Cllr Tremayne; Seconded Cllr Barnes] Cllrs Ellenbroek and Major abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.

1610.5 To receive correspondence

None received.

1610.6 Verbal report from President of Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce on the work of the Chamber.

Mr Hernandez was unable to attend the meeting. D Reeve gave a verbal update on his behalf. She stated that the Chamber of Commerce are currently making plans to improve relationships with the community and how they can promote and engage with the business district.

1610.7 To receive a report from the Chair of the Redruth: Real del Monte Twinning Association

Mr Hernandez was unable to attend, so D Reeve gave a verbal update. She said the Town Crier had enjoyed the Mexican visit, and that the AGM is scheduled for 11th March. The Town Clerk updated that at the recent National Clerks Conference, she had been invited to submit a case study highlighting that our Town Crier had been to Mexico and the uniqueness of the Town Crier's story coat.

1610.8 To receive a verbal update on behalf of the Secretary of the Redruth: Mineral Point Twinning Association.

The Engagement Officer stated that Mr. Jewell was unable to attend. She stated that an exchange visit is planned between Mineral Point and Redruth School.

1610.9 To receive a verbal update on behalf of the Chair of Redruth: Plumergat et Meriadec Twinning Association.

The Engagement Officer stated that there will be a delegation from the twinning towns coming over on 30th May. She went on to say that we will be hosting a reception at Redruth Community Centre in the afternoon, there will then be a Gala concert at Wesley Chapel in the evening to celebrate.

1610.10 Reports from Members/Officers:

1610.10.1 Report from the Engagement Officer

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Engagement Officer shared a first draft design of how the new Visitor Information Centre in the library may look. She took suggestions from the floor. One of the ideas which could be an income generator for us was possibly to hold weddings at the Town Council.

1610.10.1.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to explore getting a license for the premises in order to hold weddings.[Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek]

The Engagement Officer went on to say that a full update and presentation would be given at the Full Council meeting in March.

The Communications Co-ordinator gave a verbal update on the Red Squirrel mural project which will be unveiled on St Piran's Day. This was well received as an exciting project for the town.



1610.10.1.2 Unanimously RESOLVED that Redruth Town Council write to Cornwall Wildlife Trust to lobby for work to be undertaken to introduce a red squirrel colony in Redruth parish.[Proposed Cllr Thomas; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe]. The report was noted.

1610.10.2 Report from the Events and Marketing Manager

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Before the Events and Marketing Manager spoke about her report, Cllr Barnes asked her when the post meeting to discuss the Christmas events was going to happen, she apologised to Cllr Barnes and said it was because we need to maximise attendance and that the meeting would take place before the end of February. Cllr Ellenbroek asked for the 'Welcome to Redruth' sign by Scorrier to be cleaned and Cllr Biscoe suggested a person for the Events and Marketing Manager to contact.

The Events and Marketing Manager wanted to get answers from the floor about getting more people to attend the Climate Action Group as the numbers had dwindled. Cllr Garrick suggested that we think about environmental action as well as climate action. Cllr Thomas said that if we could add environmental change then he would be interested. Cllr Ellenbroek's opinion was that climate change was too big a title; she gave an example that in Redruth we have water all around us and it runs underneath too, and she thought that this would encourage people to get involved because the town is at risk of flooding. This would also need to involve Portreath Parish Council and the Environment Agency, as the water would eventually end up there and go into the sea. The Town Clerk has already written to the Parish Clerk at Portreath Town Council. The Town Clerk suggested that the group could start by doing an Emergency Plan for Redruth Town Council to help build community resilience and help attract community involvement in creating a robust plan.

1610.10.3 Report from the Acting Library Manager

The Acting Library Manager reported that the police surgery that was held in the Library was quiet, which was probably due to the adverse weather. She went on to state that Truro Museum held a workshop in the library for Trewergie School which was extremely popular, the young people had a great time. She further reported that the library had received new widescreen monitors from Cornwall Council. Also, as half term was coming up, it would be busy. The remainder of the report was noted.

At the end of the meeting Cllr Garrick wanted to say how much he had enjoyed chairing the Engagement meetings and wanted to say thank you, as the elections will happen before the next engagement meeting.

Chairman

