

## Nadelik Lyskerrys/Liskeard Cornish Christmas 2023

Wednesday 9 August, 2023 at 2pm

Liskerrett Community Centre, Varley Lane, Liskeard

Attendees: Councillors Rachel Brooks (in the chair), David Braithwaite (Lights Up) and Naomi Taylor, Mike Alsopp (Liskeard Radio), Jean Glynn and Jenny Chester (Stuart House), Rod Sheaff (Cornish Language), Sally Hawken (Liskerrett), Ann Kinahan (Market Makers), Lindsey Hall and Madeline Hall (Real Ideas), Tracy Moore (Forum and Traders Association), Lin Moore (Traders Association), Daniel Sturrock (Workshed) and Mandy Hancock (Liskeard Town Council)

1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.</p> <p>Rachel outlined the background to previous festive events which had included lights up, lanterns and events with a Cornish flavour as Nadelik Lyskerrys, initially assisted by Golden Tree who handed over to the Town Council during 2019. This year it is hoped to bring new elements, and free events, to the celebrations. The Town Council will act as co-ordinator for the events, each participating organisation will take responsibility for their part of the event and the Town Council will promote the events.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Simon Cassidy, Iga Webb (Museum) and Kieron Jewell (Lions and Scouts).</p>	
2	<p><b>Update on Christmas lights and initial thoughts about events</b></p> <p>It should be noted that all discussions are initial planning ones and that events may change or not happen at all. Full confirmed details will be published when appropriate.</p> <p>Previously volunteers had put up the festive lights, but due to the expense, health &amp; safety changes and the availability of volunteers it had become more difficult. Last year an appeal for help led to Councillor David Braithwaite now becoming Chair of the small Lights Up group of volunteers.</p> <p>The Town Council is currently consulting on whether to tender to specialist companies and the next Full Council meeting will make the decision of whether to go ahead with this. Should a company be instructed following the tender process the lights would be in place by mid November.</p>	
3	<p><b>Lights Up event 2 December</b></p> <p>- <b>Main elements</b></p> <p>Lantern making – it was felt that the lantern event was missed last year and that the workshops were good community events making people feel involved. The workshops would need resources and funding, although it</p>	

was noted that artists who create lanterns are already being booked up by other areas. It's possible that the lantern parade could have a dance element. It was hoped to create lots of smaller hand held lanterns with a couple of large showcase ones. For a grant application we need to show we're doing something new.

Library – Lindsey advised that the Library is due to open on 30<sup>th</sup> September. They are making arrangements to have projection mapping onto the building on the evening with activities and cafe available inside. The provisional theme for the short film is the history of Liskeard and suggestions were made about key things to highlight. Rod advised that Liskeard in Cornish was Stag Court. Contact will be made with the businesses opposite to assist with siting the projectors. We need to make sure any Christmas lights across the road don't affect the image. Madeline will share the video of their previous projection with the group.

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Stuart House – will check to see if evening opening of their café and garden is possible. They would be interested in hosting a lantern making event.

Stuart House

Workshed – could be open at the start of the event.

Liskeard Radio – will set up on The Parade, outside Webbs House during the day and evening. Mike will check to see if they would be able to set up at the Cattle Market too to provide music following the parade.

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Cattle Market events area – could have a programme of music and dancing after the lights switch on, possibly with food stalls and mulled wine.

Other possibilities - Carol singers performing outside Webbs House

It was noted that previously street traders had arrived, uninvited, and set up pitches. It could be worth directing them to paid pitches in the Cattle market and, if necessary, speaking to Cornwall Council or Trading Standards about this.

Road closure application – The Town Council would submit a road Closure application, Kieron has indicated that he can manage the event marshalling and the Lights up insurance should cover the event. Councillor Braithwaite would check the details. He thought the limit on the insurance was 2000 people at the event. The route of the parade would need to be confirmed as it had varied in the past. It was thought a 2-3 hour closure would allow activities to continue safely.

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### - Deciding a theme

Various ideas were discussed including local history, Disney and circles of light. It was decided that more thought could be put into this, although it wasn't necessary to have a single theme.

It was noted that this parade would involve lots of firsts for the town.

	<p><b>- Timetable</b></p> <p>Provisional order of events:</p> <p>Daytime – family trail at venues including the Library, Stuart House and shops in Fore Street. If possible, other activities to draw people to the shopping areas while shops are open. The Traders have a snow machine.</p> <p>5.30am start of lantern procession, which will take a route around the town centre.</p> <p>Turning on the Christmas Tree lights with musical entertainment and a countdown. Invite the public to the activities which follow.</p> <p>First showing of film projection mapped onto the front of the library (approx 8 minutes). This will show several times to allow people to move down Barras Street and see it.</p> <p>Library (and Stuart House?) are open with refreshments and activities. Programme of music and dancing in the Cattle Market covered events area. With several activities on offer it will make it easier to manage the large crowd.</p> <p>The Road Closure application would need to be submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> September at the latest. Rachel will speak to Kieron about this. The bus timetable will need to be checked.</p>	RB
4	<p><b>School and community involvement beforehand</b></p> <p><b>- Lanterns</b></p> <p>Workshops will be offered to local schools and those interested will be liaised with closely by the Liskerrett Centre and the artist.</p> <p><b>- Cornish language</b></p> <p>Rachel will speak to the Cornish language group. Lindsey offered the Library for Cornish language activities. We can also share the Golden Tree resources we have.</p> <p>Mike and Rod will liaise regarding a Cornish speaking show on Liskeard Radio.</p> <p>Cornish Trail – Last year approximately 50 families completed the Trail followed by a cakey tea at the Public Hall. The Trail had always started at Stuart House and the Library would be interested in being on the Trail. The route will be looked at.</p> <p>The singing or playing of a carol in Cornish was also discussed and the link to the recording of Kana Kelyn which was created for Christmas during</p>	MA / Rod

	<p>lockdown is below. It will be good to send this to the Churches for their services. We can talk more about music at future meetings.</p> <p>Here's the You Tube link to the Kana Nadelyk:  <a href="https://youtu.be/vUNU1GiQkeo">https://youtu.be/vUNU1GiQkeo</a></p> <p>- <b>Other</b></p> <p>Rod is happy to help work on the Cornish element of events. There is a Cornish Conversation group which he will speak to about opening this up to the public.</p>	Rod
5	<p><b>Other Christmas activities and events</b></p> <p>- <b>Santa's grotto</b></p> <p>Traders Association grotto will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fat Frog, probably between 11am – 4pm. Tracy will confirm the times and have the main man already lined up. Stuart House offered a room for use as a grotto which could be used in future years.</p> <p>- <b>Lions' plans</b></p> <p>Mandy will check what the plans are and ask if they could be available for the next meeting.</p> <p>- <b>Other</b></p> <p>Cornish Trail timings will be confirmed and whether it starts at 10am or 11am. The Trail will finish at 1pm.</p> <p>Santas On Bikes will be asked for the details of this year's ride. Mandy will contact them.</p> <p>Produce Market is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>Santa Train – Rachel has spoken to the Devon &amp; Cornwall Rail Partnership about the possibility of a Santa train as this had been very popular previously. It looks unlikely, but will be looked at in the Autumn.</p> <p>Anyone else wishing to put on an event is welcome to, just let us know so it can be promoted.</p> <p>Ann has created a Christmas card which can be used on posters and other displays around town.</p> <p>Liskeard Radio will help promote all events and workshops if they are kept in the loop. Email <a href="mailto:liskeardradio@aol.com">liskeardradio@aol.com</a> direct if you would like to share your information.</p>	<p>TM</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MA</p>
5	<b>Funding</b>	

	<p>- Local contributions</p> <p>With each group and organization taking ownership of their part of the overall event it can all be pulled together for the festive period for the whole town. The Town Council will liaise with schools and community organisations.</p> <p>- Grants</p> <p>There is a new FEAST festival enhancement grant where grants of over £500 would need match funding. Rachel will speak to FEAST about this and then liaise with Sally and Lindsey about an application. The Town Council has a small pot of money and any other opportunities for match funding or contributions in kind like volunteer time, would be good.</p>	<p>MH / RB</p> <p>RB</p>
6	<p><b>Next steps</b></p> <p>Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm at the Liskerrett Centre.</p> <p>(following the meeting the time of the next meeting was moved to 2.30pm)</p>	