

## **Liskeard Renewal Partnership (LRP) – Meeting 6 Report**

Wednesday 17 June 2026 at the Workshed

**Attendees:** Dan Sturrock (The Workshed), Sam Jackman (Boost), Cheryl Bailey (Liskerrett Centre), Tracy Adams & Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association), Sue Jewell (SECTA), Kate Reed (Real Ideas), David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks & Nick Craker (Liskeard Town Councillors), Vicky Reece-Romain (Liskeard Culture Collective), and Yvette Hayward (Liskeard Town Council)

**Apologies:** Julie-Anne Sunderland (Wildanet), Jane Pascoe (Cornwall Councillor), Chris Gilbert (Oak Tree Surgery), Jem Verran (Young People Cornwall), Kevin Grey (Cornwall Councillor), Catherine Thomson (Community Link Officer), Steve Vinson (Liskeard Town Clerk)

### **1. Governance**

The chair will be a facilitator and is not a solo decision maker.

All members will be empowered to represent the LRP, however they must represent the collective view of the group, not their personal or organisation view.

Meetings will not be open to the public, although guest speakers may be invited. The group must be transparent, and the LRP will actively seek communication routes with the public. Agendas and minutes will be published on the Town Council website. The terms of reference will be updated to reflect this.

Working groups can include other members who have relevant expertise and knowledge.

The LRP is independent of the Town Council and has autonomous decision making.

#### **Election of officers**

Nick Craker proposed, Sue Jewell seconded, and the LRP resolved to elect Kate Reed as Chair.

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## **2. Events and Evening Economy Working Group**

### **Progress**

A logo has been produced for the summer events programme, and a webpage will go live shortly. Once there are sufficient events this can be publicised more widely.

**Help needed** - please encourage organisations and businesses you are in contact with to be part of the summer events programme. Enquiries should be directed to the Tourist Information Centre [tourism@liskeard.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@liskeard.gov.uk) or tel 01579 349148.

Children in Cornwall aged 5 to 15 can enjoy free unlimited bus travel during August with no registration required, and a link to this could be included in the publicity.

The scheme also introduces a temporary VAT cut from 20 per cent to five per cent on children's meals and a wide range of activities, including cinema tickets, theatre shows, museum entry and attractions, but more information is needed before this could be publicised.

### **Events & Communications Officer**

The recruitment went live on 15 June and closes 29 June. There has already been strong interest. It is expected the new role will be in place in early September. It is a newly created role, and so may evolve over the first 12 months.

The working group would consider how this role could best support other organisations holding events in the town, such as advice or training on applying for road closures and other licences that may be required.

## **3. Young People Working Group**

The group as due to meet next at Liskeard School and Community College, but this has been deferred until after the exam period.

It was noted that a recruitment is under way for a new head teacher as Dan Wendon will be leaving.

## **4. Business Growth Working Group**

A meeting had taken place with Les Allen the consultant engaged to support the work of this group, who had provided draft reports on the following:

### **Empty Property Report**

The consultant's feedback was that our high street was in better shape than others. There was turnover of property – two had recently sold at auction – and Liskeard had lots of commercial agents. The flowers in the town look good, and the Visit Liskeard website works very well.

Information to be added to the list should be size and agent. **Dan Sturruck and Sue Jewell** will lead on taking this forward, including identifying freeholders to engage. It can be split into three sections – Buy, Rent and Investment opportunities.

Where should we put the list? Look at opportunities such as the Cornwall Business Show at the Royal Cornwall Showground on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026 [Cornwall Business Show - Cornwall's Premier B2B Expo](#)

### **Economic Plan**

It was agreed this should be the priority for the consultant's brief. Les would be asked to lead this, and price the elements he can do, and which bits we should work on for the most economical use of our budget.

It was agreed the group would produce 2/3 case studies to give to the consultant to include in the plan.

It is important to support our existing businesses that are already here, and set a standard for new organisations coming in.

We need to explore a mechanism for seeking funding and build a track record.

Employment land in the town and potential to develop not discussed.

### **Easy Wins**

It was agreed **everybody** would look at the suggested easy wins and bring ideas back to the next meeting on how these could be addressed (who/what/where/when).

### **5. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 15 July 2026, 7pm at the Workshed