

Liskeard Unlocked 2019

Thursday 10th October, in the Mayor's Parlour at 7pm

Present: Councillors Rachel Brooks (Chair), Councillor Sue Shand, Brian Oldham (Museum and Old Cornwall Society), Mandy Hancock, Jenny Foster (Liskerrett Centre), Mary Utton (Tregantle), and Father Gilmore McDermot (Catholic Church)

Apologies: Rachel Bennett (Stuart House), John and Julie Gilbert (Methodist Church), Peter Murnaghan (Catholic Church) Jenny Jones, Carmen Hunt (Scoots Kernow) and Sue Pike

Event: Friday 13 th , Saturday 14 th Sunday 15 th and Saturday 21 st September	
1	Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their hard work in pulling off another excellent event.
2	<p>Introduction and Information From the Feedback Forms</p> <p>Mandy gave a round up of the feedback forms which showed that visitors to the event had travelled from as far as Penzance and Manchester.</p> <p>The visitors had heard about it from a variety of ways, word of mouth being the most popular followed by the Cornish Times, radio, Social Media and the leaflet. One person had stated the poster at St Germans Railway Station.</p> <p>The sheets showed over 1000 guests at the properties who left a variety of comments, they were appreciative of the time volunteers had given. Comments also reflected how nice it was seeing places not normally open and also that the exhibitions were interesting and informative. It was kindly acknowledged that some of the properties were private homes which had put on displays specially for the event.</p> <p>Rachel gave Mandy some beautiful flowers in appreciation of her work on the event. They were gratefully received.</p>
3	<p>What Went Well</p> <p>The comments from the group on what went well were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots to see • People came from a wide area and from Liskeard • HOD insurance for private houses • Made Liskerrett put together a new display • Good weather • Children's strike play – new and younger audience

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity was effective – including banners • People using programmes • Map very useful • Town working together • Enthusiasm of public – arrived expecting to enjoy themselves • Bellringing – showed things going on • Go into places not normally go to – brings town together • Callum Beeson event at St Martin’s • Great community feel • Organisations used to taking part – easier with forms etc • People thanked home owners 	
4	<p>What Should We Do Differently Another Time</p> <p>The comments on what we could do differently another time were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forewarning – teasers prior to the event, bunting? • Publicity at crosses entering town • More explanatory banners • On programme timetable of windows of availability • Entice more volunteers • More volunteers in each property to allow each of them to visit other places • New properties – not previously open • Signal box at Station – approach them again. Tie in with their Heritage Centre • Visit to nearby places of interest – minibus? • Look at another geology event focussed on an area theme. Bring your own rock • Naturalist walk • Dress the Public Hall with event ideas. Book whole venue out. • Ask cafes for feedback on impact on them • Encourage cafes to open longer hours • Longer hours of availability • Children’s activities on a Saturday • Spread out the timings of the places/when open and where they are/ a circuit? • Spread out over the weekend, scattered openings 	
5	<p>Possibilities for Next Year</p> <p>The dates were considered and possible clashes would be avoided.</p>	

	<p>Mandy checked out the date of the Looe Live festival and our Liskeard Unlocked dates for 2020 will be 11th – 13th September so that they don't clash with Looe Live later in the month. The theme will be Hidden Nature. Brian advised that it will be the 100th anniversary of the Old Cornwall Society Federation and an event could be planned incorporating this.</p> <p>Rachel received details of another venture from HOD. This was Dance in the Landscapes, she gave details of the brief and Expressions of Interest needed to be submitted by 28th October. It was decided that an Expression of Interest should be submitted and that this should be done in conjunction with Lois Taylor, given her strong background in local dance projects.</p>	MH
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