

## Nadelik Lyskerrys/Liskeard Cornish Christmas 2023

Tuesday 26 September, 2023 at 11am

Liskerrett Community Centre, Varley Lane, Liskeard

Attendees: Councillors Rachel Brooks (in the chair), David Braithwaite (Lights Up), Jean Glynn and Jenny Chester (Stuart House), Sally Hawken (Liskerrett), Lin Moore (Traders Association), Daniel Sturrock (Workshed) and Yvette Hayward (Liskeard Town Council)

1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Lindsey Hall and Madeline Hall (Real Ideas), Liz Wigley (Methodist Church), Tracy Adams (Forum and Traders Association), Ann Kinahan (Market Makers) and Iga Webb (Museum).</p> <p>Considerable work had gone into finding somebody suitable to operate the road closure required, but nobody was available for 2 December. Liskeard Town Council had agreed to fund the cost of using Diverse Events, a professional contractor, who were available on 9 December and all participants had agreed this date was suitable. The required event notification with road closure notice had been submitted.</p>	
2	<p><b>Update on Christmas lights</b></p> <p>The Town Council have now resolved to appoint a professional contractor, Blachere Illuminations, to put up the overhead lights. They will be onsite on 28 &amp; 29 September carrying out initial safety testing and infrastructure work in preparation for the installation. This will provide different modern lights, although coverage will be limited in some areas due to safety restrictions and regulations. The plan was to switch on the lights on 25 November. Lin would speak to the mayor about this happening in late October instead.</p>	
3	<p><b>Lights Up event 9 December</b></p> <p><i>NB - All discussions are initial planning ones and events may change or not happen at all. Full details will be published when confirmed.</i></p> <p>- <b>Main elements</b></p> <p>A grant application had been submitted to Feast to support the entertainment, including during the daytime, community workshops and resources. A decision is due very soon – once this is known the available budget can be confirmed and activities organised accordingly.</p> <p>All groups organising activities would need to complete a risk assessment.</p> <p>Lantern making – 6 or 7 schools and some community groups had already expressed interest and confirmed they had missed this element of the</p>	

festive season. A 3D artist had been contacted who would be able to run a train the trainer event to upskill people to create the large structures and provide future proofing. A date that suited most people was being agreed. It was also proposed that textile artists could help create costumes that would go with smaller lanterns.

The air cadets had offered to help with stewarding the parade. *Consider an area for wheelchair users and people with limited mobility.*

David Braithwaite would provide SH & YH with a copy of the Lights Up insurance.

DB

Library – Real Ideas sent apologies - update from a conversation following the meeting:

*They are having very positive discussions with the Cooperative about using their upper windows for projection mapping onto the Library and hope to confirm it is technically possible shortly. At that point they will start working on the content of the film, which will be on Liskeard's history and will have a Cornish language element. They will be talking to Brian Oldham and others and would welcome other suggestions about who to talk to.*

*The activities inside the library after the lights are switched on are likely to focus on lights and technology and they will bring initial ideas to the next meeting.*

Stuart House – confirmed they would be opening in the evening. They have their own general risk assessments but could create one for the event.

Liskeard Radio – will set up on The Parade, outside Webbs House during the day and evening. Mike will check to see if they would be able to set up at the Cattle Market too to provide music following the parade.

MA

Cattle Market canopy – will have the monthly produce market in the morning until 1pm, which was likely to have a Christmas theme. In the evening there would be entertainment and they are inviting food vans with a percentage of the revenue to be used to help with the cost of the entertainment etc. Olive & Co and a Mexican provider had already been approached. Other local businesses would be approached, including the Lions catering van. All food sellers would be asked to provide bins and remove the rubbish. The canopy had public liability insurance, including for holding events, and will do their own risk assessments.

Fore Street Traders – The Traders had chosen a Dickensian theme, and music will be played in the street. There will be a window dressing competition judged by the Mayor. They were investigating some themed stalls. Santa would be in his grotto at Fat Frog café.

Entertainment – Mandy had contacted a number of entertainers, but only received two positive responses so far. Some are already booked.

	<p>It was noted that previously street traders had arrived, uninvited, and set up pitches. It could be worth directing them to paid pitches in the Cattle market and, if necessary, speaking to Cornwall Council or Trading Standards about this. Authorised traders could be issued with something to display to show they are contributing to the event.</p> <p><b>- Timetable</b></p> <p><i>Provisional order of events:</i></p> <p>Daytime – family trail at venues including the Library, Stuart House and shops in Fore Street. If possible, other activities to draw people to the shopping areas while shops are open.</p> <p>17:30 start of lantern procession, which will take a route around the town centre.</p> <p>Approx 18:10 Turning on the Christmas Tree lights with musical entertainment and a countdown. Invite the public to the activities which follow.</p> <p>18:45 First showing of film projection mapped onto the front of the library (approx. 8 minutes). This will show several times to allow people to move down Barras Street and see it. Library and Stuart House open with refreshments and activities.</p> <p>18:45 Programme of music and dancing in the Cattle Market canopy.</p> <p>With several activities on offer it will make it easier to manage the crowd.</p> <p><b>- Other</b></p> <p>MH to obtain a quote from St John Ambulance for first aid cover. Can any of the venues open in the evening provide a space for a treatment room if needed?</p> <p>Toilets – MH to speak to JO about keeping the public toilets open in the evening.</p> <p>Litter picking – consider the need for a clean up after the event. Wherever possible people should be encouraged to take their litter home or find a suitable bin e.g. PA announcements, etc. Would a volunteer litter pick be possible on the following morning?</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH/JO</p>
4	<p><b>School and community involvement beforehand</b></p> <p><b>- Lanterns</b></p> <p>Workshops will be offered to local schools and community organisations and those interested will be liaised with closely by the Liskerrett Centre and the artist.</p>	

	<p><b>- Cornish language</b></p> <p>Rod and Rachel had a meeting arranged with the Cornish language group. Lindsey had offered the Library for Cornish language activities. We have the Golden Tree resources to share. There is currently a group meeting at the Barley Sheaf which may be able to extend to something for this.</p> <p>Mike and Rod will liaise regarding a Cornish speaking show on Liskeard Radio.</p> <p>Cornish Trail – Last year approximately 50 families completed the Trail followed by a cakey tea at the Public Hall. The Trail had always started at Stuart House and the Library would be interested in being on the Trail, possibly the final stop – RB will speak to them (the Wheal Phoenix Room is provisionally booked if needed). RB &amp; MH to discuss the details further, e.g. timings, refreshments.</p> <p>The singing or playing of a carol in Cornish was also discussed and the link to the recording of Kana Kelyn which was created for Christmas during lockdown is below. It will be good to send this to the Churches for their services. We can talk more about music at future meetings.</p> <p>Here's the You Tube link to the Kana Nadelyk:  <a href="https://youtu.be/vUNU1GiQkeo">https://youtu.be/vUNU1GiQkeo</a></p>	<p>Rod/RB</p> <p>MA / Rod</p> <p>RB RB/MH</p>
5	<p><b>Other Christmas activities and events</b></p> <p><b>- Santa's grotto</b></p> <p>Traders Association grotto will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fat Frog, probably between 11am – 4pm. Tracy will confirm the times and has the main man already lined up.</p> <p><b>- Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival</b></p> <p><i>The church have confirmed this is going ahead again this year. Similar arrangements to previous years. They expect to be open from 1 December and will definitely be open on 9 December. Exact dates will be confirmed by Veronica.</i></p> <p><b>- Catholic Church</b></p> <p><i>Christmas Fayre 2 December</i></p> <p><b>- Museum</b></p> <p>Activities planned for families - MH to check details.</p> <p><b>- Liskeard WI</b></p>	<p>TA</p> <p>MH</p>

	<p>Holding a Christmas coffee morning with stalls in the Emily Hobhouse Room at the Public Hall on 9 December</p> <p>- <b>Lions' plans</b></p> <p>Mandy will check what the plans are and ask if they could be available for the next meeting.</p> <p>- <b>Other</b></p> <p>Santas On Bikes – Mandy will check if they are visiting the town this year. It is likely this will be on 2 December.</p> <p>Anyone else wishing to put on an event is welcome to, just let us know so it can be promoted.</p> <p>Ann has created a Christmas card which can be used on posters and other displays around town.</p> <p>Liskeard Radio will help promote all events and workshops if they are kept in the loop. Email <a href="mailto:liskeardradio@aol.com">liskeardradio@aol.com</a> direct if you would like to share your information.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MA</p>
5	<p><b>Publicity</b></p> <p>A 'What's on' leaflet will be produced, similar to last year, possibly 2 sided with December events on one side and the 9 December programme on the other. 1 November would be the deadline for information to be included in the leaflet to be sent to Mandy, with a view to having it available by about mid November. MH to check availability of the designer and get a quote. Distribution will be around the town and village halls, shops etc. in the hinterlands. MH has the list used for Liskeard Unlocked – and in a future meeting we can divide up responsibility for distribution.</p> <p>Social media and press releases also to be prepared. MH to talk to Vicky at the TIC to help with scheduled SM posts.</p> <p>A press release will be sent out following this meeting to announce the date and key elements confirmed so far including a lantern parade, and events in the library and Stuart House – with more to come! A call would also be included for all sorts of volunteers to help with stewarding, community workshops, social media, litter picking, etc.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH/VC</p> <p>YH/RB</p>
6	<p><b>Next steps</b></p> <p>Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October (tbc) at 11:00 at the Liskerrett Centre – CONFIRMED</p>	