

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room at the Public Hall **on Thursday 14 March 2024 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

Committee: Councillors Nick Craker (in the Chair), Tracy Adams, David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Simon Cassidy, Naomi Taylor and Christina Whitty.
Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward

459 / 23 Apologies

Councillors Richard Dorling and Annette Lee-Julian

460 / 23 Declarations of Interests, Registerable and Non-Registerable

None

461 / 23 Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 11 January 2024

Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Whitty seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2024 were adopted as correct.

462 / 23 Public Participation

None

463 / 23 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE - Report on items from 11 January 2024 committee meeting not already on the agenda – for information

It was noted the poppy planting at the war memorial had taken place on Thursday 29 February, but there would be more opportunities to get involved in this project.

464 / 23 MUSEUM REPORT – To receive a report from the Museum Manager

Iga and the volunteer team were congratulated on the new Threads exhibition which was of a very high standard and had been generating lots of positive feedback within the town.

465 / 23 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC) – To receive a report from the TIC Manager

Noted

466 / 23 BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 - To receive and accept a budget report to 31 January 2024

It was noted that the Christmas lights costs had gone over budget. The contract with Blachere was being monitored by a small group of Councillors who were meeting monthly. A report on museum reserves was requested for the next meeting.

467 / 23 EVENTS

a) Annual Town Meeting and Community Champion Awards (Thursday 21 March 2024) – to confirm details and rota

The rota was circulated, and it was agreed Councillors would bring donations of cake and biscuits for the refreshments.

b) Community Fair (Saturday 20 April 2024) – to confirm details and rota

Twinning could be a theme for the Council stand.

c) Liskeard Unlocked (September 2024)

(i) to receive the notes from the first planning meeting on 19 February 2024

This year's theme was routes, networks and connections, and Liskeard would be focusing on our mining heritage and twinning connections.

(ii) to update on conversations with our twinned towns on joint working for European Heritage Open Days and a meeting with Quimperle in Geilenkirchen

A virtual meeting had taken place with Kopychyntsi who were keen to share dance, food, singing and storytelling. This would be in the form of parallel events taking place and shared virtually. Here this is likely to focus around a traditional Crying the Neck and dancing around the town and at an evening event.

Quimperle have already chosen their theme for European Heritage Open Days which is a focus on World War II, but would like to plan with us for 2025. However, in October they have celebrations for the 75th anniversary of a traditional music group and we are looking at how we could share Cornish and Breton music. The people from Quimperle involved in European Heritage Open Days will not be travelling to Geilenkirchen.

d) Nadelik Lyskerrys (December 2024) - to receive verbal feedback from the first planning meeting on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 1.30pm at the Liskerrett Centre

It had been agreed the main Liskeard Lights Up event would take place on Saturday 30 November 2024 in a similar format to 2023. The lantern parade would be dependent on funding. The library would be involved again, although they may not be able to repeat last year's projection mapping. A better public address system was needed and improved communication to ensure people know what is happening after the parade, light switch on and fireworks.

468 / 23 SURVEY MONKEY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – to consider and approve a method for conducting surveys for the future

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Adams seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to renew the Survey Monkey subscription for another year.

469 / 23 CORRESPONDENCE

None

470 / 23 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Thursday 9 May 2024 at 7.30pm.