

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Mayor's Parlour at the Public Hall **on Thursday 13 November 2025 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

Committee: Councillors Tracy Adams (in the Chair), Sylvia Berry, David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Simon Cassidy and Naomi Taylor
Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward
Members of the Public: Lin Moore

279 / 25 Apologies

Councillors Annette Lee, Nick Craker, Lori Reid and Christina Whitty

280 / 25 Declarations of Interests, Registerable and Non-Registerable

None

281 / 25 Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 11 September 2025

Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2025 were adopted as correct.

282 / 25 Public Participation

None

283 / 25 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE - Report on items from 11 September 2025 committee meeting not already on the agenda – for information

Noted

284 / 25 MUSEUM REPORT – To receive a report from the Museum Manager

Noted

285 / 25 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC) – To receive a report from the TIC Manager

Noted

286 / 25 BUDGET MONITORING 2025/26 - To receive and accept a budget report to 30 September 2025

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the budget report to 30 September 2025.

287 / 25 DRAFT BUDGET SETTING 2026/27 - To consider a draft budget for 2026/27

Following discussion, it was agreed to consider the reintroduction of a newsletter and a budget line of £2,500 was added, and a small group meeting will be set up to explore this idea. A further amount of £400 was added to the Events budget for a proposed Youth Community Fayre in Castle Park in conjunction with the Scout's fun day, which Councillors Braithwaite and Taylor would explore further and bring back information.

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288 / 25 EVENTS

a) Liskeard Unlocked (12 – 21 September 2025) – (i). to receive the notes from the wash up meeting on 5 November, (ii). To agree to submit a grant application for £5,000 to the Natural Beauty and the Beast Community Fund on behalf of Liskeard Unlocked

Feedback from the event was very positive. Some venues had over 300 visitors. Next year the focus would be on one weekend. Several suggestions were put forward for buildings that might open next year.

After discussion, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to submit a grant application for £5,000 to the Natural Beauty and the Beast Community Fund for Liskeard Unlocked 2026.

b) Nadelik Lyskerrys (29 November 2025) – to receive the notes of the 30 September and 21 October 2025 planning meetings

Noted

20:35 Councillor Brooks left the meeting

The town Christmas lights had been switched on from the evening of 5 November as the only date the contractors were available prior to 28 November when they are next in town. This year 24/7 illumination was being trialed as reported and discussed at the 12 June committee meeting. As this is the final year of the contract with Blachere Illuminations, there would be an agenda item in January to discuss the requirements for 2026 and beyond.

c) Community Fair (provisional Public Hall booking 21 March 2026) – to discuss the format of the event to inform the budget setting process

It was agreed to continue this event, which serves its current demographic well. Feedback would be collected from attendees about why they came – Councillor Taylor will design the questionnaire. A second youth focused outdoor event helping and supporting other organisations would be explored.

289 / 25 TWINNING - To consider adding 'Twinned with Kopychyntsi' to the four Welcome to Liskeard signs at a cost of £621.36 from the signage reserve

Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Berry seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to instruct Cormac to add 'Twinned with Kopychyntsi' to the welcome signs at a cost of £621.36 from the signage reserve.

A discussion took place about a proposed visit from the Kyiv Tango Orchestra to play a concert in the Public Hall on Friday 9 January 2026. This would be taken forward as an item on the Full Council agenda on 25 November for more information to be reported.

290 / 25 CORRESPONDENCE

None

291 / 25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Thursday 15 January 2026 at 7.30pm.

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