



Liskeard Library principles of co-operation between RIO and Liskeard Town Council

Overarching vision

RIO and Liskeard Town Council are both committed:

- Ensuring a flourishing 'library offer' in Liskeard, based on the core principles of Cornwall Library Service to:
 - Foster a love of reading amongst the population
 - Create a safe, free space that is widely accessible
 - To help people access information
- To the regeneration and revitalization of Liskeard Town Centre for the benefit of local residents and visitors alike through the development of a wider range of activities, events and services in the Library and other buildings
- To the development of a financially independent and sustainable economic model for the Library building, that does not require on going revenue grant funding from the Town Council or any other statutory body

RIO responsibilities

To achieve these outcomes, RIO will:

- Take on the Library building, including all responsibility for the capital works required to upgrade, transform and maintain the space as a flourishing creative social enterprise centre for Liskeard
- Find the investment required to carry out the required works and to develop and run the library as a going concern
- Apply our skills and experience in re-purposing heritage buildings into financially sustainable spaces that deliver social impact
- Apply our co-produced, community oriented approach to working with the Liskeard community to develop activities, events and services that bring additional opportunities to the people of Liskeard, creating jobs and economic benefit
- Undertake to remain independent and financially sustainable – we will not ask Liskeard Town Council for financial support
- In the very unlikely event that RIO no longer wishes or is able to continue running Liskeard Library, Liskeard Town Council be offered the option of working up a solution for Liskeard Library.

Liskeard Town Council responsibilities

To achieve these outcomes, Liskeard Town Council will:

- Actively work with RIO to support the development of Liskeard Library as a creative, social enterprise centre in the heart of Liskeard
- Maintain positive, on going dialogue, ensuring concerns and issues are raised at an early stage and solutions are found as quickly as possible

Practical ways of working

- Both organisations will seek to maximize the opportunities they bring for the good of Liskeard Library and the population of Liskeard as a whole.
- During the development phase, there will be regular, bi-monthly meetings between agreed representatives of Liskeard Town Council and RIO to discuss progress and maximize opportunities for collaboration. This is particularly important given all the changes happening in Liskeard.
- Once Liskeard Library has been refurbished and the new offer is up and running, RIO will work with Liskeard Town Council to agree an appropriate process for maintaining effective and timely links, that complement other co-production strategies RIO will have in place with community members.
- In the unlikely event that serious concerns arise, RIO and Liskeard Town Council will call a special meeting between RIO's senior managers, Liskeard Town Clerk and appropriate elected members to resolve the matter as quickly and effectively as possible.

Signed on behalf of Liskeard Town Council



Date ... 25/10/16

Signed on behalf of the Real Ideas Organisation



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