

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Mayor's Parlour at the Public Hall **on Thursday 16 April 2026 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

Committee: Councillors Annette Lee (in the Chair), Sylvia Berry, Rachel Brooks, and Naomi Taylor
Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward

Members of the Public: Sean Barbary

504 / 25 Apologies

Councillors Simon Cassidy, Lori Reid, and Christina Whitty

505 / 25 Declarations of Interests, Registerable and Non-Registerable

None

506 / 25 Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 22 January 2026

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2026 were adopted as correct.

507 / 25 Public Participation

None

508 / 25 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE - Report on items from 22 January 2026 committee meeting not already on the agenda – for information

Nothing to report – all items on the agenda

509 / 25 MUSEUM REPORT – To receive a report from the Museum Manager

The museum team were congratulated on the successful opening of the new exhibition.

510 / 25 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC) – To receive a report from the TIC Manager

Noted

511 / 25 BUDGET MONITORING 2025/26 - To receive and accept a budget report to 28 February 2026

Councillor Berry proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the budget report to 28 November 2026.

512 / 25 EVENTS

a). Community Fair (21 March 2026) – to note the feedback from the event

It was noted the weather was bad on the day, and the previous year had benefited from advertising as part of the *We are of this place festival*, which had brought in more families. New exhibitors had found it beneficial, and some groups are now collaborating as result of meeting at the fair. There were some comments about lack of space, and next year the layout could be revisited. It was noted some stalls had balloons, which did not meet the Town Council's single use

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plastic guidelines, and attention should be drawn to this on the booking form, with a suggestion to use bunting or other recyclables for decoration. Mandy was thanked for all her work to make this a success.

b) Annual Town Meeting and Community Champion Awards (20 April 2026) – to receive an update

The committee welcomed the new approach to the Community Champion Awards.

c) Beating the Bounds (17 May 2026) – to note the date

A back up car should be arranged for those who cannot complete the whole route to return to town from the lunch or earlier stop. It was noted dogs would not be permitted again this year due to animals in some of the fields.

d) Liskeard Unlocked (11 – 20 September 2026) – to receive the notes from the planning meetings on 25 February and 30 March

This year's theme was everyday histories, and locally there will be a focus on craft/production industries past and present. There were some new buildings such as Graylands, opening to add to the programme.

e) Nadelik Lyskerrys (28 November 2026) – to receive the notes from the first planning meeting on 24 March

A similar event to last year is planned. From the evaluation, while it was noted that the sound system was a big improvement on the year before, there is still a need to project the sound further down Barras Street, and advice is being sought to resolve this. Commercial sponsorship is being pursued to enhance the event and make it more sustainable. A draft sponsorship document is being developed and there are discussions with the Liskeard Traders Association over arrangements for fireworks.

513 / 25 ACCESS CORNWALL - To agree to work with Access Cornwall to submit a grant application to help make Liskeard's spaces more accessible

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Berry seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to work with Access Cornwall to submit a grant application to help make Liskeard's spaces more accessible.

514 / 25 CORRESPONDENCE

None

515 / 25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Thursday 14 May 2026 at 7.30pm.