

6. GRANT APPROVALS		Grants Budget 2023/2024		£10,000	
Date Approved	Applicant	Project	Amount of Grant	Balance Remaining	
28/03/23 564/22	Liskeard Radio	To hold a fund-raising event in June at the Public Hall to mark the 10 years' since the setting up of Liskeard Radio. – Project did not proceed.	£270.60 Project did not proceed	Not Applicable	
28/03/23 565/22	Dance Centred CIC	Holding a "Dance Together" programme of 27 weekly dance and exercise classes from April 2023 – March 2024	£625		
28/02/23 498/22	Liskeard & District Flower Arrangement Club.	To partially fund the holding of the Emerald Anniversary event of the Club in the Public Hall 27th October 2023 (estimated cost £2,000 – grant request £350)	£350		
25/04/23 595/22	Liskeard TICS (Thought I Couldn't Sing)	Hire of the Public Hall on 24 May 2023 for a fund-raising concert in aid of the Liskeard & Looe Foodbank	£119.60		
25/04/23 596/22	Caradon Youth Theatre	Hire of the Public Hall for a week in the May/June half term to stage a £9,000 live theatre performance involving young people as the performers and producers.	£500		
25/04/23 598/22	Power Runs Cornwall (Liskeard)	To fund another Group Leader training course £190 and further branded t-shirts £160.	£350		
30/05/23 019/23	STERTS arts & environmental centre	To fund the holding of "The Beast of Bodmin Moor" production involving artists and technicians from the Liskeard area. The production will be seen by Liskeard residents. Total cost £55,800.	£1,500		
27/06/23 073/23	Kernow Education Arts Partnership (KEAP)	To support the delivery at 3 venues in Liskeard including the Museum and the newly re-opened Library of "Liskeard Stories of Stuff" in which writers will visit community groups where members of the public will have items of personal interest and based upon the persons recollections produce a story to be performed, turned into digital recordings and made postcards of – 125 participants – 1,210 audience – Total project £11,885. – Delivered September 2023 – December 2023.	£500		
08/08/23 156/23	Liskeard Ploughman's Festival	Provide a free to attend festival of street traders and musicians from late morning to early evening.	£1,000		
26/09/23 245/23	Liskeard Lions.	To offset the costs of hiring the hall, sound lighting and costumes to hold the "free at Entry" pantomime.	£1,500		

	New Requests			
28/11/23 335/23	Liskeard Traders Association	Christmas Fireworks Event costs £1,250.	£250	
28/11/23 336/23	Cancer Research UK Liskeard Local Committee.	Annual Exhibition and Sale of Art and Craft the £3,933 costs of holding the event (Hire of the Public Hall and rooms and facilities, printing, refreshments etc.)	£838	
23/01/24 390/23	Moor to Sea	Application for £750 signage in the town centre which connects with the railway station and Moorswater. This will contribute to the costs of design and implementation; as well as marketing and associated events to support local people.	£750	
27/02/24	Cornwall International Male Choral Festival.	To support holding a regional concert in Liskeard 4th May 2024 as part of the 30-venue cross Cornwall Festival. The Liskeard event will involve two local male voice choirs Liskerrett and Pelynt. As well as Alcester and Much Wenlock Male Voice choir's other parts of England and a choir from Austria.	£300	**£1,417.40
		** amount to cover until 31 st March 2024		

Town Clerk's Comment: – there has been some discussion amongst groups considering participating in exchanges and matches with teams in Quimperle. One Club possibly looking at an application before the end of the financial year (£400 ferry costs). Another Club are looking to go in May. Their costs might fall in this financial year (£540 passport costs – for young people that don't have them.). Both groups have been sent the Town Council's grant application.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council consider the request for £300 grant from the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival.

15. FREEDOM OF THE TOWN – ROYAL NAVY (MINUTE 144/20)

To note the suggestion and offer of “affiliation” of the town of Liskeard to the “Fleet Operational Standards and Training (FOST) based at HMNDB Devonport.

Background – the Town Council has previously considered the award of the “Freedom of the Town” to the Royal Navy. “Minute 144 / 20 FREEDOM OF THE TOWN – ROYAL NAVY – Following consideration of the issue and with HMS Tamar mentioned as an ideal possible vessel, to investigate the granting of the Freedom of Town to a unit of the Royal Navy (possibly HMS Tamar).

Note - Torpoint Town Council extends the Freedom of the Town to HMS Raleigh (as training establishment). Helston Town Council extends the Freedom of the Town to RNAS Culdrose (as an airfield establishment). Falmouth Town Council used to extend the Freedom of the Town to HMS Cornwall. However, when the ship was decommissioned the Town Council chose to extend the Freedom of the Town to the RFA (Royal Fleet Auxiliaries) which ships are refitted at Falmouth Docks.

Update – HMS Tamar eventually did not prove to be a viable option. In the intervening time, the Town Council extended the Freedom of the Town, to the Royal British Legion and the Royal Naval Association (RNA). A number of service men and retired naval personnel live in Liskeard. These include: WO1 Neil Walsh and Terry Whitty, both of whom have suggested and supported the offering of the Freedom of the Town to the Fleet Operational Standards and Training (FOST) which unit is operating from His Majesties Naval Base Devonport. Further details in the hyperlink below.

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/locations-and-operations/bases-and-stations/fost>

Offer of the Freedom of the Town – Contact has been made with the local commanding officer Captain Ollie Huckner RN regarding the Freedom of the Town. He has responded very positively as below. Notably, suggesting given the limited staff compliment the Town Council seek to a “affiliate” with the Fleet Operations Standards and Training (FOST).

“Given the requirement for the formal affiliation to be approved by the Royal Navy’s Senior Leadership Team, we will present your offer of Freedom, together with our recommendation for a formal affiliation (which would reduce the requirement for the ceremonial burden of a Freedom of the town parade) to the Chief of Staff at Naval Regional Command Wales Western England & Channel Islands, NRCWWE&CI for the Naval Regional Commander (NRC)’s consideration and endorsement, and to commence the process for a formal affiliation.”

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council supports and works towards the “affiliation” option which might be more operationally achievable than a “Freedom of the Town.”