

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held in the LONG ROOM on Thursday 20 April 2017 at 6.30 pm there were present:

The Mayor - Councillor Jane Pascoe - in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Christina Whitty
The Town Clerk - Mr Steve Vinson

Councillors: - Tyler Bennetts, Rachel Brooks, Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken, Roger Holmes, Sue Pike, Tony Powell, Anne Purdon, Phil Seeva, James Shrubsole, Lorna Shrubsole and Hella Tovar

Support Services Manager – Yvette Hayward

Members of the Public – Ian and Jane Page, James O’Connell, Ben Clague, John Lennon, Bryan Ugalde, Viv Twornicki, Sgt Jo Williams, Jo Hoskin, Charlie and Freddie, Luke Moynan, Susan Shand, Anna Clarke, Kerry Cassidy and Paul Pascoe.

Housekeeping - the Mayor informed all of the emergency exits and asked for all phones to be turned off.

1. APOLOGIES

John Hesketh (Town Forum)

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD IN THE REFRESHMENT ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016

The Mayor proposed, Sue Pike seconded and the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held in the Refreshment Room on Wednesday 11 May 2016 were adopted.

3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Mayor, Councillor Jane Pascoe reported:

It truly has been an honour and privilege to represent you in my role as Mayor of Liskeard and I have thoroughly enjoyed the year. During my term, I have been invited to attend well over 100 functions, organisations, parades and presentations and I have received a warm welcome and excellent hospitality on every occasion. I am always amazed by the number of volunteers who give their time freely in our town. I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those involved on traffic duty during our Civic Parades and major events in the town. This includes volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, British Legion and other organisations. This year the Town Council were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Quimperle, our twinning town to Liskeard; and we very much hope this will rekindle interest in the Twinning Association which I hope will lead to links and benefits with Agriculture, Arts, Sport and Education. I believe that Cllr Holmes is keen to take this idea forward. Attending these events is in addition to the regular committee meetings that I attend as Chairman of the Council. I believe it is important to attend all committees to support the Chairman and Councillors in their work. I represent Liskeard on the SELAGS panel and on the Town Forum; I have also been Chairman of the Employment Group for the Neighbourhood Plan, the Devolution Group and I sit on the Cattle Market Committee.

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It has been a very busy and challenging year for the Councillors. Within the committees, they have continued to work towards fulfilling the Councils objectives. As a result of an external review we are continuing to make effective improvements to the way this Council functions. I wish to thank the Town Clerk, the Deputy Mayor, the Committee Chairmen, Councillors and the staff for their support and hard work in restructuring the committees, meetings and their administration. We were very proud of our Town Clerk when he passed his SILCA exams which enabled the Council to have the Power of Competence Status and now amongst **only 6 of 213 other** Councils in Cornwall, Liskeard Town Council has attained "Foundation Level" of the Local Council Award Scheme. This is a scheme implemented by National Association of Local Councils and gives the Council more scope to take on innovative projects, make investments and increase revenue streams. This Council has resolved to achieve the next higher "Quality" level within one year.

This year I had asked the Chairman of their Committees to go back and go over the forecast of expenditure again and again before the **precept** was finalised. Each exercise cut more out of the budget and our final increase was **2.8 %**. This is partially due to the **26%** reduction in the Council Support Grant, the considerable increase in Uniform Business Rates on Council properties and funding for the planned Public Hall refurbishment project. Despite these additional expenses the impact on the householder is 74p per year – or less than 2p per week with no reduction to our services.

The Facilities committee have made plans to refurbish and re-equip the Refreshment Room and improve access to the upper rooms of the building, including the Council Chamber by installing a hydraulic lift. 50% of the costs will be met by grant funding and some from the dilapidation reserves. When completed we forecast that the improved facilities will attract more events and increase the revenue.

I can also add that the Councils prudent investment in PV Panels is on track to pay for itself within 5 years. I can report that our statutory duty of providing allotments is upheld and being managed appropriately by the Council and we thank Cllr Goldsworthy and the Deputy Mayor Cllr Christina Whitty who take a very keen interest in their activity.

The facilities committee and staff are responsible for managing and maintaining the Councils 4 principal buildings, the Skate Board Park, Thorn Park, the towns 3 public toilets, Fountain on the Parade, the War Memorial, bus shelters and benches.

Next week the Management Agreement for Westbourne Gardens will be signed at Full Council. Cornwall Council will retain the Freehold and ongoing costs for maintenance for the trees and walls. This Council will only be responsible for other maintenance and we can promote the use of this beautiful green area in the town.

The Devolution committee have been working on a basic package of devolving Cornwall Council owned property. To take on their liabilities, we require assets with a sustainable revenue stream. We have asked for Westbourne car park, West Street Car Park, and Employment units in Holman Road and the small business units in the Cattle Market. We await the outcome.

The Neighbourhood Plan, which the community has contributed to hugely, is ready for the approval of this Council to submit to Cornwall Council for regulation 16 Consultation. This has been an extremely long and necessary process to produce policies fit for purpose to plan the future of our town up to 2030. I believe it to be an

excellent piece of work and a sound document and we are indebted to Steve Besford Foster the Project Manager and Cllr James Shrubsole the Chairman and to all those volunteers who have given their time freely and toiled for 2 and half years to get it to this level. There will possibly be amendments to make on its return from Cornwall Council, but we are hopeful it will be presented to a public referendum this year. You said “jobs before houses” and through the Planning process and through discussions with developers and for the first time in 20 years we have brought forward employment land. This will contribute to building a strong, competitive economy and vibrant community.

Continuing to fulfil our aim to boost prosperity and increase employment opportunities I can now tell you that the Employment working group are working with the Agricultural sector for a possible Agri hub on land at Bolitho Farm. A hub at Bolitho will assist in supporting the Employment growth aspirations as identified in the Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan and the Menheniot NP and will help to retain the Agricultural identity of Liskeard. The land at Bolitho is incorporated in the Cornwall Local Plan which includes Objective 1 “Deliver economic growth/employment providing much needed jobs to counterbalance current and future housing development in and around Liskeard”. We have facilitated meetings, stimulated interest in this site and the Town Council are now at a stage to commission a Demand Study that will be used to determine what type of business are willing to relocate or establish new enterprises on the site. The information will be used to plan infrastructure and determine the level of charges that are feasible to incoming enterprises. The study is supported financially and jointly with the Local Enterprise Partnership, Liskeard Town Council, Menheniot Parish Council, the landowner and other interested agricultural related companies. We very much look forward to working closely with our neighbouring parish Menheniot on this exciting project.

Skills, higher paid jobs and apprenticeships have all been issues that the Neighbourhood Plan has covered. Having listened, it became clear that we can do something to help our young people onto a Pathway to Employment and I set about trying to help make things happen for our young people. Through connections and opportune conversations, I am pleased that the school has been connected with the Engineering Industry and the result has been rewarding. Students have been visiting and working in Engineering firms, such as Kawasaki and Restormel Engineering, getting an insight and gaining experience in the Industry with a chance of apprenticeship later. The Town Council has also made a contribution to the Green Power Challenge, a project for young students and you will hear more about our involvement with the school later from James O Connell, the Deputy Head Master.

The Town Council see the development of the Cattle Market site as a significant investment in the future of Liskeard. It is an ongoing project with Cornwall Council, and under the watchful eye of the Chairman of that committee **Cornwall and Town Cllr Sally Hawken** we hope that firm plans will begin to materialise in the coming year.

One of the aims of the Town Council is to communicate well with local people and to work effectively with other organisations. The Communication and Engagement Committee has worked so very hard during the last 4 years and under the excellent Chairmanship of Cllr Brooks they have fulfilled this objective. Granite Plinths

providing useful information for visitors have been provided in strategic places around Liskeard and an audit identified the need for the new signs you see in the centre. The websites set up by this committee at the beginning of this term are functioning well are informative and an asset to Liskeard. The Towns Tourist Information Centre plays a large part in collating the information on the website and the Facebook pages. This is alongside the excellent service they deliver in helping and advising visitors to the town. This year a new town leaflet including a map has been introduced and enables visitor to find the towns attractions readily. £10,000 has been secured from National Lottery Funding for community journalism to promote Liskeard and the community. Working with other organisations to co-ordinate the Man Engine Event was very rewarding, a resounding success and a chance to showcase the architecture, history and heritage of our town and hinterland. A terrific boost to our local economy. It was the largest event that I have seen in Liskeard and people are still talking about it and there may be further projects to come out of that amazing day.

The Museum managed by Cllr Tovar and an amazing team of volunteers has re-opened in February. The winter closure allowed them to create and introduce new exhibitions linking our mining heritage to toys past and future. The visitor numbers to the Museum continue to increase, along with the sales in the gift shop and the enthusiasm of those volunteers needs to be bottled for sure. I thank them one and all for their hours of tireless work.

This is not just the end of my year but the conclusion of a 4 year term of office. During this period, there have been 2 other excellent Mayors, Cllr Sue Pike and Phil Seeva, I am sure I can speak for them and tell you we have all felt honoured to be chosen to promote and represent the best interests of this town.

Sadly, and finally, at the Full Council meeting next week we say Goodbye to Councillors who are retiring from office. Annie Purdon has been twice Mayor and a Councillor for so many years, her dedication to this Council and the people of this town has been exemplary, and she will be greatly missed, so much local knowledge and experience. Councillors Lorna and James Shrubsole, they are to be congratulated on their tireless and burdensome work on the Neighbourhood Plan and their commitment to all duties relating to their role as Councillors. We shall truly miss them both at Council but I am delighted to say that James has agreed to remain as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Phil Seeva who feels that his commitments with 6 other Parish Councils conflict with meeting dates at Liskeard. Phil led this Council for 2 years. Jo his wife, Charlie and Freddie supported him at so many events, not an easy duty for a young family, but the boys willingly supported Phil and I know there were many sacrifices. Cllr Martin Menear, with us only for a short time but his work commitments have not allowed him to continue. We also say goodbye to one of our Honoured Burgesses, Tony Wood. There are so many reasons we need to thank Tony, to name just a few, He was a former Headmaster of Liskeard School, his publications about Liskeard and his involvement with our heritage and Stuart House. Ladies and Gentleman I am sure you will wish to join me in thanking them all for their dedication and tireless work on the Town Council and in the community.

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4. REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported that in addition to the following trusts, Liskeard Town Council has a grant budget of £8,000 for the 2017/18 financial year. Full details of the eligibility criteria including the Grant Awarding Policy and application form could be found on the Town Council website at www.liskeard.gov.uk

Philip Blamey Trust

The trust was established 'For the educational benefit of such boy or girl as the Mayor and Town Clerk for the time being shall consider, such income will be of the most use and benefit for such educational purposes aforesaid' (Area of Benefit – Liskeard). The Mayor and Town Clerk were trustees of the Trust which had funds of £3,624.76. No applications for grants had been received this year.

Eve Bowles Memorial Fund

Eva Bowles loved music and contributed to the community of Liskeard for over 50 years. She arranged and played at hundreds of concerts which raised tens of thousands of pounds for Local Charities. It was her dearest wish to set up a musical charity. Following her death, The Eva Bowles Memorial Fund was established to help local young people in Liskeard to take part and enjoy music making in all its various forms. Grant eligibility:

- Available to students up to and including age 18 who live within Liskeard town boundaries and who are devoted to the study of music.
- Students anticipated progress must be vouched for by a professional tutor or school music teacher.
- Grants will be made, in normal circumstances, following a personal interview.

The Mayor and Town Clerk were trustees of the fund which had £2,317.68. No applications had been received this year.

King George V - Thorn Park

This fund had £2,325.68 available.

Alex Page Trust

The Trust aims to help young people who want to learn a skilled trade but find the low income and financial outlay for professional tools or training a positive disincentive. Open to anyone below the age of 21 at the time of application and resident in the Liskeard area (PL14 postcode). Applicants must be pursuing a nationally recognised qualification (e.g. Modern Apprenticeship or NVQ), or a qualification which is recognised by a trade organisation appropriate to the career concerned. No minimum or maximum limits. The money available for awards is generated by the Trust's capital and future donations. As a general principle, relatively small 'one-off' awards will be available rather than continuous funding for any individual applicant.

Jane Page reported that over the last year, the Trust had raised £813.61 leaving a balance at the year end of £12,145.58. No applications had been received during this financial year.

Liskeard Town Forum

No report was available as the Chair was clerking at another meeting.

The Town Forum is a clearing house for ideas, and is independent from any other organisation, it works with colleagues in the Council, and many other groups in the town. They welcome residents and community groups to their regular public meetings. Meetings are held every six weeks (except for August and December) on a Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House, Liskeard. Full dates, agendas and previous minutes are available on their website. The Town Forum also provides grants and these details can also be found on the website.

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS FROM LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

Liskeard School and Community College

James O'Connell and Ben Clague reported on their Greenpower Education Trust project, which has been supported by a grant of £500 from the Town Council. This is an electric car challenge which requires students, guided by their teachers and an industry mentor, to design, build and then race an electric car. The aim being to advance education in the subjects of sustainable engineering and technology to young people, encouraging as many young people as possible to consider engineering as a possible career path.

They purchased a kit which includes the frame, wheels and motor. A group of 12 students commenced work the week before the Easter holidays, working as a team, often independently and in their own time. They are currently at the stage of starting to design the chassis and will need to have the whole car completed in time for the first race on 22 June at Newquay Airport. There are currently lots of volunteers to be driver.

The kits are collapsible and can be rebuilt in future years with new groups of students.

The project has also been supported by several local engineering companies, including Kawasaki in Plymouth, which students have visited and members of their staff have come to school to offer mentoring, and Restormel CNC Engineering at Lostwithiel who manufacture components for industry, which students have also visited. This offered valuable experience to students, helping with coursework, improving their grades and aiding university entry.

Liskeard Lights Up

John Lennon reported this was organised entirely by volunteers. They had received a large grant of £3,500, however the cost to hire the lifting equipment alone for 3 days to put up and take down the lights was £1,200. Further expenditure was very dependent on the amount of renewals required – changing the theme meant there was always going to be an element to this. The cost of providing the Christmas tree was £200.

Last year they were delighted to have collected £300 of donations in dustbins and were very thankful to the many local businesses who generously supported them. They already have £2,000 towards the cost of this year's event, which is needed for

the early upfront costs.

They really need volunteers, particularly to help get all the equipment out – this is currently done by a team of 14 volunteers, including 2 electricians – and will be advertising for this nearer the time.

Liskeard Radio

Bryan Ugalde reported that Liskeard Radio had been set up as a limited company to secure its future, although all of its broadcasters were volunteers. While only currently broadcasting for 28 days each year in the run up to Christmas, many of the costs were as high as they would be to broadcast for 365 days. Their income last year was £10,306 which included a grant of £500 from the Town Council and support from 34 local businesses. The expenses were £7,728.23, of which £5,248 was for the independent broadcasting licences required. This left them a profit of £2,577.77 which they hope to double in the next 12 months, and have a vision to eventually obtain their own premises which will be available for young people to use to practise their skills and broadcast, and enable them to broadcast for longer periods. They will commence fundraising again in June.

All their original equipment had been donated and the grant they received helped them to improve their signal quality which will be a benefit to all future broadcasts. They achieved listeners from the UK, Europe, America and Australia.

Presenters last year included people from the Real Ideas Organisation, Bridge Academy and Liskeard School and Community College. Anybody interested in being involved in the project in some way was invited to contact them.

Liskeard in Bloom

The Mayor reported that a grant of £2,000 had been given to this project, and the Town Council would also be providing a water bowser to water the hanging baskets – of which about 56 were expected. It was hoped this would become a community group with people growing flowers for the displays in future years.

The town had received a visit from Denise James of South West in Bloom who praised the town, particularly the Stuart House garden which she viewed. Britain in Bloom had a 40% weighting for community involvement rather than just the quality of the flowers displayed.

6. CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS FOR RECENT GRANTS AWARDED

Ploughman's Festival Committee

Viv Twornicki reported on behalf of this project who were receiving a grant for £300. This event is organised by a small group of 10 people, reclaiming an old right given to Liskeard in its charter of 1266 to hold 2 fair days a year. It is a celebration of food, beer and music starting with a food market on the Parade in the morning and moving into Westbourne Gardens for an afternoon of entertainment, with 2 stages for local bands and artists and plenty of food.

The cost of the event last year was £4,000 with £1,000 of this required for the marquee

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in Westbourne Gardens. The group would welcome more volunteers to help them continue to grow this event which has been very successful over the last 3 years (and also enjoyed some great weather).

7. POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY

Sgt Jo Williams reported:

Crime figures for the year 2016/17 for Liskeard Town

| Crime Type | 2016/17 | 2015/16 | % change |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Violence with injury | 133 | 116 | 14.7% |
| Violence without injury | 126 | 119 | 5.9% |
| Sexual offences | 16 | 17 | -6.3% |
| Robbery | 3 | 2 | 50% |
| Burglary dwelling | 15 | 11 | 36.4% |
| Burglary non dwelling | 55 | 17 | 223.5% |
| Vehicle offences | 34 | 12 | 183.3% |
| Shoplifting | 30 | 35 | -14.3% |
| Other theft | 77 | 63 | 22.2% |
| Criminal Damage | 134 | 127 | 5.5% |
| Public Order | 39 | 52 | -25% |
| Possession of weapons | 5 | 3 | 66.7% |
| Drugs offences | 21 | 46 | -54.3% |
| Other crime | 14 | 9 | 55.6% |
| Total | 702 | 635 | 10.8% |

As you can see the recorded crime for Liskeard Town shows a rise of 10.8% or 67 offences which appears to be bad news on the surface. However, when crime statistics for the town are compared year on year, this year's reported crime is still within our usual tolerances, for example in 2012/13 we recorded 877 crimes, 679 in 2013/14, 725 in 2014/15, 635 in 2015/16 and now 702 in 2016/17. This is a fall of 20% over 5 years, or 175 offences.

We attended 1969 reported incidents with 326 classed as anti-social behaviour.

The year-end figures show that crimes of violence continue to rise steadily. In general, this is because of a rise in domestic abuse reporting and a significant rise in the number of neighbour disputes that degenerate into physical assault. Violence linked to the evening and night time economy continues to fall.

This year the town has been at the mercy of a young adult offender who has previously spent time in prison for multiple thefts. This year he and his associates were responsible for the rise in vehicle offences (thefts from motor vehicles), burglary non-dwelling (sheds, garages and outbuildings) and a fair percentage of the criminal damage crimes resulting from attempts to breaking into buildings and vehicles. All have been dealt with for various offences over the year, but the ringleader remains living in the town. His associates in these crimes were all young boys aged 13/14. He has been prevented from spending any time with them by the service of child Abduction Notices banning him from all contact.

Other news

Police funding to 2020

The Devon and Cornwall police budget has been frozen until 2020. While this is certainly preferable to any further cuts to the budget, in real terms when inflation is taken into consideration, the force believes this will be an actual reduction of 7% in this time. This means there are more policing cuts to come although exactly where the axe will fall remains to be seen. Cornwall has lost 17 posts already this year.

On the good news front, since recruitment has begun again, some of the many vacancies being held in Response Teams are now being filled to ease the strain on officers who have been struggling to meet the demands of 999 calls and reports from the public. We will be back up to numbers in a year or so

Strategic Alliance with Dorset Police

As both forces have suffered significant budget cuts and share a similar ethos of policing, an alliance has formed to look at where the two organisations can share resources and so reduce costs. Some departments such as the Dog Section, Firearms and the Force Support Group have already merged and further works are ongoing to look at options in forensic services, IT, personnel and administration. The Forces will remain separate as far as uniform, command structure and operational policing under the current plans

Team staffing

As you will no doubt be aware the force are looking to reduce the numbers of PCSO's in the force by a half, down to 150 Force wide. This means that we will be losing PCSO posts in South East Cornwall over the next 4 years. Exactly where those staff losses will be has yet to be determined, but I'm sure you will understand that these are very uncertain times for the PCSO's who remain here in Liskeard.

As Neighbourhood Team Leader, I will be taking over the management of both Torpoint and Saltash as well as my current responsibilities at the end of May as my colleague there is resigning and not being replaced. As you can imagine this will increase my workload by 100%, but I will still endeavour to provide a service to you and will of course support my staff across the four towns and numerous rural parishes.

Community Police Cadets

We currently have 9 police cadets from the Liskeard and Looe area. Over the past 12 months they have been involved with community events such as the Liskeard Show and Boconnoc Show where they have been engaging with the public and aiding with the smooth running of the events. They partake in the Remembrance service parade in Town and Kodi won an award for collecting the most donations from the public out of all cadet units in the Liskeard (police, army etc.). As part of the Greenpower Education Trust the cadets built an electric car and after qualifying from a regional heat in Newquay they were able to race at the Rockingham Speedway in Leicestershire where they finished as the highest placed police entry nationwide. Two of the cadets were also on Liskeard FM helping to support the local radio and to talk about their experiences with the cadets.

Community Speed Watch

The Community Speed Watch volunteers currently have 14 sites in the Liskeard and Looe area. They arrange one or two monitoring sessions a week, dependent on the weather and once on site have high visibility jackets and signs to alert motorists.

They monitor speed of vehicles and if a vehicle is travelling above a certain threshold, will record the vehicle registration number so that a warning letter and information leaflet can be sent to the registered keeper. This process has been very successful in reducing complaints about the speed of vehicles in certain locations and this group of volunteers have sent well over 4000 letters since they started and have won several volunteering awards!

TSSO

A Tri-Service Safety Officer has just begun working who will be covering Liskeard. This person has a unique uniform and his own fully kitted vehicle and will be working from Liskeard Police Station as his base. His first responsibility is as an Ambulance First Responder, followed by being a retained Fire Officer and any down time he will be acting as a PCSO. He is in training at the moment and we hope to meet him soon.

New build police station

Liskeard station rebuild is still on the table. The Tri-Service building option is off the table as the Ambulance Service would not spend additional funds having just refurbished their own building as significant cost. Options are being looked at for a Dual Service option with the Fire Station, and failing that we will be looking to have an independent building in the town somewhere. Sadly, the capital funding granted in 2015 for the Tri service bid is no longer available, but the force has set aside funds for a new police station for Liskeard.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT

James Shrubsole reported that:

As many of you in this room know, we have been working on a Neighbourhood plan for some time now – it's a community led project, that ultimately forms part of the planning process, which will shape the future of Liskeard, alongside the Cornwall Local Plan, both of which run up to 2030.

Over the past year policies derived from four working groups (on employment, housing, town centre, and open space and leisure) were brought together – with further work on sustainability assessment, and adjustments to incorporate changes from the Cornwall Local Plan as it approached completion – and written into a draft plan last October.

From November through to the end of January 2017 there was extensive awareness-raising, engagement and consultation with the public and local organisations, in preparation for the draft plan being submitted to Cornwall Council. A summary leaflet was distributed widely, and the full draft plan was viewable on the www.planliskeard.co.uk website, as well as hard copies in the Library, one-stop-shop and Town Council offices, with online and postcard responses available. We tried hard to involve as many in our community as we could, including an all-day drop-in day in the public hall, talking to people outside Morrison's and at 'Lights-up', as well as the Town Forum, Liskeard sixth form, and personal letters to local community groups, and we also received excellent coverage in the local press and on community radio.

By the end of January deadline many constructive and supportive comments had come in from the community as well as from Cornwall Council, some developers, and other 'statutory' organisations such as Historic and Natural England.

Since then, members of the Steering Group have recorded and analysed all the comments and where needed, made adjustments to the plan.

The Town Council (as 'qualifying body') will be asked to agree submission of the revised draft plan to Cornwall Council for the next stage of the process, where they will consult further and check that it is legally compliant and doesn't conflict with national and local planning law. They will also bring in an independent inspector to make sure it's fit for purpose, and after any necessary adjustments, when it comes back to Liskeard, those who are eligible to vote will be able to take part in a referendum.

And in conclusion I would like to say "Many thanks" to all those people in the local community who have generously volunteered their time and expertise to get the plan to its present stage!

9. PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION

In response to a question about progress of the planning application in the town by JD Wetherspoon the Town Clerk replied that a recent application had been made by the applicant to Cornwall Council, the planning authority, on 16 March 2017 to discharge conditions 3 and 5 to allow works to commence. These conditions related to surface water management and foul water treatment, and land contamination, due to the old underground fuel tanks. The determination date was not until 11 May 2017.

In response to a question about the Liskeard and Looe Multi Use Trail, Councillor Rachel Brooks replied that the project was progressing. It had been confirmed viable from a land perspective and they were now looking at the possibility of linking it to Plymouth and Lanhydrock. Further funding is being obtained for the feasibility study for this.

Attention was drawn to a new youth project based at the Liskerrett Centre which currently has funding for a 6 month trial. The group operates on a Friday evening with a session from 5-7pm for the 11-13 age group and the a 7-9pm session for an older group, which is currently involving 120 children. The project offers support for mental health and young victims of crime. It is currently dependant on volunteers and the funding being received and concerns were highlighted about how this valuable project can move forward when the funding expires.