

## **Recycling in Liskeard – Thursday 1 April 2021 meeting notes**

Present: Councillors Rachel Brooks (chair), Sally Hawken (also CC) and Naomi Taylor (Liskeard Town Council), Cornwall Councillor Nick Craker, Deborah Carr (Biffa), Esther O’Bearagh (Waste and Recycling Community Engagement CC), and Yvette Hayward (Deputy Town Clerk)

### **Notes**

All parties were committed to raising recycling rates in Liskeard.

A recent recycling survey undertaken by the town council showed that approx. one third of town centre residents who responded were unable to use the standard recycling service, mostly due to a lack of storage space or space to put out the containers. Two-thirds identified a communal wheelie bin as a possible solution.

The purpose of the meeting was to identify possible solutions to this problem.

In addition, the town council have tried to engage with local landlords via letting agents and the Cornwall Council Responsible Landlord Scheme to find examples of best practice or find suitable areas for safe communal storage where possible.

Esther O’Bearagh advised that CC were currently undertaking a piece of work to identify properties where alternative solutions may be possible. In all cases people would be encouraged to use the standard service, and alternatives could only be provided where this was not genuinely possible.

Possible alternatives could be:

- A single box, specifically designated, with waste sorted within
- Disposable bags (this is operationally more difficult, and where it is currently in operation is being phased out where possible)
- Communal bins

There were no facilities to accept comingled recycling in any circumstance.

Deborah Carr advised that where an appropriate communal bin store could be identified, an officer could visit and provide suitable containers for the space available and accessibility for emptying (this was not possible for glass). Requests need to go via the CC waste contracts officer.

The Town Council could get the message out to residents via leaflets drops, social media etc. It was agreed that the text for leaflets and social media posts would be drafted by Esther and Deborah with relevant contact details direct to CC to ensure the solutions offered were deliverable.

**Next meeting – Friday 30 April at 10.30am**