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**Town Mayor: Cllr A Biscoe**

**Town Clerk: Ms C Caldwell**

Minutes of the Redruth Town Council Community Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Present:**

Cllr I Thomas  
Cllr J Morrison  
Cllr E Allen  
Cllr A Biscoe  
Cllr H Biscoe  
Cllr P Broad  
Cllr B Ellenbroek  
Cllr R Jolly  
Cllr R Major  
Cllr D Ragan  
Cllr D Reeve

Chair  
Vice Chair

In attendance: Ms C Caldwell  
Mrs H Bardle  
Ms C Welsh  
Ms J Turner  
Ms R Pearce  
Ms L Akerman  
Miss K O'Dell  
Mr D Westby  
Mr A Jewell

Town Clerk  
Responsible Finance Officer  
Strategic Projects Officer  
Senior Library Officer  
Communications Manager  
Community Liaison Manager  
Administrator  
Sculpture Project  
Representing Twinned Towns: Plumergat and  
Mineral Point  
Totally Locally

Ms S Sullivan  
5 members of the public were also in attendance

**PART I – PUBLIC SESSION**

**1622.1 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Cunningham.

**1622.2 Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any item(s) on this Agenda.**

Cllrs A Biscoe, H Biscoe, Jolly and Reeve all declared an interest and signed the register accordingly.

1622.3      **Public participation session – to enable the public to put questions to the Committee relating to any items on this agenda.**

Mr Westby introduced himself as the gentleman responsible for 'Ruth the Bal Maiden' sculpture. He explained that he attended a previous meeting of the former Engagement Committee in October last year to gauge interest in setting up a working party to find a place for a permanent piece of artwork celebrating the mining women and children of Redruth. The previous committee had seemed very keen, and he hoped this committee would also be as interested. He gave an update on the future of 'Ruth the Bal Maiden' saying she had received a mixed reception on her journey to various sites and is now looking for a permanent home. He planned to speak to the Senior Library Officer and Community Liaison Manager to get their ideas. He is happy to donate her. Cllr Thomas thanked him for returning to us and asked for any interest in a working group. Cllr Jolly asked Mr Westray to send the background information on the sculpture to new council members.

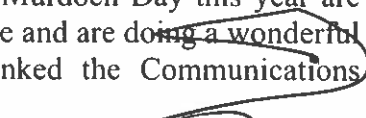
Cllr Major arrived at the meeting at this point.

1622.3.1      **RESOLVED by Majority to set up a working group to decide where a permanent sculpture of the mining women and children of Redruth [Proposed Cllr A Biscoe; Seconded Cllr Broad. Cllrs Allen and Jolly abstained]**

A member of the public said herself and a colleague had been looking through the HHAZ report and was interested in a piece about the public realm. The new planters are great but there is a lot more that could be done. Her idea was to put banners up in pedestrianised areas citing Falmouth and Penzance as good examples to draw people in and welcome them to the town. Cllr Thomas pointed out that banners could interfere with any CCTV so need to keep that in mind. The Town Clerk said that this idea had also been brought up internally and agreed Penzance is a good example. She said Penzance ran banner making workshops and it would be useful to see the practicalities of doing something similar. She suggested investigating the Grant scheme. Cllr Ellenbroek said that this used to be under the Town Team but wasn't sure if it was still going ahead and suggested the Cultural Consortium might be interested.

1622.3.2      **RESOLVED by Majority to take the proposed idea of erecting banners in the pedestrianised areas of Redruth town centre to the Cultural Consortium to see if they can take it on and if not bring it back to this committee for further discussion [Proposed Cllr Reeve, Seconded Cllr Ellenbroek. Cllrs Ragan and Jolly abstained and Cllr Allen voted against]**

Cllr Allen said she had some questions from a member of the public regarding Murdoch Day. They wanted clarification on what is happening with the Children's Dance, when flags and bunting would be put up and would be on the stage this year. The Communications Manager replied that the children could still dance but RTC were not providing workshops as they had in previous years and that next year the music would be sensitively re-worked with Redruth Town Band and workshops would then be provided by groups such as Lowender. The flags and bunting are scheduled to be put up tomorrow (Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May). The Communications Manager added that the Town Council have organised the stage this year and the full timetable would be published in the festival guide and lots of local acts would be performing. Cllr Ellenbroek wanted to point out that the team organising Murdoch Day this year are brand new and have had to pick up the relay baton mid race and are doing a wonderful job and this should be acknowledged. Cllr Allen thanked the Communications Manager.



Cllr Jolly had a message from Mr Ross Wheeler from Hotchpotch saying he would appreciate a more joined-up approach to festivals from RTC and other key organisations within the town such as The Buttermarket; The Ladder; Kresen Kernow and the Drapery. He believed that Redruth does a great job of promoting its heritage but needs to be attracting young people and teenagers. The Communications Manager said that Mr Wheeler was among many people who she had been speaking with and would be working with going forwards. Cllr Allen suggested that Mr Wheeler would benefit from joining the Cultural Consortium. The Town Clerk stated that feedback is always welcome as it helps us with growth and development.

Cllr Thomas thanked everyone for their time and participation.

1622.4      **To receive correspondence.**

None received.

Mr Westby and another member of the public left the meeting at this point.

1622.5      **Verbal reports from the business forums: Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce, and Totally Locally.**

Cllr Reeve gave a verbal report on the Redruth & District Chamber of Commerce; she said that she is not the secretary for the Chamber, but Mel Martin is. They have a new website up and running and a new brochure printed. They recently held their AGM, and it was decided to increase the membership subscription for existing members to £40 but kept the existing £20 for new members. They are sponsoring the Murdoch Day window dressing competition. Meetings of the Chamber would be held on the first Thursday of each month and invitations would be sent to Cllrs.

Ms Sullivan gave a verbal report on Totally Locally. She handed out some maps that showed all local independent businesses in the town. There are 116 at the present time. They have been holding regular meetings that a variety of businesses, town councillors and Redruth Revival attend. Most recent meeting had an air of tiredness around it as all businesses have been struggling. She thanked the new events team at RTC and Redruth Revival for their support. RTC's Business Liaison Manager has been investigating what practical help can be offered. Ms Sullivan said they would like to have a larger copy of the current map and are hoping to apply for a grant to get this done. They want to increase footfall from the Buttermarket. Cllr Thomas thanked her for her report and said that the three Cornwall Councillors for Redruth have a community chest that can be applied for and there may be other funding streams available. The Town Clerk stated we are not a business support organisation, but things such as events, signage and marketing benefit the wider town and support regeneration and that is where we could get involved. Several other Cllrs offered ideas such as better promotion of the town tenner; using the Town Crier on market days; getting a place where larger posters could be put up and possibly setting up a working group dedicated to finding funding.

1622.5.1      **RESOLVED** by Majority to help set up a working group dedicated to funding applications [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Jolly. Cllr Morrison abstained.]

1622.6      **To receive reports from the Twinning Associations (Real del Monte, Mineral Point and Plumergat)**

Cllr Reeve gave a verbal report from the Real del Monte Twinning Association. She said the date of the AGM had changed and would now take place on ~~24<sup>th</sup> June~~ at Murdoch House at 6.30pm. A short film celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ~~Cornish~~ miners arriving in Mexico would be shown at Kresen Kernow on Thursday ~~29<sup>th</sup> May~~ at

6.30pm. It is free to attend. There is currently an attempt to raise funds to purchase some Cornish tartan to make uniforms for the St Piran Pipe and Drum band out in Mexico. Cllr Reeve added that the Cornish MPs have been invited to dinner with the Mexican Ambassador and she has encouraged the MP for Redruth to invite the Ambassador to visit Redruth in the next twelve months.

Mr Jewell gave a verbal update from the Mineral Point Twinning Association. Things have been quiet but there is a group visiting later in the year who are very keen to investigate their heritage. They have a student exchange with Redruth School and Mr Jewell gets a day with them to show them Redruth and the surrounding areas. Cllr H Biscoe offered to secure a trip to Geevor Tin Mine and asked Mr Jewell to send him the dates of the visits so he could arrange. The Town Clerk added we hosted a Civic Reception for them last time and we would be happy to facilitate again.

Mr Jewell gave a verbal update from the Plumergat Twinning Association. A group of twenty-seven are arriving tomorrow afternoon for several days. They will be shown around Redruth and the local area but less large group visits so that the host families can show them their favourite places too. A Civic Reception with a pasty lunch has been arranged for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the Redruth Community Centre. There would also be a concert at the Wesley Chapel in the evening which is a celebration of Twinning, there would be Mexican and American representation there.

Mr Jewell and another member of the public left the meeting at this point.

#### 1622.7 **Reports from Officers:**

##### 1622.7.1 **Report from the Communications Manager**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The team have been working extremely hard on Murdoch Day and the Communications Manager reminded Cllrs that there would be a briefing all about the day on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and they were all welcome to attend. Cllr Thomas said he had noticed the bus shelter displays are looking fantastic. She elaborated on the 'Stories Surrounding the Pasty' theme she hoped Cllrs would approve for the International Mining and Pasty festival. Cllr Reeve said that there is a film that was made in Mexico narrated from the perspective of the pasty and they have an ambition to follow it up with a prequel. She would be happy to show the film to this committee. Cllr Broad added he felt it was important to be supportive to the new events team.

1622.7.1.2 **RESOLVED** by Majority to accept the proposed theme of 'Stories Surrounding the Pasty' for the International Mining and Pasty festival [Proposed Cllr Broad; Seconded Cllr Ragan, Cllrs Allen, Jolly and Morrison voted against]

Cllr Allen asked about the timescales for the Communications Strategy and making the minutes more accessible. The Communications Manager replied that she would have more time after Murdoch Day to focus on the strategy, and it would be complete by the end of this year. The Town Clerk added it would take four to six weeks to get the minutes into a more accessible format. Cllr Allen also asked the definition of youth in relation to the Youth Festival. The Town Clerk explained when she applied for the funding, she kept the parameters loose to make it inclusive and positive so it would be for all ages up to approximately 25 years.

The remainder of the report was noted.



## 1622.7.2 **Report from the Community Liaison Manager**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Responses to the Volunteer Network and Socialisation Event have already started coming back. Cllr Ellenbroek named some organisations and asked if they had been invited. The Community Liaison Officer replied that she would send out the list of invitees in case she had missed anyone. Cllr Ellenbroek said she was aware of a Cornwall-wide survey of young people that might be worth looking at called Let's Talk Cornwall.

The remainder of the report was noted.

The Community Liaison Officer introduced the new Strategic Projects Officer – Cheryl Welsh who gave a presentation to Cllrs about 'Match my Project' and asked Cllrs to approve a version of this for Redruth to make it the first one in Cornwall.

- 1622.7.2.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to set up the 'Match my Project' model for Redruth [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr Reeve]

## 1622.7.3 **Report from the Senior Library Officer**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Since the report went out, she has two further updates. The first one is to report that Cornwall have been selected to participate in the national Poverty Proofing project, only the second authority to be awarded this pioneering work funded by the Arts Council. The project is a partnership between Libraries Connected (LC), the membership body for public libraries, and charity Children North-East. The project will be looking at how the library service can poverty proof their service by identifying barriers to accessibility and opportunities for engagement. Redruth has been identified as an area that would benefit from the project, along with Penzance, Newquay, St Austell, Bodmin and Launceston. The Children North East Team will be visiting the library on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June and some of the team will be attending training on the methodology of the study the following day where we will find out more about how the study will work. The second update is that the Writer's Block have asked Redruth Library to be a partner in their Arts Council Grant. This would be a collaborative project and a great opportunity.

- 1622.7.3.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to accept the offer from the Writer's Block to be a partner in their Arts Council Grant [Proposed Cllr Allen; Seconded Cllr Jolly]

Cllr Ellenbroek referred to report point 4.1 and said that regarding safeguarding she had signed herself up for Suicide Prevention training and wondered if it would be useful for the library staff. The Senior Library Officer said she is arranging training as appropriate with the HR Manager.

The remainder of the report was noted.

Two members of the public left the meeting at this point.

## 1622.7.4 **Report on the use of Tik Tok**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- 1622.7.4.1 Unanimously RESOLVED to allow the use of Tik Tok accounts to increase awareness and engagement of Redruth Town Council and the Library and Information Support Service with a Young Adult Audience [Proposed Cllr Reeve; Seconded Cllr Allen]



**Chair**