

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 September 2023 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

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

Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward

214 / 23 Apologies

Councillors David Ambler and Christina Whitty

215 / 23 Declarations of Interests, Registerable and Non-Registerable

None

216 / 23 Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 13 July 2023

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2023 were adopted as correct.

217 / 23 Public Participation

None

218 / 23 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE - Report on items from 13 July 2023 committee meeting not already on the agenda – for information

Noted

219 / 23 MUSEUM REPORT – To receive a report from the Museum Manager

The committee were pleased to see the programme of events over the summer, and the Liskeard Unlocked activities. The staff transition to the new manager had happened very smoothly.

220 / 23 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC) – To receive a report from the TIC Manager

Noted

221 / 23 BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 - To receive and accept a budget report to 31 July 2023

It was confirmed that there had currently been £192.50 received from the sale of coronation badges, which could be added back to the Events budget line.

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

222 / 23 EVENTS

a) Liskeard Unlocked (8 – 17 September 2023) - to receive a verbal update

The previous weekend had gone very well. There had been lots of interest in the new workshed, and the library tours were fully subscribed.

Mandy was thanked for her tireless work on the event, and Vicky for all the social media posts. The Chair and committee thanked Councillor Brooks for coordinating the group.

b) Remembrance Day Parade (12 November 2023) – to note the details

Full details would be circulated nearer the time to include related events such as the Field or Remembrance

c) Christmas Events

(i) to receive the notes from the planning meeting on 9 August and a verbal update;

The first meeting was very positive with a wide range of organisations attending, the next one will be on 26 September at 11am to which all are welcome. This year there would be a return to events similar to the pre pandemic period, with two new additions: a special programme from RIO at the library as part of their launch; and entertainment in the cattle market events area.

(ii) to consider funding for Christmas activities including the road closure

Considerable work had gone into finding somebody suitable to operate the road closure required. The total cost would be approx. £2,200. An application was also being submitted to Feast for a maximum grant of £2,500 to assist with the activities and entertainment, which would need match funding of £1,000. The deadline was 17 September 2023.

It was identified that £297.29 held in an ear-marked reserve for Nadelik Lyskerrys could be used for evening entertainment.

It was reported that there was still some uncertainty over the funds held by the Lights Up group.

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to proceed with the road closure and match funding and request an additional £1,000 from Council towards the additional costs of Christmas activities.

d) Ukrainian event – to consider another event for Ukrainian people in the area

An event similar to the Independence Day of Ukraine held in Truro last month was proposed, where families bring their own food to share. The Town Council would provide a venue and tea/coffee, etc.

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to proceed with an event. The Cornwall Council Homes for Ukraine team would be contacted to ask if they could attend, and what their availability would be. Ideally this would be a Saturday or Sunday in early December after the new flag poles had been erected.

e) Update on fair return to Liskeard

Some discussion has taken place between David Rowlands and Cornwall Council, supported by Councillors Craker and Pascoe to find a suitable date, possibly in October.

223 / 23 CORRESPONDENCE

Sheryll Murray MP 16/08/23 (response to letter about DBS checks for Councillors) - Noted

224 / 23 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Thursday 9 November 2023 at 7.30pm.