

Liskeard Renewal Partnership (LRP) – Meeting 7 Report

Wednesday 15 July 2026 at the Workshed

Attendees: CHAIR Kate Reed (Real Ideas), Dan Sturrock (The Workshed), Cheryl Bailey (Liskerrett Centre), Tracy Adams & Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association), Sue Jewell (SECTA), David Braithwaite & Rachel Brooks (Liskeard Town Councillors), Vicky Reece-Romain (Liskeard Culture Collective), Julie-Anne Sunderland (Wildanet), Jane Pascoe (Cornwall Councillor), and Yvette Hayward (Liskeard Town Council)

Apologies: Chris Gilbert (Oak Tree Surgery), Catherine Thomson (Community Link Officer) and Steve Vinson (Liskeard Town Clerk)

1. Reports back from working groups

Events and Evening Economy working group

The Summer Events programme has come together well and can be viewed at [Liskeard Summer Fun - Visit Liskeard](#) – please all share.

The Town Council have appointed a new Events & Communications Officer, Lucy Babcock with a proposed start date of 10 August.

It was agreed the Liskeard Culture Collective would fulfil the role of the events working group to save having two groups with similar remit and membership. The group had connected well with Liskeard Leisure Centre for the summer events programme but needed more links to sports, leisure and charity groups. David Braithwaite will connect them with the Liskeard Lions.

Business Growth working group

Sue had set up a spreadsheet of empty properties [empty buildings.xlsx - Google Sheets](#) please all add to and amend this with information you have. Another section will be added to include anything available on the business parks.

The consultant's costed proposal for an economic plan was considered. It was agreed that much of the data and information required for the plan is held by or available to members of the group. The consultant could help with learning from what other towns have done, identify the gaps, act as a critical friend and help pull this together as a cohesive document. This would be delegated to the business group to define the brief. The consultant can then be asked to recost this, and we can add KPIs before sign off by the Town Council. Copies of other economic plans the consultant has worked on would be requested.

2. Individual updates on links, conversations and opportunities

Youth

The government has announced a new Music Plan [Government launches bold plan to 'turn up' the music industry - GOV.UK](#) with funding specifically targeted at libraries to deliver. Real Ideas have had plans for a Dolby Atmos studio at the rear of the library but have been unable to progress them due to a lack of funding. This funding could provide a vehicle to extend the library and deliver a 'Livewire' type facility for Liskeard. It was important to develop a plan in anticipation of the fund opening. This could provide a catalyst for the youth group to coalesce and build around. The youth group would be asked to consider this further.

The digital legislation changes around young people's use of social media should be an important focus for engaging with young people and pulling them into something positive.

Other

Sue has recently met with Sarah Preece Cornwall Council portfolio holder for Tourism, Localism and Planning. She would be happy to come to Liskeard for a launch event.

Liskerrett Centre are now entirely volunteer led, they are not broke or closing. The ramp from the cattle market carpark is finally complete and they are planning an opening party, along with a tidy up over the summer. They are still seeking volunteers in all capacities. Please spread the word.

5. Next dates for working groups and LRP

Wednesday 22 July 2026, 5pm at the Workshed – Business Growth working group

Wednesday 19 August 2026, 7pm at the Liskerrett Community Centre, Doniert Room - LRP