



## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **GRANT AWARDING POLICY, CONTEXT AND APPLICATION FORM**

#### **Our Vision for Liskeard:**

A thriving and inclusive community which serves as the commercial and cultural hub of South East Cornwall.

#### **Our Values:**

- Build a strong local community which is proactive, involved, resilient, cohesive and proud of where we live.
  - Support the growth of good quality local jobs and businesses, strengthen the local food and farming sector and attract new investment.
  - Deliver the development priorities which the community has set out in the neighbourhood plan.
  - Improve social and leisure facilities in Liskeard.
  - Protect and enhance the culture and heritage of the town.
  - Facilitate the development of transport and technology infrastructure to meet our current and future needs.
  - Promote and market Liskeard as the commercial and cultural centre for South East Cornwall.
  - Develop and promote the Council's assets for the benefit of the community
- In support of these aims we will also:
- Sustain Liskeard Town Council as an effective and financially sound organisation which is in touch with the needs and wishes of local people.
  - Take pride in our Civic duties.

**Aim:** Liskeard Town Council allocates a grants budget annually to assist other organisations within the town to achieve projects which might include physical works, services, exhibitions, and events of benefit to the town and its residents.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Applications can only be considered if they can demonstrate that the grant aid will be of benefit to the community of Liskeard.
- Grants will only be given to non-profit making organisations. Income to cover necessary costs to carry out the project should not normally be considered as profit.
- An individual may not receive a grant, although a club, cadet force, association, or School (only for items that are not part of the statutory curriculum) can apply.
- A single business cannot receive a grant, although a Trade Association, Traders Association (including a project delivery Ltd. company) or Chamber of Commerce might put forward an eligible project.
- Applications are welcomed from community groups, social enterprises, trusts, Community Interest Companies (CIC), companies Ltd. by guarantee with charitable and / or beneficial aims and objectives and charities.
- Should the project be appropriate the Town Council would encourage applicants to seek the support of other grant bodies including from those outside of the town. This will help to draw down the maximum amount of external investment into the town.
- Should the grant fund the purchase of an asset or service, which could be used by other community groups when not required, the applicant is encouraged to share the benefit.
- Where more than one organization or group appear to be offering the same service, products or event already, the Town Council would encourage those groups to consider working together for the benefit of Liskeard before submitting applications for new projects.
- The Town Council may not lawfully give grant aid to a church for works to a church building. However, the funding of otherwise eligible items such as, equipment or events might be considered for grant support.
- A project of the Town Forum might be considered, if eligible.

## **What we don't fund**

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively to any project.
- Normal repairs or maintenance.
- Grants will not be paid against the normal operating costs of an organisation, e.g. wages, rents, stock etc. A genuinely new service might be supported.
- Each applicant will only be permitted one grant approval per financial year.

- A project seeking town council grant assistance should not already have been approved for the award of a Town Forum grant. (Note – funds held by the Town Forum have been provided by the Town Council).

### **Amounts to be awarded**

- Normally awards of grant will be in the range of £50 £100 - £500 £750. For applications which the Council considers are exceptional, the Council can reserve the right to approve a grant of up to £5,000.

### **Conditions of use**

- The money must be used within one year or capital projects two years of being awarded. Unless the works require anything that might need a longer period e.g. landowners consent, planning permission, approval of match-funding contributions etc.
- Any unspent element of the grant should be repaid to the Town Council.
- Should a grant be awarded the Town Council requires as a condition of approval that the support of the Town Council and the town council logo is acknowledged in all relevant press releases, social media posts etc. and that the recipients of grants give report back to the Town Council on the use of the monies awarded. This could include presenting information at the public annual meeting.
- Upon the completion of a project to submit a report on how the money was spent and how the people and community of Liskeard benefited.

### **Application process**

- Applications must be made on the form supplied.
- All grant applications must be accompanied by the latest set of accounts, failing this, a current bank statement of the funds and balances. For small oneoff projects or events, its sources of income and details of expected expenditure may be acceptable – please contact us for guidance.
- Applications to be sent by e-mail to the Town Clerk [townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk) or posted or handled into the Town Council Offices at 3-5 West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW
- Correctly completed applications will be considered by the Town Council. This meets on the last Tuesday of each month. Applications should be received on the Monday of the preceeding week. The applicant may attend the Council and present their application to the Council if the applicant wishes.

- If the proposed project does not comply with the above guidelines, it will not be considered by the Council, and the applicant advised accordingly.
- Approved grants will usually be released on production of an invoice or receipts for project costs.

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**LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

**Do not complete the Application Form until you have read the Grant Awarding Policy and believe that you comply with it.**

**By making the application you are giving consent for the information to be shared with Councillors and the public**

**When you have completed this form please e-mail it to the Town Clerk  
[townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk) or drop into the office mailbox:  
The Town Clerk, 3-5 West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW**

Name of Applicant / Organisation	Sarah Pym/The Arc Theatre
Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)	Not applicable  The Arc is an Unincorporated Association
Date of the Application	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Person to contact  Position Held	Simon Parker
What does your organisation do?	<p>The Arc is a theatre company combining the talents of the community with a core of professionals. We produce plays that authentic stories about Cornwall and contribute to widening awareness of its cultural heritage. Our plays are written by local playwright and Cornish Bard Simon Parker.</p> <p>In 2009, as part of the Phoenix 100 celebrations we produced Gonamena (at Sterts) about the mining boom &amp; bust of the 1860s with a community company of 65 community performers and makers.</p> <p>In 2014 ( at Sterts) &amp; 2018 (at The Minack) we produced Third Light with a cast of 81, that told the story of Herodsfoot, a fortunate village where all 13 men returned from the front WW1</p> <p>In 2021 we produced Poltroon (at Sterts) a play about change in a fictitious Cornish village.</p> <p>In 2024 we produced The Last Shout (Drum Theatre, Plymouth) about the Penlee Lifeboat tragedy in 1983.</p>

Website or Social Media addresses	<a href="http://www.thearctheatre.com">www.thearctheatre.com</a>
How is your organisation funded?	We are funded through ticket sales and occasional welcome support from project grant funding when it is available.
Give a brief description of your project.	<p><b><u>Gonamena '26</u></b></p> <p>On 18 July 2026 we will stage an event which will have the dual purpose of re-staging the hit 2009 production of the Cornish mining play, Gonamena, and celebrating 20 years since Cornwall mining regions were inscribed as a Unesco World Heritage Site.</p> <p>Gonamena '26 builds on the success of the community play, Gonamena, staged in 2009. The play tells the story of the Caradon mining district's extraordinary boom and bust years, from the POV of one family, and uses a carefully researched script and local performers and makers.</p> <p>It was originally directed by award-winning Kneehigh director Simon Harvey, with musical direction by internationally-renowned Cornish brass composer and musician, Simon Dobson. Both will be involved again this time around.</p> <p>The 2026 version will be staged as a dramatic rehearsed reading to mark exactly 20 years since The Cornish Mining World Heritage Site was officially inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, providing Caradon with similar heritage protection to the most important cultural sites on earth.</p> <p>Most of the original core cast will be taking part in the 2026 event, providing a sense of continuity and authenticity; some of those taking part have direct family links to the men and women who worked in Caradon's mines.</p> <p>Two performances (matinee and evening) will be staged on 18 July 2026 at Sterts Arts &amp; Environmental Centre in Upton Cross. It will involve a community company of performers and singers.</p> <p>The project already has the supported of a number of community organisations and local charities, including Sterts Arts &amp; Environmental Centre, Linkinhorne History Group, Upton Cross Primary School, and Linkinhorne Parish Council with in-kind support . We are also fortunate enough to have the support of a key partner Cornish Mining WHS.</p>

<p>What benefits will your project give to the town, visibly or in the impact that the project will have on specific groups or the wider Community? Who in the Town will benefit?</p> <p>Are there currently any similar projects / services available? If so how is your project different?</p>	<p>The Gonamena '26 event will benefit approximately 50 community members (actors, singers and volunteers) .Many Several of the community company are Liskeard residents. They will be supported to attend rehearsals and the performances with travel costs and refreshments. The performances will be kept at low cost to enable local audiences of all ages to attend. Sterts holds 500 and we are staging two performances.</p> <p>Tickets prices are being kept low £10 ( £6 children) and will be available to everyone in East Cornwall and beyond.</p> <p>No</p>
<p>Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?</p> <p>If 'Yes' please indicate</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p>(a) When (Date)</p> <p>(b) Amount received £</p> <p>(c) Purpose</p>
<p>What is the total cost of your Project?</p>	<p><b>£2,300</b></p>
<p>What sum of money are you looking for from the Town Council?</p> <p>What exactly will it be used to support?</p>	<p>The Council cannot fund the normal ongoing operating costs of organisations. This application should not contain such costs.</p> <p>£200</p> <p>We have secured a good deal of in-kind support. Costs will be met through ticket sales and with a £500 grant form CMWHS. However there is a shortfall of £200 which we would be extremely grateful if you would help us meet.</p>

<p>How will the rest of your project be funded?</p> <p>Have these monies all been confirmed?</p>	<p>Ticket sales and CMWHS grant of £500</p> <p>Ticket sales are estimated. CMWHS is confirmed.</p>
Has your organisation adopted its own Safeguarding Policy?	Yes
Does your organisation conduct DBS checks on staff and volunteers?	<p>No</p> <p>We do not work with children or vulnerable adults. We adopt the Safeguarding procedures of any venue where we work.</p>
Have you attached a copy of the accounts of your organisation?	We have attached a project budget and a current bank statement