

16.	Grants Budget 2026/2027		£15,000	
Date Approved	Applicant	Project	Amount of Grant	Balance Remaining
31/03/26	Cornwall International Male Choral Festival.	4th May 2026 Regional Venue at the Sterts Arts & Community Centre – the Liskerrett, Pelynt & Loveny MVC's and Tamar Valley and Sussex "Gruffs" MVC and a Czech Children's Choir. To offer outreach sessions to local schools with benefits to local children and residents requests a grant of £350 towards the costs of the supporting visiting Choirs and concerts.	£350	Cancelled – visiting Choir unable to obtain Visas
31/03/26	RNA 40 th	To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Liskeard branch of the Royal Naval Association (RNA) by funding the road closure and first aid cover etc. (approximately £2,000 from the General Reserve or Grants Budget.) on 22nd August 2026 when they intend to exercise the Freedom of the Town that the Town Council has granted them by holding a Parade to which other RNA's will be invited.	£2,000	
10/04/26 Delegated Decision. 8 in favour	Chess Club	To support they are supporting the Twinning Exchange from Quimperle on May 7 th – 9 th 2026. This includes accommodating 2 adults and 7 children under the age of 18. Owing to the safeguarding rules, the group cannot be accommodated with normal families and instead need to be accommodated through a commercial provider. The Chess Club have booked the Public Hall to host the Chess Tournament.	£500	
28/04/26	Cornwall Breathers	To purchase and provide 4 x 24' Smart TV's for the hospital wards used by patients and their families from Liskeard. To purchase a 70' Sharps Smart TV for the room used by nurses and patients for training.	£700	£11,800
30/06/26	East Cornwall Harriers	To request a grant towards the travel costs to support the East Cornwall Harriers (gross costs £4,292 - £1,430 accommodation and £2,862 travel) of representing Liskeard by making a Twinning Exchange visit 11th – 14th September 2026	£1,341	
30/06/26	St Pinnock Band	To request a grant (£500-£1,000) towards part of the costs (£6,700) of the band participating in the National Competitions in September (the 160th anniversary concert		

		of the St Pinnock Band is booked in the Liskeard Town Council's Public Hall. August 23rd 2026 RNA St Pinnock Band providing the band.	£750	
30/06/26	Caradon Youth Theatre	To provide a grant of £600 (towards the £3,000 Public Hall Hire costs) which are a part of the £9,500 cost of staging the full production of the "Why the Whales came".	£600	
28/07/26	Liskeard Town Forum	Central Support Funding – To consider the award of a grant to support the annual promotional and operational costs (e.g. website Liskeard/Looe Radio promotion, minute taking, room hire, etc.). The Town Forum meets quarterly and is a place for members of the public, groups and associations to put forward issues and proposals and receive updates.	£2,000 £1,000	
		** amount left if the applications are approved at the full amounts to cover until 31 st March 2027		£7,109 £8,109

RECOMMENDATION: That the request for £2,000 from the Liskeard Town Forum to support their annual costs, e.g. promotional and website for £2,000 to cover financial support grant applications from the be reconsidered.

14. DEVOLUTION - Site Visits – Feedback (attached) – To note the feedback from Cornwall Council that there is not likely to be sufficient liabilities in the “current” package to transfer significant car parking assets. However, the circumstances might be subject to change. To continue to develop the costs the Rapson's skate park site as an early opportunity transfer possibly minus the car parks.

Background – Since the last Town Council meeting in connection with Devolution there has been an online meeting (8th July 2026) with all the Cornwall Council Devolution Team / Liskeard Town Council (Councillors and Staff). There had been a preparatory from us to them 7th July. There has been a follow up joint officer meeting on 20th July 2026 to try and develop the observations from the 8th July 2026 Joint Councillors and Staff meeting to try and input into the next 28th July 2026 Town Council and the Cornwall Council management of the Devolution process. There have so far been 5 further e-mails.

Stephen Vinson – 7th July 2026 e-mail to all Cornwall Council / Liskeard Town Council (Councillors and Staff) group to set the context:

“Hello – just to update everyone in advance of the meeting on Devolution tomorrow. The Town Council considered Devolution at its last meeting (30th June 2026) “Devolution” is a standing item on the agenda. (attached). The resolution is below.

“Following consideration of the report and the issue, subject to ensuring that for each site * that the Town Council is considering taking ownership of there is a “Cost Benefit Analysis not just for the cost of the transfer and the ongoing operating costs but in addition there should be options for the possible improvements after transfer to the Town Council. Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor G Berry seconded, and the Council RESOLVED to confirm that the Town Council's Forward Strategy should be to concentrate its efforts on improving a limited number of the existing better used and accessed facilities including with external funding (with priority on the early transfer of Rapson's). To confirm to Cornwall Council that the Town Council does not have sufficient budget and precept to take ownership and develop the remaining sites which are in most cases too small and not of strategic value.”

Rapson's Play Area (Skatepark) is the priority site to be worked on for the transfer of the freehold.

*Sites for Devolution

- Rapson's Play Area – Rapson's Field – Rapson's Car Park –
- Lower Sungirt Car Park – Sungirt Valley (Sungirt Valley 1 and a bit of 2) – POS E of Heathlands Road (Sungirt Valley 2 – rest of)
- Culverland Park Play Area. -
- Castle Park Court POS (not including residential property) – War Memorial –

In consideration of the item, the Town Council aspirations element can produce some very significant differences in revenue and capital costs and that is something that we need plan for as given our small budget a couple of hundred thousand pounds of costs. (attached 14.b.Project Assessment Template).

You may recall that the Town Council did seek permission to go on sites to have the “Tree Surveys”. That result is also attached.

Best Wishes

Steve Vinson”

8th July 2026 Online Meeting - Cornwall Council Devolution Team / Liskeard Town Council (Councillors and Staff)”.

The main points: Cornwall Council changed financial circumstances since 2012 the proposed group of properties in the programme do not contain sufficient financial liabilities to support the transfer of the car parking assist. – Town Council - Can you supply copy of policy – Cornwall Council – it is very out of date. It is more relevant that under the current financial circumstances not able to transfer the car parks as income streams

Town Council – we will report that back to the Town Council. However, what about the list of sites that we did not want could they be sold (possible car parking also possible residential development (e.g. the Dean Denver site) Town Council does not want. Is it possible to look at the whole list of sites over the 5 year plan period – At least one possible had already mentioned. Cornwall Council is the major landowner of sites and with a need to put forward for residential purposes to help meet some of the Governments Housing target. Cornwall Council would the Town Council do that after transfer? No Cornwall Council do that instead of transferring.

Town Council – are there breakdowns of figures for grass cutting and hedge trimming for the individual sites to help assess if the taking on of all the Cornwall Council's landholdings would help Cornwall Council financially. Cornwall Council – No, the figures are not available on a site by site basis only a global figure.

Cornwall Council – rather than the cost of setting up your own in house you might jointly deliver thing with other Town Councils.

Possible Revenue Account Liabilities with other Items – schemes (Lux Park – Hockey Pitch?) freehold ownership Cornwall Council or LDSA lease or Better?

Tree Surveys – no specific issues were identified with tree surveys at the War Memorial and Sungirt and Sungirt valleys”.

Follow Up – Have an officer (20th July 2026) meeting to assess, how to follow up 8th July 2026 and the next steps regarding reporting to the Town Council with whether the Rapsons' Skate Park (with adjacent land and concrete hard standing for equipment store etc.) which the Town Council had asked to be a priority might be developed without the need for early transfer without being part of the Car Parks funding.

21st July 2026 – Facilities Manager circulating to everyone the latest design Betongpark (attached)

21st July 2026 – CLO (Devolution) sending through the site plan with the possible area (below).

22nd July 2026 - Community Link Officer (South East Cornwall CAP)) at Cornwall Council. Councillors Nick Craker, Jane Pascoe and Kevin Grey Kevin – RFO/Deputy Town Clerk and Town Clerk

Hello all

I'm conscious that it's been a couple of months since we met with Heath Brandwood to discuss the astro turf pitch located between the school and leisure centre – so I caught up with him as the action he had from the meeting was to ascertain the position of CC regarding its future. He has confirmed that the pitch was transferred to the school in 2014 and as a consequence CC has no responsibility for it – that sits totally with the school. He is now in the process of establishing a link with the school (though he's aware there will be a change of head). The pitch was also mentioned

at a recent meeting he had with the governing bodies for various sports in Cornwall, and there was a keenness from some to know more about the future of the pitch.

I have asked Heath to keep me updated with his liaison with the school.

With kind regards

Community Link Officer, South East Cornwall

23rd July 2026 – Town Council e-mail Stephen Vinson to ((Community Link Officer (Devolution)), Devolution Manager, and Community Link Officer (South East Cornwall CAP)) at Cornwall Council.

Hello – further to the 20th July conversation, In response to Nicola's question yes the black outlined area below is the possible site. That picture shows well the fact that the piece of land that we are interested in is not part of the white lined pay and display spaces used by the public but the concrete section intended to be used by those parking lorries. I have not seen it used for that for a long time. The lack of any white lined pay and display spaces might mean that it does not feature in the income derived from the Car Park. That is worth pointing out that to Car Parking operational management, that piece of land might not be part of the Cornwall Council Devolution package parking income consideration. The Cornwall Council request for some indication of the state play and support for the project. Please find for "Skate Park Redesign" from Betongpark the consultants advising the Town Council. I also attach a recent letter from the MP drawing to our attention concerns from a local resident about the poor condition of the Rapson's Stake Park and asking about progress with the improvement project. This was also discussed at the recent 9th July 2026 Town Council and MP's office meeting in which the concerns of Cornwall Council not to see a loss car parking were an issue. I attach a cutting from the Cornish Times 3rd October 2014. I started as Town Clerk on 1st September 2014. This indicates that the Rapson's lease had expired and the Town Council was asking for Cornwall Council to transfer the ownership to assist in the securing of grant aid to make improvements to the play area. It went into the first version of the Cornwall Council "Initial Proposal Form" used to progress Devolution. Could you see whether this detaches the Rapson's Skate Park early transfer from the bigger "Loss of Car Parking Income" question? Thanks very much.

Best Wishes

23rd July 2026 Head of Planning and Housing Policy – Les Allen currently on a fortnight's leave should be back on next week – Residential Development – Roundbury Sec



Comments on Situation: - The feedback that we have had from Cornwall Council is that Cornwall Council's financial circumstances have changed since 2012. If the lack of a significant financial liability being transferred in the current Devolution package means that the transfer of the car parks is more difficult or not possible. Whether or not sperate representations are made on the issue of the position on the car parking and liability balance. It is recommended we attempt to ascertain that if at least Rapson's Skate Park and the immediately adjacent land including the concrete area might be transferred in a phase that might that does not appear to be part of the Pay & Display area generating car parking income and hence part of the concern expressed by Cornwall Council.

Confirmation that the "Hockey and Football Illuminated Pitch" is no longer owned by Cornwall Council, but the School and Academy Trust means that the possible inclusion of possible liability is negated by this not being Cornwall Council owned. This assumes that the Town Council would itself be prepare to look at the taking on of a liability.

RECOMMENDATION: To note the feedback from Cornwall Council that there is not likely to be sufficient liabilities in the "current" package to transfer significant car parking assets. However, the circumstances might be subject to change. To continue to develop the costs of the Rapson's' Skate Park Site as an early opportunity transfer possibly minus the car parks.

17. Grants Policy – Revisions (attached) – To adopt and reconfirm the comments made in relation to the Grants Policy as suggested at the 7th July 2026 Communications & Engagement

Background – The Town Council's grants budget has been significantly increased to take into account of increased costs, lack of alternative sources. The Communications & Engagement Committee as part of the discussion around the Annual Town Meeting, Councillors felt we needed to do more to ensure recipients of grants acknowledged the support of the Town Council and reported back on their activities. They asked if the grant policy could be revised to include some of the following:

- If successful you may be expected to give a presentation to the community at the Annual Town Meeting
- Groups should sign another form before the monies are released confirming they will acknowledge Town Council support in all publicity, press releases, etc. (there were lots of recent examples of where this hasn't happened). By accepting these monies we undertake to ... and provide examples in the end of grant report.
- All groups should submit a report on their activities 6 months after receipt of the monies. Send form when grant paid and diarise for return.
- Receipts or evidence of spend should be provided.
- Failure to comply with the conditions of the grant could result in a request to return the monies.

RECOMMENDATION: It is proposed that the changes are adopted. If there are specific issues with specific applicants them raise it specifically with them directly, also with new applicants or those with small scale applications simplify the process for sums up to £500.