

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room at the Public Hall **on Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

Committee: Councillors Nick Craker (in the Chair), David Ambler, David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Simon Cassidy, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee-Julian and Naomi Taylor.

Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward
Members of the Public – Richard Reardon

619 / 22 Apologies
Councillor Christina Whitty

620 / 22 Declarations of Interests, Registerable and Non-Registerable
Councillor Ambler (Correspondence item) – Chair of the Liskeard Town Forum

621 / 22 Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 9 March 2023
Councillor Lee-Julian proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2023 were adopted as correct.

622 / 22 Public Participation
None

623 / 22 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE - Report on items from 9 March 2023 committee meeting not already on the agenda – for information
A new Museum Manager had been appointed subject to references and would be in post from 5 June 2023.

624 / 22 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC)
a) **To receive a report from the TIC Manager**
Noted

b) **To receive feedback on the questions raised at the last meeting**
Noted

625 / 22 BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 - To receive and accept a budget report to 31 March 2023
Noted - An item on Lights Up would be added to the next agenda.

626 / 22 EVENTS
a) **Community Fair (Saturday 1 April 2023) – to receive feedback**
Mandy Hancock was thanked for the organisation, and all the Councillors who attended to help on the day. The event had been a success and was definitely worth holding again next year.

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b) Mayor Choosing (Thursday 18 May 2023) – to note the date

The event needed to finish promptly to allow the reduced staff team to clean and turn the rooms around for bookings the next morning.

c) Beating the Bounds (Sunday 14 May – starting at 10.30am)

Councillor Whitty was checking the route in advance of the event. A check would be made on permission to park in the Liskeard Tavern carpark.

d) Liskeard Show (Saturday 8 July 2023) – to confirm availability of volunteers attendance and a theme for the stand

The stand would include public engagement on a parks and open spaces project. The manager of the Cornwall Council market canopy would be invited to join the stand and promote the availability of the space for events. Seagull sacks would be sold. The risk assessment would be circulated to those attending ahead of the event.

e) Liskeard Unlocked (8 – 17 September 2023)

(i). to receive the notes from the planning meeting on 7 March and 5 April 2023

It was noted that there would be several new activities and buildings available this year linked to the theme of the event.

(ii). To approve £500 for backup funding for schools' workshops in the event the Awards for All grant application is not successful

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve £500 of backup funding for schools' workshops. This would be funded from the 'Other Events' part of the Events budget.

627 / 22 YOUTH COUNCIL - To receive a verbal report from the last meeting on Wednesday 19 April 2023

The meeting was attended by 15 young people. Issues raised included not feeling safe in the town at night due to insufficient lighting in some areas, a desire to input into any future redesign of the skate park, and the availability of Saturday jobs for young people.

Young People Cornwall (YPC) had reported cuts to their funding which left them struggling to provide youth services in the town. They have, however, been running a Youth Justice Programme, funded by the Ministry of Justice, with 6 young people, which has been very beneficial.

Councillor Taylor reported that the Youth Council was not operating in the way initially envisaged, with different young people attending sessions, and it had not been possible to deliver youth grants as proposed. A forum format may be more useful going forward, and it would be important to review this over the next year and ask the young people what they want.

It was agreed that organisations involved in delivering youth services in the town, such as YPC, Liskerrett Centre, Safer Liskeard and the Youth Council should be invited to a meeting to discuss the future of youth services and how these could be improved. Councillors Taylor, Cassidy and Lee-Julian wanted to be involved in taking this forward.

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628 / 22 PROMOTIONAL PANEL AT LISKEARD RAILWAY STATION PLATFORM 3 - To appoint a graphic designer for the poster

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint Nudesign to design the poster at a cost of £460. Donations towards the project from other organisations (Liskeard Town Forum £500, Liskeard Chamber of Commerce £100, and SECTA £200) were to be confirmed before instructing the work.

629 / 22 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Liskeard Town Forum asking for ideas to help with its project to promote Liskeard more widely as a tourist destination via the press and social media. It was agreed a meeting would be set up to include the TIC Manager to provide some input.

630 / 22 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Thursday 13 July 2023 at 7.30pm.