Redruth Town Council

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Town Mayor: Cllr A Biscoe **Town Clerk: C Williams**

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Planning Committee held at Redruth Civic Centre, Alma Place, Redruth on Tuesday 20th October 2026

Present:	Cllr H Biscoe	Chair
	Cllr W Tremayne	Deputy Chair
	Cllr S Barnes	
	Cllr A Biscoe	
	Cllr A Mays	
	Cllr M Selwood	
In attendance:	Cllr I Thomas	
	Mrs H Bardle	RFO/Deputy Town Clerk
	Mr S Davey	Minute Taker

There were 8 members of the public in attendance

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

1679.1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Broad, Morrison and Reeve.

1679.2 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.

1679.3 Cllr H Biscoe agreed, at the request of a public member, to have the presentation from Lidl before the questions from members of the public.

To receive a presentation from representatives for Lidl GB on their proposal for a food store at Tolgus Vean, Redruth.

Simon Gitsham from Lidl GB gave a presentation which included an overview of Lidl's business model, and more detailed plans for the site, which included the following points;

- The site already has outline planning consent for a mixture of 60 houses and commercial premises.
- Lidl first submitted their application in July 2026 which was amended in August 2026.
- If the application is successful, the plan is to start works early 2027 with the store opening early in 2028.
- There are issues with the slope of the site, but the landscape plan avoids high retaining walls, retaining the existing boundary hedges (Cornish hedges) where possible. Some new trees will be planted.
- The plans include improved access onto the A3047 with signal controls, and a wider road for left and right turn.
- The new store is not expected to increase road traffic significantly.
- Carpark measures should restrict parking to customers only.
- Drainage has been surveyed and a plan is in place for surface water discharge.
- The ecology survey reported no bats or protected species.
- 70% of respondents to the household survey support the proposal.
- Around 40 FTE jobs offered locally.

1679.4 Public participation session – to allow members of the public to put questions to the Council relating to any matters relating to the Town Council

Several members of the public asked questions relating to concerns for established trees in the area, parking, traffic congestion, safety for school children at peak times, and whether there was a need for another supermarket in Redruth.

The representatives from Lidl answered all questions.

Councillors were also invited to ask questions, and all were answered by the representatives from Lidl.

It was agreed that Lidl would forward to the Council, details of the responses to the public consultation survey, and details of the habitat survey and plans for the Cornish hedges.

1679.5 To consider the planning application PA26/04731

RESOLVED by Majority to Support the application. [Proposed Cllr Selwood, seconded Cllr A Biscoe]. Cllr Barnes and Mays voted against. Cllr Tremayne abstained.

Chair