

## Liskeard Christmas Planning

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022**

**2pm, Emily Hobhouse Room, Liskeard**

Present: Councillor Rachel Brooks (in the Chair), Annette Lee-Julian, Nick Craker. India Jolly and Babs Lobb (Museum), Jo Wallis, Lisa Robinson and Lin Moore (Traders Association), Tony Clarke (Sterts Singers), Liz Wigley (Methodist Church), Steve Richards (Liskeard Silver Band), Jenny Foster (Liskerrett Centre), Chris Wellbelove (Town Forum)

Apologies: Councillors David Ambler, Kerry Cassidy, Rebecca Catterall (DCRP), Rev Andy Day (Methodist Church), Mark Gregory (Mark Gregory Arts), John Hesketh (Liskeard in Bloom), Carmen Hunt (Scoots Kernow), Jon Pollard (Chamber of Commerce), Vicky Reece-Romain (Cornwall Council), Rosy Soady (St Martin's School)

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting and the group introduced themselves.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Lights Switch On and Lanterns</b></p> <p><b>Road Closure Permission</b></p> <p>Following the passing of John Lennon, who had previously arranged the Road Closure Order for the parade, Jenny had received the files and noted that the 12 week notice period required by Cornwall Council had already passed. She has contacted them to check if it is possible to submit one at this stage and is awaiting a reply.</p> <p><b>Lanterns, Parade, Displays and Entertainment</b></p> <p>The Liskerrett Centre had previously worked with schools and community groups making lanterns and could potentially do so again. Their preference would be to make an installation for people to visit rather than a parade, especially as a road closure looks unlikely. They could work on some simpler small, lanterns as well as larger ones.</p> <p>They would also be prepared to provide the artwork for an illuminated advent calendar around town.</p> <p>Possible venues for displays and lanterns mentioned were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the former Cattle Market which was flat and safe (the canopy would be available soon)</li> <li>- lanterns following the path in Westbourne Gardens. Councillor Simon Cassidy had spoken to Wildanet who were interested in being involved</li> <li>- it was also felt that Fore Street could be a good location for festive activities</li> </ul>	<p>JF</p> <p>SC</p>



5	<p><b>Other Christmas Plans</b></p> <p>The Museum has already started preparing and will be working on a theme of Victorian/Edwardian Christmas. Babs has plans for craft sessions and would like to build it up to include Victorian carols, mince pies and mulled wine/squash. It's hoped that the events can be held on the 3 Saturdays in December. She would like a few stalls with handmade items subject to risk assessments being completed and Public Liability Insurance being held. Jo confirmed that she held the PL Insurance for all the traders at Unique Gifts.</p> <p>Santa's Grotto – After last year's successful event, the Traders Association confirmed that the venue is happy to have a grotto again this year on the 2/3 Saturdays before Christmas. They need to raise funds to provide gifts for the children and it was also suggested that a charge could be made. Nobody was aware of any other grottos planned within the town, only probably the Lions sleigh that goes to outside the town. If anyone hears of further grottos in the town let the Traders Association know.</p> <p>Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival – Liz queried whether the trees would last through the festive period if they were bought earlier than usual. She will check this with him if the dates change.</p> <p>Santa Fun Run – the Scouts advised that they would be holding a Santa Fun Run. No further details are currently available.</p> <p>The Catholic Church will be holding an Open Morning and Christmas Fayre on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> December.</p> <p>The Silver Band confirmed that they would usually play for Lights Up evening and the Church Service, but that they worked weekends. Steve considered playing in Fore Street to be a good idea. He also recognised that they had been missed by the nursing home residents.</p> <p>Andrew confirmed that the Sterts Singers were already getting busy with several engagements booked in. Lin advised that electricity would be available in Fore Street for the Sterts Singers to plug in their keyboard if they were to perform on the Saturdays.</p> <p>Liskeard In Bloom confirmed that they will be helping during advent and would be creating festive displays around the town.</p> <p>Annette asked if businesses would be interested in taking part in a town wide deal promotion - £5 or £10 deals. Similar to the national Fiver Fest events. She had already spoken to some businesses. Lisa and Jo offered to assist her with this by speaking to the Fore Street businesses. Mandy offered to send them the list she created of all the businesses in the town as of last Christmas when promotional help was offered.</p>	<p>TA</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>EW</p> <p>TA ALJ MH</p>
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6	<p><b>Christmas Lights</b></p> <p>The Traders Association asked if it could be possible to put tree lights up at the end of October or first week of November to extend the festive period in the town. With them being turned off over the Remembrance period. Nick Craker will talk to the Lights Up group but it may not be possible to change arrangements at this stage.</p> <p>It was noted that requests for the public to form a group to work on the lights had had some responses and a meeting will be set up. The lights are put up by volunteers who need to be checked and suitably qualified. It was confirmed that using stop/go boards do not need a Road Closure Order.</p> <p>It would be ascertained if the Nadelik Lowen lights can be repaired.</p>	NC
7	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p>Nick Craker will check the situation with Cornwall Council regarding any free car parking and if the Town Council could request days free.</p> <p>Look to organise events around these dates (all currently subject to confirmation and further details):</p> <p>Switch on of the Lights – possibly November</p> <p>Methodist Church - Christmas Tree Festival starting – 26<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Lantern event – 3<sup>rd</sup> December</p> <p>Catholic Church – Open Morning and Christmas Fayre – 3<sup>rd</sup> December</p> <p>Museum – Craft Sessions – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Traders Association - Santa Grotto – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Christmas Produce Market - 10 December</p> <p>Methodist Church - Civic Carol Service – 18<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>It was agreed to ask if for next year the Town Council can liaise with relevant organisations to look at when road closures need to be obtained and to make sure this happens in good time.</p> <p>A further meeting was arranged for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, but due to the room being unavailable at the original time, the meeting will be held in the main Public Hall at <b>11am on 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>.</p>	<p>NC</p> <p>SC NC</p>