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Town Mayor: Cllr A Biscoe

Town Clerk: C Williams

Minutes of a Meeting of the Redruth Town Council held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place,
Redruth on Monday 26th January 2026

Present:

Cllr A Biscoe
Cllr P Broad
Cllr E Allen
Cllr S Barnes
Cllr H Biscoe
Cllr K Cunningham
Cllr B Ellenbroek
Cllr J Morrison
Cllr D Reeve
Cllr I Thomas
Cllr W Tremayne

Chair

In attendance:

Mrs C Williams	Town Clerk
Mrs H Bardle	RFO/Deputy Town Clerk
Mrs J Cockerham-Harris	Minute Taker
Ms C Welsh	Strategic Projects Officer
Ms J Turner	Senior Library Officer
Ms L Akerman	Community Liaison Manager
Ms R Pearce	Communications Manager
Mr D Teare	Facilities Supervisor
Mr W Rundle	Office Manager
Mr J Nawras	Cultural Consortium

There were 4 members of the public in attendance

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr A Biscoe read the two statements from Redruth Town Council regarding respectful conduct and audio recording of the meeting. Cllr Allen and Redruth Town Council declared they were audio recording the meeting.

1650.1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jolly and Selwood.

1650.2 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.

1650.3 Public participation session – to enable members of the public to put questions to the Council relating to any Town Council Matters

1650.3.1 No members of the public wished to speak.

1650.4 To receive a report from the Town Mayor (see attached report)

The report was noted.

1650.5 To receive reports from the divisional Cornwall Councillors

1650.5.1 Apologies were received from Cornwall Councillors. Cllr Allen stated her concern over the information within Cllr Tarrant's report, asking for more detail to helpfully inform both the public and the Cllrs. The Town Clerk responded that she had raised this before and that Cllr Tarrant did not wish to add superfluity to his reports. The Town Clerk also stated that the Cornwall Councillors had met with her and hoped for positive two way working. Cllr Allen reiterated that the reports were not fulsome enough.

1650.5.2 Cllr Reeve stated her concern over the hole in Berryman's Bakery car park, adding that there was no further comment on when the hole would be fixed. Her concern was echoed by Cllr Morrison, who stated that the hole potentially could prevent emergency services accessing the residents affected.

1650.5.3 Unanimously RESOLVED for the Town Clerk to write to the Highways Manager and Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, to investigate the next actions to fix the hole next to Berryman's Bakery [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Reeve].

1650.6 To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Town Council held on 15th December 2025

1650.6.1 Unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Full Council meeting on 15th December 2025 are accepted and approved with the amendment that Police Inspector Brown's title be changed from 'Ms' to her formal Police title when referred to in the minutes. [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek].

1650.7 To receive the Minutes as reports of the following committees and meetings, and to accept and approve the Recommendations and Resolutions contained within the meetings of the:

Planning Committee – 12th January 2026

1650.7.1 RESOLVED by Majority that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 12th January 2026 are received, and that the Recommendations and Resolutions are

accepted and approved [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Tremayne] Cllr Allen abstained.

1650.8 To receive a short verbal presentation from the Cultural Consortium on the Town of Culture (short presentation by Felix Mortimer)

Mr J Nawras gave the presentation which was noted.

1650.9 To consider the Town Clerk's report.

1650.9.1 The Town Clerk asked Cllrs to consider the decisions in 2.1 and opened for questions. Cllr Allen stated the person with interest to start a WI in Redruth could approach certain local groups in order to find potential supporters, promoting the Grumpy Old Man's Breakfast Club and the Ladies Who Brunch Club, as well as the Townswomen's Guild.

1650.9.2 The draft meeting dates were amended as requested and the draft dates were noted.

1650.9.3 Cllr Thomas asked if the Town Clerk had engaged a member of parliament during correspondence about 4 Penryn Street, and she responded that she had originally copied in MP Perran Moon and would be happy to involve him in any further correspondence.

1650.9.4 RESOLVED by Majority for the Town Clerk to write back to Cornwall Council and ask them to undertake a site visit 4 Penryn Street to properly assess the condition and issues and talk to the residents [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Allen] Cllrs Tremayne and Barnes abstained.

1650.9.5 Cllr Allen voiced her concerns over accepting the devolution of Victoria Park and Trefusis Park, with concern over the budget for the maintenance costs. Cllr Thomas echoed concerns over funding and Cllr Reeve asked if there was funding available. The Town Clerk stated that there are grants, but no guaranteed funding sources. Cllr Reeve stated her wish to see the parks remain well-kept with Cllr Ellenbroek commenting on the good standards of the Town Council's Facilities Team, and it being a case of getting maximum funding to protect its current state. Cllr Cunningham added the possibility of local green and gardening groups assisting with maintenance. Cllr Thomas proposed that the Town Clerk go back to Cornwall Council with a higher counteroffer of £75,000, and if this was not accepted, then to withdraw interest in the Parks until more economically viable.

1650.9.6 RESOLVED by Majority to make an amendment to the original motion to go back to Cornwall Council with a higher counteroffer, and to negotiate acceptance of the devolution of Victoria Park and Trefusis Park [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Broad; 7 in favour; 2 against] Cllrs Morrison and H Biscoe abstained.

1650.9.7 RESOLVED by Majority to carry the substantive motion [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Broad; 10 in favour, 1 against].

1650.10 Youth Council Update. (verbal report)

1650.10.1 The Communications Manager gave a verbal report. The report was noted.

1650.11 That Councillors consider the following Motion;

Motion: 'National Year of Reading'

Proposer: Cllr Barbara Ellenbroek, Seconder: Cllr Paul Broad

That the Council notes the designation of 2026 as the National Year of Reading, welcomes the aims of the campaign to promote reading for pleasure, and agrees to support local activity by promoting events and working within our library service, local schools and community partners to encourage participation.

1650.11.1 Cllr Ellenbroek asked for Cllrs to consider the motion. Cllr Allen stated she was in full support, asking if they could go even further by allocating a Cllr to champion it, and to make it a feature of the festivals. Cllr Ellenbroek stated that it was a national campaign, so the notoriety of events and information would be key but was happy to amend the original motion to include a nominated champion with an appropriate budget to be discussed at the next Finance Committee.

1650.11.2 Unanimously RESOLVED to Support the motion with the amendment to add a nominated champion and an appropriate budget [Proposed Cllr Ellenbroek; Seconded Cllr Broad].

1650.12 To receive brief verbal updates from Members as representatives on outside bodies.

1650.12.1 Cllr Reeve stated she and Cllr Ellenbroek, along with the Town Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer/ Deputy Town Clerk, attended the Cornwall Association of Local Councils meeting with items discussed from Portfolio holder Cllr Sarah Preece and a presentation looking at the replacement of Visit Cornwall, which Cllr Reeve asked the Council to consider feeding information in, with an additional note to the current emergency plan. Cllr Ellenbroek added that with the current Town of Culture bid, they would be keen to investigate the tourism avenue. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council were feeding into the new plans for a replacement for Visit Cornwall and that the emergency plan was currently being looked at.

1650.12.2 Cllr Allen stated that the Twinning Association had a few members going over to Breton to assist in the fundraising in Brittany.

1650.12.3 Cllr Ellenbroek stated that the Safer Towns Partnership had had good feedback from other towns regarding the CCTV systems in place, and that they had raised the issue of the bollards not working with other towns in order to collectively bring it to Cornwall Council's attention. She stated that Police Inspector Louisa Brown had been involved in a scheme to alleviate violence against women, by offering to escort women around the town in order to identify the unsafe areas and provide assurance to the female public.

1650.13 To consider and approve the schedule of payments.

1646.13.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments [Proposed Cllr Barnes; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

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

The Council is invited to pass the following resolution:- That pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to the 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.

1650.14 To receive a verbal report on the Clocktower, remote meetings and the Town of Culture bid

- 1650.14.1 A verbal update on the Clocktower was received.
- 1650.14.2 It was further RESOLVED by Majority to halt remote/hybrid meetings until legislation changes and proper IT equipment is in place [Proposed Cllr H Biscoe; Seconded Cllr A Biscoe] Cllrs Morrison and Allen abstained.
- 1650.14.3 Unanimously RESOLVED to discuss the Town of Culture Agreement and any future bids with the Cultural Consortium [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr H Biscoe].

Chair

