## Liskeard Unlocked 2020

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Mayor's Parlour

Present: Councillor Rachel Brooks (Chair), Rachel Bennett (Stuart House), Carmen Hunt (Scoots Kernow), Peter Murnaghan (Catholic Church), Brian Oldham (OCS/Museum), Tony Piper (St Martin's Church) and Mandy Hancock (LTC)

Apologies were received from: Councillors Simon Cassidy and Sally Hawken Rebecca Catterall (DCRP), Liz Wigley (Methodist Church), Mary Utton, Jenny Jones and Jenny Foster (Liskerrett Centre)

| 1 | Welcome and Introductions   | Action |
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|   | Councillor Brooks welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending and praised the success of the previous year.   |        |
| 2 | Heritage Open Days Developments Nationally  |        |
|   | The theme for this year's event is Hidden Nature and will take place nationally from 11 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> September.  |        |
|   | Rachel advised that at our wash up meeting last year it was decided to submit an Expression of Interest in taking part in the Dance in the Landscape project. The submission was successful and Liskeard will be one of the HOD Hubs for the project which is now called Nature Underfoot. Lois Taylor and Sam Lawrence would be working on the project culminating in a performance on 12 <sup>th</sup> September. As part of this a 50 strong choir will be needed, Lois will assist in the recruitment of a choir leader. It was hoped that the timings will fit in well with the other events of the day. Lois will attend a workshop in London in March, following which it was hoped to be clearer on the details. The hope is to get lots of groups and organisations involved and record the event if possible. |        |
| 3 | Ideas from 2019 Evaluation  |        |
|   | The geology walk at St Martin's had been very successful and Tony will get in touch with Callum to discuss options for another geology walk/event, ideally linked to nature. Walking around town linking to nature was considered, the mix of stones in Rosedean House and the Henry Rice buildings. Whether the walk could be linked to animals was also mentioned – the horse trough and the bull stone.  | TP     |
|   | Tony advised that the Bell Ringers were not going to take part this year. The Tower tours were physically demanding and could go ahead if assistance was available. Rachel suggested asking the Air Cadets if they would help as they like to be involved in the community, the radio system that the Town Council had given a  | МН     |

grant towards would be very helpful in managing visitors to the tower. Mandy will give Tony the contact details and Rachel offered to lend her support if needed. Tony would need to book the Church asap for the event.

Tony hoped to create a map of trees in the Churchyard and mentioned the possibility of a competition plotting its trees. Rachel suggested speaking to Helen Fearnley from Cornwall Council as she was talking to the Town Council about a Making Space for Nature project in Liskeard. Mandy will send Tony Helen's contact details. Rachel Bennett said that the Quaker burial ground is a wild flower meadow now. Brian has transcriptions of the headstones at the Museum. A naturalist walk of the graveyards was also mentioned.

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Brian enquired about the showing of the recording of the Children's Strike Play. This had been due to be shown at the Liskerrett Centre the previous week, but due to technical issues this hadn't happened. An event where local short films and possibly a quiz night was discussed.

The timings of last year's walks was discussed as it had started to get dark last year. The possibility of having the walk on Sunday and using the Church as a wet weather back up venue was discussed. Brian will get in touch with Pensilva Wildlife Group about the event.

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## 4 Planning for 2020

Liskeard Unlocked will mainly focus on the  $11^{th} - 13^{th}$  weekend as decided at the previous meeting.

## Possible buildings

From last year's list the following buildings/events were confirmed:

- Catholic Church (possibly Father Gilmore's garden?)
- · Greenbank House, 3 Greenbank Lane
- Methodist Church
- Old Cornwall Society Talk by Dale Wood on Bees and Beekeeping
- St Martin's Church if no support available the Tower will not be available. No Bell Ringing this year
- Stuart House and Garden (no secret passage)
- Tregantle, Barn Street
- Trewithan House
- Heritage Canal Walk, route possibly incorporating Lock 21.
  Brian has photos of the lock renovation available.

It was considered that having this walk on the second weekend would be best. Confirmation will be sought from the following buildings/events from last year: The Cornish Times The Liberal Club The Liskerrett Centre The Masonic Hall Pendean The Pipewell Seven Day Adventist Church Geology/nature focussed walk in Churchyards/greenspaces BO on the 13th, date tbc. Ending the walk at St Martin's and then leading into the tree plotting was also considered. The Public Hall. Possibly with the Emily Hobhouse Exhibition in the EHR. Tony suggested contacting the Eden Project to see if there was anything from the Carew biome available Other venues to ask: ВО Greenbank Villa • The Railway Signal Box. It was suggested asking Rebecca Catterall if can link with their Heritage Centre in any way. The Watermill at Looe Mills could tie in with the Canal walk. BO Brian will ask the owners on Tuesday when he sees them. ВО 3 Varley Terrace New properties this year: Brian has enlisted Hollywood in the event • Rachel had met with Nigel and Janet Eadie who had purchased the former Nat West Bank. They have agreed to take part. Brian has lots of history on the building. It was considered that using the Heritage Open Days insurance was the best option. All properties need to do a Risk Assessment before the event and then they can tick the HOD insurance box to be covered, rather than using their personal property insurance. R Be The theme this year will be greenery and Rachel Bennett will take photographs and create an exhibition as previously. She stated that Stuart House would not have the capacity to have the display boards from the private houses to display following the event. ВО

|   | Brian was currently doing research into ironworks foundries. He will look at previous Museum exhibitions to see if can be used again.  |  |
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|   | Peter asked if the new Police Station might join in with a tour. We can but ask. There is a book by Jean Wills with lots of history. It was also decided to ask the Fire Station if they would like to open as they had recently had a very successful open day. It was not decided which weekend would be best. |  |
| 5 | Next steps and Date of Next Meeting  |  |
|   | 12 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Mayor's Parlour   |  |