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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 June 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
Ms A Hunt Operations Officer
Ms S White Engagement Officer
Mrs H Bardle Responsible Finance Officer
Mrs S Bolton Deputy Library Manager
Miss K O'Dell Administrative Assistant
Sgt D Bardle Devon & Cornwall Police
PC B Stafford Devon & Cornwall Police
Cllr V Webb Community Junior Netball Project
Ms M Noy Community Junior Netball Project
Mr P Alisson Local Resident
Ms S Clasper Local Resident
Mr D Sargison Local Resident

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

1585.1 **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Craze.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Caldwell'.

1585.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda

Cllr Tremayne declared an interest in agenda item 15 and signed accordingly.

1585.3 Public participation session – to enable the public to put questions to the Council relating to any items on the agenda

Mr Allison introduced himself as a local resident and thanked the Facilities Team for all their hard work especially painting all the street furniture.

Ms Clasper introduced herself as a local resident and business owner. She thanked Cllr Thomas for his recent work on a planning application PA23/08436. She stated she had been cycling through town whilst it was very windy. On Upper Fore Street there was a contractor spraying weeds. She asked him who he was working for, and he replied that it was the Town Council. She said she was concerned that this was being carried out on such a windy day which was then followed by rain meaning it was probably a waste of time and money. She suggested in the future there could be a warning to residents ahead of any spraying being carried out and asked if it was suitable for the environment and that she would be raising it at the next Redruth Climate Action Working Group meeting. Cllr Barnes suggested the Operations Officer could investigate environmentally friendlier methods with the Facilities Manager and thanked Ms Clasper for her time.

Cllr Reeve arrived at the meeting at this point.

Sgt Bardle from Devon & Cornwall Police gave councillors an update on policing matters. He presented the crime data figures for April 2024, there were 81 incidents reported, including antisocial behaviour, domestic violence and shop thefts. Police have been targeting persistent offenders across Redruth, Pool and Camborne with some success, many resulting in prison sentences. Sgt Bardle will update crime data figures once they are available. He has become aware of a recent spate of racist graffiti and asked that if anyone sees or knows anything about it that they report it. A small amount of money has been awarded to increase patrols over the summer months. Sgt Bardle confirmed that PC Flowerday has now concluded his post, although is still part of the wider Cornwall policing team. The post has been advertised and an update will be provided soon. Sgt Bardle reminded councillors the PCSO team are always around and reiterated the importance of reporting all incidents no matter how minor. Cllr Ellenbroek suggested a letter of thanks be sent to PC Flowerday. She stated she was disappointed to hear about the number of domestic violence incidents and wondered if there was anything Redruth Town Council could do. The Town Clerk responded saying that on the recent trip to Wigan she had arrived at their community hub as a session on domestic violence training was ending. She thought it was excellent, as it was training champions within the community and could be looked into to see if we could do something similar. Sgt Bardle said he would report back to the domestic violence lead, to see if there is anything that could be facilitated. Cllr Barnes thanked Sgt Bardle for his time.

1585.3.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to send a letter to PC Flowerday and Chief Superintendent Ben Deer thanking PC Flowerday for his service to Redruth [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Barnes.

Sgt Bardle and PC Stafford left the meeting at this point.



1585.4 To receive a presentation from Vicki Webb on the Community Junior Netball Project

Cllr Webb introduced herself as a Portreath Parish Councillor and Ms Noy as a volunteer on the Community Junior Netball Project. She told councillors that the project resulted from a youth consultation which identified sport as being important and netball was one. Research showed that there are netball clubs in Penzance, Penryn and Truro but the last club in Redruth had closed during the covid pandemic, identifying a need in the area. She has been in contact with Lastonet Netball Club, an established club in Redruth which is for the over 15's and they agreed that a junior provision is needed. Cllr Webb said that they had held 3 initial sessions at Portreath Primary School which were delivered with zero budget, both the venue and equipment were donated, and the training was delivered by 3 volunteers. 31 young people engaged with the sessions. Their next step was to recruit more volunteers, they wanted 6 volunteers and managed to recruit 8, all of whom had experience with playing and competing at netball and one had umpiring experience. Portreath Parish Council successfully applied for funding which paid for the venue for further sessions, this time held at Cornwall College Sports Hall. These sessions were advertised widely with great success, 42 young people had the opportunity to attend 10 sessions free of charge and one young person used the sessions as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. A third of the young people that attended were from Redruth. Following the success of these events Cllr Webb is now in contact with Active Cornwall to take the project forward. Both Camborne Town Council and Illogan Parish Council have offered their support and Cllr Webb asked Redruth Town Council for a commitment of support for the project in principle and to have it as an agenda item, should it be required, when a more collaborative approach and further funding may be needed. Cllrs mentioned several areas of funding, all of which Cllr Webb was aware of. Cllr Broad said any sport for young people is fantastic and should be supported. He advised charging a small amount e.g. £1 a session for subs. Active Cornwall had already suggested something similar. Cllr Broad also mentioned that David White from BBC Radio Cornwall used to run netball clubs. Ms Noy replied that Mr White's clubs had closed during covid and that he has now moved to Newquay. Ms Noy added that netball had always been a popular sport in Cornwall, with 5 senior leagues. Young people are interested, they just need the provision. Cllr Barnes proposed that if support from Redruth Town Council is requested in the future that it would be looked upon favourably and thanked Cllr Webb and Ms Noy for their time.

- 1585.4.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to support the Community Netball Project if and when further collaboration and funding may be required [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Garrick]

Cllr Webb and Ms Noy left the meeting at this point.

1585.5 To receive reports from Cornwall Council Divisional Members on their work in Redruth

Cllr Barnes had provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting. The report was noted.

Cllr Ellenbroek had provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting. The report was noted.



1585.6 To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor and Town Clerk

The Town Mayor had provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting. He added that Murdoch Day was brilliant and a great effort from everyone involved. The report was noted.

1585.7 To receive correspondence

1585.7.1 *Community petition for a Post Office and Banking Hub*

The Town Clerk read out a letter signed by 29 individuals in support of getting a Post Office and Banking Hub up and running in Redruth. Cllr Barnes stated that everyone is aware of the current situation and keen for things to get done but they take time. The Engagement Officer reported that the Business Deposit Solution which RTC were recommended for is to have a location identified and will be installed by the end of the year. Cllr A Biscoe asked for clarification as to what type of banking hub we would be getting as she was aware of two types and wished to avoid confusion. The Engagement Officer replied that the deposit solution is different to a full banking hub, it would be for people to pay in money. At the present time we have not been recommended for a banking hub, but Link have recently changed their rules and therefore we might bypass the deposit solution and have a banking hub instead. The Engagement Officer has regular contact with Link and updates would be provided at future meetings. The Engagement Officer added she was in regular contact with the Post Office and would keep councillors updated.

1585.7.2 *To consider the question from the charity Carefree "How is Redruth Town Council providing better outcomes for Children in Care and Care leavers?"*

Cllr Ellenbroek said that Redruth are fortunate to have a charity like Carefree in the town. In her role as Portfolio holder for Children and Families, she has been made aware of the difficulties faced by care leavers and said that they are difficulties the general public would not even think of which makes them extremely vulnerable. Redruth has safe spaces for veterans and domestic violence sufferers and care leavers should be included too. Cllr Ellenbroek suggested asking Carefree what they would like from us. She was pleased to say Cornwall Council has listed care leavers as a protected characteristic. Housing is difficult for any young person to access but far worse for those who have experienced care as they are a hidden part of the community. Cllr Barnes said that he had spoken to Mari from Carefree on Murdoch Day and would also be speaking with a local developer regarding making housing more accessible for care leavers.

1585.7.2.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to contact Carefree to ask what support they would like from Redruth Town Council [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Brown].

1585.8 To confirm the Minutes of the:

1585.8.1 *Monthly meeting of the Council held on 20th May 2024*

RESOLVED by Majority to confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Council held on 20th May 2024 [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe] Cllrs Garrick and Major abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.



1585.9 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:

1585.9.1 Annual Town Meeting – 20th May 2024

Unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 20th May 2024 are received and the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved. [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].

1585.9.2 Annual Meeting – 20th May 2024

Unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 20th May 2024 are received and the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved. [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Skinner].

1585.9.3 Engagement Committee – 13th May 2024

Unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Engagement Committee meeting held on the 13th May 2024 are received and the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved. [Proposed Cllr Garrick; Seconded Cllr Thomas].

1585.9.4 Operations Committee – 3rd June 2024

Unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on the 3rd June 2024 are received and the Recommendations and Resolutions are accepted and approved. [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Brown].

1585.10 To consider the Town Clerk's report

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk gave an update on item 2.1 Gwealan Tops car park. The Town Clerk and Cllr Ellenbroek had held a meeting earlier that day and it was agreed the works would proceed and trench work had already started. Due to the venue being used as a polling station, patch work would initially be done and then full resurfacing in September. All tenants were happy with this outcome. Cllrs Ellenbroek and Tremayne thanked the Town Clerk for her hard work and persistence on this as it had been an issue for many years and good to get it finally moving forwards.

On point 2.2 Cllr H Biscoe asked if the devolution talks were about car parks as well as green parks. The Town Clerk replied she'd only had meetings about green parks as any car park devolvement would need to be ratified as a request by this council.

The Town Clerk drew attention to point 2.3 and invited all councillors to a meeting to be held on 27th June 2024 at 3pm for a Murdoch Day evaluation meeting. Cllr Reeve said there needed to be a way for stallholders and members of the public to provide their feedback. The Engagement Officer replied that a survey would be circulated shortly. The remainder of the report was noted.

1585.11 Youth Council Update

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Operations Officer represented the Youth Council as their Clerk. At their last meeting they had held a hustings to which all the individual local parliamentary candidates for Redruth, Camborne and Hayle were invited, which the Youth Councillors found both informative and interesting. The Operations Officer reminded councillors of the questions submitted to the Annual Town Meeting by the Youth Council and asked if the answers to the questions would be forthcoming. The Town Clerk asked councillors to send their thoughts to her so that the Youth Council questions are answered, and they would also form part of the written



response addendum promised to members of the public at the Annual Town Meeting. The remainder of the report was noted.

1585.12 To consider the future of the ‘Meet Your Councillor’ events

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Operations Officer added that local residents still want access to Councillors and that Officers are open to all feedback and ideas.

Councillors agreed that these events need to keep happening in some format. Several ideas were suggested including using the Councillor noticeboard for advertising, a suggestion box or a question time style panel. Cllr Barnes suggested Councillors send their ideas to the Operations Officer and an outcome decided at the next Operations Committee meeting. The remainder of the report was noted.

1585.13 To consider the adoption of the new Financial Regulations

A copy of the new Financial Regulations was circulated prior to the meeting. The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) explained that the Financial Regulations needed to be reviewed with every change of Town Clerk and RFO or annually, and that this is based on NALC and similar to what was previously used.

The main change would be to electronic payments, the RFO would set them up for approval by Town Clerk and a Councillor. Cllr H Biscoe stated he would be happy to volunteer. Cllr Brown observed that if the Town Clerk were to be absent for any reason there needed to be a contingency plan.

1585.13.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Responsible Finance Officer would amend the Financial Regulations to state that electronic payments would require approval from the Town Clerk or nominated deputy as well as a Councillor. [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

Cllr Brown asked about trade cards under point 9.3, he was concerned that teams would be left without access. The RFO explained that payments are pre-approved in budget. The Town Clerk suggested separating the trade cards from the credit cards so that they appear separately to the trade accounts.

1585.13.2 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Responsible Finance Officer would amend the Financial Regulations to separate the credit cards and trade accounts [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr Barnes].

Cllr Brown suggested that point 11.7 regarding termination payments should go to the Staffing Committee first before going to Full Council.

1585.13.3 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Responsible Finance Officer would amend the Financial Regulations to state that the Staffing Committee review any termination payments before going to Full Council. [Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Barnes].

1585.14 To consider and approve the Schedule of Payments

1585.14.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Schedule of Payments [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].



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

1585.15 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 Barnes; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe].

Cllr Tremayne left the meeting at this point.

1585.16 **To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk on the subject of the Clocktower**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update to Councillors regarding the Clocktower.

Cllr Tremayne returned to the meeting at this point.

1585.17 **To consider the draft Employer Discretion policy**

A copy of the policy had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1587.17.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer seek appropriate professional advice regarding the policy [Proposed Cllr Brown; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].



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