

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.	£270.60		
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	**£3,284.80	

New Requests				
28/11/23	Liskeard Traders Association	Christmas Fireworks Event costs £1,250.	£250	**£3,034.80
28/11/23	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	**£2,196.80
		** amount to cover until 31 st March 2024		

RECOMMENDATION: TO CONSIDER THE GRANT REQUESTS

7. TOWN CLERK’S UPDATE – Minute 289/23 – Reduction in the Number 11 Bus Service.

Background – following discussion of correspondence received from a Liskeard resident, the Town Council resolved to write to both Cornwall Council and Go Bus asking for a meeting to discuss the issue.

Responses have been received and are included below.

“14th November 2023

Dear Steve,

Thank you for your email.

I have personally meet with many Stakeholders in Liskeard, including MP's local Cllrs, Chamber of Commerce, Town Council and Traders Association.

Alongside the service 11, there is also a train service every 30 minutes running in both directions. There is a bus that takes passengers to and from the station and across Liskeard.

I'm not sure what else we can add at this stage.

I do not want to generate hope for additional services on the 11, when it is not on the table currently.

Best Wishes

Mark

Mark Collins | Commercial Director | Go South West
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“20th November 2023

Hello Steve.

Your email below has been passed to me.

I would echo Marks comments that ahead of the most recent changes to the Network in September, we did engage with local Cllr’s and stakeholders to make them aware of the changes that were on the horizon and to give further detail on the reasons for them.

Service 11 is competing against a regular and faster rail connection and a change to commuter behaviour and travel patterns; the reductions made to elements of the service in September were to help safeguard its long term sustainability. The majority of the service is operated commercially by Go Cornwall Bus with just a few sections of it being subsidised by Cornwall Council through our tendered network. The level of service now supplied corresponds with patronage levels and usage.

From the point of view of Cornwall Council, as you’ll be aware we are facing considerable budgetary pressures and our tendered Local Bus network is not immune to these pressures and we must ensure our very limited resources are placed to their very best effect across the county. Making any service reductions is not an easy decision and equally not one made lightly as we do acknowledge the impacts this will have on residents and customers. Unfortunately at this time, we are not in a position to be able to increase any subsidy level for this route.

Whilst we are happy to have a further meeting if you feel that would be helpful, as Mark has said, we would not wish to falsely raise any hopes about the re-introduction of journeys on Service 11 at this time.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Hall | Integrated Network and Partnerships Manager
Cornwall Council | Sustainable Growth and Development| Transport Coordination Service”

Clerk’s Footnote – does this appear to offer a reasonable explanation as to the availability of alternatives?